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Experience

Shareholder, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley P.A.; West Palm Beach, Florida, 2011–present

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer 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; Leadership Academy Committee member
- 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
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Palm Beach County Chapter
Member, 2011-present; Vice President 2013-2014

Professional Affiliations Continuation

- The National Trial Lawyers Member, 2009-present
- Palm Beach County Catholic Lawyers Guild Member, 2008-present
- 15th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, September 2010–August 2014, Chairman 2013-14

Professional Recognition

- Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, 2013- present
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, 2000-present
- Super Lawyers 2011-Present
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2009-present
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2009-present

Notable Cases

- Estate of Juanita Thurston v. RJ Reynolds, Palm Beach County Circuit Court, \$20 MM wrongful death – 2014 trial
- Confidential Settlement, Broward County Circuit Court, \$14 MM for paralysis – 2014 trial
- Manuel Olvera-Casas v. TC Crum Roofing & General Contractors, LLC., Palm Beach County Circuit court, \$3.25 MM for traumatic brain injury – 2012 trial
- Estate of Leslie Rojas v. Top Rank Trucking of Kissimmee, Osceola County Circuit court, \$1.87 MM For Wrongful Death - 2011 trial
- 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 cut off by a car making an improper turn)

Community Service

- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Directors, 2002-present; President, 2008-2012; immediate past president; Board of Trustees 2012-Present
- Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Governors, Johnson History Museum; Board of Director; General Counsel
- Jack the Bike Man Charity, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 2010-present
- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Board of Directors, 2010-2014; Membership Committee 2010-2014
- YMCA of the Palm Beaches; Board of Directors, 2013-Present
- National Eagle Scout Association, Life Member

Licenses

- Florida Bar – 31143, 1994 - present
- Florida Certified General Contractor - CGC054373, 1991-present
- FAA Commercial Multi-Engine Instrument Pilot

REPRESENTATIVE VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS

CASE NAME	CASE TYPE	JURISDICTION	RESULT
Thurston E/O vs Tobacco Manufacturer	Tobacco/ Emphysema, Death	Palm Beach County	\$20,000,000.00 Verdict
M Doe vs. Insurance Company	Slip and Fall/ Paraplegic	Broward County	\$14,000,000.00 Settlement
M Doe vs. Hospital	Death/Medical Malpractice	Palm Beach County	\$12,000,000.00 Settlement
Smoot E/O vs. Execuflight, Inc., et al.	Airplane Crash, Ohio Death	Palm Beach County	\$5,867,000.00 Settlement
Santiago-Olivo vs. Salem Leasing Corporation, et al.	Automobile Collision	Pasco County	\$5,000,000.00 Settlement
Durham E/O vs. Crowell, et al.	Automobile Collision Death	Palm Beach County	\$4,000,000.00 Settlement
Smith E/O vs. Wittenberns	Automobile Collision Death	Palm Beach County	\$3,260,000.00 Settlement
Olvera-Casas vs. T.C. Crum Roofing, et al.	Construction, Fall Traumatic Brain Injury	Palm Beach County	\$3,252,588.01 Verdict
Carrera Zarate E/O vs. Royal Crane, LLC	Negligence Electrocution, Death	Palm Beach County	\$3,000,000.00 Settlement
Hebert v. Rosengarten	Motorcycle Accident	Palm Beach County	\$2,500,000.00 Settlement
Schwartz vs. Monroy, et al.	Automobile Collision Traumatic Brain Injury	Palm Beach County	\$2,074,835.11 Settlement
Cassis E/O vs. West Boca Medical Center, et al.	Medical Malpractice Death	Palm Beach County	\$1,400,000.00 Settlement
Galicia E/O vs. Shalloway E/O, et al.	Airplane Crash, Lake Worth Death	Palm Beach County	\$1,000,000.00 Settlement
Moskowitz E/O vs. The Refuge, A Healing Place, LLC	Rehab Facility Suicide	Marion County	\$955,600.00 Settlement
Weinstein E/O vs. Brookdale At Home	Nursing Home Negligence Death	Palm Beach County	\$500,000.00 Settlement
Izzolo E/O vs. ManorCare Health Services	Nursing Home Negligence Death	Palm Beach County	\$500,000.00 Settlement
Simon E/O vs. Farris, et al.	Premise Liability, Drowning Death	Broward County	\$500,000.00 Settlement
Acosta E/O vs. Community Asphalt, et al.	Pedestrian vs. Auto Death	Miami-Dade County	\$500,000.00 Settlement
Odom E/O vs. Cessna Aircraft	Airplane Crash, Georgia Death	Hillsborough County	\$500,000.00 Settlement
Haines E/O vs. Aqua Sun Investments, Inc.	Airplane Crash, Bahamas Death	Volusia County	\$500,000.00 Settlement