

# **ROSS L. BAER**

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Member of the Florida Bar  
Member of the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal

## **EDUCATION:**

Nova University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
J.D. May 1988 - Top 20% of class  
Book Awards: Contracts and Professional Responsibility

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY  
B.A. Political Science 1985

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY  
August 1980 - May 1981 (transferred)

## **EXPERIENCE:**

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

- Supervising Attorney, Family Law Unit (October 1993 - Present)
  - Responsible for supervising and training family unit staff attorneys, paralegals, and certified legal interns.
  - Litigation of all family law matters including but not limited to divorce, custody, child support, abuse, guardianships and domestic violence. Litigation includes extensive pretrial discovery, temporary and emergency hearings and pretrial proceedings in addition to the actual trial litigation.
  - Conducted Continuing Legal Education seminar for the Palm Beach County Bar Association on the basics of law and procedures in the area of divorce litigation.
  - All aspects of Appellate Litigation including motion practice, research and drafting briefs
    - Prevailed in State and Federal Constitutional attack upon Florida's Grandparent Visitation Statute as violative of Right of Privacy before Florida Supreme Court (Amicus Curiae)
    - Appeals of Final and Non-Final Orders to the Fourth District Court of Appeal
    - Extraordinary Writs to the Fourth District Court of Appeal
    - Federal Appellate Litigation concerning Due Process violations in unemployment compensation matters
  - All aspects of litigation in cases concerning the Hague Convention Regarding the International Abduction of Children.
    - Conducted Continuing Legal Education seminar for the Palm Beach County Bar Association addressing the complexities of Hague Convention litigation.
    - Prepared "Custody Abroad" manual containing original pleadings and trial memorandum for distribution to private attorneys and the judiciary.
  - Initiated and developed Palm Beach County Self Help Center to assist the pro se litigant in family law cases.
  - Instruct Certified Legal Interns enrolled in Nova Law School's Family Law Clinic in the area of Post Judgement Remedies in general and unique to Family Law (1999-present)
- Staff Attorney, Juvenile Advocacy Project (July 1992 - October 1993)
  - Represented juveniles in dependency, delinquency, educational, and criminal proceedings.
  - Responsible for all aspects of pretrial and trial litigation.
  - Special Court appointment to represent juvenile patients at emergency hearings regarding do not resuscitate orders and blood transfusions.
- Staff Attorney (January 1991 - 1992)
  - Represented clients in consumer cases, family law cases, contract cases and guardianship cases.

**RECENT EDUCATIONAL TRAINING:**

- **Adjunct Professor Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center;  
Children/Family Clinic: Skills (January 2003 - Present)**
- **Conducted Continuing Legal Education Training;  
Family Law 101 (October 2005)**
- **Conducted Continuing Legal Education Training;  
Summary Evidentiary Hearings for new lawyers (April - July 2003)**

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

**Florida Bar Association Family Law Section**

**Legislative Committee**

- **Co-Chair of Committee for Child Support Reform duties included drafting new child support legislation which is currently pending before the Florida Legislature as part of Proposed Florida Statute Chapter 62**

**Support Issues Committee**

- **Co-Chair of Committee for Child Support Reform duties included drafting new child support legislation which is currently pending before the Florida Legislature as part of Proposed Florida Statute Chapter 62**

**Non-Traditional Families Committee 1998-1999**

**Palm Beach County Bar Member**

**References Available Upon Request**