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## 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  
**Certified Family Law Mediator**, 1994 - 2023  
**Certified County Court Mediator**, 1994 - 2023  
**Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator**, 2010 - 2023  
**Real Estate Broker**, 2002

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Special Magistrate**, 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 on issues of paternity, establishment, modifications and enforcement of child support, prepare Reports and Recommended Orders.

**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.

**Attorney**, Lukacs & Lukacs, P.A., Miami, Florida November 1994 - 2007

- Eminent Domain, General Civil 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

- Handled employee related issues such as hiring, discipline and terminations
- Advised all police officers and staff on current trends in the law

**City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida**

**Assistant City Attorney II**, April 1990 - October 1991

- Represented the City in Nuisance Abatement Board and Code Enforcement Board Hearings
- Handled employee related issues including unemployment compensation appeals, personnel board appeals and disciplinary actions for all City of Miami Beach employees

- Handled municipal law issues including bonds, transactions and contracts
- Served as counsel for the Marine Board, Convention Center Advisory Board and Art In Public Places Committee

**Law Clerk**, The Honorable George E. Orr, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, May 1985 - August 1985

- Performed all duties of a law clerk as well as assisted in the streamlining of the procedures for filing and review of pleadings and motions

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**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

**Foster Care Review, Inc., 1996 – 2005**

**Volunteer Panel Chair**

- Review cases of children who have been removed from their homes to determine if reasonable efforts are being made to secure a safe, permanent placement for those children
- Make findings as to compliance of all interested parties
- File recommended orders with the Court

**Lawyers for Children America, -**

**Volunteer Attorney**

- Provide representation to children in the dependency system

**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**

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 Member, Casa Valentina, Inc., 2006 to present

Board Member, Foster Care Review, Inc., 2005 to 2010, 2012-2022