

## **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-July 2023; *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; *Ad Hoc Advocacy*  
*Committee Chair*, January 2021-October 2021; *Fellows Program Co-Chair*,  
December 2018- June 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

**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

**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."