Frank de la Torre

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Professional Experience

Broward County Public Defenders Office, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Chief Assistant Public Defender: Supervisor Felony Division, Former Chief of Juvenile Division, Former Chief of Domestic Violence Division
Chief Assistant 1988 to 2018
Assigned, trained and supervised lawyers and interns, conducted monthly meetings, interviewed and assisted in selection of new lawyers, and coordinated in-service programs.

Broward County Public Defenders Office, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Assistant Public Defender: Felony Division, 1984-2018
Tried Major Felony Cases, including First Degree Homicide Cases

Broward County Public Defenders Office, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Assistant Public Defender: Juvenile Division, 1984
Tried delinquency cases, conducted Baker Act Hearings

Volusia County State Attorney's Office, Daytona Beach, Florida
Assistant State Attorney: Juvenile Division, 1983-1984
Tried dependency and delinquency cases.

Education

Nova University Law School, Davie, Florida
Juris Doctorate Degree, July 1983

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Arts Degree December 1979

Miami Dade Community College, Miami, Florida
Associate of Arts Degree, December 1977

Teaching Experience

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

Interim Associate Dean CSWCJ July 1, 2024, to present
Full Time Online Instructor CSWCJ 2022 to present
Adjunct Instructor Criminal Justice Department, 1993 to 2022
Taught undergraduate courses in the in the Criminal Justice Department including, Criminal Law and the Constitution, Issues in Criminal Law, Judicial Administration, Juvenile Administration, Death Penalty, Criminal Evidence, and Criminal Justice Systems.

Developed and taught fully online CJJ 4361 Death Penalty in America. The course has passed peer review and has obtained Q.M recognition.

Developed and taught Stand Your Ground. The first time the course was taught in Florida. The course is still offered at FAU by another department.

Developed and taught CCJ 4196 Immigration and the C.J.S. The course has passed peer review and has obtained Q.M. recognition.

Currently Issues in Criminal Law course has passed peer review and is currently going through the QM process.

Broward Community College, Hollywood, Florida

Adjunct Instructor Para Legal Department 1992-1993
Taught undergraduate courses in the Para Legal Department, including, Business Law, Property, and Criminal Procedure.

Public Defender Statewide Conference, Key West, Florida

December 1993
Lecturer-Detention Criteria

Public Defender Statewide conference, West Palm Beach, Florida

November 1992
Lecturer- Writ Process in Juvenile Law
Teaching Experience Continued
Public Defenders Statewide Conference, Cocoa Beach, Florida
Lecturer-Detention Criteria

Broward County Police Academy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
1988

Taught Comparative Compliance Course, which encompassed Juvenile Law, Search and Seizure, Baker Acts and Federal Constitutional Law

Local and State Committees

State Risk Assessment Instrument Committee, 1990 to 1992

Assisted interdisplinary team in developing a risk assessment instrument for all juveniles in the state of Florida upon their arrest. The instrument is still in use statewide.

Broward County Juvenile Justice Board,1990-1997

Assisted County-wide Board in coordinating juvenile policy throughout the county.

Broward County Detention Advisory Board, 1989-1997

Participated as member of county-wide board responsible for the overview and monitoring of Broward Juvenile Detention Center.

Honors and Publications

Co-Author: Quantifying the Impact: From Prevalence to Harm in Evaluating Police Misconduct 2024. Lisa Dario, Gabriel T. Cesar, Kristina Jalbert & Frank de la Torre

Florida Atlantic University 2011

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty - MacArthur Campus

Broward County Public Defenders Supervisor of the Year

1992 and 1999

Author: "Adjudicatory Hearings in Delinquency Cases*"*
Supplement of Florida Juvenile Law and Practice, 1993

Special Skills

Fluent in Spanish

Personal
Date of Birth: 9/20/1956
Married 40 years
Two Children