



Samantha Ruiz Cohen offers over seventeen years of professional experience. She is a skilled criminal trial lawyer, a teacher of Constitutional Law, and a civil practitioner.

Samantha began her career in public service at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, where she worked for over a decade. While there, she tried murder cases as a Division Chief and was the courtroom supervisor of felony level lawyers. Samantha also served as the Office Training Director for several years, where she organized and directed the intensive six-week training program for all newly hired attorneys, and taught trial advocacy skills. Samantha also mentored numerous lawyers in the office, and was selected to assist the office in community outreach and special projects.

Samantha has further served the legal community through teaching. She has taught trial advocacy at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) in New York. She also taught Constitutional Law at the undergraduate level at Florida International University as an adjunct professor for numerous years. Samantha's former students have described her as an excellent professor because of her knowledge of the law, her professionalism, and patience. Currently, Samantha is practicing civil litigation at the law firm of Bennett Aiello Cohen and Fried, predominantly in the field of products liability.

Samantha has been living in South Florida since she was six months old. Although born in New York City, she was raised in Miami, where she graduated from LaSalle High School in 1984 and the University of Miami in 1988. Samantha's parents moved to the United States from Cuba in 1961 and established a family business, Pay ret Photo Studios, a business that they ran for

over thirty years until they retired. Her parents instilled a strong work ethic in her, and she grew up working in that family business every summer while in high school and six days a week while attending the University of Miami. Samantha's proven work ethic, character, and determination are assets that she will bring to the bench.

Samantha is married to Stuart L. Cohen, a civil litigator in Miami, and they have two sons. In addition to the practice of law, Samantha is a member of numerous organizations including CABA and FAWL.

Samantha loves South Florida and is committed to giving back to this community that has given her so much. She would be honored to serve the citizens of Miami-Dade County as your judge if elected on August 24, 2010.

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