

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **THOMAS T. ANKERSEN**

*Professor Ankersen directs the University of Florida Conservation Clinic, the experiential learning arm of the College's Environmental and Land Use Law Program. The Clinic provides legal support to communities and stakeholder groups pursuing conservation objectives. Ankersen serves as Florida Sea Grant's Statewide Legal Specialist. He also directs the College of Law's Costa Rica Program – Sustainable Development: Law, Policy and Professional Practice - now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year. He practices and teaches domestic, international and comparative environmental law with an emphasis on Florida, Latin America and the Caribbean. Internationally he has worked and/or taught in 30 countries, with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean.*

#### **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)

**Languages:** English (native), Spanish (fluent)

#### **TEACHING & RELATED ACTIVITIES**

2000 - Present

Legal Skills Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Director, University of Florida Conservation Clinic

Director, University of Florida/Organization for Tropical Studies Joint Program in Sustainable Development: Law, Policy and Professional Practice

#### **Affiliate Faculty Appointments**

University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies

University of Florida Master's in Development Practice Program

University of Florida School of Natural Resources and the Environment

University of Florida Water Institute

Statewide Legal Specialist, Florida Sea Grant

#### **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

1991–2000 – Staff Attorney & Assistant in Law, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida

1990 – 1991 - Attorney, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Inc., Denver, Colorado and Tallahassee, Florida (now Earthjustice)

1986 – 1990 - Senior Litigation Associate, Peeples, Earl & Blank, Ste. 3636, One Biscayne Tower, Miami, Florida (environmental & land use law specialty firm)

1980 – 1983 - Environmental Planner, Stottler Stagg & Associates, Architects, Engineers & Planners, 7660 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral Florida.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Bar Association; The Florida Bar; Latin American Studies Association

## **SELECTED HONORS AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Florida Climate Institute Distinguished Faculty Fellow (2017-2019)(University-wide appointment based on competitive selection process)

Provost's Faculty Fellow in Sustainability (2008-09 academic year). Appointed by the University of Florida Provost to investigate the development of a campus wide academic program in sustainability and foster interdisciplinary collaboration in sustainability teaching, research and education.

University of Florida International Educator of the Year (College of Law representative) (2008)

Recipient, Research and Writing Grant Competition Award, The John D. & Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2004) (\$100,000) (with G.Barnes) (approx. 30 out of 400 submissions funded)

Recipient, US EPA/University of Maryland/Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Smart Growth Writing Competition Award (12 out of 60 submissions selected for publication)

Former Member, Executive Council, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, The Florida Bar

Founding member and President, Board of Directors, and President, Everglades Law Center, Inc., a not for profit law firm focusing on environmental and land use issues in South Florida

Law Review, University of Florida

## **COUNTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT WORK AND/OR TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Costa Rica, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Panama, India, Zambia, The Bahamas, Jamaica & the Insular Caribbean

## **CURRENT COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT**

International and Comparative Environmental Law (3 credits); Conservation Clinic (domestic and international) (3/2 credits); Marine and Coastal Law Field Course (1/2 credits)

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS**

Wesley J. Hevia, Michael T. Olexa, Tom Ankersen and William A. Messina Jr., Seizing the 'Organic' Moment: Cuba's Agricultural Crossroads and Certified Organic Export Potential, 21 Drake J. Agric. L. (2016)

Jesse Reiblich & Thomas T. Ankersen, Got Guts? The Iconic Streams of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Law's Ephemeral Edge 32 J. Env'tl. L. & Litig. 101 (2016)

Thomas T. Ankersen, Gabriela Stocks, Franklin Paniagua, and Sekita Grant, Turtles Without Borders: The International and Domestic Law Basis for the Shared Conservation, Management, and Use of Sea Turtles in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama

Journal Of International Wildlife Law & Policy Vol. 18:1 (2015)

Vanessa Dornisch, Tom T. Ankersen & Robert A. Swett. Florida Perceptions of Beach Ownership, Erosion Management and Sea Level Rise (January, 2015) available at: <http://floridawateraccess.org/news-updates/Beach%20Perception%20Report.pdf>

Anna Cathey Linhoss, Lisa Gardner Chambers, Kevin Wozniak, and Tom Ankersen, A Multi-Disciplinary Review of Current Sea-Level Change Research in Florida, TP-193 (2015) available at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/SG125>

Jocelyn Croci, Bill White, Thomas T. Ankersen & W. Thomas Hawkins. Crediting Adaptation Strategies through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System Coordinator's Manual: A Resource for Local Governments, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (2015) (Available at: [https://www.law.ufl.edu/\\_pdf/academics/centers-clinics/clinics/conservation/resources/final-deliverable-1B-crs-guidance-document.pdf](https://www.law.ufl.edu/_pdf/academics/centers-clinics/clinics/conservation/resources/final-deliverable-1B-crs-guidance-document.pdf))

Carly Grimm, Amanda Broadwell, & Thomas T. Ankersen, Feeling the Squeeze: The Troubled Future of Lateral Beach Access in Florida, 35:3 Environmental and Land Use Law Section Reporter (The Florida Bar, March 2014)

Susanna Blair, Carrie Adams, Tom Ankersen, Maia McGuire, and David Kaplan, Ecosystem Services Valuation for Estuarine and Coastal Restoration in Florida, Florida Sea Grant TP-204 (2015)

Chelsea Hardy, W. Thomas Hawkins & Thomas T. Ankersen, Special Assessments for Flood Elevation (SAFE): Using the PACE Financing Mechanism as a Model for Funding Structure Elevation to Avoid Flood Risk, 36:3 Environmental and Land Use Law Section Reporter (March 2015)

Wozniak, Kevin, Garin Davidson, and Thomas T. Ankersen. Florida's Coastal Hazards Disclosure Law: Property Owner's Perceptions of the Physical and Regulatory Environment, TP-194 (2012) (available at: [http://www.flseagrant.org/wp-content/uploads/tp194\\_coastal\\_hazards\\_disclosure\\_law.pdf](http://www.flseagrant.org/wp-content/uploads/tp194_coastal_hazards_disclosure_law.pdf) )

Thomas T. Ankersen & Kevin Regan. Shifting Baselines and Backsliding Benchmarks: The Need for a National Environmental Legacy Act to Address the Ecologies of Restoration, Resilience and Reconciliation, in *Beyond Environmental Law: Policy Proposals for a Better Environmental Future*, Donald M. Driesen and Alyson C. Flournoy (Eds.)(Cambridge University Press)(2009)

Katie Painter, Thomas T. Ankersen & Grenville Barnes, *O desenvolvimento do Direito de Posse Comunal de Terra nas Comunidades Afro-Latinas*, 4 Amazonia Legal 13 (July – Dec. 2008)

Thomas T. Ankersen & Thomas Ruppert, Defending the Polygon: The Emerging Human Right to Communal Property, 59 *Oklahoma L. Rev.* 681 (2006)

Thomas T. Ankersen & Thomas Ruppert, *Tierra y Libertad: The Social Function Doctrine and Land Reform in Latin America*, 19 *Tulane Env't'l L. Rev.* 69 (2006)

Thomas T. Ankersen, Kevin Regan & Steve Mack, Bioregional and Conservation Planning on Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula, 38 *Futures* 406-431 (2006)

Thomas T. Ankersen & Grenville Barnes, "Inside the Polygon: Emerging Community Tenure Systems and Forest Resource Extraction." *Working Forests in the Neotropics*, (eds: D. Zarin, R. Janaki, F. Putz and M. Schmink), Columbia University Press, N.Y. pp. 156-177 (2004)

Thomas T. Ankersen, Shared Knowledge; Shared Jurisprudence: Learning to Speak Environmental Law Creole, 16 *Tulane Journal of Environmental Law* 807-830 (2003).

Thomas T. Ankersen & Nicole Kibert, Applying Clinical Legal Education to Community Smart Growth: the University of Florida Conservation Clinic, in Knaap & Wiewel, eds., *University Efforts to Encourage Smart Growth* (Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, 2005)

Thomas T. Ankersen, Invited Editor, *Legislación y Política Sobre Medio Ambiente y Patrimonio Cultural en Mesoamerica*, Vol. 20. No. 37 *Mesoamerica* (1999))

Thomas T. Ankersen, 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 (1999) (with I. Bowles, A.B. Rosenfeld, C. Kormos, J.D. Nations) (republished in Spanish in Ankersen, Thomas T., Invited Editor, *Legislación y Política Sobre Medio Ambiente y Patrimonio Cultural en Mesoamerica*, Vol. 20. No. 37 *Mesoamerica* (1999))

Thomas T. Ankersen, "Addressing Conservation's Conundrums in Mesoamerica: A Bioregional Case Study," in *Bioregionalism: The Tug and Pull of Place* (Routledge, London, 1998).

Thomas T. Ankersen, Jose Antonio Montes & Delores Balderamos, "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)

Thomas T. Ankersen, "Ecosystem Management and the Everglades: A Legal and Institutional Analysis," 11 *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law* 473 (1996) (with R. Hamann)

Ankersen, Thomas T., The Mesoamerican Biological Corridor: A Model Legal Framework for an Integrated Regional System of Protected Areas, 9 *University of Oregon Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation* 499 (1994)

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

## **SELECTED RECENT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

Co-Principal Investigator, Less-Than-Fee Beachfront Acquisition Strategies to Protect and Enhance Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat in Florida: A Feasibility Study and Pilot Project, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$250,000 (2016-18).

Co- Principal Investigator, Inducing Resilience for Water Subsidized Systems, Florida Water Institute Fellowship Program (2017-2021)

Co-Principle Investigator, Incorporating Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Biocultural Diversity Into Policy-Making For Infrastructure Development Across The Amazon, University of Florida Biodiversity Institute, (\$30,000) (2017-18)

Principle Investigator, The Beach as Contested Space: Applying Public Policy Analysis to Florida's Foreseeable Future of Rising Seas and Receding Shorelines, \$14,000 (2016-17)

Principle Investigator, Cultural Resources, Disaster Resiliency and Climate Uncertainty, National Park Service, \$30,000 (2015-2016)

Principle Investigator, State and Local Policy Innovation and Implementation for Coastal Communities, Florida Sea Grant (biennial renewal grant), \$50,000 (2016-18)

Principle Investigator, State and Local Policy Innovation and Implementation for Coastal Communities, Florida Sea Grant (biennial renewal grant), \$50,000 (2014-16)

Principle Investigator, Science and Partnerships for Adapation and Resilience, Subaward for LL.M Climate Law Fellowships, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Ocean & Atmospheric Administration, \$46,000 (2011 – 2015)

Principle Investigator, Policy Assessment of Florida's Critical Marine Infrastructure, Florida Department of Community Affairs, \$68,000 (2010-2011)

Principal Investigator, UF Law Conservation Law Fellowships Program, Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation, \$30,000 (2011-2014)

Principle Investigator, Promoting Policy Planning for Coastal Communities, Coastal Access and Coastal Hazard Mitigation, Florida Sea Grant (3<sup>rd</sup> biennial Renewal Grant), \$50,000 (2010-12)

Principle Investigator, Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program: Community Comprehensive Plan & Statutory Compliance Review Project, Florida Department of Community Affairs, \$45,000 (2008)

Principle Investigator, A Legal and Policy Review Of Chapter 327, Florida Statutes And Its Implementing Regulation, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, \$44,625 (2007)

Principle Investigator, Dynamic Habitat Accommodation: The Policy Framework to Protect Sea Turtle Nesting Beaches, Florida Sea Turtle Grants Program, \$25,620 (2007-2008)

Principle Investigator, Development of a Program of Land Use Law Extension and Service Learning, UF IFAS Cooperative Extension Service, \$40,000 (2007)