

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Glenda L Thornton**

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**General Information**

University address: Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives  
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**Professional Preparation**

1989 JD, Florida State University College of Law. Major: Law.

1986 B.S., University of South Alabama. Major: Accounting.

**Nondegree Education and Training**

2002–2003 Graduate, Leadership Florida, Class XXI.

1991–1992 Graduate, Leadership Tallahassee, Class IX.

1989 Florida State University Moot Court Team; 1989 National Champion,  
Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition.

1987–1989 Florida State University Law Review, Articles & Notes Editor and Author,  
Florida Senators Address Surrogate Motherhood, 15 Fla. St. U. L. Rev. 885  
(1987).

1987 Finalist, FSU College of Law Moot Court Team Final Four Competition.

1986–1987 Book Award, Legal Methods.

**Professional Credential(s)**

1993–present	United States District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama.
1992–present	United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
1992–present	United States District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida.
1990–present	Florida Bar Association.
1992–2000	Alabama State Bar Association (Currently Inactive status).

**Professional Experience**

2018–present	Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives, Faculty Admin, College of Law, Florida State University. Spearheads special projects, programs and centers related to advancing the core mission and future direction of the College of Law.
2024	Interim Director of Communications, College of Law, Florida State University. Served as a senior management team member by contributing to strategic planning, goal setting, implementing policies and evaluating activities that improve the visibility of the law school and the university. Responsible for planning, administering, reviewing and evaluating all activities related to law school communications. Also, this position uses their creativity and professional experience to develop and implement integrated marketing strategies to elevate our brand and profile in the community and online. Responsible for formulating, directing, and coordinating strategic marketing activities to promote and increase the visibility of the College of Law and its academic excellence.
2023	Interim Registrar, College of Law, Florida State University. Provided leadership and oversight to all aspects of the College of Law's Office of the Registrar. This position plays a critical role in the law school's academic operations by managing and maintaining the integrity of all student academic records, all areas of student registration and the recording and reporting of grades, transcript evaluations, information reporting, compliance with FERPA regulations, degree and enrollment verification, academic records management, required audits of student enrollment, and the establishment and maintenance of processes for the equitable and consistent administration of policies and procedures as they relate to academic record keeping.

- 2021–2022 Interim Dean of Admissions, College of Law, Florida State University. Served as Interim Dean of Admissions for College of Law, responsible for directing the planning, organizing, management, and staffing for the College of Law Office of Admissions, collaborating with Admissions Office leadership to develop and implement the strategic recruitment and communication plan for prospective, admitted and matriculating students for J.D. degree and non-degree programs, to ensure a highly credentialed and diverse student body. This also involved reviewing all applicant files (which exceeded 2,500) for admission eligibility and implementing decisions and providing regular reports regarding the strategic recruitment plan to Deans, Directors and other constituents.
- 2014–2016 Regional Vice President, Revenue Cycle Sales, Accretive Health, Inc. Southeastern U.S. regional executive with the responsibility to drive sales results for an international healthcare revenue cycle management company.
- 2011–2014 General Counsel, State of Florida, Department of Lottery. Chief legal officer of entrepreneurial state agency with annual sales in excess of \$4 billion and 438 employees; managed extensive budget, experienced legal staff and outside counsel relationships and cases.
- 2009–2011 Of Counsel, Bateman Harden, P.A. Practiced litigation, government relations, contract law in Florida and Alabama, with emphasis on business, insurance disputes, economic development, and employment issues.
- 1998–2009 Partner, Litigation Department, Foley & Lardner, LLP. Practiced as litigator of complex commercial issues with international firm; practice focused on insurance, administrative, business organizations and employment law areas; Also was a registered lobbyist representing clients before Florida Legislature, state agencies and local government.
- 1992–1998 Partner, Bateman Harden, P.A. Practiced litigation involving reinsurance and premium insurance fraud; Maintained continuity in serving clients throughout firm's assimilation into Foley & Lardner, LLP upon merger in 1998.
- 1990–1992 Associate Attorney, Pennington Law Firm. Litigation associate focused on premium insurance fraud and health care litigation.

### **Honors, Awards, and Prizes**

Godfrey Smith Past Chairmen's Award, Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce (2021).  
2019 Legal Luminary, ICE Foundation (2019).  
Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center Cards for a Cure Honoree (2014).  
25 Women You Need to Know, The Tallahassee Democrat (2013).  
25 Leaders You Should Know, Capital Outlook (2010).

Cherry Hall Alexander African-American Calendar Honoree, Tallahassee Community College (2010).  
Trailblazer Honoree, Oasis Center for Women & Girls (2010).  
Key to the City Award, Apalachicola, Florida (2008).  
Glenda Thornton Day Proclamation, Mayor of Tallahassee, Florida (2008).  
Diamond Woman of the Year Award, Girl Scouts of the Apalachee Bend (2008).  
Leon County Career Resource Center renamed the Glenda L. Thornton Career Resource Center, Workforce Plus, Leon County, Florida (2006).  
Distinguished Alumnus, Florida State University College of Law (2005).  
Cover Story, FSU Law Magazine, Community Dynamo, A Veritable Perpetual Motion Machine, Foley & Lardner's Glenda Thornton Makes Life Better in Tallahassee (2002).  
Distinguished Leadership Pacesetter Award, Leadership Tallahassee (2001).  
Glenda Thornton Day Proclamation, City of Mobile, Alabama (1999).  
Chairman's Award, Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce (1999).  
Lynford Lardner Community Service Award, Foley & Lardner, LLP (1999).  
President's Award, Tallahassee Barristers (1991).  
Inductee, National Order of Barristers (1989).

## **Teaching**

### **Courses Taught**

BLSA Mock Trial Competition (LAW7951)  
BLSA Moot Court Team Competition (LAW7951)  
Legal Writing and Research II (LAW5793)  
Legal Writing and Research I (LAW5792)

## **Research and Original Creative Work**

### **Publications**

#### **Invited Journal Articles**

Thornton, G. (1987). Florida Senators Address Surrogate Motherhood. *Florida State University Law Review*, 15, 885-905.

#### **Invited Newsletter Articles**

Thornton, G., & Martire, M. (2005, April). The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005. *LegalNews*, 2.

Thornton, G. (2005, February). Scary New World? Don't Get Caught In It Without Electronic Document Retention Preservation Policies. *Corporate Counsel Weekly*, 2.

## **Presentations**

### **Invited Keynote and Plenary Presentations at Conferences**

Thornton, G. (presented 2010). *Advocacy Basics for Neighborhood Leaders*. Plenary presentation at CONA First Annual Neighborhood Symposium & Community Expo on Leadership, Council of Neighborhood Associations, Tallahassee, Florida. (State)

Thornton, G. (presented 2009). *Leadership in a Difficult Economy*. Keynote presentation at Professional Women's Forum, Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, Tallahassee, Florida. (Regional)

Thornton, G. (presented 2008). *Leadership in Human Resource Management*. Keynote presentation at SHRM 25th Anniversary Gala, Big Bend Society for Human Resource Management, Tallahassee, Florida. (Regional)

### **Invited Workshops**

Thornton, G. L. (2020, June). *Drafting a Resume for Law School and Beyond*. Workshop delivered at Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program, Online. (National)

## **Service**

### **Florida State University**

#### **FSU University Service**

Master of Ceremonies, FSU Champions Beyond the Game Brunch (2010–2021).

Guest Speaker and Presenter, The Doctors Corner, FSU CARE (Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement) (2019).

Board Member, Seminole Boosters' National Board (2005–2011).

Member, Florida State University President Search Committee (2009).

## **FSU College Service**

Interim Registrar, College of Law (2023–present).

Interim Dean of Admissions, College of Law (2021–2022).

Board Member, Florida State University College of Law Board of Visitors (2000–2004).

Chair, Florida State University College of Law, Moot Court Team Board of Alumni Advisors (2002–2003).

## **The Profession**

### **Service to Professional Associations**

Member, Committee Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee, The Florida Bar (2020–present).

Board Member, Secretary, Tallahassee Barristers (1990–1992).

## **The Community**

Chair, The Oasis Center for Women & Girls (2023–present).

Board Member, The Oasis Center for Women and Girls (2019–present).

Board Member, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Ventures (2018–present).

Board Member, Community Foundation of North Florida (2016–2024).

Board Member, Ladies Learning to Lead (2016–2024).

Past-Chair, Chaired board of nonprofit community foundation with over \$100 million in assets, Community Foundation of North Florida (2021–2023).

Board Member, CESC, Inc. a/k/a The Kearney Center (2017–2021).

Board Member, Bethel Empowerment Foundation (2015–2019).

Advisory Board Member, Elder Care Services (2014–2019).

Chair, 75th Anniversary Campaign, United Way of the Big Bend (2017–2018).

Past Chair; Board Member, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare (2007–2016).

Member, Leon County Sales Tax Committee (2013–2014).

Board Member, Florida Center for the Performing Arts (2012–2014).

Board Member, Neighborhood Lending Partners of North Florida (2012–2014).

Board Member, Tallahassee/Leon County Downtown Redevelopment Commission (2011–2014).

Past Chair; Board Member, Capital City Bank, Leon County Community Advisory Board (2006–2014).

Past Chair; Board Member, United Way of the Big Bend Board of Directors (1999–2012).

Board Member, Life Skills Center Charter School (2006–2011).

Event Chair, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, American Cancer Society (2009–2010).

Past Chair; Board Member, Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce (1998–2010).

Board Member, Southeastern Community Blood Center (2002–2009).

Board Member, Tallahassee/Leon County Economic Development Council (2006–2007).

Board Member, Whole Child Leon Leadership Council (2004–2006).

Board Member, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Foundation (2002–2006).

Past Chair; Board Member, Workforce Plus Board of Directors (1998–2006).

Past Chair; Board Member, American Heart Association Board of Directors, Leon County Division (2000–2004).

Past Chair; Board Member, Leadership Tallahassee Board of Governors (1994–2000).

Board Member, Southern Shakespeare Festival (1996–1999).

Charter Member, National Coalition of 100 Black Women-Tallahassee Chapter (1996–1998).