

ROBYN BARNETT THOMAS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director **Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, San Francisco, CA** **2006-Present**

- Total oversight and responsibility for management of non-profit public service law firm and grassroots membership organization directed at public education and legislative support for gun violence prevention legislation nationwide
- Oversight of all organizational components including legal strategy, organizational priority assessments and fundraising plans to ensure efficient alignment and effective staff management
- Management extensive Second Amendment program tracking more than 1000 cases and filing dozens of amicus briefs across the country to help guide constitutional jurisprudence
- Launching of FACT Initiative (Firearms Accountability Coalition Taskforce) of private law firms nationwide willing to file and litigate impact cases on a pro bono basis to bring accountability to the gun industry
- Launching of several new groundbreaking initiatives including Urban Gun Violence Intervention Program, Suicide Awareness Project and Smart Technology Incentive Program
- Awarded Gerbode Fellowship in 2015 for Outstanding Nonprofit Leadership

Executive Director **Tikkun Community and Tikkun Magazine, Berkeley, CA** **2003-2006**

- Management of non-profit magazine and international, grassroots membership organization focused on building interfaith support for Israeli Peace Agreements and education about the history and politics of the region.
- Coordination of international, grassroots network of over fifty local groups throughout the United States and abroad, working simultaneously on national program of outreach on Israel/Palestine and other social issues
- Communication and coordination with network of other national organizations working on foreign policy related to the Israel/Palestine conflict
- Cultivation of relationships with leaders of large national magazines, heads of religious and educational institutions, and large foundations

Associate, Healthcare Group **Milberg Weiss, LLP, New York, NY** **2001-2003**

- Prosecuted class action lawsuits on behalf of patients, medical societies and doctors alleging violations of Unfair Trade and Business Practices statutes, breaches of contract, fraud and other claims against HMOs
- Litigation of cases involving numerous aspects of the healthcare industry
- Extensive motions drafting, settlement negotiations, and management of complex discovery process involving substantive aspects of healthcare cases

Associate, General Litigation **Lord, Bissell & Brook, LLP, Atlanta, GA** **1999-2001**

- Extensive litigation practice, including complex tort and contract cases, consumer credit, insurance coverage and defense, defamation, and director/officer liability
- Litigation responsibilities included second chairing at trial, drafting motions and pleadings, conducting written and oral discovery, conducting oral arguments in state and federal court and depositions of clients, opposing parties and other relevant witnesses, and extensive client interaction throughout litigation process

Certified Attorney **Dade County Public Defenders' Office, Miami, FL** **1998-1999**

Felony Class A, B, C Defense Team

- Assisted team of public defenders in all aspects of criminal defense including: arguing motions, deposing witnesses, working with experts, developing case theories and drafting examinations for jury trials

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL**Juris Doctor (JD), 1999, *Magna Cum Laude***

- Editor, Inter-American Law Review
- Dean's Merit Scholarship
- Litigation Skills Top Oralist Award
- Teaching positions for Civil Procedure, Elements of Law, and Exam Skills Course
- Founder and incorporator for non-profit Project for Legal and Economic Development, Justice and Equality
- Intern to Federal District Court Judge Linnea Johnson, Miami, FL (summer 1997)
- Intern to Federal Magistrate Judge Ted Bandstra, Miami, FL (spring 1998)

Duke University, Durham, NC**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (AB), 1995**

- Representative to Undergraduate Judicial Board
- Homeless Shelter Assistance Project
- Year Abroad at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies Development Studies Program
- Internship at Center of Concern Think Tank, Washington, D.C. (1994)

LICENSES

- New York, Florida, and Georgia Bar Licenses
- Admitted to Practice in the Southern District of NY Federal Court, First Judicial District of New York, Northern District of Georgia Federal Court, Fulton County State Court, Southern District of Florida Federal Court, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

MEDIA

- Publications, including the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *New York Daily News*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Vanity Fair*, the *Guardian*, Oprah Magazine and NPR
- Television, including *60 Minutes*, Fox News, *MSNBC*, ABC, *PBS NewsHour*, NBC, CNN, among others.
- Film, featured in Katie Couric's documentary *Under the Gun*, which premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival.