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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW

PRESENT

- Legal Skills Professor
- Teaches Legal Writing, Pre-Trial Practice, and Legal Drafting

BARRY UNIVERSITY, DWAYNE O. ANDREAS SCHOOL OF LAW

2022-2025

Associate Professor

- Classes taught are Legal Research and Writing and Internet Law
- Faculty advisor of the Moot Court Honor Board

LUKS, SANTANIELLO, PETRILLO, COHEN & PETERFRIEND, P.A.

2019- 2022

Junior Partner

- Practiced exclusively in the appellate and trial support practice group
- Representative clientele included Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, and governmental entities

FARAH AND FARAH, P.A.

2018-2019

Associate Attorney

- Supervised the Jacksonville office's first-party litigation practice group focusing on Personal Injury Protection automobile insurance and property damage claims

FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW

2008–2018

Professor of Law and Director of Trial Advocacy

- Taught multiple courses focusing on legal research and writing skills including Introductory Legal Research and Writing, Lawyering Process for Litigation, and Pretrial Litigation Drafting
- Member of a task force that designed the school's legal research and writing curriculum to ensure compliance with American Bar Association requirements
- Provided individual bar exam coaching to academically high-risk students to successfully prepare them for the Florida Bar Exam

LUKS, SANTANIELLO, PETRILLO & JONES, P.A.

2006-2010

Associate Attorney

- Performed all aspects of litigation in premises liability and automobile accident claims
- Defended the largest commercial real estate company in the United States in negligent security claims, property boundary disputes, and breach of contract actions

VERNIS & BOWLING, P.A.

2003-2006

Associate Attorney

- Lead attorney on all PIP cases in the Jacksonville office
- Worked with claims management to reach positive case outcomes

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

2001-2003

Assistant State Attorney

- Successfully prosecuted numerous felony and misdemeanor crimes
- First-chair counsel for jury and bench trials

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

Master of Business Administration

- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Juris Doctor

- National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition
 - Best Team Overall
- Workers' Compensation Institute Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition
 - Best Individual Oralist
 - Runner-up Best Brief
- Member of The National Order of the Barristers

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications

- Magna Cum Laude
- Academic All-Southeastern Conference
- Dean's List
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll

PUBLICATIONS

The Gym-pire Strikes Back: The FTC's Negative Option Rule Force Chokes the Fitness Industry's Freedom to Contract (forthcoming 2025).

"Waiving" Goodbye to COVID-19 in Stadiums and Shopping Malls: Will Signed Waivers Protect Large Venues Against Liability When a Patron Catches Coronavirus?, In Brief (Summer 2020).

Risen From the Graves: Do Allegations That a Car Rental Company Negligently Investigated a Driver's License, or Failed to Take Certain Actions Regarding a Driver's Insurance Coverage, Overcome Graves Amendment Immunity?, Luks & Santaniello Legal Update (Apr. 2020).

PRESENTATIONS

Florida's "No-Fault" Personal Injury Protection Law: The Basics, Emerging Trends, and the Mafia, Corvel Corporation Insurance Fraud Meeting (2019)