



JOSE SMITH

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EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR • 1973
University of Florida, College of Law
J.D. (with honors)

BACHELOR OF ARTS • 1971
University of Florida, B.A. (with
honors)

KEY SKILLS

Municipal law
Ethics legislation
Legal opinions
Trial and appellate experience
Excellent organization skills

INTERESTS

Travel
Sports
Mountain hiking

PROFILE

Jose Smith, a Miami Beach resident since 1961, was a Member of the Miami Beach City Commission from 1997 to 2005, gaining extensive experience in municipal, administrative, land use, and constitutional law. As Commissioner, he also chaired the City Attorney's Oversight Committee. He was City Attorney for Miami Beach from 2006-2014, and City Attorney for North Miami Beach from 2014-2018. Mr. Smith is currently a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator, experienced in successfully mediating controversial and difficult disputes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-PRESENT

Salmon & Dulberg, Miami, Florida
Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator

2018-2019

Bryant, Miller, Olive, Miami, Florida
Labor, Employment, and Municipal Law

1983-2001

Smith & Suprasky, P.A., North Miami Beach, Florida
Founder and Senior Partner
General Civil Litigation; Construction, Real Estate and Commercial litigation. Land Development and Condominium Law; Landlord Tenant Law, Banking and Lender litigation.

1974-1983

Feldman & Abramson, P.A./Feldman, Abramson, Smith,
Magidson & Levy, P.A., Miami, Florida
Personal Injury & Wrongful Death; Medical Malpractice;
Insurance and general litigation; Appellate Practice; Worker's Compensation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Florida Bar, admitted in 1974
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
American Bar Association
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
Florida Bar Grievance Committee (1993-1996)
Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee (1997-1998)
Florida Bar State Standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (1983-1988)
Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer (1992-1997)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During his term as a Miami Beach City Commissioner, Mr. Smith wrote and sponsored legislation involving ethics, campaign, and procurement reforms. While a commissioner, Jose chaired the city's Finance Committee and led delegations to all three Wall Street rating firms. His presentations resulted in several upgrades to the city's bond ratings. He also worked closely with then City Attorney Murray Dubbin to protect the city's legal interests in pending litigation. Mr. Smith also testified before U.S. Congressional Committees and before State of Florida officials to help secure grants and funding for city projects. Perhaps his proudest legacy was working with his colleagues on the City Commission to make the city a world class destination dedicated to the arts, culture, great architecture, and historic preservation. He led the original city delegation to Basel, Switzerland. Along with many other community leaders, Jose helped to bring to the City Art Basel Miami Beach, the world's greatest art festival.

While serving as City Attorney for Miami Beach, Jose Smith enhanced the prestige and reputation of the office. He has been recognized in the "South Florida Legal Guide" as one of "South Florida's Top Government Attorneys." Mr. Smith was also featured in Florida Trend Magazine as a top government attorney in "Florida Legal Elite." He has published law review articles (Co-Author, "Worker's Compensation Immunity: In Search of a Defendant," 32 University of Miami Law Review, 1311, Oct. 1978), and is a frequent lecturer at South Florida universities. He often assists other cities draft or interpret legislation on issues of public importance. As a member of the Dade League of Cities Legal Advisory Committee Mr. Smith helped publish its "Elected Officials Handbook."

BUSINESS INTERESTS/INVESTMENTS

GREYNOLDS PARK VILLAGE SHOPPES

North Miami Beach, Florida

Former Co-Owner and General Counsel of 15,000 sq. ft. shopping/professional center featuring fine dining and upscale tenants

BAY HARBOR PROFESSIONAL CENTER, INC.

1160 Kake Concourse

Bay Harbor, Florida

Co-Owner and General Counsel of 4-story luxury professional office building with ground floor retail tenants in the heart of Bay Harbor's commercial district

S & S EQUITIES, INC.

2450 NE Miami Gardens Drive

North Miami Beach, Florida

Former Co-Owner and Landlord of a 2-story professional office building used primarily as law offices for attorneys and other professionals

CARIBBEAN TOWERS CONDOMINIUMS

7545 E. Treasure Drive

North Bay Village, Florida

Principal investor and General Counsel in a 103-unit condo conversion project in North Bay Village, Florida

PUBLIC SERVICE

City of North Miami Special Magistrate	2021-Present
Chairman, North Beach Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee	2021-Present
Miami Beach City Attorney	2005-2014
Miami Beach City Commissioner	1997-2005
Chair, City of Miami Beach Finance and City Wide Projects Committee	2001-2005
Chair, City of Miami Beach Community Affairs Committee	1998-2001
Vice-Chair, City of Miami Beach Neighborhoods Committee	1998-2001
Metropolitan Planning Organization	2001-2005
Chair, City of Miami Beach City Attorney's Oversight Committee	1998-2005
Miami Beach Community Development Advisory Committee	1994-1996
Chairman, Normandy Shores Neighborhood District Advisory Council	1994-1996
Miami Beach Charter Review and Revision Board	1992-1993
Jackie Gleason Theater Booking Policy Committee	1992-1993
Board of Directors, Normandy Shores Homeowners Association	1992-1997
Board of Directors, North Beach Development Corporation	1996-1997
Miami Beach Tourist and Convention Center Expansion Authority	1986-1991
City of Miami Beach Committee of Young Professionals	1986

MAJOR LEGISLATION AUTHORED OR SPONSORED AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

"Vendor Ordinance" - prohibiting campaign contributions by city vendors.

"Cone of Silence" - protects integrity of the competitive bid process from undue influence by lobbyists.

"Conflict of Interest" legislation prohibiting elected officials from engaging in certain business or professional relationships.

"Bid Protest Ordinance" - establishing a mechanism for resolving bid disputes outside the Political arena.

"Code Violation Reform" - requiring large fine mitigations be approved by the City Commission.

"False Claims Ordinance" - sanctions contractors and city vendors who file fraudulent claims.

"Local Preference Ordinance" - giving Miami Beach vendors a competitive advantage.

Sexual Offender Ordinance (landlord provisions)

Human Rights and Anti-Discriminatory Ordinances.

"Anchor Ordinance" - limiting the proliferation of derelict and abandoned vessels in city waters.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

Participated in and voted for the largest down zoning in the City's history, which improved the quality of life for every resident.

Spearheaded efforts to fund and build the North Beach Youth Center.

Initiated efforts and voted to submit to referendum the \$92 Million General Obligation Bond issue.

Presented testimony to U.S. Congressional Committee seeking funds for city transportation initiatives.

Led city's delegations to Wall Street ratings firms which resulted in several upgrades in city's bond ratings.

Began efforts and led the negotiations to acquire the Byron-Carlyle Theater.

Participated in Settlement negotiations with the Continuum Group.

Participated in Settlement efforts to resolve the Portofino litigation.

Participated in Settlement efforts to resolve the Royal Palm/Crown Plaza controversy.

Led the city's efforts to acquire the Altos del Mar parcels from the State of Florida for recreational use.

Led the original delegation to Basel, Switzerland, which resulted in an agreement to bring Art Basel to Miami Beach.

Conceived and helped to implement dissolution of the South Point Redevelopment District allowing funds to be used city-wide.

Assisted in negotiations and drafting of an Inter-local Agreement with Miami-Dade County allocating \$55 million in Convention Development Taxes to the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Encouraged and succeeded in getting the Dade County School Board to use Miami Beach-generated impact fees to improve local schools.

As chairman of the City's Finance Committee, oversaw the most successful economic and budgetary recovery in the City's history.

