Faculty and Alum Profile: Cynthia Tunnicliff (’71)

I am very excited to teach this course. I think law school graduates don't always have the skills to try a case even though they are well informed on the law. I hope that this course will give new lawyers the tools they need to be ready to try a case.

Cynthia Tunnicliff is an adjunct professor at Florida State University, teaching Florida Administrative Litigation this spring. Her practice at Pennington, P.A. is concentrated on all aspects of administrative law, including professional and appellate law, including professional and governmental licensing issues, rule challenges and public procurement. Tunnicliff has regularly appeared before administrative agencies, including the Florida Cabinet and the Supreme Court of Florida, as well as various state and federal courts.

She has been a member of the Florida Bar for more than 40 years and was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1987. Tunnicliff has served as a member of the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission and as chair of both the First District Court of Appeal and the Second Judicial Circuit Florida Bar Grievance Committee. Tunnicliff is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. His practice includes a wide range of civil matters, she has been a member of the Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar and served on the firm's Wealth Planning and Exempt Organizations committees. She is active in the Florida Bar's Public Interest and Professional Enrichment Fund, and has served on the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar.

Student Profile: Chelsie Lyons

Expected Graduation: May 2019

Originally from Tallahassee, Chelsie Lyons earned her bachelor’s degree in healthcare administration from Florida A&M University. She has a passion for helping others and decided to pursue her law degree.

 Lyons is a member of the FSU Law Trial Moot Court Team and has competed in three competitions. She is also a member of the FSU Law Trial Moot Court Team and served as secretary last year. Lyons and her partner spoke about the importance of being represented by someone who speaks out against their trafficker.

During her 1L year, she worked under attorney Jami A. Coleman (’08), a tax specialist. Lyons managed information on client tax dispute resolution, and compiled and organized financial information. Also during the summer of 2017, Lyons worked with a variety of attorneys in different practice areas, including family law, international trade, transactional business law and business litigation.