

# ROSS L. BAER

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Member of The Florida Bar

## EDUCATION:

Nova University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
J.D. May 1998 - Top 20% of class  
Book Awards: Contracts and Professional Responsibility

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY  
B.A. Political Science 1985

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY  
August 1980 - May 1981 (transferred)

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE:

- Adjunct Professor, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law; Children/Family Clinic (January 2003 - present)
- Adjunct Professor, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law; Master's Program; Bullying and Harassment (2017 – present)
- Adjunct Professor, NOVA Southeastern University; Abraham S. Fischler, Department of Human Services, Humanities and Social Sciences (January 2011 – present);  
Online Courses:
  - a) Child Protection Law – core required course; Masters in Child Protection.
  - b) Family Law – elective course; Masters in Child Protection.
  - c) Civil Rights of Children – elective course; Masters in Child Protection.
- Chair of Dissertation Committee for Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice; Intimate Partner Violence and Revictimization: Factors Involved in Occurrence and Severity
- Presented with the Adjunct Professor Of The Year Award by NOVA Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law. (2008-2009)
- Completed Blackboard Certification Course. (2015)

## EXPERIENCE:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

- Emergency Executive Director (2019 – present)
- Supervising Family Law Attorney, (October 1993 - present)
  - Responsible for supervising and training staff attorneys, paralegals and certified legal interns.
  - Responsible for training private attorneys in the area of family law.
  - Litigation of all family law matters including but not limited to dissolution, custody, child support, abuse, guardianships and domestic violence. Litigation includes extensive pretrial discovery, temporary and emergency hearings and pretrial proceedings in addition to the actual trial litigation.
  - Conducted Continuing Legal Education seminar for the Palm Beach County Bar Association on the basics of law and procedures in the area of divorce litigation.
  - All aspects of Appellate Litigation including motion practice, research and drafting briefs.
    - Prevailed in State and Federal Constitutional attack upon Florida’s Grandparent Visitation Statute as violative of Right of Privacy before Florida Supreme Court (Amicus Curiae)
    - Appeals pertaining to the Hague Convention in the Fourth District Court of Appeal
    - Appeals of Final and Non-Final Orders to the Fourth District Court of Appeal
    - Extraordinary Writs to the Fourth District Court of Appeal
    - Federal Appellate Litigation concerning Due Process violations in unemployment compensation matters
  - All aspects of litigation in cases concerning the Hague Convention Regarding the International Abduction of Children.
    - Conducted Continuing Legal Education seminar for the Palm Beach County Bar Association addressing the complexities of Hague Convention litigation.
    - Prepared “Custody Abroad” manual containing original pleadings and trial memorandum for distribution to private attorneys and the judiciary.
  - Initiated and developed Palm Beach County Self Help Center to assist the pro se litigant in family law cases.
  - Responsible for supervising the Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants.
- Staff Attorney, Juvenile Advocacy Project (July 1992 - October 1993)
  - Represented juveniles in dependency, delinquency, educational and criminal proceedings.
  - Responsible for all aspects of pretrial and trial litigation.
  - Special Court appointments to represent juvenile patients at emergency hearings regarding “Do Not Resuscitate” Orders and blood transfusions.
- Staff Attorney (January 1991 - 1992)
  - Represented clients in consumer cases, family law cases, contract cases and guardianship cases.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Member of the Florida Bar Family Law Section
- Member of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (2018 – present)
- Member of the Florida Civil Legal Aid Association Training Committee