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EXPERIENCE

Assistant Public Defender Office of the Public Defender Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orlando, FL	2022
Justice Director and In-House Counsel Greenhouse Network, Inc., Gainesville, FL	2013-2021
Complex Commercial Litigation Associate Bilzin Sumberg LLP, Miami, FL	2009-2010
Commercial Litigation Associate Vinson and Elkins LLP, Dallas, TX	2008-2009

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Juris Doctor

Columbia University, New York, NY Master
of Science in Journalism

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude* in Political Science

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Mass Incarceration and Criminal Justice, Greenhouse Justice Booklet Vol 1: Racial Reconciliation, February 2021. Forum Host, facilitated public questions and answers with Sheriff candidates, Sheriff's Election Forum, Gainesville, June 2020.

Justice, The Bible and the modern world, Greenhouse Church Leadership Conference, September 2019 Justice and Reconciliation, Greenhouse Church Leadership Conference, September 2018.

The Legal Ramifications of Cyber-bullying, workshop presentation for 2016 Law & Justice Conference at the **University of Florida Levin College of Law**, Gainesville, FL February 2016.

How to Effectively Lobby Your Government, presentation for **Central Florida Urban League Young Professionals**, Orlando, FL January 2016.

Citizen Workgroup Recommendations for Dignity Village, presented before the **Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board**, Gainesville, FL March 2015.

BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar (active), Texas Bar (voluntarily inactive status)
Gainesville Empowerment Center Citizens Workgroup, *Chair*, 2015-2016
Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, *Member*