

Tina Huddleson, J.D.

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CAREER OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

Growing up in a small 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 inequalities in access to opportunities and resources further propelled me to pursue my law degree.

I am passionate about serving my community, both through direct service and teaching. I'm also 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, students, 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

Visiting Lecturer | University of Central Arkansas | Aug. 2025–Present

- Taught courses within both the Honors College and the Honors Program, including Core I, Search for Meaning, and Oxford Tutorial
- Oversaw students working on their capstone projects to ensure access to appropriate resources, answer questions, give guidance in research skills, and work through unexpected issues with research questions or data collection
- Coordinated between faculty mentors and students to enable timely completion of milestones within the capstone project and give guidance where needed

Adjunct Professor | University of Central Arkansas | Aug. 2021–May 2022; Aug. 2024–May 2025

- 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 like 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