#### BETH L. HAAS, ESQUIRE

# Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Online Education

## Associate Professor of Law

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## **Professional Experience**

## Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Online Education June 2017- Present

Direct strategy for and manage daily operations of the Law School's 190-student online and residential Master of Legal Studies program, related graduate certificates, and two LL.M programs

- Design, oversee, and implement curriculum
- Hire and train all faculty and advise faculty on course development, pedagogy, assessment, and online teaching
- Supervise instructional design staff and student academic advisor
- Evaluate quality of all courses and faculty
- Collaborate with Office of Student Affairs to develop and implement program policies
- Serve as Dean of Students for academic and disciplinary matters
- Develop and implement cross-disciplinary partnerships within the University
- Develop strategic external partnerships in disciplines related to the degrees and concentrations
- Collaborate with marketing team on strategy and communications to attract students

Associate Professor of Law Adjunct Professor of Law August 2010 - Present August 2008-2010

### **Courses:**

- Torts (4 credits)
- Evidence (4 credits; face-to-face and online)
- Professional Responsibility (3 credits; face-to-face and online)
- Products Liability (3 credits)
- Introduction to Interviewing, Negotiation and Counseling (1-2 credits simulation course)

#### **Additional Administrative Roles**

Member, Accreditation Committee (2018-present)

Chair, Committee on Academic Standing (Readmissions)(2013-2015)

Member, Appointments Committee (2015- present)

Liaison to University Committee on Curricular Intellectual Property & Ownership Issues (2016)

Online Learning Council Faculty Fellow (2015-18)

#### Blank Rome LLP

January 1999 - May 2010

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Partner, Litigation Department

Products Liability/Mass Tort/Insurance Practice Group

Extensive federal and state court litigation practice, with particular emphasis on liability defense of high-profile aviation accidents and chemical toxic torts along with related insurance coverage and risk management issues

Firm Administration and Professional Development Experience:

- Chair, Blank Rome Women's Initiative
- Member, Recruitment and Retention Committee
- Member, Knowledge Management Committee
- Mentor, Associate Mentoring Committee

#### Cozen O'Connor

September 1994 – December 1999

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Associate, Products Liability Litigation

- Chair, Associates Committee
- Member, Hiring Committee

#### Education

Villanova University School of Law, Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May 1994 Associate Editor, *Villanova Law Review* Received Faculty Nomination to Moot Court Board Associate Legal Writing Instructor

University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, May 1991 Minor in English Literature

### **Philanthropic Service**

Living Beyond Breast Cancer (LBBC) Board of Directors

- Secretary (2014-16)
- Chair, Board Governance Committee (2013-15)
- Co-Chair, Butterfly Ball (2012 annual fundraising gala)

Settlement Music School

Co-Founder and Chair Emeritus, Young Friends
Co-Chair, Benefactors Committee, Settlement Music School 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala
Co-Chair, Kaleidoscope Ball, Settlement Music School 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala
Co-Chair, Gala Program Ad Book, Settlement Music School 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

#### **Admitted to Practice**

Pennsylvania, November 1994 New Jersey, December 1994 (through 2011) United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1995 United States District Court, District of New Jersey, December 1994 United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 2001

## **Professional Organizations**

Working Group (National) on Distance Learning in Legal Education Investigator, Philadelphia Bar Association Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention Member, National Association for Law Placement Member, American Bar Association Member, Philadelphia Bar Association Member, Aviation Insurance Association

#### **Publications**

Recent Developments in Aviation Law, 2003 Update, for Aviation Insurance Association's 2003 Annual Conference

Mass Immunizations, Learned Intermediaries, and the Manufacturers' Duty to Warn, 38 Villanova Law Review 1297 (1993)

### **Awards and Recognition**

Recipient, Outstanding Online Faculty Award, Drexel University Online (2014) Settlement Music School, "Settlement 100" Honoree, May 2008