

Jennifer Mary (Harper) Zedalis
Director of Trial Practice, Legal Skills Professor
Fredric G. Levin College of Law
University of Florida

Position/Title: Director of Trial Practice Programs
Legal Skills Professor, Levin College of Law. November 2002- present.

Courses Taught: Trial Practice; Advanced Litigation
(Summer) Criminal Defense Clinic

Faculty Advisor/ Coach: Levin College of Law Trial Team

Committee Service: Pro Bono Committee (2003/04)
Teaching Committee (2004/05)
Non-Tenure Track Appointments, Promotion, and Retention
Committee, 2005

Prior Positions: Law Office of Jennifer Zedalis, Gainesville, Florida, 1998- 2003.
Solo law practice, criminal trials and appeals.

Assistant Public Defender, 8th Judicial Circuit, 1985-1998.
Division Chief, Intern Supervisor, 1991-1995.
Eighth Judicial Circuit Award, "Sustained Excellence", 1997.
Assistant Public Defender, 5th Judicial Circuit, 1984-1985.

Admitted to practice in the State of Florida, 1984.

Teaching Experience: (Current) Trial Practice and Advanced Litigation;
Developed new course (Advanced Litigation) 2003.
Criminal Defense Clinic, Summer Terms 2003/04.

Adjunct Lecturer, Fredric G. Levin College of Law:
Criminal Clinic 1990-1995; 2000-2002
Intern Field Supervisor 1990-1995
Trial Practice Workshop Instructor 2000-2002
Trial Team Coach 2001-2003

Faculty member, Florida Bar/ Gerald T. Bennett CLE Training Program
for Prosecutors and Public Defenders; 1992-present;
Team Leader/ Coordinator 2002- present.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Florida
1990-1995.

'Landmark Cases' Seminar Instructor
& Co-Presenter, with Dr. George Barnard, M.D.

National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Teacher Training Program,
1990, 1995, 2004.

Articles and Publications: "Rethinking Your Practice Habits: Seven Ways to be a
Better Lawyer in the Criminal Courts"
Florida Criminal Law Journal Volume XXXIII, No.1 Fall
2003

"Real and Demonstrative Evidence" Faculty Manual,
Florida Bar/ Gerald T. Bennett CLE Training Program,
2004.

(Current draft) "Trying Cases: a Manual for Law Students
And Young Lawyers"

Presentations: Panelist, Eighth Judicial Circuit Symposium on Ethics and
Professionalism
2003, 2005 (Criminal Law and Practice)

2005 "The Basics of a Lawsuit." Spring Orientation, Levin College of Law

"Case Analysis." Florida Bar Prosecutor/ Public Defender CLE Program,
2004.

"Competency Standards in Criminal Cases", Orlando, Florida, 1992,
(Conference) American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law.

Speaker/ Panel Member, Symposium on Domestic Violence, 1995,
University of Florida College of Law.

Planner and Coordinator, CLE credit-approved seminars, Sponsored by
the Eighth Circuit Public Defender:

"Preserving the Record"

"Competency and Sanity in Criminal Cases"

"Defending the Probationer"

Press Quotations: On teaching, in Prosecutor/ Public Defender CLE Course,
Florida Bar News, September 1st, 2003.

On ethical and professional considerations when defendant/client is suicidal,
Naples Dailey News, July 18th, 2004.

On Michael Jackson verdict and the significance of Celebrity status in criminal trials,
WUFT live television interview June 14th, 2005
AM 850 live radio interview with Bryan Jaeger, June 14th 2005.

In *Trial Tips Newsletter*, “Five Questions with Jennifer Zedalis,” Issue #11, August, 2005

Academic Honors and Degrees:

Juris Doctorate, University of Florida, 1984
Moot Court, Outstanding Member
Two-term Chairperson

Bachelor of Arts, Duke 1980 *Magna Cum Laude*

Mary Duke Biddle Semans Scholarship recipient.
President, Duke English Majors Union, 1980.

Anne Barbour Stowe Memorial Award, 1980.

Practice, Litigation Experience:

Cases handled since 1984 include juvenile, traffic, misdemeanor, felony, capital felony, mental health cases, parental rights, dependency, forfeiture, post-conviction relief, and appeals.

Scope of practice has included all aspects of representation including jury trials and evidentiary hearings, motion practice, appeals, extraordinary writs, en banc hearings, capital and non-capital post-conviction relief, competency and sanity issues.

Committee, Bar Service

Executive Council, Criminal Law Section, Florida Bar. 2004, 2005.

Eighth Judicial Circuit Criminal Mediation Task Force, 2001, 2002.

Statewide Criminal Jury Instructions Committee: re Necessity and Duress; 1995.

Professional Affiliations and Memberships:

Florida Bar, 1984- present. Criminal Law Section, Trial Lawyers Section.

Florida Bar Executive Council Member, Criminal Law Section, 2004- present.

American Bar Association/ Litigation Section.

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Caselaw Update Committee, 2000.

Eighth Circuit Bar Association.

National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

American Constitution Society.

Duke Alumni Association; Friends of Duke Chapel.