

RICHARD BERRIOS

Port St. Lucie, FL • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]

PROFILE and BAR ADMISSIONS

- Collaborative and persuasive legal professional with over seven years of experience in representing a municipal client in all facets of its operation. Adaptive thinker and strategic problem solver accustomed to a fast-paced, demanding work environment.
- Bar Admissions:
 - State of Florida
 - State of New York
 - United States District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

EXPERIENCE

City of Long Beach, Office of the Corporation Counsel
Corporation Counsel; Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Assistant Corporation Counsel

Long Beach, NY
07/15 – Present

- Representing the City in federal and state court, at arbitrations, and before administrative agencies covering multiple areas of law. Developed substantial experience in public sector labor and employment law, zoning and land use law, municipal law, and municipal contracts.
- Extensive contract negotiation, drafting, interpretation, administration, and enforcement throughout all City departments. Part of the negotiation team that settled the largest judgment in City history and resolved a multi-million-dollar sewer consolidation project dispute with Nassau County that is projected to result in one of the largest bay water clean ups in a generation.
- Point person for labor and employment issues; negotiating multiple collective bargaining agreements, policies, and work rules with labor unions, resulting in savings for the City and the taxpayer.
- Official legal advisor to the City Council, City Manager, City department heads, all boards and commissions and officers of the City.
- Advising department heads on legal compliance and assisting with formulating compliance solutions.
- Prosecuting hundreds of quasi-criminal violations per year in City Court.
- Preparing local legislation, legislative memoranda, policy documents and local emergency orders.
- Supervising an office of legal professionals; working with and managing outside counsel.

McGivney & Kluger, P.C.

Litigation Associate

New York, NY
09/14 – 07/15

- Managed own caseload and defended multi-national clients in complex products liability litigation throughout all phases of discovery. Heavy deposition and motion practice; court appearances. Developed and implemented cost-effective defense strategies.

Kogeto, Inc. / Gotham Street LLC / Lela, Inc. / Livestage, Inc.

Legal Intern

New York, NY
06/13 – 08/13

- Reviewed and drafted employment agreements, term sheets, offer letters, proprietary information and inventions agreements, confidentiality agreements, and corporate compliance documents.

Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County – Civil Division

Judicial Intern for the Hon. Ellen Spodek

Brooklyn, NY
06/13 – 08/13

- Researched medical malpractice law, general premises liability, state procedural laws, and state guardianship law. Observed and assisted in courtroom proceedings. Drafted legal memoranda, court orders, opinions, and other court documents.

Other Work Experience: Travel, Restaurant and Hospitality Industries

EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law
Juris Doctor (June 2014)

Queens, NY

Honors: Vincentian Full Academic Scholarship
Hon. Guy J. Mangano Grant for Leadership, Development and Innovation in ADR
Associate Editor and Contributor, *Admiralty Law Practicum*
Quarter Finalist, 8th ICC Commercial Mediation Competition (Paris, France)

Activities: Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution
Dispute Resolution Society Executive Director
Labor and Employment Law Society Co-Vice President

Queens College, City University of New York
Bachelor of Arts, Comparative Literature (June 2008)

Queens, NY

Honors: Graduated *Cum Laude*
Dean's List (4 semesters)
Paul Zweig Memorial Award (highest GPA in Comparative Literature)
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Research and Writing (2006- 2008)
Freeman-Asia Award issued by the Institute of International Education (2007)

Southwest University for Nationalities
Chinese Language and Literature, January 2007 to July 2007

Chengdu, PRC

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request