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EDUCATION: **Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, New Orleans, LA**
Juris Doctorate - May 1996

Activities: Member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; vice president of the Spanish-American Law Students Association; member of the Cajun-American Law Society, and Student Practitioner in the Criminal, Family & Mediation clinics.

Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Bachelor of Applied Science - May, 1988
Major: Personnel Management

Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, New York
Associate Degree - May 1979
Major: Secretarial Science

EMPLOYMENT: **Loyola Law Clinic - 1981 - present**
Loyola University New Orleans School of Law

Assistant Clinic Professor &
Associate Clinic Director - 1998 - present
Primary responsibility to handling all administrative functions of the Loyola Law Clinic, including, but not limited to budgets, recruitment of personnel; supervising clinic staff; and supervise office activities of approximately 40-55 student attorneys.

Limited private practice of law in New Orleans & Jefferson Parish in criminal and family law, 1997- present.

Coordinator of the Law School Summer Foreign Programs - 1995/1996
Responsible for coordinating all activities of the Law School Summer Programs in Mexico, Costa Rica, Brazil, Austria, Hungary and Russia.

Borough of Manhattan Community College - 1977 - 1980
New York, New York

Admissions Coordinator of Special Programs: Responsible for administering a "Special Admit" program through CUNY. Students who did not have a high school diploma could be admitted to BMCC, as a probationary student and after successful completion of 24 college credits they could be admitted into the college regular degree program.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Loyola Organizational Activities:

- Member, Loyola University Alumni Association Board of Directors - 2003- present.
- Member, Recreational Sport & Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council - 1988 - present.
- Member, Loyola City College Alumni Board (1997 - present).
- Member, Campus Ministry Policy Advisory Committee (1999 - present)
- Law School Representative to the Loyola Staff Counsel (1986 - present).
- Coordinator of the Law School, annual blood drive twice per year and was the recipient of a \$500 University for Life Scholarship given by the Blood Center to the most successful blood drive among the Louisiana universities.

Community Activities:

- Chair, Board of Directors for Legal Aid Bureau (2003-present)
- Board of Directors of "Friends of Israel M. Augustine Criminal Justice Center" 1999.
- Board member of Our House of Peace, Inc.(July 1999 - present).
- Legal adviser to Club Dominicano en Louisiana (Dominican Club)
- Chapter President of the Alliance for Good Government - January 2005 - present.
- Member, the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center - 2003 - present.
- Judge - volunteer to judge High School Moot Court Competition (Second Parish Court since 2003.
- Judge - volunteer to judge the Tulane University Sports Law Moot Court competition - 2003.
- Co-counsel in the trial of 43 protester in Federal Court, Columbus, GA - July 2002.

Presentations:

- Panelist speaker on Diversity and Inclusion presented by State Farm New Orleans Local Council for Diversity and Inclusion. (April 28, 2004).
- Guest speaker for Career Exploration class March 2003.
- Panelist speaker on presentation at the Association of American Law Schools in NYC: Clinical Education in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: A Multi-focused Collaboration - May 2006.
- Teaching - Kenner Police Academy Basic Academy Class Number 2, Fall 2006.
- Presenter at the International Bar Association 2007 Conference in Singapore; Providing Pro Bono Services After a Disaster.
- Panelist speaker Louisiana Judicial Council 12th Annual Jamaica Sunset CLE "Family Law"
- Panelist speaker Louisiana Judicial Council 13th Annual Jamaica Sunset CLE "Relocation - Family Law"
- Moderator/presenter at the Louisiana Judicial Council 14th Annual Jamaican Sunset CLE Family Law issues- When a child can be a witness - 2008.
- Panelist speaker at the Louisiana Judicial Council 15th Annual Jamaica Sunset CLE: "Legal Rights Afforded to Immigrants under U.S. and Louisiana Laws" (July 2009).
- Presenter at the Alpha Phi Alpha National Convention in New Orleans (July 2009), School to Prison Pipeline crisis. Young men with disciplinary problems in school results in increased presence in the criminal justice system. What can a national organization do to combat the problem.

Service Award Recipient:

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- Loyola University of New Orleans Distinguished Alumna of the year - presented by City College - March 2003.
- Outstanding Law Clinic Student Award - May 1996.
- Gillis W. Long Public Service Award - October 1998.

OTHER SKILLS: Fluent in both Spanish and English.