

Kevin M. Zielinski

Juris Doctor

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Recent law school graduate and current Clinical Associate Professor at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale (SIUC), seeking reappointment to teach FIN 270 at SIU–Carbondale; a current legal research fellow for the Milwaukee-based think-tank [Institute for Reforming Government](#) (IRG), producing data-driven analyses on regulatory design, separation of powers, and economic governance that enrich classroom discussions of how law shapes markets and firm behavior.

Over six-years of one-to-one and small-group instruction across various grade levels and academic disciplines—both in person and online—through self-driven [entrepreneurial tutoring venture](#) and platforms including Varsity Tutors, Chegg Tutors, Club Z! Tutoring, and Tutor Doctor-Chicago.

Proven record of building rigorous, student-centered courses, crafting clear assessments and rubrics, and translating complex doctrine into practical decision frameworks for future managers. Dedicated to fostering analytical thinking, clear communication, and ethical reasoning in future business leaders. Prepared to contribute immediately with high-quality teaching and adaptable to expanding course responsibilities in Business Law I and II.

TUTORING PROFILE

[Kevin Zielinski Test Preparation](#)

PERSONAL WEBSITE

[Kevin M. Zielinski](#)

LINKEDIN PROFILE

[LinkedIn](#)

TEACHING & LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Counsel for Legal Reform & Oversight

Institute for Reforming Government, Delafield, WI

Nov. 2025 – Present

- Serve as legal researcher for IRG's Court Watch Initiative, including:
 - Reviewing and summarizing oral arguments before the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, as well as key case briefings.
 - Tracking state court cases at all levels and maintaining an up-to-date judicial scorecard for appellate and Supreme Court justices.
 - Identifying judicial trends and assessing their policy implications.
 - Conduct comprehensive legal research and analysis for IRG's Court Watch Initiative
- Conduct legal and policy research to inform IRG's reform initiatives and oversight projects.
- Support IRG's Center for Investigative Oversight (CIO) through activity, including:
 - Tracking and analyzing administrative rulemaking,
 - Reviewing executive orders,
 - Evaluating state agencies,
 - Preparing and submitting public records requests,
 - Analyzing returned documents to inform oversight and reform initiatives.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Finance

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

Aug. 2025 – Present

College of Business & Analytics | School of Analytics, Finance, and Economics

- Instructor for FIN 270: *Legal and Social Environment of Business*.
- Tasked with designing and delivering the full curriculum, including lectures, assessments, and evaluations for undergraduate students on legal principles in business.
- Continuously adapt to the needs of students, stay after class to answer individual students' questions, and reach out to those students who may be struggling.
- Communicate consistently and clearly upcoming topics, assessments, And course expectations to students during lectures and online through email and Canvas.
- **Teaching Effectiveness**
 - **Overall Instructor Rating:** 4.6/5.0 (FIN 270, Spring 2025)
 - **Course Recommendation Rate:** 94% of students would recommend this instructor
 - Strong student feedback emphasizing rigor, clarity, and applied legal reasoning
- **Selected Student Feedback:**
 - "Clear, engaging, and practical—this course finally made business law make sense."
 - "Challenging but fair exams that tested real understanding, not memorization."
 - "Instructor connected legal theory to real-world business situations extremely well."

Hamilton Roddis Court Watch Fellow*Institute for Reforming Government, Delafield, WI**May 2025 – Nov. 2025*

- Co-Author, [*IRG Court Watch Report: Wisconsin Supreme Court Term in Review*](#), July 2025.
- Brief for Center for American Rights Amicus Curiae, [*United States v. Dugan*](#), No. 2:25-cr-89 (E.D. Wis. June 9, 2025).
- Co-Author, [*Judicial Immunity in Wisconsin Has Limitations Attached to the Role of a Judge*](#), May 28, 2025.

Instructor Intro to Law | Project Upward Bound*Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL**Jun 2024 – Jul 2024*

- Designed and taught a 6-week syllabus on foundational legal concepts to a cohort of 13 diverse high school students, fostering an early interest in the legal field.
- Provided career guidance through mentorship programs for aspiring professionals.
- Created innovative lesson plans and activities that engaged learners at all levels.
- Incorporated current events into lessons in order to make connections between real world issues and course material.
- Organized and facilitated group discussions to promote critical thinking skills.

Legal Intern*Crossroad Legal, LLC, Glen Carbon, IL**Feb 2025 - May 2025*

- Drafted successful FOID appeals documents, achieving client reinstatements.
- Conducted comprehensive case research, contributed articles on Second Amendment rights & Illinois firearm policies.
- Conducted legal research and analysis in areas relevant to company's business operations.
- Researched pertinent laws and regulations to assist with various cases.
- Analyzed and summarized statutes, ordinances and other legal materials.
- Drafted legal memos summarizing complex legal issues and providing recommendations to attorneys.

711 Legal Intern*Jackson County State's Attorney's Office, Murphysboro, IL**Mar 2024 - Jan 2025*

- Used Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711 License to actively participate in legal proceedings.
- Drafted legal documents for misdemeanors and felonies, aiding successful prosecution in Illinois 5th District Court.
- Organized substantial evidence portfolios and actively assisted in courtroom proceedings.
- Attended court hearings and client meetings to observe how attorneys conduct trials.
- Gained knowledge of court procedures through attendance of hearings and trials.
- Conducted legal research and analysis in areas relevant to company's business operations.

Lesar Law Library Research Assistant*Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL**Jan 2024 - May 2024*

- Developed instructional Bluebook citation videos.
- Streamlined research resources for first-year law students.
- Earned multiple Thomson Reuters Legal Research Certifications (Basic to Advanced).
- Adapted to changing research environments and readily adjusted to new research directions and priorities.

Law School Ambassador*Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL**Jan 2023–May 2024*

- Mentored prospective law students
- Facilitated alumni engagement and admissions outreach
- Worked in the office of admissions twice a week and gave tours of the school to prospective students

Private Tutor & Admissions Consultant*Self-Employed, Palatine & Carbondale, IL**Jul 2019 - Aug 2023*

- Provided in person and remote one-on-one tutoring.
- Developed personalized curricula and lesson plans based on diagnostic assessments to meet individual student needs.
- Mentored a wide range of students, from gifted to those facing academic challenges, to build confidence and achieve their educational goals.
- Provided one-on-one instruction tailored to the individual strengths of each student.
- Encouraged critical thinking through activities that promoted creativity and collaboration.

SAT Preparation Course Instructor

College Admission Planning (CAP), Arlington Heights, IL

Jan 2021 – April 2021

- Drafted 10 original SAT English Tests and 10 original SAT Reading Tests de novo for use at the organization
- Instructed high school students in SAT Reading Comprehension and Writing & Language, contributing to the course curriculum design.
- Collaborated with colleagues on best practices for teaching strategies and content delivery methods.
- Developed comprehensive course material to ensure students had an in-depth understanding of the subject matter.
- Utilized instructional technologies to enhance effective learning.
- Served as positive professional role model for students, assisting in personal and professional development.

Tutor Manager & Family Care Coordinator

Tutor Doctor, Chicago, IL

Nov 2019 - Mar 2020

- Recruited, interviewed, and managed a team of tutors across the Chicago area.
- Matched tutors with students, monitored academic progress, and served as the primary liaison for families.
- Explained difficult concepts, terms and theories in easy-to-understand terminology.
- Mentored and supported students to build their confidence and study skills.
- Engaged actively with students to build confidence in subject matter and help improve study methods.
- Tutored students in math, reading and writing to help them improve their grades and confidence.
- Assessed student's strengths and weaknesses to create individualized lesson plans.
- Provided feedback on assignments and tests to ensure understanding of course material.

Online Academic Tutor

Varsitytutors.com; Chegg.com; TutorMe.com, Remote/Online, US

May 2017 - Nov 2019

- Provided on-demand remote tutoring to high school and undergraduate students across a wide array of subjects, including English Composition, AP Biology, Chemistry, and Physiology.
- Incorporated multimedia elements into lesson plans including video clips and online resources.
- Provided guidance on college preparation including SAT and ACT prep courses and application assistance.
- Encouraged students to take an active role in their own education by setting goals and providing support when needed.
- Supported special needs students by implementing appropriate modifications as needed.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor

Southern Illinois University – Simmons Law School

May 2025

Illinois Bar Exam: *Passed July 2025 Bar Exam*

Relevant Coursework

- Legal Writing
- Negotiations
- Trusts & Estates
- Business Organizations
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Advanced Constitutional Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Commercial Law
- Transactional Skills
- Criminal Procedure
- Bioethics

Awards & Honors

- CALI Award - Advanced Constitutional Law
- Law School Full Tuition Scholarship
- Joseph R. Bartylak Fellowship

Extracurricular Activities

- President - The Federalist Society

Bachelor of Science in Molecular & Cell Biology

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

GPA 3.54

Jan 2015

Awards & Honors

- Dean's List (Fall 2010)
- Illinois General Assembly Legislative Scholarship (2007)
- Illinois General Assembly Legislative Scholarship (2008)

Extracurricular Activities

- Vice-President UIUC Pre-Dental Club (2010-2011)

High School Diploma

Boylan Central Catholic High School

GPA 4.25

May 2007

Relevant Coursework

- AP Language & Composition
- AP United States History
- AP Psychology
- AP English Literature
- AP European History

Awards & Honors

- Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction (2007)
- Illinois State Scholar (2007)
- Advanced Placement Scholar (2006)
- President's Education Award (2007)

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- Advanced, Intermediate, & Basic Legal Research Certifications, 02/23, Thomson Reuters
- Litigation Certification, 03/25, Thomson Reuters
- Legal Research & Writing Certification, 02/24, Thomson Reuters
- Best of Tutors, Tutors.com, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Tutor Skill Academic Game Plan Certification, 2019
- IU School of Education Advanced Level Certificate for Doctoral Students, 2018
- Illinois State Scholar, 2007
- AP Scholar with Distinction, 2007
- President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, 2007

PUBLICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

- Co-Author, [*IRG Court Watch Report: Wisconsin Supreme Court Term in Review*](#), July 2025.
- Brief for Center for American Rights Amicus Curiae, [*United States v. Dugan*](#), No. 2:25-cr-89 (E.D. Wis. June 9, 2025).
- Co-Author, [*Judicial Immunity in Wisconsin Has Limitations Attached to the Role of a Judge*](#), May 28, 2025.
- "[*SCOTUS Clarifies Scope of RICO's Civil Cause of Action*](#)," The Federalist Society, April 15, 2025.
- "[*When Silence Counts as Violence: United States v. Delligatti*](#)," The Federalist Society, April 1, 2025.
- "[*What to Do With Dewberry?: Dewberry Group v. Dewberry Engineers*](#)," co-authored with Professor Zvi Rosen, The Federalist Society, February 28, 2025.
- "[*SAFE-T for Whom? Legislative Overreach Transformed Criminals into Victims*](#)," SSRN, January 19, 2024.
- Student Liaison, Criminal Law and Procedure Practice Group, The Federalist Society, 09/24 – 07/25
- Chapter President, The Federalist Society, Southern Illinois University, 05/24 – 05/25, Increased active membership by 4,000%; FEDI Award for Most-Improved Chapter, Runner-Up., Organized and hosted prominent events featuring various speakers.
- Law School Ambassador, 01/23 – 05/24, Mentored prospective law students; facilitated alumni engagement and admissions outreach.
- Panelist, A Critical Lens on Current Issues, Simmons Law School, Spring 2024, Presented expert insights on the Illinois SAFE-T Act.

REFERENCES

Professor Chris Behan

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Carbondale Police Lieutenant

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Professor of Law, UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law