

**CURRICULUM VITAE OF  
ROSALYN SIA BAKER-BARNES, ESQUIRE**

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**PERSONAL**

Born: Tampa, Florida  
Marital Status: Married to Edrick E. Barnes, Esq.  
Children: Selia Elizabeth Barnes, born 2008  
Emri Rose Barnes, born 2012  
Edan Hamilton Barnes, born 2013

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Florida State University College of Law</b> JURIS DOCTOR	<b>2000</b>
<b>Florida State University</b> BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION	<b>1996</b>

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**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  
-Selected as one of the top four of 150 competitors  
-Argued before Florida Supreme Court sitting en banc  
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

*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 Tallahasseean* 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

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Executive Committee Member**

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A.

**2014-16; 2018-present**

WPB, FL

**Shareholder**

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A.

**2012-present**

WPB, FL

**Associate**

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A.

**2000-2012**

WPB, FL

**Summer Law Clerk**

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A.

**1998, 1999**

WPB, FL

**Certified Legal Intern**

THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

**Spring 2000**

TALLAHASSEE, FL

**Certified Legal Intern**

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, TORT DIVISION

**Fall 1999**

TALLAHASSEE, FL

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## NOTABLE VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

CONFIDENTIAL (2019) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$12,000,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2017) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$5,400,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2016) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$12,500,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2016) MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$2,750,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2015) PHARMACEUTICAL NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$12,750,000
ODOM V. RJ REYNOLDS (2014) PRODUCT LIABILITY	VERDICT \$20,000,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2013) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$20,000,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2013) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$1,400,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2012) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$2,500,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2012) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$8,250,000
COLETTE VS. SCHOOL BOARD (2011) WRONGFUL DEATH	SETTLEMENT \$825,000
PIENDLE VS. RJ REYNOLDS (2010) WRONGFUL DEATH	VERDICT \$2,470,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2010) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$2,250,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2010) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$2,500,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2008) NEGLIGENT SECURITY	SETTLEMENT \$1,350,000
HILL V. MULHAUSER (2007) AUTO NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$1,020,000
AGUDELO V. MULLER (2006) AUTO NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$1,390,000
HEMRAJ V. KOSKI (2006) AUTO NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$1,050,000
KNOWLES V. CASTILLO (2006) TRUCKING NEGLIGENCE	VERDICT \$740,000
CARTER V. SANZ, MD (2005) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	VERDICT \$3,400,000
OAKS V. NEWCOMER DAIRY (2003) AUTO NEGLIGENCE	SETTLEMENT \$2,475,000
CONFIDENTIAL (2002) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	SETTLEMENT \$6,000,000
CALVES V. LENNAR HOMES (2002) WRONGFUL DEATH	VERDICT \$3,060,000
BASS V. DECARLO (2001) COMMERCIAL LITIGATION	VERDICT \$1,000,000

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## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Recipient of the *Justice Barbara Pariente Award* by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Palm Beach County Chapter, for demonstrating a commitment to promoting women in the Palm Beach County legal community through efforts, innovation and leadership, September 12, 2018
- Selected by her peers for inclusion in Us News & World Report's *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2012- present
- Selected by her peers for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers*, by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-present
- Selected by her peers for inclusion in the 2016 edition of *Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite*

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- 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 the Daily Business Review, South Florida Edition as one of the Inaugural “Top 20 Women In Law,” 2014
- Selected by her peers for as a “Rising Star” by *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, recognizing outstanding young lawyers comprising no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the State, 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, for excellence, achievement, innovation, vision, leadership and legal community involvement, June 2011
- Selected as a “2011 South Florida Woman Extraordinaire” by *Business Leader Media*, recognizing women who are influential leaders within their company or business and who have an extraordinary impact on the organization’s economic success and strategies, March 2011
- Selected as a “Presidential Award” Recipient by the National Bar Association, awarded for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the organization, August 2007
- Featured in the *Palm Beach Journal* as one of Palm Beach’s 10 “Successful & Influential Black Professionals”, May 2007
- Selected as one of the “40 Most Influential & Prominent Black Professionals in South Florida Under the Age of 40” by *Success South Florida Magazine*, April 2006

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Florida Bar
  - Board of Governors Representative, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, 2018-present
  - Chair, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award Nominating Committee, 2018
  - Member, Communications Committee, 2018-present
  - Member, Disciplinary Review Committee, 2018-present
  - Member, 4<sup>th</sup> DCA Judicial Nominating Commission Screening Committee, 2018-present
  - Member, Special Committee on Technologies Affecting the Practice of Law, 2018-present
  - Designated Reviewer, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Grievance Committee "D"
  - Designated Reviewer, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Grievance Committee "F"
  - Designated Reviewer, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit UPL Committee "B"
  - Board Liaison, Constitutional Judiciary Committee, 2018-2019
  - Member, Leadership Academy Committee, 2013-2016
  - Member, Trial Lawyers Section
  - Fellow, Florida Bar Foundation
  - Admitted 2000
  
- Member of the United States Court of Appeals, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit
  - Admitted 2010
  
- Member of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
  - Member, Magistrate Selection Committee, 2017
  - Admitted 2005
  
- Member of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
  - Admitted 2001
  
- Member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association
  - Offices Held**
    - Immediate Past President, 2018-2019
    - President, 2017-2018
    - President-Elect, 2016-2017
    - Board of Directors, 2011-present
  - Committee Involvement**
    - 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

- Member of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (Palm Beach County Chapter)
  - Board of Directors, 2013-2017
  - Diversity Committee Co-Chair, 2016-2017
  - Sponsorship Co-Chair, 2015-2016
  - Chapter Representative, 2014-2015
  - Programming Co-Director, 2013-2014
  - Sponsorship Co-Chair, 2012-2013

- Member of the Florida Justice Association
  - Board of Directors, 2009-2011
  - EAGLE Associate, 2012-present
  - EAGLE Patron, 2008-2012
  - EAGLE Sponsor, 2004-2007

**Offices Held**

- 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

**Committee Involvement**

- 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
- Moderator, Workhorse Seminar, 2006
- Co-Chairperson, Meet the Candidates Reception, 2006
- Co-Chairperson, Meet the Candidates Reception, 2004
- Co-Chairperson, YLS Zehmer Mock Trial Competition, 2003

- Member of the National Bar Association
  - Co-Chairperson, 2007 Gertrude E. Rush Annual Dinner
  - Member, Young Lawyers Division
  - Member, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter
  - Contributor, "Florida's First Black Lawyers" History Book

- Member of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association

**Offices Held**

- Secretary, 2004-2005

**Committee Involvement**

- 2016 Holland Scholarship Luncheon Committee
- 2013 Holland Scholarship Committee
- 2010 Community Forum Committee
- Co-Chairperson, 2008 Holland Scholarship Luncheon
- Co-Chairperson, 2007 Holland Scholarship Luncheon
- Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee, 2003, 2006, 2008
- Co-Chairperson, 2006 Holland Scholarship Luncheon
- Chairperson, 2005 Holiday Affair Social
- Newsletter Committee, 2004

- Member of the Palm Beach County Justice Association
- Member of the American Association for Justice
- Member of the American Bar Association

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## CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- The Links, Incorporated
  - 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
  - Area Level- Southern Area**
    - Chairperson, Southern Area Ethics & Standards Committee, 2008-2011
    - Member, Southern Area Ethics & Standards Committee, 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

**Chapter Level– West Palm Beach Chapter**

**Offices Held**

- President, 2005-2007
  - \*Established Chapter Website
  - \*Implemented Program Coordinator Office
  - \*Inducted 10 new members
  - \*Raised over \$25,000 in scholarship proceeds
- 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

**Committee Involvement**

- Co-Chairperson, Harlem Renaissance Casino Affair, 2018
- Chairperson, Ethics & Standards Committee, 2017-present
- Chairperson, Inaugural White Rose Gala, 2014
- Chairperson, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, 2011-2013
- Chairperson, Technology Committee, 2011-2013
- Chairperson, Ethics & Standards Committee, 2009-2011
- Chairperson, Technology Committee, 2007-2009
- Chairperson, Crystal Ball Committee, 2007-2009
- Co-Chairperson, 27th Annual White Rose Luncheon, 2004
- Chairperson, 26th Annual White Rose Luncheon, 2003

■ Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated- Zeta Tau Omega Chapter

**Offices Held**

- Board Member, Ivy Educational Foundation, 2007-2009
- Public Relations Reporter, 2006-2007
- Chapter Legal Counselor, 2005-2007

**Committee Involvement**

- Mistress of Ceremonies, Fashionetta Scholarship Luncheon, 2015
- Member, Centennial Ball Committee, 2008
- Chairperson, MLK Day of Service, 2005-2007
- Member, Emerald Elegance Ball Committee, 2005
- Member, Scholarship Committee, 2005-2007



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- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches  
-Member, 2018-present
- Executive Women of the Palm Beaches  
-Member, 2016-present
- Inlet Grove Community High School, Inc.- Board of Directors  
-Emeritus Board Member, 2011-2012  
-Chairman, 2006-2011  
-Vice-Chairman, 2005-2006  
-Director, 2004-2011
- Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association  
-Emeritus Board Member, 2011-2012  
-Board of Directors, 2006-2011  
-Recruitment Committee Member, 2006-2011
- Seminole Boosters, Inc.  
-Inner Council Member (Seminole Ambassador), 2006-2010
- Florida State University Alumni Association  
-Member 1996-present
- Florida State University Black Alumni Association  
-Member 1996-present
- Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

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**INVITED LECTURES**

- Speaker, "Winning In Jury Selection," Inns of Court Bench Bar Conference, Miami, FL, March 1, 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

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- 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, The Breakers Hotel, 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 on “Outcomes of Personal Injury/Wrongful Death Trials/Settlements During the Economic Downturn,” Palm Beach County Bar Association Seminar on the “The Impact of the Current Economy on Personal Injury/Wrongful Cases,” 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

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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