

City of Sebastian, Sebastian, Fla. (2014 to Present)

**Interim City Attorney & Special Magistrate**

Managed litigation and general services for large government entity, including contract negotiations and review, lease agreements, telecommunications law, public finance, and inter-local agreements. Handled administrative hearings. Drafted legislation and lobbied legislature to pass bill. Drafted administrative rules and policies and enforced them. Presided over administrative hearings involving violations of the City's ordinances. Took evidence, evaluated witness testimony and reviewed documents. Rendered decisions to which the parties are bound.

- Oversaw an extensive litigation docket and decided the outcome of civil cases and administrative disputes.

Volk Law Offices, Melbourne, Fla. (2015 to 2016).

**Attorney**

Advised clients regarding the specific laws that govern the establishment and operation of businesses. Provided mentoring and counseling services to new clients that wish to create and operate a new small business in the state of Florida. Protected clients' rights regarding intellectual property infringement and warded off false charges of infringement. Advised Clients concerning the rights and obligations of employer and employee relationships. Review and prepare legal pleadings, motions, discovery. Initiated and defended civil cases handling trial and negotiations.

- Lead counsel for land use, regulated business operations, and government contracting.

Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Fla. (2005 to 2009)

**Judicial Magistrate**

Presided over civil hearings, entertained pre-trial motions and issued orders detailing judicial reasoning. Presided over trials as judicial officer, finding facts and applying law. Adjudicated guilt or innocence and determined sentence.

- Oversaw civil courtroom and arbitrated compliance and regulatory issues and cases.

State of Florida, West Palm Beach, Fla. (2002 to 2005)

**Lead Assistant Attorney General**

Supervised investigations of medical providers regarding HIPAA, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, fraud and abuse, and anti-kickback issues. Supervised investigations of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals concerning patient abuse, neglect and exploitation. Drafted administration policy papers and proposed legislation. Inspected assisted living facilities and nursing homes relating to corporate governance and regulatory compliance.

- Lead counsel for False Claims Act cases and civil forfeiture actions brought in both state and federal courts.

South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Fla. (1996 to 2001)

**Senior Attorney**

Managed litigation and general services for large government entity, including contract negotiations and review, lease agreements, telecommunications law, public finance, and inter-local agreements. Handled administrative hearings. Drafted legislation and lobbied legislature to pass bill. Drafted administrative rules and policies and enforced them.

- Lead public finance and business counsel for Everglades and telecommunications projects.

**Published Articles**

• *Denial Ain't Just a River in Egypt: A Thorough Review of Judicial Elections, Merit Selection and the Role of State Judges in Society*, 29 Capital University Law Review 625 (2002). A summary of the deliberative ebb and flow in the judicial appointments versus judicial elections debate. This article has been cited in 30 legal journals.

• *It's Good to be King (At Least it Used to be and Could be Again): A Textualist View of Sovereign Immunity*, 29 Stetson Law Review 599 (2000). Examination of court decisions that address progressive social causes and public contracting. Investigation and deconstruction of textualist tendencies of modern courts concerning public contracting. This article has been cited by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and seven legal journals.

• *Constitution Revision Commissions Prevent Log-rolling, Don't They?* 72 Florida Bar Journal 62 (Nov. 1998). Analysis of the role constitution revision commissions play in Florida. Determined that log-rolling prohibitions applied to ballot initiatives proposed by the Revision Commission. This article has been cited by five legal journals.

**Civic & Professional Organizations**

Palm Beach County Zoning Commission, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Amnesty International, New York, NY

Town of Jupiter Art Committee, Jupiter, Fla.

The Federalist Society, Washington, D.C.

Habitat for Humanity, West Palm Beach, Fla.