

Maryam Franzella

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CURRENT POSITION

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University **2019 - Present**

Associate Professor of Legal Writing, September 2021 – Present

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, September 2019 – September 2021

Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, January 2019 – September 2019

- Develop and implement course materials, assignments, and assessments for required first year courses: Legal analysis, writing, and research I (focused on objective analysis, drafting, research, and professionalism); and Legal analysis, writing, and research II (focused on persuasive writing and oral advocacy).

Additional Involvement:

- *Co-Chair, Dean's Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Council, 2022 – 2024*
- *Member, Law School Dean Search Committee, 2023 – 2024*
- *Member, Committee on ABA Academic Freedom Standards, 2024 - present*
- *Law School Representative to University Governance, 2024 – present*
- *Hiring manager, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, 2023*
- *New Faculty Mentor, Legal Writing Department, 2020 - 2023*
- *Associate Professor, Introduction to Law, August 2020 – 2023*
- *Member, Committee on Distance Education, 2021-2022*
- *Member, Committee on Learning Outcomes and Assessments, 2021 – 2022*
- *Faculty Advisor, Women of Color Collective Student Organization, 2021 –present*
- *Faculty Grader, P.A.S.S. Bar Preparation Workshop, 2020 – present*

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Hogan Lovells, LLP **2016-2018**

Litigation Attorney/Brief Writer

- Practice focused on consumer finance litigation, concentrating on contested mortgage foreclosure actions and defenses based on servicing, fraud, and violations of financial consumer acts.
- Formulated briefing strategy for each case at the dispositive motion stage. Conferred with other attorneys on complex issues of law. Edited experienced attorneys' legal writing.

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law **2015-2016**

Adjunct Professor, Legal Writing, Lawyering, and Research

- Instructed students on principles of language usage, organization, synthesis, analysis, ethics, legal research methods, litigation drafting, and strategy. Created and implemented exercises in fact gathering, interviewing, drafting and oral advocacy. Received unanimously positive reviews from students and program's faculty director.

State University of New York at Old Westbury **2014-2015**

Adjunct Professor

- Taught lecture courses in criminology and sociology.
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Law Office of Maryam Franzella**2014-2016***Managing attorney*

- Represented clients in litigation, employment matters, and contract disputes. Individually managed all aspects of law office. Obtained highly favorable settlements on behalf of clients.

Lazer, Aptheker, Rosella & Yedid, P.C.**2008-2014***Commercial Litigation Associate*

- Lead associate in actions relating to contracts, lines of credit, secured transactions, bank accounts, UCC, fraud, negligence, commercial foreclosures, bankruptcies, employment law, and loan purchase transactions. Handled all aspects of case management including drafting pleadings, engaging in discovery, researching and drafting substantive motions, appellate briefs, and various agreements. Represented clients at state and federal court conferences, oral arguments, depositions, settlement meetings, and mediations.

EDUCATION

Fordham University, School of Law**May 2008***Juris Doctor***State University of New York at Stony Brook****May 2004***Bachelor of Arts, Comparative Literature***PUBLICATIONS**

- *State of the Student: Prioritizing Parental Discretion in School Absence*, forthcoming, 27 N.Y.U. J. Legis. & Pub. Pol'y
- *Disclaimer: Generated By Non-Human*, forthcoming, The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing, Vol. 22 | Spring 2025
- *Commas Are the New Periods, Except When They're Not*, Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Vol. 30 | No. 1 | Spring 2023
- *Bringing Oral Argument Practice to Life*, Newsletter of AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, June 2022
- *Importance of Effective Jury Instructions on Front Pay*, New York Law Journal, 1/3/13
- *Effect of Recession on Damage Awards in Employment Cases*, New York Law Journal, 5/3/11

PRESENTATIONS

- *Grading, Feedback & Rubrics in Legal Research and Writing*, Legal Writing Institute New Teacher Training Bootcamp, July 2024
- *How Can I Really Help? Collaborating with Teaching Assistants to Create Assignments*, presented at 2023 Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, titled Raising the Bar: Reaching New Heights through Innovation and Collaboration, July 2023
- *Panelist, Work-Life Balance in Law*, Hofstra Law Women's Society, October 2022
- *Using Online Feedback Tools*, presented at Association of Legal Writing Directors Virtual Front Porch: Reaching Out While Remaining In: Strategies to Foster Inclusivity During a Time of Isolation, August 2021
- *Teaching Professionalism to Legal Writing Students Through Simulation and Role Play Exercises*, presented at the 2021 Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, May 2021

AFFILIATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

- *Chair*, Legal Writing Institute Awards Committee (2024 – present)
- *Leadership Experience and Advancement Pipeline (LEAP) Advisory Board Member*, Legal Writing Institute (2022-2024)
- *Member*, Association of Legal Writing Directors (2022 – present)
- *Committee Member*, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, Diversity Committee (2021)
- *Assistant Editor*, Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute (2021)
- *Board Member*, Nassau County Museum of Art (2018 – 2023)
- *Board Member, Hofstra Law Liaison*, Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court (2020 – 2022)
- *New York Metro Rising Star*, Super Lawyers Magazine (2015 – 2018)
- *Member*, The Safe Center LI, Gala Committee (2018 - 2019)
- *Member*, Nassau County and New York County Bar Associations (2014 – 2016)
- *Bar Admissions*: New York State (2009); Florida State (2010)