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Judge Ungaro-Benages graduated from the University of Florida Law School in 1975 where she was a member of the Law Review Editorial Board and authored a note entitled Rulemaking and Adjudication Under the New Florida Administration Procedure Act which appeared in the University of Florida Law Review in 1975.

Judge Ungaro-Benages was appointed to the state trial court in 1987 by then Governor Bob Martinez and to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in November 1992, after having been nominated for the position by President Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Ungaro-Benages was a partner in the Miami office of Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine & Underberg and, later, a shareholder in Sparber, Shevin, Shapo & Heilbronner, P.A. Her practice was mainly in the area of complex commercial litigation, and she handled securities fraud and anti-trust cases, contract disputes and sophisticated real estate litigation matters, among others.

Since becoming a judge, Judge Ungaro-Benages has been actively involved with organizations and other activities which seek to promote high standards of professionalism and has been a frequent speaker on topics such as professionalism, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and case management.