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Experience

Blue Ocean Global Technology <i>Co-Founder & CEO</i>	New York, NY 2012 – Present
Girl Power Talk <i>Co-Founder</i>	Chandigarh, India 2017 – Present
Grupo YaQuedó <i>Managing Director</i>	Mexico City, Mexico 2019 – Present
Blue Ocean Global Wealth <i>Co-Founder & CFO</i>	Rockville, MD 2012 – 2020
The Bank of Nova Scotia <i>Investment Strategy Group</i>	Toronto, Canada 2011 – 2012
Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. <i>Financial Advisor & Technology Intermediary</i>	New York, NY 2006 – 2010
Morgan Stanley <i>Global Wealth Management</i>	Doylestown, PA 2005 – 2006
Adviser Compliance Associates <i>Regulatory Compliance</i>	Washington, D.C. 2003 – 2004

Association membership

Abraham Lincoln Association (ALA)
Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB)
American Bar Association (ABA)
American Marketing Association (AMA)
Business Transition Council
CAIA Association
CFA Institute
Board of Regents, Host of Topic @ Hand, Senior Grader, Speaker
CFP Board
Council on Education, CE Sponsor
International Trademark Association (INTA)
Legal Marketing Association (LMA)
2030 Task Force, Education Advisory Council
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)
Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF)
Women Economic Forum
Advisory Executive Council (AEC)

Board of Directors

Future Business Leaders of America
Board Member [2022 - Present]
Girl Power USA
Board Member [2021 - present]
iPlan Education Institute
Board Member [2013 - Present]
College Possible
Board Member [2018 - 2021]
R.J. Leonard Foundation
Board Member [2015 - 2019]
Financial Planning Association
Board Member [2011 - 2018]

Speaking Engagements

- Benchbar Conference (Atlantic City, NJ) 2019
- CFA Institute VBA Netherlands (Amsterdam) 2020
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Washington, D.C.) 2018
- Dimensional Fund Advisors (Chicago, IL) 2020
- Elite Global Leaders (Savannah, GA) 2024
- Empowering a Billion Women (Austin, TX) 2021
- Family Office Round Table (Denver, CO) 2023
- Federal Home Loan Bank (Naples, FL) 2024
- IBM (Athens, Greece) 2022
- InterCon USA (Las Vegas, NV) 2021
- Legal Marketing Association (Orlando, FL) 2020
- Legal Week (New York, NY) 2019
- Louisville Bar Association (Louisville, KY) 2024
- Mobile Growth Summit (New York, NY) 2018
- New York State Bar Association (Albany, NY) 2024
- Philippines HR Summit (Manila, Philippines) 2018
- PortFolio Management Association of Canada (Toronto) 2022
- Scotiabank (Cayman Islands) 2017
- US Clear Law Institute (Arlington, VA) 2018
- US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 2018
- US Defense Leadership Forum (Orlando, FL) 2024
- 100 Women in Finance (Cayman Islands) 2022

Awards

- CFA Institute Inspirational Leader Award – 2022
- Business Elite 40 under 40 – 2020
- Women Economic Forum: Iconic Leader – 2017
- Investment News 40 under 40 – 2014

Expert Witness Case History - (2015-2025)

- Vilma Nokaj v. North East Dental Management, LLC, formerly known as Garden State Dental Management, LLC, d/b/a Family Dental Group, Dr. Michal Gelbart, Dr. Fred Friedman, Dr. Lawrence Stein, Virginia Wicke, Carolyn Totillo, Justine Antonatos, and Maria Farides (Also referred to as Nokaj v. NEDM, et al)
- Atmosphere Hospitality Management, LLC v. ZelJka Curtullo, Shiba Investments Inc., and Karim Merali
- Iryna Boyko v. Benny The Bum's Restaurant and Vladimir A. Mosendz
- K.G.S., individually, and as Guardian and Next Friend of Baby Doe v. Thehuffingtonpost.com, Inc., d/b/a The Huffington Post; Mirah Riben; David G. Kennedy; The Kennedy Law Firm; Amber Geislinger; WALA-TV; Meredith Corp.; WBRC, LLC; Raycom Media, Inc.; and Fictitious Parties "A-Z"
- Susan Edwards v. Aegis Wealth Group, LLC dba Everspire, and Gerilyn Merrill
- Christopher Brown v. Damon Dash; Poppington LLC d/b/a Dame Dash Studios; The Dash Group LLC; and Raquel Horn
- Monique Bunn v. Damon Anthony Dash, Dame Dash Studios d/b/a Poppington LLC, Raquel Horn and The Dash Group LLC
- John Cooksey v. Roosevelt Benford
- Adam M Ludwin, Esq., Ludwin Law Group, P.A., & Joanna Zeitlin v. Matthew B. Proman (A/K/A Matt Proman)
- Lawrence A. Dordea v. Maggie Freleng, Obsessed Network, LLC., Sue L. Gless Thorne, John W. Hardin & Jason C. Baldwin
- Aris Hines & Brandi Thomason v. Terry S. Johnson (individually and in his official capacity as Sheriff of Alamance County), Randy Jones (in his official capacity as Deputy Sheriff of Alamance County), John Doe Corporation (in its capacity as Surety on the Official Bond of the Sheriff of Alamance County), NGM Insurance Company, and Doe Deputies 1-10
- Idlibi Ammar A v. Hartford Courant Co.
- Rick Dobbins & Kate Preston v. Raul Harris & Desert State Mortgage, LLC
- Jay Lopez v. OFC Collins et al
- Board of Directors of Wilmington Education Organization and Wilmington Education Organization d/b/a Coastal Preparatory Academy v. Shandra Gilles
- GOLO, LLC v. Goli Nutrition Inc., et al
- Nested Bean Inc. v. Dreamland Baby Co.
- Patrice Gordon v. Board of Education for the City of Chicago
- Larry Washington Jr., Donovan Robinson, John Johnson v. Board of Education for the City of Chicago
- Uri Ottensooser v. Meta Platforms LLC
- Dennis P Block (Individually and doing business as Dennis P Block & Associates), Hasti Rahsepar (an individual), Paul Eric Gold (an individual), Azam Riesen (an individual) v. John Doe; Brett Schulte (an individual); Daniel Bramzon (an individual); BASTA Inc (a California Corporation); And Does 4 Through 50
- Leslie Lilien v. Olaplex Holdings Inc
- Damon Fryer v. Parker Nirenstein
- Providence Capital Funding Inc v. Lozamira Inc; Rosa Lozano; Maria Miramontes; Karina Miramontes; Gerardo Lozano; Fernanda Lozano; and Does 1–20
- Crowley Hoge & Fein PC v. Yoseph Seyoum v Christopher G Hoge
- Robert L Brown Jr., On Point Offshore LLC; William E Echard; Christopher C Wiles; Maximilian A Merrill (Individually and Derivatively on behalf of Onslow Bay Marine Group LLC) v. John Bradley Knight Jr.; Onslow Bay Marine Group LLC
- Bruce D Thomsen & Debra L Bruno-Thomsen v. Chris T Alatsas & Shirley A Alatsas
- Hillary Thomas v. Jean Pierre Conte a/k/a J-P Conte
- Broc Barton & Elevate Entertainment LLC v. Amy Oberbeck
- Michael Merhling d/b/a Country Bait & Tackle v. Selective Insurance Company of South Carolina
- Douglas J Roger MD v. County of Riverside (a municipality of the State of California); Riverside County Sheriff's Department (a public entity and agency of the county); Stanley Sniff (an individual) and Does 1–25
- Derrick May; Joseph Shelton; John Griffin; Daniel Hibbs; Chance Smith; Jon Pearson; Optimum Energy Partners LLC v. Andrew Gautreaux & Phillip D Peterson
- John da Grosa Smith & SMITH LLC v. Kathryn S Whitlock; Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP; Halsey Knapp Jr.; Krevolin & Horst LLC; Lisa Lori; William Hill; Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP; Christine Mast; Hawkins Parnell & Young LLP
- Judge Judy Sheindlin v. Accelerate 360 and A360 Media, LLC
- Kevin O'Leary v. Benjamin Armstrong
- Leigh M. Rothschild v. Rachael Lamkin

Depositions Testified - (2018-2025):

- Vilma Nokaj v. North East Dental Management LLC et al
- John Cooksey v. Roosevelt Benford
- Rick Dobbins & Kate Preston v. Raul Harris & Desert State Mortgage LLC
- Uri Ottensooser v. Meta Platforms LLC
- GOLO LLC v. Goli Nutrition Inc et al
- Patrice Gordon v. Board of Education for the City of Chicago
- Donovan Robinson v. Board of Education for the City of Chicago
- Dennis P Block et al v. Brett Schulte et al
- Brian Menge v. City of Highland Park
- Belya et al v. Kapral et al
- Derrick May et al v. Andrew Gautreaux et al
- Crowley Hoge & Fein PC v. Yoseph Seyoum et al
- PurCo Fleet Services Inc v. Robin Cassalia et al
- Steven Nix v. Gardendale Funeral Home Inc
- Douglas J. Roger, M.D. v. County of Riverside, and Revere Financial Corporation as Liquidating Trustee
- Hillary Thomas v. Jean Pierre Conte a/k/a J-P Conte
- Judge Judy Sheindlin v. Accelerate 360 and A360 Media, LLC
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Trials Testified - (2018-2025):

- Christopher Brown v. Damon Dash et al
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