

**ELIZABETH S. KATZEN**

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**Coral Gables, Florida 33146**

**Current Academic Rank:**        **Lecturer**  
**Primary Department:**        **Business Law**  
**Citizenship:**                **USA**

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Institutional:**

**University of Miami School of Law**

Juris Doctor 1988  
Activities: Student Bar Association; Chair, Speakers Committee; Academic Standards Committee;  
Women's Law Society; The Society of Bar and Gavel Honor Society  
Honors: The Society of Bar and Gavel Award for Service and Leadership; Student Bar  
Association Service Award  
Postgraduate Honors: Iron Arrow Honor Society and Thomas Davison, III, Memorial Service  
Award

**Florida International University**

Bachelor of Science in Communication 1985  
Activities: Editor-In-Chief, Managing Editor, Features Editor and contributing writer of the  
Florida International University student newspaper

**Miami Dade College**

Associate in Arts degree 1983

**Convent of the Sacred Heart, Carrollton**

1979  
Activities: Student Government Association, Senator  
Honor: Social Service Award Recipient for the Class of 1979

**EXPERIENCE**

**Academic:**

**Lecturer of Business Law** 2015 – present  
**School of Business Administration**  
**University of Miami**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

**Adjunct Lecturer of Litigation Skills** 2011 - present  
**School of Law**  
**University of Miami**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

### **Non-Academic:**

**Honor** Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Highest Rating in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards

**Katzen & Katzen**, Miami, Florida 1994 - present  
Partner in law firm with a concentration in the areas of personal injury and criminal defense.

**State of Florida**, Miami-Dade County 1999 - present  
Hearing Officer  
Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer presiding over pretrial issues and trials.

**Law Offices of Bennett H. Brummer**, Miami, Florida 1988-1991 & 1992-1994  
Assistant Public Defender  
Litigation attorney representing indigent criminal defendants charged with crimes ranging from criminal traffic offenses to felonies, including a death certified first degree murder case.

**Federal Public Defender's Office**, Miami, Florida 1991 – 1992  
Assistant Public Defender  
Litigation attorney representing indigent criminal defendants, including those accused of a complex HUD fraud; a violation of the Cold War Act; multiple drug trafficking indictments and being an Armed Career Criminal.

**University of Miami School of Law**, Coral Gables, Florida 1986 – 1988  
Legal Research Assistant to Professor Thomas Wills. Responsibilities included researching and revising The Florida Habitual Offender Statute. Our submission was passed by The Florida Legislature. Researched and submitted revisions regarding The Florida Sentencing Guidelines Rule and the juvenile justice rehabilitative facilities in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

### **Licensure/Certification**

The Florida Bar 1988 - present  
United States District Court, Southern District of Florida 1995 – present  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit 1995 – present

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

**University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association**  
Executive Board 1999 - 2005  
Past President 2004 - 2005  
President 2003 - 2004  
Vice-President 1999 - 2003  
Board of Directors 1995 – present

**Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center Advisory Board @ Jackson Memorial Hospital/Public Health Trust, Miami, Florida**

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|--------------|-------------|
| Chairperson  | 2004 - 2009 |
| Board Member | 2003 - 2009 |

**Florida Bar Grievance Committee**

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Vice-Chair | 1999      |
| Member     | 1997-1999 |

**Dade County Bar Association**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Domestic Violence Committee | 1996 - 1997 |
| Kids Club Committee         | 1995 - 1996 |
| Professionalism Committee   | 1994 - 1995 |

**Florida Association For Women Lawyers, Miami-Dade County Chapter**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Member                       | present               |
| Board of Directors           | 1994-1995 & 1997-1998 |
| Chair, Scholarship Committee | 1994-1995 & 1997-1998 |

**Miami-Dade County Teen Court**

Volunteer as a judge presiding over diverted juvenile criminal cases.

**PUBLICATIONS and COURT FILINGS (selected)**

Erika Hall, as Guardian of the person and property of Charles Edward Hall, et al. v. Macy's Florida Stores, LLC, et al., (commercial negligence action)

Case No. 09-67749CA24, Miami-Dade Circuit Court, Civil Division, Plaintiff's Fifth Amended Complaint (2014)

The State of Florida v. Donnie Lee Cook (criminal prosecution public corruption)

Case No. F05-29234F, Miami-Dade Circuit Court, Criminal Division, Defendant's Amended Post Trial Renewal of Motions and Objections, Motion for Judgment of Acquittal or in the Alternative Motion for New Trial (2008)

Beverly R. Waltner v. Weldink and Evans d/b/a Subway Sandwich Shop. (commercial negligence action)

Case No. 98-618, District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, Plaintiff's appeal of trial court Order granting Defendant commercial establishment's motion for summary judgment (1998)

The State of Florida v. Cassius Forte, (criminal appeal)

Case No. 95-182, District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, Defendant's appeal of trial court's failure to allow use of preemptory challenge and limiting cross examination of police officer (1995)

The State of Florida v. Edwin Whitehead (criminal appeal)

Case No. 94-1955, District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District, Defendant's appeal of trial court's imposition of sentence that deviated from written order (1995)

United States of America v. Sammie Lee Vicks (armed career criminal prosecution)

Case No. 91-111-CR-Atkins, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida Defendant's Motion to Suppress Physical and Testimonial Evidence and Request for Evidentiary Hearing (1991)