

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Leifman, Steven	POSITION TITLE Miami-Dade County Court Judge Associate Administrative Judge 11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida		
EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
The American University, Washington, D.C.	B.S.	1981	Political Science
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	J.D.	1986	Law

### **Positions and Employment**

1981 - 1983	Senior Research Associate, Nat'l. Commission on Student Financial Assistance, Washington, D.C.
1987 - 1993	Assistant Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, Miami, FL
1993 - 1994	Miami Director, Global Business, Inc. Miami, FL
1994 - 1995	Special Assistant Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, Miami, FL
1995 - 1997	County Court Judge, Miami-Dade County, FL
1997 - 1998	Attorney, General Practice, Miami Beach, FL
1998 - present	County Court Judge, Associate Administrative Judge, Miami-Dade County, FL
2006 - present	Voluntary Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami, School of Medicine, Miami, FL
2007 - 2010	Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health, Supreme Court of Florida, Tallahassee, FL

### **Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

1998	Election Supervisor, Bosnia and Herzegovina National Election, Sanksi Most, Bosnia
2000 - present	Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Mental Health Advisory Committee, Miami, FL
2001	Adjunct Professor, Florida International University – Law and Criminal Justice, Miami, FL
2001 - 2002	National Sheriffs Association Task Force on Mental Illness, Washington, D.C.
2002 - 2003	Mayor's Health Care Access Task Force, Miami-Dade County, FL
2003	Florida Department of Children and Families, Behavioral Hlth Services Workgroup, Tallahassee, FL
2004 - present	Co-Chair, TAPA Center for Jail Diversion and Council of State Governments (CSG) Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative
2005 - present	Finance Chair, Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, Miami, FL
2005 - 2008	American Bar Association – Commission on Homelessness and Poverty
2006 - 2008	Co-Chair, Miami-Dade County Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health, Miami, FL
2006 - 2008	Chair, Florida Supreme Court Mental Health Subcommittee, Tallahassee, FL
2009 - 2013	Chair, Florida Partners in Crisis
2009 - present	Board of Directors, American Psychiatric Foundation
2009 - 2011	Member, Nat'l Leadership Forum for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Services
2010 - present	Chair, Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Substance Abuse & Mental Health
2011 - present	Chair, South Florida Behavioral Health Network

2011 - present Fellow – Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry  
 2012 - present Member, American Bar Association Task Force on Criminal Justice Mental Health Standards

### Honors

2001 Council of State Governments Innovations Award  
 2003 Eleventh Judicial Circuit – Recipient of SAMSHA Jail Diversion Expansion Grant  
 2003 Miami-Dade County Bar Association/Mellon Bank - Legal Citizen of the Year  
 2003 Presidents Award - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI-Florida)  
 2003 Distinguished Service Award - The National Association of Counties (NACo)  
 2003 Leadership Award - Florida Partners In Crisis  
 2004 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Miami - Judicial Distinction Award  
 2004 Bank of America - Local Hero Award  
 2005 United Way of Miami-Dade - Public Service Leadership Award  
 2005 Health Concern Award - Health Foundation of South Florida  
 2006 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce - Health Care Heroes Award  
 2006 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI - National) - Sam Cochran Compassion in Law Enforcement Award  
 2006 Miami Today - Silver Medal for Individual Achievement  
 2006 C. Clyde Atkins Civil Liberties Award  
 2006 National Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) - Judge of the Year  
 2006 South Florida Mental Health Association - Heroes in the Fight Award  
 2007 Greater Miami Jewish Federation - Judicial Community Service Award  
 2007 Dade County Bar Association - Mario P. Goderich Legal Ethics Award  
 2008 Honorable Gerald Kogan Judicial Distinction Award, Fl Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
 2008 NAMI National Distinguished Service Award, NAMI's Highest Honor  
 2009 Dade County Bar Association Sookie Williams Award  
 2009 International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) Judicial Award  
 2010 Leadership Florida – Distinguished Member Award  
 2010 Florida International University - Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Medallion  
 2011 Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle Award  
 2012 Society of Biological Psychiatry Humanitarian Award  
 2012 American Psychiatric Association Advocacy Award  
 2012 Brain & Behavior Research Foundation 2012 Productive Lives Award  
 2012 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2012 Miami's Leaders Award  
 2013 Dade County Bar Association 2013 Criminal Justice Award  
 2013 Transition, Inc., Judge Maxine Cohen-Lando Community Service Award

### Publications – Non peer-reviewed

**Leifman, S. & Coffey, T.** (2012, Issue 1). The next generation of behavioral health and criminal justice interventions. *National Council Magazine*, 58-61.

**Leifman, S.** (2011, October 20). Helping veterans at risk of homelessness. *The Miami Herald*.

**Leifman, S.** (2011, February 18). Don't cut mental health funding. *The Miami Herald*.

**Leifman, S. & Coffey, T.** (2010, Issue 1). Decriminalizing mental illness: Miami-Dade County tackles a crisis at its roots. *National Council Magazine*, 18-22.

National Leadership Forum on Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice Services (2009). *Ending an American Tragedy: Addressing the Needs of Justice-Involved People with Mental Illnesses and Co-occurring Disorders*. Washington, DC: Author.

**Leifman, S.** (2009). Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project. *Future Trends in State Courts, 2009*, 122-129.

**Leifman, S.** & Coffey, T. (2009). The Criminalization of Mental Illness. *Florida Defender, 21(3)*, 29-35.

Supreme Court of Florida, Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Court, Mental Health Subcommittee (2007). *Transforming Florida's Mental Health System: Constructing a comprehensive and competent criminal justice/mental health/substance abuse treatment system: Strategies for planning, leadership, financing, and service development*. Tallahassee, FL: Author.

Miami-Dade County Mayor's Mental Health Task Force (2007). *Mental Health Task Force: Care Comes First*, Miami, FL: Author.

**Leifman, S.** (2005, January 9). A lack of Long Term Care. *The Miami Herald*,

Perez, A., **Leifman, S.**, & Estrada, A. (2003). Reversing the criminalization of mental illness. *Crime & Delinquency, 49(1)*, 62-78.

**Leifman, S.** (2003, January 11). Police agencies can learn to help the mentally ill. *The Miami Herald*.

**Leifman, S.** (2002, March 7). Fund Treatment for Mentally Ill. *The Miami Herald*, B7.

**Leifman, S.** (2001, December 10). Reform Baker Act to save lives. *The Miami Herald*.

**Leifman, S.** (2001, August 16). Mentally ill and in jail. *The Washington Post*, A25.

**Leifman, S.** & Hodes, M. (1998, November 8). Bosnia: From bullets to ballots. *The Miami Herald, Viewpoint Feature Article*.

American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Association of Independent Colleges and Schools, and National Association of Trade and Technical Schools (1984, November). *Survey of Institutional Cooperation*.

National Commission on Student Financial Assistance (1983, March). *Study of the Insurance Premium Charged to Borrowers Under the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, Report No. 3*. Washington, DC: Author.

National Commission on Student Financial Assistance (1983, July). *Access and Choice, Equitable Financing of Post-secondary Education, Report No. 7*. Washington, DC: Author.

### **Presentations on Criminal Justice and Mental Health Issues**

American Judges Association - Annual Educational Conference, Reno, Nevada, October 2001, Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, Amelia Island, Florida, December 2001, The National Sheriffs Association Annual Meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 2002, Florida Conference of County Court Judges, Sanibel Harbour, Florida, July 2002, Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies, St. Petersburg, Florida, September 2002, The National Gains Center 2002 Conference, San Francisco, California, October 2002, International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Miami Beach, Florida, April 2003, Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, Orlando, Florida, June 2003, The National Association of Counties Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 2003, The Florida Bar, Tampa, Florida, October, 2004, The National Gains Center 2004 Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2004, National Press Club, September, 2005, Washington, D.C., NAMI Florida Annual Meeting, October, 2005, Tampa, Florida, Conference of Chief Justices, Amelia Island, Florida, January 2006, J.B. Fuqua Mental Health Forum – Moorhouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2006, Congressional Briefing, March 2006, Washington, D.C., National GAINS Center Conference,

Boston, Massachusetts, April 2006, NAMI National Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., June 2006, The American Bar Association – Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, Miami, Florida, February 2007, National Association of Counties, Washington, D.C., March 2007, Congressional Briefing, Washington, D.C., March 2007, Criminal Justice Diversion and Re-entry – SAMSHA, Bethesda, Maryland, March 2007, NAMI Florida – Bipolar Disorder Conference, Tampa, Florida, March 2007, US House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C. March 2007, Florida Psychiatric Society, St. Augustine, Florida, June 2007, Florida Council on Behavioral Health, St. Petersburg, Florida, September, 2007, NAMI of SW Louisiana Annual Conference, Lake Charles, Louisiana, October 2007, Committee on Criminal Justice, Florida Senate, Tallahassee, Florida, December 2007, JEHT Foundation, NY, New York, December 2007, Florida Judicial College, Phase I, Orlando, Florida, January 2008, Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee, Florida Senate, Tallahassee, Florida, Institute of Medicine, Washington, D.C. January 2008, Committee on Children, Families and Elder Affairs, Florida Senate, January 2008, Judiciary Committee, Florida Senate, Tallahassee, Florida, January 2008, Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, Tallahassee, Florida, January 2008, Committee on Healthy Families, Florida House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2008, MacArthur Foundation Research Network Meeting, Tampa, Florida, February 2008, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C. March 2008, National GAINS Center Conference, Washington, D.C. , March 2008, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Training Conference, Orlando, Florida, April 2008, Governor’s Conference for Mental Health and Criminal Justice Transformation, Virginia Beach, Virginia, May 2008, The Florida Bar – Legal Needs of Children, Boca Raton, Florida, June 2008, NAMI National 2008 Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida, June 2008, The Florida Association of Court Clerks Summer Conference, Daytona, Florida, June 2008, Grand Rounds, Jay Weiss Center for Social Medicine and Health Equity, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida, June 2008, The Florida Association of Community Corrections, St. Petersburg, Florida, July 2008, Florida Lawyers Association, Naples, Florida, July 2008, 2008 Olmstead Conference – “Changing Systems; Changing Lives”, Washington, D.C. September 2008, Maine Mental Health Summit, Augusta, Maine, September 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Florida Homeless and Supportive Housing Conference, Orlando, Florida, October 2008, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, University of Miami – Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida, October 2008, New Hampshire Mental Health Conference, “Mental Illness, Substance Abuse and the Criminal Justice System: Opportunities for Alternative Sentencing”, Concord, New Hampshire, November 2008, New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, “Coming Home: A Journey of Hope for Ex-Prisoners with Mental Illness”, Jamesburg, New Jersey, November 2008, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Psychiatry Department, Miami Beach, Florida, December 2008, Florida Sheriffs Association, Daytona Beach, Florida, January 2009, Chief Justices Initiative, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2009, American Correctional Association, Orlando, Florida, January 2009, Miami Poverty Conference, Miami, Florida, February 2009, The Urban Institute, Re-entry Forum, Washington, D.C. 2009, Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs CNS Medical Affairs Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, February 2009, Hawaii Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Practices Conference – “Responsibility and Recovery in the Legal System”, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2009, Kentucky Mental Health Conference – “Recovery – Responsibility- Resiliency for Justice Involved Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders, Highland Heights, Kentucky, May 2009, North Dakota Judicial Institute – “Alternatives to Incarceration”, Grand Forks, North Dakota, May 2009, Capitol Hill Briefing – ‘High Prevalence of Serious Mental Illness in Nation’s Jails’, Washington, D.C., June 2009, Council of State Government/Bureau of Justice Affairs Conference – “Smart Responses in Tough Times, Achieving Better Outcomes for People with Mental Illnesses Involved in the Criminal Justice System”, Washington, D.C., July 2009, Florida Public Defender Association Summer Conference, Naples, Florida, July 2009, Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs & The Carter Center – “Mentally Ill in Corrections Advisory Board Program, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2009, Big Island Mental Health Conference – “Professionals Redefining Our Mentally Ill Through Skills and Education (PROMISE)”, The Big Island, Hawaii, September 2009, Panelist, Minds on the Edge - Facing Mental Illness, Fred Friendly Seminars, PBS, October 2009, Montana Criminal Justice/Mental Health Program, Billings, Montana, October 2009, National Latino Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida, November 2009, Justice Summit 2009, Tampa, Florida, November 2009, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, The University of Vermont, College of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, Burlington, Vermont, November 2009, Veterans Justice Outreach Training, The Veterans Administration, Dallas, Texas, January 2010, “The Criminalization of Mental Illness”, Ortho-McNeil Janssen, Titusville, New Jersey, February 2010, Keynote Speaker, “Transforming Mental Health Systems, A Judicial Perspective” NAMI Indiana Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 2010, New Judges Colleges, Tampa, Florida March 2010, Advanced Judicial Studies, Ft. Myers, Florida, May 2010,

Keynote Speaker, CIT International Conference, San Antonio, Texas, May 2010, Veterans Justice Outreach Training, The Veterans Administration, Chicago, Illinois, June 2010, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2010, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, Bonita Springs, Florida, August 2010, Pennsylvania Community Providers Association, Champion, Pennsylvania, October 2010, "Conversations", The American Psychiatric Association IPS Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, October 2010, Keynote Speaker, NAMI South Carolina Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2010, Florida Hospital Association, Orlando, Florida November 2010, Mayo Clinic, Medical Grand Rounds, Jacksonville, Florida January 2011, Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2011, North Carolina CIT Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, February 2011, Georgia Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, February 2011, Florida Judicial College, Orlando, Florida, March 2011, Judges Leadership Initiative Illinois Judicial Training Program, Springfield, Illinois, May 2011, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting – Symposium, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 2011, Lee County CIT Training, Cape Coral, Florida, May 2011, Medical University of South Carolina – Update in Psychiatry, Charleston, South Carolina, June 2011, Intermountain Mental Health Conference, Logan, Utah, June 2011, Florida Partners In Crisis Judicial Education Project, Orlando, Florida, July 2011, Creating an Essential System of Care for Justice Involved Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders: Past, Present & Future, New York, New York, July 2011. Symposium of the National Mental Health Law, Chinese Psychiatrist Association, Beijing, China, June 1, 2012, XIII International Conference of Forensic Mental Health Services, Maastricht, The Netherlands, June 21, 2013. Since 2011, I made over 50 presentations around the United States to members of the judicial and psychiatric communities and other interested organizations regarding criminal justice and mental health issues.

**Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order).** Do not include publications submitted or in preparation. For publicly available citations, URLs or PMC submission identification numbers may accompany the full reference. Note copies of these publications are no longer accepted as appendix material.

**Leifman, S.** (2009). Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project. *Future Trends in State Courts*, 2009, 122-129.

**Leifman, S.** & Coffey, T. (submitted). Rethinking mental health legal policy and practice: History and needed reform. In P. Griffin, K. Heilbrun, E. Mulvey, D. DeMatteo, & C. Schubert (Eds.), *The Sequential Intercept Model and criminal justice: Promoting community alternatives for individuals with serious mental illness*. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Leifman, S.** & Coffey, T. (submitted). Suicide in the Criminal Justice System – Chapter to appear in Nemeroff, C., Ruiz, P., & Koslow, S. (Eds), *A Concise guide to Understanding Suicide: Epidemiology, Pathophysiology and Prevention*. Cambridge University Press

### **Television and Radio Appearances**

Judge Leifman has also been featured in many national and local television and radio programs regarding mental health and the criminal justice system including, CNN: Anderson Cooper Special Report; NBC Nightly News; CNN: Special Investigations Unit, *The Criminally Insane*; PBS, *Minds on the Edge: Facing Mental Illness*; CBS4, *The Forgotten Floor*; National Public Radio (NPR) *All Things Considered*; the Miami Herald and Miami Today