

# Cheryl L Dennis, JD

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**Education**      2003-2006      West Virginia University-College of Law      Morgantown, WV

***Jurist Doctorate***

- Member of WV State Bar July 2006 to present
- Participated in the WVU Clinical Law Program Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
- Cases handled
  - Custody, Visitation, Grandparent Visitation
  - Divorce
  - Social Security Disability Claims
  - Non-Profit 501(c)(3) creation through filing
  - Innocence Project
- Special Interest Courses:
  - Race, Racism and American Law
  - West Virginia Constitutional Law
  - Business Organizations
  - Complex Commercial Transactions
  - Construction Law
  - Statutes of Limitations – Builder Architect Liability
  - Advanced Property Courses
  - Family Law
- Cumulative GPA: 3.10

1998-2001      West Virginia University      Morgantown, WV

***MA – Data/Research Analysis – Applied Social Research***

- 9 credit hours graduate level statistics courses – GPA 4.00  
Software course work includes - Geographical Information Systems, Arc View, Idris, SPSS/SAS, ADA programming – GPA 3.95.
- Experience in survey research methods, data analysis, and simple regression obtained through course work.
- **Thesis** – *Service Sector Growth and Its Effect on Income Inequality in the Appalachia.*

1993-1998      West Virginia University      Morgantown, WV

***BA – Sociology/Anthropology with a Minor in Communications Studies***

- 3.6 overall GPA – Honors of Magna Cumulate, President Achievement Awards, Eberly Arts and Science Achievement Awards, Golden Key National Honors Society, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Levine Outstanding Research Award.

***Professional Experience***

2000-Present      West Virginia University      Morgantown, WV  
***Department of Sociology & Anthropology / Department of Public Administration***

**Primary Position Titles:**

Teaching Assistant Professor| Instructor| Lecturer (2000-Present)  
Internship Coordinator Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2008-Present)  
Coordinator of the Master of Legal Studies Program (2017-Present)  
Computer Lab Coordinator (2010-2015)

**Expectations and Performance of Each Title:****Teaching Assistant Professor:**

Prepared Courses to teach in the on-campus and online environments:

- ▶ Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
- ▶ Sociology of Law (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- ▶ White Collar Crime (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- ▶ Judicial Legal Process (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- ▶ Crime and Punishment (Undergraduate/Graduate)

Evaluations for all listed courses have been excellent and withdrawals minimal. Copies of evaluations provided per requests. Most exceeding 4.3 on a 5.0 scale. Web design and maintenance utilizing blackboard and all associated application components.

Instruction and dissemination of created courses to approximately 500-800 students per academic year.

Responsible for grading and record maintenance in STAR/Banner systems, reporting, and assessment creation.

Additional responsibilities include, advising undergraduates and graduates in degree completion including the use of Degree Works.

**Coordinator of the Master of Legal Studies Program:**

Design and manage MLS program curriculum.

Recruit and supervise MLS faculty affiliates and staff.

Create and direct implementation of MLS student recruitment and admission plan

Advise MLS students.

Manage MLS budget and administration.

**Internship Coordinator:**

Managing negotiating and mediating between all parties to ensure compliance

Supervising intern activities with approximately 30 interns each year.

On site and final performance evaluations.

Soliciting for new internship opportunities and placement of the interns

Creation of policy and contractual obligations between site, department and student

Oversight and problem solving in relation to the institution and providers.

**Previous Positions:****Computer Lab Coordinator Division of Sociology and Anthropology**

Supervised, coordinated and created reports on all testing events for 9 instructors, 9 graduate teaching assistance, 7-10 student workers and 8000 students in a given year.

Academic yearly exam manipulation totaling approximately 29,000 exams  
Coordinate coverage between student admittance and graduate teaching assistance, instructor testing needs, and proctor coverage.

Provide technical support and monitoring for all instructors Blackboard, data base creation, scheduling and security compliance.

Responsible of all technology and support for all introductory courses in Sociology and Anthropology.

- ▶ Including software implementation and fluency in:
  - CSGold security ID card swipes
  - Ghosting software
  - Blackboard – Ecampus/Respondus
  - Scheduling packages
  - Video Surveillance packages
  - Employee time verification

Responsible for all technical support services.

Investigating, initiating and using systems and tools necessary for proper operation of all administrative or academic areas along with training of staff and faculty.

Managing activities including negotiating and mediating between all parties to ensure compliance or success in operation.

Directing activities in determining direction, policy and strategy, supervising others and activities.

Creating policy, policing of policy and ensuring compliance.

Researching, exploring, analyzing and investigating new processes and possible additions as well as implementation of technical, policy or procedural changes.

Supervising, Scheduling and performance assessment of all associated in this environment, instructors, student employees and graduate teaching assistants.

*2000 - Present                      Cheat Lake Storage, LLC                      Morgantown, WV*

***Administrative Supervisor – Member LLC - Owner Operator***

DBA Cheat Lake Storage has 225 mini-storage, 150 unit boat and RV spaces and some warehousing capabilities. Operating at a 95-100% capacity at all points of ownership.

Personally, responsible for complete development and operation including but not limited to:

- site development,
- business plan and funding acquisition
- advertising,
- marketing and research,
- general office management,
- property acquisition,
- management,
- acquisition of financial support,
- construction coordinator,
- software consultant,
- accounting, billing specialist and customer relations.

2006 - 2011 Cheryl Johnson-Lyons, Attorney at Law Morgantown, WV  
*Solo-Practitioner General Practice*

**Primary Cases Load:**

Family Law: Divorces, Custody, Third Party Intervener

Disability Law

Business Creation: Limited Liability, Partnerships, and Non-Profit 501c3

Property Law: Deeds, Wills and Estates

Mediation and Arbitration

***Other Skills/Certifications***

Proficient in: CEFMS (oracle), Blackboard/ WebCT, WebCT Vista, Moodle, Respondus, and other blackboard software applications including lecture capture software including Tegrity and Camtasia.

Working knowledge/experience or certifications in:

QM Certification (2016- Present)

Curriculum Inventory Management (CIM)

CS Gold Administrative web application for student card systems.

STAR-Banner systems

WV Certified Court Mediator (2006-Present)

Proficient in all Windows and MAC environments and all MS Office. Languages – ADA, HTML script, some Java.

***Publications***

2016-2017: Top Hat Site developer Introduction to Sociology

2011-2015: Under Contract to Pearson Education in authorship of Law and Society textbook through a multidisciplinary approach.

2011-2012 – Peer Reviewed: *A Starter Guide for Teaching Online Courses*  
Pearson Education,. Strategies in Teaching Anthropology, 2012

2002-2010: *Study Aid to Sociology Now*: 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Editions Pearson Education

2002 - Co-Authored *Study Guide to Introduction of Sociology* for the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, Richard T. Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology* textbook.

2002 – Authored Instructors manual for the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Richard T Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology* textbook.

2001 - Co-Authored *Study Guide to Introduction of Sociology* for the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Richard T. Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology* textbook.

2000 - Editor for McGraw Hill – Reviewed supplements and text for the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Richard T. Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology*.