

# Curriculum Vitae

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## E. Leon Jacobs, Jr.

### Licensed to Practice: Florida

Co-Owner

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## EDUCATION

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### Florida State University College of Law

J.D., Degree conferred June 1986

Book Award – Communications Law

Best Respondent's Brief, Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition, Southern Region

*Judicial Intern*, Florida First District Court of Appeal, The Honorable James Joanos

### Florida A&M University

Degree conferred June, 1976, Magna cum laude, Data Processing/Computer Science

Activities: Student Senator; member Marching 100, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Legal Practice and Professional Consulting:

Extensive experience in Administrative law, public administration and public utility law, along with insurance practice and constitutional law. Particular experience in deliberations involving complex issues. Interaction with national decision-makers in vital issues such as electric generation and transmission, telecommunications markets and consumer well-being, health insurance availability and hurricane insurance coverage.

### Major Activities:

- **1992:** Organized and filed with the US Department of Justice the State of Florida's compliance with Voting Rights Act, Section 5;
- **1993:** Authored major rewrite of Florida Minority Business oversight and advocacy statutes, including extensive review of Black Business Investment Board;
- **1994:** Conducted legislative review of legislation authorizing multi-jurisdictional special districts designed for major economic development and theme parks;
- **1995:** Conducted extensive legislative review of group health insurance, and plight of

the uninsured. Gave specific attention to impact of out-of-state group health plans;

- **1996:** Coordinated state implementation of national health insurance reform in the Kennedy/Kassenbaum Act;
- **1997:** Conducted extensive legislative review of workers' compensation insurance, with specific focus on the impact of fraud in the system.
- **1998:** Appointed to Florida Public Service Commission by Governor Lawton Chiles.
- **1999:** Chaired Ad-Hoc Task Force on Y2K in the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners. Conducted oversight of preparations nationally for transition of IT processes to the new millennium in electric, telecommunications, natural gas, water and wastewater industries. Active collaboration with President's Y2K Chief, and national regulatory agencies.
- **2000:** Chaired national task force investigating abusive and improper billing practices in telecommunications industry. Coordinated the development of a national model of rules to regulate these practices in telecommunications industry;
- **2001:** Chaired Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Elected President of Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Elected Chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission.
- **2001:** Served on Governor's 2020 Energy Commission.
- **2005:** Provided counsel to mediators and consumers as a contract attorney in the Florida Hurricane Mediation Program, to resolve property insurance claims backlogged from 2004, using alternative dispute resolution techniques.
- **2006:** Served as legal counsel to The Sierra Club in permitting proceedings before the Florida Public Service Commission on climate change issues. Specifically served as counsel to contest the siting of pulverized coal plants.
- **2007:** Served as legal counsel to Save It Now Glades, Inc., a citizens' advocacy group in South Florida to contest the siting of pulverized coal plants in Glades County, Florida;
- **2007-2009:** Served as consultant to Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, a regional environmental advocacy group, and to the Natural Resources Defense Council, a national environmental advocacy group, in a variety of proceedings related to clean energy, and specifically flowing from Governor's Executive Orders requiring reduction of greenhouse gases in Florida.

#### Positions:

2004 – Present: Attorney, Williams & Jacobs, LLC

2008 - Present: Adjunct Professor  
Florida A&M University  
Environmental Sciences Institute

2003-2004: Attorney, E. Leon Jacobs, Jr. Attorney at Law

2002-2003: Executive Assistant to the President  
Florida A&M University

1998-2002: Public Service Commissioner  
Florida Public Service Commission

1991-1998: Staff Attorney; Legislative Research Specialist  
Florida Legislature

1989-1991: Assistant Attorney General  
Florida Office of the Attorney General/ Department of Legal Affairs;  
Lemon Law Arbitration Program

1986-1989: Attorney  
Florida Public Service Commission

### **Computer Programmer and Software Consulting:**

Substantial experience in corporate data and network operations.

#### **Major activities:**

- **1980** Trained and consulted with various divisions of RCA to implement new generation data base technology.

#### **Positions:**

1980-1982: Computer Programmer, Trainer and Consultant  
RCA Corporation, Cherry Hill, NJ

1976-1980 Computer Programmer  
Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

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*State Regulation of Information Services*, BARRISTER, American Bar Association - Young Lawyers Division (Spring, 1991).

*Legislative Staff Review of Constitutional and State Law relating to Florida Minority Business Assistance Act*, Florida House of Representatives, Committee on Tourism and Economic Development (1993)

*Legislative Staff Review of Out of State Group Health Insurance Policies*, Florida House of Representatives, Committee on Insurance (1996)

*Legislative Staff Review of Workers' Compensation Fraud*, Florida House of Representatives, Committee on Insurance (1998)

*The State Public Service Commission Response to Y2K: Lessons for Utility Regulators in the New Environment*, Mimeo, National Regulatory Research Institute, Columbus, OH (January, 2000).

#### **Collaborative Reports:**

*Distributed Energy: Toward a 21st Century Infrastructure*, Consumer's Energy Council of America, Distributed Energy Domestic Policy Forum, July, 2001

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## **APPOINTMENTS, PANELS AND BOARDS**

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- Florida Certified Circuit Civil Court Mediator; (By Florida Supreme Court )
- Florida Hurricane Mediation Program, Consulting Attorney (by Florida Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher)
- Florida Public Service Commission; Served as Chair in 2001 (by Governor Lawton Chiles)
- Consumer's Energy Council of America, Distributed Energy Forum (by President of NARUC)
- U.S. Department of Environmental Protection, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, Small Water Systems Implementation Group (by President of NARUC)
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Chairman of Committee on Consumer Affairs (by President of NARUC)
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Board of Directors ( as Chair of Standing Committee)
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners/U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Market Access Partnership, Chairman (by President of NARUC)
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), Chairman of Ad-Hoc Committee on Y2K (by President of NARUC)
- Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, President ( by election)

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## **EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- *Guest Lecturer*, Florida State University, College of Law, Environmental Law course, Professor Donna Christie, May, 2006.
- *Guest Lecturer*, Florida A&M University, Environmental Policy Institute, Environmental Policy course, September, 2006.
- *Consultant and Counsel*, Sierra Club of Florida, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy in Florida Public Service Commission proceedings relating to climate change, renewable energy and coal-fired electric generating plants.
- *Consultant*, jointly with Synapse Energy Economics, in bid to City of Gainesville to provide consulting services for City's determination of future energy needs.
- *Panelist*, Telecommunication Regulators Association of Southern Africa, Speaker, 2004 Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa

*Testimony*, 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, H.R. 1745 (May 17,

2001).

*Guest Presenter*, Florida Everglades Conference, 2007-2008.

*Guest Presenter*, Power-up Florida 2009, Gulf Coast Energy Network, April 9, 2009.

*Consultant and Expert Witness*, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, 2009.

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## **COMMUNITY AND PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES**

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- Former member and President, Board of Directors, Tallahassee Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International
- Guardian Ad Litem, Second Judicial Circuit of Florida
- Former member, Board of Directors, Child Advocates II, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida (auxiliary support for Guardian Ad Litem)
- Member, Board of Directors, Visions of Manhood, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida ( mentoring and training for young male parents )
- Organizer, Community Initiative for Financial Literacy, in collaboration with Wachovia Bank