

# **Resume and Biography of PETER M. WEINSTEIN**

## **Personal**

Born in New York City. Resident of Coral Springs, Broward County, Florida for over 47 years. Married to Dr. Barbara-Ann Weinstein. Two sons who are practicing attorneys and three grandchildren.

## **Education**

New York University Stern School of Business, B.S. June 1967  
Member of the Junior Honor Society and the Senior Honor Society

Brooklyn Law School, J.D., June 1970

## **Military Service**

Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant United State Army Reserve, June 1967. Active Duty, January 1971 thru December 1972.

Served as Legal Officer and staff officer to a 10,000 soldier signal brigade. Participated in 200 trials by Special Court Martial and numerous hearings and Investigations.

Awarded the Army Commendation Medal by order of the Secretary of the Army. Honorably discharged, Captain, USAR.

## **Professional Experience**

Assistant District Attorney, Queens County, NY  
Assignments included the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor. Final Assignment as Chief of the Felony Trial Bureau.  
Clerk to a New York State Trial Judge  
1977-1978 Assistant State Attorney, Broward County Florida  
Assignments included the Juvenile Division, the Organized Crime Division and the Consumer Fraud Division.  
1979-1997 Private Practice, Broward County, Florida. Counsel in a wide variety of litigation matters.

## **Legislative Experience**

Elected to the Florida Senate November 1982 and served thru November 1996. Served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Judiciary Criminal Committee and several

terms as either Chair or Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Served a term as Senate Majority Leader. Re-elected without opposition in 1984, 1988 and 1992.

Significant Legislation either sponsored or co-sponsored

Victim and Witness Protection Act

Legislation protecting the medical insurance of Active Duty Florida National Guard Soldiers.

Alu-O'Hara bill protecting benefits of Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters

Consumer protection including vehicle leasing, health club memberships, Florida's Do-Not-Call-List, balcony safety and viatical insurance settlements and travel agency regulation.

Criminal Justice Legislation especially in the areas of Burglary and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Qualifications for County Court Judges (minimum 5 year membership in the Florida Bar)

Creation of The Expressway Authority which built the Sawgrass Expressway

Significant Judicial Funding Issues

### **Judicial Experience**

Appointed by Governor Chiles to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida for a term beginning January 1998. Returned without opposition in 2000, 2006 and 2012. Continuous service in the Criminal Division of Circuit Court, handling all types of felony cases until May, 2008 when he was assigned to the civil division of the Circuit Court. Additionally served in the Probate and Guardianship Division.

Elected Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in February, 2011 by my colleagues and subsequently re-elected in 2013 and 2015 for a total of 3- 2 year terms as Chief Judge. Responsible for the overall operation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Served as Chief Judge during the planning and construction of the new Broward County Courthouse. Responsible for implementing electronic filing in the courts with the Clerk of the Courts. Retired as Circuit Judge on December 31, 2018.

Created the Broward Veterans Court. This a Court designed to assist those Veterans, who have been charged with a criminal offense, to obtain therapeutic treatment services.

Served on the Broward Courthouse taskforce responsible for recommending and Advising on the construction of the new Broward County Courthouse.

Served as 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative to the Conference of Circuit Judges.

Served on the Legislative Committee of the Conference of Circuit Judges.

Served on the Local Rules Committee (Appointed by the Florida Supreme Court) Subsequent to retirement from the Circuit Court, became a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator. In addition, became a 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Qualified Arbitrator.

Currently practicing in the areas of Mediation and Arbitration as well as Impartial Umpire in insurance Disputes. Additionally, appointed as a Special Master by The Circuit Court.

### **Other Public Service**

1994-1996	Article V Task Force—charged with reviewing and recommending changes to all aspects of Florida’s judicial system
1993-1994	Florida Railroad Safety Commission Chairman
1991-1994	Florida Guardianship Oversight Board Chairman
1989-1992	Florida Judicial Council
1985-1988	Florida Sentencing Guidelines Commission
1988	Florida Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement Study Commission
1988	Florida Guardianship Law Study Commission
	Broward County Charter Review Commission
	City of Coral Springs Planning & Zoning Board

### **Community Service**

Served as Board Member for the Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center for Women.

Served as President of the B’Nai B’Rith Justice Unit.

Served as Member of the Board of the Broward Community Blood Center

Served on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Federation

Served as Lt. Colonel, United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol

Jewish War Veterans Judge Advocate

## **Awards and Recognitions**

“Distinguished Service Award” by the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

“Freshman Legislator of the Year” by the Florida Sheriff’s Association.

HMO Patient Advocate Presented to Senator Peter M. Weinstein in appreciation of your unwavering support “putting people first.”

Florida Sheriff’s Legislative Award, presented to Senator Peter M. Weinstein in appreciation of his Legislative leadership and efforts on behalf of the Florida Sheriff’s Association.

Senator Peter M. Weinstein in recognition of your tireless efforts as a Member of the Broward Legislative Delegation and on behalf of the citizens of Broward County, Florida.

Allen Morris Award as the “Most Effective First Term Senator” in 1984.  
Allen Morris Award in 1988 for his effective work in committee.

“The Rosemary Barkett Award for Outstanding Demonstrated Commitment to Equal Justice Under the Law” by The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

“Recognition of Dedicated Service to Florida Children” by the Florida Children’s Forum.

“Legislative Child Advocate of the Year” by the Early Childhood Development Association.

“Certificate of Appreciation” by the Florida Association of Alternative School Educators.

“Recognition of Exemplary Work and Commitment to Public School Students” by the Broward School Board.

“67 Award” for legislative contributions toward educational excellence by the Florida School Board Association.

“Freshman Friend of Education” by the Florida teaching Profession/National Educational Association.

“Certificate of Recognition” by Vocational, Technical and Adult Education.

“Florida Distinguished Service Medal” by the Florida National Guard

National Guest Lecturer in Political Process and Social Issues, Doctoral program in Early and Middle Childhood, Nova University.

“Leadership Award” by the Area wide Council on Aging.

“For outstanding service and dedication to the humanitarian ideals of the City of Hope” by the City of Hope.

“Recognition of Outstanding service” by the Foster Grandparent Program.

“Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award” by the Irish Cultural Institute of Florida.

“Annual Appreciation Award” by the Northwest Federated Women’s Club.

“Appreciation Award” by the Florida Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation.

“Legislator of the Year” by the Florida Shorthand Reporters Association.

“Legislative Appreciation Award” by the Florida Recreation and Parks Association.

“Appreciation Award” by the Broward County Chiropractic Association.

“Legislative Excellence Award” by the Florida Audubon Society.

“Community Service Award” by the Broward County AFL-CIO.

“Political Appreciation Award” by the Fort Lauderdale Area Board of Realtors.

“In Appreciation” by the Women’s Council of Realtors, Pompano-North Broward.

“Award for unyielding commitment on behalf of citizens who are mentally retarded” presented by the Association for Retarded Citizens of Florida.

“Honorary Member of the Coral Springs Volunteer Firefighters Association”

“In Appreciation and Recognition of 10 Years Leadership & Devotion to your own Coral Springs Cadet Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary”

“ In Appreciation for Your Continued Dedication and Support of the Florid Fire Service and For Your Sponsorship of Legislation and Your Leadership Which Led to the passage of Death Benefits for The Volunteer Firefighters of Florida, from the Florida State Firemen’s Association, Inc.

“Heartfelt Thanks for Letting us Walk the Extra Mile with you on the Path Toward Victims’ Rights” presented by the Justice for Surviving Victims, Inc.

“David Rush Memorial Dynamic Leadership Award” presented by Crime Stoppers.

“The Inaugural Bill Kling Service to Veteran’s Award” presented by Monarch Care.

“Executive Director’s Award” presented by the Broward County Bar Association

“Judge of the Year” 2011 presented by American Board of Trial Advocates

“Award of Excellence” presented by Impact Broward

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