

FAMILY LAW MEDIATOR
GUARDIAN AD LITEM
SPECIAL NEEDS ATTORNEY



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CV PROFILE

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2010

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2014

BOARD CERTIFIED SPECIALIST

In Marital & Family Law by The Florida Bar

FAMILY LAW MEDIATOR

Florida Supreme Court Certified

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Giving Children a Voice

SARAH E. KAY, ESQ., BCS

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Sarah E. Kay is a board-certified specialist in Marital and Family Law through The Florida Bar—a designation held by fewer than 1 percent of Florida lawyers.

While a trial-tested litigator, Sarah is also experienced in collaborative divorce and is a Certified Family Law Mediator by The Florida Supreme Court.

Sarah is dedicated to building a stronger community through serving as a mediator, serving as a guardian ad litem, and helping her clients explore all options available to them in and out of court to reach an efficient and effective resolution of their family law or special needs law matters.



EDUCATION

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Juris Doctorate (2010)

Graduated Magna Cum Laude

STETSON UNIVERSITY

Master of Business Administration (2010)

Graduated Academic Honors

Top 10% of MBA Class

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of Education (2003)

GORDON COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education (1999)

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

HONORS & AWARDS

ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD

Family Law Section of the Florida Bar (2016, 2017, 2019)

PRO BONO AWARD

Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers (2019)

AV PREEMINENT RATING

Martindale Hubbell (2017-2019)

RISING STAR IN FAMILY LAW IN FLORIDA

Super Lawyers Magazine (2013-2019)

TEN BEST FLORIDA FEMALE ATTORNEYS IN CLIENT SATISFACTION

American Institute of Family Law Attorneys (2017-2019)

CHAIR'S AWARD OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

Family Law Section of The Florida Bar (2018)

LAWYERS DISTINCTION

Member (2017-2018)

LEGAL ELITE IN FAMILY LAW

Florida Trend Magazine (2017)

MOST HONORED PROFESSIONALS

American Registry (2017)

FLORIDA'S EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG LAWYERS HONOREE

American Registry (2017)

TOP 100 LAWYERS IN FLORIDA IN MATRIMONIAL & FAMILY LAW

National Advocates (2016)

TEN BEST FLORIDA FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS UNDER 40 IN CLIENT SATISFACTION

American Institute of Family Law Attorneys (2016)

TOP 5% AMERICA'S MOST HONORED PROFESSIONALS

American Registry (2015-2016)

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers (2015)

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR SERVICE AWARD

Family Law Section of The Florida Bar (2013)

RISING STAR AWARD

Family Law Section of The Florida Bar (2013)

BEST PRESENTATION OF THE YEAR

Tampa Bay Inn of Court, as a member of the Hon. John N. Conrad's pupillage (2012-2013)

MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers (2011-2012)

ARTICLES & SYMPOSIA EDITOR

Stetson Law Review (2008-2010)

HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Stetson University College of Law (2007-2008)

WILLIAM E. BLEWS PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

Stetson University College of Law (2010)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Stetson University College of Law (2010)

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS

Stetson University of Law (2009-2010)

DR. ROYCE MILLER FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARD

Gordon College (1998)



PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS, MEMBER (2011-PRESENT)

- Take Your Child to Work Day Committee Chair (2019-2020)
- Past-President (2019-Present)
- Immediate Past-President (2018-2019)
- President (2017-2018)
- President-Elect, 2016-2017
- Vice President of Membership (2015-2016)
- Vice President of Programs (2014-2015)
- Board of Directors, Member (2012-Present)
- Mentoring Program, Mentor (2011-2013; 2015-Present)
- Legislative Committee, Member (2011-2013)
- Community Outreach Cmte., Member (2011-2014; Co-Chair 2012-2014)
- CLE Committee, Member (2011)

THE FLORIDA BAR, MEMBER (2010-PRESENT)

- Family Law Section, Member (2010-Present)
- Executive Council Family Law Section, Member (2015-Present)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Member (2018-Present)
- Solo & Small Firms Section, Member (2018-2019)
- Family Law Continuing Legal Education Cmte., Member (2016-Present), Co-Secretary (2016-2017), Chair (2017-2018), Co-Chair (2018-2019)
- Family Law Cert. Review Course Committee, Member (2017-Present)
- Family Law Finance Committee, Member (2017-2019)
- Family Law Technology Cmte., Member (2016-Present), Chair (2016-2018, 2019-Present)
- Family Law Long Range Planning Cmte., Member (2019-Present)
- Family Law Ad Hoc Diversity & Inclusion, Member (2019-Present)
- Family Law Rules and Forms Committee, Member (2011-2017, 2018-Present), Co-Chair (2015-2017)
- Family Law Publications Committee, Member (2011-2016), Vice Chair Commentator (2015-2016), Associate Editor of Fla. B. Fam. L. Commentator (Spring 2012), Chair Fla. B. Journal (2012-2015)
- Family Law Ad Hoc Const. Revision Cmte., Member (2016-2018)
- Family Law Equitable Distribution Committee, Member (2016-2018), Co-Vice Chair (2016-2017)
- Family Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Cmte., Member (2016-2017)
- Legislative Committee, Member (2013-2014, 2017-2018)
- Domestic Violence Committee, Member (2016-2017)
- Family Law Adoption, Paternity, Dependency & Children's Issues Committee, Member (2011-2016)
- Young Lawyers Division, Member (2010-2015)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, MEMBER (2010-PRESENT)

- Family Law Division, Member (2010-Present)
- Young Lawyers Division, Member (2010-2015)
- 5k Pro Bono River Run Committee, Member (2012-2017), Co-Chair (2013 & 2014 races)
- Leadership Institute, President (Class of 2013)

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS, MEMBER (2011-PRESENT)

- Young Lawyers Section Committee, Member (2012-2014)
- Legislative Committee, Member (2012-2013)
- FAWL Logo Committee, Member (2014)

ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS, MEMBER (2014-PRESENT)

- Florida Chapter, Member (2014-Present)

COUNCIL OF PARENT ATTORNEYS & ADVOCATES (COPA), INC., MEMBER (2018-PRESENT)

- Member (2018-Present)

COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW ORGANIZATIONS

- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Member (2015-2019)
- Next Generation Divorce, Member (2015-2019)
- Florida Association of Collaborative Professionals, Member (2016-2019)

J. CLIFFORD CHEATWOOD AMERICAN INN OF COURT, MEMBER (2010-2012)

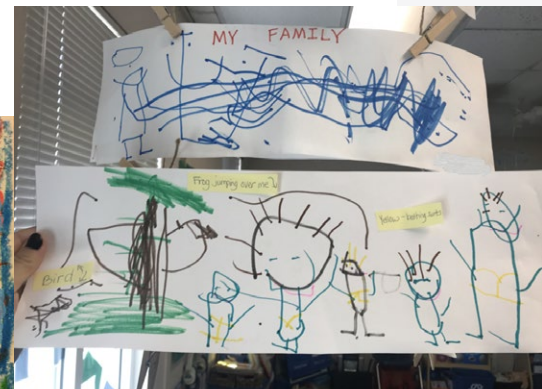
- Pupil (2010-2012)

TAMPA BAY INN OF COURT, MEMBER (2012-2014)

- Associate (2012-2014)
- Award Recipient (2012-2013) Best Presentation of the Year, Hon. John N. Conrad's pupilage

HONOR SOCIETIES

- Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language Honor Society, Member
- Phi Alpha Chi Honor Society, Member
- Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, Member
- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, Cardozo Inn, Member



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

THE MECHANICS OF BOARD CERTIFICATION, PANELIST SPEAKER

The Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, Audio CLE (2019 & 2017)

MARITAL & FAMILY LAW BOARD CERTIFICATION EXAM TIPS & NIBBLES

Certification Review Course, The Family Law Section of The Florida Bar & AAML (2020 & 2018 (speaker) and 2019 (moderator))

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN FAMILY LAW CASES, MODERATOR

Special Needs Children & Family Law CLE, Family Law Section of the Florida Bar (2019)

MAKING ADOBE ACROBAT WORK FOR YOU, SPEAKER

Webinar CLE, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of The Florida Bar (2019)

TECHNOLOGY & ETHICS, CO-SPEAKER

Trial Advocacy Seminar, Family Law Section of The Florida Bar (2019)

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF EXCEL, CO-SPEAKER

Webinar CLE, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of The Florida Bar (2019)

MICROSOFT WORD FOR MEDIATORS - SPEAKER

Webinar CLE, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of The Florida Bar (2019)

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO ADVANCEMENT WHILE BEING WHO YOU ARE, PANELIST

Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, International Women's Day CLE (2019)

MARITAL & FAMILY LAW BOARD CERTIFICATION EXAM TIPS & NIBBLES, MODERATOR

Certification Review Course, The Family Law Section of The Florida Bar & AAML (2018 & 2019)

MASTERING MICROSOFT OFFICE, SPEAKER

Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Audio CLE (2018)

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF MICROSOFT OFFICE & ADOBE, SPEAKER & CO-SPEAKER

National Business Institute (2017)

THE NEW FAMILY LAW RULES EXPLAINED, SPEAKER

St. Petersburg Bar Association Family Law Section (2017)

FAMILY LAW, SPEAKER

Adjunct Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law (2015)

The 7 DEADLY SINS IN A FAMILY LAW CASE, SPEAKER

Tampa Bay Paralegal Association (2015)

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD: DISCOVERY SHENANIGANS, CO-PRESENTER

Tampa Bay Inn of Court, Hon. Richard Nielsen Pupilage (2014)

HONEY I SHRUNK THE JUDGE: BEST PRACTICES FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, CO-PRESENTER

Tampa Bay Inn of Court, Hon. John N. Conrad Pupilage (2013)

VOIR DIRE AND RELATED ETHICAL ISSUES, CO-PRESENTER

J. Clifford Cheatwood Inn of Court, Hon. William Levens Pupilage (2011)

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE AND RELATED ETHICAL ISSUES, CO-PRESENTER

J. Clifford Cheatwood Inn of Court, Hon. Elizabeth Jenkins Pupilage (2011)

REDEFINING PARENTHOOD: REMOVING NOSTALGIA FROM THIRD PARTY CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION DECISIONS IN FLORIDA, SPEAKER

Stetson Law Review Scholarship Presentation (2009)

FLORIDA'S AMENDMENT TWO, CO-SPEAKER

University of South Florida Departments of Public Health, Nursing and Medicine, Alberto Romero, Esq. (2008)



PUBLISHED WORKS

MAKING FAMILY LAW MEDIATION FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Fla. B. ADR Section, *The Common Ground* (2018)

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR MICROSOFT WORD IN LEGAL DOCUMENT PREPARATION

31 Fla. Fam. L. Commentator 28 (2018)

UPGRADING TECHNICAL COMPETENCE

29 Fla. F. Fam. L. Commentator 42 (2016)

TEN MOBILE APPS TO UPGRADE YOUR PRACTICE,

29 Fla. B. Fam. L. Commentator 15 (2016)

EFFECTIVE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL AFFIDAVITS IN FLORIDA FAMILY LAW CASES

Strategies for Family Law in Florida 137, Assisted author Jennifer Ficarrota (Aspatore 2015)

PURPOSEFUL NAVIGATION THROUGH THE SEAS OF SOCIAL CHANGE: A THEORY-BASED APPROACH TO FLORIDA ALIMONY REFORM

Fla. B. J. 60 , Co-author with Alexa Revord Larkin (2014)

PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE LAW LEGISLATION IN FLORIDA

24 HCBA Lawyer 18 (2014)

THE FLORIDA FAMILY LAW LAWYER'S USER GUIDE TO ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

25 Fla. B. Fam. L. Commentator 15 (2012)

REDEFINING PARENTHOOD: REMOVING NOSTALGIA FROM THIRD PARTY CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION DECISIONS IN FLORIDA

39 Stetson L. R. 317 (2009)

SARAH E. KAY IS

A PUBLISHED AUTHOR

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY AT THE GEORGE EDGECOMB HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

- Committee Chair (2019-2020)
- Courthouse Tour Leader (2017)
- Mock Trial Participant (2014, 2016, 2017)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION COMMITTEE

- Member (2011)

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT U.S DISTRICT COURT FOR MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

- Volunteer and Mock Trial Coach (2011)

GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN, SPEAKER

- Robinson High School (2008)
- Plant High School (2010-2012)

AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

- Returnee (1995-Present)
- Volunteer (2000-Present)
- Liaison (2001-2002) (2006-2008) (2011-2012) (2014-2015) (2016-2017)
- Host Mother (2007-2009)
- Tampa Bay Chapter Sending Coordinator (2008-2013)
- Florida Area Team Sending Coordinator (2009-2013)
- Tampa Bay Chapter Chair (2012-2013)





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