

Deborah Cupples

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Education

J.D., University of Florida, May 2005

Florida Law Review:

- Managing Editor, Fall 2004
- Publishing Committee, Fall 2004
- Summer Articles Editor, 2003

M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2001

B.A. English, University of Florida: April 1988
Concentration: Technical & Business Writing.

Law-Related Experience

- Master Lecturer** University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida
08/15 – Pres. **Teaching** (2008-pres.): teach legal drafting courses during fall and spring semesters and supervise externs. Co-created and co-taught two public-policy practicums (spring 2016 and 2015) and a writing workshop (summer 2010). Taught Art Law (summer 2012 and 2011). **Administration:** served as interim director of the Legal Information Center until permanent director began.
- Interim Director**
03/18-05/18 **Service:** UF Faculty Senate (2010-2016); UF Faculty Senate Budget Council (2013-2016); UF Compensation Committee (2013-2016); Faculty Advisor, Art Law Society (2010-pres.); Volunteer, Faculty Matching Program (2014-17); Curriculum Committee (2017-pres.); Adjunct Teaching Committee (2009-12 and 2017-19); Joe Little Pro Bono Committee (2009-10); Volunteer, Moot Court practice sessions (2008-10 and 2017); Volunteer, Faculty Recruitment Team (2008-09).
- Senior Lecturer**
08/11 – 08/15
- Lecturer**
08/08 – 08/11
- Attorney**
10/09 – pres. Self-employed, Gainesville, Florida
Review, draft, edit, or negotiate contracts for clients (e.g., licensing, publishing, medical-records related).
- Attorney**
12/09 – 08/18. Southern Legal Counsel, Gainesville, Florida
Pro bono: co-counsel for plaintiffs in a public-interest case involving a state-constitutional question (Article IX).
- Adjunct Instr.**
01/08 – 05/08
08/06 – 05/07 University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida
Taught Legal Drafting courses for three semesters, which covered complaints, answers, contracts, and legislation.
- Attorney**
06/06 – 07/08 F. Parker Lawrence, P.A., Gainesville, Florida
Set up corporations and LLCs, drafted bylaws and operating agreements, organized corporate records, and reviewed trust documents.

- Legal Assistant:** F. Parker Lawrence, P.A., Gainesville, Florida
(04/06 – 06/06) Did legal research, proofread documents (part-time).
- Intern** State Attorney’s Office, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida
01/05 –05/05 Helped with prosecutions and did research.
- Intern** Appellate Division, Eighth Judicial Circuit Court, Alachua County, Florida
01/03 - 05/03 Reviewed and drafted responses to appeals; drafted orders and writs.

Publications

- Deborah Cupples, *A SHORT AND HAPPY GUIDE TO CIVICS* (West Academic, pending, 2019).
- Op-Ed, *Protect Your Voting rights with This Simple List*, Tallahassee Democrat, September 28, 2018.
- Op-Ed, *Ways to Protect Your Voting Rights Before November*, Gainesville Sun, September 25, 2018
- Op-Ed, *How to Protect Your Voting Rights and Why You Need To*, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, September 24, 2018.
- Op-Ed, *Five Ways to Protect Your Voting Rights*, Independent Florida Alligator, September 18, 2018.
- Op-Ed, *Be Proactive About Your Voter Registration Status*, Palm Beach Post, September 16, 2018.
- Op-Ed, *Don’t Forget to Check Your Voter Registration Status*, Tampa Bay Times, August 31, 2018.
- Essay: *Civics is About You*, The Professional 9, Summer 2018.
- Essay: *Professionalism Requires Good Writing and Knowledge of Grammar* 14, The Professional, Winter 2018.
- Deborah Cupples, *IT IS ABOUT YOU: HOW AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WORKS AND HOW TO HELP FIX IT* (Delfinium, 2017).
- Margaret Temple-Smith and Deborah Cupples, *LEGAL DRAFTING: LITIGATION DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTS, LEGISLATION, AND WILLS* (West, 2012).
- Deborah Cupples and Margaret Temple-Smith, *GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION, & STYLE: A QUICK GUIDE FOR LAWYERS AND OTHER WRITERS* (West, 2013).

Presentations

- Guest, WJCT (Jacksonville Public Radio), Topics: Election Law and Voting Rights, October 2018.
- Repeat Guest; WTMP Radio (Tampa); Topics: civics, voting rights, election law; July - October 2018.
- Panelist, SEALS, Overcoming Obstacles to Helping Students Become Practice Ready, August 2018.
- Presenter, League of Women Voters Luncheon, Gainesville: campaign-finance law, March 2018.
- Guest Teacher, Gainesville High School, covered the rule of law, types of laws, etc., March 2018.
- Panelist, KCon: 13th Annual International Conference on Contracts, February 2018.
- Guest Speaker, Legislative Interpretation (course), UF Law School, Spring 2017.
- Panelist, Experiential Learning in Legal Writing Courses, AALS Conference, January 2017.
- *Better Professional Writing* (CLE), Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Assoc., May 2011 and May 2010.
- *How to Package Your Message*, Women for Wise Growth (Gainesville Florida), April 2007.
- *How to Write Editorials*, University of Florida, October 2006.
- *Election 2000: Florida's Voter Purges*, WSKY Radio (Gainesville, Florida), August 2001.
- *Florida's Voter Purges*, Boltin Center Election Workshop (Gainesville, Florida) August 2001.

Memberships

- Florida Bar Committee on Student Education and Bar Admission (2017-present).
- Florida Bar, Member (2006-present).
- Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Board Member (2007-2011).
- Legal Writing Institute (2013-present).

Non-Legal Experience

Writer Kumar Pictures, Jacksonville, Florida
11/06 – 05/12 Wrote scripts for short documentary and industrial films on a project-by-project basis.

Writer Levin College of Law, University of Florida, Gainesville Florida
06/02 – 05/05 Wrote feature stories for newsletter and alumni magazine.

Research Asst. Florida Sea Grant, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
08/99 – 04/01 Digitized maps, cataloged professor’s research collection.

Consultant West Coast Inland Navigation District, Venice Florida
05/00 - 08/00 Temporary: conducted cost analysis of canal-dredging projects, prepared report.

Co-Founder We Deliver of Key West (Delivery/Errand Service), Key West, Florida
01/92 – 01/99 Opened and promoted the business; kept records; hired and trained people.

Outlet Manager Pier House Resort, Key West, Florida
01/91 - 12/91 Managed gift shop, ran promotions, designed logo merchandise.

Instructor Community Education, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida
09/88 - 10/88 Taught two non-credit courses: *Grammar* and *Business Writing*.

Grader/Asst. Assoc. Dean Wayne Losano, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
05/87 - 05/90 Graded papers, kept grade book, held office hours. Courses: *Technical Writing & Business Communications, Advanced Professional Writing, and Advanced Exposition*.

Student Asst. College of Lib. Arts & Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville Florida
05/87 - 05/90 Gave academic advice to students, filled in for staff members.