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Born New York, N.Y., ; Married to Heather McCarn Spencer, two children, two granddaughters. <u>Bar Admissions.</u> Admitted to Bar, 1969. Member of Florida Bar; Bar of the District of Columbia; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, Middle District, Florida, 4th Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit; US Tax Court.

Education: University of Miami (A.B. Political Science, 1966); Law School, J.D., <u>cum laude</u>, 1969); Phi Delta Theta; Omicron Delta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha; Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Delta Phi; Phi Delta Theta Fraternity (President); U.S. Air Force R.O.T.C.; President, Student Body Government, University of Miami (1965-1966); Presidential Student Advisory Committee, 1966 (Lyndon B. Johnson); President, Iron Arrow, 1967-1969; Editor-in-Chief, University of Miami Law Review, (1968-1969); Dean's Merit Scholar, Sturges Scholar; Member: National Moot Court team; Society of Wig and Robe (President);

Admin. Assistant, Congressman Charles E. Bennett. (Florida 1966-1967); Intern, House Armed Services Committee;

Author: "Jury Trials in Commercial Cases," Florida Bar Journal, March 1982; "Florida Small Business Practice," Florida Bar 1987; "Florida Pleading Guide.". Author, "Culture of Deceit", "The Tollgate Conspiracy", "Blame the Lawyers". "Miami Vice", "Shark Tales"; "Will the Elephant Ever Learn"; "Counting Votes"; edited by Robert Watson." Recent Trends in National Security Law"

MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS; Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, 1975-2020; Arbitrator (Supreme Court of Florida qualified) 2005; Dade County and American Bar Associations; The Florida Bar; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Federal Bar Association; International Bar Association; The Republican Lawyers Association: The Federalist Society: Foreign Trade Association; Former Member, University of Miami Board of Trustees; Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, Keep Dade Beautiful, Inc. Founder and Chairman, Film Society of Miami, Inc., Miami Film Festival; President, University of Miami Alumni Association; President, University of Miami Law Alumni Association: City of Miami Task Force (Chairman) Former Chairman, State Theater of Florida (Miami); Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; British American Chamber of Commerce; Chairman Players State Theater; Founding Chairman, Coconut Grove Playhouse; Member: American Security Council Foundation; Citizens Board, University of Miami; World Jurist Association; Life Member, Association of Former Intelligence Officers; The Atlantic Cercle; Martindale-Hubbell Preeminent Lawyers of America, Who's Who in America, Republican Lawyers Association, Council for National Policy, National Lawyers Association, Supreme Court of the United States Historical Society, Heritage Foundation; President's Club, Republican National Committee; Dade County Republican Party, Executive Committee; Member, Inns of Court; Director, Association of Former Intelligence officers; Finance Committee Bush-Cheney; National Business Intelligence Symposium Chair-(1998, 1999, 2000, 2001). Co-Chair- Alliance for Ethical Government; Counsel, Association of American Physicians & Surgeons; President, Miami Dade Chapter of Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Chairman, National Symposium on Business Intelligence and Law, American Bar Association, National Security Committee, U.S. State Department Commendation- Council of International Visitors (2002); United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla

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**PRACTICE:** Mr. Spencer was a partner in Myers, Kenin (Miami, FL) from 1969-1982, a business law firm. He was managing partner. In 1982, Spencer & Klein, P.A. was formed and Spencer was Senior managing partner from April 1982- to April 2005. Spencer formed SpencerLaw in May, 2005 and maintains a personal business practice concentrating in business law, business litigation and arbitration and national security law.

Mr. Spencer is rated "AV" (highest rating by Martindale-Hubbell) and practices commercial law. He is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent lawyers. Mr. Spencer was listed as one of the top lawyers in South Florida by the South Florida Legal Guide. Mr. Spencer is now in private practice in Coral Gables, Florida.

Mr. Spencer's cases are featured or described in the following books:

<u>Shark Tales</u> by Ron Liebman <u>Legal Terrorism</u> by Dr. Sue Huck <u>Honored And Betrayed</u> by Gen. Richard Secord (USAF, Ret.) <u>Hazardous Duty</u>, General John K. Singlaub (USA, Ret.) <u>At Any Cost</u>, Sammon <u>Broadway by The Bay</u>, Carol Cohan <u>University of Miami, Golden History</u>, Tebeau <u>Too Close To Call</u>, Jeffrey Toobin <u>Counting Votes</u>, Robert P. Watson, White House Studies <u>The First Lady</u>, Peter Flaherty <u>Living History</u>, Hillary Rodham Clinton <u>The Clinton Wars</u>, Sidney Blumenthal <u>Castro Obsession</u> - Don Bohning

Mr. Spencer has appeared on CNN, Fox News (Brit Hume Show), C-Span, CBS and featured in the New York Times, Newsmax, Washington Post, Miami Herald, Insight Magazine, The Washington Times. He is a frequent editorial contributor to the Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald, and other publications and radio and television media.

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**:

Mr. Spencer was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Judicial Nominating Commission in August 2001. He was the Chair of the Commission. (Third District Court of Appeal of Florida).

Mr. Spencer is a former member Executive Committee member of the Republican Party, member, Finance Committee, Bush/Cheney; Co-Counsel, Miami-Dade Republican Party; Republican Lawyers Association; Chair, South Florida McCollum for U.S. Senate (2000); Lawyers for Bush/Cheney; Finance Committee, Bush/Brogan 2002.

Mr. Spencer served as co-counsel for Bush/Cheney in the Florida Recount 2000. He is an election lawyer and frequently lectures on election law and litigation.

He is a member of the Overseas Security Advisory Council, United States Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

Mr. Spencer was appointed by the Bush Administration to the Presidential Rank Review Board of the Office of Personnel Management, 2001.

Mr. Spencer received the David Atlee Phillips Award 2001 from the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. The Award is made to an individual who advances the interests of the American Intelligence Community. He is the founding President of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, Theodore Shackley Chapter (South Florida).

Mr. Spencer headed the Miami-Dade Legal Team for Bush/Brogan 2002 and was Deputy Chief for the State of Florida.

He was appointed by the County Manager in 2003 to the Select Committee to select the Elections Supervisor for Miami-Dade County.

After the events of September 11, 2001, Mr. Spencer, joined the Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 7. He was a National Staff Officer for Strategic Planning. In 2004, Mr. Spencer received the Admiral's Commendation Ribbon for work in assisting in the creation of Operation on Guard (America's Waterway Watch). Mr. Spencer was recognized as a Founding Member of the Department of Homeland Security by Secretary Ridge on March 1,2003.

He is was member of the Board of Governors, Republican National Lawyers Association. He is a member of the Federalist Society Board of Directors. (Miami Chapter) He is a member of InfraGard, Federal Bureau of Investigation (civilian); Founding Chairman of the Association for Intelligence Officers, Ted Shackley Chapter.

Mr. Spencer was special counsel, Bush-Cheney '04.

Spencer served on the Transition Team of Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum and Chair of the Interim Term Transition Review Committee of Attorney General Bill McCollum.

On April 5,2007, he was awarded a Special Commendation by the Commandant of the Coast Guard for his role in program he and others developed which led to the arrest and conviction of terrorist who targeted Miami and New York.

Mr. Spencer is the President of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers.

He was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London; the Miami International Arbitration Society and the Association for International Arbitration. Spencer was an arbitrator for the Financial Institutions National Regulatory Authority (2012-2017) and for the International Center for Dispute Resolution and is a Florida certified Arbitrator.

Mr. Spencer and co-author Fred Rustmann, Jr. published their "Under Attack—The State Secrets Privilege" in the Journal of U.S. Intelligence Studies--- The Intelligencer/ Winter/ Spring Edition, 2010.

Spencer is the co- author of "Recent Trends in National Security Law 2015" (Thomson-Reuters) and Guide to the Study of Intelligence (AFIO) 2016.

Mr. Spencer was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London.

Mr. Spencer has regularly represented Intelligence Officers and former members of the National Clandestine Service.

Spencer is a co-author contributor to the 2017 publication " The Study of Intelligence."

He is Vice President and Board Member of the Lawyers Democracy Fund. He is a current member of the FBI's Infragard organization.