

A. MARGOT MOSS

40 N.W. 3rd Street, PH1, Miami, Florida 33128
786-427-4831 (cellular)
mmoss@markuslaw.com

LEGAL

EXPERIENCE: **Markus/Moss PLLC**

August 2010 to present

Partner: Defend clients throughout the United States in federal and state white-collar criminal investigations and cases at the trial and appellate level. Markus/Moss is a nationally recognized trial and appellate boutique law firm that is known for taking on very difficult cases and winning.

Trial practice includes over 100 trials.

Fowler White Burnett, P.A., Miami, FL

December 2006 to July 2010

Shareholder: Advocated for clients investigated or indicted for white-collar crimes, including mortgage fraud, tax evasion, securities litigation, money laundering, and healthcare fraud. Practice included representation of individuals and corporations in federal and state court in Florida and all other states. Trial attorney in multiple civil cases in the areas of wrongful death, real estate disputes, personal injury, and complex commercial litigation.

Law Offices of Bennett H. Brummer, Public Defender, Miami, FL

August 1996 to December 2006

Assistant Public Defender: Represented indigent clients in state criminal court (juvenile, felony, and county courts) by preparing and trying cases, managing a daily court calendar, taking depositions, researching legal issues, visiting crime scenes, interviewing clients and witnesses, negotiating pleas, and conducting sentencing hearings. Defended clients charged with upper level felonies, *e.g.*, murder, sexual battery, armed robbery, etc. *Training Coordinator:* Trained, assisted and mentored new felony attorneys in the preparation and trial of their cases and educated them in various areas of criminal law, including all recent appellate decisions. Also conducted seminars and lectures regarding criminal sentencing in the state court system, competency in the criminal system, closing arguments, impeachment, voir dire, objections, trial performance, and depositions.

Gerald T. Bennett Prosecutor/Public Defender Trial Training Program, Gainesville, FL

2005, 2006

Faculty Member: Evaluated and instructed young attorneys in trial skills (*e.g.*, voir dire, opening statements, direct and cross-examination, closing arguments); demonstrated direct examination of an expert witness testifying about Battered Spouse Syndrome.

PROFESSIONAL

ASSOCIATIONS:

Women's White Collar Defense Association, Thought Leadership Committee, 2020

Federal Bar Association, Miami Chapter, Board of Directors, 2020

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Miami Chapter, President, 2014; Vice-President, 2013; Secretary, 2012, Director, 2011

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Chapter Representative, 2015

Dade County Bar Association, Member, Criminal Courts Committee, 2010-2017

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Secretary, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Client Services Committee, 2011-2017

Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida, former Vice-President, Treasurer, Director

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

PUBLICATIONS:

Will There Be Criminal Prosecution?, South Florida Legal Guide, August 2017

Restitution in Federal White Collar Cases: Squeezing Blood From a Stone, The Champion, June 2016

Edith Georgi Receives the Criminal Justice Award – A Lifetime Career of Saving Lives, The Dade County Bar Association Bulletin, July 2015

The Pain of Pill Mills: Overcharging for Overdistributing, South Florida Legal Guide, Midyear 2012

The Drug Trafficking Statute Can't Handle the Pain, The Florida Defender, Summer 2012

Removing the Veil of Secrecy in Grand Jury Proceedings, The Florida Defender, Spring 2010

You Never Said That Before: A Brief Review of Negative Impeachment, The Florida Defender, Summer 2009

COURT

- ADMISSIONS: Supreme Court of the United States
 Supreme Court of Florida
 Supreme Court of North Carolina
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS:

- COVID-Era Challenges to Federal Indictments: The Fair Cross-Section Requirement, Statutes of Limitations, and Speedy Trial Rights** Women’s White Collar Defense Association, Water CoolerPLUS, 2020
The Path to Legal Entrepreneurship for Minorities: Raising Awareness and Raising the Ceiling - Challenges and Opportunities FBA South Florida Chapter, 2020
Winning with Experts and Evidence DCBA Bench & Bar Conference 2019
Effective Visuals for White Collar Trials ABA White Collar Conference 2019
Winning in Federal Practice American Inns of Court Bench & Bar Conference 2019
Creative Approaches to Sentencing Hearings 26th Annual National Seminar on Federal Sentencing 2017
Trends in the Eleventh Circuit: Legal Analysis of Recent Decisions Advanced Federal Practice 2015
Women Lawyers: The Crap People Think But Won’t Admit FACDL 28th Annual Meeting 2015

PRO BONO, COMMUNITY SERVICE & DISTINCTIONS:

- Band 3, Chambers & Partners** 2020
Best Lawyers in America 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Gideon’s Hope Selection Committee 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Selection Committee, The Women of Distinction Judicial Reception 2019
FACDL-Miami, Mentoring Event 2019
Winner, Most Effective Lawyers (Criminal Law), Daily Business Review 2018
Top Lawyers, South Florida Legal Guide 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Best Law Firms in America 2018, 2019, 2020
Host Committee, Dade County Bar Association, We Can Dream Pro Bono Gala 2017
Finalist, Dade County Bar Association, Legal Luminary: White Collar Criminal Law 2017
Finalist, Dade County Bar Association, Legal Luminary: White Collar Criminal Law 2016
Host Committee, Legal Services of Greater Miami, 50th Anniversary Gala 2016
Founder, Gideon’s Hope 2015
Gideon’s Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which partnered with The Miami Foundation to provide scholarships to the most talented and dedicated Miami-Dade Assistant Public Defenders so they can keep defending the rights of poor people in Miami.
Volunteer Attorney, Clemency Project 2015-2016
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Small Claims Court Clinic Attorney 2014, 2016
Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back, Guardian Ad Litem 2009 to 2013

Ensuring Equal Justice Initiative, Miami, FL 2010 to 2012
Pro Bono Attorney: Represented indigent individuals accused of crimes as part of the Miami Dade Public Defender's Office pro bono project. As part of this project, volunteer private attorneys within the community agree to accept cases in an attempt to ease the workload for young public interest lawyers.

Lawyers for Children America, Miami, FL 2009 to 2011
Volunteer Attorney: Represent as Attorney ad Litem or Guardian ad Litem abused, neglected, and abandoned children in dependency and criminal court. Assist children to understand legal proceedings in which they are involved, advocate for their interests in court, and act as a liaison between the child and other individuals and agencies.

Top Dealmakers, Attorney at Law Magazine 2016

Top Up & Comers, South Florida Legal Guide 2011

Supreme Court of Florida Bar Examination Committee 1997

EDUCATION: **Temple University School of Law**, Philadelphia, PA
Juris Doctor, May 1996 - *Cum Laude*
G.P.A.: 3.52 (Top 10%)
Honors: Executive Editor, *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*
Joseph W. Marshall Scholarship in Taxation
Dean's List: Fall 1993, Fall 1994, Spring 1995, Fall 1995, Spring 1996
Law Merit Sp.A.C.E. Scholarship for Academic Achievement
Best Paper: Evidence, Comparative Criminal Justice
Outstanding Oral Advocacy: Trial Advocacy II
Distinguished Class Performance: Trial Advocacy
Activities: Asian American Law Students Association, Vice President
Student Bar Association, Member

University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Music Degree, May 1992

North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, NC
Bachelor of Music Degree, May 1988