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Florida State University College of Law

Executive Director of the Election Law Center

April 2024-present

- Oversee all day-to-day operations of the Election Law Center, a program that launched in 2023, as a resource for academics, judges, practitioners, lawmakers, students, and the public.
- Lead programming, build partnerships, manage talent recruitment, advance original research projects, and develop long-term strategy to ensure the Center's success.
- Identify and cultivate opportunities for current law students to enhance their professional development.
- Secured statutory designation for the Center during the 2025 legislative session.

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Deputy Secretary of Professional Regulation

January 2023 – March 2024

- Managed the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) Divisions of Professions, Accountancy, Real Estate, Regulation, and Florida Athletic Commission, totaling a \$95 million budget and employing about 350 full-time staff.
- Supervised licensure and regulation 20 professions and 800,000+ licensees, including CPAs, MMA fighters, veterinarians, engineers, and real estate professionals.
- Engaged stakeholders, lobbyists, licensees, and the public through events and presentations.
- Represented the agency to Florida Legislators and Legislative Leadership to advance the DBPR's policy objectives and provide input to Members on their legislative proposals.
- Provided weekly confidential briefings to the Governor's office on issues of significance. Ensure the agency achieves its objectives in a manner consistent with Governor DeSantis's mission.

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis

Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Nuñez

April 2019 – January 2023

- Served as key member of the Governor's Senior Leadership Team during the first term.
- Advised the Lt. Governor on policy areas including aerospace, health, and cybersecurity, as well as on human trafficking and regional issues affecting South Florida.
- Supported high-profile trips and meetings, including White House discussions on human traffic and Texas border law enforcement briefings.
- Regularly attended meetings with legislative leadership, agencies, lobbyists, and private sector executives to advise the Lt. Governor.
- Analyzed policy and budget issues of significance to the Lt. Governor; drafted briefing material.
- Strategically managed the Lt. Governor's speaking and event engagements; prepared remarks, talking points, and developed answers to anticipated questions.

Policy Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Nuñez

January 2019 – March 2019

- Advised the Lt. Governor on health and space policy.

National Republican Senatorial Committee

Director of South Florida Election Day Operations

August – November 2018

- Directed poll watch and legal operations for the Rick Scott for U.S. Senate Campaign through recruitment, training, and credentialing of 1500+ volunteer poll watchers and attorneys.
- Established and managed regional war room for two weeks of Early Voting and on Election Day, strategically assigned poll watchers and roving attorneys to target voting precincts.
- Advised volunteers and campaign on substantive election integrity issues; coordinated with Supervisors of Elections and county officials.

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- Managed recount operation in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, overseeing volunteers and attorneys, ensure a fair, organized machine and manual recount process.

New Jersey Department of State

Deputy Chief of Staff

2017-2018

- Advised New Jersey's first-ever Lieutenant Governor, concurrently served as Secretary of State, on legislation and policy regarding the divisions, commissions, and initiatives under her purview.
- Coordinated with the Division of Elections and Attorney General's office to respond to President Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity's request for voter information.
- Implemented policy changes identified by the Red Tape Review Commission, helping make New Jersey more business-friendly, and aligned with free-market principles.
- Served as de facto ethics officer on the official side during the Lt. Governor's gubernatorial run, the first time in state history that a sitting Secretary of State had ran for Governor.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Legal Specialist

2015-2017

- Advised the Board President, Commissioners, and Executive Director on administrative, jurisdictional, energy, and clean energy matters.
- Drafted Board Orders and administrative rules.
- Served as hearing officer throughout state, gaining hands-on experience in administrative law.

The Federalist Society

Deputy Director of External Relations

2010-2015

- Prepared legal memoranda and advised leadership on state and national policy issues.
- Cultivated relationships with think tanks, policy organizations, government officials, and thought leaders to advance Society's goals; represented Society at conferences and coalition meetings.
- Authored [Guide to Judicial Selection in State High Courts](#), a compendium of how judges are selected in each state, which was cited in a brief to U.S. Supreme Court.

Education

University of Rhode Island

Master's of Marine Affairs, 2012

Roger Williams University School of Law

Juris Doctor, 2010

Rutgers University

Bachelor of Science, 2007

Double Major: Marine Biology and Ecology & Natural Resources, Honors Scholar.

NCAA Division 1 Varsity Women's Crew Team: 3x Letter-winner and 2x Big East Medalist.

Cornell University

Shoals Marine Lab Fellow, 2005

Additional Credentials & Memberships

Bar Membership: Formerly member of NJ Bar (2011-2018).

US Rowing Referee: officiated inter-collegiate races for crews ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Memberships: National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology.