

Kamela Bridges

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Teaching Experience

The University of Texas School of Law

Director, David J. Beck Center for Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate
Advocacy, 2016–present

Senior Lecturer, 2022–present

Lecturer, 2000–2022

Courses: Legal Analysis and Communication; Persuasive Writing and
Advocacy; Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation; Advanced Legal Writing: TQ;
Advanced Legal Writing: Analysis and Process

Legal Experience

Locke Lord LLP (formerly Liddell, Sapp, Zively, Hill & LaBoon, L.L.P.)

Partner, 1999–2000

Associate, 1991–1998

Maintained general civil litigation and appellate practice. Responsibilities included taking and defending depositions; drafting, responding to, and arguing motions; preparing written discovery and conducting document review; preparing pre-trial orders; representing clients at mediation; trying cases before juries; and drafting appellate briefs. Types of cases included banking, trademark, telecommunications, employment, and products liability litigation.

Education

The University of Texas School of Law

J.D., with high honors, May 1991

Vice Chancellor

Order of the Coif

Member, Texas Law Review

Teaching Quizmaster (teaching assistant to legal research and writing program)

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A. in Government, with high honors, May 1988

B.J. in Journalism, with high honors, May 1988

Phi Beta Kappa

Book

Kamela Bridges & Wayne Schiess, *Writing for Litigation* (1st ed. 2011; 2d ed. 2020; 3d ed. 2024)

Selected Presentations

“Writing Mechanics and Why You Should Care,” State Bar of Texas CLE on Writing to Win: Know Your Writes, April 23, 2020

“Improve Your Legal Writing,” 14th Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar, August 16, 2019

“How to Improve Your Brief Writing,” Robert O. Dawson Conference on Criminal Appeals, May 6, 2018

“Pleasing the Court,” UT CLE Legal Writing: Precision and Persuasion, May 13, 2016

“Organization: Giving the Reader a Roadmap,” UT CLE Legal Writing: Precision and Persuasion, May 13, 2016

“Lawyers are Editors,” UT CLE Legal Writing: Precision and Persuasion, May 13, 2016

“Effective Communication in Judicial Opinions: A Study in Contrasts,” Texas College for Judicial Studies, May 8, 2014

“Consider the Audience: A Conversation about Attorney Conduct and Judicial Reprimands,” Texas College for Judicial Studies, May 8, 2014

“Too Much, Too Little, Just Right,” Travis County Women Lawyers Association, Nov. 19, 2014

Professional Activities

Licensed by the State Bar of Texas

Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors

Member, Legal Writing Institute

Judge for Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition, 2022-2024

Scribes Law Review Award, Selection Committee, 2022

Scribes Brief Writing Award, Screening Committee, 2004-2012

Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2006-2008