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## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**FLORIDA ATTORNEY (1991 to present).**

*Practice law as a transactional attorney in the areas of estate planning, wills, trusts, probate, real estate, corporate and business law.*

**RADIO SHOW HOST: "LADY LAWYER LIVE"**

*Call-In Legal Advice on WIPC AM 1280 and Blog Talk Radio (2000-2002 and 2010-present).*

## **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:**

**WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Babson Park, Florida.**

Adjunct Professor, Business Law (1994 to 1996).

**NORTH AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.**

Administrative Assistant for Florida Sales (1985). Prepared insurance quotations, broker contacting and licensing.

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Gainesville, Florida.**

Income Tax Assistor, Certified, 1040 preparation (1989).

## **EDUCATION:**

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, Florida.**

Bachelor of Science with Honors in Business Administration, Major in Finance, 1987, GPA 3.76 (on 4.0 scale); Juris Doctor of Law, 1990.

**RICHMOND COLLEGE, London, England.** 1986, GPA 3.75 (on 4.0 scale).

**UNIVERSITY OF SIENA, Florence, Italy.** 1987, GPA 4.0 (on 4.0 scale).

## **CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:**

President, Lake Wales Kiwanis Club and Foundation 1996-1997 and 2001-2002; Board of Directors Lake Wales Kiwanis 1993-2003, 2005-2007, 2012-present; Kiwanis Scholarship Chair 1994-1996 and 2006-present; Kiwanis Pancake Day Fundraiser Chair 1996 and 2001; Kiwanian of the Year 1995; Life Member Florida Kiwanis District 2002; Life Member Kiwanis International 2001; Ring of Honor Award 1996; George F. Hixson Fellow 1999; Citizens Bank Trust Department Advisory Board 2005-2009 Executive Women's Club; Board of Directors Meals On Wheels 1998-present; Lake Wales Masonic Lodge #242 "Citizen of the Year" 2001; YMCA Turner Center Committee 1994; University of Florida Mentor Program; Board of Directors Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce 1997-2001; Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce Business Partner to McLaughlin School 1997-1998; Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class IV 1999; Celebrate Lake Wales Committee 1997; National Associate Member of the Smithsonian Institution 1997-present; Winter Haven and Lake Wales Chambers of Commerce; University of Florida Triangle Magazine's Alumni Spotlight 2002; Polk State College Foundation Advisory Council 2011-2013; Ambassador, CS International Travel Club 2007-present.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Founding Member and President, Winter Haven Women's Bar Association 1996-present; Founding Member and 2017 Co-President, FAB-Females Advancing Business 2010-present (2013-2014 President; 2015 Treasurer; 2016 Communications Director; FAB Woman of The Year {Inaugural Year, 2012}); Property, Probate & Trust Law Section, and Scholarship Committee of the Florida Bar; U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida; Who's Who in America; Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women; Who's Who in American Law; American Bar Association; Kiwanis Speakers Bureau; Florida Bar Speakers Bureau; Chamber Speakers Bureau; Royal Caribbean and Princess Cruise Speaker; Estate Planning Council of Polk County; Mortgage Law Certification 2001; Phi Eta Sigma; Golden Key; American Business Women's Association 2008-2010.

## **FLORIDA BAR AWARD:**

The Florida Bar's membership numbered over 80,000 attorneys when Ms. Rignanese was selected as the third lawyer ever recognized as the "Speaker of The Month" in November of 2006.

## **SPECIAL AWARD:**

Polk County Woman of Distinction in Law 2015, Sun Media Group (Inaugural and only award year).

## **PUBLISHED ARTICLES:**

"Power of Attorney: Lawyers Warn the Powerful Document be Issued with Care", and "Trusts: Here Are a Few Good Tips About Living Trusts for People of all Ages".