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Education

Master of Science, Real Estate, 2010
University of Florida, Hough Graduate School of Business

Doctor of Law, Law, 2005
Emory University School of Law

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 2002
University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Certifications

Certified planner, American Institute of Certified Planners

Member in good standing, Florida Bar
Member, Environmental and Land Use section
Member, City, County and Local Government section

Courses taught

LAW 6462, Florida Land Use
University of Florida, Levin College of Law, on campus

LAW 6460, Land Use Planning and Control
University of Florida, Levin College of Law, on campus

URP 5125, Plan Implementation
Florida State University, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, on campus

URP 6061, Planning Administration and Ethics
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, on campus and online

URP 6131, Land Use Planning Law
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, on campus and online

URP 6132, Growth Management Seminar
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, on campus and online

URP 6341, Urban Planning Project
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, online

URP 6603, Development Review
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, on campus and online

Professional positions

Legal Skills Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law
Director, University of Florida Levin College of Law Environmental and Community Development Clinic
August 2023 to present
Direct experiential learning program with focus on environmental and community development projects.

Instructional Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning
Program Director, self-supported Master of Urban and Regional Planning program
July 2019 to August 2023
Teach online and on campus courses to Master of Urban and Regional Planning students and direct self-supported Master of Urban and Regional Planning program.

Policy and Planning Director, 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc., May 2016 to June 2019
Manage litigation, develop environmental and land use policy and direct legislative and governmental relations for leading Florida not-for-profit organization committed to environmental conservation and improved community development throughout Florida.

Executive Director, Florida Defenders of the Environment, Inc., April 2015 to April 2016
Manage all aspects of Florida not-for-profit corporation dedicated to environmental education and advocacy including board of trustees management and communication, member communication, litigation management, fundraising and development of new initiatives.

Principal Attorney, W. Thomas Hawkins, P.A., May 2008 to April 2016
Advise clients on Florida growth management law, local government comprehensive plans, local government land development regulations, and Florida corporations law. As a sole practitioner, manage all business and legal aspects of the firm. As research associate in the Conservation Clinic at the Levin College of Law complete grant funded legal research related to planning and local government law and provide legal services to Florida local governments.

Associate Attorney, C. David Coffey, P.A., June 2005 to May 2008
Advise clients on Florida laws including growth management law, local government comprehensive plans, and local government land development regulations.

Elected office

Commissioner At-Large, City of Gainesville, May 2008 to May 2014
Adopt laws and a biannual budget, render decisions in quasi-judicial land use hearings, and supervise six charter-level professional management staff (Mayor pro tempore, 2011-2012).

Service appointments

Member, Suncoast Connector Task Force, August 2019 to October 2020

By appointment of Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, provide recommendations to the Florida Department of Transportation on Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance program.

Member, Gainesville Plan Board, April 2019 to November 2022

By appointment of Gainesville City Commission provide recommendations on city's comprehensive plan and land development regulations and decide some quasi-judicial matters including special use permits and street vacations.

Member, Urban Expansion Area Task Force, May 2017 to May 2018

By appointment of Miami-Dade County Mayor, provide recommendations to Miami-Dade County Commission on Urban Expansion Areas and Urban Development Boundary.

Member, Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, May 2008 to May 2014

Adopt budget, prioritize projects and participate in strategic planning for tax increment funded community redevelopment agency created pursuant to §163.365, Florida Statutes (Chair, 2009–2010, Vice-Chair, 2008–2009).

Member, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, May 2008 to May 2014

Develop and maintain Regional Policy Plan for eleven north central Florida counties and thirty-three municipalities. Review amendments to city and county comprehensive plans and Development of Regional Impact development orders for consistency with Regional Policy Plan.

Member, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, May 2008 to May 2014

Develop metropolitan planning organization regional transportation plan and prioritize regional transportation projects to allocate federal and state funding (Chair, 2010–2011 Vice-chair, 2009–2010).

Proceedings in which expert testimony admitted as evidence

Blount v. Tramell Webb Partners, Inc., Case No. 21-002835 (DOAH January 14, 2022).

Blount v. Tramell Webb Partners, Inc., Case No. 20-002135 (DOAH December 29, 2020).

Tropical Audubon Society and Michelle Garcia v. Miami-Dade County, Florida, Case No. 18-005695 (DOAH March 30, 2020).

Anderson v. Ibis Rd. Investors, LLC, Case No. 18-004203GM (DOAH April 15, 2019).

Rogers v. Escambia Cnty, Case No. 17-005530GM (DOAH May 10, 2018).

Farrell v. Orange Cnty, Case No. 16-004556GM (DOAH Aug. 29, 2017).

Books

Author, *Land Use Law in Florida*, Routledge, June 2021.

Publications and projects

Author, *Model Property Rights Element*, 1000 Friends of Florida, September 30, 2021.

Author, *Course in Special Government Entities for Florida County Commissioners*, Institute for County Government, 2022.

Author, *Advanced Courses in Land Use Regulation for Florida County Commissioners*, Institute for County Government, 2021.

Author, *Land Use Law for Florida County Commissioners*, Institute for County Governments, 2020.

Co-author, *Protecting Florida's History From Hazards*, University of Florida Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic for the National Park Service, June 2017.

Co-author, *Crediting Adaptation Strategies through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System Coordinator's Manual: A Resource for Florida's Local Governments*, University of Florida Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, June 2015.

Co-author, Special Assessments for Flood Elevation March 2015, W. Thomas Hawkins, Chelsea Hardy and Thomas Ankersen, Special Assessments for Flood Elevation (SAFE): Using the PACE Financing Mechanism as a Model for Funding Structure Elevation to Avoid Flood Risk "To Sink or Swim? Water-Dependent Infrastructure and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Policy," THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW SECTION REPORTER, Vol. XXXVI, No. 3 (March 2015).

Co-author, *A Study of Municipal Incorporation of Panacea, Florida*, Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership, Inc., December 2012.

Invited presentations

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, March 30 2022, "2022 Legislative Session Review Webinar" *virtual*

Universitas Indonesia, March 15, 2022, "International Join Workshop and Seminar" *virtual*

Florida Planning Conference, September 9, 2020, "The Rules Are Different Everywhere: How to Reform Land Use Decision-making" *virtual*

Levin College of Law Academic Standards Committee, July 21, 2020, "Best Practices for Learning Law Online—Guidance for Fall 2020" *virtual*

Levin College of Law Center for Governmental Responsibility, virtual, July 6, 2020, "Legal and Policy Impacts of the Pandemic: a Global Perspective" *virtual*

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, 18th Annual APA Florida Public Policy Workshop & Mobile Tour, February 5, 2020, "M-CORES: In Florida's Future?"

The Promised Lands Section of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, December 6, 2019, "The Rise and Fall of Florida's Growth Management Experiment: Is there Hope for a Resurrection?"

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Florida Planning Conference, September 12, 2019, "Raising Fingerlings into Adult Fish in New Waters: How Two Professional Planners Are Adapting Planning Studio Courses for Online Instruction at the University of Florida"

Florida Housing Coalition, July 22, 2019, "Affordable Housing Innovations in HB 7103"

Guardians of Martin County Annual Meeting, December 11, 2018, "Managing Population Growth: Shaping a Positive Future for Martin County"

Emerald Coast Section of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, November 16, 2018, "Emerald Coast Law + Ethics Panel"

30th Annual RPTE Spring Symposium, American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law, May 10, 2018, "Urbanization and Gentrification: Tools to Increase Equity While Revitalizing City Centers"

33rd Annual Everglades Coalition Conference, January 13, 2018, "What's Happening in Land Use"

Florida Association of Counties Policy Conference, September 2017, "Smarter Growth"

National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board Future Interstate Study, Miami Beach listening session, March 27, 2017, "Land use impacts of IHS"

Legislative testimony at invitation of Chair, Senate Community Affairs Committee, January 2017, "Florida Growth Management"

32nd Annual Everglades Coalition Conference Growing Green: Restoration in a Developing Landscape, January 2017, "How do we reclaim our neighborhoods, cities and environment?"

Social Coast Forum 2016, February 2016, "Climate Change Risk Mitigation Strategies for Cultural Resources Within Small and Medium Sized Communities"

Public Interest Environmental Conference, February 2016, "St. Johns River Estuary: Mitigating Port Expansion Through Restoration"

National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium, November 2015, "To Sink or Swim? Water-Dependent Infrastructure and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Policy"

Center for Transportation Excellence 2013 Transit Initiatives and Communities Conference, June 2013, "Open Alachua, Open for Business, Open for Innovation"

Honors

University of Florida, 2022 Exemplary Online Award including special recognition for Learner Satisfaction for URP 6131 Land Use Planning Law, 2023.

University of Florida Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 2023

University of Florida Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 2022

University of Florida Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 2020

Florida Department of Transportation, Planning Professional of the Year Nominee, 2020

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award, 2013

Smart Growth America Local Leaders Council, April 2012 to May 2014, Profiled in December 11, 2013 edition of Smart Growth America series on local leaders council members

Harry S. Truman "Buck Stops Here" Award for Outstanding Service, Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee, 2010