

## **CURRICULUM VITA**

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### **EDUCATION**

University of Florida College of Law: J.D., 1986  
University of South Florida: M.A., 1980 (History)  
University of South Florida: B.A. (2), 1977 (English, History)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

April, 1993 - Present

Legal Skills Professor and Director, University of Florida Conservation Clinic (1998-)

The University of Florida Conservation Clinic is an initiative of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program at the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida. Housed at the law school's Center for Governmental Responsibility, the Clinic works with clients in the governmental, non-governmental and private sector to advance local, state, national and international conservation objectives.

Director, University of Florida/University of Costa Rica Joint Program in Environmental and Land Use Law in Costa Rica (2000 -)

The Joint Program in Environmental Law is an initiative of the University of Florida Levin College of Law and the University of Costa Rica School of Law. The program offers up to 6 credits in international and comparative environmental law, Spanish language instruction and field-based environmental law education opportunities. The Program has been accredited by the American Bar Association and funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, supporting student participation from throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Affiliate Faculty: Center For Latin American Studies, College of Natural Resources and the Environment & Tropical Conservation and Development Program, University of Florida

## **LEGAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

August, 1991 - present

Legal Skills Professor and Attorney, Center For Governmental Responsibility,  
University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida

Public policy research center specializing in applied international, federal, and state environmental and natural resources law and policy research. Responsible attorney for the Center's Mesoamerican Environmental Law Program and its Latin American Conservation Law Program as well as a variety of federal, state and private grants and contracts in domestic environmental law and policy.

June 1990 - May 1991

Staff Attorney, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Inc., Denver, Colorado and Tallahassee, Florida.

Public interest environmental litigation firm with emphasis on federal law governing public lands, wildlife and endangered species, as well as toxins, water use, and air and water pollution issues.

May 1986 - June 1990

Senior Litigation Associate, Peeples, Earl & Blank, Ste. 3636, One Biscayne Tower, Miami, Florida.

Federal, state and administrative, environmental and land use practice in specialty environmental and land use law firm. Represented major corporate and governmental clients in federal and state environmental regulatory compliance and enforcement matters. Responsible senior associate for complex litigation in all aspects of federal and state environmental and land use law.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

1980 - 1983

Environmental Planner, Stottler Stagg & Associates, 7660 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral Florida.

## **HONORS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Member, Tropical Ecosystems Directorate, United States Department of State Man and the Biosphere Program
- Member, 1994 Governor's Greenway Commission
- Member, 1991 Governor's Transition Team Task Force on the Environment (Florida);
- Law Review, University of Florida College of Law
- First Place, 1985 Dean Frank E. Maloney Memorial Writing Contest, The Florida Bar

- Honorable Mention, University Presses of Florida Social Science Monograph Competition (Master's Thesis: "Coping with Growth - The Emergence of Environmental Policy in Florida.")
  - President, Board of Directors, and President, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center, Inc., a not for profit law firm organized to work on environmental issues
  - Member, Board of Directors, Forest Management Trust
- S        Member, World Conservation Union Environmental Law Commission

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Law Review and Peer Reviewed Publications**

Ankersen, Thomas T., Shared Knowledge; Shared Jurisprudence: Learning to Speaking Environmental Law Creole, \_\_ Tulane Journal o f Environmental Law \_\_ (Forthcoming 2003).

Ankersen, Thomas T. & Barnes, Grenville, Inside the Polygon: Emerging Community Tenure Systems and Forest Resource Extraction, in Zarin & Schmink, Working Forests in the Tropics: Conservation through Sustainable Management, Columbia Presses (forthcoming 2004).

Bowles, Ian. A, Rosenfeld Amy B., Kormos, Cyril F., Nations, James D. & Ankersen, Thomas T., The Environmental Impacts of International Finance Corporation Lending and Proposals for Reform: A Case Study of Conservation and Oil Development in the Guatemalan Petén, 29 Journal of Environmental Law 103 (Spring, 1999)(also published in Spanish in Ankersen, Ed.,Emerging Trends in Environmental Law and Policy in Mesoamerica, Special Edition, 37 Revista Mesoamerica ( August 1999).

Guest editor, Emerging Trends in Environmental Law and Policy in Mesoamerica, Special Edition, 37 Revista Mesoamerica (August,1999)(Spanish language academic journal published in 17 countries)

Ankersen, Thomas T. & Hamann, Richard, Government Regulation and the Rights of Navigation in Florida, Florida Seagrant Technical Publication 99 (August, 1999).

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Ankersen, Thomas T. & Hamann, Richard, “Ecosystem Management and the Everglades: A Legal and Institutional Analysis,” 11 Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law 473 (1996).

Ankersen, Thomas T. & Guillen-Trujillo, Hugo, "Confronting the Crisis: Conservation Law and Policy in the Maya Forest," 4 Vida Silvestre Neotropical, 85-88 (1995).

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Ankersen, "Common Law Rights and Remedies for Pollution Cases in Florida," Vol. I, Florida Environmental and Land Use Law Treatise (The Florida Bar, 1990 & Supp. 1996).

Earl & Ankersen, "Slicing the Water Supply Pie: Competing Applications Under Florida's Water Resources Act," 61 Fla. B. J. 87 (June 1987).

Ankersen, "Cumulative Impacts in Environmental Decision-Making," 60 Fla. B. J. 52 (1986).

### **Other Published Literature**

Ankersen, Thomas T., Montes, Jose Antonio & Balderamos-Garcia, Dolores, "Imagining the Administration of Shared Resources in the Maya Forest," 71-79, in Anabel Ford, Ed., The Future of El Pilar, Department of State Publication 10507 (January, 1997).

Ankersen, Thomas T., "Law, Science, and Little Old Ladies: The Many Hands That Made a Movement." XVIII Forum 28 (Summer, 1995).

Hamann, Ankersen, Gonzalez & Bloom, "Binational Management of the Rio San Juan Basin: From War to Cooperation," in Proceedings of the Interamerican Dialogue on Water Management (1994).

Ankersen, Thomas T. & Hamann, Richard H., "The Mesoamerican Biological Corridor: the Legal Framework for an Integrated Regional System of Protected Areas," in J. A. Bissonette & P. R. Krausman, Integrating People and Wildlife for a Sustainable Future, 393 (1995) (Proceedings of the International Wildlife Management Congress (1995)).

### **Selected Technical Reports and Unpublished Material**

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Ankersen, Thomas T., "Nationwide Survey of State Water User Fee Legislation." Center for Governmental Responsibility/South Florida Water Management District (May 1992).

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#### **CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

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