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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Legal Skills Professor

2025–Present

University of Florida Levin College of Law

- Active scholarly agenda in sports law, artificial intelligence, and fitness industry regulation
- Course taught:
 - Legal and Ethical Issues in the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Sports and Fitness
 - Legal Research and Writing
 - Contract Drafting
 - Pre-Trial Practice

Associate Professor

2022–2025

Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law

- Faculty Advisor, Moot Court Honor Board
- Legal Research and Writing
- Legal Issues in Cybersecurity

Professor of Law and Director of Trial Advocacy

2008–2018

Florida Coastal School of Law

- Torts
- Contracts
- Legal Research and Writing

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor

2000

Florida State University College of Law

- National Order of the Barristers
- National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition
 - Best Team Overall
- Workers' Compensation Institute Moot Court Competition
 - Best Individual Oralist

Master of Business Administration

2011

University of North Florida

- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

Bachelor of Arts

1997

University of Georgia, Journalism and Mass Communications

- *Magna cum laude*
- Division I Track & Field Athlete, Southeastern Conference
- Academic All-SEC, Dean's List, Athletic Director's Honor Roll

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Whoop, There It Isn't: How So-Called Consent for Biometric Wearables Fails Structurally Vulnerable Populations, __ Ohio St. L.J. __ (forthcoming 2027).

Extinguishing the Flame: Legislative Paralysis, Market Failure, and the Expendability of Collegiate Olympic Sports, 29 Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. __ (forthcoming Fall 2026).

The Gym-Pire Strikes Back: Is the Eighth Circuit's Vacatur of the FTC's Click-to-Cancel Rule the End of the Regulatory Workout for the Health and Fitness Industry?, 36 Marq. Sports L. Rev. 79 (2025).

Industry Publications

"Waiv-ing" Goodbye to COVID-19 in Stadiums and Shopping Malls: Will Signed Waivers Protect Large Venues Against Liability When a Patron Catches Coronavirus?, In Brief (Summer 2020).

Risen from the Graves: Do Allegations That a Car Rental Company Negligently Investigated a Driver's License, or Failed To Take Certain Actions Regarding a Driver's Insurance Coverage, Overcome Graves Amendment Immunity?, Legal Update (Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo & Cohen, Vol. 19, Issue 1, Apr. 2020).

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Brave New Workout: Navigating AI Legalities in the Fitness Studio*, AB Show 2026 (Athletic Business Conference), Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL (Nov. 17–19, 2026).

Panelist, *The Core Competency of AI Prompt Engineering: Teaching AI Prompt Generation in the Legal Writing Classroom*, Legal Writing Institute Conference, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (July 17, 2026).

Presenter, *Extinguishing the Flame: Legislative Paralysis, Market Failure, and the Expendability of Collegiate Olympic Sports*, Sports Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (May 13, 2026).

Panelist, *Generative AI in Legal Practice*, Twenty-Second Annual Honorable Ralph W. "Buddy" Nimmons, Jr. Federal Practice Seminar, Jacksonville Federal Court Bar Association, Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse, Jacksonville, FL (Apr. 28, 2026).

Presenter, *The Gym-pire Strikes Back: Is the Eighth Circuit's Vacatur of the FTC's Click-to-Cancel Rule the End of the Regulatory Workout for the Health and Fitness Industry?*, Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture Series, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL (Apr. 6, 2026).

Panelist, *Leaning into GenAI to Elevate Teaching Legal Skills*, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (Jan. 9, 2026).

Presenter, *The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Contract Drafting*, Legal Writing Institute Spring Workshop (May 2, 2025) (online).

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and Sports

- Elected Secretary for 2026–27 academic year

Course Design

Legal and Ethical Issues in the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Sports and Fitness
(initial offering scheduled for 2026-27 academic year)

- Independently conceived, designed, and developed a first-of-its-kind course to be taught at UF Law examining the intersection of legal and ethical issues arising from artificial intelligence in sports administration and the fitness industry. Course concept, curriculum architecture, and all course materials created independently. Topics include AI biometric data collection, data sharing with third parties, AI-assisted contract and waiver drafting, and copyright and related legal issues in AI-driven programming decisions.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Over 20 years of litigation experience in state and federal courts, including:

- **Junior Partner**, Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo, Cohen & Peterfriend, P.A. (2019–2022)
 - *DiCostanzo v. Walmart, Inc.*, No. 4D21-1657 (Fla. 4th DCA 2022) (per curiam affirmance; counsel for appellee)
 - Appellate and trial support practice representing Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, and governmental entities
- **Associate Attorney**, Farah and Farah, P.A. (2018–2019)
 - Supervised first-party personal injury protection litigation practice
- **Associate Attorney**, Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo & Jones, P.A. (2006–2010)
 - Defense litigation focusing on premises liability, automobile accidents, and commercial real estate disputes
- **Assistant State Attorney**, State Attorney’s Office, Fourth Judicial Circuit (2001–2003)
 - First-chair counsel for felony and misdemeanor jury and bench trials

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida Bar
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida