



## **Judge John C. Lenderman Circuit Court**

### **Judge Lenderman's Contempt Outline, Revision 2006**

#### **Education**

St. Petersburg High School, 1962  
St. Petersburg Junior College, 1962-1963  
Bachelor of Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 1966  
Juris Doctor, Stetson University College of Law, January, 1969  
Northwestern University, Short Course for Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1972  
National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada – Family Law, 1994; Judicial Writing, 1997; Advanced Evidence, 1999; Logic and Opinion Writing, Spring, 2000; When Justice Fails – Threats to the Independence of the Judiciary, February, 2002; and “Elder Issues in Today’s Courts”, January, 2003.  
Florida Bar Board Certified Marital and Family Lawyer since 1990  
(1 of 4 Family Certified Judges in Florida)

#### **Employment Experience**

College Employment: Seaboard Railroad in operating and passenger departments primarily in St. Petersburg, Tampa and Tallahassee, 1962-1968.  
Employed by Florida Senate as Senate Aide to Senator Henry B. Sayler, 1968 - 1969.  
Practice of Law, 1969 – 1992  
Circuit Judge, 1992 - Present - Merit selection appointment by the Governor in February, 1992, and re-elected without opposition thereafter.

#### **Other Public Service**

City Attorney, Indian Rocks Beach, 1972

#### **Community Service**

Organizer and Vice Chair, Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force, 1993 – 1997  
Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse Advisory Board, 1993 - 1996  
  
Community Outreach Center Advisory Board, Pinellas Technical Education Center, 1994-present

Hospice of Florida Suncoast Community Advisory Board, 2000

### **Judicial Assignments**

Appointed and assigned to Circuit Civil Section, February, 1992 - July, 1992

Family Law Division, July, 1992 - July, 1995

Criminal Division, July, 1995 - October, 1995

Family Law Division and Probate Division - October, 1995 to December, 1997

Family Law Division Administrative Judge - October, 1995 to December, 1997

Building Facility Coordinator - October, 1995 to December, 1997

Civil Division - January 1, 1998 to December, 1999

Special Assignment by Chief Justice of Florida Supreme Court to 12th Circuit -  
1996

Associate Judge, Florida District Court of Appeal, Second District - March, 1998

Special Assignment by Chief Justice of Florida Supreme Court to 12th Circuit -  
1998

Family Law Division – January 1, 2000 to June, 2001

Family Law Division Administrative Judge – 2000

Associate Judge, Florida District Court of Appeal, Fourth District – September, 2000

Associate Judge, Florida District Court of Appeal, Second District – January, 2001

Civil Division – July, 2001 – December, 2005

Family Law Division – from January 1, 2006

### **Judicial Committees**

Member, Supreme Court Family Court Steering Committee, 1996 - 2002

Chair, Child Support Subcommittee, 1999

Chair, Family Section, Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, 1998 -1999

### **Bar Committees**

Florida Bar, Family Law Rules Committee, 1995 – 2002 – Chair, 2001 - 2002

Florida Bar, Grievance Committee, 1975-1978; Chair, 1977 - 1978

Florida Bar, Circuit Arbitration Committee, 1989 - 1992

Florida Bar, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

Florida Bar, Adoption Committee, 1995 – 1996

Florida Bar, Family Section, Ad Hoc Committee on Bounds of Advocacy, 2002 - 2005

St. Petersburg Bar Professional Responsibility Committee, 1985 – 1992

St. Petersburg Bar Family Law Committee; Chair, 1991 – 1992

St. Petersburg Bar Liberty Bell Award Committee; Chair, 1995 - 2003

St. Petersburg Bar Bench & Bar Committee since 1992, Chair 2003 - 2005

St. Petersburg Bar Law Week Committee since 1995 - 2003

### **Honors**

Award of Merit, 1995, awarded by the Family Law Committee of the Clearwater Bar Association, in recognition of outstanding contribution made to the leadership of the Family Law Division of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Jurist of the Year, 1997, awarded by the American Academy of Matrimonial Florida Chapter, for most outstanding contribution to the field of by a member of the Florida judiciary for 1997.

Judicial Appreciation Award, 1998, annually presented by the St. Petersburg Bar Association for continuing commitment to improving the quality of justice in the Sixth Circuit.

Judicial Merit Award, 1998, awarded by the Family Section, Florida Bar for extraordinary work and dedication to the improvement of family law in the State of Florida.

Chair's Special Award of Merit, Family Section, Florida Bar, 1999.

Outstanding Service Award in Educating the Public and Restoring Public Trust and Confidence in the legal System, Florida Bar, 2002.

### **Teaching Activities**

Adjunct Professor, Stetson University College of Law, 1993 – present

Adjunct professor, School Law, Nova University, 1977 - 1978

Faculty, Florida's College of Advanced Judicial Studies, 1994 - 1999, 2001;

Family Law Department Head, 1995 - 1998

Faculty/Presenter, Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, 1993 - present

Faculty, Florida Judicial College, 1999 – present

Mentor Judge, 1995 - 2005

Presenter, Multistate Child Custody Jurisdictional Problems, Pennsylvania State Trial Judges Conference, Hershey, PA, July, 2000

Presenter, "Early Interventions – A Framework For Contact" (Child Visitation) March, 2002, The Royal Society, London, England.

Presenter, "Child Visitation Practice in Florida", April 2003, Hardwicke Building, Lincoln's Inn, London, England.

Frequent presenter on family law topics for St. Petersburg Bar, Florida Bar and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Florida Chapter

Faculty, National Judicial College, 2004 - 2009

Faculty, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2005 - 2009

### **Publications**

Author of April, 2000 and 2002, Supplement to Chapter 4 Paternity – *Adoption Paternity and Other Florida Family Practice*, (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Editions. Supp), The Florida Bar

Numerous published opinions as Associate Judge of Second and Fourth District Courts of Appeal

Author, *ABA Family Advocate*, Fall 2008 "The Lawyer as a Storyteller – What Judges Want in Financial Matters".

### **Other**

Master of the Bench, Canakaris Inn of Court, 1994 – 2004

President, 1998-1999

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