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Professional Memberships:

Member in Good Standing, The Florida Bar, April 1999-present.

Member, Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, April 2012-present.

Education:

St. Thomas University, School of Law, Miami, Florida

LL.M. in Intercultural Human Rights, May 2007

G.P.A. 3.68, *Magna Cum Laude*

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Shepard Broad Law Center

Juris Doctor, December 1998

University of Miami, Miami, Florida

Bachelor of Science in Communication May 1996

Majors: Speech Communication; Psychology

Honors: Dean's List 1995-1996

Accomplishments:

Grants, Awards, and Honors

- Recipient, Dean's Mini-Grant, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, "The Role of Physiological Arousal on Personality," 2012. This is a collaborative study with Dr. Thomas Fagan and Dr. Jaime Tartar.
- Interviewed for the Farquhar Forum highlighting a student's internship with DHS, August 2014.
- Faculty Merit Performance, 2012-2013 (for service).
- Faculty Merit Performance, 2011-2012 (for service).
- Faculty Merit Performance, 2010-2011 (for service).
- Faculty Merit Performance, 2008-2009 (for service).
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- Faculty Merit Performance, 2006-2007 (for service).
- Faculty Marshall representing Social and Behavioral Sciences, NSU 2009 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony.
- Secretary/Treasurer, NSU Shepard Broad Law Center, Alumni Board of Directors.
- Chair, The Florida Bar Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee, 2009-2011.

Academic

- Team Captain, Susan J. Ferrell, Intercultural Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Selected by St. Thomas University, School of Law administration to participate in the 2nd annual competition, January 27-28, 2007.
- Book Award, *International Criminal Law*, October 2006.
- Book Award, *Human Rights and Religion*, November 2006.
- Executive Editor, Intercultural Human Rights Law Review, October 2006.
- Phi Delta Phi, Legal Honor Society, Member since January 1997.
- Senior Staff Member, ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law
- Publisher of the First Bilingual Law Review
 - Publication: *Made In America: Latin American Consumers Meet Their Maker*. ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law, Spring 1998.

Professional Experience:

August 2010-present

Associate Professor/Program Director of the Paralegal Studies Program,
Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

August 2005-July 2010

Assistant Professor/Coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program
Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Oversee and assure continual compliance with the American Bar Association guidelines in areas such as course content, online course delivery, textbook requirements, and library reserves amongst other guideline requirements. Responsible for drafting the extensive self-evaluation report prepared for the ABA Standing Committee on Paralegals and Approval Commission. Gather and tabulate survey information as part of the self-evaluation report. Prepare for the on-site inspections by the ABA of program operations to verify operation in compliance with the guidelines. Teaches seven courses in the areas of Paralegal Studies, Criminal Justice, and the Farquhar College Honors Program. Develop coursework and teach seven courses during the academic year. Responsible for supervising 11 adjunct faculty members and offer guidance and instruction as to college and program requirements.

August 2003-July 2005

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
Adjunct Professor: Professor for undergraduate students in the Criminal Justice Program. Courses taught include Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminal Law and Procedure.

March 2000-August 2005

Law Office of Jessica Garcia, Miami Lakes, Florida.

Solo Practitioner: General Practice of law with a primary focus on Criminal, Marital and Family Law, and Real Property issues. Responsible for office management and marketing. Supervised a staff of three law office assistants.

September 1999-August 2000

Florida National College, Miami, Florida.

Professor and Director of the Paralegal and Legal Assistant Department: Professor for Paralegal Associates in Arts Degree and Legal Assistants Certification. Served as Director of the Paralegal and Legal Assistant Studies Department in order to enhance the recruitment of students and in the creation of curriculum in accordance with SACS requirements.

August 1999-March 2000

Bedzow, Korn, Brown, Miller & Zemel, Miami, Florida.

Associate Attorney: Attorney in the Real Estate and Condominium Law Department. Responsible for reviewing title on properties and conducting real estate closings. Participated in the drafting of condominium documents that were to be filed with the State of Florida for new and converted condominiums.

Professional Affiliations:

July 2012-present

The Florida Bar, Judicial and Evaluation Committee. The committee has the responsibility of accepting specific assignments from the Board of Governors in areas regarding the judiciary. The committee is concerned with obtaining and then retaining qualified judicial officers.

July 2009-June 2011

The Florida Bar, Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee

Chair: Appointed by the Florida Bar President to serve as Chair of the committee.

July 2008-June 2009

The Florida Bar, Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee

Vice Chair: The scope and function of the Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee is to determine whether or not law schools are adequately preparing their students for the practice of law and if it is concluded that they are not, to make specific recommendations to the Bar's Board of Governors and law school deans.

July 2007-present

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Alumni Board Member.

Elected Member: As a participant on the NSU Law Alumni Board, I am able to represent my graduating class and provide a perspective from the practitioner and the academician. The opportunity to provide a service to my previous law school community is also a pleasure.

December 2006-present

Broward County, Traffic Hearing Officer, Uniform Ruling Committee.

Appointed Committee Member: The scope and function of the Uniform Ruling Committee is to review commonly presented Florida traffic statutes and provide all Traffic Hearing Officers recommendations as to the application of the proper statutes when hearing motions. Recommendations will be made to Chief Judge Ross upon completion of the Committee's charge.

July 2006-2009

The Florida Bar, Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee.

Appointed Committee Member: The scope and function of the Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee is to determine whether or not law schools are adequately preparing their students for the practice of law and if it is concluded that they are not, to make specific recommendations to the Bar's Board of Governors and law school deans. The committee also monitors and reviews proposed legislation affecting legal education and establishes a means to track the success of minority scholarship programs in an effort to help institutions in the disbursement of minority scholarships, thus allowing these institutions to maximize the benefits of these minority programs.

Chair of sub-committee in charge of planning a continuing legal education seminar at the Florida Bar's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida in June 2007. The seminar related to enhancing the teaching of professionalism in law schools in order for graduates to become more effective and professional attorneys. The seminar included a panel discussion from recent law school graduates, practitioners, and judges.

June 2006-present

The Florida Bar, eMentor Program.

Mentor: Participant in the eMentor Program established through the Center for Professionalism that matches experienced attorneys with law students. As a Mentor, I am there to offer support and encouragement, provide advice and guidance, and serve as a role model, demonstrating appropriate job behaviors, attitudes and social skills that help enhance the spirit and intent of the lawyer's code of conduct by promoting professionalism.

Presentations and Publications:

- Legal Analyst and Blogger for "Supreme Court Analysis: A Professor's Perspective." <https://jglawyerblog.wordpress.com/>, January 2015.
- Presenter/Moderator, "Trial of the Love Triangle: The State of Florida v. Ronald Bender," Mock Trial with William Dandy Middle School, *Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center*, November 17, 2014.
- Narrator, *Laguna Manati: Ayer y Hoy*, 2013. Documentary film written and co-produced by Eileen Smith-Cavros based on research conducted in rural Veracruz, Mexico, by Eileen Smith-Cavros, the late Edward O. Keith, their colleagues, and NSU undergraduate students. The film—in Spanish with English subtitles—explores the complexities of environmental changes, such as local extinction of manatees.

- Presenter/Moderator, “Trial of the Middle School Firecracker,” Mock Trial with William Dandy Middle School, *Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center*, March 19, 2013.
- Presenter, “Separation of Church and State in America,” President’s Faculty Symposium, November 1, 2012.
- Panelist for Super Sharks, Tools for Success: Academic Integrity, October 18 2012.
- Panelist and Moderator, Mental Health and the Admission to the Bar, The Florida Bar Annual Conference, June 2011.
- Panelist and Moderator at the annual Florida Bar meeting discussing Social Networking and Law Schools, June 2010.
- Lectured at the Lifelong Learning Institute on the topic of death penalty issues, 2009.
- Faculty Lecture Series: Euthanasia and the Law. This was an event held prior to the visit from Distinguished Speaker, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, 2009.
- Panelist discussing the issues of death penalty on how the Supreme Court addresses the death penalty for juveniles. This panel discussion served as a companion event to Sister Prejean’s visit, 2009.
- Panelist discussing prisoner’s rights and medical issues as a companion event to David Magnus, 2009.
- Panelist and moderator at the annual Florida Bar meeting discussing Diversity in Law Schools. September 2009.
- Collaborated with the Broward County Bar Association and Chief Traffic Magistrate Brenda Di Ioia in presenting a continuing legal education course in Bankruptcy Law to lawyers and paralegals, 2009.
- *The Jessica Lunsford Act One Year Later: What Are States Doing to Protect Children?* Scheduled for presentation in March 2007, at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Seattle, WA.
- *Surveillance of Sexual Offenders: How Long is Long Enough?* Presentation with M. Beth Bailey in March 2006, at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Baltimore, MD.

- *Juveniles and the Death Penalty.* Presentation concerning the human rights of juveniles and the American justice system. Institute in Learning in Retirement, December 6, 2006.
- *Human Rights and the Darfur Conflict.* Presentation on the devastating genocide occurring in Darfur, Sudan. Conversations focused on the history, the current situations and possible solutions to the genocide of the Darfurian people. Institute of Learning in Retirement, November 21, 2006.
- *Real Estate Property Insurance Issues.* Presentation of current real estate insurance issues that are affecting homeowners and what the Florida government is doing to assist and protect against rising property insurance costs. Institute of Learning in Retirement, September 7, 2006.
- *Traffic Law: A View from the Bench.* Presentation of traffic laws and procedure in Broward County, Florida at the Institute of Learning in Retirement, May 1, 2006.

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

- Business Law (on-line and on-ground)
- Business Relations and Organizations
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Issues in Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Court Systems and Procedures
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Elder Law (on-line)
- Family Law
- First Year Seminar: May it Please the Court: Life and Death in the Supreme Court
- Honors: Deciphering Diversity in the Law
- Honors: The US Supreme Court and the Cultural Revolution: Studying the Legacy of the Warren Court
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession
- Introduction to Real Property
- Psychopathy and the Law (collaborative teaching with members from the Psychology major)
- Public Speaking
- Real Estate Practice and Procedure I (on-line and on-ground)
- Real Estate Practice and Procedure II (on-line and on-ground)
- Wills, Trusts, & Estates

University and Community Service:

Florida Bar Justice Teaching Volunteer: participant in a legal education initiative created by Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis where a legal professional is paired with a local elementary, middle or high school in an effort to promote an understanding of Florida's justice system and our laws. January 2007-present.

The Florida Bar eMentor Program: participant in the program that matches experienced attorneys with law students, June 2006-present.

Nova Southeastern University:

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences: Committees

- Member of the Florida Bar Judicial and Evaluation Committee. This committee membership is through appointment by the Florida Bar president and serves to assist the Board of Governors in areas regarding the judiciary. The committee is concerned with obtaining and then retaining qualified judicial officers.
- Member of the Rank and Review Committee Task Force
- Chair of Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee
- Faculty member of Honors Program Committee which meets with the Dean and other faculty members to discuss courses offered to Honors students.
- Representative for SBS in the University Admissions Committee and work with my colleagues on making sure that the best students are chosen for our University.
- I assisted Naomi D'Allesio in interviewing incoming students that were applying for Dual Admission to the medical school.
- Member of the SBS Faculty Nominating Committee with the charge of nominating Allan Schulman as professor emeritus.
- Faculty member of the Academic Integrity Committee.
- Appointed to serve as a representative for the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Academic Honor Code committee which was given the charge of drafting an honor code guideline for the College that would serve as a model for the University.
- Served as a faculty mentor through Super Sharks in the winter 2012. Each faculty mentor is assigned at least 5 students each semester.
- Member of the Internal Review Committee for the Paralegal Studies Program charged with reviewing and drafting an intricate report on the strengths and needs of the program.
- Member of the Criminal Justice Major Curriculum Committee.
- Served as a peer reviewer for several faculty members in the last four years.
- Faculty Representative for Honors Program Family Feud, November 6, 2012.
- Member of the NSU Law Alumni Student Engagement Committee.
- Volunteered and participated in a promotional photo shoot used for NSU Advertisements.
- Participate in an Honors Murder Mystery Dinner in 2013.
- In 2013-2014, served on the College Committee: Common Syllabus Policies. The charge of the committee was to examine the content and propose a web based

- delivery system for common/shared syllabus information (specifically including the varied key resources and services for students). The committee included representation from all academic divisions and from faculty council.
- Appointed by the Director of the Social and Behavioral Studies to Chair A Faculty Search Committee for a Psychology Faculty, January 2007
 - Appointed by the Dean as a Reviewer of the President Research Grant Competition, 2007.
 - Member of the Farquhar College Admissions Committee
 - Member of the Academic Progress Committee
 - Member of the Faculty Executive Committee, 2006-2007
 - Appointed by the Dean as a Reviewer for the President's Faculty Research and Development Grant (PFRDG) Competition 2006
 - Appointed by the Dean to the Initial Academic Review Committee for the Criminal Justice Major, March 2006
 - Appointed by the Dean to the Initial Academic Review Committee for the Paralegal Studies Major, March 2006
 - Ad hoc Academic Calendar Committee, 2005-2006

Professional Development:

Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education

In order to maintain my license to practice law and remain in good standing, I am required to take a minimum of ten continuing legal education credits per year.

2014

- Traffic Case Law Update 2014
- A Transforming Ethical Environment: A Journalist's Perspective
- New Supreme Court Mandates on Self Incrimination and the Courtroom
- Technical Challenges Related to Florida's Ban on Texting and Driving

2013

- Common Issues in Handling Bench Trials
- Traffic Case Law Update 2013
- Juvenile Traffic Offenders: Sentencing Options
- Legal Aspects of Bicycles, Pedestrians and Non-Auto Traffic Violations
- Ethical Pitfall: Ex Parte Communications
- Handling Sovereign Citizens in Traffic Court

2012

- Mental Health and Driving
- 2012 Traffic Legislative Update
- Building Professional Relationships
- Service Animals in the Courtroom
- Choosing our Judges

- How to Keep Your Integrity in the Courtroom
- Adjudicating Civil Traffic Infractions
- Wheel Witness or Not
- Red Light Camera Case Law

2011

- Building the Small Firm Marketing Program
- Update on Traffic Law 2011
- Motorcycle and Mopeds Law
- Hot Topics Statewide
- Update on Traffic Law Defenses

2010

- The Unethical Concerns in Traffic Court
- Legislative Traffic Law Update 2010
- All About Red Light Camera Tickets
- 2010 Timely Topics for All Lawyers
- Courtroom Conduct Bench Viewpoint
- All About Accidents

2009

- Criminal Procedures in Civil Traffic Infractions
- Calibration of Speed Measuring Devices
- Safety Measures
- 2009 Diversity Symposium
- Professionalism and Ethics
- Case Law Update

2008

- Ethics
- Traffic Court Update 2008

2007

- Traffic Jeopardy
- Justice Teaching
- Identity Theft
- Operation LifeSaver
- County Court Mediation Training

2006

- The Florida Bar: Ethics and the Bench, October 6, 2006
- The Florida Bar: Law Enforcement and Clerk of Courts Update, August 4, 2006
- The Florida Bar: Legislative Traffic Laws Update, June 16, 2006

- Faculty Workshop on Evaluating Writing, April 25, 2006
- Applied Research Center, Fischler School of Education, Dissertation Committee Chair training, April 21-22, 2006
- The Florida Bar: Municipal Parking, Broward County Traffic Division, April 7, 2006
- Traffic Hearing Officer Program in Broward County, Florida, February 28, 2006

2005

- The Florida Bar: Equitable Distribution
- The Florida Bar: Ethics of Establishing an Attorney/Client Relationship
- The Florida Bar: Basic Estate Planning
- The Florida Bar: The Kids are Alright
- The Florida Bar: Ethical Dilemmas
- The Florida Bar: Ethics/Professionalism: Client Perjury
- The Florida Bar: Basic Family Law
- The Florida Bar: P.D.'s Antiviolence Initiative
- The Florida Bar: Practicing with Professionalism