

# Town of Surfside Special Town Commission Meeting AGENDA January 22, 2013 7 p.m.

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Surfside, FL 33154

- 1. Opening
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call of Members
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Town Attorney Recruitment
  - A. Current Status
    - 1. Linda Miller Resume
    - 2. Sarah Johnston Resume
    - Office of the Town Attorney Ongoing Projects as of January 18, 2013
       Outside Counsel Matter from October 2008 to Present
  - B. Options
    - 1. Maintain Status Quo
    - 2. New Inside Counsel Options
      - a. Resumes-Names
    - 3. Outside Counsel
      - a. Firms
    - 4. Combination
  - C. Next Steps (To Be Determined by Town Commission)
    - 1. RFP/Advertisement
    - 2. Selection Process
      - a. Who is Responsible for Processing Resumes/Qualifications
      - b. Interviews
      - c. Ranking
      - d. Selection
    - 3. Contract Negotiation
  - D. Compensation for Interim Town Attorney and Interim Assistant Town Attorney
  - E. Public Discussion

## 3. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Roger M. Carlton Town Manager

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TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF OTHER TOWN BOARDS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING.

THESE MEETINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY MEANS OF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY, SPECIFICALLY, A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. THE LOCATION 9293 HARDING AVENUE, SURFSIDE, FL 33154, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SHALL SERVE AS AN ACCESS POINT FOR SUCH COMMUNICATION.

### LINDA MILLER

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Bar Admission: Florida and District of Columbia

Assistant to Town Attorney: Surfside, Florida. (2008 – present)

Responsible for administrative/legal support for Town Attorney in all matters relating to Executive, Legislative, Finance, Annual Budget Preparation, Public Works/Utilities, Public Safety, Human Resources, Planning & Zoning, Sunshine/Public Records Issues, FEMA, Parks & Recreation, Tourism, Code Enforcement, Agenda Preparation, Quasijudicial Hearings, Town Attorney Reports and Memorandum, Ordinances, Resolutions, Contracts, Grants, Charter Review, Supervision of Legal Interns and Law Clerks.

Attorney: Washington, D.C. (2006-2008)

Review and analysis of filings for regulatory compliance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and/or investigations by the Department of Justice, SEC, FDA, FCC, FTC, and Congressional and FDA product investigations.

Partner: Gilbride, Heller & Brown, P.A., Miami, Florida. (1997-2005)

Supervised Associates, Law Clerks, Legal Interns, Paralegals and Support Staff in all phases of Case Management. Practice areas: represented educational, religious and health care institutions. Litigation in the fields of health law, insurance defense, risk management, commercial law, construction law, clergy misconduct cases, constitutional issues. Conducted depositions and argued substantive motions in Court. Prepared pleadings, motions, discovery requests and discovery responses. Prepared clients for evidentiary hearings, depositions, trial, mediation and settlement of cases.

Solo Practitioner: Miami, Florida. Commercial and Health Law Matters. (1994 - 1996)

Law School Education and Experience:

District Of Columbia School Of Law, Washington, D.C. Juris Doctor, 1991

Recipient Dean's Honor Cup

Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Legal Intern, United States Court Of Federal Claims, Chambers Of The Chief Judge Law Clerk, Office of the Chief, Chronic Offender Unit, United States Attorney's Office

Law Clerk for Director, Federal Regulatory Process Program

Undergraduate School Education and Experience:

The American University School Of International Service, Washington, D.C.

Latin American Studies/Spanish B.A. 1988; Graduated with Honors

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Dean's List

International Exchange Student University Of Salamanca, Spain

#### Volunteer:

Guardian Ad Litem Program 11th Judicial Circuit Miami-Dade County

Tutor: Project L.E.A.D. (Literacy for Every Adult in Miami-Dade County, Florida)

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# Linda Diane Holland Miller

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Miami-Dade

Circuit:

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Admitted:

11/02/1994

10-Year Discipline

None

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# SARAH L. JOHNSTON, ESQ.

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#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

THE FLORIDA BAR, Florida Bar No. 0089813

#### **EDUCATION**

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, MIAMI GARDENS, FL

Juris Doctor \*received book award for Land Use Planning December 2009

December 2010

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, MIRAMAR, FL

Masters in Business Administration

January 2012

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration

December 2007

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, DOUGLAS COLLEGE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies/Planning (transferred)

August 1997 - May 1998

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# SOLE PRACTITIONER

May 2011 - present

Attorney

Reviewed, drafted, and negotiated contracts in various areas of law including, employment issues, real estate, and music distribution. Represented defendants in employment disputes relating to unemployment and non-compete contractual disputes. Co-taught land use law course at St. Thomas University School of Law and presented on legal implications of contracting for small business owners.

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY, SURFSIDE, FL

September 2009 – present

Attorney/Law Clerk

Conduct complex legal research analyzing state and federal statutes, prepare legal memoranda, draft ordinances, resolutions, request for proposals, request for qualifications, review various contracts for legal sufficiency, litigation preparation, and staying abreast of legislative changes impacting local government. Routinely coordinated with all Town Department Managers on complex legal issues. Areas include: FEMA compliance, ethics, historic preservation, charter review, elections, employment law, code enforcement, public works/utilities, zoning, RLUIPA-constitutional issues, transferable development rights (TDR's), procurement, environmental issues, municipal finance, tourist bureau, and parks and recreation issues.

# ART INSTITUTE OF FT. LAUDERDALE/ATI COLLEGE March 2006 – January 2008/April 2005-March 2006 Assistant Director of Admissions/Admissions Representative

Fielded prospective student inquiries and recruited prospective students with daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly goals. Coordinated with multiple departments to ensure completion of new student enrollment process in compliance with state and federal regulations and worked with new hires to train on enrollment process.

# **COLONIAL PROPERTIES/ RAM PARTNERS**

June 2001 – June 2004 / June 2004 – November 2004

Leasing Consultant/Assistant Property Manager

Acted as a liaison between property and attorney for all legal claims. Assisted in training and supervision of 10-15 employees. Implemented and assisted in developing marketing plans for multiple properties.

#### THRESHOLD INC

June 1999 – June 2001

Behavior Training Specialist

Trained Seminole and Orange county public school special education teachers in behavioral techniques. Provided instruction to individuals with varying disabilities in a classroom and one-on-one instructional setting. Worked with aggressive behavior problems, children aged 2-17.

#### TCI -THE COLLEGE FOR TECHNOLOGY

June 1992 - August 1996

Receptionist, Test Proctor

Proctored Cpat and Wonderlic exams for prospective ATB (ability-to-benefit) students. Assisted Student Services counselors with daily activities including preparing college students for admission.

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# Sarah L Johnston

### Member in Good Standing

### Eligible to practice in Florida

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Hollywood, Florida 330205170

**United States** 

Phone: 786,3802554

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vCard:

County: Broward

Circuit: 17

Admitted: 05/27/2011

Sections: Young Lawyers Division

None

10-Year Discipline

History

Law School: St. Thomas University School of Law

Graduation Year: 2010

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# TOWN OF SURFSIDE Office of the Town Attorney

# Ongoing Projects as of January 18, 2013:

- Planning and Zoning- transition of folding DRB into P&Z Board, variance request, sight triangle/hedges, building frontage, car charging stations/regulations, certificate of use modification, solar panels, Shul application, agenda review/prep, Starbucks
- Building Department- FEMA- follow-up and completion for response to CAV report Young Israel permit follow-up
- **Code Enforcement**-eliminating the use of plastic bags, Special Master Hearings, power blower and leaf trimming regulations, home based business regulations
- Town Clerk Office-lobbyist registration clarification, implementation of new ordinance/registration forms, Municode numbering corrections, public records request(s) follow-up, agenda review/prep, imaging Town document follow-up
- **Public Works**-FPL undergrounding project, completion of water and sewer project, FDOT Surfside repaving, North force main/Building Better Communities, beach erosion follow-up, seawall project follow-up
- TEDACS-Resort Tax issues/take-out food, BID formation outreach and implementation, Downtown Streetscape Plan, creation of downtown trust, turtle sculpture follow-up, parking structure feasibility study, sidewalk ordinance implementation
- Town Manager Office- Committee Meetings presentation: Mason's rules, Gov't
  in the Sunshine, Form 1 Disclosure, Financial Disclosure for Town Boardspreparation of ordinance, Charter Committee-plan and implementation, tracking
  development orders and following up with conditions re: Surf Club, Grand Beach,
  9200 Collins Avenue, Chateau, Young Israel, future projects, Bal Harbour
  Expansion, PACE-follow-up, Spiaggia Settlement, traffic study, staying abreast of
  legislative changes
- Parks and Recreation- Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, outdoor exercise
  equipment, second floor of the community center, Funtraption/pool tot lot followup
- **Human Resources** employment/unemployment issues and appeals, police department promotions, disciplinary action
- Police Department Issues-forfeiture follow-up, excessive force investigation, license plate reader follow-up, surveillance contract follow-up and amendment, credit card agreement parking meters follow-up final agreement

# Litigation:

- Pieter Bakker v Town of Surfside and Young Israel (Federal Matter)
   Pieter Bakker v. Town of Surfside and Young Israel (State Matter)
- o In Re Forfeiture Of \$18,155.00 U.S. Currency; 2012 Honda Civic, V.I.N. 2HGHB2F84CH503951 (State Court)

# Outside Counsel matters from October 2008 to present:

Miriam Maer, Esq.  1750 Chucunantah Road Coconut Grove, Florida 33133  Ernest Abbott, Esq. FEMA Law Associates, PLCC Suite 300, 1725 Eye Street, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20006
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Jeffrey Hochman, Esq.  All matters for the Town covered under
Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Florida Municipal Insurance Trust
Hochman, P.A.
2455 East Sunrise Blvd.
Suite 1000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304
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Miami, Florida 33131
Wildlin, Florida 33131
Jolinda Herring, Esq. Bond/Loan Matters
James Crossland, Esq. Employment Matters
Bryant Miller Olive
SunTrust International Center
1 SE 3rd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33131
Triami, Florida 33131
Benedict P. Kuehne Election Law
Law Office of Benedict P. Kuehne, P.A. Petition for Referendum
100 S.E. 2d Street, Suite 3550
Miami, FL 33131-2154
Nancy E. Stroud, Esq. Charter issues
Lewis Stroud & Deutsch, PL Land Use
1900 Glades Road, Suite 251 Zoning Code issues
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Gerald J. Houlihan, Esq. Young Israel
Houlihan & Partners, P.A.
2332 Galiano Street, Second Floor
Miami, Florida 33134

# **Outside Counsel matters from October 2008 to present:**

Outside Counsel matters from October 2000 to present.		
Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.	Davis v Surfside	
9150 South Dadeland Blvd.		
Suite 1400		
Miami, Florida 33156		
Weiss, Serota, Helfman Pastoriza Cole &	Labor	
Boniske, P.L.	Forfeiture	
2525 Ponce De Leon Blvd.	RLUIPA	
Suite 700	Young Israel settlement	
Coral Gables, Florida 33134		
Harold Rifas, Esq.	Real Estate sales	
7099 Red Road, #9		
South Miami, Florida 33143		
Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Esq.	Review of various agreements and code	
4766 Alton Road	enforcement issues	
Miami Beach, Florida 33140		
Richard Sarafan, Esq.	Lien Foreclosure	
Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A.		
100 S.E. Second Street, 44 <sup>th</sup>		
Miami, Florida 33131		
Gonzalo R. Dorta, P.A.	Kahalon v. Surfside	
334 Minorca Avenue		
Coral Gables, Florida 33134		

# Harlene Silvern Kennedy

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# **Experience:**

# WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA COLE & BONISKE CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Of Counsel, February 2007-present

 General counsel for various South Florida municipalities including procurement, construction, utilities and telecommunications, drafting and interpreting ordinances and legislation, administrative law, negotiating and drafting contracts and structuring transactions, real estate, infrastructure and capital projects, open records and sunshine law.

# THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY, DEC 1998-MARCH 2006

• Eminent Domain Counsel for the City of San Antonio supervising condemnation and eminent domain matters. Counsel for Public Works advising on capital projects, storm water, drainage, and other utilities, telecommunications, real estate, construction, contracts, bidding and procurement, drafting and interpreting legislation, administrative law and open records.

# LAW OFFICES OF HARLENE S. KENNEDY SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

President/Owner, 1995-1998

• Responsible for management and administration; supervising all attorneys and support staff. Real estate and general transactions, state court litigation. Client development.

# Langley & Banack, Inc. (Formerly Jeffers, brook) san antonio, texas

Partner, 1992-1995

 Real estate and secured transactions including contract drafting and negotiation, financing and loan transactions, landlord-tenant matters, banking regulatory matters, loan work outs and conveyances, and state court litigation. Client development.

# AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Associate Attorney, 1988-1991

• Real estate complex transactions, representing developers, lenders

and borrowers, banking and financial institutions and large corporate clients structuring and documenting transactions, landlord-tenant matters.

# CADWALADER, WICKERSAHM & TAFT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Associate Attorney, 1985-1988

• Real estate practice representing developers, borrowers, and financial institutions in conveyances and financing; varied real estate practice for local, national and international clients.

## My Education: University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude Major in Accounting and English/Minor in Education Florida Regents Scholarship every year Dean's List every semester

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(ONE YEAR)

University of Oklahoma Law School Norman, Oklahoma

JD (TWOYEARS)

### My Honors:

Order of the Coif

Law Review

Dean's List every semester

First Place Appellate Advocacy Competition (Moot Court)

Recipient of Harden Ballard Memorial Award

Who's Who in American Law Students

Member, Board of Advocates

Member, Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity

Class rank: Top 9%

<u>PUBLICATIONS:</u> The Mortgagee's Right to Rents; Oklahoma Law Review, Vol. 37, Winter 1984.

Languages: Fluent Conversational Spanish

### **Professional Licenses and Accreditations:**

Admitted to New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Texas Bars.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF TEXAS

#### My Community Activities:

Florida Association of Women Lawyers; Director- Linda Ahmed Breast Cancer Fund (Miami); Director, National Council of Jewish Women-Kendall (Miami) Section; BNI (Business Networking International); Miami Dade Community Relations Board; Miami-Dade Foster Care Review Panel; Leadership San Antonio XIX; Leadership San Antonio XXI Steering Committee; San Antonio; Board of Directors-Avance, Board of Directors-Women's Enterprise; Member-Women's American Ort; Member-Temple Beth-El; Commissioner-City of San Antonio Work Family Commission; Commissioner-City of San Antonio Historic Design and Review Commission;

#### Linda Miller

From: mark goldstein <markgoldsteinattorney@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, January 18, 2013 2:49 PM

To: Linda Miller Subject: Town Attorney

Attachments: Mark Goldstein Resume.pdf

As we discussed, I am interested in providing legal services to the Town of Surfside as Town Attorney. I would appreciate it if you would include this e-mail and my attached resume as backup for the Special Meeting of January 22, 2013. As shown by my resume, my local government experience includes service in the following positions/capacities:

- 1. City Attorney of Hallandale Beach.
- 2. Senior Asst. City Attorney for Miami Beach.
- 3. Deputy City Attorney for South Miami.
- 4. Environmental hearing officer for Broward County.
- 5. Appointed as a hearing inspector for the Broward County Inspector General.
- 6. Eight years of serving as a Special Magistrate for the City of Miramar hearing code enforcement and building division cases.
- 7. Representing the Florida Department of Transportation in numerous litigation matters.

My proposal is rather simple. I would want the same contract as Lynn Dannheiser, but my employment would be full time and exclude the private practice of law. I believe for the funds paid and other benefits the Town is entitled to a lawyer whose only legal work will be for the Town. This will insure that my time would solely be devoted to Town matters and that there would not be any possible conflicts of interests. Also, as a trial lawyer, very few matters would need to be farmed out to outside counsel.

I currently have an active caseload so I would need some reasonable time to wind down my private practice if I am appointed as Town Attorney, but that winding down process would not interfere with my duties as Town Attorney. If the Mayor and Town Commission have an interest in my proposal I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my credentials individually with member of the Commission or collectively with the Commission in the Sunshine.

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#### **Practice Areas**

Local government law, employment litigation, commercial litigation, insurance defense and real estate litigation.

#### **Bar Admissions**

Florida Bar (No: 882186, Admitted May 3, 1991), United States Courts of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit and Ninth Circuit, United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, Trial Bar of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and United States Tax Court

#### **Experience**

Solo Practitioner. Mark Goldstein, P.A., Miami. November 2009 – Present. Served as Chairman of the Hallandale Beach City Attorney Search Committee. Serving from 2004 to the present date as a Special Magistrate for the City of Miramar hearing Code Enforcement and Building Code cases. Appointed as a hearing officer by the Broward County Inspector General. Handle employment litigation on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants, including ADA, FLSA and Title VII claims. Litigate non-compete issues on behalf of employers and former employees. Represent clients in local government litigation. Defend banks, automobile dealerships and corporations in civil litigation matters. Represent large franchise owner in transactional and litigation matters.

Partner in Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler, Miami. February 2009 – October 2009. Served as litigation counsel for the City of South Miami handling all of the City's litigation. Represented the Florida Dept. of Transportation in premises liability lawsuits. Represented clients before local government boards and agencies. Represented clients in commercial, employment and personal injury litigation.

Co-Managing Partner of downtown Miami law firm. Wolfe & Goldstein, P.A. Miami. 2003 – January 2009. Represented clients in state and federal court in employment litigation, commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation and real estate litigation. Represented government entities, developers, and large automobile dealerships. Served as Hearing Examiner for Broward County regarding environmental cases and as a Special

Magistrate for the City of Miramar presiding over code enforcement cases.

City Attorney. City of Hallandale Beach. 2000 - 2003.

Served as the Chief Legal Officer of the City. Managed the City Attorney's Office and supervised its employees. Represented the City in state and federal court and before administrative agencies in a wide variety of civil litigation matters. Drafted ordinances, resolutions and contracts required by the City. Advised the City Commission, City Manager, City boards and City employees in matters of law pertaining to their offices and duties.

Senior Assistant City Attorney. City of Miami Beach. 1997 - 1999. Represented the City in zoning and construction litigation. Handled employment and law enforcement related Civil Rights litigation on behalf of the City, in state and federal court.

Assistant City Attorney. City of Hallandale. 1993 - 1997. Drafted and reviewed franchise agreements, ordinances and resolutions. Defended the City in employment, negligence, excessive force and environmental lawsuits. Advised the City Commission, City officials and City Boards in matters of law concerning City business.

Solo Practitioner. Mark Goldstein, P.A., Miami. 1991 - 1993. Handled commercial litigation and collections for groups of physicians. Represented one of the largest commercial property owners in North Miami Beach in commercial landlord-tenant litigation. Represented clients in residential and commercial real estate transactions. Litigated personal injury claims on behalf of clients.

Associate. Law Office of Howard Rose, North Miami Beach. 1991. Took depositions, drafted pleadings and argued motions before trial courts. Conducted legal research.

Law Clerk. Josias and Goren, P.A., Ft. Lauderdale. 1989 - 1990. Researched a wide range of local government issues for a law firm which represents numerous South Florida municipalities. Drafted ordinances and resolutions. Prepared legal opinions on municipal issues. Drafted forfeiture and foreclosure complaints. Assisted in preparation for arbitration and hearings.

#### Education

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables. Juris Doctor awarded December 1990 Recipient of American Jurisprudence Award in Commercial Law II

Yeshiva University, New York City.

B.A. in Psychology awarded June 1988

Honors and Activities: "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" - 1987-1988.

Varsity Basketball

### **Published Opinions**

Gillespie v. S. Bay Club Condo. Ass'n, 60 So. 3d 401 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2011)

International Sales Group v. Ritin, 34 So.3d 55 (Fla. 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA 2010)

Cheekie Investments., LLC v. Point One, LLC, 7 So. 3d 650 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2009)

Hialeah Automotive, LLC v. Basulto, 22 So.3d 586 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2009)

Michele Pommier Models, Inc. v. Diel, 886 So.2d 993 (Fla. 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA 2004)

City of Hallandale Beach v. Smith, 853 So.2d 495 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003)

Hallandale Professional Firefighters, Local 2238 v. City of Hallandale, 777 So.2d 435 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001)

City of Miami Beach v. Guerra, 746 So.2d 1159 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999)

Pinero v. Corp. Courts at Miami Lakes, 2010 U.S. App. LEXIS 15182 (11th Cir. 2010)

Watson v. City of Miami Beach, 177 F.3d 932 (11th Cir. 1999)

Pinero v. Corp. Courts at Miami Lakes, Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45516 (S.D. Fla. 2009)

Thornton v. J Jargon Co., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35761 (M.D. Fla. 2009)

MHA Financial Corp. v. Varenko Invs. Ltd., 583 F. Supp. 2d 173 (D. Mass. 2008)

Slip-N-Slide Records, Inc. v. TVT Records, LLC, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 88754 (S.D. Fla. 2007)

Schmidt v. Multimedia Holdings Corp., 361 F. Supp. 2d 1346 (M.D. Fla. 2004)

City of North Miami v. A&E Constr. Co., 10 Fla. Law Weekly Fed. D. 515 (S.D. Fla. 1996)

Polo Club at Boca Raton v. Milich, 19 Fla.L.Weekly Supp. 933a, Palm Beach Cir. Ct. 2012)

Ritin, LLC v. International Sales Group, LLC, 16 Fla. L. Weekly Supp. 737 (Miami-Dade Circuit Ct. 2009)

De Escobar v. Fuentes, 15 Fla. L. Weekly Supp. 990 (Miami-Dade Circuit Ct. 2008)

Haile v. Delgado, 15 Fla.L. Weekly Supp. 700 (Miami-Dade Circuit Ct. 2008)

Beacon Beach Automotive v. Ledon, 14 Fla.L. Weekly Supp. 556 (Miami-Dade Circuit Ct. 2007)

Gallo Development LLC v. Rodriguez, 14 Fla. Weekly Supp. 1048 (Miami-Dade Circuit Ct. 2007).

Olivera v. City of Hallandale, 2001 WL 666974 (Fla.Div.Admin.Hrgs.)

#### **Published Articles**

Shade Meetings: Overview, Pitfalls and Recommended Changes, Florida Bar Journal, April 2004.

# **Computer Skills**

Proficient in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Internet, Lexis (former Lexis instructor), and Westlaw.

### Foreign Language

Fluent in Hebrew