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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

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.
- Annual Faculty Merit Performance, from 2006-2013, and 2015-2016 (for service).
- Faculty Marshall representing Social and Behavioral Sciences, NSU 2009 and 2016 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony.
- Experiential Education in Higher Education Certification, Completion of the Experiential Education Academy, National Society of Experiential Education, December 2019.
- Faculty Marshall representing College of Law, NSU 2019 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony.

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 2018-present

Associate Professor of Law, Director of the Undergraduate Law Programs,
Shepard Broad College of Law, 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. Prepare for the on-site inspections by the ABA of program operations to verify operation in compliance with the guidelines. Develop coursework, schedule courses, and teach courses in the areas of Paralegal Studies, Human Development and Family Services, and the Farquhar Honors College. Liaison to the College of Law adjunct faculty members and offer guidance and instruction as to college and program requirements.

August 2012-August 2018

Associate Professor/Coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

August 2010-August 2012

Associate Professor/Chair 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

February 2006-present

Traffic Hearing Officer

April 2017-present

Administrative Traffic Hearing Officer, West Satellite Courthouse
Broward County Traffic Hearing Officer, Broward County, Florida

Appointed by Chief Judge Dale Ross to preside over civil traffic infractions, Teen Court, and parking citations in the County of Broward. Duties include hearing and ruling on motions, presiding over traffic infraction pre-trial conferences and trials, mentoring and training traffic hearing officers on issues related to motion calendar and provide training on conducting Zoom hearings. Committee member alongside the supervising judges and chief traffic hearing officer on planning and implementing six continuing legal education seminars specific for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers.

March 2000-August 2005

Attorney/Managing Partner

Law Office of Jessica Garcia, Miami Lakes, Florida

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.

August 1999-March 2000

Associate Attorney

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

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 2020-present

The Florida Bar, Law Related Education Committee

Member: The purpose of the Law Related Education Committee is to promote effective law related education programs in grades K-12 of Florida's schools, with an emphasis on teaching young citizens respect for the legal system, and for people and their property. The committee seeks to maintain and enhance the cooperative efforts of attorneys, educators, and law enforcement personnel in the field of law related education in Florida. The Committee administers the JustAdulting program.

February 2020-present

AAfPE Association for Paralegal Educators

Committee Member: The future of legal education committee.

August 2018-present

Stephen R. Booher American Inn of Court

Member: Serve as a representative for the College of Law at this local chapter of a national organization.

July 2015-June 2018

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

July 2012-June 2015

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 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.

Secretary/Treasurer: 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.

Publications:

- *Aging in the 21st Century: Establishing a Uniform Protection of Elderly Persons in the United States through an International and Comparative Law Analysis*, Cardozo International & Comparative Law Review, Vol. 4, Issue 3 (Spring 2021), pp. 951-978.
- Bitter "Tweets" & Fair Weather "Friends": The Pitfalls of Social Networking Sites and the Legal Profession, *The Paralegal Educator* (Fall 2010).

Presentations:

- Co-Presenter, Inns of Court, November 15, 2022.
- Co-Presenter, Making an Impact in Law and Medicine, October 28, 2022.
- Co-Presenter, Making an Impact in Law and Medicine, Presenting to High Schools on Preparing for a Career in the Law, April 29, 2022.
- Co-Panelist, Pathways to Careers in Law Program, Fort Lauderdale High School, April 5, 2022.
- Presenter, NSU Shark Preview Faculty Presenter, February 10, 2022.
- Co-Presenter, Inns of Court, *Procedures for Zoom Court Proceedings*, November 18, 2021.

- Co-Moderator with Judge Olga Levine, *A View from the Office of the Clerk of Court*, CLE for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers, August 3, 2021.
- Panelist, First Generation Law Student Panel, June 11, 2021.
- Panelist, Advice from a Returning First Year Experience Instructor, May 27, 2021.
- Panelist, Alumni Faculty Meet the New JD Admits, May 7, 2021.
- Panelist, RBG: Reflections from a Clerk and a Counselor, March 16, 2021.
- Honors College Shark Preview Information Session, January 8, 2021, February 12, 2021, and March 12, 2021.
- NSU Shark Preview Faculty Highlight, February 11, 2021.
- Co-Presenter at the 2020 Early Immersion Experience, September 26, 2020.
- Presenter, *Women Who Changed the Law: From the Kitchen to the Court*, to the NSU Chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW), September 17, 2020.
- Moderator and Faculty Panelist on the NSU Law 2020 Professionalism Panel Discussion, August 14, 2020.
- Co-Presenter/Trainer NSU College of Law Fall 2020 Adjunct Training, August 13, 2020.
- Panelist, Hispanic Unity of Florida Entrepreneur Summit 2020, *Bankruptcy, Contract Renegotiations & Other Legal Tools to Survive*, August 5, 2020
- Facilitator of CLE panel with Judge Mindy Solomon and Judge Natasha DePrimo for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers, *Taking a Fresh Look at Civil Traffic Evidence*, August 4, 2020.
- Co-Presenter, Teaching Tips Online Edition, *Zoom Breakout Rooms and Collaborative Tools*, July 28, 2020.
- Presenter/Trainer for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers, *May it Please the Virtual Court: Zoom Training for Pre-Trial Hearings and Trials*, July 10, 2020.
- Co-Presenter along with Chief Magistrate Tom Wich on a CLE for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers, *Sharing the Road: Pedestrians, Bicycles, and Everything in Between*, July 7, 2020.

- Faculty Keynote Speaker, Honors College Shark Preview Week Reception, March 13, 2020.
- Panelist, Alumni Mentoring 2020 *Careers in Academia*, discussing the unique challenges and benefits of an academic career path, February 25, 2020.
- Co-Presenter along with Dean Shahabadeen Khan and Judge DePrimo, presented on *Managing Mental Health, Stress, and Addiction in the Legal Profession*, discussing how judges, lawyers, and students can work towards maintaining a healthy lifestyle in a stressful profession for members of the Stephen R. Booher-American Inns of Court, February 12, 2020.
- Co-Presenter along with Judge Dan Kanner on a CLE for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers discussing the issues surrounding self-driving vehicles, *The Future Has Arrived: Traffic Laws and Regulation for Autonomous Vehicles*, February 4, 2020.
- Shark Preview Faculty Panelist for the Winter 2020 NSU Undergraduate recruitment season. Faculty panelists meet with parents of prospective students to answer questions on majors, university policies, and career paths. The panel meets weekly between January and March 2020.
- Panelist, Professor Roma Perez's Civil Field Placement Clinic, *Professional Relationships: Developing Effective Communication Skills and Professional Relationships as a New Attorney*, October 17, 2019.
- Co-Presenter/Instructor at the 2019 Early Immersion Experience, *Introduction to Advocacy: Privacy and the Internet*, September 7, 2019.
- Moderator and Faculty Panelist on the NSU Law 2019 Professionalism Panel Discussion, August 15, 2019.
- Co-Presenter/Facilitator in the 2019 1L Civics Session during Orientation week, August 14, 2019.
- Co-Presenter, Business Etiquette Workshop for the Farquhar Honors College, March 25, 2019.
- Presenter, Career Day: Law and the Profession, Monsignor Edward Pace High School, March 20, 2019.
- Panelist, Professor Roma Perez's Civil Field Placement Clinic, *Professional Relationships: Developing Effective Communication Skills and Professional Relationships as a New Attorney*, March 14, 2019.

- Co-Presenter, Introduction of the undergraduate law programs to University School Students, March 12, 2019.
- Faculty Panelist at Shark Preview for Parents at seven events throughout the Winter 2019 semester.
- Co-presenter at the Inns of Court Cyber Security and Ethics presentation, February 13, 2019.
- Faculty Keynote Speaker, Honors College Shark Preview Week Reception, February 8, 2019.
- Co-Presenter, CLE for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers on Common Motions Made in Traffic Court, October 2018.
- Presenter, Neuroscience Camp, *Law and Order: The Criminal Justice System and Defenses*, June 21, 2018.
- Co-Presenter, CLE for Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers on Courtroom Decorum and Ethics, June 5, 2018.
- 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.

Courses Taught:

Current: JD courses: First Year Property Law.

Undergraduate courses: Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession, Criminal Law and Procedure, Family Law, Torts and Civil Litigation, Advanced Criminal Law, Internship in Paralegal Studies, Elder Law, First Year Experience, Legal Aspects in the Family, Human Services and the Law (Ph.D. course) Honors: Deciphering Diversity in the Law, Honors: The US Supreme Court and the Cultural Revolution: Studying the Legacy of the Warren Court.

Past: Real Estate Practice and Procedure, Emerging Technologies, Constitutional Issues in Criminal Law, Court Systems and Procedures, Contract Law, Psychopathy and the Law

College and University Service:

- College of Law Governance Committee (June 2021-present)
- University Presidential Scholars Interviews (January 2021-present)
- Commencement Committee, Member (January 2021-present)
- Alphi Chi Induction Ceremony Keynote Speaker, November 12, 2020.
- Undergraduate Enrollment Committee, Member (September 2020-present).
- College of Law Adjunct Appointments/Adjunct Review Committee, Chair (2020-2021).
- College of Law Teaching Working Group, Member and Liaison (May 2020-present): Subgroup to the Fall 2020 Task Force created to prepare and assist faculty to teach in NSU's BlendFlex modality in the fall.
- BS in Law Committee, Member (January 2020-present): The BS in Law Committee is tasked with developing an undergraduate degree offered through the law school. Members of the Committee are developing new emphases meant to prepare students for careers upon graduation.
- Presidential Scholars Interviewer (2020-present): As the College of Law representative, I meet with incoming freshman to determine if they meet academic

and service standards to qualify for this highly prestigious scholarship. Following the meeting, an evaluation is submitted to the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

- College of Law, Undergraduate Department Committee Chair (August 2018-present).
- Internal Review Committee: Appointed to serve on the IRC reviewing the Paralegal Studies major and certificate for 2019 assessment.
- Undergraduate Dean's Council: Represent the College of Law at the University wide council.
- Academic Progress Committee: Review of suspended and recommendation of re-admittance of undergraduate students with low academic performance.
- Undergraduate Student Symposium, April 2019: Supervised and Advised Francesca Cruz on her Honors in Major presentation which earned her Honorable Mention.
- Paralegal Studies Faculty and Advisory Board Committee, Chair: Facilitate bi-annual meetings on improving and assessing the program curriculum.
- College of Law Adjunct Appointments/Adjunct Review Committee, ex-officio, 2018-2020.
- Undergraduate Student Symposium Steering Committee, Member: College of Law representative assisting in the planning of the Symposium and evaluation of submissions, 2018-present.
- First Year Experience Curriculum Committee, Member: Assisted in the development of the FYE program, 2016-2019.
- Honors College Application Reviewer.
- Honors Faculty Coordinating Committee, Member: review proposed courses and provide guidance on improving the Honors College experience for undergraduate students.
- Non-JD Admission Committee, Member: review applications for the post-baccalaureate certificate program, 2018-present.
- Faculty Advisor, Lambda Epsilon Chi Honor Society.
- Faculty Advisor, Legal Society.

Community Service:

8th Grade Room Parent: Serve as a room parent in planning social and celebratory events for all students at St. Mark Catholic School. In charge of fundraising planning and communicating with leadership in the school and parish on a variety of matters, 2021-2022.

Girl Scouts Co-Troop Leader, Troop 108431: Serve as a leader and mentor to Girl Scouts in South Florida. Assist in team-building activities and workshops that seek to enhance the self-esteem and leadership skills of young girls while promoting the Girl Scout principles.

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.

Florida Bar, Law Related Education Committee, Legal Survival Guide Contributor, April 2021.