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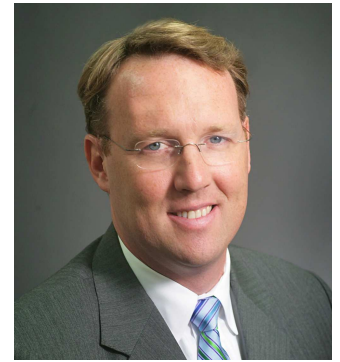
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Experience

Associate Attorney, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida, 2011 - present

Has been practicing law in West Palm Beach since 1994, representing people in personal injury and commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts. He joined Searcy Denney in July 2011 as a bilingual lawyer with extensive experience and long-standing commitment to representing the Latino community.

Attorney/Partner, Gonzalez & Garcia; West Palm Beach, Florida, 2002 - 2011

Six lawyer law firm specializing in worker's compensation, personal injury and criminal defense matters; practice geared toward Hispanic market. Civil trial lawyer responsible for firm's personal injury practice handling cases from inception through trial.

Associate Attorney, Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans & Abel, P.A.; West Palm Beach, Florida, 1999-2002

Reported to John A. Lurvey, shareholder responsible for West Palm Beach office. Statewide law firm specializing in liability defense of institutional and individual clients (the firm specializes in a variety of practice areas: professional malpractice, products liability, insurance coverage). Responsible for handling of approximately 70 cases in litigation from Dade to St. Lucie Counties (emphasis on premises liability, commercial vehicle and construction defect claims), including 2 appeals.

Associate Attorney, Ricca & Whitmire, P.A.; West Palm Beach, Florida, 1994-1999

Reported to C. Brooks Ricca, Jr., President. Six lawyer firm specializing in commercial litigation (real estate, construction and general business matters), liability defense (premises liability, commercial carrier, construction defect and nursing home negligence claims) and real estate transactions. Responsible for handling defense of automobile, nursing home negligence and commercial litigation matters, including 2 appeals.

Law Clerk, Leonard & Morrison, P.A.; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1993-1994

Reported to William F. Leonard, President. Four lawyer firm specializing in real estate litigation and transactions. Interviewed clients, performed legal research and analysis on general civil and commercial litigation matters. Prepared complaints, motions and discovery requests.

Summer Intern, Broward County State Attorney / Homicide Division; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1992

Reported to Charles Morton, Chief of Homicide Division. Prepared memoranda of law, voir-dire questions, and sentencing guideline score sheets and assisted with jury selection.

Project Engineer/Estimator, Centex-Rooney Construction Company; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1990-1991

Reported to David Hamlin, Chief Estimator. Prepared take-offs and coordinated subcontractor bid packages. Prepared and updated progress schedules.

Education

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida - Juris Doctor, May 1994

- St. Thomas Law Review, Articles Editor
- Student Bar Association, Senator
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Fraternity

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida - Bachelor of Science in Building Construction, M.E. Rinker School of Building Construction, May 1990

- Chi Phi Social Fraternity

Other

Professional Affiliations

- Florida Bar Association, 1994-present; Member of Trial Lawyers Section
- Federal Trial Bar for Southern District of Florida, 1999-present
- Florida Justice Association Eagle Member, 2009-present
- Palm Beach County Justice Association Member, 2006-present
- Palm Beach County Bar Association Member, 1994-present
- Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association Member, 1994-present; President, 2000-2001, Board of Directors, 2000-present
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Palm Beach County Chapter Member, 2011-present
- The National Trial Lawyers Member, 2009-present
- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Directors, 2002-present; President, 2008-present
- Palm Beach County Catholic Lawyers Guild Member, 2008-present
- 15th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, appointed September 2010 to 4 year term

Professional Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, 2000-present
- Super Lawyers 2011
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2009-present
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2009-present

Notable Cases

- Rafael Vargas vs. Enterprise Leasing Company, Florida Supreme Court, April 21, 2011 (Tried case that led to challenge of Federal Graves Amendment)
- Hebert v. Rosengarten, Palm Beach County Circuit Court, \$2.5 MM Settlement in 2009 (Represented motorcyclist who suffered traumatic brain injury when he was cutoff by a car making an improper turn)

Civic Affiliations

- Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Governors, 2009-present
- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Board of Directors, 2011-present; Membership Committee 2010-present
- Jack the Bike Man Charity, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 2010-present
- National Eagle Scout Association Member, 2010 to present

Licenses

- Florida Bar - 31143, 1994-present
- Florida Certified General Contractor - CGC054373, 1991-present