

MARY LOU MILLER WAGSTAFF

EDUCATION:

College of William & Mary	BA	1968
Stetson College of Law	JD	1970

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Attorney at Law
Wagstaff Law Office, P.A.
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Largo, FL 33770
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Private practice January 1, 1974 to present more recently solely concentrating on Family Law, including families in crisis and child advocacy issues in the courts.

Pioneer Western Corporation
Western Counsel from 1971-1973

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1985 – Present

Attorney – Trial advocacy for children including dependency proceedings under Florida Statute 39, agency adoptions, private adoption placements (formerly) requiring a broad knowledge of community and state-wide services available to children including mental health services.

1984 – Present

Attorney – Representing Catholic Social Service, now known as Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, involving the termination of parental rights of children born in a five county area including Hillsborough County.

1978 – 1984

Attorney – Child Protection Team, All children's Hospital, St Petersburg, Florida.

1974 – 1978

Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services under contract for Children, Youth & Family and social & Economic Services.

1978 – 1985

Represented a number of publicly funded mental health providers.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Florida Bar Association	1970 – Present
Sixth Circuit Grievance Committee	1979 – 1982
Chairman	1981 – 1982
Florida Supreme Court Steering Committee	
On Families & Children	2014--- Present
Liaison to The Florida Bar Family	2014---Present
Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts	2014---Present
Board Member	2017---Present
The Florida Bar Family Rules Law Committee	2008 – 2014
Vice-Chair	2012 – 2013
Chair	2013 -- 2014
Florida Adoption Council	2007 -- Present
Canakaris Inn of Court	2000 -- Present
Clearwater Bar Association	
Member	1971 – Present
Director	1975 – 1979
Secretary	1974 – 1975
Treasurer	1975 – 1976
Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair	2007 - 2011
Legal Aid Society of Clearwater, Florida	
Directory	1971 – 1979
Secretary	1972 – 1975
President	1977 – 1978
Junior League of Clearwater	1975 – 1982
Representative on Youth Services	
Systems Advisory Council (JWB)	
Served on numerous committees and was	
delegate to various conventions in the	
area of community involvement with	
children. Participated in model PACER	
program. JWB Abuse, Neglect and	
Dependency Committee.	

Ascension Day School/Episcopal Church of The Ascension	1982 – 1985
Director	1982 – 1985
President	1982 – 1984
Episcopal Church of the Ascension	
Sunday School Teacher and Youth Leader	1984 – 1996
Choir	1990 – 2006
Vestry	
Junior Warden	1997 – 1998
Vestry	2005 – 2008
Junior Warden	2007 – 2008
Leadership Pinellas	1980 – Present
Director	1981 – 1982
Pinellas Young Peoples Residential Treatment Program, Inc.	1980 – 1985
Director	1980 – 1985
Secretary	1980 – 1981
Human Rights Advocacy Commission District V – State of Florida	1984 – 1988
Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Planning Council	1985 – 1987

PUBLICATIONS

Drafting Marriage Contracts in Florida (ninth & tenth editions) Chapter 4 Premarital Agreements