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**Assistant Professor, Legal Skills and Values, FIU College of Law,**  
Miami, Florida, August 2017-present

Teach two foundational legal skills courses, including instruction in case analysis, rule synthesis, objective and persuasive legal writing, professionalism, traditional and electronic legal research, oral advocacy, and other legal skills. Participate in the development of original materials students use to develop their legal research, writing and advocacy skills. Taught Complex Litigation, Summer 2018.

**Career Law Clerk, Magistrate Judge Chris M. McAliley, United States District Court,**  
**Southern District of Florida**

Miami, Florida, July 2007-July 2017

Handled a broad range of civil and criminal matters, including researching legal issues, and drafting orders and report and recommendations for the Judge's review. Supervised and mentored legal interns.

**Freelance attorney**

Miami, Florida, 2006-2007

Drafted appellate briefs on a contract basis; wrote articles and handled special projects for University of Miami School of Law

**Counsel, White & Case LLP**

Miami, Florida, 2001-2006

Extensive experience in complex civil litigation, particularly federal court, including class action. Appellate experience in state and federal court. Active member of Firm Recruiting Committee, participating in recruiting and interviewing prospective candidates, both on and off-campus, and making hiring decisions, as well as coordinating the summer associate program and mentoring summer associates. Office representative for the Women's Initiative. Initiated and organized Women's Initiative events.

Representations included:

- Defending a major telecommunications company in multiple class action lawsuits pending in Maryland alleging breach of contract and violations of state consumer protection act.
- Defending director against claims of breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and RICO by bankruptcy Trustee of company.
- Defending multinational corporation in action brought in federal district court for violations of the Alien Tort Claims Act, the Torture Victim Protection Act, RICO and common-law claims arising from the activities of

paramilitary groups in Colombia.

- Defending private party in prosecution for honest services mail fraud in federal district court.
- Defending former officers in a class action lawsuit brought in federal district court against claims of securities fraud. Defending former officers against claims of breach of fiduciary duty and negligence brought in federal district court by company in bankruptcy.

Representative appeals included:

- Representing a major telecommunications company in multiple jurisdictions in appeals of denials of motions to compel arbitration.
- Representing a pre-trial detainee in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal of a summary judgment on his claims of excessive force.
- Representing an AIDS Clinic in the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Florida and on petition for certiorari to the Florida Supreme Court in an appeal of an order allowing the review by law enforcement of certain AIDS patients' medical records.
- Representing Appellee in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in appeal of a summary judgment on claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- Representing Appellant in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal of a conviction for honest services mail fraud and false statement.
- Representing Appellant in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal of an award of attorneys' fees for successfully representing a defendant class in an action under ERISA.
- Representing Appellant/Cross-Appellee in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal of dismissal of Appellant's claim for lack of subject matter jurisdiction under RICO and dismissal of Cross-Appellant's claim under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.
- Representing Appellant in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal of summary judgment on a claim of trademark infringement.
- Representing Appellant/Cross-Appellee in Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal to determine the scope of the application of vicarious liability in an action under § 1981.
- Representing criminal deportees in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in an appeal to determine entitlement to apply for a discretionary waiver.

**Associate, K&L Gates LLP,**

Miami, Florida, 1991-2001

Appellate experience in both state and federal courts, including three briefs to the United States Supreme Court. Experience in complex civil litigation in state and federal court. Attended numerous hearings and conducted depositions, as well as handled written discovery. Active member of Firm Recruiting Committee, participating in recruiting and interviewing prospective candidates and making hiring decisions. Active participant in summer associate program and summer associate mentor.

Representations included:

- Representing respondent in certiorari proceeding in the United States Supreme Court in federal securities action.
- Representing *amicus curiae* in support of petitioner in United States Supreme Court action, arguing in favor of the validity of the misappropriation theory of liability under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Defending a major title insurance company in a putative class action lawsuit pending in federal district court in the Northern District of California alleging violations of RESPA and RICO.
- Defending major brokerage house class action lawsuit brought in federal district court alleging securities fraud in connection with margin account disclosures.
- Defending Fortune 500 company in an action brought in Florida state court for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and constructive trust arising out of restructuring of aircraft corporation in bankruptcy.
- Defending the directors and officers of a Venezuelan airline in an action brought in New York state court for breach of contract, fraud, constructive trust and an accounting.
- Defending a major grocery chain in a class action lawsuit brought in the federal district court arising out of the Premium Sales Ponzi scheme; principal drafter of a 102-page Motion for Summary Judgment concerning issues of standing, agency, ripeness, fraud and RICO liability.
- Defending former officer and director in a class action lawsuit brought in federal district court against claims of securities fraud, negligence and other state law claims.
- Representing a software company in federal trademark litigation.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *JURIS*

*The Alien Tort Claims Act: The Eleventh Circuit Weighs in on Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain*, INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION QUARTERLY, Winter 2006.

*Judge Linda Ann Wells of the Third District Court of Appeal*, THE RECORD: JOURNAL OF THE APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION, Winter 2005.

Co-Author, *You Better Shop Around: Forum Shopping In The Appellate Process*, LITIGATION MAGAZINE, Summer 1999, 32, *reprinted in* Litigation Manuel, 3d Ed.

Co-Author, *Beyond O'Hagan: The Misappropriation Theory and Securities Enforcement after United States v. O'Hagan*.

*The Perils of the Acceptance-of-Benefits Doctrine*, APPELLATE BRIEFS, Oct. 1998.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Legal Writing Institute  
Past Editor, International Law Quarterly, International Section, Florida Bar  
Mentor, Minority Bar Passage Program, Summer 2006, Summer 2010, Spring 2012  
Speaker, Hot Topics in International Litigation, Florida Bar International Litigation and Arbitration Committee, International Law Section, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Law Update, February 2016  
Speaker, Law School Boot Camp, Levin College of Law at the University of Florida, January 2015  
Speaker, Recent Alien Tort Claim Act Cases, Florida Bar International Litigation and Arbitration Committee, International Law Section, 10th Annual International Law Update, February 2012  
Speaker, Developments in International Litigation, Florida Bar International Litigation and Arbitration Committee, International Law Section, 8th Annual International Law Update, February 2010  
Speaker, Legal Research and Writing Seminar, June 2005, June 2006  
Speaker, Survey of Hot Cases and New Legislation, Florida Bar International Litigation and Arbitration Committee, International Law Section, 4th Annual International Law Update, May 2006  
Speaker, Alien Tort Claims Act: Awakening the Monster or Avenging Angel, St. Thomas University, March 2004  
Summary Judgment Seminar, July 2003  
Speaker, Personal Jurisdiction Developments, Florida Bar International Litigation and Arbitration Committee, International Law Section, International Law Update, April 2003  
Testimony before the ABA Commission of Women, March 2003  
Member, Florida Bar News and Journal Editorial Board 2004-2007  
Member, International Litigation Section, Florida Bar  
Participant in the Appellate Pro Bono Project

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar  
Southern District of Florida

## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, COLLEGE OF LAW**, Gainesville, Florida  
Juris Doctor, 1991 with high honors;  
Senior Research Editor, **Law Review**  
Council of Ten Tutor in Torts, Fall 1989  
American Jurisprudence Book Awards:  
Criminal Law, Property I, Estates and Trusts, Environmental Law

**BROWN UNIVERSITY**, Providence, Rhode Island  
Bachelor of Arts in Biology, May 1987