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State and Nationally Board Certified Criminal Trial Lawyer

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Experience

Criminal defense attorney (February 1999 – present)

- Board Certified, Criminal Trial Law (by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Education and Specialization, 2003 – present)
- Board Certified, Criminal Trial Advocacy (by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a division of the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification, 2013 – present)
- AV* rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- 850 Magazine Top Lawyer (Criminal Law) (2014)
- Florida Trend's *Legal Elite* (2012, 2013)
- Florida SuperLawyer (2008, 2009, 2019)
- AVVO rated 10 ("Superb"); Recipient of "Client's Choice" (2012, 2013, 2014)
- Tampa Bay's Top Lawyers (Criminal Defense), *Tampa Bay Magazine* (2010, 2012)
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyer Honorary Society (2008 – present)
- American Society of Legal Advocates "Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys in Florida" (2013)
- The National Trial Lawyers "Top 100 Trial Lawyers"
- Over 100 jury trials; countless non-jury trials and motions
- Over 70 criminal appeals
- Appearances in Federal and state courts, on all types of charges/cases, criminal and civil

President, Publisher, and Author, eLEX Legal Publishers LLC (2018 – present)

- Owner of legal publishing company, supplying evidence and procedure guides to trial lawyers in Federal, military, and 22 state courts

Adjunct Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

- Advanced Advocacy (2019 – present)
- Florida Criminal Procedure (2012 – present)
- Trial Advocacy (2010 – 2014)
- Legal Drafting (2009)
- Survey of Florida Law (Florida Criminal Procedure; Premises Liability)

Adjunct Professor of Law, Florida State University College of Law

- Cross Examination (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)
- Co-director of the FSU COL Trial Team and coach (Spring 2015 – Spring 2017)

Assistant State Attorney

- Office of the State Attorney, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 1997 – February 1999
 - Graduate, *National District Attorneys Association Prosecutor Training, University of South Carolina*
- Office of the State Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit, December 1995 – May 1997

Admissions

- United States Supreme Court, 2002
- Eleventh Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, 1996
- Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, 1996
- Federal District Court for the Northern District of Florida, 2008
- Supreme Court of Florida, 1996

Education

- LL.M. in Advocacy, Stetson University College of Law, December 2014
 - *With honors*
- Juris Doctor, Stetson University College of Law, December 1995
 - *Trial Team (1995)*
 - *Winner, Mock Trial Competition (1995)*
 - *Third Place, Closing Argument Competition (1993)*
 - *Winner, Opening Statement Competition (1993)*
 - *Member, Phi Alpha Delta (Vice-Justice, 1994)*
 - *Teaching Assistant, R & W I, Federal Pre-trial Practice*
- Master of Music (Trumpet Performance), Florida State University, May 1993
 - *Winner, 1992 National Trumpet Competition (Washington, D.C.)*
 - *Winner of various state and regional competitions*
- Bachelor of Arts (Music), Florida State University, August 1991
- Certificate in Trumpet Performance, Florida State University, August 1991
- Lincoln High School, Tallahassee, Florida, June 1987

Areas of Interest & Research

- Trial advocacy
- Trial advocacy teacher training
- Trial advocacy and Sixth Amendment effectiveness of counsel issues
- Race and gender issues in criminal trial advocacy
- Ethics in criminal trial advocacy

Publications

- Author, *Cross Examination in a Nutshell*, West Academic Publishing (2018)
- Author, *Florida Criminal Cases Notebook* (12th Ed., 2018), James Publishing
- Author, chapter entitled “Cross-Examination in DUI Trial Advocacy”, *Witness Preparation and Examination for DUI Proceedings*, Aspatore Books (2015)
- Author, chapter entitled “DUI Discovery and DUI Trial Advocacy”, *Trends in DUI Discovery*, Aspatore Books (2014)
- Author, Chapter 22: “White Collar Crimes”; *Business Litigation in Florida*, Florida Bar CLE Manual (all editions, 2001 – 2017)
- Update Editor, *Florida Traffic and DUI Practice Manual*, Matthew Bender/LEXIS Publishing (2002 – 2003)
- “Beware of what you BLAWG: The case of the Bench, the Blawg, the Bar, the Barrister,” *The Defender* (Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers), October 2009
- “The 3:32am Sleepy Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Guide to Answering the 24/7 Line,” *The Defender* (Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers), April 2009

- *Florida Evidence: 1995 Courtroom Manual* (credited therein as research assistant to Prof. William Eleazer)
- Contributor, Hillsborough County Bar Association magazine
- Currently authoring *The Fundamentals of Florida Criminal Procedure* textbook
- Op Ed pieces featured in the Orlando Sentinel and Tallahassee Democrat

Seminars taught/speaking engagements

- “The Science of Jury Selection”, Tallahassee Bar Association; First District Court of Appeal (2018)
- “Board Certification”, Tallahassee Bar Association (2018)
- “Storytelling for Lawyers”, Tallahassee Bar Association (2017)
- “The 3 Rules of Cross Examination”, Tallahassee Bar Association (2016)
- Lecturer for FSU COL “Juvenile Law” class (cross examination) (2016 - 2017)
- Lecturer for FSU PAD Trial Team (Fall 2015, “Cross Examination, Opening Statements”)
- Lecturer for FSU Mock Trial Team (Summer 2015, “Opening Statements”)
- “Bodiford’s 5 Rs of Case Analysis” - Public Defender’s Office, Second Circuit (2014)
- Panelist, Stetson University College of Law/NACDL “White Collar Crime College” (2012, 2013, 2014)
- “Practicing with Professionalism,” Pinellas County Bar Association (March 2012)
- “Handling the First DUI Cases,” LawReview CLE (August 2011)
- “Defense of Pill Mill Cases,” Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians Annual Meeting (May 2011)
- “Criminal Appeals: Bridging the Gap From Trial to Appeal” (April 2011) for the Hillsborough County Public Defenders Office
- “Handling the First DUI Cases,” LawReview CLE (April 2011)
- “Defense of Pill Mill Cases,” Stetson College of Law’s “*Law School for Physicians*” (March 2011)
- “Ethics in Criminal Cases,” 3-part CLE for Stetson University College of Law Advocacy Resource Center (September 2010)
- "The Basics of Criminal Representation," The Florida Bar Basic Criminal Law Seminar (2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)
- “So, Your Client Has Been Arrested . . . “ (May 2010) for the Carrollwood Community Bar Association
- “DUI: Drinking, Driving, and Your Career” (March 2010) for Stetson University College of Law
- “Criminal Appeals: Bridging the Gap From Trial to Appeal” (April 2010) for the Hillsborough County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- "Defending DUI Cases," The Florida Bar Basic Criminal Law Seminar (January 2009)
- “Preparing for Oral Argument” for the Florida State University College of Law Research and Writing Department (March 2009)
- “Evidence in a Criminal Trial,” Real Evidence for the Trial Practitioner in Florida for Lorman (August 2007)
- “Criminal Appeals,” Appellate Practice for the General Practitioner in Florida, for Lorman (November 2006)
- “Presentation of Defense Evidence” and “Concluding the Trial,” The Criminal Defense Trial from Start to Finish, for NBI (October 2006)
- Lecturer at Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, Tampa Police Department, and Florida Highway Patrol (1997 – 1999)

Memberships/Committees

- Master of the Inn, William Stafford American Inn of Court (2014 – present)
- Tallahassee Bar Association (2014 – present; Director 2017 - present)
- Capital City Tiger Bay (2015 – present)
- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Tallahassee Chapter (2014 – present)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Barrister (Alumni member), Goldberg-Cacciatore Criminal American Inn of Court (2013)
- Hillsborough County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Vice-president, 2006 – 2007; President 2008 – 2009; Board of Directors 2009 – 2013)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association (Vice-chair, Criminal Law Section, 2011 – 2012)
- Florida Bar Grievance Committee 13F (2006 – 2008)
- Florida Bar Criminal Law Certification Committee (2006 – 2009)
- Florida Bar Traffic Rules Committee (2002 – 2006; Vice-chair, 2004; Chair, 2005 – 2006)
- Representative, Florida Bar Rules of Judicial Administration Committee (2005 – 2006)

Media appearances as commentator/analyst

- Headline News (HLN)
- Court TV (“Trial Heat,” “Open Court” – live in-studio in New York, “Catherine Crier” – live on location; many appearances outside courtrooms around Florida)
- “Nancy Grace” (CNN)
- “The O’Reilly Factor” (FOXNews – TV and radio appearances)
- “Studio B with Shepard Smith” (FOX) (via satellite and live in Studio in New York)
- “Big Story” and “Big Story Weekend” (FOX)
- CNN International
- News Channel 10 (Tampa/St. Petersburg); News Channel 8 (Tampa); BayNews 9; 970 WFLA (Tampa); “Kathy Fountain” (Tampa), News Channel 13 (FOX – Tampa)
- Numerous local and national radio interviews/commentary
- Regularly called upon for commentary in nationwide print/online media