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EDUCATION

Law: University of Florida College of Law, Juris Doctor with Honors (Top 10%).

Florida Supreme Court Certified Family and County Mediator.

Pre-law: University of Florida, M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Purdue University, B.A. in History, with Highest Distinction.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Legal Skills Professor, University of Florida College of Law, July 1990 to present.

Director, Florida Agricultural Mediation Service, 1998.

Associate Director, Center on Children and the Law, August 2001 to the present.

Associate Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution, University of Florida College of Law, January 1997 to present.

Director, Family Law Mediation Program, Alachua County Family Law Division, March 1993 through July 1994.

Assistant General Counsel, University of Florida, summer of 1992.

Special Counsel, Mahoney Adams & Criser, Jacksonville, Florida, 1991.

Adjunct professor of Business Law, University of Florida, January, 1987 to December, 1988.

Assistant City Attorney, Gainesville, Florida, February, 1986 to July 1990.

Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Susan H. Black, United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, August, 1984 to February, 1986.

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Florida Supreme Court Mediator Certification Committee 1995-present.

Family Law Section Mediation & Arbitration Committee 1997-98.

8th Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Task Force, 1994.

ABA Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee, 1994

Mediation and Conciliation Committee of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar 1993-94.

8th Judicial Circuit Law Week Committee 1993-1994.

8th Judicial Circuit Mediation Task Force, 1992-93.

Member Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee, 1991-93.

Media Law Committee of the Florida Bar, 1989-1990

Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association Certificate of Appreciation for Celebrate the Courts, May 1995.

Chair's Special Appreciation Award for "Outstanding Influence on Future Lawyers," Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, June 24, 1994.

Law School

Order of the Coif, Phi Kappa Phi;

Law Review, Editorial Board;

Instructor in Legal Research and Writing;

Dean's List, high honors two terms; honors three terms, honors in Appellate Advocacy.

Pre-law

Delta Rho Kappa; Dean's List high honors, all semesters; Mortar Board treasurer; Student Senate secretary; Student Court defender; Pi Beta Phi Outstanding Senior Woman.

PUBLICATIONS

Alison Gerencser, *Establishing A Pilot Restorative Justice Program for Juveniles*, <http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/childlaw/>, (November 2001)

Alison Gerencser, *Confused by ADR? Changing Conduct Standards Would Help*, 18 *Alternatives* 82 (April 2000).

Alison Gerencser, *Alternate Dispute Resolution Has Morphed Into Mediation: Standards of Conduct Must Be Changed*, 50 *Fl. L.Rev.* 843 (1998).

Alison Gerencser, *Family Mediation: Screening for Domestic Abuse*, 23 *Fl. St. L.Rev.* 43 (1995).

Alison Gerencser, *Removal of Billboards: Some Alternatives for Local Governments*, 21 *Stetson Law Review* 899 (1992)

Alison E. Gerencser, *Mediating Children's Issues*, 22 *Family L. Commentator* 1 (1996).

Judge Chester B. Chance and Alison Gerencser, *Screening Family Mediation for Domestic Violence*, 70 *Florida Bar Journal* 54 (1996)

Alison Gerencser and Megan Kelly, *Family Mediation: A Viable Alternative to Litigation*, 68 *Florida Bar Journal* 49 (1994).

Alison Gerencser, *Removal of Billboards: Some Alternatives for Local Governments*, 1993 *Zoning and Planning Law Handbook*, Clark Boardman Callaghan.

Alison Gerencser, *The Legal Drafting Class as a Law Firm*, *Drafting Legal Documents Teacher's Manual*, West Publishing Company, 1992.

Gerencser, *Local Government Regulations of Convenience Food Stores*, 62 *Florida Bar Journal* 61 (1988).

LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

Forthcoming: December 8, 2001, *Defending Childhood, Developing a Child-Centered Law and Policy Agenda*, Practice Initiatives panel presentation.

Establishing a Pilot Restorative Justice Program for Juveniles, 10th Annual Dispute Resolution Center's Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: Dialogue & Diversity, August 22, 2001.

ABC's of Family Mediation, The New Wave of Dispute Resolution: Serving Justice, Business, and the Community, ABA December 1, 2000.

March 10, 2000, "Getting Past Impasse: Suggestions for Attorneys and Mediators in Difficult Mediations," Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association CLE panel presentation.

Panel presentation regarding Florida Agricultural Mediation Service, FSA Dispute Resolution Training, Atlanta, Ga, July 9, 1998.

April 28, 1998, "Florida Agriculture Mediation Service" to members of Florida Agricultural Advisory Council meeting in Tallahassee, Florida.

April 29, 1998, training for Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit mediators to be Florida Agriculture Mediation Services mediators.

April 1998, three Agriculture Mediation Service context trainings for County Executive Directors

April 6, 1998, "Mediation," Rotary International.

April 5, 1998, "Agricultural Mediation," Julian Jurgensmeyer's Agricultural Law Class.

March 20, 1998, "Mediation Advocacy: Information, Strategies and Ethics for Representing Clients in Mediation in the Eighth Circuit," Panel participant.

March 13, 1998, Symposium on Professionalism, Co-facilitator.

January 16, 1996, "Ethics and Mediation," North Florida Mediation Council.

November 30, 1995, "Family Mediation: Screening for Domestic Abuse," Mediation and Negotiation Association, University of Florida College of Law

January 19, 1995, "The Need for a Domestic Violence Exemption for Family Mediation," Chester Bedell Inns of Court.

October 1994, "Mediation," University of Florida Pre-Law Student Association.

Spring 1994, "Family Mediation," Chester Bedell Inns of Court, Gainesville, Florida.

Spring 1994, "Women and the Law," American Association of University Women, Gainesville, Florida.

July 24, 1992, "Application of Section 1983 Statute of Limitations to Land Use Cases," Eleventh Annual Florida Municipal Attorneys' Association Seminar and Workshop.

Spring 1992, "Update on Land Use Law," University of Florida College of Architecture.

Spring 1990, "When Does a Regulation Go Too Far?," University of Florida College of Architecture.

November 1991, "Art Law," Business of Art Workshop, Arts Association of Alachua County.

August 9, 1990, "Convenience Food Store Regulations," Ninth Annual Florida Municipal Attorneys' Association Seminar and Workshop.

August 4, 1989, "Billboard Regulation," Eighth Annual Florida Municipal Attorneys' Association Seminar and Workshop.

February 7, 1989, "Sunshine Law and Public Records Law," School of Journalism, University of Florida.

TRAINING SEMINARS

Forthcoming: Faculty of Law, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, April 8-18, 2002.

Certified County Mediation Trainer; one training completed each semester.

University of Florida Dispute Resolution Center Training, September 1996.

Family Mediation Training, University of Florida, December 1993.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Jesse Ball duPont Grant, January 2000, providing juvenile mediations.

U.S. Information Agency, Conflict Resolution Training in Haiti, October 1997.

Agricultural Mediation Service Grant, U.S. Department of Agriculture, August 1997.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community Foundation Board, 1999

PACE Advisory Board, 1999

Women for Wise Growth Board 1999

Lady Gator Athletic Booster Board, 1998-2001.

North Central Florida Mediation Council, Vice-President, 1997-98.

City of Gainesville, Neighborhood Advisory Board

Samaritan Center, Board of Directors 1996.

Leadership Gainesville XXII.

Altrusa International, 2nd Vice President 1998, Secretary 1994,
Altrusa House, Inc. Board 1994-, Literacy Committee
Chairperson, 1995-96.

Alachua County Library Foundation, Board member, 1992-96.

League of Women Voters Juvenile Justice Chairperson 1991-92,
First Vice President 1994-95, President 1995-96.

Child Care Resources Board 1988-93; president 1991-92.

Three Hundred Club President, 1993-94.

Eighth Judicial Circuit Chapter of the Florida Association for Women
Lawyers, President-elect 1995, President 1996.

United Way Allocations Committee, 1994-96.

EJCBA Law Week Committee 1993, 1994.

Gainesville Women's Forum 1989-present.

Buchholz SAC, secretary, 1988.

Guardian ad Litem.

References available upon request.