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Education

J.D., Brigham Young University, *Magna Cum Laud* (2014)

B.S., Weber State University, *Cum Laude* (2009)

Majors: English & Political Science

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Weber State University, 2021 - present.

Teaching Criminal Law and Courts, Criminal Court Process, Juvenile Law and Procedure, Constitutional Rights, Law and Society, and American Criminal Courts. I am also an academic and pre-law advisor and internship director.

Professional Experience

Deputy County Attorney, Weber County Attorney's Office, Jan. 2015 Jul. 2021.

Prosecuted cases from screening to trial in justice, juvenile, and district court.

Law Clerk & Bailiff, Judge Davis of the 4th District Court, May 2014 to Jan. 2015

Researched cases and authored memoranda for the judge on legal issues, attended POST to become certified as a Special Functions Officer to serve in bailiff capacity while the judge was in the courtroom.

Teaching

Weber State University, assistant professor

Master's Level

- Law and Social Control (2024)
- American Criminal Courts (2022-2024)

Undergraduate Level

- Law and Courts (2021-2024)
- Criminal Court Process (2021-2024)
- Constitutional Rights (2022)
- Juvenile Justice (2019 -2023)
- Juvenile Law and Procedure (2021-2024)
- Law and Society (2024)
- Communication in the Criminal Justice Field (2023)

Eagle Gate College, adjunct

Undergraduate Level

- Written Communication (2014-2021)
- Written Communications II (2018-2021)
- English Literature (2016)
- Oral Communication (2016)
- Logic and Critical Analysis (2014-2015)
- Legal Research and Writing (2014-2015)
- Constitutional Rights (2016)
- Intellectual Property & Cyber Law (2015)
- Introduction to Paralegal Practices (2015)
- Legal Ethics and Review (2015)

Publications

Michelle Jeffs & Sean Brian, *Parental Presence or Totality of Circumstances? An Assessment of Utah's Juvenile Miranda Law & 50 State Survey*, 24 N.Y.U. J. Legis. & Pub. Pol'y 565 (2022).

Michelle Jeffs, *Punishing Pimps and Johns: Sex-Trafficking and Utah's Laws*, 28 BYU J. Pub. L. 219 (2013).

(publication forthcoming in Volume 60 of Criminal Law Bulletin, 2024) Michelle Jeffs & Mark Denniston, *Clarifying Remedies for Juvenile Miranda Statutes: A Guide for Practitioners, Lawmakers & Courts*

Conference Presentations

Utah Prosecution Fall Conference (2020), a “Survey of Core Practices: A Roundtable Discussion” on juvenile law common practices and procedures in Utah

Utah Prosecution Council Basic Conference, (2016) “Lessons Learned” on the experience of practicing law for the past year

Utah Gang Conference (2019) “Serious Youth Offender Certification”

Interviews

ABC4 News, “When are Minors Tried as Adults?” December 8, 2022

ABC4 News, “Piute County teen charged as adult in killing of 16 year-old girl” January 13, 2023

Academic Service

Criminal Justice Department Advising and Outreach Committee. 2023 to present

WSU Pre-Law Association Advisor, 2023 to present

Pre-Law Advisor for College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2023 to present

Faculty Library Advisory Committee, 2021 to present

Constitutional Review, Apportionment, and Organization Committee, 2022 to present

Wheeler Pre-Law Lecture & Barker Scholarship Committee, 2021 to present

Criminal Justice Internship Director, 2022 to present

Various hiring committees, 2021 to present

Awards

J. Reuben Clark Award: for academic excellence, integrity, high ethical standards, & service, 2013.

J. Reuben Clark Law Faculty Award for Meritorious Achievement and Distinguished Service, 2014.

Outstanding Service Award, International Center for Law and Religion Studies at BYU, March 2014

Awarded Rocky Rognlie Memorial Scholarship to attend the 2016 CJC/UPC Symposium.