

## RESUME

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**Education:** University of Pittsburgh  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Accounting and Economics

University of Pittsburgh  
Masters Degree  
Economics

J.D. Dickinson School of Law  
Board of Editors Law Review

### **Legal:**

Developed numerous business plans for clients and a variety of industries.

Practicing attorney. Admitted in Pennsylvania and Florida. Concentrating on commercial and insurance litigation, bankruptcy, banking, real estate, real estate broker, corporate, and entertainment areas; lead counsel for 17 banks in Western Pennsylvania; tax escrow; class action; develop strategy and business plans for domestic and international clients internet law. Strong negotiating skills and substantial negotiating experience.

### **Law Clerk to Justice Henry X. O'Brien Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

**Baskin & Sears** (Pittsburgh)  
Senior Partner, Bankruptcy, Corporate Reorganization and Banking Litigation  
Manager, Palm Beach Office

**LESHER, Allen & Macmillan**  
Managing Partner, Palm Beach

**Cooney, Ward, Leshner & Damon, P.A.**  
Co-Founder and Business, Bankruptcy, Banking and Litigation Department Chairman

**Office of Gerald Leshner PA, complex legal and business matters consultant and negotiations and business and tax matters for non United States residents and corporations.**

**I am certified as a Florida Civil Law Notary.**

The purpose of this certification is to provide a means of authenticating documents and transactions in a manner preferred by notaries in civil law countries. The Florida Civil Law Notary is subject to regulation of protocols and acts by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and Rules of the Florida Bar, as a Florida Civil Law Notary must be an attorney and member of the Florida Bar.

The certification gives a Florida Civil Law Notary the ability to create Public Documents under the Hague Convention XII, thus creating public documents of authentic acts within the United States, which documents are intended to have a presumption of authenticity and completeness in civil law jurisdictions.

**Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Served as arbitrator in over 300 matters, County Court, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Participation in over 90 mediations in Florida acting as principal negotiator for clients. I am trained as a mediator for state and federal mediations and I am certified as a mediator by the Supreme Court of Florida and with the Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of Florida.

**Real Estate:**

Consultant and negotiator for the owner of large development (7000 acres - Quebec Province, Canada): to create a development and liquidation strategy and the negotiation of joint venture, sales and leases and international financial planning; I was a principal and manager of several large office and industrial properties. Responsible for acquisition financing, marketing, directing overall operations managed and sold four office buildings and large apartment complex in Pittsburgh. Managing Member Aspen Realty Financial LLC a credit tenant lease developer-coordinator.

**Member of Bar in Pennsylvania and Florida**

**Business Experience:**

**Aspen Real Estate Financial LLC-Florida-Colorado**

Managing Member of a Limited Liability Company organized in Colorado and Registered in Florida. This Company originates and coordinates Affordable and Social Housing projects in the United States and Europe through the use of bond type credit lease structures.

**Mt. Vernon Federal Savings Bank** - Atlanta, Georgia, February 1986 to October 1995

Chairman of the Board - Organized a federally chartered savings association. Mt. Vernon operated as a mortgage banker originating and selling over \$1,750,000.00 in mortgages in the northern metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia. Duties include development and preparation of strategy and Business and Marketing Plan, hiring key personnel, raising capital, and establishing policies, Chairman of Executive Committee. For three years prior to its sale, Mt. Vernon had earned the highest return on equity in Georgia of any financial institution. Asset size in excess of \$200,000,000.00. This bank was sold in October 1995 at a substantial profit to its shareholders.

**Sterling Savings Bank** - West Palm Beach, Florida

Acted as general counsel. Located candidate for Chief Executive Officer; developed and prepared strategy and Business and Marketing Plan with management, raising capital. Elected Chairman November 1994 to 1996. Restructured institution, returning it to an adequately capitalized and profitable institution, originating and selling \$7,000,000.00 per month in home mortgages and increasing capital 35% in one year without a capital infusion. This institution was sold in March, 1996.

**References Available Upon Request.**