

Courtney Brewer

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EXPERIENCE

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL

Legal Writing Professor, August 2023-Present; *Moot Court Team Faculty Advisor*, May 2025-Present; *Adjunct Professor*, August 2016- December 2022

Teach legal writing and research and appellate advocacy; review and evaluate memoranda, briefs, and oral arguments; select and ensure registration for moot court competitions each year; recruit and assign coaches to student teams; oversee moot court brief drafting and oral argument practices.

Bishop & Mills, P.A., Tallahassee, FL

Shareholder, January 2019-July 2023

The Mills Firm, P.A., Tallahassee, FL

Shareholder, July 2014-Present; *Associate*, January 2012-July 2014

Represent clients in all aspects of appellate litigation and trial support in state and federal courts in Florida; draft certiorari petition and briefs in opposition at United States Supreme Court; hire and supervise associates, law clerks, and staff.

Office of the Attorney General of Florida, Tallahassee, FL

Deputy Solicitor General, August 2007-January 2012

Distinguished Service Awards, Individual and Team, 2009

Represented Florida in appeals at briefing and oral argument stages; drafted and monitored amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court; drafted motions and memorandums of law for federal and state litigation.

Florida Supreme Court, Tallahassee, FL

Law Clerk for Justice Charles Wells, May 2004-June 2007

Researched and analyzed legal issues in appeals, motions, and jurisdiction petitions; prepared memoranda summarizing record and parties' arguments, analyzing law, and recommending disposition; drafted majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions; supervised interns.

Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc., Raleigh, NC

Legal Intern, May 2003-July 2003

Represented low-income clients in civil matters including family law and unemployment insurance disputes; drafted direct and cross examinations for supervising attorneys; researched procedural and evidentiary issues; drafted wills, motions, orders, powers of attorney, INS petitions, and other legal documents.

American Civil Liberties Union, Raleigh, NC

Legal Intern, May 2002-August 2002

Researched civil liberties claims, primarily involving First Amendment issues; wrote memoranda; presented findings and recommendations to the legal committee.

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

Juris Doctor, May 2004

Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy, Managing Editor; Public Interest Committee; Orientation Leader

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Arts, May 2001

Phi Beta Kappa; Florida Bright Future Scholar; Phi Alpha Delta, Historian

OTHER

The Florida Bar, Board Certified in Appellate Practice, May 2014-Present;
Admitted September 2004

Supreme Court of the United States, Admitted 2008

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Admitted 2007

Northern District of Florida, Admitted 2020

Middle District of Florida, Admitted 2016

Southern District of Florida, Admitted 2021

Appellate Practice Section, *Immediate Past Chair*, July 2025-Present; *Chair*, July 2024-June 2025; *Chair-Elect*, July 2023-June 2024; *Treasurer*, July 2022-June 2023; *Secretary*, July 2021-June 2022; *Fellows Program Co-Chair*, December 2018- June 2021; July 2025-Present; *Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee Chair*, January 2021-October 2021; *CLE Committee Vice Chair*, July 2020-June 2021; *Webinar Co-Chair*, July 2019-June 2021; *Legislative Chair*, July 2016-June 2021; *Executive Council*, July 2015-June 2018, July 2019-June 2021

Appellate Practice Certification Committee, *Vice-Chair*, July 2025-Present;
Member, July 2023-Present

First District Court of Appeal American Inn of Court, *President*, June 2022-May 2023; *Membership Committee Chair*, 2020-2022; *Secretary*, 2017-2020;
Member, 2008-Present

Appellate Court Rules Committee, *Chair*, 2018-2019; *Vice Chair*, 2017-2018;
Vice Chair, Record on Appeal Subcommittee, 2016-2017; *Secretary*, 2014-2016;
Member, 2013-2019

Moot Court Coach, *Florida State University College of Law*, 2010-2024

Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer, *Second Judicial Circuit*, 2018-Present

Elder Law Moot Court Volunteer Judge and Brief Grader, 2024-Present

Florida High School Moot Court Competition Brief Grader, 2023-Present

PACE Mock Trial Volunteer, 2019

Orseck Moot Court Volunteer Judge, 2017-2019, 2022

Co-Chair, *Practicing Before the Supreme Court CLE*, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022

Co-Chair, *Practicing Before the First District Court of Appeal CLE*, 2022

Presenter, *Emerging Trends in Appellate Practice*, Conference of Florida District

Courts of Appeal Judges, February 2026

Panelist, *The Florida Supreme Court: A Review of 2024 and a Look Ahead to 2025*, American Constitution Society Florida, January 2025

Moderator, *Table of Authorities at the First DCA*, The Florida Bar's Appellate Practice Section, December 2024

Panelist, *Initiative Amendments to the Florida Constitution*, Tallahassee Women Lawyers, September 2024

Panelist, *The Future of Reproductive Rights in Florida*, American Constitution Society Florida, May 2024

Panelist, *U.S. Supreme Court First Amendment Cases*, The Florida Bar Reporter's Workshop, September 2022

Presenter, *Summary Judgment Writing: The Building Blocks for Stronger Motions and Responses*, FJA Annual Convention, June 2022

Presenter, *Before You Brief ... Some Assembly Required*, APS Navigating Your First Appeal CLE, October 2021

Co-Presenter, *Is it the End or Is an Appeal in our Future?*, Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc., 2021 Annual "Virtual" Seminar, September 2021

Co-Presenter, *Getting the Right Relief at the Trial Court*, APS Webinar, August 2021

Presenter, *Hitting the Ground Running: Florida's New Summary Judgment Standard*, Tallahassee Women Lawyers CLE, July 2021

Presenter, *Creating Magic With Your Words: Tips for Drafting Persuasive Motions, Responses, and Orders in the New Era*, FJA De-Mystifying the New Summary Judgment Rule: Important Things You Need to Know to Succeed in Your Summary Judgment Practice CLE, May 2021

Presenter, *Not So Hidden, But Essential: The Written Rules of Appellate Practice*, APS Hidden Essentials of Appellate Law 2021 CLE, February 2021

Presenter, *CRC and ACRC: Appellate Practice Changes in 2019*, Florida Department of Financial Services Lunch and Learn CLE, January 2019

Author, *Appellate Rule Changes Headed Your Way in 2019*, The Record, Journal of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, January 3, 2019

Presenter, *ACRC and CRC: Appellate Practice Changes in 2019*, APS Webinar, November 2018

Co-Presenter, *The Temperature Rises – Appeals to the First District*, Advanced Hot Topics CLE, April 2018

Author, *Constitution Revision Commission Update*, The Record, Journal of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, April 10, 2018, February 19, 2018, February 2, 2018, January 22, 2018

Co-Presenter, *Preserving Error: It Has Appeal*, YLD Webinar, October 2017

Co-Presenter, *General Tort and Evidence Case Law Update*, FJA Annual Convention, June 2017

Co-Presenter, *The Opinion is Out ... Now What*, The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice Seminar, March 2014, October 2016, February 2019

Co-Presenter, *Appellate Attorney's Fees and Costs*, Practicing Before the First

District Court of Appeal CLE, April 2015

Panelist, *Discussion on Professionalism*, The Florida Bar's Practicing with Professionalism Basic Skills Seminar, October 2013, May 2015

Panelist, *Merits Briefs & Amicus Brief Panels*, The Florida Bar's Practicing Before the Supreme Court CLE, 2009, 2011-2013, 2024

Author, *Florida's Lucky Break: The Service of Judge Peter Webster*, The Record, Journal of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, Summer 2011

National Association of Attorneys General, *Supreme Court Fellow*, Spring 2010; Served as a fellow in program designed to give intensive, hands-on exposure to U.S. Supreme Court practice by assisting state attorneys general offices prepare for argument and drafting amicus brief on behalf of states.

International Law Students Association, *Junior Editor & Moot Court Judge*, 2007-2010. Assisted in preparing bench memorandum for Jessup international law moot court competition; judged oral arguments; graded student memorials; published article in ILSA Quarterly Summer 2009: "Inch by Inch: The Effect on Customary International Law and Practice of the General Assembly Resolutions Calling for Moratoriums on Capital Punishment."