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EXPERIENCE

***Dutko Worldwide*, Miami, Florida**

March, 2005 – Present

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Manage the Miami division of Dutko Worldwide, a multi-disciplinary public policy management firm. Engage in federal, state and local advocacy and provide strategic consulting and business development services to help clients maximize their market potential. Provide legal counsel to the firm on contract, labor and compliance matters.

Miami-Dade County, Office of Mayor Carlos Alvarez

November, 2004 – March, 2005

Transition Chairman

Administered and oversaw establishment of new mayoral administration. Established table of organization and participated in appointment of key personnel. Directed creation of community outreach centers and guided the development of policy initiatives for newly installed Mayor.

Miami-Dade County, Office of Mayor Alex Penelas

December, 2001 – November, 2004

Chief of Staff

Responsible for direction and management of the Office of the Mayor. Areas of responsibility included Mayor's policy, media, administrative, and legislative matters. Oversaw daily administration of Mayor's staff and the implementation of mayoral programs and initiatives.

March, 2001 – December, 2001

Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

Responsible for the development of Miami-Dade County's legislative priorities at the state and federal level. Advocated County's agenda before State Legislature and Congress on a wide range of matters including appropriations, transportation policy and homeland security.

Miami Dade County Attorney's Office

May, 1995 – May, 1997; January, 1999 – March, 2001

Assistant County Attorney

Served as lead counsel on numerous litigation and administrative matters in the areas of tort, labor, transportation, law enforcement and commercial disputes. Conducted all phases of civil litigation in state court and represented County in administrative and quasi-judicial hearings and appeals. Also drafted and monitored legislation at the state and federal level.

Holland & Knight, LLP, Miami, Florida

May, 1997 – January, 1999

Associate, Litigation Department

Engaged in all aspects of commercial litigation practice including the preparation of pleadings, motions and legal memoranda, conducting pre-trial depositions and arguing motions in state and federal court.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctorate - May, 1995

Honors/Activities:

- Legal coursework completed in Madrid, Spain (Summer 1993)
- Georgetown Immigration Law Journal, Associate Editor
- Street Law Clinic, Constitutional Law Instructor
- Association of Cuban-American Law Students, President
- La Alianza Del Derecho, Executive Board Member
- Freedom House, Volunteer with organization dedicated to the advancement of civil and political rights around the world.
- Office of Congressman Henry Bonilla, Congressional Intern (1993)

Florida State University

Tallahassee, Florida

Bachelor of Arts–History/Political Science, *cum laude* – December, 1991

Honors/Activities:

- National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Recipient
- Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society
- Golden Key National Honor Society
- FSU Student Senate, President Pro-Tempore
- Florida Senate, Legislative Aide (1990-1992)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Leadership Florida Class XXII (2003-04)
- Community Advisory Committee, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, (2005 - Present)
- Total Bank Board of Directors (Audit Committee), (2005 – Present)
- Board of Directors (Executive Committee), Amigos for Kids, (2003 – Present)
- Secretary of Defense's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (2008)
- Co-author, "Florida Should Adopt the Celotex Standard for Summary Judgments," Florida Bar Journal (Feb. 2002)
- Panelist, "Ciberconferencia, Riesgo Medico Legal" Cali, Colombia (September, 1998)