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EDUCATION

- J.D.** *University of Dayton School of Law* 1997
Moot Court Board Staff
Phi Delta Phi Fraternity
American Bar Association – Law Student Division
Criminal Law Alliance
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic (Clinic Supervisor, 1997)
- B.B.A.** *University of Iowa, Finance Major (emphasis in Accounting)* 1994
ROTC Four Year Full Scholarship Recipient
Delta Chi International Fraternity
Dean's List
Dean's Freshman Scholar Award Recipient (Purdue University)
Dean's Freshman Scholar Program Participant (Purdue University)
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CERTIFICATIONS AND BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Certified as an Expert in Criminal Trial by the Florida Bar 2005 – 2010
Admitted to the Florida Bar
Admitted to the Virginia Bar
Admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
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WORK HISTORY

- Assistant County Attorney* 2010 – Present
Charlotte County, FL
Responsible for handling and representing the County in all labor and employment litigation matters. I routinely counsel and assist Human Resources regarding various issues including recruitment, layoffs, collective bargaining, and litigation. I am also responsible as the Chief Negotiator to negotiate collective bargaining agreements with the County's labor unions. In addition, I represent the County in foreclosure matters and other areas involving litigation.
- Employee/Labor Relations Manager* 2007 - 2010
City of Cape Coral, Cape Coral, FL
Responsible for handling all labor and employment related issues affecting the City and its 1600 employees. My position frequently required meeting with management, affected employees, and labor unions to settle contract disputes and to also provide legal analysis and opinions. I was routinely consulted on issues involving compensation, recruitment, risk management, and benefits. As the City's Chief Labor Negotiator, I negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreements with the City's eight labor unions. I was also responsible for conducting investigations involving employee misconduct and, if necessary, to take immediate corrective action. My duties also involved representing the City in court and arbitration proceedings.
- Assistant City Attorney* 2006 – 2007
City of Cape Coral, Cape Coral, FL

Responsible for representing the City on numerous legal topics including zoning, forfeitures, foreclosures, employment law, property law, and general litigation.

Assistant Public Defender, Felony Division Chief
Office of the Public Defender for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit 1997-2002, 2004-2006
West Palm Beach, FL

Represented clients charged with Felony offenses up to and including second-degree murder. As a Criminal Trial Attorney, I have handled just about every type of felony including Murder, DUI Manslaughter, Armed Robbery, Armed Burglary, and Sexual Abuse. As lead counsel, I have tried over 50 jury trials with acquittals in 90% of those cases. I have also been responsible for supervising and training other attorneys in my division.

Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender 2003-2004
Alexandria, VA

Represented clients charged with Felony offenses handling all facets of litigation from the time of arrest through trial and any subsequent appeals. I handled a variety of cases with the office ranging from Forgery to Armed Carjacking. I also represented juvenile defendants charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Law Clerk, United States Senate Judiciary Committee 1995
Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts
Washington, D.C.

Wrote speeches for the Senator, met with lobbyists and other Congressional staff members, investigated executive branch ethics violations, and conducted legal research.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Barrister – Calusa Inn of Court 2008-2010
Florida Association of County Attorneys –

General Governmental Committee Member 2011

Nominated to the U.S. Military Academy and to the U.S. Naval Academy

State of Iowa Scholar

Eagle Scout

Member of the South Gulf Football Officials Association

Member of the Ave Maria Board of Visitors – Ave Maria Law School