

## MARY L. PERRY

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### EDUCATION

#### **Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri**

J.D.; Class Rank - 1/192; Order of the Coif; Primary Notes & Comments Editor - *Washington University Law Quarterly*.

Hitchcock Prize - best student note written for the *Washington University Law Quarterly*; Alumni Association Prize; Breckenridge Scholarship Prize; American Jurisprudence Awards: Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law II, Evidence, Family Law, Insurance, Property, Remedies, UCC: Article II.

#### **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois**

Master of Science; Mathematics; GPA - 4.0/4.0

#### **Fontbonne College, St. Louis, Missouri**

Bachelor of Arts; Mathematics; GPA - 3.96/4.0

### EMPLOYMENT

#### **Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO**

June 2007-Present

Director of Externships & Lecturer in Law

- Created a highly-popular course—Practical Legal Writing & Analysis for Litigators—that focuses on pushing student writing to a more sophisticated level; taught other courses such as Remedies, Federal Jurisdiction, and Criminal Law.
- Designed special courses—Fundamentals of Civil Procedure and U.S. Legal Methods—to prepare foreign students for law school success.
- Developed and implemented professional-development curriculum for students participating in full-time externships; provided career counseling, including instruction on networking.
- Spoke with supervisors regarding student performance and designed plans for addressing concerns and advancing student professional growth.
- In response to student desire for additional instruction on legal writing, designed and taught an 8-hour refresher on legal writing.
- Coordinated with and oversaw adjunct faculty; instituted adjunct training and adjunct-appreciation events; streamlined communication with adjuncts.
- Directed the school's Graduate Tax Program: created and obtained faculty approval of a six-semester joint J.D./LL.M. degree.
- Stayed abreast of research and literature on fostering professional development and educating millennials.

#### **Schlichter, Bogard & Denton, St. Louis, MO**

June 2006-June 2007

Of Counsel

- Drafted respondent's brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States and argued for respondent in *Norfolk Southern Ry. v. Sorrell*.
- Drafted trial court briefs in ERISA class-action litigation and appellate briefs in FELA cases.

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**Mary L. Perry Law**, Berkeley, CA & Clayton, MO Aug. 2004-June 2006  
Solo Appellate Attorney

- Specialized in the drafting of trial court, arbitration, mediation, and appellate pleadings and briefs.

**Reed Smith, LLP**, Oakland, CA May 2003-Aug. 2004  
Of Counsel – Appellate Department

- Drafted motions for summary judgment, post-trial motions, appellate briefs (for appellant and appellee/respondent), petitions for writ relief and amicus curiae briefs for filing in state and federal court on a wide variety of subject matters.

**California Court of Appeal**, San Francisco, California Jan. 1997- April 2003  
Research Attorney for Honorable Barbara J.R. Jones & Honorable Paul R. Haerle

- Analyzed trial record; provided legal research and analysis; wrote memoranda; drafted proposed opinions in criminal and civil cases.

**United States Attorney's Office**, Los Angeles, CA Aug. 1994-June 1996  
Assistant United States Attorney - Civil Division

- Defended federal employees, federal agencies and the United States in Title VII actions and common law tort and constitutional tort actions.
- Conducted and responded to discovery; took and defended depositions.
- Drafted and argued motions; wrote appellate briefs and argued appeals.

**The Honorable Cynthia H. Hall** Aug. 1993-July 1994  
**United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit**, Pasadena, California  
Judicial Clerk

- Performed legal research and analysis; drafted proposed opinions.
- Analyzed opinions drafted by other chambers; reviewed requests for rehearing en banc.

**The Honorable George F. Gunn, Jr.** Aug. 1991-July 1993  
**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri**, St. Louis, MO  
Judicial Clerk

- Drafted orders; provided advice on questions that arose mid-trial.

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Missouri, California

## PRESENTATIONS

Mary L. Perry & Kendall L. Kerew, "Meeting with a Purpose: Making the Most out of Student-Faculty Meetings," conference on "Building on Common Ground: Externships, Clinics and Practice-Based Legal Education," Cleveland, Ohio (Mar. 6, 2016).

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

James Martin & Mary L. Perry, *Play Safe: Strictly Construe Time Limits for Filing Writs*, S.F. Daily J., Mar. 3, 2004, at 5.

Mary Perry & Paul D. Fogel, *Court Must Put Specification of Reasons and Order in Writing*, S.F. Daily J., Nov. 5, 2003, at 5.

Michael Kahn, Todd Aschbacher & Mary Perry, *The Missouri Franchise Act: Much Ado About Nothing*, St. Louis B.J., Winter 1991, at 24.

Note, *Judicial Creation of an Economic Requirement Under RICO: Time to Dismantle the Barricade*, 68 Wash. U.L.Q. 1021(1990).