# Norman Elliott Kent

### Professional

#### **Attorney at Law**

April 1979 – present

800 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 310 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 954.763.1900

Named by the Sun Sentinel in 2002 as one of the 25 most influential personalities in Broward County, Mr. Kent has overseen a law practice known for its vigorous defense of constitutional and first amendment rights of its notable clients, which include radio stations, newspapers, and prominent talk show hosts.

#### **Executive Director, AIDS Project Florida**

Sept. 2002 - Sept. 2004

2817 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 200 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306

Successful administrator of a 50 employee, \$4 million dollar a year social service agency, delivering services to the HIV community; leaving the agency in September of 2004, after steering a half million dollar deficit into a half million dollar surplus within two years.

#### **Broward County Traffic Magistrate**

1994 - 1999

17th Judicial Circuit of Broward

Volunteered time as a jurist presiding over traffic infractions and accident cases in Broward County, appointed by the Chief Judge

Adjunct Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice,

1977-1996

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida;

Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida;

Florida International University, North Miami, Florida;

# Broadcaster

**The Norm Kent Show** 

1987-1996; 2001-2003

1400 AM, WFTL Radio Talk Show Host 2004-present Monday-Friday, 6-9 A.M.

#### **Weekend Legal With Norm Kent**

2004-present

850 AM, Live 85, Saturdays, 10-12 Noon

Referred to as a 'Beeper for your conscience,' the Norm Kent Show features local and national guests in a talk show format that highlights the current and ongoing topical issues of the day and in the early 1990's was the highest locally rated radio talk show in the community.

#### Businessman

#### **Publisher, The Express**

1999-2004

1595 Northeast 26th Street Wilton Manors, Florida 33305

Mr. Kent founded and published in 1999 the first serious newspaper for the Gay and Lesbian community, an award winning weekly newspaper that became a member of the Florida Press Association and won acclaim for its journalistic integrity and honesty in portraying the life of a growing community in South Florida. Mr. Kent sold the paper in January of 2004 to a national chain, winning an entrepreneurial award for starting the paper from scratch and selling it for six figures.

# In The Community

Norman Elliott Kent ACLU Youth Scholarship Award

Mr. Kent has established a scholarship in his name for graduating high school students in the State of Florida who have demonstrated a commitment to human rights reforms.

Board of Directors, National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws

Board of Directors, CenterOne

Board of Directors, The Starting Place

Board of Directors, Suicide Prevention Council

Equality Florida Leadership Council

Member, HIV Planning Services Council

Little League Coach

## Personal

Born October 18, 1949, in Brooklyn New York Graduate of Lawrence High School, Lawrence, New York 1967 Graduate of Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York 1971 Graduate of Hofstra School of Law, Hempstead, New York 1975

### Awards

Recipient of ACLU Legal Achievement Award, 1999 Recipient of Unsung Heroes Award for AIDS Advocacy, 2000 Recipient of NORML Award for Legal Advocacy, 2001 Recipient of Local Heroes Award for Community Service, 2004

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