

Marie A. Maney, Esq.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Legal educator and former practicing attorney with almost three decades of experience spanning legal education, estate planning and administration, elder law, civil litigation, and real estate. Current Visiting Professor of Practice at Wilmington University Farnan School of Law, teaching Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II, and Wills, Trusts & Estates. Extensive experience teaching legal courses in traditional and online learning environments. Committed to practice-focused, student-centered legal education that develops critical thinking, legal analysis, professional judgment, legal writing, and practice-ready skills.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Wilmington University Farnan School of Law
Wilmington, Delaware

July 2026–Present

Visiting Professor of Practice - Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II, and Wills, Trusts, and Estates

- **Legal Writing 1:** Teach foundational legal research and writing through a student-centered, practice-focused approach. Use practical exercises, realistic legal scenarios, and individualized feedback to help students develop legal analysis, organization, research, and professional writing skills related to objective office memoranda. Emphasize the connection between classroom instruction and the written work students will perform in legal practice.
- **Legal Writing 2:** Build on students' foundational research and writing skills through increasingly complex, advocacy-oriented assignments based on realistic legal scenarios. Guided students through advanced legal research, analysis, and drafting persuasive arguments with individualized feedback. Introduced oral advocacy and finished the semester with an oral argument and live professor feedback.
- **Wills, Trusts, and Estates:** Teach substantive principles of wills, trusts, and estates through a practice-focused approach that connects legal doctrine to the realities of estate planning, administration, and wealth transfer. Use personal and practical examples and application-based instruction to help students develop the analytical and problem-solving skills necessary to apply these principles in practice.

Wilmington University Farnan School of Law
Wilmington, Delaware

Spring 2026

Adjunct Faculty – Legal Writing II

- Built on students' foundational research and writing skills through increasingly complex, practice-oriented assignments that required persuasive arguments using realistic legal scenarios. Guide students through advanced legal research, analysis, and drafting persuasive arguments with individualized feedback. Introduce oral advocacy and finish the semester with an oral argument with live feedback.

Saint Joseph's University, Haub School of Business
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 2017–December 2025

Adjunct Faculty

- Taught Legal Environment of Business I to undergraduate and graduate business students.
- Instructed students in foundational legal principles involving the intersection of business with constitutional law, contracts, agency, torts, business organizations, administrative law, and employment law.
- Facilitated classroom engagement and critical thinking through case studies, real-world applications, and interactive discussion.

Peirce College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Adjunct Faculty – Legal Studies Department (ABA Compliant)

Fall 2017–May 2021; Winter/Spring 2025

- Taught a broad range of core and advanced legal subjects in on-campus and online formats.
- Courses included Estate Law, Family Law, Contract Law, Real Estate Law, Tort Law, Legal Writing and Legal Research, Legal Technology, Advanced Legal Technology, and Capstone.
- Integrated practical skills and legal knowledge through case studies and real-world applications.
- Adapted instruction to diverse learning environments and student populations.
- Promoted critical thinking, legal analysis, professional readiness, and practical application of legal concepts.

Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey
Adjunct Faculty – Arts & Communication Department

2003

- Taught Public Speaking to undergraduate and certificate students.
- Developed students' verbal communication, presentation, audience engagement, persuasive communication, and active listening skills.
- Fostered a supportive classroom environment emphasizing positivity, critical thinking, and professional communication.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Legal Writing and Legal Research • Advanced Legal Writing and Research • Wills, Trusts & Estates • Estate Planning and Administration Skills • Elder Law • Contracts • Torts • Professional Skills

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Petrelli Previtera, LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Associate Attorney

June 2025–June 2026

- Worked with firm management to develop the firm's estate law practice, including strategic planning, client outreach, and service integration.
- Advised clients regarding estate planning strategies, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and advance healthcare directives.
- Managed probate and estate administration matters, guiding executors and beneficiaries through complex legal and fiduciary processes.
- Represented clients in estate-related litigation, including will contests, fiduciary disputes, and claims involving undue influence and lack of capacity.
- Collaborated with family law attorneys to develop holistic legal solutions for clients navigating divorce and custody matters.
- Deliver educational seminars promoting estate planning awareness and community engagement.

Posternock Apell, Moorestown, New Jersey
Associate Attorney

April 2023–May 2025

- Drafted comprehensive estate plans, including wills, powers of attorney, living wills, revocable living trusts, and irrevocable trusts.
- Assisted clients with estate administration, including fiduciary accountings and New Jersey Inheritance Tax Returns.
- Represented clients in estate litigation, including contested and uncontested guardianships, will contests, and admission of defective wills to probate.
- Assisted firm shareholders with development of Estate Department procedures and policies designed to improve workflow and efficiency.

Scott Counsel, Cherry Hill, New Jersey
Senior Associate Attorney

May 2021–January 2023

- Managed day-to-day operations of a small elder law and estate planning practice.
- Collaborated with the Director of Operations to develop efficient office procedures and policies.
- Designed and implemented Life Resource Plans addressing estate planning, asset protection, and Medicaid applications.
- Represented proposed guardians in adult guardianship proceedings.
- Oversaw probate and estate administration matters.
- Collaborated with marketing leadership on community outreach and development of referral relationships.

Litchfield Cavo, Cherry Hill, New Jersey
Insurance Defense Litigation Associate

October 2005–January 2017

- Represented insureds in civil matters including labor and employment disputes, employment discrimination, workplace harassment, toxic torts, accountant malpractice, products liability, construction defects, motor vehicle accidents, commercial trucking accidents, and premises liability.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & COMMUNITY TEACHING

- Delivered continuing education seminars for social workers on estate planning and related legal issues.
- Presented educational programs to senior citizens and residents of assisted living communities on estate planning, Medicaid myths, and senior scams.
- Delivered educational seminars concerning estate planning to promote public awareness and community engagement.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey Bar, admitted 1997; Pennsylvania Bar, admitted 1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Burlington County Bar Association (NJ)
- Camden County Bar Association (NJ)
- St. Joseph's University Adjunct and Visiting Faculty Council, 2019 – 2021
- St. Joseph's University Adjunct and Visiting Faculty Association, 2018 – 2025
- Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, Pardon Coach

LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP & EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Atlantic Law Journal, Article Editor, Volumes 22 and 23
- Atlantic Law Journal, Staff Editor, Volumes 20 and 21

TECHNOLOGY & INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEMS

Canvas Learning Management System • Blackboard Learning Management System • Microsoft Office Suite • MyCase • WealthCounsel • Elder Docs • Estateably • Trustate

EDUCATION

**Widener University School of Law, n/k/a Widener
University Commonwealth Law School
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Juris Doctor, cum laude**

May 1997

- Widener Scholar – Full Three-Year Academic Scholarship
- Moot Court Honor Society; Board Member
- Certificate of Achievement, Property II
- Certificate of Achievement, Wills, Trusts & Estates

**University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania
B.S., Political Science and Philosophy**

May 1994

- Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program