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## BAR MEMBERSHIP

Member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States

The Florida Bar, Admitted in September 2006.

*Recipient of the Florida Bar's 2013 Justice Education Award – Lawyer of the Year  
Member of the Moot Court and Mock Trial Subcommittee of the Law Related Education Committee (2011-present) (responsible for preparing a moot court competition argued before the Florida Supreme Court)*

Member of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida & Bankruptcy Court

Member of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida & Bankruptcy Court

## EDUCATION

**Florida International University College of Law**, Miami, FL

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2006

**G.P.A.** – 3.52/4.0 (approximately 2nd in class)

**Honors & Awards:** Dean's List (All Semesters); Semi-Finalist Team in the Weschler National First Amendment Moot Court Competition at American University in Washington, D.C.; Second Place Overall Oralist in the FIU Intramural Appellate Moot Court Competition; FIU Appellate Advocacy Team to the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York

**Book Awards:** Book Award for *Business Associations*, Book Award for *Evidence*, Book Award for *Federal Income Taxation*, Book Award for *Law of War and of International Armed Conflict*

**Activities:** Vice-President of the Moot Court Board of Advocates, Jointly Responsible for the FIU Annual Intramural Moot Court Competition

**University of Miami School of Law**, Coral Gables, FL

**Honors:** Dean's Merit Scholar, Intern for the Center for Ethics and Public Service, Dean's List (Spring 2004), 1L Moot Court Competition Semi-Finalist

**Book Awards:** Book Award for *Legal Research and Writing II*

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Electrical Engineering, May 2003

**G.P.A.** – 3.6/4.0

**Honors:** Presidential Scholar, Yale Scholar, Society of American Military Engineers Scholar, Charles E. Jones Scholar, Henry T. Morgan Scholar, Connecticut Information Technology Scholar

**Thesis:** "Creating Filter Templates: A Best Practices Model." Advisor: *Prof. Jack M. Balkin, Yale Law School*

**Activities:** Yale College Council Representative, Co-founder, Editor and Technical Director of LawMeme at Yale Law School, Director of IT for the Yale Law and Technology Society, The Yale Model Congress, Yale Course of Study Standing Committee

## EXPERIENCE

**Florida International University – College of Law** – Miami, Florida – January 2015 – Present

*Assistant Professor of Academic Support & Director of Bar Preparation*

Taught two courses related to bar exam preparation and academic support. Responsible for bar preparation program, including planning, implementation, teaching, counseling, assessments, statistical analysis with machine learning and binary logistic odds analysis, and course development.

Achieved the highest bar passage result in the State of Florida for every bar administration.

Board Member – Section of Academic Support – Association of American Law Schools (January 2017 – Present)

**Nova Southeastern University – Shepard Broad Law Center** – Davie, Florida – May 2011 – January 2015

*Critical Skills Professor & Adjunct Professor*

Taught various courses at the Shepard Broad Law Center, including Legal Drafting, Elements of Legal Analysis I & II, Evidence practice labs, Constitutional Law practice labs, and Advanced Legal Analysis.

Manage administrative duties of the Elements of Legal Analysis and Advanced Legal Analysis Courses. Responsible for statistical data that was required to be computed and reported to the American Bar Association for accreditation maintenance.

Administered the Florida Bar Auxiliary Program, a bar preparation assistance program that is the largest of its kind in the nation and offered to all of the law school's graduates, including alumni.

Serve on the Committee to Improve Bar Passage

**The Law Offices of Raul Ruiz, P.A.** – Miami, Florida – July 2009 – May 2011

*Attorney*

Operate a practice focusing on personal injury and criminal defense litigation. Represented plaintiffs in numerous personal injury claims, including pre-suit negotiation and litigation. Represent those accused of crimes at all stages of litigation, including pre-arrest, discovery, trial, and appeals.

**Florida International University College of Law** – Miami, Florida – August 2010 – June 2011

*Adjunct Professor of Law*

Taught an advanced course in legal research and writing to Florida International University College of Law Students. This course dealt with the preparation of contracts in the context of ongoing business transactions. Responsible for preparing and delivering lectures and grading assignments as well as general development of the legal skills and values program at the law school.

**Essen, Essen, Charnota, & Cohen, P.A.**, Aventura, FL April 2007 – July 2009

*Lead Trial Attorney – Broward County*

Litigated a multitude of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases, both at the felony and misdemeanor level. Conducted 6 jury trials as lead defense counsel with numerous victories. Attended and litigated before administrative officers at administrative hearings. Prepared for and took numerous depositions in preparation for trials and motion hearings. Drafted and argued numerous motions regarding lay and scientific evidence, constitutional issues, and statutory interpretation and application.

**Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office**, Miami, FL August 2006 – March 2007

*Assistant State Attorney*

Responsible for the prosecution of criminal offenses. Responsible for litigating numerous cases in the state's criminal justice system, including engaging in discovery and depositions, motion practice, and jury and non-jury trials.

**United States District Judge Kenneth A. Marra**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. May 2004 – August 2004

*Intern Clerk*

Prepared orders for Judge Kenneth A. Marra upon motions made by parties. Required significant amounts of legal research and application of various legal and procedural principles. Dealt primarily with orders pertaining to motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Experienced Computer Programmer and Software Engineer, Westlaw, LexisNexis, FAA Licensed Pilot

## LANGUAGES

