

**LOUIS E. STOLBA**  
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**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Arts, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL – December, 1966  
Juris Doctor, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL – May, 1969

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:** Florida (Florida Bar #0121249)  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida  
United States Supreme Court

**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:** December 2001 to March 31, 2011 – State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Senior Attorney, 407 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, FL

Supervisor: Tom Steckler, 850-410-3800

Duties and responsibilities include handling and preparing cases from inception through jury or non-jury trial. Cases include consumer affairs cases, such as enforcement of sellers of travel, telemarketing and unfair and deceptive trade practice. Duties also include the enforcing of administrative final orders by filing actions in circuit court for injunctive relief and collection of administrative and civil fines. Provide legal advice to client with regard various questions requiring a legal opinion to enable the agency to carry out its regulatory functions. Handled construction lawsuit against contractor for the construction of an agricultural interdiction station.

June 1998 to December 2001 - Universal Studios Florida, 1000 Universal Studios Place, Orlando, FL

Supervisor: Cathy Roth, 407-363-8241

Duties and responsibilities include advising the client, directing the construction team and supervising and assisting outside counsel in defending numerous lawsuits ranging from \$3M to \$35M, as well as advising the client and assisting outside counsel in pursuing \$30M in E & O claims against architects and engineers. Duties and responsibilities also include reviewing and giving legal advice with regard to the negotiation, preparation and drafting of contracts, construction agreements, change orders, leases, landlord-tenant matters and other transactional issues, as well as reviewing and giving legal advice with regard to numerous litigation issues.

January 1994 to June 1998 - State of Florida, Department of Transportation as Chief of Construction Litigation/Senior Attorney, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL

Supervisor: Clay McGonagill, 850-414-5295

Duties and responsibilities include the hiring, supervision and management of five senior attorneys plus support staff defending construction litigation brought against the Department of Transportation. Assigning work to attorneys, supervising attorney work product, and doing periodic performance review for all personnel supervised. Negotiate and litigate multi-million dollar construction claims and lawsuits brought against the Florida Department of Transportation from inception of the case through trial, including preparation of motions, handling hearings, and taking of depositions. Handled matters for the Department before the Division of

Administrative Hearings. Participate in writing and giving legal advice to the Department of Transportation on statutory public bidding procedures, formulation of construction specifications, and interpretation of contracts and specifications.

Louis E. Stolba, P.A., 915 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida  
Stolba, Verona & McEwen, P.A., Eckert & Stolba, P.A.

Supervisor: Self

Managing and supervising partner of law firm with up to 14 attorneys and 20 support personnel. Duties and responsibilities include assigning workload and directing billing. Other responsibilities included handling jury and non-jury trials with emphasis in construction, surety defense, real estate, contract and corporate disputes; drafting of contracts, corporate documents and other miscellaneous legal documents; representing clients in the purchase and sale of small businesses and preparation of all documents incidental to such transactions. Handled case from inception, including motion practice, discovery and all phases of trial preparation.

Battaglia, Ross & Stolba, 980 Tyrone Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL

Supervisor: Anthony S. Battaglia, 727-381-2300

Began working as a law clerk while in law school; became an associate after being admitted to the bar; became a partner after several years. Duties and responsibilities included handling case from inception through jury and non-jury trials. Handled all motion practice, discovery and trial preparation. Cases handled had an emphasis in construction, surety defense, real estate, contract, corporate disputes, tort and bodily injury cases, and drafting legal documents. Practiced in this firm for ten years.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Management and supervision of law firm which included assignment of work, developing and supervising billing and collection procedures. Represented numerous construction companies and surety companies in complex construction litigation as well as individuals, partnerships and corporations in business, contract and transactional matters. Represented clients in the following industries and businesses: commercial leasing, construction, retailing, real estate, storage and warehousing, marinas, real estate development, condominium development, condominium associations, surety bonds, bankruptcy, manufacturing, and banking. With the Florida Department of Transportation supervised the handling and personally handled the defense of multi-million dollar construction lawsuits brought against the Department from inception of the claim through trial.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Florida Bar Association  
The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers  
Dispute Resolution Board

**FLORIDA BAR:**

Grievance Committee Member (6C)  
Chairman Grievance Committee (6C)  
Grievance Committee Member (6D)

**COMPUTER PROFICIENCY**

Computer literate; knowledge of WordPerfect, Word, Windows, DOS, and other software.

**REFERENCES:**

Available upon request

