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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.

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 2010-present

Associate Professor of Law, Paralegal Studies Program,
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 and teach seven courses in the areas of Paralegal Studies, Criminal Justice, and the Farquhar College Honors Program. Responsible for the supervision of 11 adjunct faculty members and offer guidance and instruction as to college and program requirements.

February 2006-present

Traffic Hearing Officer

Broward County Traffic Hearing Officer, Broward County, Florida.

Appointed by Chief Judge Dale Ross to preside over civil traffic infractions 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 prospective traffic hearing officers.

August 2005-July 2010

Assistant Professor/Coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

March 2000-August 2005

Law Office of Jessica Garcia, Miami Lakes, Florida.

Solo Practitioner: 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

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

Associate Attorney: 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 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 if it is concluded that they are not, 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.

Presentations and Publications:

- 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.

Community Service:

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.