

Background

As a primary result of having a great deal of experience in the general family law arena, John has been able to achieve and maintain a cordial, well-balanced, less formal and laid-back type practice to ease some of the tension and discomfort that people feel when they enter a law office.

John has counseled and represents (or has represented on a large scale) people and families from all walks of life, but a greater portion of his clientele has been 25 churches and ministries and numerous people referred from those particular church administrators and benevolence committees in the Ft. Lauderdale area. Three of those include the well-known and extremely successful Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church (a nationally televised service with an internationally renown evangelism program), Christ the Rock Community Church (Cooper City), and Calvary Chapel of Ft. Lauderdale (one of the largest churches in America). Other well-known clients include Causeway Lumber Company, Inc., Shepherd Care Ministries, Inc., **Robert B. Lecce Numismatics, Inc.**, First Baptist Church of West Hollywood and New Covenant Presbyterian Church. Smaller ministries include the Good News Church, Pompano Beach Christian Center, Covenant Life Church, Christian Fellowship of Ft. Lauderdale, First Baptist of Sunrise, Faith Deliverance Center, South Palm Community Church, World Ministry Outreach, Operation Rescue, Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Daybreak Ministries and Child Evangelism Fellowship of Dade.

He conceived of and helped to develop statutory law as a result of his appointment to the Florida Adoption Advisory Counsel in 1990 which resulted in F.S. 63 adoption forms and F.S. 63.054 putative father registration. As early as 1985, his appellate victory **found in *Johnson vs. Johnson***, 455 So. 2nd 1332 (4th DCA 1985) was the first case in Florida to help define shared parental responsibilities in custody cases the holding of which prevents a custodial parent to change his city or state of residence, without the approval of the other parent.

While attending college, Mr. Nyce earned five varsity letters in wrestling, tennis and golf, wrestled for a nationally ranked college team and he had the best record (10-1) on his tennis team as a senior at the University at Buffalo (competing against Big East schools). He continues to play golf and tennis on a weekly basis. In his Newburgh, New York high school he was a varsity wrestler and he founded and played in a jazz band he called The Blue & Gold Jazz Octet (40's and 50's Glen Miller style music) which is still in existence today and where he was a concert trumpet soloist, a commencement address speaker and an award winning public speaker.

Adoption Placement Licensure

In 1981, Mr. Nyce created and established the adoption division of Shepherd Care Ministries, a Christian counseling agency which as of this writing has placed over 3,500 newborns and young children into Christian homes. The agency was the first all-Christian adoption agency approved and licensed in the State of Florida, which incidentally, came after great opposition from the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, the licensing arm of the government. After a 3-year long battle with the Department, he secured an adoption placement license from Tallahassee in 1985 (a first of its kind) and which opened wide the floodgate for countless Christian and likewise private sector adoption agencies and foster homes in Florida. **See item at the end of this section.**

Pro-life

One of his greatest career challenges involved the legal representation of Operation Rescue South Florida and its' national founder, Randall Terry. Mr. Nyce was regularly involved with state leadership in the pro-life movement in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He spearheaded a group of 13 Christian attorneys in the successful legal defense of 84 "rescuers" all pro bono, in criminal court in Palm Beach County in 1989. He also participated in a blockade of an abortuary and numerous demonstrations in the tri-county area. **See item at the end of this section.**

Professional Organizations

Mr. Nyce's legal and professional organizations include: Membership (since 1973) in The Florida Bar; Appointment in 1990 to a five-year term on the Florida Legislative Advisory Counsel on Adoptions (F.S. 63); Admission to the U.S. District Court- Southern and Middle Districts; Admission to the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal; Membership in the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; Founder/director of the Broward Christian Lawyers Association in 1978; Rated BV in Martindale Hubbell; Member Christian Legal Society; and he was a director of the Alliance of Responsible Growth, an anti-pornography organization.

Member/Agent/ Old Republic Title Insurance (Attorneys Title Insurance Fund)

Mr. Nyce been an underwriter for the Fund since 1978 and he is authorized to write title insurance for owners and lenders in residential and commercial real property acquisitions.

Representative Circuit & Appellate Court Case Experience

Formed the merger and eventual dissolution of partnership between the well-known Bethany Christian Services out of Grand Rapids, Michigan with the Shepherd Care Ministries, Inc.-(1989-1995).

Represented Operation Rescue pro bono in the defense of criminal trespass and resisting arrest without violence of 84 defendants in Palm Beach County, Florida in 1989, regarding blockades of women's abortuaries, with results of withheld adjudication and limited community service.

Representation of various Chris Craft Yacht Company heirs in the dissolution of five trusts (1987) resulting in \$5.5 million in recovered trust assets.

Florida EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). Secured \$300,000 for a client from the State Superfund for clean-up of an illegal dump site on the client's land.

Securities fraud (churning); recoveries in arbitration cases against Oppenheimer (NASD); Dean Witter (AAA); Rothchild (AAA); Return of average 85% of clients lost funds.

Closings & Title policies: *R.F.B. Development, Inc.* (1988) \$4.2 million title insurance; *First Baptist Church of West Hollywood, Inc.* (2003) \$4.0 million title insurance; *First Baptist Church of West Hollywood, Inc.* refinance (2003) \$2.0 million title insurance, and other title insurance all exceeding \$40 million underwritten by Mr. Nyce as title agent.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Florida vs Child Evangelism Fellowship of Dade: (1992) Action: Suit for Constructive Trust; major Issue: Congregational vs. hierarchical forms of church government distinguished; parent/subsidiary control; case no. 90-38128, 17th judicial circuit; Judge Levon Ward; Won \$2 million verdict over 24 acre tract action.

Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance vs. Bledsoe; (1986) Action: Suit for Declaratory Decree; Major issue: Insurance fire coverage, case no. 85-123 Civ-Ftm U.S. District Court (Middle District) Judge William Castagna; Won at lower court and on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals (11th Circuit)

Johnson vs. Johnson (1983) Action: Divorce Major issue: Shared parental responsibilities; case no. 82-22123, 17th judicial circuit; Judge Lawrence Korda; Issue: Shared parental responsibility, certain limits defined regarding F.S 61; Won at lower court and on appeal 455 So.2d 1332 (4th DCA 1984).

In Re: Interests of Baby Girl Pretty (1984) Action: Revocation of Consent for Adoption after placement; Major issue: Adoption consent under duress under F.S. 63; case no. 83-25471, 17th judicial circuit; Judge Cail Lee; Won at lower court and on appeal (4th DCA 1985). Won all 20 similar contested adoption cases.

Craig vs. Nevel; (1992) Action: Mortgage foreclosure; Major issue: Liability under \$465,000 note; case no. 90-30004, 17th judicial circuit; Judge Robert Scott; Won on summary final judgment.

Huertas vs. Good News Church (2005) Action: Personal injury slip and fall against church; Major issue: liability; case no. 04-1916, 17th judicial circuit Judge Henning; Won on summary final judgment.

Moss vs. Westgate Baptist Church (1996); Action: Personal injury; Major issue: liability for playground injury to child; case no. 96-10128, 17th judicial circuit; judge Herbert Moriarty; resulted in pre-trial settlement of \$200,000 (assist).

Watson vs. Holy Cross Hospital (2001) Action: Personal injury Major issue: pathology negligence; 15th judicial circuit; Resulted in pre-trial Settlement of \$1.2 million (assist).

Literary

It took him over ten years to write a most interesting and provocative 397 page non-fiction religious book, entitled *The Proof of God's Existence in the Seven "C's" and Christian handbook of Lists*, which is which has been recently published. This book and is available on ebay and will be distributed to bookstores nationally in 2010. See Literary above for more information.

Television, Radio and Biographical

Mr. Nyce made a national TV appearance for Trinity Broadcasting Network "Feedback Show" and he made various South Florida guest radio and television appearances including hosting several WAFG Radio Know Your Legal Rights shows. For many years he was a college professor and headed up trust and estate planning seminars and his Biographical sketch was included in the Social Register of Ft. Lauderdale.

Founder/teacher

Due to his wide experience in combining spiritual matters and the law, and as a further result of writing his book (See Literary) Mr. Nyce has formulated a cutting edge evangelism program which he has taught at local churches. He is the founder and teacher/trainer of ApoloVangelism (a very interesting and informative methodology of combining apologetics and evangelism). Mr. Nyce draws from his incredible wealth of personal first-hand involvement in spiritual events and miracles in working closely with over 30 pastors and Christian psychologists since the late 1970's and gives detailed information to those he trains. Information about this program can be found [in the ApoloVangelism section of the linked web page proofofgodsexistence.com](http://proofofgodsexistence.com).

Numismatic Expertise

Membership in ANA (the American Numismatic Association). Extended education, legal and professional involvement and personal interest in American numismatics.

Non-Legal Organizations (Active Involvement)

Member-University of Miami...Citizens Board...Hurricane Club...Alumni Association; State University of New York at Buffalo Alumni Association; Certified trainer-Evangelism Explosion International III (certified since 1980); Member-National Right to Life Committee, Inc.; Director, legal counsel and founder of the adoption Division of Shepherd Care Ministries, Inc.; Volunteer to the Beach Street Ministry to the Homeless, Ft. Lauderdale; Christian Legal Society; Promise Keepers; Membership in the United States Tennis Association (with a 4.5 rating); memberships in the: South Dakota Hunting & Fishing Association; Palm-Aire Golf & Country Club (sporting a 12 handicap); Holiday Park Tennis Center; Gold's Gym.