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COMPLEX LITIGATION PARALEGAL

Over twenty years experience within Local, State and Federal Courts, primarily in the area of Complex Commercial Litigation, which began with the FDIC/RTC fallout of malpractice cases against directors, officers, and others, then moved into locally high-profile cases, for instance the "Water Wars", and most recently included working on nationally visible, federal cases commonly known as the "Playboy" and "Girls Gone Wild" cases, with very recent trial experience before Judge Nielsen in Hillsborough County's Complex Business Litigation "CBL" Division. This experience is bundled with many, many hours of serving as the attorney's "right hand" in the court room assisting with short hearings, extensive administrative hearings, numerous bench trials and lengthy jury trials.

EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT PARALEGAL, Tampa, Florida

JUNE 2001 TO PRESENT

Work experience within the following areas of law: Complex Commercial Litigation, Major Medical Malpractice, Wrongful Death, Personal Injury, Family Law, Probate and Estate Planning, Premises Liability, Construction Litigation, Products Liability, Environmental Litigation, Homeowner's Association General Representation, Real Estate including a handful of closings, Administrative Challenges related to Water Use Permitting, Agency Rulemaking, and General Litigation.

Freelance paralegal work performed for firms such as: Mark S. Howard, P.A., The Yerrid Law Firm; McWhirter, Reeves, P.A.; The Solomon Tropp Law Group, P.A., Mills, Paskert, & Divers, P.A., Carey, O'Malley, Whitaker & Manson, P.A.; Fowler, White, P.A., The Salem Law Group, P.A., and more.

DE LA PARTE, GILBERT & BALES, P.A., Tampa, Florida

MARCH 1994 TO JUNE 2001

NOW KNOWN AS DE LA PARTE & GILBERT, P.A.

Working knowledge of these areas of law gained while in practice at this firm: Environmental Litigation, Administrative Rule Challenges, Permit Challenges, and Groundwater Contamination Liability; General and Commercial Litigation; Due Process Controversies; Medical Malpractice and Personal injury.

CARTER, STEIN, SCHAAF & TOWZEY, P.A., St. Petersburg, Florida

JANUARY 1993 TO MARCH 1994

THIS WAS A BREAK-OFF FIRM FROM RUDNICK & WOLFE; NOW KNOWN AS STEIN & WILLIAMS, LLP.

Working knowledge of these areas of law gained while in practice at this firm: FDIC/RTC Litigation; Director & Office, Legal and Third-Party Professional Malpractice; Products Liability; Premises Liability; General and Commercial Litigation; and Worked with the FBI in their criminal investigations and prosecutions of some of the same defendants.

RUDNICK & WOLFE, P.A., Tampa, Florida

SEPTEMBER 1987 TO DECEMBER 1992

Working knowledge of these areas of law gained while in practice at this firm: Construction Litigation; Premises Liability; and FDIC Litigation. These responsibilities continued and expanded with the break-off firm of Carter, Stein, Schaaf & Towzey listed above.

POSITIONS HELD: PARALEGAL, PARALEGAL ASSISTANT, FILE ROOM MANAGER, FILE CLERK

Initiated employment as clerical staff in the file room (1987); Promoted to File Room Manager (1988); Held "Paralegal Assistant" position during paralegal school (1989).

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, Tampa, Florida

**STATUS: SENIOR (111 HOURS)
IN PROGRESS: GLOBALIZATION, B.A.
NEXT: GLOBAL EDUCATION, M.A.T.**

Coursework toward a Bachelors Degree in Globalization under the Liberal Studies program. Accepted for membership in Phi Sigma Theta, Phi Sigma Pi, and the Golden Key International Honor Societies. Embarking upon the curriculum to obtain a Masters Degree in Teaching, specializing in Global Education.

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Tampa Florida

**GRADUATED W/HONORS: 2000
JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION, A.A.**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and published in the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 National Dean's Lists.

PARALEGAL CAREERS, INC., Tampa, Florida

**GRADUATED W/HONORS: 1990
PARALEGAL CERTIFICATE**

Comprehensive paralegal curriculum with an emphasis on legal writing.

C. Leon King High School, Tampa, Florida

**GRADUATED W/HONORS: 1987
DIPLOMA**

National Honor Society and graduated in the top five percent.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficiency with the following: Internet Research; Word; Outlook; Excel; Publisher; Power Point; Autotrack and Accurint (used to obtain corporate and individual asset information, locating witnesses, and background checks); Summation support software package; and PC Docs. Currently learning ArcGIS.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

The Honorable E. J. Salcines, Jr.

Second District Court of Appeals
(Formerly associated with de la Parte & Gilbert)
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Wetherington, Hamilton, Harrison & Fair, P.A.
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