

MATTHEW ERIC BAKER

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EDUCATION:

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs Athens, GA
PhD Student, Political Science August 2019-Present

University of Florida Levin College of Law Gainesville, FL
Juris Doctor, *cum laude* May 2013
3.35 GPA
Honors: Dean's List: Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
Pro Bono Outstanding Achievement Certificate
Activities: University of Florida Trial Team, Co-Chair for Intramural Competition
Trial Practice Teaching Assistant, Spring 2012, Fall 2012

University of Central Florida Orlando, FL
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in History, *magna cum laude* May 2009
3.93 GPA
Honors: Burnett Honors College Graduate
Activities: UCF Marching Knights, UCF Jammin' Knights, Central Florida Wesley Foundation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

University of Central Florida, Political Science and Legal Studies Departments Orlando, FL
Adjunct Professor January 2018-Present
Courses Taught:
POS 2041 American National Government: Spring 2018, Spring 2019
PLA 4022 Individual Liberties: Fall 2018
PLA 3155 Legal Writing: Spring 2019
PLA 3108 Legal Research: Spring 2019, Summer 2019
PLA 3014 Law and the Legal System: Summer 2019

Law Offices of Matthew Baker, P.A. Orlando, FL
Attorney November 2018-July 2019
Solo practitioner focusing on criminal and family law

Public Defender's Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orange County Orlando, FL
Assistant Public Defender, Circuit Court September 2013-November 2018
Represented clients accused of serious felony charges, including punishable by life offenses.
Managed a consistent caseload of 60-150 cases, from Initial Appearance to Trial
Interviewed clients, developed strategy, conducted research, drafted motions and appellate briefs
Conducted 25 Jury Trials as counsel of record

University of Central Florida, Mock Trial Program Orlando, FL
Trial Team Coach August 2016-July 2019
Teach undergraduate students trial procedure and legal concepts through national competition
Strengthen students' oral and written communication skills
Encourage teamwork and professionalism among students during practices and competitions

Public Defender's Office, 8th Judicial Circuit, Alachua County Gainesville, FL
Certified Legal Intern, County Court Division III, Felony Division I May-December 2012
Interviewed clients, conducted legal research, and drafted motions and legal memoranda
Prepared cases for trial, conducted jury selection, and participated in jury trials

State Attorney's Office, 8th Judicial Circuit, Alachua County Gainesville, FL
Extern, Felony Division August-December 2011
Conducted legal research, drafted legal memoranda, and assisted in case management

The Honorable William E. Davis, 8th Judicial Circuit, Alachua County

Judicial Extern

Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on Dependency, Delinquency, Adoption, and Unified Family Court cases

Gainesville, FL

May -July 2011

Walt Disney World Resort

Attraction Host and Trainer

Fostered a safe and inviting environment for guests.
Trained new Cast Members on company policy and safety

Lake Buena Vista, FL

May 2008 –January 2014

Scott Cooper for Superintendent of Schools, Hendry County

Campaign Manager

Coordinated campaign activities and engagement
Organized two “1000 homes for Schools” canvassing events in Hendry County

LaBelle, FL

May 2008-August 2008

Congressman Tim Mahoney, Florida’s 16th Congressional District

Congressional Intern

Input constituent correspondence and contact
Gave tours of the United States Capital to constituents

Washington, DC

June 2007-July 2007

Randy Bengston for Mayor of LaBelle

Campaign Staff

Coordinated campaign activities and community engagement
Canvassed on behalf of candidate in community

LaBelle, FL

May 2005-August 2005

United States Senate, 108th Congress

Senate Page

Provided support to Senate floor staff during 108th United States Congress

Washington, DC

July 2004

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Orange County Bar Association
Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Lake Baldwin Church

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Instructor, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Course: Digital Evidence, February 2019
Instructor, Public Defender Summer Intern Seminar-Digital Evidence, May 2018
Guest Speaker, Florida Virtual School Safe Driving Seminar, Effects of a DUI, April 2017
Guest Lecturer, UCF Legal Studies, Evidence Course, Spring 2017, Dr. Patricia Cashman
Guest Speaker, UCF Legal Studies Capstone Course Fall 2016, Dr. Marc Consalo

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

Member of The Florida Bar, September 2013-Present
Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator (inactive)