

# CURRICULUM VITAE OF ROSALYN SIA BAKER-BARNES, ESQ., B.C.S.

Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer
President of The Florida Bar

**PERSONAL** 

Born: Tampa, Florida, January 27, 1975 Marital Status: Married to Edrick E. Barnes, Esq.,

December 31, 2001

Children: Selia Elizabeth Barnes, born 2008

Emri Rose Barnes, born 2012 Edan Hamilton Barnes, born 2013

**EDUCATION** 

Florida State University College of Law

2000

**JURIS DOCTOR** 

Florida State University

1996

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION** 

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES & HONORS

#### **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES & HONORS**

### Florida State University College of Law

Virgil Hawkins Fellow

FULL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Moot Court Team

VICE-PRESIDENT 1999-2000

**SECRETARY 1998-1999** 

FINALIST, 1998 FINAL FOUR COMPETITION

-Argued before the Florida Supreme Court as a first-year law student

-Selected as one of the top four oral advocates out of 150 competitors

QUARTER-FINALIST, WAGNER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

-1999 AND 2000, NEW YORK, NY

National Order of the Barristers

INDUCTED MAY 2000 FOR OUTSTANDING ORAL ADVOCACY

Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law

**INVITED MEMBER 1997-2000** 

Journal of Transnational Law & Policy

INVITED MEMBER 1997-2000

American Jurisprudence Book Award

1997 LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING

The Black Law Students Association, Member 1997-2000

#### Florida State University

Intern, Executive Office of the Governor, Communication Department 1995-1996

Assisted Governor Lawton Chiles in His Preparation

For Local, Statewide and National Appearances

Participant, Florida A&M University Cooperative Journalism Program 1994-1995

Intern, ABC Affiliate News Channel 27

1994-1995

Assisted in all aspects of television reporting & production

Staff Member, Jordan Communications, Inc.

1996-1997

Assisted in all aspects of publication, production, advertising and sales of *The Tallahassean* newspaper

Clayton L. Coleman Scholarship Recipient

1992-1996

Awarded By Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,

For Academic Achievement and Community Service

Dean's List

1994-1996

Member, The Black Student Union

1992-1996

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Executive Committee Member 2025-present

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. 2014-2016; 2018-2020

WPB. FL

Partner/Shareholder 2012- PRESENT

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. WPB, FL

Chairperson, Committee for Diversity, Equity

& Inclusion 2021-PRESENT

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. WPB, FL

Associate 2000-2012

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. WPB, FL

Summer Law Clerk 1998, 1999

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. WPB, FL

Certified Legal Intern 1999, 2000

THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER TALLAHASSEE, FL

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, TORT DIVISION TALLAHASSEE, FL

#### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Member of the United States Supreme Court- Admitted 2019
- Member of the Florida Bar
  - -Board-Certified in Civil Trial Law, 2021-present
  - -Fellow, Florida Bar Foundation
  - -Admitted 2000
- Member of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida- Admitted 2005
  - -Member, Magistrate Selection Committee, 2021; 2017
  - -Member, Southern District Courthouse Committee, 2019- present
  - -Member, Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, 2019
  - -Member, Black History Month Committee, 2012-2013
- Member of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida- Admitted 2001

### NOTABLE VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

SETTLEMENT \$300,000,000 MOSLEY, Ex. Rel., v. Walgreens (2025) Opioid Fraud ODOM V. RJ REYNOLDS (2014) TOBACCO/PRODUCT LIABILITY VERDICT \$20,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2012) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/PULMONARY SETTLEMENT \$20,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2024) CIVIL RIGHTS/EXCESSIVE FORCE SETTLEMENT \$18,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2024) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/BRAIN INJURY SETTLEMENT \$17,500,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2015) PHARMACEUTICAL NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENT \$12,750,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2016) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/BOWEL LOSS SETTLEMENT \$12,500,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2019) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/BRAIN INJURY SETTLEMENT \$12,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2020) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/BABY BRAIN INJURY SETTLEMENT \$10,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2012) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/BRAIN INJURY \$8,250,000 SETTLEMENT CONFIDENTIAL (2023) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/PULMONARY SETTLEMENT \$6.500.000 CONFIDENTIAL (2002) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/BRAIN INJURY SETTLEMENT \$6,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2017) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/BRAIN INJURY SETTLEMENT \$5,400,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2024) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/DEATH SETTLEMENT \$5,250,000 CARTER V. SANZ, MD (2015) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/DEATH \$3,400,000 VERDICT CALVES V. LENNAR HOMES (2002) WRONGFUL DEATH \$3,060,000 VERDICT CONFIDENTIAL (2012) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE \$2,500,000 SETTLEMENT CONFIDENTIAL (2010) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE \$2,500,000 SETTLEMENT OAKS V. NEWCOMER DAIRY (2003) AUTO NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENT \$2,475,000 PIENDLE VS. RJ REYNOLDS (2010) TOBACCO/PRODUCT **VERDICT** \$2,470,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2010) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE \$2.250.000 SETTLEMENT WILLIAMS V. PBC SCHOOL BOARD (2021) WRONGFUL DEATH SETTLEMENT \$2,000,000 CONFIDENTIAL (2013) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE \$1,400,000 SETTLEMENT AGUDELO V. MULLER (2006) AUTO NEGLIGENCE \$1,390,000 SETTLEMENT CONFIDENTIAL (2008) NEGLIGENT SECURITY SETTLEMENT \$1,350,000 HEMRAJ V. KOSKI (2006) AUTO NEGLIGENCE \$1,050,000 SETTLEMENT \$1,020,000 HILL V. MULHAUSER (2007) AUTO NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENT BASS V. DECARLO (2001) COMMERCIAL LITIGATION \$1,000,000 VERDICT COLETTE VS. SCHOOL BOARD (2011) WRONGFUL DEATH \$825,000 SETTLEMENT KNOWLES V. CASTILLO (2006) TRUCKING NEGLIGENCE VERDICT \$740,000

### AWARDS, HONORS AND PEER RECOGNITION

- Selected by her peers for inclusion in *US News & World Report's The Best Lawyers in America*, 2012-present
- Selected by LawDragon as one of America's 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers, 2020-present
- Selected by her peers for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers*, by *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-present
- Selected by her peers for inclusion *Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite*, 2021, 2016
- Selected by the Daily Business Review, South Florida Edition as one of the Inaugural Top 20 Women In Law, 2014
- Recipient of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association's *Trailblazer Award*, 2025
- Recipient of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association's *Trailblazer Award*, 2024
- Recipient of the South Palm Beach County Florida Association for Women Lawyers' Woman Lawyer of the Year Award, 2024
- Recipient of the *BJ and Tom Masterson Professionalism Award*, Florida Justice Association, 2024
- Recipient of The Florida Bar *President's Award of Merit* for exemplary service to the bar as Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, 2023
- Recipient of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division's *Outstanding Woman Lawyer of Achievement Award*, 2023
- Recipient of the *Henry T. Latimer Diversity Award* presented jointly by the Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Diversity & Inclusion, the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, the Florida Association for Women Lawyers and the Florida Hispanic Bar Association, Florida Bar Annual Convention, 2022
- Recipient of the Palm Beach County Commission's Mayor's *Proclamation* as a *Heritage Honoree* for Black History Month, 2024
- Recipient of The Florida Bar *President's Award of Merit* for Co-Chairing the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force, 2022
- Recipient of the Florida Justice Association's Beyond Excellence Award, 2023
- Recipient of the Florida Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) *Jurisprudence Award*, 2021
- Recipient of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's *Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award*, 2021
- Recipient of The Florida Bar *President's Award of Merit* for service on the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force, 2021

- Recipient of the *Justice Barbara Pariente Award* by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Palm Beach County Chapter, 2018
- Finalist, *ATHENA* Leadership Award, Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, 2024
- Recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, *Graduate Social Justice Advocate Award*, Florida AKA Days at the Capitol, 2023
- Selected by Palm Beach Illustrated Magazine for the "Palm Beach 100," 2024
- Selected by Legacy Magazine as one of South Florida's 50 Most Influential and Powerful Black Professionals, 2020
- Selected by Legacy Magazine as one of South Florida's *Most Prominent and Influential Black Women in Business and Industry*, 2019
- Selected by Palm Beach Illustrated Magazine as a *Top Lawyer in Palm Beach County*, 2018-present
- Selected by *The National Trial Lawyers* as a *Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Attorney*, 2018-present
- Selected by Best Lawyers, Spring 2017 Magazine as a *Woman in the Law* in Personal Injury Litigation
- Selected as a *National Top Ten Black Female Attorney* by Black Enterprise Magazine.com, October, 2016
- Selected by Jupiter Magazine as a *Top Lawyer*, 2021
- Selected as a *Rising Star* by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine, 2009-2012
- Selected by the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association as a Famous Female First, as the First African-American Female President-Elect of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, 2016
- Recipient of the *Scholarship Advocate Award* from Inlet Grove Community High School for efforts in raising funds for students preparing to attend college, 2016
- Selected as an *Attorney to Watch* by Attorney at Law Magazine, Palm Beach County Edition, 2013
- Selected by her peers as one of the "2011 Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Under 40" by the National Bar Association and IMPACT, June 2011
- Selected as a *South Florida Woman Extraordinaire* by Business Leader Media, March 2011
- Selected as a Presidential Award Recipient by the National Bar Association, 2007
- Featured in the Palm Beach Journal as one of Palm Beach's *Successful & Influential Black Professionals*, May 2007
- Selected as 40 Most Influential & Prominent Black Professionals in South Florida Under the Age of 40, Success South Florida Magazine, April 2006

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Florida Bar
  - President, 2025-present

### **Leadership Positions**

- -President-Elect, 2024-2025
- -President-Elect Designate, 2023-2024
- -Chair Executive Committee, 2025-present (member since 2020)
- -Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, 2024-present
- -Chair, Legislation Committee, 2023-2024
- -Chair, Program Evaluation Committee, 2022-2023
- -Co-Chair, COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force, 2021-2022
- -Co-Chair, Special Committee on Changes to the Practice of Law, 2022-2023
- -Chair, Judicial Qualifications Selection Committee, 2022
- -Chair, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Pro-Bono Nominating Committee, 2022-2023
- Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Representative, Seat 1, 2018-2023

- -Program Evaluation Committee, 2020-2023 (Benchmarks Sub-Committee Chair, 2020-21)
- -COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force, 2020-2022 (Medical Sub-Committee Chair, 2020-21)
- -Legislation Committee, 2019-2024
- -Strategic Planning Committee, 2020-present
- -Special Committee on Judicial Referrals, 2020-2021
- -4<sup>th</sup> DCA JNC Screening Committee, 2018-2020
- -Public Member Screening Committee, 2020 (Chair, 2024)
- -Communications Committee, 2018-2021; 2022-2024
- -Technology Committee, 2019-2020
- -Disciplinary Review Committee, 2018-2019
- -Special Committee on Technologies Affecting the Practice of Law, 2018-2019
- -Designated Reviewer, 15th Circuit Grievance Committee "D"
- -Designated Reviewer, 15th Circuit Grievance Committee "F"
- -Designated Reviewer, 15th Circuit UPL Committee "A"
- -Liaison, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section, 2023-24
- -Liaison, RGPJA Committee, 2023-2024
- -Liaison, Council of Sections, 2022-2023
- -Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2022-2023
- -Liaison, Annual Convention Committee, 2021-2024
- -Liaison, Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee, 2020-2021
- -Liaison, Education Law Committee, 2019-2020
- -Liaison, Constitutional Judiciary Committee, 2018-2019
- -Member, Leadership Academy Committee, 2013-2016

- Executive Council, Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar, 2019-2024
- Co-Founder, Palm Beach County Sheree Davis Cunningham Black Women Lawyers Association
  - -Inaugural President, 2021-2022
  - -Immediate Past President, 2022-2023
  - -Advisor, 2023-2024
  - -Chair, US Supreme Court Admission Committee, 2022-2024
  - -Amethyst Soiree Committee, 2024
  - -Annual Juneteenth Celebration Committee, 2021-2024
  - -Mentor, SDCBWLA Mentoring Program, 2023-present
- Palm Beach County Bar Association

#### **Leadership Positions**

- -President, 2017-2018
- -President-Elect, 2016-2017
- -Board of Directors, 2011-2019
- -Immediate Past President, 2018-2019

#### **Committee Involvement**

- -Mentor, Bar Buddies Mentoring Program, 2022-present
- -Co-Chairperson, 2011-2013, Committee for Diversity & Inclusion, Member 2006-2013
- -Chairperson, 2010-2011; Co-Chairperson, 2009-2010, Personal Injury/Wrongful Death Continuing Legal Education Committee
- -Membership Committee, 2013-2014
- -Judicial Relations Committee, 2012-2013
- F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association

#### **Leadership Positions**

- -Chapter Advisor, 2020-2023
- -Secretary, 2004-2005

#### **Committee Involvement**

- -2016 Holland Scholarship Luncheon Committee
- -2013 Holland Scholarship Committee
- -2010 Community Forum Committee
- -Co-Chair, Holland Scholarship Luncheon, 2006, 2007, 2008
- -Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee, 2003, 2006, 2008
- -Chairperson, 2005 Holiday Affair Social
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers (Palm Beach County Chapter)

#### **Leadership Positions**

-Board of Directors, 2013-2017

- -Diversity Committee Co-Chair, 2016-2017
- -Sponsorship Co-Chair, 2015-2016; 2013-2014
- -Chapter Representative, 2014-2015
- -Programming Co-Director, 2013-2014

■ Florida Justice Association

#### **Leadership Positions**

- -Chair, Florida Bar Liaison Committee, 2019-2024
- -Board of Directors, 2009-2011
- -Chairperson, Young Lawyer's Section, 2008-2009
- -Chairperson-Elect, Young Lawyer's Section, 2007-2008
- -Secretary, Young Lawyer's Section, 2006-2007
- -Young Lawyer's Section Board of Directors, 2002-2010
- -Women's Caucus Section Board of Directors, 2001-2005
- -EAGLE Sponsor

- -Minority Caucus, 2020-present
- -Program Co-Chair, Masters of Justice: Medical Malpractice Session, 2017, Sarasota, FL
- -Program Chair, Civil Litigation for Paralegals & Legal Assistants, 2008 Annual Convention, Orlando, FL
- -Chair, Young Lawyers Publication Committee, 2006-07
- -Co-Chairperson, Meet the Candidates Reception, 2006, 2004
- -Co-Chairperson, YLS Zehmer Mock Trial Competition, 2003
- *Life Member*, National Bar Association
  - -Assistant General Counsel, 2021-2022
  - -Co-Chairperson, Gertrude E. Rush Annual Dinner, 2007
- Life Member, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, National Bar Association
  - -Emcee, Virgil Hawkins Scholarship & Awards Brunch, 2023
  - -Contributor, "Florida's First Black Lawyers" History Book, Volumes I and II
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
  - -Palm Beach County Chapter, 2020-present
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
  - -2025-present
- International Society of Barristers
  - -2021-present
- Palm Beach County Justice Association
  - -Member, Social Justice Committee
- Member, Florida Supreme Court Historical Society
  - -2022 to present
- American Association for Justice
- American Bar Association
  - -Fellow. American Bar Foundation

#### **CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

The Links, Incorporated

Chapter Level— West Palm Beach Chapter

-Member, 2002 to present

### Leadership Positions

- -President, 2005-2007
- -Immediate Past President, 2007-2009
- -Chapter Reporter/Publicist, 2007-2009
- -Chapter Parliamentarian, 2011-2013
- -Chairperson, National Trends & Services Facet, 2009-2011

\*Established "Stamping Out Childhood Obesity" Program partnerships with Northmore Elementary School and Westward Elementary School

\*National "Best Practices Award" winner for Northmore Program, Detroit, MI, 2010

\*Southern Area "Best Practices Award" winner for Northmore and Westward Elementary Programs, New Orleans, LA, 2011

### Chapter Committee Involvement

- -"Glam The Vote," Voter Turnout Campaign Member, 2020
- -Co-Chairperson, Harlem Renaissance Casino Affair, 2018
- -Chairperson, Ethics & Standards Committee, 2017-18, 2009-11
- -Chairperson, Inaugural White Rose Gala, 2014
- -Chairperson, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, 2011-2013
- -Chairperson, Technology Committee, 2011-2013, 2007-2009
- -Chairperson, Crystal Ball Committee, 2007-2009
- -Co-Chairperson, 27th Annual White Rose Luncheon, 2004
- -Chairperson, 26th Annual White Rose Luncheon, 2003

#### Area Level- Southern Area

- -Chair, Southern Area Ethics & Standards Committee, 2008-2011
- -Southern Area Ethics & Standards Committee, 2023-present; 2007-2011
- -Presenter, Ethics & Standards Workshops, 2011 Southern Area Conference. New Orleans. LA
- -Mistress of Ceremonies, Opening Night Concert, 2011 Southern Area Conference, New Orleans, LA
- -Presenter, Ethics & Standards Workshop, 2010 Southern Area Leadership Summit, New Orleans, LA
- -Presenter, Ethics & Standards Workshops, 2009 Southern Area Conference, Jacksonville, FL
- -Mistress of Ceremonies, Opening Night Concert, 2009 Southern Area Conference, Jacksonville, FL
- -Alternate, 2007 Southern Area Conference, Mobile, AL

#### **National Level**

- -Member, National Ethics & Standards Committee, 2007-2011
- -Fellow, Scott-Hawkins Leadership Institute, Cohort II, 2006-2008
- -Delegate, 2006 National Assembly, Philadelphia, PA
- -Co-Presenter, Ethics & Standards Workshop, 2008 National Assembly, Seattle, WA
- -Co-Presenter, Ethics & Standards Workshop, 2010 National Assembly, Detroit, MI
- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated- Zeta Tau Omega Chapter
   -Member, 2004 to present

### **Leadership Positions**

- -Co-Chair, Mother Daughter Luncheon Affair, 2023
- -Board Member, Ivy Educational Foundation, 2007-2009
- -Public Relations Reporter, 2006-2007
- -Chapter Legal Counselor, 2005-2007

- -Mistress of Ceremonies, Fashionetta Scholarship Event, 2015
- -Member, Centennial Ball Committee, 2008
- -Chairperson, MLK Day of Service, 2005-2007
- -Member, Emerald Elegance Ball Committee, 2005
- -Member, Scholarship Committee, 2005-2007
- International Women's Forum
  - -Member, 2024-present
- Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, Palm Beach Chapter
  - -Chair, Legislative Committee, 2022-2024
  - -Member, 2021-present
- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches
  - -Board of Directors, 2020-2023
  - -Member, 2018-present
- Executive Women of the Palm Beaches
  - -Member, 2016-present
- Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County
  - -Member, 2024 to present
- Inlet Grove Community High School, Inc.- Board of Directors
  - -Chairman, 2006-2011
  - -Vice-Chairman, 2005-2006
  - -Director, 2004-2011

- Florida State University Alumni Association
  - -Patron, Florida State University Panhellenic Park, 2024-present
  - -Florida State University Foundation President's Club, Strozier Society
  - -Member 1996-present
- Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association
  - -Patron, Sia Baker-Barnes Breaking the Glass Ceiling Scholarship, for female law students seeking careers in Civil Trial Law, 2023-present
  - -Emeritus Board Member, 2012-present
  - -Board of Directors, 2006-2012
- Florida State University College of Law Black Alumni Network (BAN)
  - -Patron, *Racial Justice Scholarship*, for law students working in public interest summer internships designed to address racial injustice, 2020
  - -Charter Board Member, 2021-present
  - -Board of Governors Liaison, 2021-2024
  - -Chair, Racial Justice Committee, 2021-2024
- Seminole Boosters, Inc.
  - -Inner Council Member (Seminole Ambassador), 2006-2010
- Florida State University Black Alumni Association
  - -Member 1996-present
- Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
  - -Social Justice Committee Member
  - -PEACE Patron
  - -Tabernacle Foundation Patron, 2017-present
- Boys Scouts of America, Gulfstream Council
  - -Troop Leader and Patron, Troop 4116, 2018-present
  - -Scout Mom Pack 116, Troop 116 and Troop 4116, 2018-present
  - -Host, Pack 116 Pinewood Derby, 2019-present
- The King's Academy
  - -Parent Ambassador, 2023-present
  - -Volunteer and Student Mentor, O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program
  - -Patron, Conservatory of the Arts Program, 2021-present
  - -Member, Parent-Teacher Fellowship, 2014-present
- Philanthropic Support
  - -Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Co-Chair, 2024 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Gala for families in need)
  - -Urban League of Palm Beach County, Inc.
  - -Lightbearers Foundation, Inc.
  - -Ladies of Futurity, Inc.

#### **INVITED LECTURES & PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

- Keynote Speaker, Tallahassee Bar Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Tallahassee, FL, April 11, 2025
- Keynote Speaker, "The Business of Law," Florida State University College of Law Raising the Bar Series, Tallahassee, FL, April 11, 2025
- Keynote Speaker, Florida State University College of Law Admitted Students Day, Tallahassee, FL, April 4, 2025
- Speaker, Bernice Gaines Dorn Black Women Lawyers Association Inaugural Brunch, Fort Lauderdale, FL, March 29, 2025
- Moderator, Women's History Month Celebration, South Palm Beach County FAWL, South Palm Beach County Bar Association and SDC Black Women Lawyers Association, Boca Raton, FL, March 20, 2025
- Keynote Speaker, "Women's History Month," Joint FAWL and Tallahassee Women Lawyers Lobby Days Luncheon, Florida State University College of Law, March 12, 2025, Tallahassee, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "Women's History Month," DW Perkins Bar Association, March 6, 2025, Jacksonville, FL
- Keynote Speaker, Florida Clerks & Comptrollers Conference, February 26, 2025, Orlando, FL
- Panelist, Village of Wellington Black History Month Celebration, February 24, 2025, Wellington, FL
- Moderator, "The Intersection of Identity and Experience," United States District Court Southern District of Florida Black History Month Celebration, February 10, 2025, Miami, FL
- Speaker, "Cross-Examination," Florida Bar Civil Trial Board Certification Review Course, February 6, 2025, Tampa, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "Celebrating Black History Month," Jewish Community Services of South Florida, February 4, 2025, Miami, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "Illuminating Our Future Lawyers," Florida State University Panama City Campus, January 13, 2025, Panama City, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "The Decade of the Woman Lawyer," Jacksonville Women Lawyer's Association, January 9, 2025, Jacksonville, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "Adapting in the Age of AI," 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Bench Bar Conference, October 18, 2024, Hutchinson Island, FL

- Panelist, Breakfast/Tips for Young Lawyers, Martin County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, September 18, 2024, Virtual
- Keynote Speaker, Broward County Association for Women Lawyers Installation Gala, September 12, 2024, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Speaker, Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office Lunch and Learn, Miami, FL, August 30, 2024, Miami, FL
- Keynote Speaker, Comcast Leadership Series, August 28, 2024, Virtual
- Keynote Speaker, "How She Does It," Lee County Bar Association Membership Luncheon, Fort Myers, FL, August 16, 2024
- Speaker, "Elevating Your Leadership Skills," Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference, Orlando, FL, July 12, 2024
- Speaker, "Ethics and Professionalism," Palm Beach County Sheree Davis Cunningham Black Women Lawyer's Association CLE Abroad, May 25, 2024, Negril, Jamaica
- Panelist, "Why Are Women Leaving the Practice of Law?," The Florida Bar Committee on Professionalism, April 25, 2024, Virtual
- Speaker, "Ethics and Professionalism," Palm Beach County Bar Association, April 10, 2024, West Palm Beach
- Speaker, "A Candid Conversation with Florida Bar Leadership," Broward County Bar Association, April 3, 2024, Fort Lauderdale
- Panelist, NCCI "Women's History Month Celebration," March 27, 2024, Boca Raton
- Speaker, "Professionalism Seminar and Session" Bench Bar Conference, Palm Beach County Bar Association, March 8, 2024, West Palm Beach
- Speaker, "Florida's Legal Experts: Board-Certification as a Path to Excellence," Empowered Advocacy Symposium, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association, TJ Reddick Bar Association, Gwen Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, March 1, 2024, Fort Lauderdale
- Speaker, "Lunch with Florida Bar Leadership," South Palm Beach County Bar Association, February 15, 2024, Boca Raton
- Speaker, "Tackling the Opening Statement," Broward County Bar Association
   Trial Lawyers Conference, January 12, 2024, Fort Lauderdale
- Speaker, "Embracing Resilience, Building Relationships, and Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone, Journey To Esquire Podcast, Season 5, Episode 15, December 13, 2023
- Panelist, "How to Start Building Your Career as a Newer Lawyer, Palm Beach

- County Bar Association Young Lawyers Sections SideBar Series, Fourth District Court of Appeal, December 5, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Panelist, "Tort Reform Legislative Update" Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association, Second Quarterly Meeting, November 17, 2023, Orlando, FL
- Speaker, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Alternative to Suspension Program, South Palm Beach County Courthouse, November 15, 2023
- Speaker, Gunster Leadership Training Academy, November 2, 2023, Virtual
- Speaker, "The Art of Jury Selection," The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Virtual Summit, November 2, 2023, Virtual
- Co-Presenter, "Presenting the Case to the Jury," 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Bench Bar Conference, October 20, 2023, Jensen Beach, FL
- Speaker, "Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls," The Florida Bar Solo and Small Firm Section, October 17, 2023, Virtual
- Presenter on Cross-Examination, University of Miami School of Law's "Legends of the Courtroom," October 13, 2023, Miami, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "Pathways to Leadership for Women Lawyers, Seminole County Association for Women Lawyers, October 11, 2023, Lake Mary, FL
- Speaker, "Deposing and Examining Expert Witnesses," Summarily- A Podcast for Busy Lawyers, October 10, 2023, Virtual Event
- Keynote Address on behalf of the Florida Bar, Induction Ceremony for Newly Admitted Lawyers Fourth District Court of Appeal, October 4, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Keynote Speaker, Leading with Vision: Navigating the Future of Law with Courage and Innovation," Paul C. Perkins Bar Association, October 3, 2023, Orlando, FL
- Keynote Speaker, "Pathways to Leadership," George Edgecomb Bar Association, September 20, 2023, Tampa, FL
- Speaker, "Cultivating Your Path: Navigating Involvement in the Florida Bar," LEAD with Cuban American Bar Association, August 24, 2023, Miami, FL
- Panelist, "Leaping into Bar Service," The Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference, July 14, 2023, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Panelist, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Summer Clerk "Lunch & Learn Career Series," June 30, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, "Strategies for the Plaintiff's Case," National ABOTA Foundation, June 20, 2023, Webinar

- Guest Speaker, "Lessons in Leadership," Florida State University College of Law Summer for Undergraduates Program, June 14, 2023, Tallahassee, FL
- Speaker, "Always Be Closing- Successful Closing Arguments," Summarily- A Podcast for Busy Lawyers, June 13, 2023, Virtual Event
- Speaker, "Crushing the Proffer: Successfully Amending for Punitive Damages in Medical Negligence Cases," Florida Justice Association Annual Convention Advanced Trial Skills Seminar, June 7, 2023, Orlando, FL
- Speaker, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit "Alternative to Suspension Program," Palm Beach County Courthouse, May 17, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, "The Anatomy of a Civil Case," The King's Academy O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program, May 15, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Panelist, "Damages in Civil Litigation," Florida International University Law's View From The Bench & Bar, May 5, 2023, Coral Gables, FL
- Panelist, "Exploring Board Certification in Florida," Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association, May 2, 2023, Virtual Event
- Panelist, "6<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Lawyers Boot Camp," F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, April 29, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Host, "Women's Caucus Leadership Connect Series," Palm Beach County Justice Association, April 20, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Presenter, "Ethics and Professionalism," Law At First Sight Mentoring Program, Palm Beach County Sheree Davis Cunningham Black Women Lawyer's Association, April 13, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Guest Lecturer, "Law and Leadership," Florida State University College of Law, March 29, 2023, Tallahassee, FL
- Moderator, "Road to the Bench Academy- Behind the Black Robe," Palm Beach County Bar Association, March 14, 2023, Virtual Event
- Speaker, "Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls," Palm Beach County Sheree Davis Cunningham Black Women Lawyers Association Speed Mentoring, March 5, 2024, West Palm Beach
- Panelist, "Alternative Dispute Resolution Session," Palm Beach County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, March 10, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, "Basic Trial Practice CLE on Cross-Examination," Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Basic Skills Course Series, March 9, 2023, Virtual Event
- Panelist, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Palm

- Beach County Hispanic Bar Association, February 27, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Panelist, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Law Firms, Palm Beach County Bar Association Committee for Diversity & Inclusion, February 23, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker & Panelist, Palm Beach County Bar Association New Attorney Breakfast, February 9, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, "Pathways to Success," Seminole County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, February 8, 2023, Lake Mary, FL
- Speaker, "Lessons in Leadership and Professionalism," The Florida State University College of Law Raising the Bar Professionalism Program, January 25, 2023, Tallahassee, FL
- Speaker, "Preparation for Depositions," Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association/Florida Hispanic Bar Association Civil Litigation Boot Camp, January 20, 2023, Orlando, FL
- Speaker, "Nuts and Bolts of Preparation and Presentation at Mediation,"
   Florida Justice Association, Webinar, November 1, 2022
- Panelist, "War Stories from Veteran Bar Leaders," Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference, July 9, 2022, St. Petersburg, FL
- Speaker, "A Call to Action on Inclusion," Florida Justice Association Annual Convention- Women's Caucus Retreat, June 16, 2022, West Palm Beach, FL
- Keynote Address on behalf of the Florida Bar, Florida Board of Bar Examiners "Induction of Successful Applicants to the Florida Bar," May 2, 2022, West Palm Beach, FL
- Panelist, Palm Beach County Bar Association's "Town Hall on the Gender Pay Gap," April 13, 2022, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, Palm Beach County Bar Association "New Attorney Breakfast," April 8, 2022, West Palm Beach, FL
- Panelist, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Florida Bar, "Are We There Yet? The Path Forward on Bias Elimination and Greater Diversity in ADR," Virtual Event, April 7, 2022
- Facilitator, Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division 2022 Long Range Planning Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, April 1-3, 2022
- Speaker, "Inspiring Women Making History in Palm Beach County," CREW Network Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, March 8, 2022, West Palm Beach, FL

- Panelist, "Winning with Experts and Evidence," Spellman-Hoeveler Inns of Court Bench & Bar Conference, February 18, 2022, Miami, FL
- Speaker, "Successful Salary Negotiations," F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, Virtual Event, January 12, 2022
- Speaker, "Mastering Successful Depositions," Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter-National Bar Association, Second Quarterly Meeting & CLE, November 19, 2021, Orlando, FL
- Speaker, "The Ten Commandments of Cross-Examining Expert Witnesses,"
   Florida Justice Association Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute,
   October 22, 2021, Orlando, FL
- Speaker, "Birth-Related Neurological Injuries: Navigating the NICA Defense,"
   Florida Justice Association Masters of Justice Medical Malpractice Seminar,
   September 22, 2021, Sarasota, FL
- Panelist, "Lessons from the Past Presidents," Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference, July 17, 2021, Orlando, FL
- Panelist, "Valiant Women: Overcoming Obstacles & Changing the Face of the Legal Profession," Palm Beach County Bar Association, March 31, 2021, Virtual Event
- Panelist, "Demystifying the Florida Bar Board of Governors," Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, National Bar Association Third Quarterly Meeting, March 31, 2021, Virtual Event
- Speaker, "Know Your Value," Palm Beach County Justice Association Women's Caucus, March 25, 2021, Virtual Event
- Panelist, "Your Network is Your Net Worth," Palm Beach County Bar Association Road to the Bench Academy, March 23, 2021, Virtual Event
- Panelist, "EmpowerHer: The Black Woman's Professional Journey," Carrier Black Alliance (CBA), February 19, 2021, Virtual Event
- Panelist, "Combatting Gender Pay Disparity," Miami-Dade FAWL, January 21, 2021, Virtual Event
- Author, "We Can and Must Do Better," Florida Justice Association Journal, written on behalf of the Minority Caucus, Dec./Jan. 2020
- Panelist and Honoree, Palm Beach County FAWL, "Legal Legends: Breaking the Glass Ceiling with a Mindfulness Perspective," October 15, 2020, Virtual Event
- Moderator, National Bar Association Region XI Town Hall honoring "Living

- Legends," September 29, 2020, Virtual Event
- Panelist, The Florida Bar Leadership Academy, "Guardians of the Legal Profession & Servant Leadership," September 26, 2020, Virtual Event
- Speaker, The Florida Bar Trial Lawyer's Section, "Evidentiary Ethics Traps: Tips for the Unwary," September 25, 2020, Virtual Event
- Speaker, The Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Leaders Virtual Town Hall Series, "Lessons Learned," September 22, 2020, Virtual Event
- Speaker, "Voting Rights-The Battle Continues," Florida Alliance of Retired Americans Annual Convention, September 16, 2020, Virtual Event
- Speaker, State FAWL Presentation Video on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, August 2020, Virtual Event
- Moderator, "When We All Vote: Palm Beach County Voting Squad-"Candidates for Senate," August 4, 2020, Webinar
- Speaker, "Birth-Related Neurological Injuries," Advanced Trial Skills, Florida Justice Association Annual Convention, June 24, 2020, Webinar
- Speaker, "Cross-Examination," Palm Beach County Bar Association SideBar Series, June 22, 2020, Webinar
- Speaker, "Expert Witnesses," Florida Justice Association Personal Injury Boot Camp, June 16, 2020, Webinar
- Speaker, "Staying Connected with The Florida Bar During COVID-19," F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association Webinar, May 29, 2020, Webinar
- Speaker, "Decoding your Leadership," EmpowHer of the Palm Beaches "It's A Difference World Conference, "May 30, 2020, Webinar
- Guest Appearance, People of Power "Law Edition," May 12, 2020
- Speaker, "Litigation Issues During COVID-19," Palm Beach County Justice Association/American Board of Trial Advocates Webinar, May 1, 2020
- Moderator, "Tele-Mediating During Social Distancing," Palm Beach County Justice Association/American Board of Trial Advocates Webinar, April 3, 2020
- Speaker, "Winning In Jury Selection," Miami-Dade Inns of Court Bench Bar Conference, Miami, FL, March 1, 2019
- Speaker, "Impact of the *Me Too* Movement on Jury Trials," Law 360 Advocacy Go Big or Go Home Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 2019

- Moderator, 2019 Bench Bar Conference "Bad Faith" Section, Palm Beach County Bar Association, February 22, 2019
- Panelist, "More than Words," PBC FAWL Constitution Day Event, Florida Atlantic University, September 20, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, Hollywood Christian School High School Graduation, West Palm Beach, FL, May 31, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, Westward Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, West Palm Beach, FL, May 31, 2018
- Panelist, PBC FAWL "Separation of Powers" Law Day Event, Palm Beach State College, May 3, 2018
- Facilitator, Teen Discourse and Decisions (TD Squared), United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, April 24, 2018
- Panelist, "Town Hall Discussion on the Status of Women in the Legal Profession," PBC FAWL and PBC Bar Association, West Palm Beach, FL, January 30, 2018
- Speaker, The King's Academy Christian Pre-Law Program Dedication, West Palm Beach, FL, November 29, 2017
- Panelist, Palm Beach County Bar Association's Third Diversity Summit, May 31, 2017, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, "A Strong Opening Drive- Starting Strong with a Powerful Opening Statement," National Trial Lawyers Summit, February 7, 2017, Miami, FL
- Speaker, "Preparing Your Client and Witnesses for Deposition in Medical Malpractice Cases," Florida Justice Association Annual Convention, June 22, 2016, Palm Beach, FL
- Panelist, "Panel Discussion on Leadership, Rainmaking, Professional Fulfillment and Diversity," South Palm Beach County Bar Association, May 25, 2016, Boca Raton, FL
- Speaker, "The 12 Commandments of Handling Your First Trial," Florida Justice Association Workhorse Seminar, March 29, 2016, Orlando, FL
- Panelist, "Personal Injury Session," Palm Beach County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, February 2016, West Palm Beach, FL
- Speaker, "Trial Tips from the Experts- Best Practices and Techniques for Trial," F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, August 2015

- Speaker, "Rainmaking," The Florida Justice Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL, June, 2015
- Speaker, 360 Advocacy Trial Skills from the Woman's Perspective Conference, "Medical Malpractice Cases with a Female Touch," New Orleans, LA, September 14, 2014
- Keynote Speaker, The Ladies of Futurity "Scholarship Gala," May 31, 2014, West Palm Beach, Florida
- Speaker, American Association for Justice Annual Convention, "Maximizing Damages in Personal Injury Cases," February 12, 2014, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Panelist, "The Litigator's Perspective on Effective Mediators," Palm Beach County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar, February 10, 2014
- Speaker, "Preparation of Fact and Expert Witnesses," National Trial Lawyers Summit, January 29, 2013, Miami, FL
- Panelist, "Women In The Law," Palm Beach County Bar Association Diversity Luncheon, October 19, 2012
- Speaker, American Association for Justice Annual Convention, "Representing the Minority Plaintiff," July 31, 2012, Chicago, Illinois
- Speaker, Florida Justice Association Automobile Negligence Seminar, "Motions In Limine," September 16, 2011
- Panelist, Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Palm Beach County Chapter, "Becoming a Rainmaker," August 25, 2011
- Speaker, "Outcomes of Personal Injury/Wrongful Death Trials/Settlements During the Economic Downturn," Palm Beach County Bar Association, April 16, 2010
- Panelist, Florida Justice Association Young Lawyer's Section, "The Bill of Rights" Presentation, The Children's Home Society, West Palm Beach, FL, 2009
- Panelist, Palm Beach Lakes Community High School "Career Day," 2008
- Guest Speaker, West Palm Beach Veteran's Affairs Hospital's Women's Equality Day, "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote," West Palm Beach, FL 2008

- Guest Speaker, Riviera Beach Maritime Academy Career Day, Riviera Beach, FL, 2007
- Panelist, F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, Bill of Rights Presentation, Roosevelt Middle School, West Palm Beach, FL, 2007
- Links, Inc. 35<sup>th</sup> National Assembly Opening Ceremony: "Response to Challenge" on behalf of the Scott-Hawkins Leadership Institute Class II Fellows, Philadelphia, PA, 2006
- Guest Speaker, "Unity in the Community" Youth Outreach Program, Roosevelt Middle School, West Palm Beach, FL, 2006
- Guest Speaker, Bear Lakes Middle School "Career Day", West Palm Beach, FL, 2006
- Guest Speaker, Toussaint L'Overture High School of Arts and Social Justice, "Leadership Week," Delray Beach, FL, 2005
- Speaker, F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr., Bar Association Law Week Program, "Commemorating 50 Years of Brown v. Board of Education," Palm Beach Lakes Community High School, West Palm Beach, FL, 2004
- Speaker, Stetson University College of Law, Law & Medicine, Professor McKinley Smiley, "Law and Medicine," St. Petersburg, FL, 2004
- Speaker, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Women's Caucus Mentorship Program, St. Thomas University, Miami, FL, 2002
- Speaker, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Women's Caucus Mentorship Program, University of Miami, Miami, FL, 2002
- Speaker, Palm Beach County Bar Association Law Week, West Palm Beach, FL, 2001