Beth Jennings

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University of Utah, College of Law - Faust Law Library

Salt Lake City, UT 2019 - present

Head of Circulation

Assistant Librarian, Adjunct Professor of Law

- Worked closely with law school faculty to provide research and resources faculty to support instruction and scholarly publications.
- Provided reference and research instruction to faculty, lawyers, students and community patrons via face-to-face and virtual modes.
- Updated and maintained LibGuides product.
- Maintained borrowing and lending of library materials through interlibrary loan (ILL).
- Stayed current with best practices and trends in information literacy, reference, and diversity.

Wharton O'Brien, PLLC

Salt Lake City, UT

Associate Attorney

2018 - 2019

- Drafting pleadings and other legal documents in compliance with court rules and Utah state statutes.
- Advocating for client interests in court appearances, mediation, and settlement conferences.
- Meeting with new and existing clients to develop legal strategies.
- Providing legal research assistance to firm partners regarding ongoing litigation.

Utah State Law Library

Salt Lake City, UT

Reference Librarian

July 2015 - September 2016

- Provided reference service to a variety of library customers, including members of the public, court staff and members of the judiciary.
- Met the information needs of library customers from a variety of racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, sexual orientation, and dis/ability communities.
- Collaborated with coworkers to plan and carry out library programming and outreach.
- Managed, repaired, circulated and tracked library materials.
- Ensured compliance to library policies related to financial record-keeping and reporting.

University of St. Thomas

Minneapolis, MN

Juris Doctor, Received 2014
Presidential Scholarship Recipient

Pratt Institute New York, NY

Masters of Science – Library and Information Science, Received 2007

University of Nevada Reno

Reno, NV

Bachelor of Science - Cell and Molecular Biology, Received 2002

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Publications

Bethany Mills Jennings, *Serving Trans Patrons in Public Law Libraries*. AALL Spectrum, July/August 2017.

Presentations

#INCLUDETHEIRSTORIES: Rethinking, Reimagining, and Reshaping Legal Education. Utah Law Review Symposium. Symposium proposal accepted, March 2021. Symposium scheduled, November 2021.

Using Kialo to Teach Online. Tech Talk: Tech for the Virtual and Hybrid Environments. Teaching the Teachers Conference. Presenter, December 2020.

Self-representation for Legal Name and Gender Marker Changes in Utah. Genderevolution Conference. Presenter, November 2019.

Red State Rebuttal: Advocating for LGBT Clients in Conservative Regions. Panelist and moderator, August 2019.

Diversity Symposium. American Association of Law Librarians Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. Panelist, July 2017.

Grants, Contracts & Research Gifts

1U4U: Increasing Access to Special Education and Disability Legal Information for Refugee, Immigrant and Native Utahns. Pl: Lezlie Frye. Co-Pl: Beth Jennings. Project budget: \$30,000. Funded March 2020. Ongoing.

Professional Service

SJ Quinney College of Law, Diversity, *Equity, and Inclusion Committee*, Member, July 2020 - present.

Pro Bono Service. *Volunteer attorney, Pro Bono Initiative: Rainbow Law Clinic.* 2019 - present. Pro Bono Service. *Volunteer attorney, Utah Bar: Virtual Pro Bono Clinic.* 2020 - present.

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Professional Licenses & Affiliations

- Licensed attorney, Utah State Bar Association.
- Member, American Association of Law Librarians.
- Licensed teacher, State of New Jersey. Permanent licesnse.

In the Media

Julie Jag, For Parents Overwhelmed by Glut of Online Activities for Kids, There are Ways to Personalize Options, Salt Lake Tribune (April 24, 2020),

https://www.sltrib.com/news/education/2020/04/24/parents-overwhelmed-by/.