

Curriculum Vitae

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General Information

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Professional Preparation

- 2026 LL.M., University of London. Major: Human rights law.
- 2007 J.D., Florida State University College of Law. Major: Law. International Law. High Honors.
- 2004 B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO. Major: Spanish and International Affairs.

Professional Experience

- 2018–present Clinical Professor, College of Law, Florida State University. Within the Public Interest Law Center, develop and direct the International Human Rights Advocacy Clinic; developed and directed the Farmworker and Immigration Rights Clinic (2018-2021) and the COVID-19 Veterans Legal Clinic (2020-2021); teach clinic courses in fall, spring, and summer; supervise, advise, and mentor students on case and project work, community legal education and law reform advocacy.
- 2015–2018 Executive Director, Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association, Inc. Managed programs and staff for Thunderdome Tallahassee, Promise Zone Pro Bono Legal Services, and Pro Bono Programs; developed resources (through fundraising, grants, etc.).
- 2014–2015 Program Director, Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. Represented asylum seekers, victims of torture and victims of crime in various immigration courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals and

the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; led update of Florida Strategic Plan on Human Trafficking issued in 2010; conducted presentation on human trafficking.

- 2010–2014 Associate, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. Represented community development districts in contractual, real property, local government, financial, and litigation matters; represented various clients in appellate matters.
- 2007–2010 Senior Law Clerk, The Honorable Robert T. Benton, II, First District Court of Appeal. Drafted and edited opinions; analyzed and summarized criminal, civil, administrative, and family law cases; fielded inquiries from three-judge panels at post-oral argument conferences.
- 2006 Extern, International Bar Association Human Rights Institute. Prepared comprehensive analysis of defense issues in international tribunals; issued recommendations to new hybrid and domestic criminal tribunals; prepared background report on Bolivia in Spanish; translated Spanish documents relating to the rule of law.
- 2005 Law Clerk, Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Inc. Drafted complaints for custody, child support, and divorce cases; conducted interviews with clients in Spanish; wrote letters to clients in Spanish; translated Spanish documents.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

Leadership Tallahassee Distinguished Leadership Awards Finalist, Leadership Pacesetter (2022).
University Teaching Award for Community-Engaged Teaching, Florida State University (2021).
Community Honoree, Tallahassee Community College Women's History Month (2020).
Florida Trend Legal Elite (2020).
Local Patriot Nominee, The Village Square (2020).
Florida Trend Legal Elite (2019).
Florida Trend Legal Elite (2017).
Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 2 Judicial Distinguished Service (2016).
Florida Trend Legal Elite (2016).
Thomas M. Ervin Jr. Distinguished Young Lawyer Award, Tallahassee Bar Association (2016).
Order of the Coif (2007).

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

Florida Bar
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Teaching

Courses Taught

INTL HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN (LAW7514)
INTL HUMAN RIGHTS ADV CLINIC (LAW7949)
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS (LAW7930)

Research and Original Creative Work

Presentations

Invited Presentations at Conferences

Scott, D. (presented 2026, January). *The Future of Human Rights and International Law*. Presentation at Foreign Policy Association's 2026 Great Decisions Program, Jacksonville Public Library. (Regional)

Scott, D. (presented 2020, April). *Lunch & Learn*. Presentation at the meeting of FSU Institute for Justice Research and Development. (State)

Invited Presentations at Symposia

Scott, D. (presented 2019, November). Hot Topics in Immigration: Recent Policy Changes and Legal Battles in the U.S. In *Immigration: An Interdisciplinary Symposium*. Presentation at the meeting of Florida State University Libraries. (National)

Invited Lectures and Readings of Original Work

Scott, D. (2022). *Sunset Under the Oaks*. Delivered at Refuge House. (State)

Scott, D. (2021). *Lawyers as Leaders*. Delivered at FSU College of Law. (State)

Scott, D. (2021). *New International Human Rights Advocacy Clinic*. Delivered at FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. (State)

Clinics

Scott, D. (2022). *Clinical Programs Virtual Preview Session*. Clinic delivered at FSU College of Law. (State)

Scott, D. (2021). *Clinical Programs Virtual Preview Session*. Clinic delivered at FSU College of Law. (State)

Scott, D. (2020, January). *FSU Psychology Clinic*. Clinic delivered at FSU. (State)

Scott, D. (2020). *Clinical Programs Virtual Preview Session*. Clinic delivered at FSU College of Law. (State)

Moderated Events

Scott, D. (2020). *Virtual Battle of the Branches*. Student Veterans Law Symposium.

Panels

Scott, D. (2022). *Florida Premier of Human Trafficking Documentary "A FIRE WITHIN"*.

Trainings

Scott, D. (2020). *Lunch & Learn*. FSU Institute for Justice Research and Development.

Service

Florida State University

FSU University Service

Liaison, FSU Student Veterans Center (2020–present).

FSU College Service

Chair, D'Alemberte & Palmer Lecture in International Human Rights (2023–present).

Member, Ellis Medal Selection Committee (2023–present).

Chair, D'Alemberte-Ellis Fellowship Committee (2021–present).

Faculty, Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program (2021–present).

Faculty Advisor, Student Veterans Law Symposium (2020–present).

Director, Alternative Spring Break (2019–present).

Chair, Clinical Education Committee (2019–present).

Member, Exemplary Public Service Career Award Selection Committee (2018–present).

Committee Member, Professionalism/Professional Identity/Professional Development Committee (2022–2023).

The Profession

Service to Professional Associations

President, Treasurer, and Secretary, Tallahassee Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (2011–2016).

The Community

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Holy Comforter Episcopal School Board of Trustees (2021–present).

Co-Chair, Leadership Tallahassee 2.0 Journey to Racial Justice (2020–2021).

Commission Chair, Policy Committee Chair, Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (2015–2021).

Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Faith Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten (2019).

Graduate, Leadership Tallahassee Class 33 (2015–2016).

Director, Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (2015–2016).

Secretary and Director, PACE Center for Girls (2013–2016).