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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 matters in state and federal courts. 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 Latino 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

Professional Affiliations

- Florida Bar Association, 1994-present; Member of Trial Lawyers Section; Leadership Academy Committee member for Inaugural Class; Rules of Civil Procedure Committee
- The Florida Bar Foundation, Fellow
- 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 (ABOTA), Palm Beach County Chapter Member, 2011-present; Vice President 2013-2014; President 2015-16
- ABOTA Foundation, Fellow
- International Society of Barristers (ISOB), Fellow, 2019-Present

Professional Affiliations Continued

- 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
- Best Lawyers in America, 2016-Present
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2009-present
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2009-present
- Top 10 National Latino Trial Lawyers, 2021-present
- Broward County Hispanic Bar Association, Bravo! Leadership Award 2015
- Hispanic Bar Association of Palm Beach County, Chief Justice Jorge Labarga Leadership Award 2015

Community Service

- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Directors, 2002-2012; President, 2008-2012; Board of Trustees 2012-Present
- Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Governors, Johnson History Museum; Board of Director; General Counsel, 2010-2018
- Jack the Bike Man Charity, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 2010-2018; Volunteer, 2015-present
- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Board of Directors, 2010-2014, 2016-2019; Membership Committee, 2010-2014
- YMCA of the Palm Beaches; Board of Directors, 2013-2017
- National Eagle Scout Association, Life Member

Licenses

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