#### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

High School – Admiral Farragut Academy, St. Petersburg, Florida College – Emory University '63, Atlanta, Georgia, B.A. degree, Political Science Post Graduate – University of Florida College of Law '67, Gainesville, Florida, Juris Doctor Degree, Law

Professional – 40 hour Supreme Court certified course for Civil mediation; 40 hour Supreme Court certified course for Family mediation

# FIRM AFFILIATIONS

Commenced practice of Law in Orlando, Florida as associate for sole practioner, Stephen Magyar, Esquire.

Gilman and Cooper, Attorneys, Winter Park, Florida, associate

Gurney, Scolfield, Gilman, Cooper, Nichols, Tatich, and Adams, P.A., Winter Park, Florida, associate

Adams, Gilman, and Cooper, Attorneys, Orlando, Florida

Ronald L. Sims, Attorney, sole practice

Hoffman, Sims, and Sawicki, P.A., Orlando, Florida, partner

Ronald L. Sims, P.A., Orlando, Florida, sole shareholder

Mediation Group of Central Florida, Inc., shareholder, President

The Marks Law Firm, Of Counsel

## **EXPERIENCE**

Civil and Criminal trial practice in State and Federal courts.

Transactional representation in corporate, real property, and estate matters.

Drafting Purchase and Sale Contracts for the sales of businesses, and of real property; drafting closing documents, and handling closings.

Forming corporations, drafting shareholder agreements, and partnership agreements.

Drafting wills and trusts, opening and closing Probate estates.

Civil jury trials in state court and federal court.

Criminal jury trials in state court and federal court.

Trials in personal injury (plaintiff and defense); workmen's compensation (plaintiff and defense); traffic, misdemeanor and felony defense; assistant city prosecutor Winter Park; commercial and contract cases (plaintiff and defense); mechanics lien cases (plaintiff and defense); landlord/tenant actions, and other statutory and common law causes of action

Trials and representation in Family and domestic matters.

Arguing appeals before the Fourth and Fifth District Courts of Appeal.

Arguing appeal before the Florida Supreme Court on successful affirmation of the constitutionality of Florida's Pre-Judgement Replevin statute.

Arguing appeals before the Workmen's Compensation Commission in Tallahassee, Florida.

Arguing appeals before the Immigration Board of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

Serving as Arbitrator in both binding and non-binding arbitration in state and federal court.

Serving as court appointed Commissioner in state court for Proceedings Supplementary (F.S. 56.29).

Mediating hundreds of cases as both a Certified Family Mediator and Certified Civil Mediator.

Seminar Speaker, National Business Institute, Family Law Seminar.

Appointed and trained by Collins Center for Public Policy, Tallahassee, Florida, as certified Neutral for mediation of certain class action claims.

Representing taxpayers with IRS disputes in collections and appeals, and in Federal District court and court of appeals.

### LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENTS

Licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Florida, November 10, 1967, member of the Florida Bar.

Certified by Florida Supreme Court as County and Circuit Civil Mediator.

Certified by Florida Supreme Court as Family Mediator.

Approved by State Insurance Commissioner for mediation of property claims.

Approved by Federal Court as Civil Arbitrator and as Civil Mediator.

Training for Appellate District Court Mediation.

# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Florida Bar Association, member

Florida Bar Association committee assignments – Attorney's Fees committee; Alternative Dispute Resolution committee; Family Law committee; Mediation committee

Orange County Bar Association, member

Orange County Bar Association committee assignments – Judicial Relations committee, chairman; Family Law committee; Alternative Dispute Resolution committee; Arbitration Services committee

Orange County Family Law Inns of Court

### ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS

YMCA Indian Guides, official; Seminole Youth Sports Association, director; Seminole Youth Football, head coach; Orlando Elks Lodge 1079, exalted ruler; Orlando Jaycees, luncheon speaker chairman; Central Florida Adult Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, President.

### PERSONAL

Married to Maria "Toni" Sims; Father of three grown men, grandfather of three; member of Calvary Assembly, Orlando. I have served as a choir member,

Sunday school teacher, men's ministry group leader, and on missionary trips to Guatemala, Cuba, Belize, and Ecuador, member of Finance Council

Birthdate - February 17, 1941

Hobbies - sailing, reading and writing about politics

Interests – religion, politics, psychology, economics