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CURRICULUM VITAE

Occupation:

Solo practitioner attorney since April 2004 with practice emphasis in Real Estate, Immigration, Estate Planning and Insurance claims. Federal Jury Trial experience. Mediation, Arbitration Settlement Negotiations experience. Expertise in Cuban's affairs and Cuban Law.

Date of Birth:

March 12th, 1961, Placetas, Las Villas, Cuba.

Education:

Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida: Juris Doctor Degree Central University, Sta. Clara, Cuba: Doctorate in Law. Graduated with honors. Best National Student Thesis 1983.

Regular Commentator on Human Rights Violations in Cuba:

Frequent invitee to Hispanic Television Networks in Miami to express opinions on Cubans affairs and humans right violations.

Programs:

Television:

"A Mano Limpia" and "Ahora con Oscar Haza:" Hosted by Oscar Haza, week-nights at America Teve Channel 41 and Mega TV.; "Maria Elvira Live" Hosted by Maria Elvira Salazar, week-nights at MEGA TV and "A Fondo" Hosted by Pedro Sevcec week-night at America Teve: Frequently invited to speak about Cuban and international law; and human rights violation in Cuba

Radio

Invited to participate in different radio shows on a well known WQBA 1140 AM- (Cubanisima) and WAQI 710AM (Radio Mambi) hosted by several monitors on Cuban's affair such Nancy Perez-Crespo and Jose Alfonso Almora

Practice of Law in Cuba:

Santa Clara - Havana, Cuba July 1983- August 1994 COLLECTIVE LAW OFFICE, <u>Trial lawyer and Professor of Law:</u>. Successfully sued the Cuban government in Eminent Domain and Breach of Contract cases; three successful capital punishment defenses. Over 200 appeals successfully resolved before the Cuban Supreme Court <u>Professor of Law</u>. Taught law at Central University and Post Graduates Courses sponsored by the Jurist Union of Cuba. Frequent lecturer before lawyers associated with Collective Law Offices Association.

Previous Employment History:

Jacksonville, Florida November 2001-July 2003 PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE: <u>Life Insurance Underwriter</u>: Responsible for risk-underwriting interviews. Responsible for independent judgment and decisions based on the Underwriting Company Guidelines. Handling between 10-15 interviews and risks evaluations daily. <u>Claim Examiner & Adjuster</u>: Reviewed, adjusted and negotiated settlement with clients and their legal representatives. Successfully negotiated over 850 settlements on Prudential's behalf during 96/99 massive class action lawsuit.

Jacksonville, Florida January 1995 –November 2001 PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES: <u>Compliance Specialist</u> Reviewed claims, complaints, lawsuits and internal investigations. Insurance frauds and churning investigations. Reported results to the National Association of Securities Dealer. Trained and coached a legal temporary force of lawyers assembled to complete this nationwide project.

Additional Professional Qualifications:

Member of the Florida Bar since September 2003. Civil Law Notary No. 128 Fluent in Spanish.

Licensees: Realtor: SL664283. Real Estate Broker BK664283 & Notary Public: DD748067 / Florida Insurance 220 and 215

Personal Information:

Cuban refugee, escaped from Cuba in 1994 in a raft. Married with three children.