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- EDUCATION:** **Duke University School of Law**, Durham, North Carolina.  
J.D., *cum laude*, May 2003 • GPA: 3.6 (3.8 as 1L) • Duke Law's best Constitutional Law grade.  
*Honors: Duke Law Journal*, Executive Editor • David Siegel Scholar.
- Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina.  
A.B., *magna cum laude*, May 2000 • GPA: 3.6 • Majored in Political Science (International Relations) • Minored in History and Economics.  
*Honors:* Departmental Distinction in Political Science • Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society • Freshman Honors Program: *Globalization and Cultural Change*.  
*Honors Thesis: Ethnic Conflict in Northern Ireland: A Horowitzean Analysis.*
- Trinity College Dublin**, Dublin, Ireland.  
Visiting student in History and Politics, October 1998–June 1999 • Point Guard for basketball team.
- EMPLOYMENT:** **Creed & Gowdy, P.A.**, Jacksonville, Florida.  
*Of Counsel*, January 2015–present.
- Burns, P.A.**, Tampa, Florida.  
*Founding Shareholder*, August 2012–present.
- Greenberg Traurig, P.A.**, Tampa, Florida.  
*Senior Associate*, January 2011–April 2012 • Appellate practice group.
- Hill, Ward & Henderson, P.A.**, Tampa, Florida.  
*Senior Associate*, April 2009–December 2010 • Appellate & Litigation practice groups.
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP**, Washington, D.C.  
*Mid-Level Associate*, August 2007–February 2009 • Appellate & Securities Litigation practice groups  
• Frank Wheat Memorial *Pro Bono* Award 2008.
- Sidley Austin LLP**, Washington, D.C.  
*Junior Associate*, October 2004–July 2007 • *Summer Associate*, 2002 & 2003 • Appellate & Litigation practice groups • Vincent Prada *Pro Bono* Award 2006 & 2007.
- Harding, Shultz & Downs, PC**, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
*Summer Associate*, 2001 • Labor & Employment Law practice group.
- CLERKSHIP:** **Hon. Susan H. Black, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit**, Jacksonville, Florida.  
*Law Clerk*, August 2003–August 2004.
- LEADERSHIP:** Marketing Chair, DRI's 2012 Appellate Advocacy Seminar • Speaker, *Distinctions between State and Federal Appellate Practice*, The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Mar. 18, 2011 • Vice Chair, DRI Appellate Advocacy Committee's 2011 *Pro Bono* Appeals Subcommittee • Committee Member, DRI's 2011 Appellate Advocacy Seminar.
- PUBLICATIONS:** *Florida's Stand Your Ground Law Stretches Its Legs*, LAWYER, Spring 2013, at 30-31 • *Navigating the New Florida Appellate Mediation Rules*, LAWYER, Summer 2011, at 14-15 • *Florida State and Federal Appellate Rules: Distinctions with a Difference*, FLA. B.J., June 2010, at 74-76 • Note, *When Life is an Injury: An Economic Analysis of Wrongful Life Lawsuits*, 52 DUKE L.J. 807 (2003) • *Theologians with Slide-Rules: Nietzschean Perspectives on Smith, Jevons, Marx, and Keynes*, 13 DUKE J. ECON. 1 (2001) • *Globalization: Culture or Economics?*, 2 CSIS INTERN WEB J. 11 (1998).
- PERSONAL:** Born and raised in Nebraska • Mother is retired architect from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • Father is retired atomic physicist from Belfast, Northern Ireland • Proficient in French, basic skills in Spanish and Greek • Play basketball, golf, and tennis (captain of high school team, recruited to play college tennis, NTRP 4.5-5.0) • Read fiction and philosophy • National Merit Scholarship Finalist.
- ADMISSIONS:** Florida • District of Columbia • Supreme Court of the United States • Eleventh Circuit • Federal Circuit • Middle District of Florida • Southern District of Florida.