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BIO

Michelle Hollister is a Florida Bar Board Certified Elder Law Attorney and has holds a Master's in Business Administration. She is a member of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar; A current Florida State Association Board Member, Vice President of the Palm Beach chapter of the Florida State Guardianship Association and is a Past President of the National Guardianship Association. In addition, Michelle is an accredited attorney with the Veteran's Administration. Michelle has an elder law practice in Boca Raton with a focus on the long-term care needs of her clients as well as guardianship and estate planning. Previously, Michelle was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush as the Executive Director of the Statewide Public Guardianship Office and she continued in this role for Governor Crist's administration. Michelle has participated on numerous state and local committees and workgroups, including Governor Bush's Blue Ribbon Panel on the Developmentally Disabled, Governor Bush's Workgroup on Guardianship and the Developmentally Disabled, and the Florida Department of Children & Families Select Advisory Panel on Adult Protective Services. In addition, Michelle provided testimony to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee regarding pending legislation affecting elders in the United States and Michelle was invited to participate in the 2015 White House Conference on Aging.

EDUCATION

JD, St. Thomas University School of Law
MBA, Nova Southeastern University
BA, Business Administration, University of Miami

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1997
Board Certified in Elder Law 2016

EMPLOYMENT

Law Office of Michelle R. Hollister, P.A. Boca Raton, FL 2014-Present
Managing Partner, Elder Law Firm, Delray Beach, FL 2010-2013
Executive Director, Florida's Statewide Public Guardianship Office* 2006-2010
(Appointed by Governor Bush, continued for Governor Crist)
Director of Probate, Guardianship and Mental Health Services, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County 2003-2006

Court Probate and Guardianship Counsel, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County
2000-20003

Judicial Staff Attorney, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County 1997-2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Alzheimer's Association, Board of Directors 2018

Accredited Attorney with the Veteran's Administration

Florida Bar

Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar

Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar

Executive Council of the Real Property Probate & Trust Law Section

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys

National Guardianship Association, Board of Directors 2009-2011, President 2013

National Guardianship Association Chair Public Policy 2012-2015

Florida State Guardianship Association

Broward County Guardianship Association

Big Bend Chapter Guardianship Association

Palm Beach County Bar Association

Palm Beach County Partnership for Aging

South Palm Beach County Bar Association

South Health Care Advocacy Network/Boca Raton Chamber, Board Member 2016-

Present

Elder Law Committee of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association

Business & Professional Cabinet Member for the Jewish Federation of Boca Raton

COMMITTEES / WORKGROUPS

Alzheimer's Community Care Conference Planning Committee, 2012, 2013

Alzheimer's Community Care Annual South County Fundraiser Planning Committee,
2015, 2016

American Bar Association & AARP's Panel on Guardianship Monitoring, Washington,
D.C. February 2007

Anti Defamation League, Glass Leadership Institute, Class of 2015-2016

Association for Conflict Resolution Task Force on Elder Care Mediation, 2014

Broward County Aging Alliance Member

Executive Council Member, Real Property, Probate, & Trust Law Section of the Florida
Bar 2004-2010

Florida Assisted Living Coalition Conference Planning Committee, 2012

Florida Bar, Elder Law Section, Guardianship Committee 2015

Florida Department of Children & Families Select Advisory Panel on Adult Protective
Services

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Grant Project, Lighting the Way

Florida State Guardianship Association, Legislative Committee 2015

Florida Supreme Court WINGS stakeholder, 2017, 2018

Florida Supreme Court Joint Application Development Committee of the Florida Courts
Technology Committee

Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on the Developmentally Disabled
Governor's Workgroup on Guardianship and the Developmentally Disabled
Guardianship Law Committee, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar
Guardianship Task Force, Scrivener/Support 2005
Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach, Business & Professional Cabinet, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach, Leadership Institute, 2017
Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Young Women's Philanthropy, 2018
National Guardianship Association, Board of Directors 2009-2011
National Guardianship Association, Public Policy Chairperson 2013-present
National Guardianship Association Outreach Co-Chair, 2015
Palm Beach County Bar Association Guardianship Education Committee 2012
Palm Beach County Home Caregiver Ordinance Drafting Committee 2015
Sun Sentinel Diversity Venture Fund Grant Review Committee
Third National Guardianship Summit Invited Guest, Salt Lake City, 2011
White House Conference on Aging Invited Guest, 2015

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS

Joining Forces, Annual Report 2003
Aspire Higher, Annual Report 2004
Public Guardianship: An Assessment of Need 2004
Moving Forward, Annual Report 2005
Guardianship Task Force Report 2005
Public Guardianship Funding in Accordance with the General Appropriations Act FY 2005-2006
Statewide Public Guardianship Office Annual Report 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
Florida Bar Journal, Q&A: Introduction to the State of Florida Pooled Special Needs Trust, Co-author, May 2007
How to Minimize the Coming Guardianship Wave in Florida, 2007
Florida Guardianship Practice, Sixth Edition, Public Guardianship Chapter, Co-Author 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011. Sole Author – 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

PRESENTATIONS

ARC of Palm Beach, 2018
Artis Senior Living, 2016
Academy of Continuing Education (ACE) 2011, 2012
Arizona Fiduciaries Association: Inter jurisdictional Comparison of Guardianships
Brevard County Guardianship Association, Decision Making in Guardianships 2015
Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, South Healthcare Advocacy Network (SHAN) 2015, 2016.
Broward County Long Term Care Ombudsman Council: The Basics on Guardianship
Broward County Bar Association's The People's Law School: Probate & Guardianship
Broward County Guardianship Association: Ethics Panel
Broward County Guardianship Association: From Incapacity to Appointment
Circuit Court Judge's Conference: Professional Guardianship in Florida

Circuit Court Judge's Conference: Role of the Court in Educating Attorneys
Greenwood School: Tools for Decision Making Assistance
Getting Down to Business: The Business of Guardianship
Florida Association of Court Clerk's Summer Conference: Guardianship
Florida Bar: Elder Concert: Guardianship and its Alternatives
Florida Bar: Elder Law Section, Legislative Update 2006
Florida Bar Continuing Education: Practicing Guardianship in the New Millennium
Florida Chapter of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Eldercaring
Coordination Faculty 2015
Florida Council on Aging Conference 2007: Guardianship and Elder Rights Update
Florida Department of Children & Families General Counsel's Management Meeting
Florida Department of Children & Families Adult Protective Services Annual Conference
Florida Elder Mediation, Expert Panel 2012
Florida House of Representatives, Elder & Long Term Care Committee 2003, 2005
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accounts State Conference, 2014
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Broward Chapter
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Palm Beach Chapter
Florida Senate, Children, Families, & Elder Affairs Committee 2008
Florida Legal Education Association: Professional Guardian Regulation
Florida Long Term Care Ombudsman Council: Statewide Public Guardianship Office
Florida State Guardianship Association: Professional Guardian Competency 2005
Florida State Guardianship Association: Professional Guardian Updates 2004,2006,
2007, 2008, 2009
Florida State Guardianship Association, Elder Care Coordination 2015, 2016
Florida Supreme Court Commission on Fairness Guardianship Subcommittee:
Guardianship Monitoring
Florida Supreme Court WINGS (Working Interdisciplinary Workgroup of Guardianship
Stakeholders) Committee Member, 2017. 2018
Lighting the Way to Guardianship and Other Decision-Making Alternatives, Live and
web cast 2009
Mae Volen Senior Center, elder Abuse Awareness 2017
Mediation Training Group, Inc. Elder Law Mediation Training, 2011, 2015
Mid-Florida Guardianship Association: Professional Guardianship
National Aging & the Law Institute, Washington, DC: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
of Guardianship Fraud, Co-Presenter with Sharon Bock, Palm Beach County Clerk and
Comptroller and Anthony Palmieri, J.D., November 2013
Nova Southeastern University's Lifelong Learning Institute, 2011, 2013
Oh My God I'm Getting Older and So is My Mom Radio Show, 2012. 2014. 2015
Parkinson's Radio Hour, February 2014 and September 2014
Parkinson's Support Group, Boca Raton, 2015
Pinellas County Guardianship Association: Professional Guardian Examination
Pinellas County Guardianship Association: Legislative Update 2004, 2005, 2006
South Florida Guardianship Association: Legislative Update 2006
South Health Care Advocacy Network/Boca Raton Chamber Elder Law 101, 2016
South Palm Beach County Bar Association 2012
United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, September 2011

University of Miami School of Law: Guardianship and Ethics Symposium
University of Kentucky: Summer Conference on Aging, Public Guardianship
World Congress on Guardianship: The Fiduciary's Role, May 2014