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Legal Writing Institute Newly Elected Directors

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I am an assistant professor of legal writing at St. John's University School of Law where I teach first-year legal writing and upper-level electives. I am currently co-chair of the LWI Academic Support committee. Previously, I was co-chair of the One Day Workshop committee. I joined the LWI in 2014. Since then, I have presented at One Day Workshops and Biennial conferences. These experiences, along with Twitter and listserv engagement, have allowed me to develop relationships with the legal writing community. If selected, I plan to work hard to further the initiatives of the board and to continue to develop relationships that connect the legal writing, academic support, and other marginalized law school communities.



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My experience and enthusiasm for LWI's initiatives make me a great candidate for the LWI Board. Although I am a newer member of the legal writing community, I have already taken on multiple roles within LWI—including serving as editor-in-chief of The Second Draft, an LWI publication, and helping with efforts to update LWI's online publishing model and social media presence. Having served LWI in these roles, I'm eager to take another step toward serving the legal writing community. I know how much I have benefited from LWI's publications, programming, and discipline-building efforts. I am eager to help continue—and advance—that work over the next four years.



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Writing and community building are the strands that connect every aspect of my personal and professional life. LWI Board service allows me to weave those strands together; it has been one of the great honors of my life. I'm thrilled to be running for a second term.

My community organizing experience taught me that the key to building dynamic communities is harnessing the energy and talent of diverse groups to create programs that are driven and shaped by their members. In LWI Board service, I endeavor to do just that. A highlight has been assuming my new role as Communications & Public Relations Officer. In collaboration with the Public Relations & Social Media Committee, we created LWI's first-ever Visual Identity Manual, which will create uniformity in LWI's brand. Up next is implementing a vision for LWI's social media engagement that celebrates our community's accomplishments and contributes to broader conversations about writing, rhetoric, legal storytelling, and more.

I delight in working with colleagues near and far to create networks between people who share a passion for teaching the crafts of writing and lawyering. I would love the opportunity to build on the work I've done through a second LWI Board term.



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Hi, LRW Family! I'm ready to take my leadership in the LRW community to the next level by serving on the LWI Board of Directors. I'm in my thirteenth year at the Texas Tech University School of Law, where I am a Professor of Law, the Associate Dean for Assessment & Strategic Initiatives, and the Director of the Pre-Law Academy. I truly enjoy giving back to the LRW community by serving in a variety of ways. In 2019, I was the Chair of the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, and our section won AALS Section of the Year! I am also a Co-Chair of the 2020 LWI Biennial Conference (and I was the Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the 2018 conference). Additionally, I am an active member on several other committees including the LWI One-Day Workshops Committee and the ALWD Scholarship Grants Committee.

Through my involvement in the LRW community, I have improved my teaching and scholarship, blossomed as a leader, and made many dear friends. I would be deeply honored to serve on the LWI Board of Directors! You can glance at my faculty bio at http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/faculty/w_humphrey.php. Thank you so much for your consideration.



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In my fifteen years of teaching legal writing, I have seen legal writing grow from the red-headed step-child of legal education to a formidable discipline comprised of incredible scholars and teachers. Although we have a long way to go, legal writing now commands much more respect in the legal academy. In my mind, LWI is directly responsible for this professional growth.

It would be a huge honor to serve on the LWI board and further its mission. Understanding that serving on the LWI is not a figurehead position, I am prepared to roll up my sleeves and do the work necessary for LWI's continuing success. I would especially welcome the chance to work on diversity initiatives, conference planning, professional development initiatives (especially scholarship), and mentoring programs for more junior professors.

For the past five years, I have served on the LWI Professional Status Committee and for several years before that, I chaired the LWI Professional Development Committee. I also served on the 2006 LWI Conference Site Committee. I also have leadership experience from serving as an elected officer of the ALWD board and as an appointed member of the AALS Section on Legal Research and Writing's Executive Committee.



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I am excited about the prospect of serving on the LWI Board! I have been an active member in the organization since I started teaching legal writing full-time 15 years ago. I am currently co-chair of the Scholarship Development Committee. Previously, I chaired the Website Redesign committee, and helped with the launch of the new LWI website. Working on these committees has allowed me to think deeply about the mission of the organization, the resources LWI provides, and what's next for LWI. I would love the opportunity to take my participation in LWI to the next level.

I am also a Lead Editor for Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD, a position I enjoy because it gives me a bird's-eye view of legal writing scholarship. I am a committed legal writing scholar—I write mostly about intersections between legal education and technology—and have also co-authored two legal writing textbooks. You can read more about my experience and my scholarship through the Temple Law website or my SSRN page.

I am committed to advancing our discipline. I try to bring diligence and good humor to all my professional endeavors. I welcome the chance to do so as an LWI Board member.



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I've been fortunate to spend the last dozen years working in my dream job in an environment shaped by the Legal Writing Institute's decades of advocacy for legal writing professionals. LWI has given me so much—an international community of colleagues, scholarly and teaching resources, advocacy for my rights and dignity as an educator and academic—and serving on the Board would enable me to give back to the organization that has given so much to me.

I've been involved in leadership within LWI. With Kim Holst, I served as co-chair of the Program Committee for the 2016 Biennial Conference. As co-chair of the Moot Court Committee, I helped start the first LWI Moot Court Conference. I co-authored LWI's Moot Court Advisors Handbook. I was one of many co-authors on a soon-to-be-published article advocating for eliminating ABA Accreditation Standard 405(d). And I've been active in other national LRW organizations, as an ALWD board member and chair and active member of AALS section committees. At my own school, I was able to move our program from adjunct to full time with clinical tenure eligibility.

Finally, I work hard, and I'm kind. I promise to be an excellent Board member.