

JUDGE ROBERT F. DIAZ

Broward County Courthouse
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Personal History:

Born: May 5, 1953 in Coral Gables, Florida
Fluent in Spanish and English

Married: Wife - Dian Diaz
One child - Gabriela Dian Diaz – 25 years old

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:
(34 years)

Nova University Law School,
Adjunct Professor for "Street Law" course.

May, 1991 to 1997 and
August, 2020 – 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:
(29 years)

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 2005:

Faculty Member and Presenter for
the College of Advanced Judicial
Studies

June, 1994 to present:
(29 years)

Video 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 and with a margin of 107,000 votes over his opponent. 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 - Present: Executive Board member Stephen Booher Inns of Court – Nova Southeastern University Broad Law Center - Law student Liaison.
- 1997 & 1999: Keynote speaker for the graduating class - Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center
- 2000 - Present:
(23 years) Member of the Board of Governors of Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center
- 2008 - Present: Executive Board member Stephen Booher Inns of Court – Nova Southeastern University Broad Law Center - Law student Liaison.
- 2000 – Present: Instructor for National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA)
- 2010 – Present: Criminal Justice Advisory Board Member – Keiser University Graduate School Master of Arts
- 2011- Present: Nova Law School Summer Judicial Internship Liaison (SP) Program. Supervise and mentor 50 first year law Students who intern for all judges in Broward County. Present 4 -6 prominent local attorneys Who give insight into different areas of law.

2012 – Present: Founder and Leader of the Broward County Young Lawyers, “Lawyers for Literacy Program” - Broward Young Lawyers read to kindergarten and first grade students throughout Broward County to enhance and promote a love for reading.

2019 – Present: Faculty Member for DUI Adjudication Lab for County Court Judges – Teaching New County Court Judges in the State of Florida how to preside Over DUI cases.

AWARDS

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

2018 Statewide Harvey Ford Award Contributions to the justice system, community and the County Court Judges

Nova Law School 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award for service and contributions to Nova Law School Students and school community.