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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia PA

Director, Legal Writing Center for International Programs,
Practice Professor of Law, 2026–present
Assistant Professor of Practice, 2022–2026
Adjunct Professor, Spring 2022

Courses taught: Legal Research and Writing I & II, Introduction to the American Legal System, Introduction to Transactional Skills

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY – HARRISBURG, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Harrisburg, PA

Adjunct Professor, 2017–2022

Courses taught: Civil Liberties & Due Process, American Constitutional Law, International Law, American Judicial Behavior

EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), with honors, 2014

- SJD Thesis: “*Goodwill Indemnity in Franchising: The European Goodwill Recoupment Doctrine as a Framework for American Franchise Relationships.*” Available at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3015515>

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2008

WESTFÄLISCHE WILHELMS-UNIVERSITÄT MÜNSTER, Münster, GERMANY

Master of Laws (LL.M.), *summa cum laude*, 2006

- Thesis: “*Der Handelsvertreter im deutschen Recht mit einem Einblick in die türkischen Vorschriften.*”
(The Commercial Agent in German Law with an Overview of Turkish Regulations.)

GAZI UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Ankara, TURKEY

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TOLAY LAW, New York, NY

Founder and Principal, 2017–present

Counsel domestic and international clients on business transactions, M&A, regulatory compliance, and business and employment visa strategies.

DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, Harrisburg, PA

Pro Bono Staff Attorney, 2016–2021

Represented low-income individuals in family law and expungement matters.

ENTIUM TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS, LLC, Valley Forge, PA

Foreign Legal Consultant, 2015–2016

Drafted multi-jurisdictional document retention/destruction policies under German and Turkish law.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA

Writing Advisor & Instructor, 2010–2013

Taught Legal Research and Writing I & II to international LL.M. students

Collaborator & Teaching Assistant, 2009–2012

Taught Contracts to first-year JD students and international LL.M. students

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & GUEST LECTURES

Head Start to the American Legal System, Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, Temple Rome, Rome, Italy, June 19–21, 2025

Designing Effective LLM Curricula for International Practitioners, Global Legal Skills XVII Conference, Brno, Czechia, May 30, 2025

Inclusive Legal Writing: Adapting the JD Model for a Global Audience, Global Legal Skills Conference XVI Edition, Bari, Italy, June 6, 2024.

ABD ve Almanya'da Lisansüstü Hukuk Eğitimi ve Avukatlık, 10. Kariyer Günleri, Kırklareli Üniversitesi, Hukuk Fakültesi, March 2021.

Franchising and Goodwill Indemnity: The European Commercial Agency Directive as a Framework for American Franchise Relationships, The Annual Mid-Atlantic SJD Roundtable, American University Washington College of Law, December 2013

Goodwill Indemnity in European Agency Law: Implications for U.S. Intermediaries, New Perspectives on Comparative Law Conference, Robert H. McKinney School of Law, April 2013

The Turkish Legal System, International Law Society, Temple University Beasley School of Law, February 2012

RECOGNITIONS

Dauphin County Bar Association, Harrisburg, PA, *Pro Bono Honor Roll and Recognition*, 2017; *Pro Bono Recognition*, 2018

LAW SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Temple University Beasley School of Law

Graduation Prizes Committee (Chair, 2025–present; Member, 2022–2025)

SJD Committee (Member, 2022–present)

International Programs Committee (Member, 2022–present)

Temple University

Faculty Senate (Representative, 2025–present)

Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg

Pre-Law Program (Advisor, 2019–2022)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, Section of Business Law, Forum on Franchising

Legal Writing Institute

Global Legal Skills Institute

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native); German (advanced); French (basic)

BAR ADMISSION

New York