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EDUCATION

Attorney, educator, and experienced Special Magistrate with a demonstrated commitment to the fair and efficient administration of justice, seeking appointment as Special Magistrate for the City of Port St. Lucie. Brings experience presiding over quasi-judicial proceedings, resolving complex legal issues, and serving the community through teaching, leadership, and public service, with a steadfast dedication to due process and equitable code enforcement.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

LL.M., Taxation, September 2021

- Concentration in Estate Planning

BARRY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., May 2017

- Barry Law Review, *Editorial Board* – Research and Technical Editor
- Research Assistant to Professor Wes E. Henricksen
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Program – Certified Volunteer 2016, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

B.S., Legal Studies, December 2013

EXPERIENCE

Legal Experience

THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, Fort Pierce, FL

Special Magistrate, December 2024 – Present

Preside over quasi-judicial hearings involving alleged violations of municipal codes and ordinances, ensuring proceedings are conducted in accordance with applicable law and principles of due process.

- Conduct evidentiary hearings, administer oaths, evaluate testimony, and rule on the admissibility and weight of evidence presented by code inspectors, respondents, and other witnesses.
- Issue written orders adjudicating liability and compliance, including the imposition of fines, liens, and other remedies authorized by law.
- Make findings of fact and conclusions of law in matters involving property maintenance, building codes, zoning, and related regulatory issues.
- Adjudicate post-hearing matters, including requests for compliance extensions, lien reductions, and other relief, applying legal standards to individualized circumstances.
- Manage all aspects of the hearing process, including issuance of subpoenas and oversight of procedural fairness for all parties.
- Ensure impartial and consistent application of governing statutes and ordinances while maintaining courtroom decorum and procedural integrity.

BARREAU LEGAL, PLLC, Port St. Lucie, FL

Founder and Owner, November 2021 - Present

Effectively counsel clients by advising on estate planning and probate administration.

- Counsel clients on complex estate planning and probate matters, applying statutory and case law to develop tailored legal strategies addressing asset protection, wealth transfer, and fiduciary obligations.
- Draft and oversee the preparation of comprehensive estate planning instruments, including wills, trusts, amendments, powers of attorney, and business succession plans, ensuring legal sufficiency and alignment with client objectives.
- Represent clients in probate and estate administration proceedings, guiding personal representatives through court-supervised processes, including preparation of pleadings, inventories, accountings, and final distributions.
- Analyze and resolve legal issues arising in estate administration, including creditor claims, asset distribution disputes, and compliance with statutory requirements.
- Prepare and review real property conveyance documents in furtherance of estate planning and administration, including deeds designed to effectuate ownership transfers and implement planning strategies.
- Advise clients on the formation and governance of business entities, including limited liability companies and corporations, with attention to legal compliance and long-term operational considerations.
- Manage all aspects of firm operations, including supervision, training, and mentorship of staff, implementation of office procedures, and oversight of client matters to ensure efficient and professional service delivery.
- Exercise independent professional judgment in managing a diverse caseload, maintaining high standards of client service, ethical compliance, and legal accuracy.
- Serve as a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, facilitating the resolution of disputes through neutral evaluation, effective case management, and the application of legal principles to guide parties toward equitable outcomes.

THE PROBATE LAW FIRM, Remote

Associate Attorney, May 2021 – October 2021

Effectively counsel clients by advising on estate planning and probate administration.

- Represented clients in probate and estate administration proceedings, including appearances before the court in matters involving estate administration, guardianship, and related disputes.
- Advocated on behalf of personal representatives and interested parties in hearings addressing procedural and substantive issues, including petitions for administration, distribution of assets, and resolution of contested matters.
- Prepared and filed pleadings, inventories, accountings, and closing documents in accordance with statutory requirements and court procedures.
- Analyzed and resolved legal issues arising in estate administration, including creditor claims, beneficiary disputes, and compliance with fiduciary obligations.
- Counseled clients on estate planning strategies and drafted comprehensive estate planning instruments, including wills, trusts, amendments, and powers of attorney.
- Prepared real property conveyance documents in furtherance of estate planning and administration, ensuring compliance with applicable law and effective transfer of ownership interests.

THE LAW OFFICES OF TRAVIS R. WALKER, PA, Stuart, FL

Associate Attorney, May 2020 – May 2021

Effectively counsel clients by advising on estate planning, probate administration, business planning and formation, and commercial litigation.

- Represented clients in a variety of civil matters, including breach of contract, debt collection, constitutional, and residential and commercial eviction proceedings.
- Managed cases from initial consultation through resolution, including case evaluation, preparation of pleadings, motion practice, and coordination of litigation strategy.
- Appeared before the court in hearings and proceedings, advocating on behalf of clients and addressing both procedural and substantive legal issues.
- Analyzed legal claims and defenses, applying statutory and case law to advise clients and develop effective litigation strategies.
- Prepared and reviewed legal documents, including pleadings, motions, and agreements, ensuring compliance with applicable rules and procedural requirements.
- Counseled clients on estate planning matters and drafted estate planning instruments, including wills, trusts, and powers of attorney.
- Prepared real property conveyance documents, including deeds, to effectuate transfers of ownership in connection with estate planning and related matters.
- Advised clients on the formation and governance of business entities, including limited liability companies and corporations.
- Assisted in probate and estate administration matters, including preparation of required filings and guidance to personal representatives regarding fiduciary responsibilities and asset distribution.

MCCABE WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, West Palm Beach, FL

Associate Attorney, February 2019 – May 2020

Responsible for managing approximately 250 residential foreclosure cases in active litigation throughout various counties in Florida.

- Appeared before the court in non-jury trials and hearings, presenting evidence and advocating for final judgment.
- Drafted and argued dispositive and procedural motions, including motions for summary judgment and responses in opposition, applying statutory and case law to contested issues.
- Conducted legal research and analysis to develop litigation strategy and prepare written submissions, including memoranda of law and closing arguments.
- Managed cases through all stages of litigation, ensuring compliance with procedural rules, court deadlines, and evidentiary requirements.
- Supervised and trained legal staff, delegating tasks and overseeing case progression to promote efficiency and accuracy across a large docket.
- Exercised independent professional judgment in evaluating claims, assessing risk, and advancing matters toward resolution in a timely and efficient manner.

APFELBAUM LAW, PLLC, Port St. Lucie, FL

Associate Attorney, October 2017 – February 2019

Represented clients in commercial and civil litigation matters, including breach of contract, debt collection, and residential and commercial eviction proceedings.

- Managed cases from inception through resolution, including case evaluation, preparation of pleadings, motion practice, and development of litigation strategy.
- Appeared before the court in hearings and proceedings, advocating on behalf of clients and addressing procedural and substantive legal issues.

- Analyzed contractual disputes and legal claims, applying statutory and case law to advise clients and advance matters toward resolution.
- Drafted and negotiated contracts for small businesses, including franchise agreements and buy-sell agreements, addressing risk allocation and enforceability.
- Assisted clients in the formation and governance of business entities, including limited liability companies and corporations.
- Provided guidance in probate and estate administration matters, including preparation of filings and advising personal representatives regarding fiduciary duties and asset distribution.
- Prepared real property conveyance documents, including deeds, to effectuate transfers of ownership in connection with estate planning and related matters.

Academic Appointments

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Remote

Assistant Professor, February 2024 – Present

Teach Contract Law; Legal Writing; and Legal Theory & Ethics.

- Teach courses in Contract Law, Legal Writing, and Legal Theory & Ethics to paralegal students, emphasizing practical application of legal principles, statutory interpretation, and the use of precedent in real-world legal settings.
- Instruct students in case analysis and the synthesis of legal authorities, reinforcing skills essential to reasoned decision-making and judicial writing.
- Design and facilitate problem-based exercises requiring evaluation of complex legal issues, identification of dispositive facts, and articulation of legally supported conclusions.
- Provide detailed written and oral feedback on legal writing assignments, strengthening clarity, precision, and analytical rigor in students' legal arguments.
- Exercise discretion in evaluating student requests, including extensions and accommodations, applying consistent standards while balancing fairness, accountability, and individualized circumstances.
- Manage course administration and student interactions with an emphasis on professionalism, organization, and equitable treatment of all participants.
- Engage students in structured discussions addressing ethical considerations, professional responsibility, and the role of law in promoting fairness and justice.
- Continuously incorporate developments in case law and legislation to ensure instruction reflects current legal standards and evolving jurisprudence.

PURDUE GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL, Remote

Adjunct Professor of Law, December 2022 - Present

Teach Torts II; Virtual Law Practice; Civil Procedure; and Future of Law Practice.

- Teach courses in Civil Procedure, Torts II, Virtual Law Practice, and the Future of Law Practice, emphasizing procedural analysis, application of legal standards, and the practical administration of justice.
- Employ Socratic and discussion-based teaching methods to challenge students to analyze precedent, identify dispositive facts, and articulate well-reasoned legal conclusions.
- Instruct students in the structure and progression of civil litigation, including jurisdiction, pleadings, motion practice, and pretrial procedure.
- Guide students in evaluating complex legal issues and developing clear, persuasive written and oral legal analysis.
- Provide individualized feedback and mentorship to support the development of professional judgment, ethical reasoning, and effective advocacy.

- Exercise discretion in evaluating student requests, including extensions and accommodations, applying consistent standards while balancing fairness and individual circumstances.
- Manage course administration and student engagement with an emphasis on professionalism, organization, and equitable treatment of all students.
- Foster a disciplined and inclusive learning environment that promotes critical thinking, professional responsibility, and respect for the rule of law.

INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Remote

Adjunct Professor, November 2022 - Present

Teach Probate Law; Legal Writing; Employment Law; Introduction to Law and Paralegal Profession; and UCC.

- Teach courses in Probate Law, Legal Writing, Introduction to Law and the Paralegal Profession, Employment Law, and the Uniform Commercial Code, emphasizing statutory interpretation, procedural analysis, and practical application of legal principles.
- Instruct students in the administration of estates, including probate procedures, fiduciary duties, and the resolution of disputes arising in estate and trust contexts.
- Employ structured, Socratic, and discussion-based instruction to guide students in analyzing legal issues, identifying controlling law, and articulating reasoned conclusions.
- Develop and deliver curriculum addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the legal system, particularly as it relates to access to justice and equitable outcomes in probate and estate matters.
- Provide detailed feedback on written assignments to strengthen students' legal writing, analytical reasoning, and ability to apply law to fact patterns.
- Exercise discretion in evaluating student requests, including extensions and accommodations, applying consistent standards while balancing fairness and individualized circumstances.
- Manage course administration and student engagement with an emphasis on professionalism, organization, and equitable treatment of all students.
- Foster a disciplined and inclusive learning environment that promotes critical thinking, ethical awareness, and respect for the rule of law.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY, Remote

Adjunct Professor, October 2021 – September 2024

Teach Business Law.

- Instruct Business Law in an online learning environment, guiding students through the application of legal principles, statutory frameworks, and case law to practical business scenarios.
- Facilitate discussion-based instruction, requiring students to analyze legal issues, apply governing law, and articulate reasoned conclusions in written form.
- Provide detailed feedback on assignments to strengthen students' legal writing, analytical reasoning, and ability to apply law to fact patterns.
- Support student development through individualized guidance, reinforcing clarity, precision, and logical structure in legal analysis.
- Exercise discretion in evaluating student requests, including extensions and accommodations, applying consistent standards while balancing fairness and individual circumstances.
- Manage course administration and student engagement with an emphasis on professionalism, organization, and equitable treatment of all participants.

- Foster a structured and inclusive learning environment that promotes critical thinking, ethical awareness, and respect for legal and regulatory frameworks.

VOLUNTEERING

PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY, INTERNATIONAL

District Justice, District XXXII, October 2025 – Present

Serve as regional representative overseeing law school and alumni chapters throughout South Florida, providing leadership, guidance, and governance support to promote engagement and organizational continuity.

- Coordinate district-wide initiatives and programming, including leadership training and professional development for chapter officers and members.
- Organize and lead the District Leadership and Transition Conference, delivering instruction on organizational governance, ethical leadership, and professional responsibility.
- Facilitate mentorship opportunities connecting attorneys and law students, fostering professional development and strengthening the legal community.
- Collaborate with the International Executive Board to monitor chapter compliance with organizational policies and ensure adherence to established standards and deadlines.
- Promote participation in service initiatives and professional programming aligned with the organization's mission to serve the student, the school, the profession, and the community.
- Provide ongoing leadership guidance and support to chapter officers, drawing on experience in legal practice, education, and bar leadership.

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Council, February 2025 – Present

Appointed to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Council (DEIAC) to support Phi Alpha Delta's mission of fostering an inclusive and equitable environment for members across all chapters.

- Collaborate with council members to identify opportunities for growth in representation, accessibility, and cultural awareness within the fraternity's student and alumni divisions.
- Contribute to the development of resources, programs, and recommendations presented to the International Executive Board to enhance member engagement and promote belonging throughout the organization.
- Participate in drafting and reviewing initiatives and reports designed to strengthen chapter-level diversity practices and align them with the fraternity's values of compassion, professionalism, and service.
- Serve as an advocate for underrepresented voices within the legal community, promoting mentorship, collaboration, and inclusive leadership throughout the fraternity's international network.

Member, Disciplinary Committee, December 2024 – Present

Appointed to the Disciplinary Committee, responsible for reviewing and investigating alleged violations of organizational policies and ethical standards across student and alumni chapters.

- Evaluate investigative materials and supporting evidence, applying governing rules and policies to assess responsibility and recommend appropriate outcomes.
- Participate in deliberations regarding disciplinary matters, ensuring decisions are grounded in fairness, consistency, and adherence to established procedures.
- Maintain strict confidentiality and impartiality throughout the investigative and decision-making process, safeguarding the integrity of proceedings.

- Provide recommendations to the International Executive Board concerning disciplinary action or resolution of complaints.
- Uphold standards of professional conduct and accountability while promoting ethical leadership within a diverse, international legal organization.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Member – Committee to Oversee Commemorating Black History Month, 2024 – Present

Appointed to serve on a federal court committee responsible for planning and coordinating Black History Month programming and community engagement initiatives.

- Contributed to the development and execution of the Court’s Youth Black History Month Program, promoting civic education and awareness of the judicial system among students.
- Led outreach and recruitment efforts for student participants, including coordination of invitations and communication with schools and community stakeholders.
- Supported program planning and implementation in collaboration with members of the judiciary, court staff, and community partners.
- Assisted in advancing the Court’s efforts to promote public understanding of the legal system and encourage engagement with the judiciary.

THE FLORIDA BAR ELDER LAW SECTION

Member – Inclusion, Diversity & Engagement Committee, August 2025 – Present

Serve on the Inclusion, Diversity & Engagement Committee, contributing to initiatives aimed at promoting equity, representation, and accessibility within the practice of elder law.

- Assist in the development and implementation of programming designed to increase participation and leadership opportunities among diverse members of the Section.
- Lead a spotlight initiative highlighting law students from diverse backgrounds with an interest in elder law, supporting mentorship and professional development within the field.
- Provide feedback on Section communications and outreach efforts to ensure alignment with inclusive practices and broader professional standards.

TREASURE COAST BAR ASSOCIATION

Treasurer, 2025-2027

Serve as inaugural Treasurer and chartering member of a regional bar association representing attorneys across Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, contributing to the organization’s formation and governance.

- Establish and oversee the Association’s financial infrastructure, including budget development, accounting procedures, and fiscal policies to ensure transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability.
- Manage financial operations, including oversight of sponsorship funds, event budgets, and expenditures supporting professional development and member engagement.
- Provide fiduciary oversight for organizational activities, including launch events, membership initiatives, and community outreach programs, ensuring responsible allocation of resources.
- Contribute to the development of governing documents, including bylaws and membership structures, and assist in shaping strategic initiatives to support the Association’s growth and mission.
- Collaborate with legal and community leaders to promote professionalism, service, and cooperation within the regional legal community.

ST. LUCIE BAR ASSOCIATION

Secretary, 2024-2025 | Treasurer, 2025-2026 | President-Elect, 2026-2027

Serve as an elected officer on the Board of Directors, contributing to the governance, administration, and strategic direction of a leading regional bar association.

- Oversee financial operations as Treasurer, including budgeting, sponsorship management, and fiscal reporting, ensuring transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of organizational resources.
- Maintain official corporate records and facilitate Board communications as Secretary, supporting effective governance and operational continuity.
- Chair the Young Lawyers Committee, developing programs that promote mentorship, leadership development, and professional engagement among emerging attorneys.
- Lead the Website Committee, overseeing the redesign and modernization of the Association's digital platform, including negotiation and implementation of a cost-effective vendor agreement to improve accessibility and member services.
- Coordinate and support professional programming, including continuing legal education (CLE) events, membership initiatives, and community outreach efforts that strengthen the local legal community.
- Co-organize regional networking and professional development events, including a collaborative inter-bar initiative uniting attorneys across multiple counties.
- Secure external funding through successful grant presentations and applications, supporting the Association's long-term programming and member engagement efforts.
- Participate in civic education initiatives promoting understanding of the legal system and the importance of civil discourse in resolving complex issues.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Chair, Treasure Coast Alumni Community, 2024 – 2025

Serve as Chair of a regional alumni community representing University of Central Florida graduates across multiple counties, providing leadership and strategic direction for local engagement initiatives.

- Lead and coordinate a council of alumni volunteers in planning and executing community programs designed to strengthen professional and social connections among members.
- Organize and oversee regional events and programming, including negotiation with venues, coordination of logistics, and management of participant engagement.
- Direct outreach and communication efforts to expand participation, utilizing digital platforms, alumni networks, and local partnerships to increase visibility and engagement.
- Build and maintain relationships with community stakeholders, including local businesses and alumni leaders, to support programming and enhance community presence.
- Collaborate with the broader Alumni Association to align regional initiatives with organizational goals and promote continued alumni involvement.

THE FLORIDA BAR YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

Board of Governors, 19th Judicial Circuit, February 2024 – Present

Serve as the elected representative for the 19th Judicial Circuit on a statewide governing body, acting as liaison between local bar associations, young lawyers, and Division leadership.

- Contribute to the governance and strategic initiatives of the Division, promoting professionalism, mentorship, and leadership development within the legal community.
- Chair the Robert Orseck Moot Court Competition, overseeing all aspects of a statewide appellate advocacy program, including judicial recruitment, problem selection, volunteer coordination, and event execution at the Florida Bar Annual Convention.

- Serve on multiple committees, including the Pro Bono Committee, Affiliate Outreach Conference Committee, and statewide job fair initiatives, supporting access to professional opportunities and legal resources.
- Lead and support initiatives designed to expand pro bono participation and improve access to justice throughout the state.
- Collaborate with local and regional bar associations to coordinate continuing legal education programs, professional development events, and community engagement initiatives.
- Report on circuit-level needs and initiatives to Division leadership, ensuring alignment between local priorities and statewide objectives.

PUBLICATIONS

Florida's Contradiction and the Tipped Employees' Plight: Why the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 Mandates that Florida Raise the Tipped Minimum Wage and the Necessary Standard of Review, 22 BARRY L. REV. 295 (2d ed. 2017).

MEDIA AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Taxation in America: A Multilevel Policy Forum, University of Central Florida – Office of Public Policy Events, panel discussion, Orlando, Florida (April 7, 2026).

Probate 101: Turning Inheritance Into Inventory, Women's Council of Realtors – St. Lucie County, Port St. Lucie, Florida (November 5, 2025).

From Quill to Cloud: A New Era for Florida Wills, 19th Judicial Circuit Bench Bar Conference, Jensen Beach, Florida (October 24, 2025).

Trusts and Estates for Paralegals, Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc., Treasure Coast, Virtual CLE (October 22, 2025).

Tools You Can Use to Make Tax-Advantageous Gifts in Post-OBBBA Era, Association of Black Estate Planning Professionals, Virtual Webinar (October 20, 2025).

Trusts and Estates for Paralegals, Orange County Bar Association, Paralegal Section, Virtual CLE (July 23, 2025).

What is Probate, and How Do You Avoid It?, The Black Men's Legacy Summit III, keynote speaker, Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 26, 2024).

What is a will and how does it work?, Bankrate (June 20, 2024).

How Black families can build generational wealth, according to experts, Bankrate (April 18, 2024).

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, Black History Month Youth Celebration, Connecting and Celebrating the African Diaspora, panel discussion, Fort Pierce, Florida (March 6, 2024).

Mosaic Multicultural Network, How to Build & Secure Wealth, virtual panel discussion (February 3, 2023).

National Council of Negro Women Headquarters, Inc., “NCNW Estate Planning 2023,” virtual panel discussion (February 1, 2023).

Tax Alpha Solutions, Podcast interview with Matt Chancey “Things Get Messy Unless Prepared” (November 8, 2022).

Probate Weekly, Podcast interview with Bill Gross “Probate Law” (March 31, 2022).

National Newspaper Publishers Association, *Let it Be Known with Stacy Brown* interview “Generational Wealth” (February 25, 2022).

Top Federal Tax Policies of 2020, Law 360 Tax Authority (December 18, 2020).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Bar Admissions:
- Florida – 1005169
 - Minnesota – 0504832
 - Washington, DC – 90001903
 - United States Tax Court – BJ2164
 - United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
 - Supreme Court of the United States – 322170
- Certifications
- Florida Circuit & County Civil Certified Mediator – 44176 CR
- Awards:
- The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40, 2020-2025
 - 3rd Edition, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
 - 4th Edition, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
 - 5th Edition, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
 - 6th Edition, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
- Memberships:
- 2025 – Present: Orange County Bar Association
 - 2025 – Present: Paul C. Perkins Bar Association
 - 2025 – Present: Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter – National Bar Association
 - 2022 – Present: Elder Law College
 - 2021 – Present: Association of Black Estate Planning Professionals
 - 2021 – Present: Haitian Lawyers Association
 - 2021 – Present: Caribbean Bar Association
 - 2019 – 2020: Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court
 - 2015 – Present: Lifetime Member, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Languages
- Conversational Haitian Creole
 - Conversational French