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Professional Memberships:

Member, The Florida Bar, Admitted April 1999

Member, Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, Admitted April 2012

Professional Experience:

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Shepard Broad College of Law

Associate Professor of Law

August 2018-present

Director of Undergraduate Law Programs

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Associate Professor

August 2012-August 2018

Coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program

Farquhar College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Associate Professor

August 2010-August 2012

Chair of the Paralegal Studies Program

Assistant Professor

August 2005-July 2010

Coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program

- Oversee the development and review of coursework, ensuring the curriculum meets the academic standards and mission of the University. Dedicated to the success of the students through scheduling courses, advise students in academic and professional success. Representing the College of Law in University-wide committees and admissions recruitment events.
- Provide innovative and engaging instruction in the areas of J.D. level courses including Property, Constitutional Law II: First Amendment Law, Appellate Advocacy, and Supervising Student Research. Undergraduate Law courses taught include Administrative Law and Supreme Court history, ensuring a supportive learning environment for undergraduate and professional students to flourish.
- Promoting professional development and engagement to Undergraduate Law adjunct faculty through mentoring and supporting student instruction.

- Oversee and ensure 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.

Broward County Traffic Hearing Officer, Broward County, Florida

Nova Southeastern University, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences

Fort Lauderdale, FL
Adjunct Instructor August 2003-July 2005
Taught courses in the Criminal Justice major including Introduction to Criminal Justice
and Courts and Procedure.

Law Office of Jessica Garcia, Miami Lakes, Florida

Attorney/Managing Partner March 2000-August 2005
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.

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

Associate Attorney August 1999-March 2000
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

Education:

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

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 Affiliations:

August 2020-present

SEALS

Member and Hospitality Committee: Assist in coordinating conference engagement and networking initiatives to foster collegiality among faculty, panelists, and attendees.

July 2020-2023

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 Just Adulting 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.

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:

- *Taking it Back to the Future: Best Teaching Practices From a 20th Century Law Professor for the 21st Century Undergraduate Law Student*, Western New England Law Review, Vol 47 (Spring 2025), pp. 101-119.
- *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:

- Presenter, Broward County Traffic Judges: Traffic Law Essentials, September 29, 2025.
- Law Faculty Volunteer Presenter, Advancing Underrepresented Youth in Law and Medicine, April 12, 2025.
- Co-Presenter, Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers CLE, Navigating the Bench: Key Issues and Best Practices for Traffic Hearing Officers, April 1, 2025.
- Honors College Presents Banned Books: *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin. Served as a panelist discussing women's rights today in comparison to the main character of the book. March 12, 2025.
- Co-Presenter, Broward County Traffic Hearing Officers CLE, Teen Drivers and Traffic Court, August 6, 2024.
- Panelist, SEALS: Women in Legal Education, July 25, 2024
- Moderator, SEALS: Dancing Backwards in High Heels, July 25, 2024
- Moderator, Pre-Professional Series: Women in Law Panel with Judges and Attorneys, March 12, 2024.
- Co-Presenter, Making an Impact in Law and Medicine, October 27, 2023.
- Moderator, Careers in Law with Judges and Attorneys, October 25, 2023.
- Co-Panelist, First Generation Law Student, March 16, 2023.
- Honors College Research Roundtable, February 8, 2023.
- Booher Inn of Court NSU Law Pupilage Group: Are You Smarter Than a 1L?, November 9, 2022.
- 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 Shahabdeen 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:

JD courses: Administrative Law, Appellate Advocacy, Constitutional Law II: First Amendment, Property, Supervised Student Research.

Undergraduate courses: Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession, Criminal Law and Procedure, Administrative Law, Family Law, Torts and Civil Litigation, Advanced Criminal Law, Internship in Paralegal Studies, Elder Law, Pleadings and the Court, Advanced Practicum in Paralegal Studies, 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, Honors: You Be the Judge, Real Estate Practice and Procedure I and II, Emerging Technologies, Constitutional Issues in Criminal Law, Court Systems and Procedures, Contract Law, Psychopathy and the Law.

College and University Service:

- Academic Progress Committee: Review of suspended and recommendation of re-admittance of undergraduate students with low academic performance.
- Ad Hoc B.S. in Law Committee (July 2022-present).
- Appointments Committee (July 2023-May 2024, July 2020-May 2022).
- Assisted in the planning of Project Inspire hosted by the Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic (March 2024).
- Broward County Bar Association and NSU Mentoring Event (2023-2024). Participated in the planning of a collaborative event with the BCBA where over 70 students participated in resumé writing and interviewing skills with judges and lawyers in the community.
- 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 curricula meant to prepare students for careers upon graduation.

- Chair, Conrad & Scherer Pathways to Law Scholarship Selection Committee (2022-present).
- Collaborate with the Director of Student Success & Pre-Health Services on planning multiple events for pre-law students (2022-present).
- College of Law Adjunct Appointments/Adjunct Review Committee, Chair (2024-present, 2022-2023, 2020-2021).
- College of Law Adjunct Appointments/Adjunct Review Committee, ex-officio, (2018-2020).
- College of Law Governance Committee (June 2021-present).
- 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.
- College of Law, Undergraduate Law Programs, Adjunct Faculty Committee Chair (August 2018-present).
- Faculty Advisor, Debate Team (2024-present).
- Faculty Advisor, Lambda Epsilon Chi Honor Society (2005-present).
- Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law Society (2023-present).
- First Year Experience Curriculum Committee, Member: Assisted in the development of the FYE program (2016-2019).
- Honors College Application Reviewer (2010-present).
- Honors Faculty Coordinating Committee, Member: review proposed courses and provide guidance on improving the Honors College experience for undergraduate students.
- Hosted "First Wave: Introduction to Advocacy." September 26, 2025.
- Internal Review Committee: Appointed to serve on the IRC reviewing the Paralegal Studies major and certificate for 2019 assessment.

- Interviewed for an episode of “Behind the Scenes: A Day in the Life...How Faculty Bring Learning to Life at NSU Florida.” July 31, 2025.
- Interviewed by Undergraduate Admissions, Faculty Highlight. August 1, 2025.
- New Student Orientation Resource Fair (August 2023).
- Non-JD Admission Committee, Member: review applications for the post-baccalaureate certificate program (2018-2024).
- Paralegal Studies Faculty and Advisory Board Committee, Chair: Facilitate bi-annual meetings on improving and assessing the program curriculum.
- Participated in the planning of the Barbara Goleman High School Honors students. Presented to students interested in a legal career (January 2024).
- Presidential Scholars Interviewer: 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 (2020-present).
- Program Review Committee (2024-present).
- Supervised Research of JD students (2022-present).
- ULAW Lunch & Learn Series (August 2023-present).
- Undergraduate Catalog Committee, College of Law Representative (2018-present).
- Undergraduate Commencement Committee, Member (January 2021-present).
- Undergraduate Dean’s Council: Represent the College of Law at the University wide council.
- Undergraduate Leadership Council, College of Law Representative (2018-present).
- Undergraduate Open House (2023-present).
- Undergraduate Student Enrollment Committee, Member (September 2020-present).

- Undergraduate Student Symposium Steering Committee, Member: College of Law representative assisting in the planning of the Symposium and evaluation of submissions (2018-2021).
- Undergraduate Student Symposium, April 2019: Supervised and Advised Francesca Cruz on her Honors in Major presentation which earned her Honorable Mention.
- Faculty Sponsor/Mentor for undergraduate student, Estrella Romero Barriola's poster submission at the NSU Undergraduate Student Symposium titled "Media Representation and Public Perception of Supreme Court Decisions." April 2, 2025.
- University Presidential Scholars Interviews (January 2021-present).

Community Service:

Rock Creek, Board of Directors: Member of the Board of Directors responsible for ensuring success and safety of the community comprising 1,800 homes, January 2023-present.

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.