

**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**  
**ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM**

*Please return the **signed and completed application form and a recent resume**\* to: City of Pembroke Pines, City Clerk's Office, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025.*

**\*NOTE: YOUR RESUME MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.**

**Please type or use dark ink to complete this form.**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Race\* \_\_\_\_\_ National Origin\* \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence in Pembroke Pines  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Length of Time as Business Person in  
Pembroke Pines (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Are you a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_ Commission District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a criminal record? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any criminal charges pending? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any relatives employed by the City? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please state name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest that may arise from your serving on this/these board(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your business, or your employer have any contractual relationship with, or do any business with the City? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

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Do you have monies owed to the City that are delinquent? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

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Do you have any pending code violations relating to property owned by you in the City? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any violations relating to other City codes? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The responses to these items is optional. The City is interested in providing for cultural diversity on its Advisory Boards and Committees, and seeks this information solely in order for the City to further its goal to provide for diversity on its Advisory Boards and Committees.

**Which board or committees are of interest to you? Please indicate up to three preferences by ranking. Please denote your first choice with a "1," etc. Please place a number adjacent to any board or committee for which you wish to be considered. If you do not place a number next to a board or committee, the City Commission will not be able to consider you for that board or committee.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Arts & Culture Advisory Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Affordable Housing<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Adjustment

\_\_\_\_\_ Charter High School Advisory Board<sup>2</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Economic Development Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Education Advisory Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Advisory Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Citizens Committee/Hurricane Prep  
(Ad Hoc)

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning & Zoning Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Police and Fire Pension Fund Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Diversity and Heritage Advisory Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Committee (Ad Hoc)

\_\_\_\_\_ Charter Review Board

\_\_\_\_\_ **Public Art Committee (PAC) New**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Budget Committee (A. Castillo)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Charter Review Board<sup>3</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Citizen's Budget Advisory Board



# Raul Ruiz

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## Academic Appointments

**Florida International University College of Law**, Miami, Florida

Faculty Fellow to the Office of the Provost, 2024 - Present

Professor, 2022 - Present

Associate Dean for Bar Exam Preparation, 2022 – Present

Assistant Dean for Bar Exam Preparation, 2019 – 2022

Associate Professor, 2018 – 2022

Assistant Professor, 2015 – 2018

Director of Bar Exam Preparation, 2015 – 2019

Adjunct Professor, 2010 – 2011

***Subjects Taught:*** Artificial Intelligence and the Law, Constitutional Law, First Amendment, Sales & Leases, Wills & Trusts, Law & Procedure: US & Florida (covers a multitude of first-year and second-year subjects in an abbreviated format), Advanced Legal Analysis, Post-Graduation Bar Exam Support Program.

***Accomplishments:*** Highest bar passage rates in the State of Florida for the FIU College of Law on the July 2015, February 2016, July 2016, July 2017, February 2018, July 2018, and July 2019, February 2020, October 2020, July 2021, July 2022, February 2023, July 2023, and February 2024 examinations. Second highest bar passage rates in the State of Florida for the February 2017, February 2019, February 2021, and February 2022 examinations.

***Administrative Responsibilities:*** Planning and implementation of the bar exam preparation program. Statistical analysis of bar passage data for program development. Ensuring compliance and plans for compliance with applicable ABA accreditation standards for site visits, including assisting with completion of site evaluation questionnaires.

**Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center**, Davie, Florida

Critical Skills Professor, 2011 – 2015

Adjunct Professor, 2011 – 2015

***Subjects Taught:*** Legal Drafting, Elements of Legal Analysis I & II, Advanced Legal Analysis, Constitutional Law lab, Evidence lab, Bar Exam Support Program, Health Law

***Administrative Responsibilities:*** Statistical analysis of bar passage data for program development. Assist with ABA accreditation standards and compliance planning.

## **Publications**

### Law Review Articles

Raul Ruiz, *Leveraging Noncognitive Skills to Foster Bar Exam Success: An Analysis of the Efficacy of the Bar Passage Program at FIU Law*, 99 NEB. L. REV. 141 (2020)

Raul Ruiz, *Building the NextGen Law School (Article in Progress)*

### Other Publications

Raul Ruiz, *To Pass the Bar Exam, Become an Expert Learner*, Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), CLEO Edge Magazine 2020

## **Presentations**

“What Good Law Schools Do to Help Their Students Pass the Bar Exam” at the National Conference of Bar Examiner’s Annual Bar Admissions Conference (Chicago, IL, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024)

“Planning for Success: Methods for Assisting Economically Underprivileged Law Students Succeed on the Bar Exam” at the Association of Academic Support Educators Diversity Conference (American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

“What Law Faculty and Administrators Can Do to Foster Academic and Bar Success for Law Students” at the Mitchell-Hamline School of Law (May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)

“Rising To The Challenge: What Law Schools Can Do to Raise Bar Passage Rates” at the National Conference of Bar Examiner’s Annual Bar Admissions Conference (New Orleans, LA, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

“Designing Effective Academic and Bar Exam Support Programs for Law Students” at the Brooklyn Law School (January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

“Bar and Academic Success Challenges in a Time of Pandemic” at the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Formal Session for Law School Deans (January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

“Finding Bar Exam Success” at the South Texas College of Law (Houston, Texas, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

“Effective Pedagogy in Academic Support and Bar Preparation Programs” at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (Tucson, Arizona, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

“Leveraging Noncognitive Skills to Foster Bar Exam Success” at the Texas A&M University School of Law (Fort Worth, Texas, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020)

“Theory, Design, and Implementation of Effective Bar Exam Preparation Programs” at the Southwestern Consortium of Academic Support Professionals (Lubbock, Texas, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

“Building Connections: Connecting Legal Writing to the Broader Curriculum, the Bar Exam, Practice & Beyond” at the Legal Writing Institute Conference (Memphis, TN, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

“Applied Learning Theory in Law School and Bar Preparation Programs” at the South Eastern Association of Law Schools Conference (Boca Raton, FL, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019)

“Learning, Thinking, and Data Mining: How We Raised the Bar Passage Rate at Florida International University” at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, Section on Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession (Washington, D.C., January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018)

“Using Statistical Regression Analysis to Predict Student Outcomes” at the Association of Academic Support Educators Annual Conference (Ft. Worth, Texas, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

### **Awards**

FIU Top Scholar (Miami, Florida, 2020) - Awarded to a professor in the humanities for distinguished excellence in teaching and student gains.

“Innovator of the Year” awarded at the Association of Academic Support Educators Annual Conference (Seattle, WA, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019)

The Florida Bar – Lawyer of the Year – Justice Education Award

## Professional Experience

**The Law Offices of Raul Ruiz, P.A.** – Miami, Florida – July 2009 – May 2011  
*Attorney*

Operated a practice focusing on plaintiff's personal injury litigation, criminal defense, and bankruptcy law. Cases involved personal injury claims, maritime injury claims, criminal defense matters, HOA disputes, and bankruptcies (chapter 7, 11, and 13). Represented physicians and practice groups in business and regulatory affairs.

**Essen, Essen, Charnota, & Cohen, P.A.**, Aventura, FL April 2007 – July 2009  
*Lead Trial Attorney – Broward County*

Litigated a multitude of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases, both at the felony and misdemeanor level. Conducted 6 jury trials as lead defense counsel with numerous victories. Attended and litigated before administrative officers at administrative hearings. Prepared for and took numerous depositions in preparation for trials and motion hearings. Drafted and argued numerous motions regarding lay and scientific evidence, constitutional issues, and statutory interpretation and application.

**Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office**, Miami, FL August 2006 – March 2007  
*Assistant State Attorney*

Responsible for the prosecution of misdemeanor criminal offenses. Responsible for litigating numerous cases in the state's criminal justice system, including engaging in discovery and depositions, motion practice, and jury and non-jury trials.

## Education

**Florida International University College of Law**, Miami, Florida – 2006

- Juris Doctor degree. Magna cum laude, approximately first in class.

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT – B.A., 2003

- Dual Major in Economics & Electrical Engineering
- Presidential Scholar
- Yale Scholar
- Society of American Military Engineers Scholar
- Charles E. Jones Scholar
- Henry T. Morgan Scholar,

## Service

National Conference of Bar Examiners

- Member, Education Committee

Florida International University College of Law

- Academic Standards Committee
- Admissions Committee
- Adjunct Review Committee
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- Technology Committee
- Ad Hoc Review Committee on the Part-Time Program
- Law Review Student Advisor

Association of American Law Schools

- Member, Board of Directors – Section on Academic Support, 2016 – 2018
- Chair, Section on Academic Support Planning Committee for the 2019 AALS Annual Conference

### **Bar Admissions**

Florida, 2006 (active status)

- Member of the Moot Court and Mock Trial Subcommittee of the Law Related Education Committee (2011-2016)
- Member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee (2017-2018)

Supreme Court of the United States of America

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

### **Languages**

Native English and Spanish speaker