

# Tina Huddleson

Adjunct Professor | Licenced Attorney

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## CAREER OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

Growing up in a small, impoverished farming community shaped my love for hands-on learning from a young age. An interest in service and making social connections with people from diverse backgrounds led me to study Spanish, International Relations, and Sociology at the undergraduate level. From there, witnessing educational disparities and social injustices further propelled me to pursue my law degree.

I am passionate about serving my community, both through direct service and teaching. I'm passionate about research and writing, not only because I love learning and expanding my understanding of the world around me, but because of the meaningful connections it allows me to build with my colleagues and community. Teaching has enabled me to share that love of learning with others, while continuing to expand my own knowledge and perspective, and also experience the joy of collaborating with students as they pursue their own passions and explore their interconnectivity within the educational community and the world beyond.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Adjunct Professor | University of Central Arkansas | Aug. 2021–May 2022; Aug. 2024–Present**

- Taught First-Year Writing (Introduction to College Writing and Academic Writing & Research)
- Compiled reading assignments, created slides and handouts, and employed small-group activities
- Used real-world examples to review (and teach) commonly misused elements of grammar and punctuation
- Sourced and created lessons to enhance student reflection about their identity and their place in the community, including topics of code switching, social and cultural identity, and intellectual humility

### **Lead Learner | Harmony Homeschool Cooperative | Aug. 2016–March 2020**

- Led classes on Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Forensic Science, Mock Trial, Beginner Spanish, World History, Literature, and Composition for high-school-aged students
- Engaged students in critical thinking, examining the structure of governmental and societal systems, and researching various philosophical theories of society formation and jurisprudence
- Taught both persuasive and informational writing strategies, including ethical considerations around the omission of facts and shaping of narratives with real-world examples
- Facilitated student-led exercises of pre-trial and trial scenarios where students studied fact patterns, crafted interrogatories, interviewed witnesses, memorized rules of procedure, researched and chose appropriate trial strategies, and simulated court proceedings

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Attorney | Law Offices of David Davies, PLLC | June 2013–Jan. 2024**

- Practiced law in the Central Arkansas area, focusing mainly on elder law, veteran's law, and Medicaid
- Led informational presentations about veterans' benefits and preventative estate planning issues
- Supervised and trained multiple legal assistants and an office manager
- Handled court appearances for probate matters, guardianships, and various criminal and civil cases
- Wrote contracts and rent-to-own agreements for the sale of real property

### **Attorney | Tackett Legal, PLLC | Nov. 2011–June 2013**

- Practiced law in the Central Arkansas area, focusing mainly on family law, criminal law, and appeals

### **Deputy Reporter of Decisions | Arkansas Supreme Court | Nov. 2009–Aug. 2011**

- Proofread legal opinions for grammatical, citation, and technical errors
- Researched and answered clerks' and judges' questions regarding applicable law and citations
- Provided continuing legal education training and seminars regarding citation and grammar, as well as training for the new online Arkansas opinions database
- Finalized and published opinions to the online database
- Co-authored and edited the House Style Guide as a reference for court attorneys and staff

### **Hearing Officer | Arkansas Appeals Tribunal | Aug. 2009–Nov. 2009**

- Conducted telephone hearings for parties appealing the granting or denial of unemployment benefits
- Interrogated witnesses, recorded pertinent testimony, and explained procedures to involved parties
- Analyzed the facts and issues of each case, researched applicable case law, and wrote formal opinions explaining my rulings

## **EDUCATION**

### **Juris Doctor | July 2009**

UALR Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, AR  
Highest Honors, Law Review  
Class Rank: 4/123

### **Bachelor's Degree, Spanish | 2004**

Harding University, Searcy, AR  
Member of Honors College  
Magna Cum Laude

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Technology:** fluent in Microsoft Office, Zoom, Google Suite, Canva, and Blackboard

**Conflict resolution:** trained as a mediator in interpersonal, domestic, and business contexts

**Spanish:** upper-intermediate fluency with written and oral communication, professional editing experience, and translating experience in Latin America

**Licensed to practice law in Arkansas since 2009**

**Presented continuing legal education on the online publication of Arkansas legal opinions**

**Received highest rank ("Top Paper") in the following classes:**

Research, Writing, & Analysis | Property Law | Civil Procedure II | Law & Psychiatry

**Law Review member and Associate Research Editor**

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS**

**Volunteer with Central Arkansas Legal Services**

**Advocate for neurodiversity awareness and special-education access**

**Former CASA volunteer for the 20th Judicial District and foster parent**

**Experienced volunteer translator in Cuba and Venezuela, as well as various local organizations**

**Former volunteer grant writer for COHO**

**Former volunteer with the Conway Animal Welfare Unit and foster for Mayflower Animal Shelter**

**Volunteer prop maker, lobby decorator, and sometimes actor with Red Curtain Theater**