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Benjamin E. Alba
Director of Academic Success; Professor of Legal Practice

Benjamin E. Alba is the Director of Academic Success for the College of Law. He teaches Applied Legal Skills and serves as faculty advisor for the Asian Pacific-American Law Student Association (APALSA). He previously taught Remedies and Legal Analysis, Research & Communication; and he previously served as Director of Bar Passage & Student Advising. He is a recipient of the College of Law Faculty Service Award.

Professor Alba received his BS in Psychology, summa cum laude, from DePaul University and his JD from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Before joining DePaul in 2002, he practiced for 19 years (including 12 years as partner) in the Chicago civil litigation firm of Sneckenberg, Thompson & Brody. Areas of practice included insurance, personal injury, malpractice, civil rights, product liability and administrative review. His practice encompassed state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. During this time, he trained and supervised the firm's law clerks and associates. In addition, he served on the Loyola adjunct faculty, teaching legal writing and moot court, and he created and taught a course in pretrial litigation.

Professor Alba served as certified arbitrator for the Circuit Court of Cook County (1990 – 2015), and he formerly chaired the board of the Grant Park Conservancy. He is the author of *Inventing Late Night: Steve Allen and the Original Tonight Show* (Prometheus Books 2005).

Education

BA, DePaul University; JD, Loyola University Chicago



Michelle Brown Cue
Professor of Legal Practice; Co-Director, Legal Analysis, Research & Communication

Professor Michelle Brown Cue joined the College of Law as an instructor of Legal Analysis, Research & Communication in fall 2007. She comes to DePaul from the John Marshall Law School, where she served as an adjunct professor in the lawyering skills program. Prior to teaching, she was an associate at Roberts & Vess PC in Wheaton, Illinois, where she handled a variety of commercial litigation matters. Cue is actively involved in the Legal Writing Institute (LWI). She is the Technology Chair of the LWI listserv committee, on the editorial board of the LWI Monograph series, and an assistant editor of the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute. She received her bachelors degree and JD from the University of Illinois.

Education

BA, JD, University of Illinois

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Jody Marcucci

Professor of Legal Practice; Co-Director, Legal Analysis, Research & Communication

Prior to joining DePaul Law, Professor Jody Marcucci served as a law clerk to Illinois Appellate Court justices David A. Erickson and Rodolfo Garcia, where she drafted judicial decisions encompassing several areas of criminal and civil law including post-conviction, medical malpractice and contract cases. While in law school, Professor Marcucci served as an associate editor of the DePaul Law Review and as a legal writing teaching assistant. She also served as a law clerk at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago and the Chicago Legal Clinic.

Education

BA, University of Wisconsin-Madison; JD, magna cum laude, DePaul University



Geoffrey Rapp

Dean; Professor of Law

Geoffrey Rapp joined DePaul Law as its fourteenth dean in July 2025. Prior to joining DePaul, he was the Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values and senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Toledo College of Law, where he was a 21-year faculty member. He received both the university's Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award (2016) and the law school's Beth A. Eisler Award for First-Year Teaching (2023).

Dean Rapp teaches and writes in the area of torts, corporate law and the sports industry. He has published articles in journals including the *North Carolina Law Review*, *Washington University Law Review*, *Georgia Law Review*, *Washington and Lee Law Review*, *BYU Law Review* and the *Boston University Law Review*. He wrote a torts casebook published by Wolters Kluwer (now Aspen Publishing) in 2020. In 2011, Dean Rapp testified before the U.S. Congress on the topic of Dodd-Frank whistleblower bounties.

Dean Rapp earned an AB in economics from Harvard College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, an MSS from the United States Army War College and a JD from Yale University. While in law school, he served as a notes editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and as a teaching fellow and head teaching fellow in the Departments of Economics and Computer Science. Before entering law teaching, he clerked for Judge Cornelia Kennedy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and worked in private practice.

Dean Rapp has been frequently interviewed and quoted by local, national and international media, including National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*, CBS Sports, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The LA Times*, *The New York Post*, *Business Week*, *Forbes*, *The Guardian (UK)*, *The Toronto Star*, Toronto's National Post, BBC Radio, *The Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, Scout.com, *The Toledo Blade* and *The Washington Times*.

He has served on seven ABA site visit teams, three times as chair and three times as both a site team member and the AALS reporter. He was the chair of the AALS Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research in 2019 and served on the LSAC's Assessments Committee from 2022 to 2025 and on its Finance and Legal Affairs Committee from 2017 to 2019.

Dean Rapp is licensed to practice law in Illinois, New York and Ohio.

Education

AB, magna cum laude, Harvard College; MSS, US Army War College; JD, Yale University