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Publications

- Pelfrey, T. M. (2020). A survey: Children's rights post termination of parental rights and pre-adoption. *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*, 71(1), 45-61.
- Auburn University at Montgomery (2018). *Interim Report for the American Bar Association*. Montgomery, AL: Pelfrey, T. M.
- Auburn University at Montgomery (2015). *Reapplication for the American Bar Association*. Montgomery, AL: Pelfrey, T. M.
- Auburn University at Montgomery (2012). *Interim Report for the American Bar Association*. Montgomery, AL: Pelfrey, T. M.
- Pelfrey, T. and others, (1978). *Home Economics State Course of Study*. Montgomery: State of Alabama.

Grants

- Chon, D., Younker, B., & Pelfrey, T. (2012). Government Ineffectiveness, Social disorganization, and national homicide rate. New Faculty Grant. Funded by Auburn University, Montgomery, AL.
- Kaur, P., & Pelfrey, T. (2012). Human trafficking. Proposal submitted to Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Presentations

- Pelfrey, T.M. (2020). "A Survey: Children's Rights Post Termination of Parental Rights." Paper to be presented at the American Criminal Justice Society National Conference, March 27, San Antonio, TX. Conference cancelled.
- Pelfrey, T. M. (2019). "Ruth Bader Ginsburg: An Introduction to the Documentary *RBG*." Presentation at the AUM Political Film Series, March 21, 2019, Montgomery, AL.
- Ice, R. & Pelfrey, T.M. (2018). "Navigating the Uncharted Channels of Assessment." Presentation at the 37th Annual National Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education, October 31, Newport, RI.
- Ioimo, R., Pelfrey, T., Zanglin, L. (2015). "The POTC Program." Paper presented by Pelfrey, T., & Zanglin, L. at the American Criminal Justice Society National Conference, March 4, Orlando, FL.
- Pelfrey, T. M. (2012). "The Paralegal Jobs Symposium." Paper presented at the American Association for Paralegal Education National Convention, October 11, Savannah, GA.
- Pelfrey, T., Zanglin, L., & Russell, R. (2012). "Application of Best Practices." Paper presented at the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference, April 24, Marksville, LA.
- Costley, V., Dunlap, J., & Pelfrey, T. (2012). "Career Services, Job Search Skills and Legal Technology." Panelists at the American Association for Paralegal Education National Convention, October 11, Savannah, GA.
- Kaur, P., & Pelfrey, T. (2012). "Sexting Perceptions and Practices Among College Students." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology National Convention, November 14, Chicago, IL.
- Kaur, P. & Pelfrey, T. (2012). "Practice of Feticide: Formal Remedial Measures for Population Preservation." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology National Convention, November 16, Chicago, IL.
- Chon, D., Younker, B., & Pelfrey, T. (2012). "Government Ineffectiveness, Social Disorganization, and National Homicide Rate." Paper presented by Chon, D., at the American Society of Criminology National Convention, November 17, Chicago, IL.
- Ioimo, R., Pelfrey, T., Kaur, P., Chon, D., Smith, F., Younker, B., & Zanglin, L. (2012). "Bias-Based Policing: Voices from Within." Paper presented by Ioimo, R., at the American Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences National Conference, March, New York, NY.

Professional Membership

Alabama State Bar, Montgomery, Alabama
Attorney at Law, State of Alabama

Academic

January 2009 - Present Department of Criminal Justice
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Experience

Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama
Director of Legal Studies and Paralegal Programs: August 2009 to present

Associate Professor, Director of Legal Studies and Paralegal Programs

2014-Present

Assistant Professor, Director of Legal Studies and Paralegal Programs

2009-2014

Adjunct Professor

2009

1978 – 1978 Northeast Alabama Community College
Rainsville, Alabama

Adjunct Instructor

- Taught English Composition

1978 – 1979 Cherokee County Board of Education
Teacher Centre, Alabama

- Taught English Composition
- Junior Class Sponsor
- Directed Junior Play

1977 – 1978 Baldwin County Board of Education
Teacher Bay Minette, Alabama

- Taught Home Economics
- Served on the Alabama Home Economics State Course of Study Taskforce
- Sponsored Future Homemakers of America

Education 2003

University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Juris Doctor

- Coale, Dukes, Kirkpatrick & Crowley Award for Academic Excellence in the Study of Estate Planning, Honors Day, 2003
- Cali Excellence for the Future Award for Excellent Achievement in the Study of Estate Planning, 2003
- Best Paper, Estate Planning, 2002
- Who's Who: American Law Students, 2003
- Farrah Law Society

Research Topic: The Role of the Child's Attorney

Courses: Contracts I, Torts, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure, Legal Research/Writing I, Property, Contracts II, Constitutional Law, Personal Income Tax, Legal Research/Writing II, Children's Rights, Evidence, Decedents' Estates, Business Organizations, Legal Profession, Problems in Civil Procedure, Future Interests, Federal Estate and Gift Tax, Conflicts of Law, Environmental Law II, Payment Systems, Secured Transactions, Trial Advocacy I, Estate Planning, Laws of Banking, Will Drafting, Advanced Evidence, Trial Advocacy II Workshop, Family Law I, Administrative Law, and Income Tax Business Entities

1993

University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Master of Social Work

- Academic Excellence Award, Honors Day, 1993
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Recipient of State of Alabama Educational Stipend, 1991 – 1993

Specialization: Family and Children Services

Research Topics: Rural Health Care Crisis in Alabama, and Survey of Income Influenced Perceptions in Two Tuscaloosa Neighborhoods

Courses: Social Welfare Problems Serving the Profession, Personal Development and Social System Problems, Social Work Practice with Individuals and Groups, Social Work Practice with Communities, Policy Analysis of Social Indicators, Research Methods in Social Work, Field Education I, Budget and Information Systems, Psychopathology,

Social Work Experiential Research, Family Oriented Practice,
Legal Aspects Serving Children and Families,
Clinical and Administrative Supervision, Select Topics in Social Work Practice,
and Field Education II

University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama

1976

Bachelor of Science in Education

- Most Outstanding Home Economics Education Major Award, Honors Day, 1976
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Kappa Delta Epsilon

Service

National

2012-2014: American Association for Paralegal Education, National Access to Justice Task Force

State

2010-Present: Articulation and General Studies Committee, State of Alabama, Criminal Justice

Auburn

2011-2014: Insurance and Benefits Committee, Auburn University

AUM

2013-Present: AUM IRB Committee

2017-Present AUM Academic Honesty Committee

2015-2017, 2019: Member, Family Campaign Committee

2015-2018: Member, AUM Graduate Council

2014: AUM Faculty Advisory Committee

2012-2013: Parliamentarian of Faculty Senate

2012-2013: Member of Faculty Senate Rules Committee

2012: AUM Faculty Service Award Selection Committee

2012: AUM Strategic Plan, Advancement, Goal 5 Task Force

2011-2013: AUM Curriculum Committee

2010: AUM Goodwyn Hall Renovation Committee

College/School

2018-2020 Faculty Search Committee, Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work

2015-2017: Faculty Marshal for New Student Convocation, College of Public Policy and Justice

2011-2013: School of Sciences Curriculum Committee

2011-2013: School of Sciences Faculty Awards Committee

2010-2013: Science Policy Group

2010: Judge, School of Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium Posters

Criminal Justice

2009-Present: Director of Legal Studies, Criminal Justice

2009-Present: Director of Paralegal Programs, Criminal Justice

2009-Present: AUM liaison to American Bar Association; responsible for all action necessary to insure Legal Studies Programs comply with ABA standards, thereby ensuring continued ABA-approval of all Legal Studies Programs, including: Communications, reporting, program analysis, and Legal Studies Programs corrective actions

2009-Present: Chair, Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee

2010-2011: Chair, Faculty Search Committee

2012, 2016: Chair, Adjunct Search Committee

2009: Reinstated and reorganized Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee Meetings prior to American Bar Association Site Visit to ensure continued ABA approval of our Legal Studies Programs

2009-Present: Organize, conduct, and document biannual Legal Studies Advisory Committee Meetings

2009-Present: Faculty sponsor and advisor for Lambda Epsilon Chi, paralegal honor society, and the American Association for Paralegal Education

2009-Present: Faculty liaison to professional paralegal organizations: American Alliance of Professional Paralegals, Inc., and Montgomery Association of Legal Secretaries

2009-2010: Organized, conducted, and recorded Criminal Justice Faculty Meetings, including Legal Studies Faculty Meetings

2010-Present: Organize, conduct, and record Legal Studies Faculty Meetings

2011: Faculty Marshal, Spring Semester Graduation, 2011

2010 - 2013: Judge, National Christian Forensics and Communications Association

Region VII Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament,
Montgomery

Teaching and Director of Legal Studies and Paralegal Programs

- Completed continuing legal education approved by the Alabama State Bar, at least 12 hours, annually, including one hour of ethics, 2004-present
- Completed American Bar Association Approval Academy Webinar, June 2016
- Completed American Bar Association Approval Academy, June 2014
- Completed American Bar Association Online Training, June 2012
- Completed American Bar Association Approval Academy, June 2011
- Completed Writing across the Curriculum Training, 2010-2012
- Developed and taught Writing Intensive Course beginning 2012-present
- Developed Minor in Legal Studies, 2011
- Completed extensive Blackboard training and completed online teaching certification, 2010, and complete annually additional Faculty Development Institute training sessions and maintain online teaching certification
- Developed and continue to teach online courses, 2009-present
- Attended AUM and ACHE OER Workshop, 2018
- Organized and completed all work required for ABA Site Team on-site visit, 2016.
- Researched, composed, and submitted the American Bar Association Reapplication required for continued ABA approval of AUM Legal Studies Paralegal Programs, 2014
- Researched, composed, and submitted the American Bar Association Interim Report required for continued ABA approval of AUM Legal Studies Paralegal Programs, 2011 & 2018
- Completed extensive work on the American Bar Association Site Team visit, a part of ABA re-approval of paralegal education programs, 2009
- Implemented and completed corrective action and communicated extensively with the American Bar Association post Site Visit, which included researched analyses, regarding program compliance issues, which resulted in ABA re-approval of our programs, 2009 – 2010
- Complete Legal Studies Programs evaluation with Institutional Effectiveness to ensure SACS accreditation compliance; Programs serving as test cases for upcoming AUM SACS review, 2012 – present compliance
- Routinely evaluate and implement corrective action required in Legal Studies Programs to ensure continued American Bar Association approval of all Legal Studies Programs changes, as well as implement all corrective action Necessary in Legal Studies Programs, thereby ensuring continued that Programs comply with ABA standards
- Attended Graduation Marshals' Dinner, Spring Semester 2013
- Served as Faculty Marshall, CPPJ, Orientation, Fall Semester 2015 and Fall Semester 2016

Courses

- Introduction to the American Legal System (Summer Semester 2018, Fall Semester 2018, Spring Semester 2019, Summer Semester 2019, and Fall Semester 2019, Spring Semester 2020, Summer Semester 2020, and Fall Semester 2020, Spring Semester 2021)
- Legal Writing, Undergraduate and Graduate Sections (Fall Semester 2009, Spring Semester 2010, Spring Semester 2011, Spring Semester 2012, Spring Semester 2014, Spring Semester 2015, Spring Semester 2016, Spring Semester 2017 and Spring Semester 2018, Spring Semester 2020, Spring Semester 2021)
- Legal Research, Undergraduate and Graduate Sections (Fall Semester 2009, Spring Semester 2010, Fall Semester 2010, Fall Semester 2011, Fall Semester 2014, Fall Semester 2015, Fall Semester 2016, Fall Semester 2017, and Fall Semester 2018)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution, Undergraduate and Graduate Sections (Spring Semester 2010, Summer Semester 2010, Fall Semester 2010, Spring Semester 2011, Fall Semester 2011, Spring Semester 2012, WI Fall Semester 2012, WI Spring Semester 2013, WI Fall Semester 2013, WI Summer

Semester 2014, WI Fall Semester 2014, WI Spring Semester 2015, WI Summer Semester 2015, and WI Fall Semester 2015, Summer Semester 2016, Fall Semester 2016, Spring Semester 2017, Fall Semester 2017, Spring Semester 2018, Fall Semester 2018, Spring Semester 2019, Fall Semester 2019, and Fall Semester 2020)

- Court and Judicial Administration, Undergraduate and Graduate Sections (Spring Semester 2009, Summer Semester 2010, Summer Semester 2011, Summer Semester 2012, Summer 2013, Summer Semester 2014, Summer Semester 2015, Spring Semester 2017, Fall Semester 2019, and Fall Semester 2020)
- Civil Litigation, Undergraduate and Graduate Sections (Fall 2012)
- Juvenile Justice Law, Undergraduate Section (Summer Semester 2015, Summer Semester 2016, Summer Semester 2017, Summer Semester 2018, Summer Semester 2019, and Summer Semester 2020)
- Paralegal Studies/Legal Ethics, Undergraduate and Graduate Sections, (Spring Semester, 2009)
- Real Estate Law, Undergraduate Section (Summer Semester 2011 and Summer Semester 2013)
- Family Law, Undergraduate Section (Summer Semester 2012)
- Probate, Wills, Estates & Trusts, Undergraduate Section (Fall Semester 2009 and Spring Semester 2016.
- Internship, Undergraduates and Graduates (Spring Semester 2010, Fall Semester 2011, Spring Semester 2012, and Fall Semester 2013)

**Additional
Professional
Experience**

2006 – 2007 Shumaker & Associates
Centre, Alabama

Attorney at Law

- General Practice of Law with an Emphasis on Estate Planning, Probate, and Property Transactions
- Worked Daily with Paralegals

1979 and 1980 Burns, Shumaker & Davis
Centre, Alabama

Law Clerk

- Legal Research and Writing: Briefs, Pleadings, Drafted Discovery Documents, and Drafted Motions and Orders
- Client Interviews
- Assisted Counsel at Trial, At Pretrial Conferences, and At Depositions
- Paralegal Duties
- Supervised Paralegal and Support Staff

1986 – 1992 V. Lee Pelfrey, Jr.,
Attorney at Law
Troy, Alabama

Law Clerk

- Paralegal Work
- Secretarial Duties and Supervision Including Computer Entry, Legal Budgeting, And Accounting

1984 – 1997 Pike County Department of Human Resources
Troy, Alabama

1981 – 1984 Barbour County Department of Human Resources
Clayton, Alabama

Social Worker

- Resource Development Coordinator
- Quality Assurance Coordinator
- Caseworker: Service Intake, Child Support, AFDC, Medicaid, Food Stamps

1976 – 1977 Burns, Shumaker & Davis
Centre, Alabama

Office Manager

- Supervised Secretarial and Support Staff

- Paralegal Work
- Clerical and General Bookkeeping Duties

1980 – 1981 First United Methodist Church

Secretary Troy, Alabama

- Typing and General Administrative Duties in Scheduling Church Affairs

1973 McElrath Construction Company

Office Manager Cedar Bluff, Alabama

- Supervised Secretarial and Support Staff
- General Bookkeeping and Clerical Duties