

# JUDGE ROBERT F. DIAZ

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## **Educational History:**

Graduate of Hialeah High School, 1971

Graduate of Miami Dade Community College North, 1974, Associate of Arts Degree

Graduate of Florida International University, 1980, Bachelor of Arts Degree

Graduate of Nova University Law School, 1984, Juris Doctorate Degree

## **Legal Experience:**

January, 1983 to March, 1983:                      Rojas and Reinstein, P.A.,  
Law Clerk.

August, 1983 to October, 1984:                      Florida Indian Legal Services,  
Law Clerk.

October, 1984 to July, 1992:                      Office of the Public Defender .  
for the 17th Judicial Circuit,  
Assistant Public Defender.  
Tried 125 jury trials, 80 percent  
of which were Circuit Court felony cases,  
ranging from third degree felonies  
to first degree murder. Was lead counsel in  
excess of 1,000 filed cases. Promoted to  
Major Crimes Division in 1990.

## **Teaching Experience:**

August, 1989 to present:  
(26 years)    Nova University Law School,  
Adjunct Professor for "Street Law" course.

May, 1991 to present:                                      Nova University Law School,  
Adjunct Professor for "Intensive  
Trial Advocacy" course.

1991 - present:    Instructor For The National Institute  
Of Trial Advocacy (N.I.T.A). Trial program  
at Nova Southeastern University  
Law School.

January, 1994 to present:                                      Member of the Education  
Committee of the Conference of  
County Court Judges; Presenter at

the Conference of County Court Judges on Disqualification, DUI and other areas of law.

May, 1994 to present:

Faculty Member and Presenter for the College of Advanced Judicial Studies

June, 1994 to present:

Mock Trial Faculty Member for the State of Florida – New Judges’ College. Training all new judges who are elected or appointed in the State of Florida.

August, 1994 to 1997:

Instructor for the Florida Bar's Public Defender/State Attorney Trial Training Program at the University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Fl.

## **Professional**

July, 1992:

Appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to the County Court bench in and for Broward County, Florida.

November, 1992:

Elected by the citizens of Broward County, Florida to a four year term as County Court Judge in and for Broward County, Florida, elected with the highest number of votes in a judicial race in Broward County history.

Was assigned to the Civil Division for the first 12 months. Presently assigned to the Criminal Division presiding over misdemeanor cases.

1992 - present:

Speaking to 10 -15 high school and middle school classes each year on the Importance of Education and the Law!

1997 - 2002:

Teen Court Judge - presided over Teen Court Trials.

1997 - 2018

Executive Board member Stephen Boohar Inns of Court Nova Law Center Law student Liaison.

1997 & 1999:

Keynote speaker for the graduating class - Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center

2000 - Present:

Member of the Board of Governors of

- 2008 - Present: Executive Board member Stephen Booher Inns of Court – Nova Southeastern University Broad Law Center - Law student Liaison.
- 2008 – Present: Faculty sponsor of Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) for Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center
- 2010 – Present: Criminal Justice Advisory Board Member – Keiser University Graduate School Master of Arts
- 2011 – Present Judicial Liasion for Summer Judicial Intern Program – Nova Law School

### **AWARDS**

- 2017 Harvey Ford Award- State of Florida Conference Of County Court Judges – Highest Award for Service to the Community and the Conference
- 2017 Adjunct Professor of the Year – Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center.
- 2013 Nominated for “Stuey” award for Adjunct Professor of the Year – Nova Law School
- Public Defender of the Year "Public Defender of the Year" for 1990, having tried 25 jury trials that year.
- Hispanic Law Student Assoc “Hispanic of the Year 1995”
- The Florida Bar JUDGE OF THE YEAR - 1996  
Florida Law Related Education Committee.