

Edward C. Dawson
Curriculum Vitae
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, University of Texas School of Law, January 2020-present

- Courses taught: Legal Analysis and Communication; Persuasive Writing and Advocacy; Advanced Legal Writing—TQ
- Outstanding Writing Teacher Award, Spring 2022 (selected by 1L student vote)
- Committees: Experiential Learning; Admissions (2024-2025); *Ad hoc* committee on UT Student Journals (2023-2024 academic year); Beck Center committee on adapting assessments in light of generative AI (summer 2025)

Assistant and Associate Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Law, August 2014-December 2019

- Chosen by Class of 2019 as Graduation Speaker
- Outstanding Teacher Award—Spring 2019
- Application for tenure approved by faculty and Dean, Fall 2018
- Courses taught: Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure—Pre Trial, Federal Courts, Legislative and Administrative Processes
- Faculty Advisor to SIU Law Journal, August 2015-December 2019
- Faculty Advisor, Federal Bar Association, SIU Chapter, Jan. 2017-December 2019
- Co-Chair, SIU Honors Program, August 2018-December 2019
- Coach, McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Team—Spring 2019

Teaching Fellow and Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, July 2012-July 2014

- Courses taught: legal writing, civil-rights litigation, constitutional law seminar

Partner, Yetter Coleman, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, 2007-2012

- Appellate litigation in state and federal courts; matters constitutional law, civil rights, criminal law, criminal procedure, arbitration, antitrust, employment discrimination, intellectual and real property

Associate, Weil, Gotshal and Manges, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, 2004-2007

- Appellate litigation in state and federal courts

Law Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States,

- Chambers of Hon. Anthony Kennedy, Washington, D.C., 2003-2004 Term

Associate, Baker Botts, LLP, Houston, Texas, 2002-2003

Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit,

- Chambers of Hon. Ed Carnes, Montgomery, Alabama, 2001-2002

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, J.D. with high honors

- Editor in Chief, Texas Law Review Vol. 79
- Clerk of the Chancellors

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, B.A. History and English, *summa cum laude*

- Notre Dame Honors Program

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Replacing Monell Liability with Qualified Immunity for Municipal Defendants in Section 1983 Litigation, 86 University of Cincinnati Law Review 483 (2018)

Qualified Immunity for Reasonable Reliance on Lawyers' Advice, 110 Northwestern University Law Review 525 (2016)

Foreword: Symposium on The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing: Procedural Justice, Policing and Public Health, 40 Southern Illinois University Law Journal 415 (2016)

Adjusting the Presumption of Constitutionality Based on Margin of Statutory Passage, 16 University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law, 99 (2013)

Speak Now or Hold Your Peace: Pre-Arbitration Express Waivers of Evident Partiality Challenges, 63 American University Law Review (2013)

Legislation, 79 Texas L. Rev. 1760 (2001)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“U.S. Supreme Court Update,” Appellate Advocate (5 issues, Summer 2010-Spring 2011)

“Kagan Confirmation Contentiousness Continues Partisan Trend,” 48 Hous. Law. 41 (Oct. 2010)

“Texas Supreme Court Holds that Trial Courts Must Give Reasons for Granting New Trials,” 47 Hous. Law. 28 (Oct. 2009)

“Appellate Mediation in Texas and Beyond,” 40 The Advoc. (Texas) 20 (Fall 2007)

EDITORSHIPS AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

The Advocate, Magazine of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas, Board of Editors, 2008-present

- Select symposium and article topics and solicit article authors for issues on litigation-related subjects

Board of Advisors, *The Redbook: A Manual of Legal Style*, 2014-2020

Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Illinois, Board of Directors, 2016-2019

- Founding board member of FBA chapter for SDIL
- Served as Faculty Advisor to SIU student chapter of FBA (founded 2016)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

Organizer and Panel Moderator, Southern Illinois University Law Journal Spring 2018 Symposium, “Exploring the Second Amendment 10 Years after *Heller*,” April 19, 2018.

Presenter, “Replacing *Monell* Liability with Qualified Immunity for Municipal Defendants in Section 1983 Litigation,” Central States Law Schools Association Conference, Oct. 6-7, 2017

Organizer and Panel Moderator, Southern Illinois University Law Journal Symposium, “The President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing: Procedural Justice, Policing, and Public Health,” Nov. 13, 2015

PRESENTATIONS, SPEECHES, AND PANELS

Presenter, Texas CCA Legal Writing Seminar, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, September 10, 2025 (upcoming)—3 hour legal-writing seminar offered to incoming law clerks at Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Presenter, “Empirical Research on Legal Writing,” Appellate Advocacy Seminar, Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit, October 2023

Commentator, “Judges or Juries: Who Should Decide Police Discrimination Cases,” Presentation by Prof. Suja Thomas, SIU Federalist Society and Black Law Students Association

Panel Organizer and Moderator, “Federal Court Practice,” Federal Bar Association SIU Student Chapter, March 26, 2019

Presenter, “Know Your Rights” Panel, Phi Rho Eta, Fraternity Inc. and Mentor, Teacher, Brother, Inc., Carbondale IL, March 7, 2019

Guest Lecturer, “U.S. Criminal Procedure,” SIU Law and Udmurt State University Lecture Collaboration, ABA Section on International Law, March 2019, (distance lecture by video to group of Russian law students)

Presenter, “Know Your Rights” Panel, SIU Black Law Students Association, February 12, 2019

Guest Lecturer, “U.S. Supreme Court,” SIU Law and Udmurt State University Lecture Collaboration, ABA Section on International Law, December 4, 2018, (distance lecture by video to group of Russian law students)

Presenter, “Diversity in Criminal Practice/ 4th Amendment Update,” Federal Bar Association Southern District of Illinois Chapter, November 1, 2018

Panel Organizer and Moderator, “Federal Court Practice,” Federal Bar Association SIU Student Chapter, March 26, 2018

Guest Lecturer, “U.S. Supreme Court,” SIU Law and Udmurt State University Lecture Collaboration, ABA Section on International Law, March 22, 2018, (distance lecture by video to group of Russian law students)

Panelist, “Police Power Run Amok: Civil Asset Forfeiture and the Constitution,” SIU Federalist Society, Feb. 6, 2018

Presenter, “*Carpenter v. United States*,” SIU Constitution Day, September 18, 2017

Presenter, “Supreme Court Update,” E.D. Mo. Southeastern Division Law Day, May 1, 2017

Presenter, “Anatomy of A Good Oral Argument,” NAGTRI Appellate Practice Seminar, Feb. 2017—presentation on effective oral argument given to audiences of lawyers from State Attorney General’s offices:

- Kentucky (February 2017)
- Tennessee (August 2016)

Panelist, “The Role of Police,” SIU Federalist Society, Nov. 16, 2015

Presenter, “Comparing Medical Tort Reform in America and Australia,” June 9, 2015, and “Involuntary Commitment versus Involuntary Encounters with Police,” on June 11, 2015; “SIU Law and Medicine Down Under: Shared Experiences, Divergent Paths.”

Presenter, “*Riley v. California*,” SIU Constitution Day, September 17, 2014

Presenter, “Anatomy of A Good Oral Argument,”

- NAAG Appellate Practice Conference, Washington D.C. (May 2013, 2012, 2011);
- NAGTRI Appellate Practice Seminar Illinois (April 2013); New Jersey (February 2012); Alaska (September 2011)

Panelist, “Supreme Court and Commerce Clause Update,”

- 2013 Alcohol Law Symposium, Center for Alcohol Policy, October 24, 2013;
- 2011 Alcohol Law Symposium, Center for Alcohol Policy, September 12, 2011

Panelist, “United States Supreme Court Update,” Texas State Bar College 15th Annual Summer School, July 17, 2013

Panelist, “The Roberts Court at 5 Years: A Panel Discussion,” Texas State Bar College 13th Annual Summer School, July 22, 2011

Panelist, “United States Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit Review,” State Bar of Texas’s 26th Annual Litigation Update Institute, January 2010

Presenter, “Supreme Court Term Wrap-Up,” Harris County District Judges Association, Summer 2009, 2006

Presenter, “Cases affecting State-Federal Relations on the Supreme Court Docket for the

2006-07 Term,” National Conference of State Legislatures, Austin, TX, Winter 2006

MEDIA

“SIUC Legal Experts Weigh in on SCOTUS Pick,” *The Southern Illinoisan*, July 12, 2018

“SIU Professor, Former Justice Kennedy Clerk, Speaks Out on SCOTUS Nominee,” KFVS-TV, July 9, 2018

“Mainly Partisan Reaction to New SCOTUS Nominee,” WSIU Radio, June 10, 2018

“Supreme Court Cases that could impact southern Illinois,” WSIL TV, October 2, 2017.

“SIU Law Professor Examines Trump’s Supreme Court Nominee,” WSIU Radio, Feb. 1, 2017

“‘In God We Trust’ on Police Cars? It’s sticking around in Southern Illinois,” *The Southern Illinoisan*, Nov. 18, 2015

“For Southern Illinois same-sex couples, Supreme Court ruling brings the promise of equality,” *The Southern Illinoisan*, June 26, 2015

Panelist, “Louisiana: The State We’re In,” LPB TV, August 24, 2012—Discussed federalism questions in lawsuit over Chief Justice succession on Louisiana Supreme Court

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, United States Supreme Court