

Biography

I was born in 1959 in Brooklyn, NY. My family eventually moved to Long Island when I was 8 years of age, where I grew up in a loving home. I proudly attended Central High School and pursued my passion—competitive swimming.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the University of Tampa on a swimming scholarship. I graduated BA in Criminology with honors. During my senior year at UT, I interned as a law enforcement officer for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Despite an offer to stay with them as a recruit, I chose to attend the Loyola University School of Law. I then continued my education through Tulane University's LLM program in admiralty.

In 1987 I made the big move to paradise: Miami. I settled in Coconut Grove and established my practice as an Aviation Attorney, specializing in representing passengers' families and airline staff, and pilots, who were wrongfully killed or suffered life threatening injuries in airline crashes. In 1991 I had the honor of representing Eugene Hasenfus, the former Marine whose C123 Maule was shot down over Nicaragua while delivering guns to the Contras. I also had the honor of representing, Kassene Sawyer, who was the widow of the pilot in the Hasenfus plane. For those too young to know, this downing was the beginning of the Iran Contra Affair.

I married my lovely wife, Teresa, in 2001 at the Redfish Grille amongst my dearest friends and family members with Judge Robert Newman performing the honors.