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**ATTORNEY, PRIVATE PRACTICE**  
**PHILIP A. BATES, P.A.**  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

JUNE 2022-PRESENT

- Handle a variety of civil cases as co-counsel, from inception to conclusion, in matters such as business-related litigation, contract disputes, construction litigation, estate and trust litigation, insurance claims, and homeowner association disputes, among others

**CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

2012–APRIL 2022

2004–APRIL 2022

- Presided over jury trials and bench trials
- Empaneled grand juries
- Issued search warrants and arrest warrants
- Conducted all preliminary proceedings in criminal cases
- Conducted plea and sentencing hearings
- Conducted settlement conferences
- Issued attachment and garnishment processes and summonses in maritime cases
- Handled summary judgment and other dispositive motions in civil cases
- Issued writs in aid of execution
- Decided appeals in Social Security cases
- Presided over naturalization ceremonies
- Conducted prisoner transfer proceedings in foreign countries

AS CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

- Supervised staff attorneys and death penalty law clerk
- Served as liaison between district judges and magistrate judges
- Handled various managerial and administrative duties
- Established district-wide policies for magistrate judge matters
- Monitored caseloads
- Trained/mentored newly-appointed magistrate judges
- Created and implemented Covid 19-related policies and procedures

**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL DEFENDER  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

1998–2004

- Tried complex felony jury trials, including extensive conspiracies, complicated white-collar crimes, bribery, wire fraud, money laundering, drug trafficking, theft of government property, and weapons offenses
- Served as sole counsel in hundreds of cases, from arrest through plea or trial and sentencing

**ASSISTANT STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

1995–1998

- Handled hundreds of cases on wide-ranging offenses such as robbery, sexual assault, drug possession and distribution, manslaughter, and burglary
- Tried numerous jury trials
- Drafted and argued motions to suppress, motions in limine, and other pre-trial and post-trial motions
- Handled complex sentencing hearings
- Handled competency hearings and Baker Act (involuntary commitment) cases

**SOLE PRACTITIONER & ASSOCIATE, LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL SALNICK**  
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

1994–1995

- Handled a variety of criminal cases, from arrest through sentencing
- Tried first degree murder case, among other trials
- Authored appellate briefs

**ASSISTANT STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

1989–1994

- Handled hundreds of cases in juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony divisions
- Tried numerous jury and bench trials
- Assisted on appeals and death penalty cases

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**EDUCATION**

- Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, J.D. 1989
  - Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, B.S. (Bus. Admin.) 1985
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## **SELECTED AWARDS AND CURRENT *OR* PRIOR CERTIFICATIONS AND BAR OR JUDICIAL-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- **Judicial Council of the United States Eleventh Judicial Circuit**  
Magistrate Judge Representative (October 2018 to October 2020)
- **Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law**  
Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service (2019)
- **United States Eleventh Circuit Biannual Judicial Conferences**  
Planning Committee Member for 2018 and 2016 Conferences  
Chair (2018): Young Lawyers Roundtable with the Judiciary  
Bar Admission Ceremonies  
Panel Q and A with Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
- **Federal Magistrate Judges Association**  
History and Archives Committee Chair  
Long-Range Planning Committee Member
- **Judicial Election Campaign Practices Committee**  
Served on newly-formed committee designed to monitor campaign practices of candidates for elected judicial office in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida, and to receive and mediate/resolve complaints regarding same
- **AV Rated Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings**
- **American Inns of Court, Pensacola Chapter**  
President (2019–2021); Board Member (2018–present)
- **Federal Court Practice Committee of the Florida Bar**  
“Federal Judicial Roundtable” Committee member (and regular participant)
- **Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys**  
At-Large Board of Director Member of statewide organization  
Co-Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee  
Presenter, Florida Bar Board Certification Review Course, Criminal Trial
- **Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association**

- **Florida Bar Board Certified Criminal Trial Attorney**, Certified in 2001

Passed rigorous examination to obtain certification and, as part of the application process, submitted documentation confirming the conduct of at least twenty-five trials to verdict

- **High School Mock Trial Competitions**

Volunteer Judge

- **Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council**

Pensacola-area affiliate of the National Council of International Visitors, whose mission is to create and encourage collaboration between local community stakeholders and international visitors by facilitating professional and personal interaction with international leaders during official visits to the Gulf Coast region

- **Teen Court Volunteer**, First Judicial Circuit of Florida

Assisted high school students with serving on “sentencing juries” and prosecuting peers who had been diverted from the state judicial system to Teen Court for trial and disposition of first-time traffic and misdemeanor offenses; also served as judge