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CAREER BACKGROUND

O'Day Resolutions, Sarasota, FL 2012 – Present

Supreme Court Certified Family & Civil Mediator

Qualified Parenting Coordinator

Board Certified Marital & Family Law Collaborative Attorney

Owner of a Firm specializing in applying mediation and alternative dispute resolution methods to resolving family conflict. (Formerly partnership Professional Resolution Center) Assist families to resolve conflict through mediation. Represent clients interested in resolving their family law matters through the collaborative process. Assist parents to resolve their ongoing conflict through Parenting Coordination. Teach negotiation skills and act as a conflict resolution coach. President of the Family Court Professional Collaborative and Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

Kirk-Pinkerton, P.A., Bradenton, FL 2009 - 2012

Board Certified Marital & Family Law Attorney

Supreme Court Certified Family & Civil Mediator

Qualified Parenting Coordinator

Representing clients in marriage dissolution, custody, support and paternity litigation and mediation. Manage all aspects of client file in preparation for mediation and litigation including discovery, depositions, settlement negotiations and contested hearings. Involved in several complex litigation cases. Act as mediator for parties in dissolution and family litigation cases.

The Law Office of Sharon O'Day, Sarasota, FL 2000 - 2009

Family Law Attorney

Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator (2006)

Attorney representing clients in marriage dissolution, custody, support and paternity litigation and mediation. Also prepare estate planning documents for clients. Responsible for all aspect of firm management including training and supervising staff, case management, accounting, marketing and liaison with community. Active in non-profit sector including serving on the Board of Directors of Gulf Coast Legal Aid, and member of the Family Court Professional Collaborative and the Family Law Advisory Group.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 1992 - 1999

Protection Officer; Maputo, Mozambique (1997 - 1999)

Head of Field Office & Protection Officer; Osijek, Croatia (1993 - 1996)

Eligibility Officer; Hong Kong & Indonesia (1992 - 1993)

Organized and conducted trainings for national refugee officers, police and other government officials including diversity training, refugee training and conflict resolution training.

Represented UNHCR as liaison to the governmental agencies in several countries. Provided information to the media regarding ongoing UNHCR activities. Advocated on behalf of refugees under UNHCR's mandate including determination of refugee status and appeals of negative decisions on status. Prepared extensive reporting for UNHCR headquarters and senior staff regarding issues of local concern for refugees.

Day Labor Assistance Project, CASA of Maryland

1991 - 1992

Project Director & Attorney

Founded project to protect the rights of refugee workers in Silver Spring, MD. Conducted fund-raising for project through developmental grants and community support. Participated in local organizations to raise awareness of the plight of the local refugee and immigrant populations, particularly with respect to workers rights. In less than one year facilitated the transition to a totally refugee managed project.

University of Maryland

1989 & 1990

Adjunct Faculty

Taught pre-law classes: "Lawyers and the Adversary System" and "Introduction to Government & Politics"

CERTIFICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Board Certified in Marital and Family Law June 2010

Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator 2006

Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator 2012

Qualified Parenting Coordinator 2012

Elder Law Mediator Training 2011

Articles published regarding Family Law, Collaborative Law, Mediation & Negotiations

Seminar Presenter & Moderator for Florida Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Conference, Family Court Professional Collaborative (FCPC), The Family Law Sections of the Sarasota County & Manatee County Bar Associations, The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Sarasota County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member Florida Bar 2000 to present

Maryland Bar 1987 to present (currently non-practicing status)

Member 12th Judicial Circuit Family Court Professional Collaborative (FCPC) 2000 to present
Current President

Sarasota County Bar Association, Family Law Section 2000 to present, co-chair 2009-2011

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Chair 2013 to present

Manatee County Bar Association, Family Law Section 2000 to present

Florida Bar Family Law Section, 2001 to present, served on CLE Committee 2003 - 2006,

Rules Committee 2010 to present, Collaborative & Mediation Committee 2011 to present

Board of Directors, Gulf Coast Legal Aid, 2001 to 2009

American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section 2012 to present

EDUCATION

George Washington University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1987

University of Maryland, BA degree with majors in Economics and Government & Politics 1983