JOSHUA AARON JONES

Bachelor of Music Education,
Juris Doctor, Master of Education Law, and
Master of Laws in Government and Public Policy

Law Professor

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Pairing a Community of Inquiry teaching framework with positive legal education, I offer students a collaborative classroom that supports meaningful and civil discourse. The modern lawyer's toolbox must stock: legal skills and substantive law, technology skills, multicultural awareness, and mindfulness; I incorporate these avenues for learning into every class session and assessment. My educational philosophy results in law students who are knowledgeable and exceptional counselors and social

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justice advocates with strong self-efficacy, courage, and compassion – professionals who will flourish in the law school and in practice.

RESEARCH AND WRITING AGENDA

Education law, family law, writing, and law school andragogy inspire my scholarly interests. I recently published *Implementing ABA Standard 303(B)(3): Positive Legal Education Through a Community of Inquiry*, in which I advocate for a positive legal education approach to aid professional identity development. My current work in progress considers majoritarian nationalism, populist rhetoric, and their combined threat to education and democracy. In the future, I plan to alternate between research and scholarship about legal education and works about education law, diversity rights, and family law.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION

As a gay man, I have devoted my personal life and career to the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion. In law practice, I often represented non-traditional families and non-binary students, sometimes as a cooperating attorney for the ACLU of Florida and Equality Florida. I have served on the boards of several non-profits, such as the Pensacola LGBT Film Festival, and as a professor, I have contributed to law school diversity committees. In the classroom, I incorporate multicultural awareness to further students' professional development, and my classroom writing assignments always feature a person or family representing diverse backgrounds. These are not performative efforts, and I carefully consider students' and my deeper understanding of our dynamic culture.

EDUCATION

University of the Pacific
McGeorge School of Law May 2010
Sacramento, California

Downey Brand Fellow for Public Service and Leadership
LL.M. Government and Public Policy, emphasis in school law

University of New Hampshire May 2003
Franklin Pierce School of Law
Concord, New Hampshire

Juris Doctor and Master of Education Law

Moot Court Honor Board; Public Service Fellow; Bookstore Cooperative Board of Directors; Lambda Law – President

University of Montevallo May 2000
Montevallo, Alabama

Bachelor of Music Education, *cum laude*

Senior Elite in Music Education; Music Educators National Conference – chapter president; Pi Kappa Lambda music honors fraternity- chapter president; College Night – assistant music cabinet 1997, music cabinet 1998, script author 1999, Purple Leader 2000; Music Scholarship – saxophone and oboe; Dean of Fine Arts Scholarship.

Douglas High School May 1996
Douglas, Alabama

Advanced High School Diploma

Drum Major; All State Band; John Phillip Sousa Award; Scholar's Bowl Captain; National Honor Society; Model Senate; Mu Alpha Theta; Science Club; Student Government – Reporter; Most Likely to Succeed; Most Leadership Ability; Best Dressed.

CERTIFICATIONS, TRAININGS, AND LAW SCHOOL CLINICS

Apple April 2025

Apple Learning Coach
Apple Teacher April 2023

Microsoft April 2025

Microsoft Educator

University of Pennsylvania April 2023

Certificate in Positive Psychology

Academy of Legal Writing Directors Summer 2022

Leadership Academy

Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals July 2016

Collaborative Family Law Training

University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law Spring 2010

Administrative Law Clinic

Neutral Facilitation for IEP Meetings April 2003

University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law

Mediation Clinic Fall 2003
Family Law Clinic Fall 2002

EMPLOYMENT

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

California Western School of Law August 2021 – Present
San Diego, California

Legal Writing Professor
Program Co-Director Law, Justice, and Technology Initiative
Distinguished Teaching Scholar 2022-23

Committees: Admissions; Curriculum; Board Finance; Ad Hoc Grading and Curve

Indiana University August 2019 – May 2021
Robert H. McKinney School of Law
Indianapolis, Indiana

Visiting Assistant Professor: Legal Analysis and Communication; Trusts and Estates; and Collaborative Family Law

Advisor: Lambda Law Society
Committees: Diversity Committee

Peking University Law School Spring 2020, Spring 2021
Beijing, China

Adjunct Professor: Contract Drafting

University of West Florida Spring 2016 –2019
Pensacola, Florida

Adjunct Professor: Evidence

University of the Pacific Fall 2009 – May 2010
McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento, California

Education Pipeline Initiative Fellow
Mentorship Coordinator

Courses: Street Law – Sacramento Charter High School

Pensacola State College January 2004 – May 2006
Pensacola, Florida

Adjunct Professor: Criminal Justice Administration; Constitutional Law; Crime Scene Investigation

Virginia College January 2004 – May 2006
Pensacola, FL

Adjunct Professor: Technology for Paralegals; Real Estate Law; Probate Law; Family Law

Pathfinder Academy Fall 2003
Boscawen, New Hampshire

Interim Music Teacher, grades N-8

University of New Hampshire August 2001 - May 2003
Franklin Pierce School of Law
Concord, New Hampshire

Teaching Assistant
Research Assistant to Professor Sarah Redfield, Director of the Education Law Institute

TA Courses: Legal Research and Writing; Administrative Process: Education and Government

Vestavia Hills City Schools July 1999 – June 2000
Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Vestavia Hills High School
Pizitz Middle School
Liberty Park Elementary

Teaching Externship: Instrumental Music, grades 6-12
Color Guard Coach/Choreographer

Courses: Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band B, Music Appreciation, and Music Theory

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NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Joshua Aaron Jones, Attorney at Law, PLLC February 2011 – July 2019
Pensacola, Florida

Owner/Attorney

Practice Areas: collaborative family law; student rights; estate planning; mass tort settlement resolutions; business matters; and entertainment law

Honors: Top 10 Under 40 Florida Family Lawyers 2014 and 2015; Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star 2014-2017

Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis and Overholtz, PLLC December 2004 – October 2009
Pensacola, Florida

Associate Attorney

Practice Areas: personal injury; pharmaceutical and medical device mass torts; student rights

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida Dec. 2003 – Dec. 2004
Clearwater, Florida/Pensacola, Florida

Parent Education Network Regional Director NW Florida

Resource for parents of children with special needs, including advocacy and self-advocacy training.

New Hampshire Department of Education Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2003
Concord, New Hampshire

Hearings Officer

Served as an adjudicatory officer for cases under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

National Education Association NH **May 2002 – August 2002**
Concord, New Hampshire

Summer Associate

Represented teachers in disciplinary proceedings.

Ralph Barbagallo and Associates **May 2001 – Oct. 2001**
North Andover, Massachusetts

Summer Associate

Personal injury and intellectual property.

Seaman Timber Company **January 1998 – July 2000**
Montevallo, AL

Executive Assistant to Vice President, Janet Seaman.

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters:

Ryan Abbott and Elizabeth Rotham, *Encyclopedia of AI and the Law*, Chapt. ##, *Child Data and Privacy* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming Fall 2025).

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 20, *Reading Cases and Briefing Rules* (CALI eLangdell, forthcoming Fall 2025).

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 25, *Cognitive Contexts*, Chapt. 25 (CALI eLangdell, forthcoming Fall 2025).

Mohamad A. A'rafa, *Perceptions and Misperceptions of Donald Trump*, Chapt. 3, *A Spectrum of Positions: Donald Trump and LGBTQ+ Rights* (Nova Publishing, March 2022).

Book Chapters Editor:

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 36, *Simple Contracts* (CALI eLangdell, forthcoming Fall 2025).

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 37, *Writing for Non-Lawyer Clients* (CALI eLangdell, forthcoming Fall 2025).

Law Review Articles:

Sexual Orientation Therapy in Islamic Law and US Law, Cornell Undergrad. Int'l L. Rev. 306 (Spring 2025) (co-author Mohamad A. A'rafa).

Implementing ABA Standard 303(b)(3): Positive Legal Education Through a Community of Inquiry, 48 VT. L. REV. 566 (2024).

Presented at: Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference Fall 2023; Detroit Mercy University School of Law, Law Review Symposium Winter 2024; Institute for Well-Being in Law Annual Conference 2024.

Building a Community of Inquiry Through Interactive Materials: The Interactive Syllabus, 45:3 Nova 353 (July 2020).

Presented at: Nova Southeastern University School of Law, Law Review Symposium Spring 2020; One-Day Legal Writing Conference – California Western School of Law, Fall 2020.

QR Codes in the Classroom: Thinking Inside the Square, 33: 2 Second Draft (July 2020).

Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons in American Law Schools, 44.3 NYU Rev. L. & Soc. Change 401 (Spring 2020).

Presented at: AALS 2020 Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research New Scholars Showcase.

Florida Family Law Bounds of Advocacy: A Mandate for Collaborative Practice?, 43 Nova L.R. 1 (2019).

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: A Doubled-Edged Sword for the Protection of Students with Gender Identity Disorder, 25:2 Wisc. J.L. Gender & Soc'y 353 (2010).

Works In Progress:

ABA Section on Legal Education Committee on Outcomes and Assessments Resources, *ABA Sourcebook on Outcomes and Assessments*, Chapt. ##, *Mapping the Curriculum* (ABA, forthcoming Summer 2025). Work in Progress.

Majoritarian Nationalism's Populist Rhetoric and Threat to Education and Democracy, workshopped at the 2024 Sirico Scholarship Workshop and the AALS Education Law Section's fall scholarship workshop 2024.

FICTION PUBLICATIONS

Family Reading Time with the Queen	Point Loma Playhouse San Diego, CA	2023
Sunday Child Exchange	Hedgehogs and Foxes	2021
Molly & Edna	Emerald Coast Review	2017
House	Emerald Coast Review	2015
Don't Mess with a Band Mom	The Florida Writer	2015
Are You There, God? It's Me, Sodomite.	Chelsea Station Magazine	2015
Run Club	Florida Writer's Association Collection #6: First Steps	2014
Hashtag	Pensacola Little Theater	2014
Twirl & Curl Hair Salon & Baton Emporium	Pensacola Little Theater	2013
The Planter's Son	Keep It Coming	2003-2004
Crossed Wires	University of Montevallo, College Night	1999

FILM PRODUCTION

Strut	Co-Creator/Producer Oxygen Channel Winner GLAAD Media Award	2016
Sayaw	Producer/Legal Advisor Thigh High Productions	2015
What's The T?	Producer/Writer/Legal Advisor Thigh High Productions	2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Upcoming

Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference 2025 Irvine, California	*Whatever Happened to Universal Citation?*	September 2025

Presented

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference 2025 Phoenix, AZ	*Outcomes: More Than a Grade*	July 2025
Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference 2024 Seattle, Washington	*Building a Community of Inquiry with Learning Personas*	September 2024
LWI Biennial Conference 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana	*Outcomes and Assessments: More Than a Grade*, co-presented with Sandra Simpson, Gonzaga University School of Law (withdrawn COVID)	July 2024
Detroit Mercy University School of Law	*Implementing ABA Standard 303(b)(3): Positive Psychology Through a Community of Inquiry*	March 2024
Institute for Well-Being in Law Annual Conference Online	*Positive Legal Education for Professional Identity Development*	January 2024

AALS Annual Meeting San Diego, California	*Leveling the Playing Field of Legal Education & Law Practice with Generative AI* – Discussion Group	January 2024
Western States Regional Writing Conference San Francisco, California	*Positive Legal Education in a Community of Inquiry*	August 2023
9th Annual Applied Legal Story Telling Conference London, England	*Music Education Pedagogy Techniques to Teach and Strengthen Narrative*	July 2023
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference Las Vegas, Nevada	*Editing With the Extraction Method*	February 2023
AALS Annual Conference San Diego, California	*SOGII Section:* *New Scholar's Forum* Moderator	January 2023
Western States Regional Writing Conference Eugene, Oregon	*Teaching Self-Efficacy*	October 2022
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference Washington, DC	*Harness LMS for Universal Outcomes and Rubrics*	July 2022
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference Phoenix, AZ	*Law as a Teaching Profession: Training Students to Teach*	February 2022
Webinar Series	*App of the Month Club*, Moderator Sponsored by AALS Tech Section and Legal Writing, Research, and Rhetoric Section	January – May 2022
Nova Law Review Symposium Online	*Building a Community of Inquiry with an Interactive Syllabus*	Winter 2022
Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop: California Western School of Law	*Top Five Legal Writing Apps and Platforms*	December 2020

Central States Legal Writing Conference Online	*Building a Community of Inquiry with an Interactive Syllabus*	September 2020
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference Online	*Change the Rhetoric, Change the Profession: Narrative Psychology to Improve Law Student and Attorney Career Satisfaction* Presented for New Scholar's Showcase Panelist: *Time Hacks for Legal Writing Professors*	July 2020
AALS Annual Conference Washington, D.C.	*Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons at American Law Schools* Presented for the Legal Writing, Research, Reasoning, and Rhetoric Section's New Scholars Showcase	January 2020
Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop: University of Iowa College of Law Online	*Document Accessibility: Why We Need to Do It and Teach It*	December 2019
New England States Legal Writing Conference Boston, Massachusetts	*Document Accessibility: Why We Need to Do It and Teach It*	October 2019
Central States Law Schools Association Scholarship Symposium Toledo, Ohio	*Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons at American Law Schools*	October 2019
Central States Legal Writing Conference Chicago, Illinois	*Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons at American Law Schools*	September 2019
Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals Annual Conference Orlando, Florida	*Family Law Technology and Collaborative Process*	May 2019
Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association Pensacola, Florida	*Family Law Bounds of Advocacy: Something for Everyone*	March 2019

Equality Florida All Together Now Conference St. Petersburg, Florida	*School Attorney Panel, Transgender Issues* Moderator	February 2019
LawPro CLE Webinar Pensacola, Florida	*Collaborative Family Law: What's It All About?*	December 2018
Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association 2018 Pensacola, Florida	*Collaborative Family Law Overview*	November 2018
Levin Papantino People's Law School Pensacola, Florida	*Family Law Basics*	October 2018
LawPro CLE Webinar	*Back to School Basics of Special Education Law*	September 2018
National Business Institute Pensacola, Florida	*Family Law Bootcamp*	December 2017
Gay Grassroots of NW Florida Pensacola, Florida	*The State of LGBTQIA Rights*	June 2017
NW Florida Paralegal Association Pensacola, Florida	*Marriage Equality*	November 2016
Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz Pensacola, Florida	*Bankruptcy Resolution in Mass Torts* Attorney and Staff Training	March 2016
National Business Institute Pensacola, Florida	*Family Law Annual Update*	May 2015
National Business Institute Pensacola, Florida	*Family Law A-to-Z*	February 2015
Holy Cross Metropolitan Community Church Pensacola, Florida	*Analysis of Marriage Cases*	June 2013
Equality House Pensacola, Florida	*LGBT Family Law Seminar Series*	Summer 2012

Pensacola City-Wide GSA Pensacola, Florida	*Law as a Career for LGBT Individuals*	December 2007
ACLU of Florida Pensacola, Florida	*LGBT Student Safety*	November 2007
Gulf Coast TIDE Pensacola, Florida	*Tax Concerns for Same-Sex Couples*	February 2007
University of West Florida Pensacola, Florida	*Diversity in Education and the Equal Access Act*	October 2005
University of Montevallo Montevallo, Alabama	*Copyright Law for Music Educators* *Special Education Law for Music Educators*	March 2004
University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law Concord, New Hampshire	*Education Law Careers*	September 2003

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association 2004 - Present

Current Committee: Resources on Outcomes and Assessments Committee; AI and Economic Justice Working Group

American Bar Foundation Jan. 2024 - Present

Fellow

Association of American Law Schools 2019 - Present

Legal Writing, Research, and Rhetoric
Outreach Committee Co-Chair 2023 and 2024
Programs Committee - 2025

SOGII Section
Treasurer 2022; Secretary/Chair-Elect 2023; Chair 2024

Family and Juvenile Law Section - member

Technology and Legal Education Section - member

Education Law Section – member

Association of Legal Writing Directors 2019 – Present

Education Law Association 2018 – Present

Hedgehogs and Foxes Legal Literary Journal 2020 – Present

Editorial Board

Hillcrest Wind Ensemble 2021 – Present

Saxophonist

Institute for Well-Being in Law 2023 - Present

Law Schools Working Group

Legal Writing Institute 2018 - Present

Current Committees:

PR, Website, Social Media, and Outreach – Chair

Revenue Building Committee

Sirico Scholars Workshop – Board of Governors

2026 Biennial Conference Budget - Chair

SaxDiego Saxophone Ensemble 2023 - Present

Soprano Saxophone and other horns as needed

Society of American Law Teachers 2019 - Present

San Diego Writers, Ink. [sic] 2021 – Present

PAST ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Florida – Board Member 2014

ACLU of NW Florida – Advisory Legal Board 2004 - 2019

New Hampshire Audubon – Volunteer 2001-2003

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates – Attorney Member

Democratic Party of Escambia County, Florida – Volunteer, 2004 – 2019

Co-lead Attorney 2004; Lead Attorney 2008

Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association – 2004-2019

Executive Committee – 2017-2019
Chair – Citizenship Committee – 2004-2009
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – 2005-2009

Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals

Outreach Chair – 2018-2020
Vice President – 2019-2020

Florida Writers Association

Member – 2011-2019
Royal Palm Literary Awards judge – multiple years

Gulf Breeze Traffic Task Force

Volunteer – 2004-2005

Gulf Coast TIDE, Inc.

Founding member, legal advisor – 2005-2009

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

Member
Higher Education Task Force – 2019-2021

International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Member

Kerry-Edwards Campaign Escambia County, Florida

Assistant Attorney

Manna Food Bank

Volunteer – 2011

New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus

Baritone – 2003

Obama-Biden Campaign Escambia County, Florida

Lead Attorney

Pensacola Civic Band

Saxophonist

Pensacola Bay Concert Band

Saxophonist

Pensacola LGBT Film Festival

Board Member – 2011-2015

Franklin Pierce Law Center Public Interest Coalition

Volunteer
Grant Recipient – 2003

Sacramento LGBT Community Center

Volunteer – 2009-2010

Stonewall Democrats of New Hampshire

Member – 2001-2003

West Florida Collaborative Law

Founding member
Vice President – 2017
President – 2018

West Florida Literary Federation

Member – 2011-2019

AWARDS AND HONORS

Distinguished Teaching Scholar	California Western School of Law	AY 2022-2023
ALWD/LWI	Scholarship Grant	Summer 2020
Indiana University	Finalist Open Electronic Resources	2019-2020
Florida Writers Association	Finalist Royal Palm Literary Awards	2016, 2017
National Academy of Family Law Attorneys	Top 10 Under 40 Florida	2015, 2016
Florida Super Lawyers	Rising Star	2014 – 2017
McGeorge School of Law	Downey Brand Fellow for Public Service & Leadership	2009-2010
National Honor Roll of Outstanding American Teachers	Inducted	2005
UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law	Public Interest Coalition Fellow	2002
	Diversity Scholarship	2000-2003