

# Rochelle Reback

## 2010 Charter Review Board Profile

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### Professional Information:

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Admitted to practice in New York State, 1984; in Florida 1986  
AV Highest Rated: Martindale-Hubbell, Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Lawyers  
Named - Florida SuperLawyer , Florida Trend Magazine *Florida Legal Elite* lawyer

**ROCHELLE A. REBACK, ATTORNEY AT LAW**

1989-2004

**ROCHELLE A. REBACK, ATTORNEY & ASSOCIATES AT LAW PLC**

PRESENT

405 W. Azele Street, Tampa, FL 33606-2201

- Counsel and advise clients with all legal aspects of defense of State and Federal criminal investigations and prosecutions, and plaintiffs' civil rights claims.
- Evaluate, investigate and analyze evidence, interview clients and witnesses.
- Conduct discovery, research and draft applicable pleadings and motions.
- Negotiate plea agreements, consent decrees, and settlements.
- Coordinate and implement joint legal strategies in complex, multi-party cases.
- Supervise attorneys, legal assistants, interns and forensic professionals.
- Litigate and orally advocate cases in trial and appellate courts.
- Outline and present Continuing Legal Education programs.
- Create, develop and facilitate public relations strategies for high profile clients.
- Management and accounting for cooperative office sharing arrangement of 6 attorneys.
- Mentor, Middle District of Florida Criminal Justice Act Attorney Panel.

**LAW OFFICE OF BARRY A. COHEN, P.A., dba**

**COHEN GRAY & REBACK, Tampa, Florida**

1985-1989

- Advised clients in active, high profile, criminal defense law practice.
- Evaluated evidence.

- Conducted depositions and hearings.
- Researched and drafted pleadings, motions and appeals
- Interviewed clients and interrogated witnesses.
- Negotiated settlements and plea agreements
- Assisted senior counsel at trials.

**LIPSITZ, GREEN, FAHRINGER, ROLL, SCHULLER & JAMES**

**Buffalo, New York**

1981-1985

Associate and law clerk in criminal defense department for national criminal defense practice.

**AWARDS**

Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Public Service Award, Stetson College of Law

May 2005

Tampa/Hillsborough Human Rights Council Inc. Human Rights Award

Dec. 2004

**Affiliations:**

**LEGAL**

U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Commission, Practitioners' Advisory Committee

President Elect, Hillsborough County Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Section

Director, Federal Bar Association Tampa Chapter

Director, Hillsborough County Criminal Defense Lawyers

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

American Bar Association, Trial and White Collar Crime Sections

American Trial Lawyers Association

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Past President, Hillsborough County Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section

Hillsborough County Bar Association, Criminal Law Section

**COMMUNITY**

Co-Founder, Tampa: Safe and Free. Orchestrated successful governmental and grassroots lobbying efforts to achieve passage of local government ordinance. ([www.tampasafeandfree.org](http://www.tampasafeandfree.org) )

Director, Speak Up Tampa Bay Public Access Television, Inc. 2002

Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, 1990-1994

Director, Tampa Crossroads, Inc. Half-way house for re-integration of prison inmates following incarceration, 1995-1998

Member, Equality Florida

Member, Tampa-Hillsborough Human Rights Council, Inc.

Member, Parent Teacher Student Associations, Gorrie Elementary School & Wilson Middle School, Tampa, Florida

Member, Congregation Scharaai Zedek