

JUAN CARLOS GÓMEZ

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, Philadelphia, PA

J.D., May 1989

Comparative Labor Law Journal, Senior Associate Editor

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, FL

B.A., with honors, August 1985

Majors: Political Science & History

Dean's List (six semesters), University Scholars Scholarship, Certificate of Honor in Political Science, Phi Alpha Theta (International History Honor Society)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA

General Studies, Fall 1982

Dean's List

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2/2012-Present | Director/ Lecturer |
| 7/2014-5/2017 | Interim Director of Clinical Programs |
| 7/2010-2/2012 | Visiting Lecturer, Supervising Attorney,
Carlos A. Costa Immigration & Human Rights Clinic,
Florida International University College of Law , Miami, Florida
Supervise second and third year law students who are handling human rights projects and who are representing poor individuals in immigration proceedings. |
| 1996 – Present | Law Office of Juan Carlos Gomez , Miami, Florida
Private law practice focusing on immigration matters. |
| 2/2010 --12/2012 | Partner, Pozo, Goldstein & Gomez, LLP , Miami, Florida
Law practice focusing on immigration and criminal matters. |
| 2001 – 2004 | Partner, Gomez & Rivas-Vazquez, PA , Miami, Florida
Private law practice focusing on immigration matters. |
| Spring 1996 | Director of Special Projects, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center ,
Miami, FL
Helped to start organization to continue providing free legal services to undocumented individuals with other staff members from AILA and Miami Office of Florida Rural Legal Services. |
| 1994 – 1995 | Project Director, East Little Havana Legal Services
Coordinated program providing general legal services to poor families living in a blighted area, served as corporate counsel to neighborhood grassroots groups. |

- 1992 – 1995 Staff Attorney, **American Immigration Lawyers Association, South Florida Chapter Pro Bono Project/Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.**, Miami, FL
Represented poor undocumented individuals in immigration proceedings.
- 1991-1992 Staff Attorney, **American Friends Service Committee, Central American Asylum Project**
Coordinated outreach program to eight sites throughout South Florida focusing on representing Salvadorans and Guatemalan refugees in immigration proceedings.
- 1989-1990 Law Clerk, **Honorable Philip Carchman**
Superior Court of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey
Reviewed motions for judicial ruling, prepared drafts of decisions, and served as small claims mediator.

TEACHING/SPEAKING

Saint Thomas University, School of Law, Miami, Florida

Adjunct Professor

Fall 2003, 2004, 2005 Remedies

Fall 2002, Spring 2006 Administrative Law

Spring 2004, 2003 & 2002 & Fall 2000, Immigration Law

Florida International University, College of Law

Immigration Law, Each Fall and Spring semester since Fall 2011

Professional Responsibility Summer 2014

Legal Studies Institute, Miami, Florida

Lecturer, Taught & Co-taught Seminar in Spanish on United States Immigration & Nationality Law for Latin American Lawyers

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Academic Year Research Assistant, **Professor Regina Austin**, University of Pennsylvania
1988-1989 Law School, Philadelphia, PA
Researched material for an advanced torts course, and assisted in drafting articles on negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress and civil rights in the workplace.
- Summer 1988 Summer Associate, **Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg**, Miami, FL
Drafted trial briefs, petitions, sales agreements, memoranda of law, and opinion letters involving international transactions.
- Summer 1987 Legal Intern, **Public Defender's Office**, Eleventh Judicial Circuit,
Miami, FL
Prepared motions and memoranda of law, interviewed clients and witnesses, and arranged pretrial release for clients unable to post bonds.

LANGUAGE Fluent in Spanish

BAR Florida Bar, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida,
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
Member of Editorial Board of the *Florida Bar Journal* and *Florida Bar
News* 2006 to June 2012

AWARDS Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Blanca Fiallo Memorial Award
1995
Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Certificate of Recognition
1995
FLDREAM/FIU Students Working for Equal Rights, Heart of Gold
Award 2013

BOARD WORK

2018-Present Member, Board of Directors, South Florida Chapter, American Immigration
Lawyers Association

2016-Present Member, Board of Directors, Orlando Center for Justice, Orlando, FL

2009-2014 Member, Board of Directors, Catalyst Miami/Human
Services Coalition of Miami-Dade County/Catalyst Miami, Miami, FL

2007-2014 Member, Southeast Regional Executive Committee (now Southern
Region), American Friends Service Committee Atlanta, GA

1992-1996 Member, Board of Directors, South Dade Immigration Association,
Homestead, FL
Worked with community members on securing funding and developing
education, immigration, and general service programs for organization.

1994-1996 Adviser, East Little Havana Neighborhood Governing Board, Inc., Miami, FL
Served as counsel to the Board. Conducted board training on topics such as
parliamentary procedure, directors' rights and responsibilities, and organization
systems and processes.

1991-1992 Member, Board of Directors, Corn Maya, Inc., Indiantown, Florida
Worked with Mayans from Guatemala on developing grassroots organization
to serve their community in Indiantown.

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Hearing on HR 2831, May 31, 2012, United States House of
Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on
Immigration Policy and Enforcement