

KIRBY GERAGHTY OBERDORFER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Jacksonville Office of Ethics, Compliance & Oversight June 2015-Present
Deputy Director, Jacksonville, FL

Implement ethics program for consolidated City of Jacksonville through strategic planning initiatives, programs, materials and fostering collaborative relationships with stakeholders

Support Jacksonville Ethics Commission in performing duties and accomplishing initiatives, including the administration of the ethics hotline, resolution of complaints, development of legislative proposals and addressing ethics related issues

Provide City officials, employees and board members compliance and risk assessment advice on approximately 2,900 inquiries regarding various state and local ethics laws, such as conflicts of interest, voting conflicts, acceptance of gifts, mandatory disclosures, and the Sunshine Law and Public Records Act

Educate and train over 3,400 City officials, employees and board members throughout consolidated City of Jacksonville in approximately 150 trainings regarding purpose and duties related to state and local ethics laws utilizing innovative, interactive scenarios

Resolve complex ethics laws inquiries through comprehensive written and oral analysis of issues to Florida Commission on Ethics (13 opinion requests), Office of General Counsel and City officials, employees and board members

Perform critical supervisory administrative functions including assisting in preparation of Ethics Office's annual budget and mentoring Ethics Office employees in completion of duties

Fidelity National Title Group Aug. 2013-May 2015
Claims Counsel and Assistant Vice President, Jacksonville, FL

Managed real property title insurance claims from initiation to successful resolution, including those involving fraud and forgery

Performed critical analysis and interpretation of insurance policy provisions to determine applicability of policy and coverage of presented issues

Conducted extensive factual and legal investigation of circumstances underlying claims

Prepared detailed written determinations and oral presentations on investigation findings

Florida Coastal School of Law Jan. 2006-Aug. 2013
Associate Professor of Lawyering Process, Jacksonville, FL

Designed and taught Lawyering Process courses; Pre-Trial Litigation Drafting; Civil Motion Practice; and Criminal Procedure

Educated first-year and upper-division law students in development of practical legal skills, including critical analysis; effective drafting of various legal documents; efficient research; and ethical and professionalism issues

Infused legal skills through innovative classroom instruction utilizing various learning modalities and technology, as well as development and implementation of cutting-edge assessment tools

Assessed thousands of pages of student work and provided extensive oral and written feedback to improve and enhance student learning

Selected, trained and supervised numerous teaching assistants

Promoted to Associate Professor and awarded extended term contract based on excellent evaluations and outstanding community service

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Akerman Senterfitt

Sept. 2002-Dec. 2005

Associate Attorney-Commercial Litigation Section, Jacksonville, FL

Successfully defended and prosecuted complex commercial and tax cases through all phases of litigation and on appeal in over twenty state and federal courts and before various administrative agencies across the country

Boyd & Jenerette, P.A.

April 2001-July 2002

Associate Attorney-Liability Section, Jacksonville, FL

Litigated personal injury and property damage insurance cases in Florida and Georgia state courts from initiation through settlement

United States District Court-Southern District of Georgia

Sept. 1999-March 2001

Pro Se Law Clerk for United States District Court Chief Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr. and United States Magistrate Judge James E. Graham, Brunswick, GA

Researched and drafted recommendations and adoption orders for disposition of various pre-trial motions in complex civil rights and habeas corpus cases

PUBLICATION AND PRESENTATION

Preservation of the Record in Administrative Proceedings (Co-Authored with Kathi Giddings), *The Record*, Journal of the Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar, Vol. XIII, No. 2, Fall 2004.

Persuasive (Un)Professionalism: Teaching the Importance of Persuasive Professional Advocacy Through Casey Anthony Cases, Central States Legal Writing Conference, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 2011.

EDUCATION

Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law

May 1999

J.D., cum laude, 11/133; Top 10%

- Law Review, Administrative Editor, 50th Anniversary Committee
- Moot Court Board, Vice-Chair of Competitions
- Brainerd Currie Honor Society
- Order of Barristers
- Two-time Best Team and Best Brief Awards, John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition
- Best Team Award, E. Earl Zehmer Florida Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition
- Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Legal Writing
- Book Awards for Legal Research and Writing and Torts II

University of Florida

May 1996

B.A., Political Science

- Dean's List
- Presidential Recognition for Outstanding Students

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Leadership Professional in Ethics and Compliance Certification from Ethics & Compliance Initiative
- The Florida Bar and State Bar of Georgia
- Jacksonville Bar Association
 - Chair of Practicing with Professionalism Section (2012-2013)
 - Board of Governors (2009-2012); President of Young Lawyers Section (2009-2010)
- Chester Bedell Inn of Court, Associate Member (2004-2005)
- Appointed by United States Court of Appeals for Eleventh Circuit to prosecute two *pro bono* appeals resulting in favorable judgment
- Jacksonville Ethics Commission (2007-2012; Chair 2010)