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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW | 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR IN REVIEW

A LEGACY *in* MOTION

UF Law is building on its storied history with a renewed outlook—defined by **innovation, intellectual diversity, and excellence**. We invite you to explore our latest work, reflecting what we're proud of: a deeply intellectual faculty, a talented student body, a connected global alumni base, and a curriculum that prepares graduates for a rapidly evolving legal profession.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



#23

Among All
Law Schools

Above the Law (2026)

TOP **25**

Scholars in 5
Subject Areas

HeinOnline

#30

Scholarly
Impact

Sisk Triennial Rankings

#20

Go-To for Big
Law Placement

ALM | Law.com

92.8%

Florida Bar
Passage Rate

#1 in Florida (2024 & 2025)

98.6%

Grads employed
full-time or
in grad school

#1

Tax Law Program
(Among Public)

*#3 Overall,
U.S. News & World Report*

#4

Best Value
Law School

The National Jurist

#6

Best Return
on Investment

LawCrossing (2025)

169/3.91

Median
LSAT/GPA

1L Class

STEPHEN N. ZACK
HALL

#22

BUILDING A FOUNDATION

**Best
Buildings**

The National Jurist, 2026

Designed for the future of legal education, UF Law's modern facilities support **advocacy, innovation and collaboration.** From the Martin Levin Advocacy Center and courtroom to collaborative study spaces and the expansive Legal Information Center, students have access to the tools, technology and resources that prepare them for success in law school and beyond.

DRIVING DISCOVERY

Professors at UF Law regularly publish research in leading journals. This work has helped UF Law **rank #23 on HeinOnline's list** of the most cited institutions, including **Top 25 scholars** in five subject areas: Administrative Law, Economics and Taxation, Health, Trusts and Estates, and Food and Drug Law. Faculty research has also propelled UF Law to **#30 in Sisk's Scholarly Impact rankings**.

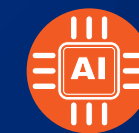
EXPLORING EXCELLENCE



Health Law ▶



Tax Law ▶



Artificial Intelligence and Technology ▶



Clinical Training & Experiential Learning ▶



Environmental, Land Use & Real Property Law ▶



Business Law ▶



Dispute Resolution ▶



Constitutional & Administrative Law ▶



Scholarly Impact ▶



Academic Workshops ▶

EXPLORE OUR LATEST RESEARCH >>

SHAPING PUBLIC DISCOURSE

UF Law faculty regularly engage with media through expert opinion and op-eds. Our faculty have recently been featured in:

THE BALTIMORE SUN



Bloomberg



Daily Mail

FINANCIAL TIMES



HUFFPOST

Newsday

Newsweek

npr

POLITIFACT



REUTERS

Tampa Bay Times

The Atlantic

The Florida Times-Union



The New York Times

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



Vox

The Washington Post



INFORMING DEBATE

UF Law is a destination for national and global conversations shaping the future of law. Through **conferences, endowed lectures, and visiting scholar programs**, we welcome distinguished scholars, practitioners, judges, and policymakers to campus to exchange ideas, address emerging challenges, and advance legal scholarship. Explore a selection of these conversations below.



Originalism Conference ▶



International Conference on Contracts ▶



Public Interest Environmental Conference ▶



Early Environmental Law Scholars Conference ▶



UF Law e-Discovery Conference ▶



Technology, Media, & Privacy Law Conference ▶

LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION

Recent *Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Faculty Workshops*



Originalism and the Common Law

UF Law Professor **John Stinneford** explored the relationship between originalism and the common law tradition, examining how historical interpretation continues to shape modern constitutional analysis. ▶



Free Speech, Racial Capitalism & Democratic Decline

University of Minnesota Law Professor **Ra'Shya Ghee** explored the intersection of free speech, race and democratic institutions in contemporary society. ▶



Mistaking Good Faith

University of Missouri Law Professor **Charles Eric Hintz** examined the Fourth Amendment's "good faith" exception through the lens of criminal law principles and constitutional accountability. ▶



JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES

Judge Robert J. Luck, a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, visits UF Law as part of the college's tradition of welcoming distinguished judges and legal leaders to campus. A double Gator, Luck earned his B.A. in 2000 and his J.D., magna cum laude, in 2004 from the University of Florida before joining the federal bench in 2019.



ENGAGING DIALOGUE

UF Law welcomed **Embry J. Kidd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit** for a fireside chat with Dean Merritt McAlister, where students gained insight into judicial service, leadership and the evolving role of the federal courts.

BUILDING INNOVATION

UF Law continually evolves its curriculum to prepare students for the changing demands of the legal profession. Through immersive, skills-based, and interdisciplinary learning opportunities, students engage with cutting-edge legal issues, gain practical experience, and build the competencies needed for modern law practice.



Compressed Courses ▶ UF Law faculty, alumni, and industry experts lead one-week, one-credit courses each semester:

- ▶ Cybersecurity Law, Policies and Institutions
- ▶ Full Swing: Business and Legal Challenges and Opportunities Facing the PGA Tour
- ▶ Guardianship
- ▶ Introduction to Immigration Clinic
- ▶ Introduction to Criminal Prosecution
- ▶ Introduction to Lawyering (1L)
- ▶ Limits of Judicial Power
- ▶ Marijuana Law
- ▶ Python Programming
- ▶ Regulatory Compliance & Risk Management
- ▶ Restorative Justice
- ▶ The Law of Campaigns: Political and Election Law
- ▶ Health Benefit Plan Compliance (LL.M.)
- ▶ Probate & Estate Administration: Tax Considerations (LL.M.)
- ▶ Taxation of Inbound Private Investment (LL.M., Spring Break)
- ▶ Tax Policy (LL.M.)

Introduction to Lawyering ▶ Redesigned to ensure every 1L gains exposure to essential next-generation lawyering skills—critical thinking, legal analysis, emotional intelligence, AI theory and ethics, and negotiation and mediation—preparing them for modern practice.

BROADENING PRACTICE

Experiential Learning. Our new **AI & Legal Technology Lab** expands UF Law’s Clinical and Experiential Learning program. Recent additions also include the **Heirs’ Property Clinic**, **Environmental and Community Development Clinic**, and **First Amendment Lab**. Each faculty-supervised clinic combines UF Law’s nationally ranked scholarship with hands-on training in legal advocacy, mediation, and problem-solving.



Heirs’
Property ▶



Immigration ▶



Low-Income
Taxpayer ▶



Environmental
& Community
Development ▶



Gator TeamChild
Juvenile Law ▶



Prosecution
Field Placement ▶



Mediation ▶



AI & Legal
Technology Lab ▶



Public Defender
Field Placement ▶

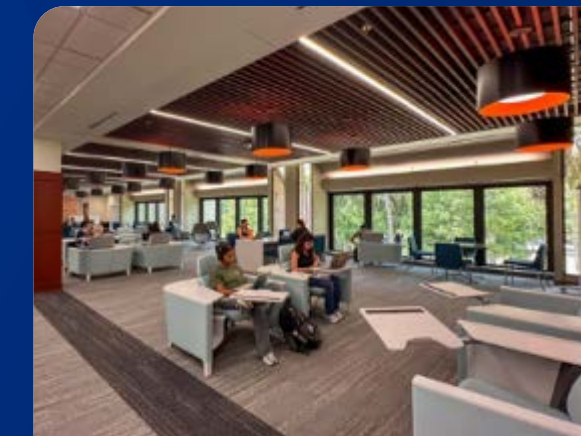


Veterans & Service
Members ▶

EXPLORE MORE CLINICS AND FIELD PLACEMENTS >>

EXPANDED DEGREES

In addition to robust J.D., LL.M., and S.J.D. degrees, UF Law’s new MSL program enhances degree offerings with specialized tracks.



J.D. Program. Three-year Juris Doctor program building analytical skills, legal knowledge, and professional ethics for law practice.



LL.M. & S.J.D. Programs. Top-ranked graduate law programs with global faculty and students from leading markets around the world.



MSL – Master of Studies in Law Program. Flexible online law program for professionals seeking legal knowledge without practicing law.



“I entered without a coding background ... under Professor Nguyen’s mentorship, I quickly developed proficiency in Python and gained foundational knowledge in intellectual property, machine learning, and technology transactions.”

— Benjamin Milrot, 3L

AI & LEGAL TECHNOLOGY LAB

The AI & Legal Technology Lab, directed by Professor Thinkh Nguyen, gives students hands-on experience exploring how artificial intelligence is transforming the legal profession. Through applied projects with faculty, legal organizations, and industry partners, students learn to design, evaluate, and responsibly implement AI tools that address real-world legal challenges. Combining emerging technology with practical legal training, the lab introduces students to concepts in data science, machine learning, ethics, governance, and innovation. Students gain the skills and judgment needed to understand new technologies, guide their responsible adoption, and help shape the future of law in an increasingly digital world.



“In the future, we want to become a resource for people to meet and reintroduce themselves to their ancestors. We want to help them understand their family tree and family history.”

—Professor Tyler Lattimore
Heirs' Property Clinic Director

HEIRS' PROPERTY CLINIC

The Heirs' Property Clinic (“HPC”), established in Spring 2025, is directed by Professor Tyler Lattimore and provides students the opportunity to serve and represent low-income individuals and families seeking to solve problems related to heirs' property. Specifically, students help clients clear or quiet title to heirs' property, determine clear property ownership, generate sustainable plans for their ancestral lands, and develop reliable estate plans to preserve and effectively transfer real property at death. Students work directly with clients, explore relevant public policy reform, and engage in community outreach, reflection, and education.



“The clinic gave me hands-on experience I couldn’t get in the classroom. I researched and drafted real regulations to protect nesting sea turtles, [preparing] me for real-world zoning, ordinance, and development challenges.”

—Audrey Perry (JD 24), Associate, Oropeza, Stones & Cardenas; Key West

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

The Environmental and Community Development Clinic represents non-governmental organizations and local and state governments to conserve environmental resources, improve resilience to flooding and storms, and develop infrastructure within underserved communities. Under the supervision of clinic director Professor Thomas Hawkins, students work in the areas of environmental, land use, real estate, state and local government, and water law. Clinic work includes opportunities for direct client interaction, public presentation, research, and writing.

ADVANCING INFLUENCE

More than **22,700 UF Law alumni** carry the momentum of the college into courtrooms, boardrooms, government agencies, nonprofits, and businesses across Florida, the nation, and more than **60 countries worldwide**. UF Law graduates have served as **U.S. senators, governors, federal judges, ABA presidents, Florida Supreme Court chief justices**, and leaders of global organizations. Through mentorship, philanthropy, advocacy, and professional leadership, Gators expand **UF Law's reach and reputation** and create opportunities for the next generation.



John Morgan (JD 83)
*Founder,
Morgan & Morgan*



Phyllis Harris (JD 85)
*Chief Legal and Risk Officer,
American Cancer Society*



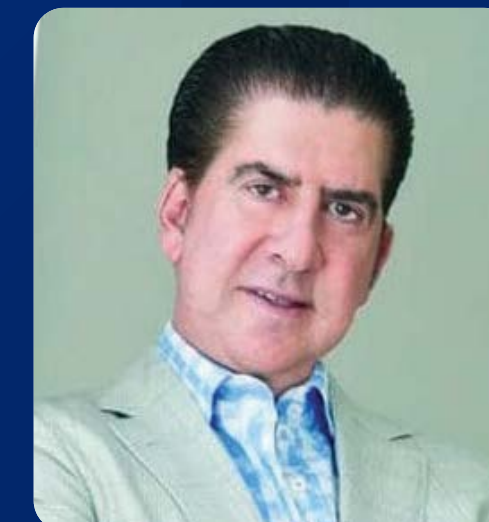
Yahn Bernier (JD 93)
*Software Engineer / Software
Developer, Valve Corporation*



Sigrid McCawley (JD 97)
*Managing Partner,
Boies Schiller Flexner LLP*



Sen. Ashley Moody (JD 00)
*U.S. Senator,
Florida*



Pedro Martin (JD 78)
*Chairman and CEO,
Terra Group*



Nathan Collier (JD 93)
*Founder and Chairman,
The Collier Companies*



Judge Patricia Barksdale (JD 96), U.S. Magistrate
Judge, Middle
District of Florida

LEADING LANDMARK CASES

Sigrid McCawley (JD 97) has built a nationally recognized career as a litigator and advocate, representing clients in high-profile commercial disputes and landmark cases on behalf of victims of sexual abuse and trafficking. A Managing Partner at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, McCawley credits mentors at UF Law with helping shape her path from communications student to nationally respected attorney. Today, she is widely recognized for her courtroom advocacy, leadership, and commitment to using the law to help others.

FORGING AN INNOVATIVE PATH

Yahn Bernier (JD 93) took an unconventional path from patent attorney to pioneering video game developer, helping shape some of the most influential titles in gaming history. After earning his law degree from UF Law, Bernier joined Valve Corporation, where he played a key role in the development of iconic games including Half-Life and Half-Life 2, as well as the creation of the Steam gaming platform. Known for blending technical expertise with legal and business insight, Bernier credits his eclectic background and UF experience with helping guide a career that has influenced millions of gamers worldwide.

ALUMNI



TRANSFORMING ORGANIZATIONS

Phyllis Harris (JD 85) has built a distinguished legal and leadership career spanning government, corporate, and nonprofit sectors. A graduate of UF Law, Harris held senior leadership roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Walmart, American Red Cross, and Amazon before being named Chief Legal and Risk Officer for the American Cancer Society. Throughout her career, she has been recognized for leading complex compliance and operational initiatives, embracing innovation and AI-driven efficiencies, and advancing mission-focused work that impacts communities nationwide.

FACULTY

GUIDING FUTURE LEADERS

UF Law pairs academic excellence with a comprehensive approach to student preparation and success. Through **strategic programming, individualized support** and a **focus on professional readiness**, students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence that translate into exceptional outcomes in the classroom, on the bar exam and beyond.

ACCELERATING SUCCESS

UF Law’s employment outcomes reflect a commitment to long-term career success in law. For the Class of 2025, **98.6% of our graduates secured full-time, long-term employment or enrolled in graduate studies** within months of graduation. UF Law graduates are building careers in law firms, government, judicial clerkships, public interest organizations, and in-house roles across the U.S. and abroad. Supported by the Office of Career and Professional Development, students benefit from advising, employer connections, and experiential opportunities throughout their studies—preparing them to thrive within the job market.

SEE THE RESULTS



Browse our interactive [Employer Showcase](#) to explore employment outcomes by employer, location, and employment sector.

GATORS REACH



179
CITIES

From 2021–2025, UF Law graduates launched careers in 179 cities across 35+ states and around the globe.





CAREER CONNECTIONS

UF Law brings students and employers together through targeted networking events with public interest organizations and national law firms. From public sector sessions to 1L networking panels and recruiting events, students build meaningful connections, explore career paths, and take confident steps toward their futures.

UF LAW: PREPARING TO LEAD

Building on these successes, UF Law is blazing a path forward – one centered on preparing our students to thrive in sophisticated legal practice and lead with purpose, wherever their careers may take them.

