
Curriculum Vitae
GERALD M. MORRIS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Gerald M. Morris, General Counsel
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EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center
Houston, Texas (Aug. 2001 - Dec. 2002)
LL.M. Degree in Health Law; G.P.A. 3.86 / 4.0
- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law
Fort Lauderdale, FL (1974 - 1977)
Juris Doctor Degree "With Honors"; Class Rank 16 / 149; G.P.A. 3.08
Received American Jurisprudence Book Awards in Labor Law and in
Business Associations (Agency and Partnerships)
- LeMoyne College
Syracuse, New York (1969 - 1973)
Bachelor of Arts Degree in History; G.P.A. 3.2 / 4.0

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Florida Bar Member (Nov. 1977)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (Dec. 1977, Inactive)
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (Feb. 1983, Inactive)
- U.S. Court of Appeal for Fifth/ Eleventh Circuit (Oct. 1981, Inactive)
- Supreme Court of the United States (Nov. 1981)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Board Certification in Health Law by the Florida Bar (1995 - Present)
- Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating (Present)
- Who's Who in America; Who's Who in American Law (Various Years)
- Adjunct Professor of the Year Award NSU Law Center (2008 - 2009)
- Six Sigma Green Belt (2011)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law
3305 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

- **Adjunct Professor of Law** (Jan. 1992 - Present)
Teaching 3 credit courses at this ABA and AALS accredited law school
 - Health Law survey course (Fall 1992 - 2011)
 - Health Care Organizations, Regulation and Access (Fall 2012 - 2015)
 - Health Law Workshop (Winter 2011 - Present)
 - Law of Managed Health Care (Fall 2000, Winter 2009)

The L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition

- Assisted NSU coaches and teams prepare for this competition sponsored by Loyola University Chicago
- NSU teams were First Place in 2013 and 2014 (2013-2016)

NSU Online Masters in Science in Health Law Program For Non-lawyers

- MSHL Adjunct Faculty Member, Research Project Advisor (2003 - 2015)
- Co-taught Administrative Law (Summer 2003)

Guest Lectures

- Florida Coastal Law School, Jacksonville, FL - lectured on antitrust Issues in health care
- NSU Health Professions Division: School of Medicine and School of Optometry - lectured on professional liability claims, litigation and defense

Attended American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Teachers Conferences

- Boston University Law Center, Boston, MA (June 2001)
- Widner University Law Center, Wilmington, DE (June 2003)
- University of Houston Law Center/Baylor, Houston, TX (June 2005)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – EMPLOYMENT

Holy Cross Hospital, Inc. - General Counsel

4725 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 1992 - Present)

- Serve as in-house legal counsel for the organization and its related entities.
- Part of Trinity Health system following its merger with Catholic Health East; sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy.
- Licensed as a 559 bed acute care hospital with network of nearly 150 employed physicians in over 25 locations; a home health service; an outpatient center; ambulatory surgery center joint venture; several ambulatory urgent care centers; a clinically integrated network and a Medicare Shared Savings Accountable Care Organization, and various medical offices and related health care facilities.
- Report directly to President/CEO and to Executive Vice President/COO.
- Supervise Legal Affairs Department staff and activities.
- Responsibilities include a wide range of general health law, corporate, regulatory, Administrative, litigation and transactional matters.
- Work with Board of Directors and Senior Leadership team as well as with Corporate Compliance, Risk Management, GME Residency Program, Nursing, Medical Staff, HIPAA/Privacy, Human Resources, Managed Care and Facilities Departments among others.

Previous Law Firm Employment

Heinrich, Gordon, Batchelder, Hargrove, Weihe & James (May 1986 - July 1992)

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Partner (Jan 1990 – July 1992), Senior Associate (April 1989 – Dec 1989) with this firm and its predecessors firms; was the Fort Lauderdale office of Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley, Myerson & Casey and its successor Tew, Jordan & Schulte.
- Practice included health law for various health care providers, professionals and institutions; litigation and appeals including insurance defense, general corporate and commercial practice.

Saunders, Curtis, Ginestra & Gore

Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 1975 - April 1986)

- Partner (April 1982 – April 1986), Associate (May 1977 – March 1982) and law clerk (July 1975 – April 1977)
- Practiced general civil litigation, trials and appeal; emerging specialty of health law.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Florida Bar
 - Participate in a range of activities connection with the Florida Bar and its Health Law Section including service on Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors.
- Broward County Bar Association
 - Participate in a range of activities, Committees and leadership roles in connection with Broward County Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division including service on its Executive Committee and as past Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, President.
 - President's Award Recipient (1987).
- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law
 - Board of Governors Member (1990 - 2012); served on Academic Performance and Bar Passage Committee (2007); Bylaws Committee (2008); Strategic Planning Committee (2008 - 2009)
 - Adjunct Professor of Law (1992 - present)
 - Co-Moderator of Law & Medicine Society (1994 - 1995)
 - Adjunct Faculty Member for the MSHL online program Law (2003 – 2015)
 - Nominated for NSU Outstanding Alumnus of the Year (2006)
- Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity (Fleming Chapter), Vice Justice (1976 - 1977)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Over the years active with a number of community organizations such as the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and its Leadership Broward Program including service on its Board of Governors and in leadership roles on in its Health Care Committee, as well as with the local United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County.

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