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**EDUCATION:**

**Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
1985 Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*

**St. Andrews University, Fife, Scotland**  
1981-82 Rotary Foundation Educational Award

**Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia**  
1981 Bachelor of Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
English major  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Student Body President  
Student Representative on Board of Trustees  
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, 1981  
- First W&L Student to Receive Faculty's & Students' Highest Honors  
for Achievement and Service  
Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Chapter  
- Regional Student Director of National ODK

**Shorecrest Preparatory School, St. Petersburg, Florida**  
1977 Honors Graduate  
Recipient of Faculty's Outstanding Student Award  
Student Body President  
Shorecrest Athletic Hall of Fame

**PROFESSION:**

**Skelton, Willis & Wallace, LLP**, St. Petersburg, Florida (since 1987)  
*Martindale AV-Rated* (Highest Available Rating)

**Florida Supreme Court**, Tallahassee, Florida (1985-87)  
Law Clerk for the Honorable Justice Ben F. Overton

**Chapman Tripp**, Barristers & Solicitors, Wellington, New Zealand (1984)

**PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENTS, AFFILIATIONS & PUBLICATIONS:**

**AIJA, Association Internationale Des Jeunes Avocats**  
**United States Reporter for Family & Estate Law**  
**Commission**  
*Off-Shore Family Fortunes* (Edinburgh, 2003 Congres)  
*Get My Money, Get My Child: Evidence Management* (Napoli, 2004 Congres)

**ABA, National Graduate Trust School,  
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (2005-06)**

**Florida Bar Appellate Rules Committee (1991-94)**

- Florida Supreme Court and Florida Bar Association committee of judges and attorneys responsible for recommending amendments to Florida Appellate Court Rules.

**Florida Bar Grievance Committee, Sixth Judicial Circuit  
(1993-96)**

- Florida Supreme Court and Florida Bar Association committee of lawyers and non-lawyers responsible for investigating possible lawyer misconduct.

**Florida Bar Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee,  
Sixth Judicial Circuit (1988-93)**

- Florida Bar Association Committee responsible for investigating persons in Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Florida, allegedly practicing law without a license.

**Florida Bar Annual Convention Committee,  
Vice-Chair (1994-95)**

- Florida Bar Association Committee assists the Florida Bar President in planning annual meeting for approximately 50,000 members of Florida Bar.

**Probate Law Committee, Real Property, Probate & Trust Section  
of The Florida Bar (1990-98)**

- Committee reviews and proposes amendments to Florida Probate Code.

**Pinellas County Inns of Court  
Charter and Barrister Member (1988-94)  
Past Member Associate (1995-1997)**

- Non-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics within the legal profession, especially in litigation areas.

**St. Petersburg Bar Association  
Executive Board (1993-96)  
Chair, Real Property Section (1996-97)  
Chair, Membership Committee (1991-93)**

**Community Law Program Volunteer**

- Non-profit organization to provide free legal services to indigent residents of Pinellas County.

**Stetson University College of Law**

- Guest lecturer in topics of estate planning, real property, commercial transactions and acquisitions.

**National Business Institute**

- Continuing education lecturer in topics of probate and trust litigation.

**ADMITTED:**

**United States Supreme Court (1996)**

**United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit (1985)**

**United States District Court, Middle District of Florida (1985)**

**State of Florida (1985)**  
**OTHER AFFILIATIONS:**

**Sabal Trust Company**  
**Board of Directors** (Since Inception in 2003)  
**General Counsel**

- Sabal Trust Company is the largest independent state chartered trust company in the State of Florida with assets under management in excess of \$1.5 billion dollars.

**Ark Royal Insurance Company**  
**Board of Directors** (Since Inception in 2007)  
**Corporate Secretary**

- Ark Royal Underwriters, LLC, and Ark Royal Insurance Company, a state chartered insurance company, are wholly owned subsidiaries of Ark Royal Holdings, LLC. The property & casualty insurance company insures now almost 2% of Florida's policies in force within the personal & commercial residential market.

**Working Ox Capital, LLC**  
**Principal & Manager** (Since Inception in 2011)

- Working Ox Capital provides equipment leasing and financing especially in the metal fabrication and robotic welding industry.

**Hancock Bank/Whitney Bank**  
**Tampa Bay Advisory Board of Directors** (2007-12)

- Whitney Holding Corp., acquired Signature Financial Holdings, Inc., in March, 2007. Hancock Bank acquired the New Orleans-based Whitney Bank in 2011.

**Signature Bank**  
**Board of Directors** (Since Inception in 1999 to 2007)  
**Corporate Secretary**

- Signature Bank, a state chartered banking corporation, was a wholly owned subsidiary of Signature Financial Holdings, Inc., with offices in Pinellas County, Florida.

**Citizens First Trust Company (2004-08)**  
**General Counsel**

- CFTC provided investment management and trust services in The Villages, Florida.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

**Salvador Dali Museum Board of Trustees**  
**Board of Trustees** (2006-12)

- Only Three-Star Michelin rated (highest) museum in the southern United States of America.

**BSA, West Central Florida Council Member** (Since 1967)  
**Scout Council President** (2000-2002)  
**Scout Council Executive Board** (1989 to date)

**Shorecrest Preparatory School, St. Petersburg, Florida**  
**Board of Trustees** (1989 to 1996, 1999 to 2007)  
**Recipient of First Shorecrest Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award**

(2012)

**St. Petersburg Commission on Aging (1990-92)**

Vice-Chair (1992)

Chair, Legislative Committee (1991-92)

- Appointed by Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, the Commission advocates and advises on needs of elderly, including recommendations relating to federal and state legislation.

**St. Petersburg Downtown Rotary Club (1990-96)**

**Pinellas County United Way Campaign**

Executive Volunteer (1988-94)

**Pier Aquarium, Inc.,**

Board of Directors (1988-91)

Secretary/Treasurer

- Involved in creation, funding and expansion of aquarium project which is centerpiece of St. Petersburg Municipal Pier; coordinated activities of the project with Bay Area Research Consortium, which promotes sharing of marine science resources.

**Suncoasters (1990 to 2008)**

Legal & By-laws Committee

- Organization sponsors and administers St. Petersburg Sunshine Festival of States

**Washington & Lee Alumni Scholarship Committee (1987-89)**

**YMCA of St. Petersburg Neighbor-to-Nighbor Program**

**Meals-on-Wheels Delivery Volunteer (1985-87)**

**BORN:** St. Petersburg, Florida