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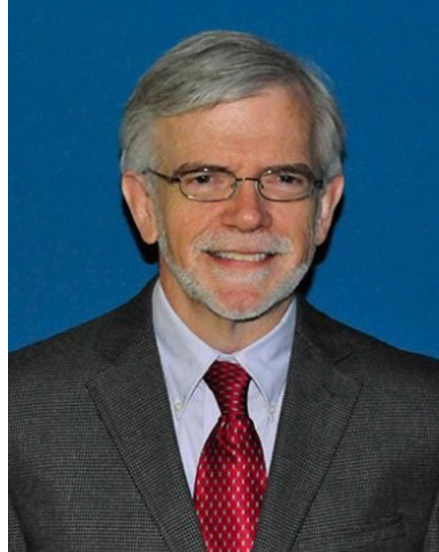
On September 21, with Upchurch Watson White & Max (UWWM), we will host an Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation continuing education course for attorneys and mediators at the law school. The CME/CLE will feature numerous UWWM mediators who have a combined 250 years of experience and 45,000 mediations conducted. Presenters include FSU Law alumni Robert Cole ('78) and Judge Jeffrey Fleming ('85), and Dean Emeritus and Alumni Centennial Professor Don Weidner. The sessions will cover topics including law, ethics, domestic violence and diversity/cultural awareness. Session descriptions and registration forms are available on our [website](#). For those who are unable to attend the CME/CLE in person, you can register to attend via live stream seminar. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a very informative course!



- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Faculty Profile: Richard E. Herring

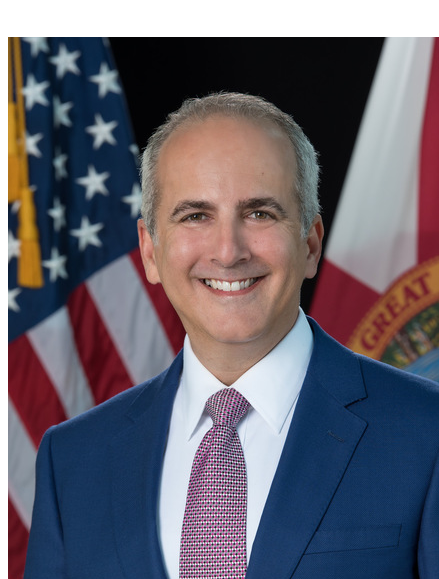
Richard E. Herring is an adjunct professor who co-taught Florida Legislative Practice: The Budget & Appropriations Process during the spring 2018 semester with David Coburn ('77). Herring has 35 years of experience in Florida government, including 26 years with the legislature. During the last 20 years, he has been directly involved in analyzing many of the state's major policy initiatives, with a focus on financial issues. From 2007-2010, Herring served as special counsel to Senate President Ken Pruitt and Senate President Jeff Atwater. During that time, he worked on a wide variety of issues, including property and automobile insurance, gaming, property taxation, ethics, response to the gulf oil spill, sovereign immunity, commuter rail, sovereign lands, the state revenue cap, trade secrets and state bonding. Herring now has his own practice, REHerring LLC. He holds a B.A. in religion/religious studies and a J.D. from the University of Florida.



*"Teaching these classes at FSU has taught me a ton. Students ask genius questions that I have to work to answer. And making comparisons to other states (especially for out-of-state students) has taught me that Florida's legislative process, while far from perfect, is way ahead of most states."*

## Alum Profile: Mark E. Kaplan ('92)

In June, Mark Kaplan joined the University of Florida as vice president for government and community relations. In his new role, Kaplan leads a team that engages policymakers and stakeholders at all levels to create an environment for UF to be recognized as a top-five public university. Kaplan's previous experience includes serving as chief of staff for Gov. Jeb Bush, as executive director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and as senior vice president for public affairs and a member of the corporate senior leadership team at the Mosaic Company, one of the world's largest integrated mining, fertilizer manufacturing and distribution enterprises. He currently chairs the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and is a commissioner of the Tampa Port Authority.



*"Top-ranked public universities help Florida keep our best and brightest here after high school, attract innovators and investors to create jobs that build a thriving and diverse economy, and cultivate research that will yield benefits for generations to come. I'm excited to help advance these important priorities for our state and am especially enjoying the close partnership between UF and FSU—off the football field, at least!"*

## Student Profile: 2018 Grad Jessica Rodriguez

**Desired Practice Location:** Southwest Florida

**Field of Law Sought:** Open to any area

Originally from Naples, Jessica Rodriguez earned a bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* in business management from Florida Gulf Coast University, where she studied international business in France during the summer after her junior year. In May 2018, she graduated *cum laude* from the FSU College of Law. During law school, Rodriguez was a member of the Student Bar Association and Women's Law Symposium. She was also a pupil member of the William H. Stafford Inn of Court. The summer after her 1L year, Rodriguez interned at the Lee County Attorney's Office in Ft. Myers. In this role, Rodriguez researched land use and ADA issues, reviewed and drafted contracts, and attended Board of County Commissioners meetings and workshops. During the fall of her 2L year, Rodriguez did pro bono work for the Florida Office of Public Council. The summer after her 2L year, she clerked for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. During the fall of her 3L year, she externed for the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings. In addition to legal research, Rodriguez attended various hearings and drafted orders on motions. In her free time, she enjoys drawing and other creative pursuits. If you are interested in connecting with Rodriguez, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



*"I have had valuable internships and classes during my time at FSU Law. I have learned from every person and every experience, and I am excited for the opportunities to come."*

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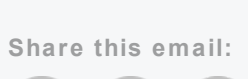
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