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CURRICULUM VITAE

WORK EXPERIENCE:

December 1987 to
Present

GENERAL LAW PRACTICE
Luis Rafael Rivera Law Offices

Duties:

Senior Partner. Provide Legal advice and representation in criminal and civil cases before Federal and State's Courts of Puerto Rico. Specialized in federal civil cases involving fraud, class action suits, tort actions, medical malpractice and trials involving intensive litigation. Act as civilian defense counsel in military courts-martials for the Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

November 1987 -
July 1986

DEFENSE COUNSEL (abogado defensor)
U.S. Army Trial Defense Service.
Fort Clayton, Panama. Captain; active duty with the U.S. Army.

Duties:

Litigation of criminal cases, courts-martials and administrative proceedings of officers and enlisted soldiers in the U.S. Army.

June 1986 -
October 1983

ASSISTANT STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
Staff Judge Advocate Office.
Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.
Captain; active duty with the U.S. Army.

Duties:

Military Prosecutor (fiscal): Prosecuted criminal cases before courts-martials and hundreds of minor violations before the U.S. Magistrate.

Contracts Attorney: Served as contract law specialist; advised the Contracting Officer on the bidding and awarding process; negotiated and litigated contractor's claims.

Claims Attorney: Reviewed and adjudicated hundreds of claims against the U. S. Government; researched and prepared litigation reports for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

July 1983 -
April 1982

**PLATOON LEADER, 519TH MILITARY POLICE
BATTALION**

Fort Meade, Maryland.

First Lieutenant; active duty with the U.S. Army.

Duties:

Officer responsible for the training and supervision of 45 military policemen; provided maintenance to equipment valued in excess of a million dollars; member of Special Reaction Team responsible for securing the area surrounding the residence of the United States; Vice-President.

April 1982 -
November 1981

GENERAL LAW PRACTICE

Brizzie & Rivera Law Office.

Juncos, Puerto Rico.

Duties:

Active litigation of criminal cases.

EDUCATION:

Seminar on Advanced Criminal Law Seminar; Sponsor: National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at Aspen, CO. (January 10-15, 2010).

Seminar on Tools to Defend Federal Criminal Cases and the Death Penalty. (November 18, 1999).

Seminar on Trial Techniques, by National Criminal Defense College. (February 28 - March 5, 1999).

Seminar on Jury Selection and Arguments During a Criminal Trial, Sponsored by the PRACDL. (November 1992).

Handling of Complex Criminal Cases. Seminar from Georgetown University. (November 1988).

1983-1986

Professional courses taken at the U.S. ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S SCHOOL, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

-Criminal Trial Advocacy Course (November 1986).

-Special Legal Advisor Course for Arrow Air Crash Survivors, Gander, Canada (February 1986).

-Contract Attorney's Workshop (November 1984).

-Judge Advocate Basic Course (September 1983).

July 1982

Military Policy Officer Basic Course; U.S. Military Police School at Fort McLellan, Alabama; Resident Student-First Lieutenant in active duty with the U.S. Army.

May 1981 University of Puerto Rico Law School.
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.
Juris Doctor.
Member of the Law School Journal.

May 1978 University of Puerto Rico.
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.
Bachelor of Arts, Economics.
-Graduated Cum Laude.
-ROTC Program, Distinguish Military Student
(August 1974 - May 1978).
-Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.
-Airborne (paracaidista militar)

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW
BEFORE THE FOLLOWING COURTS:**

May 1991 -Supreme Court of the United States.
November 1983 -United States Court of Military Appeals, Washington, D.C.
September 1983 -United States Army Court of Military Review.
March 1982 -United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.
March 1982 -United States District Court for the Judicial District of
Puerto Rico.
November 1981 -Puerto Rico Supreme Court.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

-Puerto Rico Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
(PRACDL, 1992).
-National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (1989).
-Puerto Rico Federal Bar Association (1988).
-American Federal Bar Association (1985).
-Puerto Rico Bar Association (1981).

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

December 1987 to **ASSISTANT STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE**
June 1998 **Major**, U.S. Army Reserve, Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico.