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LEGAL EDUCATION: **J.D.**, University of Miami School of Law, 1985
Magna Cum Laude
Class Rank: 3 out of 293

**PRE-LEGAL
EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1980
Major: 19th Century British Literature;
Minor: Creative Writing and Old English

M.A., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1976
English Language and Literature

B.A., Beloit College, Wisconsin, 1975
Major: English Composition and Creative Writing
Minor: Education

**HONORS
LAW SCHOOL:**

University of Miami Law Review, Member
Order of the Coif
Selected to Teach Legal Writing to First Year Students

American Jurisprudence Awards (Book Awards):
Civil Procedure
Trusts and Estates
Torts
Constitutional Law

Best Brief in Advanced Moot Court Competition (1985)

**HONORS
GRADUATE SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN:**

Distinguished Graduate Student English Department
Award (1980)

Distinguished Teaching Award (“Teacher of the Year”)
(1979)

Award for Distinguished Achievement in Ph.D. Area
Examination (1978)

Teaching Fellowship Award (1976-80)

**HONORS
LEGAL COMMUNITY:**

Listed in Top 20 Law Professors in Florida by
StateStats.org. List available at
<http://onlineschoolsflorida.com/top-college-professors-in-florida/law/>. (2013).

President of the Federal Bar Association (South Florida
Chapter) 2005-2006.

Board Certified Appellate Law (Effective June 1, 1995)
(Presently Emeritus)

Award for Meritorious Committee Service to the Legal
Profession and the Florida Bar (2003)

Recipient of Certificate of Appreciation from the Circuit
Court of the State of Florida, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
For Contribution to the North Dade Justice Center Law
Week (2002)

Recipient of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers
50th Anniversary Golden Star Award (2001)

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (1998)

Selected as Leading Florida Attorney in Civil Appellate
Law (1997)

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT: 1992 to Present

St. Thomas University School of Law

Miami, Florida
Tenured Professor of Law

Courses Taught:
Constitutional Law I and II;
Sexual Identity and the Law;
Wills and Trusts;
Property I and II;
Criminal Procedure;
Appellate Practice Seminar;
Creator and Director of the St. Thomas University
School of Law In-House Appellate Litigation Clinic
(1992-99)

Recipient of the **Professor of the Year Award**
By the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity,
The Student Bar Association and the
Students of St. Thomas University School of Law
(2002)

Recipient of the **Professor of the Year Award**
The Student Bar Association (2012)

2002-2003

University of Miami School of Law
Miami, Florida
Visiting Professor of Law

Courses Taught:
Family Law;
Professional Responsibility;
Trusts and Estates

1989-92

Holland & Knight
Miami, Florida

Attorney: Appellate Litigation

1986-89

Greer, Homer, Cope, & Bonner, P.A.
Miami, Florida

Attorney: Commercial Litigation

1985-86

The Honorable Eugene P. Spellman
United States District Judge for the Southern
District of Florida

Law Clerk

1984-85

University of Miami School of Law
Part-time Legal Writing Instructor
During Third Year of Law School

**PRE-LEGAL
EMPLOYMENT: 1980-84**

University of Miami,
Miami, Florida
Professor in English Department:

Courses Taught:
English Literature I and II;
American Literature;
World Literature;
English Composition;
Creative Writing

1975-80

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Teaching Fellow in English Department:

Courses Taught:
English Literature;
Great Books for Honor Students;
English Composition;
Creative Writing

LEGAL

PUBLICATIONS: Books

Dostoevsky and the Law (Carolina Academic Press 2015)
(forthcoming)

Law, Literature, and Therapeutic Jurisprudence
(Carolina Academic Press 2010)

Homophobia and the Law (American Psychological Association 2005). Selected for “Ryan’s Law” Award (*Academia Magazine’s* List of Recommended Titles).

England and Ronner’s Practical Guide To the Appellate Courts of Florida (Revere Legal Publishers, 2001) (Co-authored with Arthur J. England, Jr., ex-Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court).

Articles In Books

The Antitherapeutic Per Curiam Affirmance, in JUDGING IN A THERAPEUTIC KEY: THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE AND THE COURTS, Bruce J. Winick and David B. Wexler, eds., (Carolina Academic Press, 2003)

Some In-House Appellate Litigation Clinic’s Lessons In Professional Responsibility: Musical Stories of Candor and the Sandbag in CLINICAL ANTHOLOGY READINGS FOR LIVE-CLIENT CLINICS, Alex Hurder, ed. (Anderson Publishing Co. 1997)

Articles

Recreating Dead House: The Ouster of Miranda from our Prisons, 50 THE CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN 1 (2014)

Let’s Get the “Trans” and “Sex” Out Of It and Free Us All, 15 JOURNAL OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE 859 (2013)

Does Golyadkin Really Have a Double?: Dostoyevsky Debunks Our Mental Capacity and Insane Delusion Doctrines, 40 CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 195 (2012)

When Courts Let Insane Delusions Pass the Rational Basis Test: The Newest Challenge to Florida’s Exclusion of

Homosexuals From Adoption, 21 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY 1 (2010)

The Learned-Helpless Lawyer: Clinical Legal Education And Therapeutic Jurisprudence As Antidotes to Bartleby Syndrome, 14 TOURO LAW REVIEW 601 (2008)

The Crucible, Harvard's Secret Court, and Homophobic Witch Hunts, 73 BROOKLYN LAW REVIEW 217 (2007)

Dostoyevsky and the Therapeutic Jurisprudence Confession, 40 JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW 41 (2006)

Denaturalization and Death: What It Means to Preclude the Exercise of Judicial Discretion, 20 GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL 101 (2005).

Voiceless Billy Budd: Melville's Tribute to the Sixth Amendment, 41 CALIFORNIA WESTERN LAW REVIEW 103 (2004).

Homophobia and Death: In the Closet and In the Coffin, 21 LAW AND INEQUALITY 65 (2003)

Songs of Validation, Voice, and Voluntary Participation: Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Miranda, and Juveniles, 71 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW 89 (2002)

Scouting for Intolerance: The Dale Court's Resurrection of the Medieval Leper, 11 LAW & SEXUALITY 53 (2002)

Good Fences Make Bad Neighbors: Is the North American Free Trade Agreement A Lie for Lawyers, 32 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI INTER-AMERICAN LAW REVIEW 437 (2001) (co-authored with Dennis J. O'Connor)

Fleeing While Black: The Fourth Amendment Apartheid, 32 THE COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 383 (2001)

The Per Curiam Affirmance: A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Critique, IX THE RECORD: JOURNAL OF THE APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR 1 (Spring 2001)

Silencing the Appellant's Voice: The Antitherapeutic Per Curiam Affirmance, 24 SEATTLE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 499 (2001) (co-authored with Bruce Winick)

Therapeutic Jurisprudence on Appeal, 37 COURT REVIEW 64 (2000)

Women Who Dance on the Professional Track: Custody and the Red Shoes, 23 HARVARD WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 173 (2000)

Punishment Meted Out for Acquittals: An Anti-Therapeutic Jurisprudence Atrocity, 41 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 461 (1999)

The Demise of the Reasonable Doubt Standard: The Toxic Watts and Putra Decision, 60 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW 383 (1999)

The Cassandra Curse: The Stereotype of the Female Liar Resurfaces in Jones v. Clinton, 31 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 123 (1997)

Husband and Wife Are One - - Him: Bennis v. Michigan As The Resurrection of Coverture, 4 MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF GENDER & LAW 129 (1996)

Prometheus Unbound: Accepting a Mythless Concept of Civil in Rem Forfeiture With Double Jeopardy Protection, 44 BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 655 (1996)

Some In-House Appellate Litigation Clinic's Lessons In Professional Responsibility: Musical Stories of Candor and the Sandbag, 45 THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 859 (1996)

Amathia and Denial of "In the Home" in Bowers v. Hardwick and Shahar v. Bowers: Objective Correlatives and The Bacchae as Tools for Analyzing Privacy and Intimacy, 44 THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LAW REVIEW 263 (1996)

When Judges Impose the Death Penalty After the Jury Recommends Life: Harris v. Alabama as the Excision of the Tympanic Membrane in an Augmentedly Death-Biased Procedure, 23 HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY 217 (1995)

Bottoms v. Bottoms: The Lesbian Mother and the Judicial Perpetuation of Damaging Stereotypes, 7 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & FEMINISM 341 (1995)

Destructive Rules of Certainty and Efficiency: A Study in the Context of Summary Judgment Procedure and the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, 28 LOYOLA OF LOS ANGELES LAW REVIEW 619 (1995)

Real Students, Real Appeals, Real Courts: The In-House Appellate Litigation Clinic at St. Thomas University School of Law, II, No. 2 THE RECORD: JOURNAL OF THE APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR 13 (May 1994)

Judicial Self-Demise: Article III Separation of Powers After Seattle Audubon and the New Section of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act, 35 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 1037 (1993)

Brockmeyer v. Dun & Bradstreet: The Narrow Public Policy Exception to the Terminable-At-Will Rule, 39 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW 565 (1984)

**OTHER
PUBLICATIONS:**

Book: *W.H. Hudson: The Man, The Novelist, The Naturalist* (AMS Press 1986)

Original poetry, fiction, and essays in the field of English Literature

**LAW SCHOOL
SERVICE:**

St. Thomas University School of Law
(dates omitted)

Library Committee (Chair)

Faculty Recruitment Committee (Chair)

Faculty Advisor to Student Chapter of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers

Faculty Advisor to the Law Review

Faculty Advisor to the Moot Court Board

Faculty Advisor to the Peter T. Fay American
Inn of Court

Member of Curriculum Committee, Academic Standing
Committee, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Dean
Search Committee

**ADMITTED TO
PRACTICE:**

Florida
Board Certified Appellate Lawyer (Effective June 1, 1995)
(presently *Emeritus* status)
United States District Court for the Southern District of
Florida
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

**MEMBERSHIPS
AND SERVICE:**

Bar Activities

American Bar Association
Fellow of the American Bar Association

Florida Bar Association
Fellow of the Florida Bar Association
Member of the Editorial Board of the Florida Bar *Journal*
and *News* (2000-6)
Florida Bar Association Appellate Rules Committee (1995-
2003)
Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar Association Appellate Rules
Committee (1997-98 and 2001-2002)
Florida Bar Association Appellate Rules Liaison
Committee (1993)

Federal Bar Association
President of the South Florida Chapter (2005-6)
President-Elect of the South Florida Chapter (2004-5)

Member of the Executive Board of the Federal Bar
Foundation (South Florida Chapter 2003- 2012)

Dade County Bar Association
Dade County Bar Appellate Court Committee
(1991-96)

Florida Association of Women Lawyers

Other Professional Activities

American Inns of Court Foundation
Publications Committee (1991-92)

Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court at St. Thomas
University School of Law (since 1987)
Chair of Continuing Legal Education Credits (1993-2008)
Chair of Membership Committee (1994-2008)

Member of the Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for the
2001 Tobias Simon Pro Bono Awards

PRESENTATIONS: LECTURES AND GUEST APPEARANCES:

Presentation: *Dostoevsky and Mental Capacity Doctrine* at
the International Dostoevsky Conference in Moscow,
Russia (2013).

Panelist on WPBT Television: Discussion on recent
Supreme Court Decisions (2013).

Panelist: "So You Think You Have a Book in You," at the
National Association of Women Judges' Conference in
Miami, Florida (2012)

Guest Lecturer: W.H. Hudson's *Green Mansions* and Villa-
Lobos Earth Day Celebration at the America's Society,
New York, N.Y. (2012)

Presentation: *Does Golyadkin Really Have A Double?
Dostoyevsky Debunks the Mental Capacity and Insane
Delusion Doctrines* at the 2012 Georgetown International
Narration Conference (2012)

Presentation: *Confessions and Dostoyevsky* at the
International Dostoyevsky Conference in Naples, Italy
(2010)

Presentation: *Bartleby and the Learned-Helpless Lawyer* at
N.Y.U. Law School, Law and Mental Health Conference,
in New York (2009)

Presentation: *Dostoyevsky and the Therapeutic Jurisprudence Confession* at John Jay College of Criminal Justice International Conference on Justice and Policing in Diverse Societies in San Juan, Puerto Rico (2008)

Guest Expert and Speaker on W.H. Hudson on *The Secret Voice of Nature* (Directed by George Tombs) on CBC Canadian Radio (2007)

Presentation: *Dostoyevsky and Therapeutic Jurisprudence* at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Conference in Padua, Italy (2007).

Presentation: *Live All You Can*, Key Note Speech for Black Law Student Association in Miami, Florida (2006)

Presentation: *Therapeutic Jurisprudence As a Tool for Counseling Sexual Minorities* at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Conference in Paris, France (2005)

Guest Lecture: *Judicial Sensitivity and the Law* at the Annual Business Program of the Conference of County Court Judges of the State of Florida in Naples, Florida (2004)

Presentation: *The Use of Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the TJ Preventive Law Model In Teaching an In-House Appellate Litigation Clinic* at Association of American Law Schools Conference on Legal Education in San Diego, California (2004)

Presentation: *Conflicts of Interest and Joint Representation* at the Second Annual Criminal Justice Ethics Symposium, jointly sponsored by the ABA Criminal Justice Section, the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, the Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism, and the University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics and Public Service in Miami, Florida (2003)

Presentation: *Silencing the Appellant's Voice* at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Conference in Amsterdam, Holland (2002)

Presentation: *Songs of Validation, Voice and Voluntary Participation: Miranda and Juveniles* at the Western

Society of Criminology Conference in San Diego,
California (2002)

Presentation: *Women Who Dance on the Professional Track: Custody and the Red Shoes* at the Annual Florida Bar Conference (2001)

Appearance on *Lifetime* television to discuss *Women Who Dance on the Professional Track: Custody and the Red Shoes* (2001)

Presentation: *Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Courts* at the European Law and Psychology Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (2001)

Presentation: *Collaborative Divorce* at the Therapeutic Jurisprudence Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio (2001)

Presentation: *Therapeutic Jurisprudence on Appeal* at the International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers Conference in Chicago, Illinois (2000)

Lecture and Educational Program: *Appellate Strategies* at the Florida Coalition against Domestic Violence Conference in Jacksonville, Florida (2000)

Moderator: Panel on *Therapeutic Jurisprudence* at the Law and Psychology Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana (2000)

Moderator: Panel on *Title VII and the First Amendment: A Collision Course?* at the National Association of Women Judges' 21st Annual Conference in Miami, Florida (1999)

Presentation: *Effective Use of Extraordinary Writs* at the Florida Coalition against Domestic Violence in Miami, Florida (1999)