

Frank de la Torre

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Professional Experience

Broward County Public Defender's Office, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Chief Assistant Public Defender: Supervisor Felony Division,
Former Chief of Juvenile Division, Former Chief of Domestic
Violence Division

Chief Assistant 1988 to 2018

Assigned, trained and supervised lawyers and interns, conducted
monthly meetings, interviewed and assisted in selection of new lawyers, and
coordinated in-service programs.

Broward County Public Defenders Office, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Assistant Public Defender: Felony Division, 1984-2018

Tried Major Felony Cases, including First Degree Homicide Cases

Broward County Public Defenders Office, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Assistant Public Defender: Juvenile Division, 1984

Tried delinquency cases, conducted Baker Act Hearings

Volusia County State Attorney's Office, Daytona Beach, Florida

Assistant State Attorney: Juvenile Division, 1983-1984

Tried dependency and delinquency cases.

Education

Nova University Law School, Davie, Florida

Juris Doctorate Degree, July 1983

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Bachelor of Arts Degree December 1979

Miami Dade Community College, Miami, Florida

Associate of Arts Degree, December 1977

Teaching Experience

Full – Time Online Instructor August 8, 2022 to Present

**Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Student Services
CSWCJ July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026**

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

Adjunct Instructor Criminal Justice Department, 1993 to Date
Taught undergraduate courses in the in the Criminal Justice
Department including: Criminal Law and the Constitution, Issues in
Criminal Law, Judicial Administration, Juvenile Administration,
Death Penalty, Criminal Evidence, and Criminal Justice Systems.

Developed and taught fully on line CJJ 4361 Death Penalty in
America. The course has passed peer review and has obtained Q.M
recognition.

Developed and taught Stand Your Ground. The first time the
course was taught in Florida. The course is still offered at FAU by
another department.

Developed and taught CCJ 4196 Immigration and the C.J.S.
The course has passed peer review and has obtained Q.M. recognition.

Currently Issues in Criminal Law course has passed peer review
and is currently going through the QM process.

Broward Community College, Hollywood, Florida

Adjunct Instructor Para Legal Department 1992-1993
Taught undergraduate courses in the Para Legal Department,
including: Business Law, Property, and Criminal Procedure.

Public Defender Statewide Conference, Key West, Florida

December 1993

Lecturer-Detention Criteria

Public Defender Statewide conference, West Palm Beach, Florida

November 1992

Lecturer- Writ Process in Juvenile Law

Teaching Experience Continued

Public Defenders Statewide Conference, Cocoa Beach, Florida

Lecturer-Detention Criteria

Broward County Police Academy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 1988

Taught Comparative Compliance Course, which encompassed Juvenile Law, Search and Seizure, Baker Acts and Federal Constitutional Law

Local and State Committees

State Risk Assessment Instrument Committee, 1990 to 1992

Assisted interdisciplinary team in developing a risk assessment instrument for all juveniles in the state of Florida upon their arrest. The instrument is still in use state wide.

Broward County Juvenile Justice Board, 1990-1997

Assisted County-wide Board in coordinating juvenile policy throughout the county.

Broward County Detention Advisory Board, 1989-1997

Participated as member of county-wide board responsible for the overview and monitoring of Broward Juvenile Detention Center.

Honors and Publications

Florida Atlantic University 2011

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty - MacArthur Campus

Broward County Public Defenders Supervisor of the Year 1992 and 1999

Author: "Adjudicatory Hearings in Delinquency Cases"
Supplement of Florida Juvenile Law and Practice, 1993

Special Skills

Fluent in Spanish

Personal

Date of Birth: 9/20/1956

Married 43 years

Two Children

References available upon request