# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

## **EDUCATION:**

University of Rochester Rochester, New York, U.S.A. 1961-1965, A.B., 1965 (Political Science, Honors Program)

University of Chile Law School Santiago, Chile 1965-1966 (Fulbright Scholar)

University of Madrid Madrid, Spain 1966-1967 (Spanish Government Fellowship: Romance Philology)

Columbia University School of Law New York, New York, U.S.A. 1967-1970, Juris Doctor, 1970

School of Law of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Diploma Revalidation, 1979

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Legal:

Allende & Brea

Buenos Aires, Argentina 1970-1971

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle New York, New York, U.S.A. 1971-1973, 1975

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle São Paulo, Brazil 1973-1975

Gerber & Skola New York, New York, U.S.A. 1975-1977

Escritório Augusto Nobre - Advogados Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 1977-1981

Taylor, Brion, Buker & Greene Miami, Florida, U.S.A 1981 - 1996

Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. Miami, Florida, U.S.A. 1996 - 2002

Thomas J. Skola, Attorney at Law Miami, Florida, U.S.A. 2002 to present

Non-Legal:

International Petroleum Company Lima, Peru 1964 (A.I.S.E.C. Traineeship)

Congressional Intern for Representative Charles Vanik (Ohio) Washington, D.C. 1967 (Summer)

The Experiment in International Living Group Leader (Mexico) 1968 (Summer)

United States Department of State

**Escort-Interpreter** 

1969 and 1970 (Summers)

Academic:

Adjunct Professor of Law: University of Miami School of Law

1988 to 2008

Member of Advisory Board on International and Comparative Law

Programs, Florida International University College of Law

Lecturer:

World Trade Institute of the Americas

Beacon Council Enterprise Florida AIC Conferences

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U.S.A. - Spain Council

University of Miami Law School

Florida Atlantic University

St. Thomas University School of Law

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

## Bar Admissions:

New York State, July, 1971 (Emeritus in 2014)
The Federative Republic of Brazil ("Ordem dos Advogados
do Brasil"), January, 1980
Washington, D.C., December, 1980 to 2014
State of Florida, December, 1980 (Board Certified in International Law, 1999 to 2014)

## Civil Law Notary:

Florida Civil Law Notary, December, 1998

### Bar Association Memberships:

The Florida Bar (International Law Certification Committee) Association of the Bar of the City of New York (Committee of International Law, 1975-1976; Committee on Arbitration, 1976-1977; Committee on Inter-American Affairs, Class of 1988)

### Arbitration:

Panel of Arbitrators:

American Arbitration Association

International Centre for Dispute Resolution

New York, New York, U.S.A.

ICC International Court of Arbitration Paris, France

# Non-Legal Organizations:

Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida Inc. - Board of Directors; Founding Member, President and Treasurer

Florida-Brazil Institute - Co-Chairperson, Advisory Committee

Caribbean Resources Development Foundation, Inc. – Board of Trustees

Florida Council on International Education

## **HONORS**:

Ordem de Rio Branco - Brazil (1996) Lawyer of the Americas Award (2003)

#### PUBLICATIONS AND CREDITS:

#### Publications:

Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Decrees: Argentina, A Case "Study", Lawyer of the Americas, Vol. 4, No. 2, Pgs. 206-219 (June, 1972)

"Conflict of Laws Regarding Separation and Divorce in Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and Colombia", <u>The International Lawyer</u>, Vol. 7, No. 3, Pgs. 696-710 (July, 1973)

"Counterpurchase Sales in the German Democratic Republic", <u>The Columbia Journal of World Business (Spring</u>, 1978)

"The Termination of Representation Agreements: The Application of Foreign Law and the Concept of 'Abuso de Derecho'", <u>California Western International Law Journal</u>, Vol. 11, No. 1, Pgs. 32-51 (Winter, 1981)

"Foreign Loans in Brazil: Theory and Practice", <u>The International Lawyer</u>, Vol. 15, No. 1, Pgs. 73-83 (Winter, 1981)

"An Update on Brazilian Trading Companies and Export Credit", <u>Lawyer of the Americas</u>, Vol. 13, No. 3, Pgs. 421-426 (Winter, 1981)

"Recent Highlights in Brazilian Banking Legislation", <u>Lawyer of the Americas</u>, Vol. 14, No. 1, Pgs. 121-125 (Spring, 1982)

"The Collection of Gaming Debts Outside the United States: An Overview", Gaming & Wagering Business, Vol. 14, No. 9, Pgs. 78-81 (Sept., 1993)

Credits:

"Expropriation in the Americas, A Comparative Law Study, edited by Andreas F. Lowenfeld (1971)

<u>Company Formation in Mexico</u>, Section J. Banking and Finance, prepared by Alexander C. Hoagland (1972)

Legal Memoranda ("Brazil's Proposed Corporations Law", "Investment in the United States of America: Legal Considerations" and "Comments and Observations Regarding the <u>Juicio de Amparo</u> and Arbitration Proceedings in Mexico"), published by <u>Lawyer of the Americas</u>, Vol. 8, No. 2, Pgs. 600-610 (June, 1976)

Report on the Inter-American Convention on Inter-national Commercial Arbitration, published by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (May, 1976)

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