

# Jamie Ann Kleppetsch

## **BAR ADMISSION**

Illinois (2004)

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2004)

The Supreme Court of the United States (2009)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW** (2018-Present)

**Director, Bar Passage** (2018-Present)

- Develop and implement programming to prepare students for the bar examination
- Develop and implement programs for students on analytical skills and exam-taking skills
- Counsel students at all levels of ability and on all aspects of bar examination preparation
- Counsel students on character and fitness issues related to bar admission
- Collaborate with commercial bar examination preparation courses to provide materials and guidance to students
- Provide information to faculty and staff regarding all aspects of the bar examination

**Professor of Legal Practice** (2018-Present)

### *Courses Taught:*

- Bar Passage: Capstone (teach in-depth training in legal analysis and exam-taking strategies for the bar exam, self-assessment of exam performance, and organization skills to manage the study period for the bar exam)
- Bar Passage: 2L Strategies (teach techniques and writing and presentation skills for answering questions on bar examinations with emphasis on the Federal Rules of Evidence)
- Bar Passage: Performance Test Strategies (teach techniques and presentation skills for the MPT questions on the bar exam including, processing the file materials and drafting a responsive document efficiently under time pressure)
- Applied Legal Ethics (teach the law of lawyering with special emphasis on the regulations of lawyers through rules of professional conduct and codes of judicial conduct)

**THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL** (2008-2018)

**Associate Director, Academic Achievement Program** (2008-2018)

- Develop and implement programming to prepare students for the bar examination
- Develop and implement programs for students on time management, note-taking, case briefing, analytical skills, and exam-taking skills
- Counsel students at all levels of ability and on all aspects of law school course and exam preparation, and bar examination preparation
- Counsel students on character and fitness issues related to bar admission
- Advise students on academic program and course registration
- Supervise staff members in academic achievement and bar examination preparation
- Train and collaborate with adjunct faculty teaching Bar Essay Writing and Writing for the Practice of Law

**Assistant Professor of Law**

(2009-2018)

*Courses Taught:*

- Writing for the Practice of Law (teach writing and presentation skills with emphasis on Illinois Civil Procedure)
- Bar Essay Writing (teach writing and presentation skills for bar examination essay answers with emphasis on multiple doctrinal subjects)
- Professional Responsibility

**Adjunct Professor**

(2008-2009)

*Courses Taught:*

- Writing for the Practice of Law (taught writing skills with emphasis on Illinois Civil Procedure)

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**POTRATZ & HOLLANDER, P.C.**

(2004-2008)

**Attorney**

- Research and draft motions and briefs for various legal areas, including predatory lending, insurance law, breach of contract, personal injury, municipal law, and family law
- Depose and present evidentiary and fact witnesses
- Try liability and damages issues in front of arbitration panel and trial court

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *Performance Tests Make Better Students*, The Learning Curve (Summer 2014)
- *Writing for the Practice of Law and the Bar*, The Learning Curve (Winter 2016)
- *Dealing with the Emotional Toll of Not Passing the Bar Exam*, The Learning Curve (Winter/Spring 2018)

- *The Evolution of AASE and a New Era of Possibilities*, Law School Academic Support Blog, (May 3, 2023)  
lawprofessors.typepad.com/academic\_support/2023/05/the-evolution-of-aase-and-a-new-era-of-possibilities

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

- “Applied Legal Ethics – Incorporating Practice Ready Skills into a Professional Responsibility Course,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Section on Teaching Methods Program, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2026).
- “Bridging Doctrine Silos to Prepare Students for Practice and the NextGen Bar Exam,” (with Kris Franklin and Paula Manning) LexCon ’25 Savannah, Georgia (Forthcoming November 2025).
- “Ethics Jeopardy: Answers and Questions,” (Panel Discussion with Robert Clifford, Judge Raymond J. McKoski (Retired), and Lea Gutierrez) Clifford Law Offices Continuing Legal Education Program, Chicago, Illinois (February 2025).
- “ASP and Student Achievement, Reading Comprehension, Review, Exam Writing,” (with Rebecca Flanagan) Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California (May 2023).
- “Post-Pandemic Empirical Questions: Measuring How Law Schools Make a Difference,” (Break Out Session with Sara Berman and Marsha Griggs) Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Section on Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession, San Diego, California (January 2023).
- “Best Practices in Bar Prep: From the Starting Line to Exam Day,” (Panel Discussion with Katie Beck, Erin Crist, and Keri Foster) LexCon ’22, Nashville, Tennessee (November 2022).
- “Categorizing the Causes of Student Underperformance and the Strategies for Academic Intervention,” (with Kris Franklin, Rebecca Flanagan, Paula Manning, and Louis N. Schulze, Jr.) Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, St. Mary’s University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas (May 2022).
- “Studying through Tears: Grief and the Bar Exam,” Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C. (May 2021).
- “Empowering Students: How Do We Help Students Identify Their Needs and Maximize Use of Supports?” (Panel Discussion with Amy Vaughan-Thomas and Alison Nissen), New York Area Virtual Workshop, Hosted by New York Law School, New York, New York (May 2021).

- “Supporting Ourselves & Each Other,” (Moderator) AALS Section on Academic Support Webinar, (June 2020).
- “Student Anxiety,” Educators Conference Call: Transitioning to Online Learning, Hosted by New York Law School, New York, New York (March 2020).
- “2L Curriculum Chasm: Creating the Skill Bridge between 1L and 3L,” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwestern Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Workshop, Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas (March 2020).
- “Introduction to the Science of Learning,” (with Louis N. Schulze, Jr.), Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington (May 2019).
- “Strategies and Techniques for Enhancing Teaching Before, During, and After Class,” (Panel Discussion with Dustin Benham, Andrea Boyack, Mark Burge, and Howard Katz), Central States Law School Association Annual Meeting, Texas A & M School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas (October 2018).
- “The Quandary of Character and Fitness,” Midwestern Academic Success and Bar Preparation Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (October 2018).
- “Self-Assessment as the Ultimate Tool for Success,” (with Betsy Brand Six), Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (May 2018).
- “From the Dean’s Chair – School and Student Perspectives,” (Panel Discussion with Cindy Buys, James J. Faught, and Susan Spies Roth), Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness Statewide Conference, Hotel Palomar, Chicago, Illinois (April 2018).
- “Equal Access to Justice: Supporting Law Students from Diverse Backgrounds from Admission through the Bar Exam,” (Moderator) Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Section on Academic Support, San Diego, California (January 2018).
- “Rebound, Rebuild, Repeat: Working with Alumni Retaking the Bar Exam,” Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, Texas A & M School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas (May 2017).
- “How to Prepare for Another Try at the Bar Exam,” (podcast) American Bar Association Journal, (posted January 2017) available at: [http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/podcast\\_monthly\\_episode\\_82](http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/podcast_monthly_episode_82).
- “Bar Exam Boot Camp: Building Success on the Bar Exam,” Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY (May 2016).
- “Status of the Academy” (Panel Discussion with Michael Hunter Schwartz, Louis Schulze, and Russell McClain), Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY (May 2016).

- “Writing for the Practice of Law and the Bar,” West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Fall 2015 Conference, California Western School of Law, San Diego, California (November 2015).
- “Determining Who is At-Risk for Bar Struggles and Creating Programming to Improve Success,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southwestern Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Workshop, Texas A&M School of Law. Ft. Worth, Texas (March 2015).
- “Mock Law Class: ‘A Day in The Life of a Law Student,’” CLEO Presents: Road to Law School, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois (October 2014).
- “Teaching Quality Doctrinal Courses While Simultaneously Preparing Students for the Bar Examination,” (with Antonette Barilla, Douglas Chapman, Joel Mintz, Gregory Sergienko, and Charles Splawn), Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida (August 2014).
- "Providing "At-Risk" Students with the Skills Necessary to be Successful on the Bar Exam," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Section on Academic Support, New York, New York (January 2014).
- "Planting the Seed - Showing the Doctrinal Faculty How Easy (and Effective) it is to Incorporate Legal Writing and Academic Achievement into Their Courses" (with Mary Nagel), Central States Legal Writing Conference, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas (September 2013), Association of Legal Writing Directors National Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 2013), and Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (March 2013).
- “Drafting Clearer Administrative Decisions” (with Dean Anthony Niedwiecki and Professors Lurene Contento, Ardath Hamann, Joanne Hodge, and Mary Nagel), National Association of Administrative Law Judges Conference, Chicago (September 2013).
- "Integrating Academic Support Across the Curriculum" (with Jeremiah Ho, Mary Nagel, and Staci Rucker), Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, Nevada (May 2013).
- "'It Just Makes Sense' – How to Incorporate Critical Reading and Practical Teaching Into a More Complete Law School Learning Experience" (with Hillary Burgess and Mary Nagel), Institute for Law Teaching & Learning Summer Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington (June 2012).
- "'Oh, the Farmer and Cowman Should be Friends': The integration of legal writing and academic support" (with Mary Nagel), Legal Writing Institute 15<sup>th</sup>

Biennial Conference, Palm Desert, California (May 2012); Capital Areal Legal Writing Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (March 2012) and Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Poster Presentation for Section on Academic Support, Washington, D.C. (January 2012).

## **EDUCATION**

**The John Marshall Law School**, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, June 2004

**Northern Illinois University**, DeKalb, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts, Communications Major, December 1999

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

- DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award (2025)
- Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support Impact Award (2023)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Association of Academic Support Educators
  - Host School Representative for 2019 Diversity Conference (2019)
  - Awards Committee Chair (2019)
  - Immediate Past President (2017-2018)
  - President (2016-2017)
  - President-Elect (2015-2016)
  - Host School Representative for 2015 National Conference (2014-2015)
  - Program Committee Chair for 2014 National Conference (2013-2014)
  - Bar Advocacy Committee, Member (2019 – Present)
- Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support
  - Chair (2020)
  - Chair-Elect (2019)
  - Treasurer (2018)
  - Chair, Awards Committee (2019)
  - Member, Nominations Committee (2019)
  - Chair, Program Committee (2017)
  - Board Member (2013-2015, 2015-2017)
  - Member, Program Committee (2016, 2018, 2019, 2021)
  - Chair, Bar Passage Committee (2012, 2014)
- American Bar Association Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Judge (2016, 2012)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Academic Support Educators

- Association of American Law Schools
- Illinois State Bar Association