

MITCHELL J. NATHANSON

EXPERIENCE

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA
Associate Professor of Legal Writing, August 2004-
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, August 2003-August 2004
Legal Writing Instructor, August 2001-August 2003

Teach legal analysis, writing and oral advocacy course to first year law students. Instruct students in the writing of legal memoranda, pleadings and appellate briefs. Conduct appellate oral argument competition for first year students.

ACE USA (fka CIGNA Property and Casualty Cos.), Philadelphia, PA
Environmental Coverage Specialist, August 1994-August 2001.

Analyzed and resolved insurance coverage issues in multi-million dollar toxic tort cases arising in all 50 states. Supervised underlying environmental defense litigation including trial strategy and appellate issues. Prepared opinion letters for policyholder clients. Also handled coverage actions. Researched coverage law and analyzed policy defenses in light of relevant precedent. Was responsible for overseeing the discovery process, dictating motion practice, negotiating settlements and coordinating the overall defense of the company.

White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Litigation Associate-Healthcare Group, September 1991-August 1994.

Represented hospitals and physicians in medical malpractice actions. Participated in all areas of trial preparation and appeals. Also defended product liability claims, general tort actions and handled related insurance law matters. Counseled healthcare clients on various environmental, employment and ethical issues.

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1991

Editor, The Georgetown Immigration Law Journal

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters)

Legal Research and Writing

TULANE UNIVERSITY, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 1988 (Major: American History)

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters)

National History Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Books

“**The Happy Lawyer Handbook**” (in progress).

“**BLACK FRIDAY October 7, 1977: *The Day in the Life of the Philadelphia Phillies*** (in progress).

Book Chapters

“**The Tell-All Hurler: Jim Bouton and ‘Ball Four’**” *Courting the Yankees: Legal Essays on the Bronx Bombers*, ch. 6 (Carolina Academic Press, 2003).

“**Litigation & Regulatory Issues Affecting Managed Care**” *Treatise on Health Care Law*, Vol. 1, Ch. 8A, Matthew Bender & Co. (1996. Updated through 2000) (co-author).

Articles

“**Taking the Road Less Traveled: Why Practical Scholarship Makes Sense For the Legal Writing Professor**” (in progress).

“**It’s the Economy (and Combined Ratio) Stupid: Examining the Medical Malpractice Litigation “Crisis” Myth and the Factors Critical to Reform**” 108 Penn St. L. Rev. 1077 (2004).

“Celebrating the Value of Practical Knowledge and Experience” Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Vol. 11, No.3 (Spring 2003).

“The Messiah By G.F. Handel-An Introductory Note” By The Wayside, August, 1997 (humorous fiction).

"The Growth of Enterprise Liability in the Managed Care Arena" Health Care Law Monthly, February, 1996.

"Hospital Corporate Negligence: Enforcing the Hospital's Role of Administrator" 28 Tort & Ins. L. J. 575 (1993).

PRESENTATIONS

“Should Student Conferences Be Optional?: Point/Counterpoint – Sharing Our Views on Hot Topics in LRW” The Eleventh Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, WA, July 23, 2004.

“The Professor/Entertainer Dilemma: Effective Utilization of Practical Knowledge in the Classroom” Philadelphia Region Legal Writing Conference, May 12, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Legal Writing Institute