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EDUCATION, CERTIFICATES, AND BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit and County Court Mediator, 2021

Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator, 2013

Admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 2012

Admitted to the Florida Bar, 2007

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL

Juris Doctorate, 2006

Certificate in Family Law Scholar

Certificate of Completion for County Court Mediation Training Course

Activities: UF Trial Team

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Mock Trial Competition, Runner Up–November 2005

Chester Bedell Florida Bar Mock Trial Competition, Runner-Up–January 2005

UF Final Four Competitor–October 2004

Research Assistant, Prof. Monique Haughton-Worrell, Esq., Child Welfare Clinic–Summer 2004

Presented “The Advantages of Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration” at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting

Research Assistant, Desta Meghoo-Peddie, Esq., Director of the Office for Community Development and Diversity–Spring 2004

Prefaced and edited commentary published in Fla. Commission on Human Relations Journal

Caribbean Law Students Association–President 2005-2006, and Secretary 2004-2005

Family Law Society– Publicity Co-Chair, 2004-2005

James C. Adkins, Jr. Chapter of the American Inns of Court-Pupil

The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Science in Political Science and English, minor in Child Psychology 2003

Study Abroad Program in London, England: Fall 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

L.A. Law Firm, P.A.–Miami, FL

Principal, 2019-Present

Principal of boutique law firm specializing in civil litigation, municipal law, real estate, land use and zoning, family matters, estate planning and probate. General counsel for several small businesses. Of counsel for various firms in said practice areas. Draft proposed legislation. Represent cities at Administrative Hearings, such as Code Enforcement Hearings. Represent cities in zoning, land use and development matters; Foreclosure Defense; appellate matters; and various other litigation matters. Draft various pleadings; negotiate and draft settlement documents. Court appointed Guardian Ad Litem in various family law matters.

University of Miami, Paralegal Studies Certificate Program—Miami, FL

Adjunct Professor, 2017-2019

Lecture on Torts to aspiring paralegals. Prepare lesson plans and lectures. Grade assignments and exams. Prepare final grades for students.

City of Miami Gardens—Miami Gardens, FL

2016- 2019

Director of the Office of Civic Engagement

Served as the Director of the newly created Office of Civic Engagement for the City of Miami Gardens. Created the Strategic Plan for the Office; outlined various initiatives, and formulated the mission statement and objectives for the Office. Organized a Voters Registration Drive and Family Fun Day, in celebration of the enactment of Amendment Four. Organized a Voters Registration Drive for the Trayvon Martin Peace Walk and Rally. Served as Mayor's delegate at various national conferences and executive meetings.

Assistant City Attorney

Served as in-house counsel for the City. Drafted Resolutions and Ordinances. Represented the City at Administrative Hearings, such as Red-Light Camera Hearings, Code Enforcement Hearings, and Unsafe Structure Hearings. Represented the City in zoning, land use and development matters; Foreclosure Defense; Eminent Domain; appellate matters; and various other litigation matters. Drafted various pleadings; negotiated and drafted settlement documents. Drafted and reviewed contracts. Conducted various legal research and drafted corresponding memorandums of law. Managed outsourced litigation.

Ayenn C. Stark & Associates, employees of State Farm Insurance Companies—Miami, FL

Associate, 2014- 2016

Trial attorney; handled all aspects of insurance defense cases, from inception to resolution. Litigated Personal Injury, Property Damage, Homeowner's Insurance Defense, and Premises Liability claims. Frequently attended Mediations, conducted Depositions, and argued Motions. Sat second chair for three jury trials.

The State of Florida's Department of Children and Families' Children's Legal Services (CLS)—Miami, FL

Division Chief, 2009-2014

Represented the State of Florida in the prosecution of Dependency Law cases. Litigated all aspects of Dependency cases, including Termination of Parental Rights Trials, from inception to resolution. Frequently engaged in pre-trial litigation; such as, participating in mediations, conducting Depositions, and exhausting Discovery. Drafted Petitions, Motions, Orders, Discovery requests, Final Judgments, and other pleadings. Handled Dependency cases in Unified Family Court (UFC). Supervised five (5) line attorneys and three (3) support staff. Trained new hires on Chapter 39 proceedings, and litigation skills. Assisted in formulating the protocol for addressing Child Support in Dependency cases for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Created and presented "Child Support in a Nutshell: Basic Child Support in Dependency Proceedings," CLE course to various Dependency practitioners. Created and presented "Trial Preparation 101: Basic Trial Skills" training for new hires of CLS. Recipient of the 2010 "Outstanding Performance Award".

Advocacy Law Group, P.A., formerly known as Arcott & De La Rosa-Monroe P.A.—Miami, FL

Founding Partner, 2008-2014

Founding partner of law firm. Handled various types of Family Law, Title IV-D Support matters, Probate, Estate Planning, Landlord Tenant, and Juvenile Delinquency cases. Litigated cases from inception to resolution. Engaged in pre-suit negotiations and post-suit mediations. Drafted Petitions, Motions, Discovery requests, Settlement Agreements, Orders, and other pleadings and correspondences. Met with clients regularly. Managed the day-to-day operations of the firm.

Guardian Ad Litem Program of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit—Miami, FL

Litigation Attorney, 2007-2009

Represented the best interest of abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Dependency cases. Advocated in Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights Trials. Drafted Motions, Orders, and correspondences. Participated in Depositions and meditations. Coordinated investigations through the Guardian Ad Litem Supervisors.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- The Florida Bar:** *Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee Chairperson 2020-Present, Member 2017-Present; Eleventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee Member 2017-2020; and Legal Needs of Children Committee Member, 2010-2015*
- Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association:** *Immediate Past President; President 2019-2020; President-Elect 2018-2019; Group II Director, 2017-2018*
- Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association:** *Historian 2018-2019; President, 2015-2017; President-Elect 2014-2015; Treasurer, 2013-2014; recipient of the 2015 National Summit of Black Women Lawyer's Raising Star Award; authored State of the Bench Editorial in September 2015.*
- Virgil Hawking Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association:** *Vice President 2020-2021; Student Liaison 2018-2019*
- Judicial Diversity Initiative:** *Founding Member 2015*
- Family Law Section of the Florida Bar:** *Guest Editor for the 2015 Winter Commentator; Secretary of the Publications Committee 2013-2014; Member of the Legislation Committee 2013-2014; 2012-2013 Co-Chair of Adoption, Paternity, and Children's Issues Committee; Chair of Support Issues in Dependency Proceedings Joint Subcommittee; recipient of the "Raising Star" and "Outstanding Service" Awards for the 2012-2103 Bar Year. Created and presented "Child Support in Dependency Proceedings" CLE to the Family Law Advisory Group (F.L.A.G.) in February 2013.*
- KidSide, Inc.:** *Advisory Board Member 2020-Present; Board Member 2012-Present; Committee Chair for the Annual Cook-Off, from 2013 to 2017*
- Dade County Bar Association:** *Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair 2016-2021; Member of the Board of Directors, from 2014 to 2017; Interviewed Michelle Mayes during the 2016 Diversity Summit Luncheon; recipient of the 2018 Rising Star Award during the 2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration.*
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit Professionalism Panel:** *2017-Present*
- The Spellman-Hoeveler Inns of Court**
- Miami Dade County Chapter of Florida Association of Women Lawyers**

HONORS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Miami-Dade County's Independent Civilian Panel: *Chairperson, and Panel Member 2021-2024*
- Scott Lake Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA): *President 2021-2022*
- Miami Dade County's Black Affairs Advisory Board: *Member 2019-2021; recipient of the 2020 "Vessels: Women of Substance" Award*
- Legal Services of Great Miami: *Board Member 2019 to Present*
- Pro Bono Attorney Ad Litem and Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Dependency Court, from 2014 to Present*
- 2021 Social Miami's Rising Leader in the Law
- 2017 Legacy Magazine Forty Under Forty Honoree
- Pincus Professional Education: *Presented Objections During Deposition CLE, March 2017; and Direct Examination and Expert Witness Preparation CLE December 2016*
- Friends of the Miami-Dade County Public Library: *Member of the Board of Trustees, from 2014 to 2019*
- Pace School for Girls: *Advisory Board Member; Board Member, from 2015 to 2019*