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**Adjunct Professor**

**Teaching:**

*Ribaya v. The Board Of Trustees of the City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa*, Hillsborough Circuit Court, open meetings law challenge to exclusion from public meetings based on false allegations of disrupting meeting.

Media libel/privacy defenses (lead counsel unless otherwise noted):

*Kompothecras v. Bloomberg L.P. et al.*: (Florida counsel for Willkie Farr & Gallagher, NYC), Sarasota Circuit Court, Sarasota County, Florida. Defense of libel, tortious interference, misappropriation of trade secrets and conspiracy claims filed by owner of 1-800-ASK-GARY lawyer referral service and chiropractic clinic, including Florida Journalist's Shield Law challenge.

*Stem v. Kompothecras, et al.*, Florida Second District Court of Appeal, Petition for Writ of Certiorari challenging order to produce unpublished images protected by Journalist's Shield Law.

*Winholtz v. Hordeyczuk*, Pinellas Circuit Court. Defense of libel by Facebook claim, asserting novel issues of public figure status through social media and common law privilege defenses.

*Emerson v. Weekly Planet, Inc. and Sugg*: 5 (t) 0 Tw 3.64 0 T4.84onw3 T1.1 odsT 0 Tw 3.64 0 Td.

*Millen v. Creative Loafing & Washington City Paper*, D.C. Superior Court and U.S. Bankruptcy



utilities, police, education. Spot news photography. Depth investigative reporting and analysis on public issues: transportation, tax assessment, criminal justice facilities, water supply, wastewater disposal. Investigative series on double profits by private utilities followed by overwhelming public support of bond referendum to finance public takeover of water distribution.

1975            Staff Writer, The Clearwater Sun  
-Wrote daily news stories on deadline concerning Pinellas County government, police, spot news and news features. Spot news photography.

**Government Public Information/Public Relations:**

1969-71        U.S. Navy Journalist 3d Class  
1971-2001     U.S. Navy Public Affairs Officer  
-varied assignments throughout the U.S. and overseas from the Mideast & Europe to the Philippines  
-Commanded three Naval Reserve public affairs units  
-U.S. Navy Spokesman for Multinational Peacekeeping Forces, Beirut, Lebanon, Feb.-Jun. 1984, U.S. Sixth Fleet Letter of Commendation

**Education:**

1982            J.D., *summa cum laude*, Stetson University College of Law  
                  Editor-in-Chief, Stetson Law Review  
                  Class Rank: 1 of 66  
                  -Dean's List  
                  -Editor-in-Chief, Stetson 66

**Military**

1967-2001 Seaman Recruit (E-1) to Captain (O-6), United States Naval Reserve  
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