



NAME OF EVENT: ACS South Florida: The Role of Prosecutors: What Does It Mean to do the Right Thing?

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: November 15, 2023 | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, Eastern Time | McDermott Will & Emery, Miami, FL

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The panelists will discuss the role and function of prosecutors in the criminal justice system as animated by the principles set forth in the 1935 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Berger v. United States*.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

- **Joan Silverstein**, Chief of the Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida
 - **Hon. Milton Hirsch**, Judge, Eleventh Circuit of Florida
 - **Andrew Warren**, State Attorney, Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit
 - Moderator: **Barbara Llanes**, Partner, Gelber Schachter & Greenberg, P.A.
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- Judge Milton Hirsch- Milton Hirsch is a judge of the Eleventh Circuit of Florida. Formerly, he was a Florida criminal defense attorney. Prior to that he was with the Office of the State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, where he rose to assistant chief of narcotics prosecution. Judge Hirsch has a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a past president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Miami chapter, and was named in The Best Lawyers in America. In 2004, Judge Hirsch's novel, *The Shadow of Justice*, won the first-place award presented by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association in the mystery/suspense category.
 - Andrew Warren- Andrew Warren was elected as State Attorney of Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, in November 2016. Warren led an office of approximately 130 prosecutors and 300 total employees whose mission is to build a safer community while promoting justice and fairness for everyone in the criminal justice system. Warren previously served as a federal prosecutor with the United States Department of Justice. Warren studied economics and political science at Brandeis University before receiving his law degree from Columbia University. Following law school, he clerked for U.S. district judge, Samuel Conti in San Francisco and then practiced complex criminal and civil litigation with the international law firm Latham & Watkins. In June 2022, Warren signed a

statement with other prosecutors in opposition to prosecuting individuals who sought or provided abortions. Citing this statement, Gov. DeSantis suspended Warren on August 4, 2022.

- Joan Silverstein- Joan Silverstein is the chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. Joan graduated from Georgetown Law School in 1992 and clerked for federal Judge Louis Pollak in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 1996, the Miami native returned to South Florida to join the U.S. Attorney's Office, where she has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in several departments, including as chief and deputy chief of the Economic and Environmental Crimes unit.
- Barbara Llanes- Barbara Llanes is a partner at the law firm Gelber Schachter & Greenberg, P.A. where she advises companies and individuals on a wide range of criminal, regulatory and civil matters. Prior to joining the firm, Barbara headed the Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training (OPDAT) in Mexico for three years. She also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey where she held several supervisory roles including as chief of the Organized Crime & Gangs unit and chief of the General Crimes unit. Barbara previously worked at an international law firm in New York and clerked for U.S. District Judge Paul Huck in Miami. She is a graduate of Emory University and Stanford Law School.

AGENDA OF PROGRAM (1.0 hour of CLE):

- 12:30 p.m. -12:45 p.m.: Arrival and pick up lunch
- 12:45 p.m. -12:50 p.m.: Speaker introductions
- 12:50 p.m. -1:35 p.m.: Moderated panel discussion regarding the role of prosecutors
- 1:35 p.m. -1:45 p.m.: Q&A with the audience and conclusion
- 1:45 p.m. -2:00 p.m.: Wrap up event

READING MATERIALS:

- [*Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78 \(1935\).](#)
- [24 J. Am. Jud. Soc'y 18 \(1940\), 31 J. Crim. L. 3 \(1940\) \(address at Conference of United States Attorneys, Washington, D.C., April 1, 1940\).](#)
- [*Criminal Justice Standards for the Prosecution Function*. Copyright by the American Bar Association.](#)