



## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

**MARK J. WOLFF**

St. Thomas University School of Law  
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### **EDUCATION:**

New York University School of Law  
LL.M. (in Taxation) 1978

Nova Southeastern School of Law,  
Juris Doctorate *magna cum laude*, 1977

### **Honors**

Dean's List all semesters  
Academic Scholarship  
Book Awards: International Law, Debtor & Creditor Rights;  
Securities Regulation, Federal Income Taxation

Wadhams Hall Seminary- College,  
Roman Catholic Seminary  
Ogdensburg, N.Y.  
Major: Philosophy;  
Minors: History; English B.A. 1973  
Graduated 1st in Class  
Dean's List all semesters

Investiture by American Association of the Sovereign Military Order  
of Malta, His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor (1993)

St. Thomas University  
John Cardinal Newman Award for Excellence in Teaching (1990)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Federal Income Taxation, Federal Estate & Gift Taxation, Corporate  
Tax, Advanced Problems in Taxation, Tax Policy, Partnership  
Taxation, Taxation of International Business Transactions, Estate  
Planning, Agency & Partnership, Corporations, Comparative and  
International Taxation: Aspects of Law and Policy, International Law,  
Jurisprudence, , State and Local Government, Human Rights,  
International Organizations.

### **PRESENT STATUS:**

Professor of Law (Tenured)  
St. Thomas University School of Law

Vice-President, North America  
Pax Romana International (ICMICA)  
15 Rue du Grand-bureau, Geneva 24, CH-1211, Switzerland  
2004-2008

**Present Status**

United Nations - New York, N.Y.  
Main Representative to United Nations, New York Office  
Pax Romana (ICMICA)  
2004-Present

Area Chairman (Florida), Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint  
John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta  
2005-2008

St. Thomas University Human Rights Institute,  
Member, Board of Directors  
Chairperson, Membership Committee

Miami-Dade County Educational Facilities Authority,  
Executive Director, 1980 - Present  
Wadhams Hall Seminary-College, Ogdensburg, N.Y.  
Vice-Chairperson, Board of Trustees (1998-Present)  
Executive Committee, Board of Trustees.  
Chairperson, Marketing Committee,  
Chairperson, By Laws and Parliamentarian

St. Thomas University School of Law,  
Community Justice Council, Chairperson, 2000-present

Pax Romana (CMICA) USA  
General Counsel to Board of Directors & Board Member

Faculty Supervisor, St. Thomas University School of Law  
Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program 1984-Present

St. Thomas University School of Law  
Admissions Committee, Chairperson  
2003-Present

St. Thomas University School of Law  
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1992-Present

St. Thomas University School of Law  
Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2002-Present

**PRIOR APPOINTMENTS:**

St. Thomas University School of Law  
Sovereignty Symposium, Steering Committee, 1993-2000

St. Thomas University School of Law  
Chairperson, Admissions Committee, 1985-1992; 1994-2000;  
2003-Present

President's Task Force on Catholic Identity  
Vice-Chairperson 1992-94

Implementation Committee for the Catholic Identity Statement  
Vice-Chairperson 1994-95

Founding Director, St. Thomas University, School of Law,

Summer in Spain Program, Maria Cristina Royal College,  
El Escorial, Spain, (1995-1996), Accredited by the American  
Bar Association for 1996-2001

Faculty Advisor (Founder) St. Thomas University School of Law  
Student Catholic Lawyers Guild, 1985-1990

### Academic

Assistant Dean, 1985-86  
Assistant Professor of Law, 1985-1986  
Associate Professor of Law, 1986-1991  
Professor of Law (Tenured) 1992

### Committee

Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1992-Present  
Chairperson, Admissions Committee 1985-1992; 1995-2000  
Recruitment Committee, Member, 1987-89; 1992-93  
Law School Liaison Committee, 1997-1998  
Academic Integrity Committee, 1992-93

Library Committee 1986-89; 1990-94; 1997-98  
Compensation Committee (elected) 1992-93  
Chairperson, Academic Standing Committee 1985-87  
Curriculum Committee 1985-91  
Administration and Budget Committee 1989-90  
Academic Activities Committee 1987-89  
President's Advisory Council 1985-87  
President's Bio-Medical Research Institute, 1985-87  
Self-Study Committee 1985-87  
Chairperson, Academic Standing Committee 1985-87  
Executive Committee 1985-1986  
Budget and Administration Committee, 1985-1993

### Elected

Vice-President, North America  
Pax Romana International (ICMICA)  
15 Rue du Grand-bureau, Geneva 24, CH-1211, Switzerland  
2004-2008

Area Chairman (Florida), Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint  
John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta

Commissioner, City of Coral Gables, Florida, 1987-1991  
Vice-Mayor, City of Coral Gables, Florida, 1989-1990

Dade League of Cities, Board of Directors & Treasurer  
1987-91

### Honors

1990 St. Thomas University John Cardinal Newman  
Award for Excellence in Teaching

1990 Good Government Award  
Florida Jaycees, Coral Gables

National League of Cities - Finance  
Administration and Inter-Governmental  
Affairs Committee, Member 1989-91

Florida League of Cities - Chairperson, Municipal Finance and Taxation Committee,  
1988-89

Florida League of Cities,  
Legislative Committee, Member 1988-89

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:\***

*Home Rule in Florida: A Critical Appraisal*, 19 STETSON LAW REVIEW 853 (1990)

*Dickman Confined: The Taxation of Gratuitous Transfers of Use*, XXI No. 2 STETSON LAW REVIEW 509 (1992)

*Dickman Confined: The Taxation of Gratuitous Transfers of Use*, XXI No. 2 STETSON LAW REVIEW 509 (1992), reprinted in *The Monthly Digest of Tax Articles*, June (1993)

*Spirituality, Culture and Tradition: An Introduction to the Role of Tribal Courts and Councils in Reclaiming Native American Heritage and Sovereignty*, 7 ST. THOMAS LAW REVIEW, 761 (1995)

*Indian Gaming and Indian Sovereignty*, Sovereignty Symposium VIII, Looking Ahead - Looking Back, The Oklahoma Supreme Court, June (1995)

*Spirituality, Culture and Tradition: An Introduction to the Role of Tribal Courts and Courts in Reclaiming Native American Heritage and Sovereignty*, republished, NATIVE AMERICAN LAW DIGEST, June (1996)

*Sex, Race and Age: Double Discrimination in Torts and Taxes*, 78:4 Washington University Law Quarterly 1341 (2000).

United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, And Related Intolerance.  
Durban, South Africa, August 31 - September 9, 2001  
Head of Delegation, Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order Of Saint John Of Jerusalem Of Rhodes And Of Malta  
Intervention address presented to Plenary Session on September 3, 2001 *published at:*  
[http://www.un.org/WCAR/statements/3sept\\_st.htm#Evening](http://www.un.org/WCAR/statements/3sept_st.htm#Evening)

Religious Tolerance, Presentation to U.N. Conference on Religious Tolerance, Intervention Paper Published Before the Plenary Session of the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance (Sept. 3, 2001), *published at:*  
[http://www.un.org/WCAR/statements/3sept\\_st.htm#Evening](http://www.un.org/WCAR/statements/3sept_st.htm#Evening),  
*reprinted in* THE NEW DIALOGUE OF CIVILIZATIONS 26 (2002).

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

United Nations International Consultative Conference on School Education in Relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance and Non-discrimination.

Madrid Spain, November 23-25, 2001.

Head of Delegation, Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order Of Saint John Of Jerusalem Of Rhodes And Of Malta. Intervention address to Plenary Session on November 25 2001

Morning Session, *published at:*

[http://www.un.org/ICCS/statements/25nov\\_st.htm#Morning](http://www.un.org/ICCS/statements/25nov_st.htm#Morning).

Education in Relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance, and Non-Discrimination, Intervention paper presented Before the Plenary Session of the United Nations International Consultative Conference on School Education in Relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination (Nov. 25, 2001), *published at* [http://www.un.org/ICCS/statements/25nov\\_st.htm#Morning](http://www.un.org/ICCS/statements/25nov_st.htm#Morning), *reprinted in A SOUL FOR EDUCATION: PROJECTS FOR SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL LEARNING ACROSS RELIGIONS* 10 (2002).

Beyond the Death Penalty: The Development in Catholic Social Teaching, Ch. 10 (Joe Holland & D. Michael McCarron, eds., Florida Council of Catholic Scholarship & Pax Romana Center for the International Study of Catholic Social Teaching, forthcoming November, 2005).

**SELECTED PAPERS:\***

*Twenty-Five Years of Tribal Gaming - Cabazon, Seminole, I, II and IGRA: A Critical Appraisal*

Sovereignty Symposium XVI, From Sacagawea To Space The Oklahoma Supreme Court, Oklahoma City (2003)

*Bureau of Indian Affairs: A New Approach to Indian Gaming*, Sovereignty Symposium XIV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (2001).

*Historical Perspectives on Gaming and Indian Sovereignty*, Sovereignty Symposium XIII, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, (2000)

*Seminole Tribe v. Florida: An Administrative Legislative and Litigation Update on Indian Gaming*, Sovereignty Symposium XII, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1999)

*The Progeny of Seminole v. Florida: The Non-Traditional Indian Dance of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt*, Sovereignty Symposium XI, In Service of The Law, by The Oklahoma Supreme Court, The Oklahoma Indians Affairs Commission, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1998)

*The Return To Nature: Cosmological, Ecological and Scientific Postmodernism Returning to Indian Tradition, Spirituality and Culture*. Fourth Annual St. Thomas University School of Law Tribal Sovereignty Symposium: Sacred Mother Earth: The Struggle to Save the Everglades (1998)

**SELECTED PAPERS**

*An International Law Perspective on Human Rights Violations Against Indigenous Peoples.*

Sovereignty Symposium X, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1997

*The Organization of American States and the United Nations Proposed Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: A Comparative Analysis*, Sovereignty Symposium X, The Oklahoma Supreme Court, The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1997)

*Seminole Tribe v. Florida and the 105th Congress: Judicial and Legislative Degradation on Tribal Sovereignty*, Sovereignty Symposium X, Circles of Life, The Oklahoma Supreme Court, The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1997)

*The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act: A Legislative Relinquishment Of Tribal Sovereignty After Cabazon*, Sovereignty Symposium VIII, Looking Ahead - Looking Back, The Oklahoma Supreme Court, June (1995)

*Spirituality, Culture and Tradition: Tribal Courts and Councils - Tribal Sovereignty Symposium: Back to the Future*, St. Thomas University School of Law, December (1994)

\* See also Addendum of Legislative Materials

#### **LECTURES:**

Distinguished Lecture at Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck Institute of Roman Law entitled "United States-Austrian Tax Policies: A Comparative Appraisal." Innsbruck, Austria (1994).

Lecture, "Local Government and Taxation", to the Delegation of German Bundestag (Parliament), Sigmaringen (1993)

Lecture, "Powers to Tax Under the U.S. Constitution", at the University of Tübingen Seminar on the Reform of the German Constitution, Tübingen, Germany (1993)

#### **UNITED NATIONS - DELEGATIONS:\***

Main Representative, Pax Romana (ICMICA)  
United Nations New York, New York  
1 January 2004-Present

Delegate to the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban,

South Africa, August 31 - September 9, 2001.

Intervention address presented to Plenary Session on September 3, 2001 on Behalf of The Sovereign Military Order of Malta and Rhodes.

#### **UNITED NATIONS \***

Religious Tolerance, Presentation to U.N. Conference on Religious Tolerance, Intervention Paper Presented Before the Plenary Session of the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance (Sept. 3, 2001), at [http://www.un.org/WCAR/statements/3sept\\_st.htm#Evening](http://www.un.org/WCAR/statements/3sept_st.htm#Evening), reprinted in THE NEW DIALOGUE OF CIVILIZATIONS 26 (2002).

Delegate to United Nations International Consultative Conference on School Education in Relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance and Non-discrimination, Madrid, Spain, November 23-25, 2001.  
Intervention address to plenary session on November 25, 2001/Morning Session.

Education in Relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance, and Non-Discrimination, Intervention paper presented Before the Plenary Session of the United Nations International Consultative Conference on School Education in Relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination (Nov. 25, 2001), *at* [http://www.un.org/ICCS/statements/25nov\\_st.htm#Morning](http://www.un.org/ICCS/statements/25nov_st.htm#Morning), *reprinted in A SOUL FOR EDUCATION: PROJECTS FOR SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL LEARNING ACROSS RELIGIONS 10* (2002).

Delegate to United Nations Sub Commission on Human Rights  
Geneva, Switzerland, July & August, 2001.  
Professor in Human Rights Internship Program for Pax Romana (ICMICA)

Pax Romana (CMICA-USA)  
Member of Board of Directors  
Executive Committee  
General Counsel

\*See also Addendum of United Nations Interventions

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:**

“The Compacting Process Under IGRA After The Supreme Courts Decision in Seminole: A Call for Administrative Rule Making”,  
Third Annual St. Thomas University School of Law Tribal

Sovereignty Symposium; Law Culture and Society in the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century( 1997)

“The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act: An Issue of Tribal Sovereignty”,  
Second Annual St. Thomas University School of Law Tribal  
Symposium: The Sacred and the Profane (1996)

“Indian Gaming and IGRA-The Eleventh Amendment and Tribal  
Sovereignty Under the U.S. Constitution”, Tribal  
Sovereignty Symposium: Back to the Future, St. Thomas University  
School of Law

“New Chapter 14 of the Internal Revenue Code”, Comerica Trust Co.  
of Florida, Faculty Club, University of Miami (1991)

Current Legislative Proposals on Growth Management”, American  
Planning Association (1990)

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Estate and Gift Tax Planning Techniques”, Dade County Public Library  
System, 1980-1988

“Constitutional Home Rule in Florida: A Historical Perspective”,  
Association of City Managers, 1990

“The Buckley Amendment/Family Privacy Act”, The Florida Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, 1989

“Growth Management and Recycling” (Panel Discussion), Florida League of Cities, 1989

“Pending Municipal Legislative Issues”, Florida League of Cities, 1989

“Preserving Democracy: Obligations of Citizenship”, Ponce de Leon Junior High School, 1989

“Protecting Florida's Environment and Water” (Panel Discussion), Florida League of Cities, 1988

“Corporate Planning for Small Businesses”, Coral Gables Bar Association, 1987

**PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:**

6/78 to 3/81

Sparber, Shevin, Rosen, Shapo &  
Heilbronner, P.A.  
One S.E. Third Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33131  
Position: Attorney (Taxation, Corporate Securities,  
International Law)

4/81 to 7/82

Bender, Chandler, Wolff & Cosgrove, P.A.  
3929 Ponce de Leon Boulevard  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
Partner

8/82 to 7/85

Mark J. Wolff, P.A.  
6870 Coral Way  
Miami, Florida 33155  
Partner/Owner

**BAR STATUS:**

Admitted to Florida Bar - 1977  
Supreme Court of the United States - 1985  
Supreme Court of Florida - 1977

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals - 1979  
Southern District Court of Florida - 1979  
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals - 1981  
United States Tax Court - 1979

**FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE:**

I have served on more than twelve (12) major and numerous other fundraising committees on behalf of various non-profit, civic, social, political, educational and religious organizations raising millions of dollars. These include as chairperson and co-chairperson of a 1.5 million dollar building campaign for the Ronald McDonald House and a 2.5 million dollar endowment fund for Wadhams Hall Seminary-College. I was instrumental in the initial solicitation and subsequent tax planning for the 1 million dollar gift by George Batchelor to St. Thomas University School of Law.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

University of Miami  
Citizens Advisory Board, 1999 - Present

Brotherhood of Blessed Gerard  
Durban, South Africa  
Board of Directors, 2001 - Present

Executive Director, Miami Dade County Educational Facilities Authority,  
1980 - Present

Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Appointed as Expert on the Miami-Dade Home Rule Charter with regard to proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 on the Florida State Wide Ballot, November 5, 2002.

Professor Wolff's Law Review article *Home Rule in Florida: A Critical Appraisal*, 19 STETSON L. REV. 853 (1990) was distributed throughout the state as the primary resource material on the topic of home rule in Florida. As the Expert Professor Wolff addressed numerous newspapers and editorial boards throughout the state and appeared on Channel 10 WPLG ABC encouraging a no vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3. Florida had ten proposed Constitutional Amendments on the state wide ballot, all were passed except for proposed Amendment No. 3, which failed. The failure of proposed Amendment No. 3 preserves and protects the Constitutional Home Rule status of Miami-Dade County.

City of Coral Gables  
Blue Ribbon Commission on Elections  
And Law Reforms, 1996

Boca Raton Grace Commission  
General Counsel to J.P. Bolduc  
President of W.R. Grace & Co. and Chairperson of Executive Committee,  
1993 - 1994

Miami Dade Community College, North Campus Special Counsel to  
President, 1992 - 1995

City of Coral Gables, Elected  
Commissioner - April 1987-91;

City of Coral Gables  
Vice-Mayor, 1989-1990

Coral Gables Code Enforcement Board  
Vice-Chairperson

City of Coral Gables Economic Development  
Board - Member

**Community Service**

City of Coral Gables , Budget Advisory  
Board - Member

City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning  
Vice-Chairperson

City of Coral Gables Industrial Business  
Village Advisory Board - Member

**CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

Coral Gables Kiwanis Club - Member

Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce - Member

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce - Member

Coral Gables Jaycees - Member

Florida Jaycees, Parliamentarian, Board of Directors  
Region 13 Chairperson, Ronald McDonald House

Economic Society of South Florida - Member

Coral Gables Knights of Columbus -  
Member/Advocate

Coral Gables Elks Lodge # 1676  
Exalted Ruler, 1990-91

South Florida Regional Minority Purchasing  
Council - Board of Directors - Vice President  
South Florida International Association of

Financial Planners - Board of Directors  
and Ethics Officer

Society for Abused Children - Legal Counsel

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Florida Bar Association Special Committee on Gender Equality  
In the Profession, 1997-Present

American Bar Association Tax Section

Florida Bar Association Tax Section

International Law Society

International Fiscal Association

Dade County Bar Association

Coral Gables Bar Association

**Professional Activities**

Pax Romana International

Dade County Bar Association - Young  
Lawyers Section, 1978-1985

Judicial Reception Committee - Member  
Co-Chairperson, 1979-1981

American Bar Association - Member and  
Co-Chairperson Tax Section, Partnership Subcommittee, 1982-83

Florida Bar Journal - "Tax Notes" and  
Chairperson of the Publicity Committee, 1985-87

Florida Bar Association - Tax  
Certification Committee - Member, 1985-87