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**EXPERIENCE:**

- (2001 to 2014) **LAW OFFICE OF CHRISTOPHER MARK NEILSON, P.A.**,  
General practice of law, encompassing civil, juvenile, and personal injury matters.
- (2004 to 2005) **SPECIAL MAGISTRATE**, City of Hollywood, Florida Presided  
over code enforcement violation hearings.
- (1999 to 2004) **SPECIAL MASTER**, City of Hollywood, Florida.  
Presided over code enforcement violation hearings and vehicle impoundment cases.
- (1998 to 2001) **LAW OFFICE OF CHRISTOPHER M. NEILSON**,  
General practice of law, encompassing civil, juvenile and personal injury matters.
- (1994 to 1998) **JUDICIAL STAFF ATTORNEY, 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN  
AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Reviewed pleadings, researched issues, and assisted Circuit Court Judges with  
research, review and preparation of motions and orders encompassing pre-trial, trial  
and post-judgment matters, as well as Appeals from County Court.
- (1992 to 1993) **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (FLORIDA)  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
*Consumer Litigation/Economic Crime Section:*  
Represented the State of Florida in litigation and enforcement of  
Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.  
Investigated price gouging after Hurricane Andrew.  
*Hurricane Andrew Mediation:*  
Represented the State of Florida in Alternative Dispute Resolution  
proceedings in settlement of insurance claims for victims of Hurricane.  
*Civil Litigation Section:*  
Defense of State and Federal civil rights claims.
- (1987 to 1992) **LAW OFFICES OF CHRISTOPHER MARK NEILSON**  
(Fort Lauderdale, Florida)  
*General Law practice:*  
Including criminal defense, family, probate, civil and personal injury cases.
- (1979 to 1987) **CHRIS NEILSON INVESTIGATIONS, INC. /AMERICAN EAGLE  
INVESTIGATIONS, INC.** (Licensed by the State of Florida) President  
and Owner of Investigative Agency:  
Specialized in providing investigative services for attorneys: Interviewed witnesses,  
conducted surveillance, collected evidence, and located missing persons and  
property.
- (1972 to 1979) **HOLLYWOOD (FLORIDA) POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Officer: Served in numerous capacities in most divisions of agency.  
Police Instructor and Class Adviser: Supervised 33 police recruits at 69th Police Academy.  
*Received several commendations.*  
**Awarded Officer of the Month**, February, 1977.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Admitted to United States Supreme Court, 2004.

Admitted to United States Southern, and Middle, District Courts of Florida, 1991-93.

American Inns of Court, Stephen R. Booher Inn, 2002 to date.

American Society for Industrial Security, **Chairman**, Broward County Chapter 104, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1990.

Florida Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 2004-06; Member Benefits Committee, 1994; Criminal Law Ethics Section, 1989-90.

Fraternal Order of Police, **President**, Florida Law Enforcement Lodge 90, 1983-84.

Hollywood Police Officers' Retirement Association, **President**, 1990-91.

Rotarian, Rotary Club, Hollywood, Florida; 2003 to date; Board of Directors 2004-05; Chair Interact Committee 2005-07; Assistant Secretary 2006-08.

## **EDUCATION:**

**Nova University Center for the Study of Law: Juris Doctor 1984**  
Class standing: 26 of 74.

### **Honors:**

Dean's Book Award: Federal Income Tax, 1982.

Dean's Book Award: Professional Responsibility, 1982. Law

School Clerk: For Judge Norman C. Roettger, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.

### **Biscayne College:**

Master of Science, Human Resources Management, G.P.A. 3.66, May, 1979.

### **New York Institute of Technology:**

Bachelor of Science Degree, *cum laude*, in Behavioral Sciences, June, 1976.

### **Broward County Police Academy, 48th Class:**

#### **Outstanding Graduate:**

First in class (academically and in firearm qualification) November, 1974.

### **Broward Community College:**

Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, 1974.

**Academic Honors: Dean's List and President's List**, 1974.

**Broward College Distinguished Alumni Service to the Community Award, 2015.**

## **BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:**

**PRESIDENT, Broward County Bar Association ((BCBA) 2008-2009.**  
(BCBA President-Elect 2007-2008; BCBA Secretary/Treasurer 2006-2007).

**CHAIR,** BCBA Membership Committee. 2004-05.

**CHAIR,** BCBA Bench-Bar Committee. 2002-04.

BCBA, Board of Directors. 2002-06.

Peer Review Committee, BCBA. 2002 to date.

Publication Committee, BCBA.

**BCBA AWARDS:** **BCBA *Quadrennial Bench and Bar Conference Co-Chair & Sponsor, 2005.***

*Chairman,* Sponsorship Committee, 2000-2001, Bench and Bar Conference.

*Outstanding Service Award,* 2002-2003.

*Outstanding Board Member,* 2004-2005.

*Committee Chair of the Year,* Membership Committee, 2005-2006.

**TEACHING:** **Broward County Police Academy: Police Instructor and Class Advisor:**  
*Supervised 33 police recruits* at 69th Police Academy.

Broward County Bar Association Young Lawyers' Section presenter on "Nuts & Bolts of Starting Your Own Firm", at The Tower Club, November 15, 2007.

Civil Procedure Lecturer: BCBA Bench Bar Convention, 2001.

Co-Chair and Moderator for the BCBA Bench-Bar Convention, held at the Broward County Convention Center, attended by 500 lawyers and judges.

Florida Bar Leadership Seminar: Selected as presenter for July 2006.

*Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division: Lecturer* for Florida Lawyers Assistance on substance abuse for new lawyers at several Florida Bar Bridge the Gap Seminars.

Nova University Shepard Broad Law Center Moot Court Society F. Lee Bailey *National Moot Court Competition Judge*, 1992.

Nova University Shepard Broad Law Center Moot Court Society Appellate Legal Education Martin Feinreider Memorial *Intramural Competition Judge*, 1990, 1991.

Nova University Shepard Broad Law Center *Mentor*, 1989, 1990.

Nova University Center for the Study of Law: Planned, **Chaired** and presented **Florida Bar Accredited** Continuing Legal Education Seminar on "**Alcohol and Substance Abuse: An Overview**", May 1989.

*Volunteer Big Brother / Big Sisters of Broward, 1980-83.*