



Implementing Best Practices & Educating Lawyers: Teaching Skills and Professionalism Across the Curriculum

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Everything We Need to Know About Teaching We
Learned in Pre-school: Active Learning and How to
Not Teach to Engage Students

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Professor Rory Bahadur earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology (Honors) from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

In 1992 he began working for the National Marine Fisheries Service as a marine biologist in Alaska's Aleutian Islands and the Pacific Northwest. From 1996-2000 he worked as a shipboard endangered species consultant for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in a variety of coastal environments. Rory subsequently earned his juris doctor from St. Thomas University School of Law in 2003, graduating summa cum laude and first in his class. After practicing as a plaintiff's lawyer in the field of admiralty and maritime law, Professor Bahadur returned to legal academia as Director of Academic Support at St. Thomas University School of Law.

While at St. Thomas he taught torts and admiralty law and was voted First Year Professor of the Year each year he taught. He also established and implemented an active learning academic support program for all first year doctrinal classes and the institution's first "for credit" bar preparation course. Professor Bahadur joined the Washburn Law faculty in 2007.

Professor Bahadur remains interested in, and is currently writing about, the unique federal-state tension (Reverse Erie) which exists in maritime law, and its effect on tort litigation.