

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida
Juris Doctor, 1988

Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Bachelor of Science in Education, 1977

Miami Dade Community College, Miami, Florida
Associate of Science, 1975

The Florida Bar, 1988

Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator, 1994 - 2021

Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator, 1994 - 2021

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, 2010 - 2021

Real Estate Broker, 2002 - 2022

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Special Master, City of Miami Beach, Florida 2014 – present

- Preside over hearings for violations of City of Miami Beach Codes and Ordinances, administer oaths, take testimony, make written findings of fact, and enter Orders.

General Magistrate and Child Support Hearing Officer, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, October, 2005 – October 2012

- Preside over hearings referred by the Court, prepare Reports and Recommendations.

General Magistrate, Child Support Access and Visitation Project, April, 2005 – October, 2005

- Preside over hearings referred by the Court, prepare Reports and Recommendations.

Special Master, City of Miami, Florida 1999 – 2005

- Preside over hearings for violations of City of Miami Codes and Ordinances, administer oaths, take testimony, make written findings of fact, and enter Orders.

Special Master, City of Hollywood, Florida January 2000 – July 2003

- Preside over hearings for violations of City of Hollywood Codes and Ordinances, administer oaths, take testimony, make written findings of fact, and enter Orders.

Special Master, City of West Miami, Florida 2000 – 2003

- Preside over hearings for violations of City of West Miami Codes and Ordinances, administer oaths, take testimony, make written findings of fact, and enter Orders.

Lawyers for Children America, 2000 - 2004

Volunteer Attorney

- Provide representation to children in the dependency system

Attorney, Lukacs & Lukacs, P.A., Miami, Florida November 1994 - 2005

- Eminent Domain, General Civil Law, Family Law, Family Mediation

Attorney, Marcus and Associates, P.A., Miami, Florida February 1994 - November 1994

- Family Law, General Civil Law

City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida

Police Legal Advisor, October 1991- February 1994

City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida

Assistant City Attorney II, April 1990 - October 1991

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Diversity in the Legal Profession Symposium sponsored by The Florida Bar, April 27, 2006, April 28, 2006 Planning Committee

- Assisted with design of program, panel selections, planning and research

Diversity in the Legal Profession Symposium sponsored by The Florida Bar, April 22, 2005 Planning Committee

- Assisted with design of program, panel selections, planning and research
- Moderated panel entitled "Professionalism and Diversity Initiatives That Work"

Diversity in the Legal Profession Symposium sponsored by The Florida Bar, April 16, 2004 – April 17, 2004 Chair

- Designed program, organized and assisted in panel selections, planning and research
- Compiled and presented report to The Florida Bar Board of Governors

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida

Director of Admissions/Assistant Director of Admissions May 1987 - April 1990

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida

Assistant Director of Student Affairs, July 1987 - July 1988

Miami Beach Recreation Department, Miami Beach, Florida

Recreation Leader, Recreation Director and Supervisor, February 1980 - August 1984

INSTRUCTION AND TEACHING

Miami Dade Community College Paralegal Program, Miami, Florida

Assistant Professor, Fall 2000 – Summer 2001

- Business Law, Torts, Real Estate

University of Miami Paralegal Program, Miami, Florida

Instructor, January– December 1989

- Legal Interviewing and Investigation and Legal Writing

Florida International College Paralegal Program, Miami, Florida

Instructor Summer 1988

- Wills and Trusts

Notre Dame Academy, Miami, Florida

Teacher, August 1979 - May 1981

- English and Physical Education

Dade County Public Schools, Miami, Florida

Teacher, August 1978 – June 1979

- Special Education and Physical Education

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS HELD

Board President, Florida Foster Care Review, Inc., 2017 - 2019

Board Member, Florida Foster Care Review, Inc., 2005 - 2010, 2012 - 2017

Volunteer Panel Chair, Foster Care Review, Inc., 1996 – 2005

Board Secretary, Renmen Foundation, Inc., 2015 to present

Executive Committee Member, Casa Valentina, Inc., 2015 to present

Board Member, Casa Valentina, Inc., 2006 to present

Board Member, Coral Gables Congregational Church Board of Justice and Witness, January 2022 to present

Recipient of The Douglas M. Halsey Award for Volunteer Service, 2005

Committee Member, Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for the 2005 Tobias Simon Pro Bono Awards

Committee Member, Chief Justice's Distinguished Judicial Service Award 2005

Board of Advisors, St. Thomas University School of Law, 1988 to 2010