

RALPH ARMSTEAD

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- June 2003 - Present **Ralph Armstead, LLC**
Attorney & Counselor at Law
- June 1996 - March 31, 2003 **Chief Executive Officer of Greater Orlando Area Legal Services (GOALS)**
GOALS is a tri-county (Orange, Lake, Osceola) civil legal service provider for indigent clients. Responsible for substantive, administrative, financial, leadership and management of the organization.
- March 1988 - June 1996 **Greater Orlando Area Legal Services, Inc.**
1036 W. Amelia Street, Orlando, FL 32805

Staff Attorney
Provided legal services to indigent clients in the areas of housing, civil rights, employment discrimination, and consumer relations.
- Dec. 1987 - March 1988 **1765 Pam Circle, Orlando, FL 32809**
Private Practice

General Practice of Criminal, Civil, and Administrative Law
- Aug. 1985 - Nov. 1987 **Law Offices of Morrell, Williams, Thompson & Armstead**
924 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 100
Orlando, FL 32803

General Practice of Criminal, Civil and Administrative Law
- July 1982 - July 1985 **Assistant Attorney General**
Department of Legal Affairs
Florida Real Estate Commission
400 W. Robinson Street, Suite 212
Orlando, FL 32801

Legal Advisor - Florida Real Estate Commission
Duties included: rendering informal written and oral opinions to members of the regulated profession and the general public concerning Florida's real estate license law and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto; drafting proposed rules; recommending adjudications concerning escrow deposits made pursuant to contracts for sale of real estate and the real estate Recovery Fund and defending the Commission in administrative actions brought against it for denying an applicant the

Jan. 1982 - July 1982

**Ninth Judicial Circuit, Felony Division
250 North Orange Avenue, Suite 900
Orlando, FL 32801**

Assistant Public Defender

Duties consisted of defending indigent persons charged with committing criminal offenses against the State of Florida

July 1981 - Dec. 1981

**Ninth Judicial Circuit, Misdemeanor Division
250 North Orange Avenue, Suite 900
Orlando, FL 32801**

Assistant Public Defender

Duties consisted of defending indigent persons charged with committing criminal offenses against the State of Florida

April 1980 - June 1981

**Ninth Judicial Circuit, Juvenile Division
2111 E. Michigan Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801**

Division Chief

Duties consisted of supervising attorneys and administrative staff in rendering legal services for indigent children charged with committing delinquent offenses against the State of Florida

Sept. 1978 - March 1980

**Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.
822 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL**

Senior Attorney

Supervised attorneys and provided legal services to indigent clients in the areas of housing, civil rights, income maintenance, public benefits, employment, health, consumer and domestic relations

March 1978 - Sept. 1978

**Florida Legal Services, Inc.
Employment Law Project
540 West Brevard Street
Tallahassee, FL**

Director/Attorney

Supervised attorneys and administrative staff in rendering legal services to indigent clients in the areas of housing, civil rights, income maintenance, public benefits, employment, health, consumer and domestic relations

Aug. 1977 - Feb. 1978

Department of Insurance
Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation
Building L, Suite 102
John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL

Attorney III

Duties consisted of all legal work necessary for conserving, rehabilitating or liquidating domestic insurance companies, eg., foreclosures, accounting, suits to set aside fraudulent conveyances, contracts, torts, etc.

Oct. 1975 - July 1977

Department of Transportation
Haydon Burns Building
Tallahassee, FL

Attorney II

Duties consisted of representing the State of Florida in civil lawsuits filed by or against the Department of Transportation in the following areas: torts, contracts, administrative law, workman's compensation and inverse condemnation

Aug. 1974 - Aug 1975

Law Firm of Ed Duffee, Jr.
548 W. Brevard Street
Tallahassee, FL

General Practitioner

General Practice of the Civil, Criminal Law and Administrative Law

Sept. 1973 - July 1974

Department of Banking and Finance
Carlton Building
Tallahassee, FL

Securities Examiner

Examined intra-state prospectuses of companies offering securities in Florida to ensure that they complied with Florida's Securities Law

June 1973 - Sept. 1973

Department of Banking and Finance
Carlton Building
Tallahassee, FL

Legal Assistant

Legal research for General Counsel for Department of Banking and Finance

Graduate

Florida State University
School of Law
Tallahassee, FL
Degree: Juris Doctorate
Graduate: 1972

Florida State University
School of Urban Planning
Tallahassee, FL
Attended: 1970-1971
Hours Completed: 33

MILITARY

Military Policeman
United States Army
SP/5
Honorable Discharge
April 1967 – January 1969

AFFILIATIONS

- Director and past President- Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corp.- First African American
- Director and past President- Florida Institutional Legal Services (1993-1998)- First African American
- Director and President- Parramore Heritage Renovation, Inc.
- Director- Jackie Robinson Athletic Association, Inc.
- Director- Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition, Inc. (Past)
- Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Member of Delta Theta Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Member of Orlando Chapter of the National Bar Association
- Member of the Orlando Chapter of the NAACP
- Member and Low Income Advocate- City of Orlando Affordable Housing Advisory Committee- Co-Chairman (1993-1998)
- Chairman of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission- First African American
- President Orlando Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board
- Consumer Board Member of State of Florida, Board of Landscape Architecture (1990-1994)- First African American
- Past President and Director. Greater Orlando Legal Service (1986-1988)
- Parliamentarian Florida Chapter National Bar Association (1992-1993)
- Member of the City of Orlando Base Reuse Commission Housing Sub-Committee (1993-1994)
- President of Tallahassee Barristers Association (1978-1979)
- President of the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association (1992-1994)
- Consumer Member, State of Florida Board of Land Surveyors and Mappers- First African American
- Inaugural Chairman, Orange County Enterprise Zone Development Agency (1995-1998)- First Initial Appointment by Board of Orange County, County Commission