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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Aramis Donell Ayala recently completed her 4-year term as the Elected State Attorney for Florida's Ninth Judicial Circuit where she served a community of more than 1.5 million constituents. She is a highly intelligent and ethical attorney who values research and writing. She has extensive trial experience as a prosecutor and defense attorney.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Florida Bar Member,**
Admitted January 2003
- **Federal Bar Middle District of Florida,**
Admitted January 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

State Attorney

Florida's Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orlando Florida January 2017- present

- Elected to server Orange and Osceola Counties for a 4-year term
- In charge of a \$30 million budget and oversight of 2 two counties, 5 offices, 400 employees including victim advocates, sworn investigators, and 160 Assistant State Attorneys.
- Established unprecedented criminal justice reforms including bail, conviction integrity, drug diversion, use of force protocols, and police accountability including a Brady List.
- Active member of the Domestic Violence Task Force, Metropolitan Bureau of Investigations Task Force, Osceola County Investigations Bureau, Public Safety Coordinating Council and Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

Adjunct Professor of Law

Florida A&M University College of Law September 2014- January 2017

- Trial Practice Professor

Assistant State Attorney

State Attorney's Office, Orlando Florida March 2014- Feb 2016

- Prosecuted Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, Major Crimes, and Homicide

Legal Analyst

Fox 35 News, Orlando, Florida March 2012- 2016

- Presented in-depth live and prerecorded analysis of current legal issues
- Offered authoritative coverage of breaking news

Felony Division Lead Attorney

Office of the Public Defender Orange County, Florida October 2004- Present

- Represented Indigent Clients charged in Capital, Life/ 1st degree felonies
- Managed and Prepared Appeals
- Supervised and trained county court attorneys and interns

Associate Attorney

Nesmith & Associates, December 2007- October 2009

- Practiced Criminal, Civil Rights and Family Law

Adjunct Professor

University of Central Florida, August 2009- December 2016

- Instructed undergraduate Legal Studies courses including Law & Society and Capstone

Board Chairperson

Citizens Police Review Board, City of Orlando, January 2007- October 2008

- Appointed by the Mayor for terms 2008 & 2009
- Reviewed citizen complaints and departmental investigations for the City of Orlando Department of Internal Affairs Division
- Submitted written reports to Chief of Police for Orlando Police Department

Assistant State Attorney

Office of the State Attorney 10th Judicial Circuit, Florida August 2002- October 2004

- Litigated Felony, Misdemeanor, Traffic/ DUI, Domestic Violence, Child Support Enforcement
- Executed Filing decisions and Prosecuted over 2200 criminal cases
- Submitted written briefs, memorandums, motions for trials and appeals

Adjunct Professor

Hillsborough Community College, April 2002- 2004

- Instructed Paralegal Courses in Criminal, Civil and Business Law Sections
- Conducted ongoing research in criminal justice discipline

EDUCATION

M.A. Criminal Justice University of Central Florida, May 2011

- Completed Program with 4.0

Juris Doctor University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, May 2001

- Quarter-finalist G Mennen & Williams Moot Court Competition

B.A. University of Michigan May 1997 School of Literature, Science and Arts

- Political Science Academic honors

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- “Black America’s Relationship With Police Is A Textbook Case Of Domestic Abuse,” Black Entertainment Television (October, 2020)
- “Prosecutorial Discretion: Can They do That?” The American Bar Association (June 2020)
- “Achieving Diversity by Desire not Design,” Orange County Bar Association- The Briefs (July 2008)
- “To Seat or Not To Seat? Florida Delegates And Voter Disenfranchisement,” National Bar Association- Civil Rights Justice (May 2008)
- “Survive Discrimination After An Illness,” ABA- The Young Lawyer (March 2006). Review article on page 4 of <http://www.abanet.org/yld/tyl/MarApr06/MarchApril06.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Lifetime Member
- National Bar Association (2006-present)
Florida Chapter Past President (2012)
Regional Director Region XI (2012-2013)
Chair Pro Bono & Public Service Committee (2014-2015)
- Florida Bar Board of Governors *Ex Officio Member* (2012)
- Paul C. Perkins Bar Association
Past President (2007-2008)
- Orange County Bar Association
Executive Council (2007-2008)
- Legal Aid Society of Orange County
Board of Trustees (2007-2008)
- Virgil Hawkins Bar Association, Polk County Chapter
Past President 2003