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EDUCATION

Florida International University College of Law – J.D. May 2008

President, FIU College of Law Moot Court

Member, Dean's List

Florida International University – Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude May 2005

Member, Phi Beta Kappa Society

President, Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Florida, 2008

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2008

EXPERIENCE

Zumpano Patricios & Winker, P.A. Coral Gables, Florida (2011 – present)

Income Partner - Attorney

Focus on healthcare law and business litigation representing a variety of business entities and healthcare providers. Advise clients on policy issues at the state and federal level impacting their businesses. Represent clients in matters regarding breach of contract, business torts, corporate governance, and ownership disputes. Manage litigation matters. Conduct depositions and lead deposition preparation of witnesses, as well as draft discovery requests and responses. Draft various motions and defend them in Court on a regular basis. Prepare for and represent clients in trial stage of litigation. Conduct extensive legal research into complex contract, arbitration and litigation issues and advise clients regarding findings. Draft and edit agreements for business clients. Lead factual investigations for matters. Spearhead settlement negotiations and mediations.

Houck Anderson, P.A. Miami, Florida (2008 – 2011)

Attorney

Conducted extensive legal research into complex commercial litigation, federal admiralty/maritime and civil procedure issues and advised clients regarding findings. Organized extensive discovery under both the State and Federal Rules in relation to complex litigation matters. Drafted detailed discovery requests, subpoenas and associated motions to compel. Researched and drafted detailed memoranda and court pleadings in complex civil litigation involving claims under products liability, indemnity, contribution and subrogation. Represented clients in various state courts throughout the country.

Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida – Civil Division Miami, Florida (Summer 2005)

Law Clerk for the Honorable Pedro P. Echarte, Jr.

Analyzed case law and Florida statutes in commercial litigation cases and briefed the judge regarding the pertinent issues. Drafted legal memoranda and orders. Worked closely with judge on cases involving property disputes and tort claims. Participated in motion hearings. Communicated with attorneys involved in cases before the judge. Gained knowledge of Florida's judicial system and civil procedure.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Vice President and Board of Directors Member, Cuban American Bar Association.
- Vice President and Board of Directors Member, Florida International University Alumni Association.
- Member, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

HONORS

- Recipient, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Rising Star Awards, Model Star Award, 2016.
- Recipient, "40 Under 40" Outstanding Attorneys of Miami Dade County from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2010.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Dade County Bar Association Annual Bench and Bar Conference, The Future of Healthcare Law Panel, 2016.
- Speaker, Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Practicing with Professionalism Symposium, 2015.
- Speaker, Dade County Bar Association Annual Bench and Bar Conference, Healthcare Law Panel, 2013.
- Moderator, CABA's Legal Aspects of Doing Business in the Americas Conference, 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Releases List of Recent Licensure Actions Against Medical Providers," Florida Bar Health Law Updates, May- June 2014.
- "Florida Department of Health Professional License Renewal Process Now Includes Continued Education Review," Florida Bar Health Law Updates, February 2014.
- "Payor Unilateralism: Health Care Providers Beware," South Florida Legal Guide 2012 Edition.
- "Consulting and Royalty Agreements with Physicians: A Look at this Business Relationship in Light of the Federal Anti-Kickback Statute," South Florida Legal Guide Midyear Edition 2012.

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Spanish.