

**ACADEMIC VITA**  
**CARI LEIGH KELLER**

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**PROFESSIONAL DATA**

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies

Appointed: 1994 - 1996: Temporary full-time status  
1996 - present: Permanent full-time tenure track status  
2000 - present: Graduate Faculty Membership  
2002 - present: Granted Tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor

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**ACADEMIC DEGREES**

Juris Doctorate, University of Arkansas School Of Law at Fayetteville, 1994, *With Honors*

Bachelor of Science, Northeastern State University, 1991, Criminal Justice, *Summa Cum Laude*

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

1994 - License to Practice Law in the State of Arkansas

1996 - License to Practice Law in the State of Oklahoma

1997 - License to Practice before the United States Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma

**PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

1996 - Present      **ATTORNEY AT LAW** - Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Practice includes domestic, civil and criminal cases.

1994 - Present      **NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY** - Tahlequah, OK  
**Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies**

*Graduate Courses taught or scheduled to teach:*

- Cr J 5173 Seminar in Criminal Evidence
- Cr J 5143 Federal Criminal Law<sup>†</sup>
- Cr J 5073 Constitutional Criminal Law
- Cr J 5283 Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice Management
- Cr J 5113 Judicial Policy and Management

- Cr J 5143 Issues in Homeland Security †
- Cr J 5253 Crime Policy (Course I am developing for Spring 08)

*Undergraduate Courses taught:*

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Criminal Procedure      | • Evidence                  | • Paralegal Practice    |
| • Civil Procedure         | • Pleadings                 | • Legal Analysis        |
| • Legal Research          | • Wills & Trusts            | • Bankruptcy            |
| • American Court System   | • Torts & Litigation        | • Professional Ethics   |
| • Paralegal Computer App. | • Oklahoma Trial Practice†  | • Dispute Resolution†   |
| • Workers† Compensation   | • Intro to Law School/LSAT† | • Federal Criminal Law† |

† - indicates courses I developed

*Courses taught using ITV/Online Education technology:*

- American Court System
- Paralegal Practice
- Intro to Law School/LSAT
- Federal Criminal Law

1993 - 1994

**BENTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE** - Bentonville, AR  
**Law Clerk**

Responsible for legal research; legal analysis; drafting motions, memoranda of law and briefs of law.

1992 - 1993

**HALL, WRIGHT & BAKER** (now Wright & Baker) - Fayetteville, AR  
**Law Clerk**

Responsible for client interviews; client correspondence; legal research and analysis; drafting motions/responses, memoranda of law, and briefs of law.

**FACULTY /ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Primary Responsibilities:

- Full-time faculty member of the Criminal Justice & Legal Studies Department
- Current Coordinator for Criminal Justice & Legal Studies faculty at Tahlequah and Broken Arrow Campuses.
- Undergraduate Advisor in the Paralegal Option
- Graduate Faculty

Other University Responsibilities and Commitments:

- Pre-law advisor
- Faculty Sponsor NSU Law and Justice Council
- Faculty Sponsor of Alpha Chi National Honor Society
- Co-Faculty Sponsor for the Northeastern State University pre-law chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, a legal fraternity
- Present or Former Committee Appointments:
  - Honors Committee - Present
  - Undergraduate Research Day - Present
  - Outcome Assessment Committee - Former
  - Committee on Student Conduct - Former
  - Distance Learning Advisory Committee - Former
  - Committee for Academic Technology - Former
  - Institutional Performance-Instructional Team for NCA Accreditation - Former
  - University Web Committee - Former
- Former New Student Advisor - advisement to incoming freshmen and transfer students
- Former Secretary/Treasurer of the Faculty Council
- College Strategies Adjunct for students interested in Criminal Justice & Legal Studies

## **PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT**

### **• Grants Awarded**

Northeastern State University Faculty Research Grant - Funded 2004-2005: "Oklahoma Sex Offender Residency Restrictions: Containment or False Security?"

### **• Publications, Presentations, Scholarly Development and Current Research Interests:**

Brown, Cari L.: An article explaining "Oklahoma Law Regarding Wills and Trusts." Oklahoma Bar Association Senior Citizen Handbook.

Brown, Cari L.: "Terrorism in Tulsa: The Bombing of Reproductive Services - A Look At the Freedom of Access to Clinics Entrances Act" presented at the 1998 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Brown, Cari L.: "Restructuring the Cherokee Nation - The Court System" presented at the 2000 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Brown, Cari L.: "The Community Voice in School Violence Intervention: Oklahoma's SAFE-CALL Hot Line" presented at the 2000 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

Brown, Cari L.: "The Future of Drug Interdiction Checkpoints on Oklahoma

Roadways in the Wake of *City of Indianapolis v. Edmond*” published in The Gauntlet, Fall 2002, p. 22-27.

Brown, Cari L.: “Systemic Failure: When Forensic Evidence Lies” presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Brown, Cari L.: “Improper Handling of the Intoxicated Prisoner: The Death of Shane Spencer,” presented at the 2003 annual meeting of The Society for Police & Criminal Psychology.

Brown, Cari L.: “Court of Criminal Appeals: A Digest of Recent Published Opinions from the Oklahoma court of Criminal Appeals.”, published tri-annually from Fall 2001 - present in The Gauntlet.

- **Professional Memberships:**

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma Pro Bono Program
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- American Society of Criminology
- Society for Police and Criminal Psychology
- Legal Assistant Services Committee (of the Oklahoma Bar Association)

- **University and Professional Draft Policies or Guidelines**

- Northeastern State University Intellectual Property Policy
- Oklahoma Bar Association Minimum Qualifications Standards for Legal Assistants

- **Continuing Legal Education Seminars on:**

- The New Oklahoma Adoption Code
- Scientific Techniques in Criminal Law
- Advanced Wills and Trusts
- Simple and Contested Divorces
- Electronic Commerce and the Law
- U.S. Supreme Court Update
- Public Domain Citation on the Internet
- Forensic Techniques and Issues in Law
- Oklahoma Criminal Defense Institute
- Evidence Code Update

- **Continuing Academic Development Seminars:**

- Teletraining Techniques Workshop on Distance Learning
- Computing and Telecommunications Faculty Development Workshop
- Oklahoma Pre-law Advisor Workshop

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

- Dr. William P. Heck  
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