

Mark Alexander Vargo



Work Experience:

State's Attorney, Pennington County, South Dakota, 2013 – present
National American University, Adjunct Professor, 2011-12
Western Dakota Tech, Adjunct Professor, 2011-12
Assistant United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, 1996–2011
Morrill, Brown, Thomas & Nooney, Associate, 1995-96
Deputy State's Attorney, Pennington County, South Dakota, 1992-95
Assistant State Attorney, Dade County, Florida, 1988-92

Education:

J.D., *cum laude*, Georgetown University Law Center, 1988
A.B., Princeton University, 1985

Honors and Awards

- Inaugural Recipient, Diversity and Inclusion Award,
South Dakota State Bar, 2020
- Western Dakota Tech, Outstanding Public Servant, 2018
- South Dakota Prosecutor of the Year, 2015
South Dakota State's Attorneys Association
- National District Attorneys Association
 - South Dakota State Director 2013-present
 - Executive Committee Member
 - Chair, Legislative Committee
 - Training and Education Committee Member
- Nominated for a DOJ Director's Award, 2010
- Overseas Prosecution Development Assistance and Training Faculty
(US Department of State & DOJ)
- DOJ National Advocacy Center Faculty
- Diamond Award
(National Speech and Debate Association)
- Georgetown Law Journal
- Chairman, Clisophic Party, Princeton University
- President, James Madison Debate Assembly, Princeton University

Community and Activities

Chair, Pennington County Republican Ambassadors 2015 – present

SD Bar Committee Member, Pattern Instructions (Criminal) 1996 -- 2013
Law School Committee 2013 -- present

Stevens High School Head Debate Coach 2008 - 2015

Teaching Experience:

University of South Dakota School of Law, Guest Lecturer, *Co-Conspirator Hearsay, Charging Decisions and Plea Negotiations, Young Adult Diversion, Prosecutorial Ethics*

Tedx Rapid City, *Lighting a Path for At-Risk Youth*, presented with Erik Bringswhite (www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KkIBJv3LvA)

USDOJ Trial Advocacy: *Opening Statements, Closing Argument, Motions Practice, Cross Examination*

OPDAT Training Programs: *Jury Trials* - Tbilisi, Georgia, Moscow, Russia, Vladivostok, Russia; *Trial Advocacy* - Budapest, Hungary

Tedx Rapid City, *The Digital Battleground of Ideas*, (www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7uDj0LkZ-4)

BIA Police Academy: *Drug Prosecution in Indian Country, Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country, Search and Seizure*

Northern Plains Tribal Judges Conference: *Drug Infiltration into Indian Country, Drug Interdiction in Indian Country*

National American Univ.: *Rhetoric, Legal Research, Intro to Legal Studies*

Western Dakota Tech, *Critical Thinking in the Law, Evidence*

Oglala Sioux Tribe: *Basic Officer Training, Drug Investigation, Search and Seizure, Attorney General's Prosecutor Workshop*

Pine Ridge High School, Wounded Knee School, Crazy Horse School, Little Wound School: *Methamphetamine Awareness, Crimes and Court, Drug Prosecution, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Law Day*