



Carla P. Lowry, Esq.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Criminal Defense
- Family Law
- Immigration Law
- Criminal Appeals

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

State Attorney's Office, 13th Judicial Circuit, Felony Trial Unit, Tampa, FL

Assistant State Attorney November 2006 – September 2007
Prosecuted hundreds of felony criminal cases. Conducted several Jury Trials, including capital and life felonies. Consistently managed caseloads exceeding 300 open cases. Authored and argued numerous pre and post trial constitutional motions.

Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, Southern and Middle District, Fort Lauderdale, FL and Tampa, FL

Assistant Counsel August 2005 – September 2006
Counsel for post-conviction clients facing capital punishment. Author Federal and State briefs and Habeas Petitions for appellate consideration. Assist lead counsel in preparing oral arguments for the Florida Supreme Court. Investigate client's entire procedural posture from transcripts through initial appellate matters. Train and practice for service of death warrants.

Office of the Public Defender, 6th and 17th Judicial Circuits, Clearwater, FL and Fort Lauderdale, FL

Assistant Public Defender January 2001 - August 2005
Represented criminal defendants on misdemeanor and felony cases, including life felony cases. Successfully litigated over 50 jury and non-jury trials. Researched, drafted and argued motions; conducted investigations, expert and lay witness depositions and witness interviews. Handled civil Baker Act hearings. Responsible for an average of 150 cases at a time. Lead attorney for interns on various misdemeanor and juvenile cases.

Law Offices of Carlson and Meissner, Clearwater, FL

Clerk May 2000 - August 2000
Authored and researched pre-trial motions. Assisted in the preparation of criminal, workers compensation, and personal injury cases. Participated in the defense of a 1st Degree Murder client.

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, FL

Juris Doctor: December 2000
Activities: Honor Court Justice
Tulane University School of Law, Paris, France
Civil Government Clinic, Office of the Attorney General###

The Cinderella of Government: Judicial Reform in Latin America,
California Western International Law Journal, Spring 2000

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Bachelor of Arts: May 1996

Activities: Orlando Science Center, Youth Programs Manager

BAR ADMISSIONS

United States District Court Middle District of Florida, 2004

United States District Court □ Southern District of Florida, 2007

State of Florida, 2001

FLUENT IN SPANISH