

MARIA M. SCHNEIDER, ESQ.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999–Present

Broward County State Attorney’s Office

Assistant in Charge of the Juvenile Unit

Direct all activities of the Juvenile Division of the State Attorney’s Office. Duties include review and processing over 13,000 cases a year as well as supervision of attorneys, and support staff. Participate in numerous community groups dedicated to providing and/or improving services to the community’s youth.

1997-1999

Assigned to the Career Criminal Unit

Prosecuted repeat offenders charged under the Habitual Offender, Violent Habitual Offender, Violent Career Criminal, and Prison Releasee Reoffender Acts. Intensive trial practice.

1997

Assigned to the Organized Crime/ Gang Unit

Prosecuted crimes filed under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act and crimes allegedly committed by individuals affiliated to Organized Crime Organizations and Gang activity. Responsible for review and filing of Gang affiliated cases.

1994-1997

Assigned to the Sex Crimes Division

Prosecuted child abuse and child and adult sex crime cases. Responsible for filing said cases as well as their subsequent prosecution.

1993-1994

Assigned to the Felony Trial Unit

Prosecuted general jurisdiction felony crimes ranging from Possession of Controlled Substances to Murder.

1987-1993

Broward County Public Defender’s Office

Assistant Public Defender

Represented indigent persons charged with crimes. Assigned to the juvenile division from 1987 to 1989. From 1988 to 1993 assigned to the felony division. Duties included representation of persons placed in Mental Health facilities pursuant to the Baker and Myers Acts. Awarded as “Felony Attorney of the Year” for 1991.

EDUCATION

1987	Juris Doctor	Nova Southeastern University
1984	Bachelor of Arts	Florida International University

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BROWARD COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL – 2011 – Governor Appointee to Board

FLORIDA BAR JUVENILE RULES COMMITTEE- 2001 to 2006. Vice-chair 2003-2004. 2011.

BROWARD COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD- 1999 to present. Vice Chair 2004-2009. Chair the Legislative, Nominations and Grants Sub-committees.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION – 2010 to present.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS - Board member from 1999 to 2009.

BROWARD COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD- 1999 to present.

MULTI AGENCY GANG TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE- 1999 to 2005.

GANG FREE COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS- Steering Committee member from 2001 to 2004. Co-Chair 2002 to 2004.

REGION 17 GANG TASK FORCE -2009 to present.

BROWARD ASSESSMENT CENTER ADVISORY BOARD- 1999 to present..

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DETENTION RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE- 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, ZERO TOLERANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE, 2008.

BROWARD COUNTY DIVERSION COALITION-2005 to present.

JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE ACTION NETWORK- 2008 to present.

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE- 2008 to present.

BROWARD COUNTY HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

CUBAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

TEACHING/LECTURING EXPERIENCE

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY – Adjunct Professor – 2004 to present – Juvenile Justice; Criminal Law and Procedure; Family Law; Gangs in America; Court Systems and Procedure..

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY – Adjunct Professor – 2007 to present – Juvenile Justice and Procedure; Issues in Criminal Law; Criminal Law Systems, Court Administration and the Criminal Justice System.

FLORIDA PROSECUTOR'S ASSOCIATION – VARIOUS SEMINARS - 2000 to present.. Lecture topics include Detention of Juvenile Offenders; Prosecution of Sex Crimes; Treatment Plans and other non-judicial dispositions; Ethics for the Prosecutor; Prosecution 101; Trial Preparation and Time Management; Closing Argument; Cross Examination; The Visual Trial.

FLORIDA SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE - School Law Related Issues and Legislation 2002, 2003, 2006, 2011.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING – 2005 to present.

NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA - 2001 – to present. Faculty Facilitator at “Prosecutor and the Media” seminar; Trial Advocacy I and II; Intensive Cross Examination Seminar; Pre-Trial Advocacy. Lecture topics have included cross examination; cross examination of the expert witness; closing argument; multi-defendant trials, and homicides by minors.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE - GUEST LECTURER - 2000 to present - lecture and training of juvenile probation officers, intake workers, administrators working within the juvenile justice system.