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EDUCATION

- June, 1983** **Master of Laws (LL.M.), Harvard Law School**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Lane and Langdell Fellowships for Graduate Law Study
- September, 1975** **Juris Doctor (J.D.), Northeastern University School of Law,**
Boston, Massachusetts
- May, 1972** **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), “With Distinction”**
The George Washington University
Washington, D.C.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Florida (1976); Massachusetts (1979)

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Partner, Attorney-At-Law, Rudolph Friedmann LLP

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September 15, 2008-Present

As a Partner in this twenty-plus attorney, general practice firm in downtown Boston, I specialize in civil and criminal litigation, at the state and federal levels. The cases I handle include a variety of civil matters, such as personal injury, business litigation, probate and family issues, and others; on the criminal side, I represent individuals facing federal wire fraud, conspiracy, and related charges, and every possible criminal case at the state level. I continue to teach at Northeastern and Suffolk Law Schools, subjects such as Evidence and Criminal Procedure; participate as faculty in numerous continuing legal education programs, concerning civil litigation and criminal defense, and I am active with a number of organizations, including the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Associate Justice, The Superior Court
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

October, 1992-September 12, 2008

For close to sixteen years I presided over complex civil and criminal cases that included jury and jury waived trials, on claims including but not limited to civil rights, wrongful death, products liability, personal injury, medical malpractice and commercial disputes, as well as charges of murder, rape, robbery and other serious criminal matters. I presided over approximately three hundred and twenty five jury trials, over one hundred and twenty five jury-waived trials, and hundreds of complex motions, including motions for suppression of evidence, dismissal, and summary judgment, as well as review of final administrative agency decisions. I issued hundreds of written decisions in all of these areas. I served on several committees of the Superior Court and participated in training programs involving the delivery of justice. From January, 2000 until June, 2003, I served as the Regional Administrative Justice, Essex County Superior Court, where I supervised dozens of staff and carried out administrative responsibilities in addition to judicial duties.

Associate Justice, Lawrence District Court
Lawrence, Massachusetts

November, 1986 – October, 1992

As a District Court Judge in one of the State's busiest courts, I handled both jury and jury-waived trials in civil and criminal cases. I presided over approximately seventy jury-of-six trials. Most of these involved criminal charges, the remainder being small claims civil matters. I also heard hundreds of jury-waived trials on civil criminal, and family issues, and regularly ruled on dispositive motions covering the full spectrum of the Court's business. In addition to a docket that included adult criminal and civil cases, I administered abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency sessions for several years and was responsible for cases involving issues of juvenile justice, domestic violence, abuse and neglect petitions, and a variety of other family law matters. I supervised law clerks and legal interns, probations officers, courtroom clerks, secretaries, and other staff.

Adjunct Professor, Suffolk Law School
Boston, Massachusetts

Spring, 2003 – present

I currently teach two courses: Constitutional Law/Criminal Procedure, covering significant federal and state cases, statutes and rules on the 4th, 5th and 6th amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and related state law; Evidence, with an emphasis on the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Fall, 2000

I taught Civil Pre-Trial Litigation to mostly senior law students; this course covered all aspects of a case except trial, from interview and complaint to discovery and settlement.

Adjunct Professor, Boston College Law School

Newton, Massachusetts

Spring, 2003

I taught evidence, focusing primarily on the Federal Rules of Evidence .

Visiting Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law

Boston, Massachusetts

August, 1998 – May, 1999

During the academic year, while on sabbatical from the Superior Court, I was a full-time member of the faculty. I taught Torts and Criminal Law to first-year students. I advised students, supervised research and teaching assistants, and served on faculty committees. Students' evaluations of my teaching were excellent.

Lecturer In Law, Northeastern

Boston, Massachusetts

September, 1985 – present

Since 1985, I have maintained a relationship with the School of Law both as a Lecturer in Law and as a Co-operative Education employer. My teaching assignments have included Administrative Law, Torts, Evidence, Advanced Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Civil Trial Practice, and Criminal Trial Practice. In both classroom and co-op settings, I advise and counsel law students on academic and professional matters. Evaluations of my teaching and co-op supervision have been consistently excellent. The graduating classes of 1992, 1998 and 2000 selected me as their faculty speaker, the only times a part-time Lecturer in Law has been chosen to deliver the faculty address at commencement. Part-time faculty are no longer eligible for this honor.

Associate Professor of Law (Assistant Professor 1984 to 1985; visiting Assistant Professor 1983 to 1984)

New England School of Law

Boston, Massachusetts

September, 1983 – December, 1986

As a full-time, tenure track professor, I taught courses in the areas of criminal law and criminal procedure. I also served on faculty committees and advised students on

academic and professional issues. In addition, I supervised students in criminal law field placement settings. Evaluations of my teaching were consistently excellent. While at New England, I represented a number of retained and court-appointed clients in state and federal court. I resigned upon my appointment to the Lawrence District Court.

Lecturer in Law, Northeastern University School of Law,
Staff Attorney and Clinical Instructor, Harvard Law School at the Legal Services Institute
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

May, 1979 – July, 1982

As attorney, clinical supervisor, and faculty member, I represented low-income clients while teaching and supervising law students in an innovative clinical legal services program run through Harvard Law School. My students' caseloads included landlord-tenant disputes, immigration, deprivation of entitlements, care and protection and related juvenile matters. I supervised staff and worked closely with Professors Gary Bellow and Jeanne Charn.

Staff Attorney, Roxbury Defenders Committee, Inc.
Roxbury, Massachusetts

March, 1977 – March, 1979

I represented low-income defendants facing misdemeanor and felony charges at all levels of the judicial system and supervised student interns from Boston area law schools.

Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender
Miami, Florida

March, 1976 – August, 1976

As a legal intern and then as an assistant public defender, I represented defendants facing misdemeanor and felony charges in the juvenile, county and circuit courts.

HONORS

The Cornelius J. Moynihan Award for Excellence in Teaching:

Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA, May, 2007
(Selected by Graduating Class)

One of America's Top 500 Judges:

Lawdragon Inc. (Legal Publication), 2005 – 2006

Leadership Award for Interpreter Services:

National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA, September, 2003

The Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service:

Boston Bar Association, February, 2001

Public Service Award:

Massachusetts Bar Association, April, 2000

Certificate of Outstanding Jurisprudence:

Justinian Law Society, April, 2000

Brass Gavel Award (Co-honoree with Justice Robert A. Barton):

Plymouth County Bar Association, December, 1999

Judicial Excellence Award:

Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, 1997

Faculty Speaker:

Northeastern University School of Law,
Classes of 1992, 1998 and 2000 Commencements
(Selected by Graduating Class)

Featured as one of six successful immigrants:

The Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, June 19, 1997

Youth Advocacy Award:

Sociedad Latina of Boston, 1995

Advocate of Children Award:

Massachusetts School Psychologists Association, 1992

Community Service Award:

Centro Pan Americano of Lawrence, 1990

Semana Hispana Public Service Award:

Lawrence, 1990