

RESOLUTION NO. 13- 2181

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN
COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF
SURFSIDE, FLORIDA ("TOWN"),
RATIFYING FIRST TIME
APPOINTMENTS OF SPECIAL MASTERS;
PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside enforces its code, in part, through a Special Master system; and

WHEREAS, section 15-7 of the Town Code of Ordinances requires that the Town Commission ratify first time appointments of Special Masters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-2167 the Town Commission ratified the renewal of appointment of Rafael E. Suarez-Rivas, Esq., Aleksander Boksner, Esq., and Bruce Alan Blitman, Esq. as Special Masters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager desires to add Meryl S. Gold-Levy, Esq. (resume is attached hereto as Attachment "A"), and Jon D. Gurney, Esq. (resume is attached hereto as Attachment "B") as Special Masters and is seeking ratification from the Town Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above and foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Special Masters Appointment Authorized and Ratified. The Town Commission hereby authorizes and ratifies the Town Manager's appointment of the following Special Masters:

- 1) Meryl S. Gold-Levy, Esq.
- 2) Jon D. Gurney, Esq.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2013.

Motion by Vice Mayor Commissioner Karukin, second by Commissioner Graubart.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Joseph Graubart
Commissioner Michelle Kligman
Commissioner Marta Olchyk
Vice Mayor Michael Karukin
Mayor Daniel Dietch

Yes
Absent
Absent
Yes
Yes



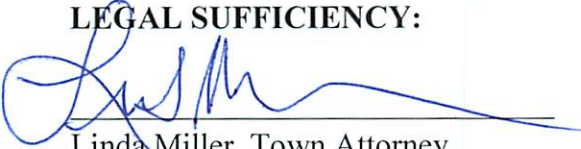
Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**



Linda Miller, Town Attorney

ATTACHMENT "A"

MERYL S. GOLD-LEVY
4229 SW 13th Street
Miami, FL 33134
305-962-8084
mglred@aol.com
Fla. Bar No. 371841

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

State of Florida
Traffic Magistrate
(1999 to present)

Preside over traffic cases, including pre-trials and trials, involving traffic infractions, moving violations, red light camera violations, toll violations and parking ticket violations; weigh evidence and testimony of police officers, defendants and witnesses; hear arguments on motions; issue rulings and judgments of determination of guilt.

Books & Books
(1998 to 1999)

Bookseller

State of Florida
Department of Children & Families (DCF)
(1989 to 1998)

1989 to 1994: Managing Attorney/Senior Attorney, Dependency Unit

Prosecuted termination of parental rights (TPR) cases; Managing Attorney for Dependency Unit (including Foster Care and TPR); Member, DCF Executive Council

Accomplishments:

Supervised a staff of approximately 20 litigation attorneys and corresponding staff personnel;

Established and coordinated recruitment of, and served as liaison to, *pro bono* attorneys representing DCF in dependency cases;

Developed centralized uniform procedures, tracking procedures and a form file to streamline and monitor social workers' tasks, including diligent searches.

1994 to 1998: Assistant District Legal Counsel

Handled dependency and District 11 issues, including confidentiality matters, lease and contract negotiations and public records requests; wrote appellate briefs.

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Meryl S. Gold-Levy
Resume

Stuzin & Camner, Miami, FL
(1988 to 1989) Senior Associate – Commercial real estate finance and civil litigation

Holland & Knight, Miami, FL
(1984 to 1988) Senior Associate – Commercial real estate finance and civil litigation

Broad & Cassel, Miami, FL
(1983 to 1984) Associate – Residential real estate

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES

1983 to 1989 – Volunteer Guardian ad Litem for five minor siblings

1998 – Received a/v rating from Martindale Hubbell

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1983
University of Miami School of Law
Coral Gables, FL
Admitted to Florida Bar – October, 1983

Bachelor of Arts, May, 1975
Queens College, CUNY
Flushing, New York

HONORS & ACTIVITIES

Law School: Legal Intern for Judge Sidney Aronovitz, S.D. FL (dec.)
Walk-on and write-on member, Lawyer of the Americas
Articles & Comments Editor, Lawyer of the Americas
Member, Moot Court Board

Second Year Moot Court competition:
Winner with partner, Overall competition
Winner with partner, Best Brief
Winner, Society of Wig & Robe Award for Best Oralist
Entrant, Statewide Moot Court competition

ATTACHMENT "B"

Jon D. Gurney, Esquire
Attorney at Law & Qualified Arbitrator
(305) 793-0089 jon@jongurney.com
Admitted to Practice in Florida & Georgia

EDUCATION

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| Juris Doctor | University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL Law |
| Master of Arts | University of Florida, Gainesville, FL Criminology, Law & Society |
| Bachelor of Arts | University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL Political Science & Criminology (Dual Major) |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2011-Present | Jon Gurney, P.A. Attorney & Counselor at Law Miami & Ft. Lauderdale, Florida |
| 2010 – 2013 | Instructor (Full Time Faculty) Department of Criminal Justice Ancillary Appointment in Liberal Studies Program Florida International University Miami, Florida |
| 2006- 2009 | Instructor (Part Time Faculty) Department of Criminal Justice Georgia State University Atlanta, Georgia |
| 2006- 2008 | Assistant Solicitor General Trial Division (Misdemeanor, Traffic & Red Light Camera Divisions) Conducted over 2000 bench trials in municipal court City of Atlanta - Office of the Solicitor General (Criminal Prosecutor) Atlanta, Georgia |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

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| Advanced Seminar in Criminal Law & Procedure | Florida International University |
| Legal Issues in Juvenile Justice | Florida International University |
| Ethics in Criminal Justice | Florida International University |
| Criminal Justice Policy Analysis | Florida International University |

Undergraduate Courses

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| Law & Society | Florida International University |
| The Courts | Florida International University |
| Law Enforcement | Florida International University |
| Corrections | Florida International University |
| Criminal Law | Florida International University |
| Criminal Evidence | Florida International University |
| Introduction to Criminal Justice | Florida International University |
| Ethics in Criminal Justice | Florida International University |
| American Crime Problem | Georgia State University |
| Criminal Procedure | Georgia State University |
| Civil Liability of Justice Personnel | Georgia State University |

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice

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| Graduate Admissions Committee | Chairperson |
| Adjunct Instructor Review Committee | Member |
| Instructor Promotional Committee | Member |
| Curriculum Review Committee | Member |

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2011-2013 Appeals Hearing Officer
Florida International University Department of Parking & Transportation
Reviewed 500+ campus parking citation appeals

PRESENTATIONS (Given In Courses)

Jon Gurney & Judge Robert W. Lee. The State of Florida Court System. Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice. Miami, Florida. March 2013

Jon Gurney & Judge John M. Hurley. Florida First Appearance Court. Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice. Miami, Florida. March 2013

Jon Gurney & Judge Rodolfo Ruiz. The County Court in Florida. Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice. Miami, Florida. October 2012

Jon Gurney & Judge Victoria Del Pino. Domestic Violence Court in Florida. Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice. Miami, Florida. October 2012

Jon Gurney & Judge Maria Ortiz. The County Court in Florida. Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice. Miami, Florida. April 2012.

Jon Gurney & Judge Robert W. Lee. The Florida Court System. Florida International University Department of Criminal Justice. Miami, Florida. November 2011.

Jon Gurney. *Presentation of the Florida International University Criminal Justice PhD Program Proposal.* Miami Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police. Miami, Florida. November 2011.

Jon Gurney. *Understanding Your Legal Rights- The Criminal Court Process.* Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida College of Law Community Symposium. Gainesville, Florida. March 2004

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Florida Bar Traffic Court Rules Committee (2009-2011)

The Florida Bar Committee on Student Education & Admission to the Bar (2012-Present)

The Florida Bar
State Bar of Georgia

LICENSURE

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| State of Florida | Attorney at Law | 2008 |
| State of Georgia | Attorney at Law | 2005 |

Qualified Arbitrator Supreme Court of Florida 2012- Present