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**Areas of Expertise**

Teresa (Tracy) Reid has been a member of the University of Florida College of Law faculty since 1987. Her areas of expertise include the Death Penalty, Legal Writing, Appellate Advocacy, Legal Ethics, Legal Professionalism, Evidence, and Mediation. She is the co-author of *Legal Writing by Design: A Guide to Great Briefs and Memos* (Carolina Academic Press, Second Edition 2012), which is a comprehensive text used throughout the United States by lawyers, judges, and law students.

As an active member of the Florida Bar, Prof. Reid has provided pro bono legal assistance in areas including the death penalty, family law, environmental and land use regulation, Medicare, legal ethics, and mediation. She has presented numerous lectures on the topics of attorney conduct, professionalism, ethics, legal writing, mediation, appellate advocacy, domestic violence, and the death penalty. Currently, she serves on the Eighth Judicial Circuit's Local Professionalism Panel, and is a member of the Adkins Inn of Court.

Prof. Reid is certified by the Florida Supreme Court in Family Law Mediation, Appellate Mediation, County Court Mediation, and Circuit Court Mediation. She is actively involved in the North Central Florida Mediators' Association.

**Education**

B.A., University of Florida (*with high honors*) 1978  
4.0 GPA; *Four Year Scholar Award*  
Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Gold Key Honor Society

J.D., Santa Clara University (*summa cum laude, 1<sup>st</sup> in law school class*) 1982  
Scholarship recipient; Bureau of National Affairs Award; Book Awards in *Administrative Law, Conflicts of Law, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Pleading & Civil Procedure, Wills*; Research assistant to Dean George Alexander; Contracts tutor; Civil Procedure tutor; National Trial Team Competitor

Judicial Extern, Judge Marc Poche, California Court of Appeal (San Francisco) 1980

### **Private Practice**

Pillsbury, Madison, & Sutro (San Francisco 1982-86) Antitrust, Appellate Practice, Complex Litigation, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Land Use & Planning

### **Teaching & Scholarship**

University of Florida: joined Law faculty in 1987; first person in College of Law to be named Master Lecturer

Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Center

Assistant Director, Legal Research, Writing & Appellate Advocacy

Author, *Legal Writing by Design: A Guide to Great Briefs and Memos* (Carolina Academic Press, Second Edition 2012) (with Leanne Pflaum)

Developed the Law School's first course in death penalty law and the first "bridge to practice" course

Prof. Reid has been quoted extensively in numerous news articles on the death penalty

### **Courses Taught:**

Advanced Legal Research  
Appellate Advocacy  
Advanced Appellate Advocacy  
Advanced Legal Research and Writing  
Bridge to Practice  
Death Penalty Law  
Evidence  
Florida Civil Procedure  
Introduction to Lawyering  
Legal Research and Writing  
Professional Practices Seminar  
Professional Responsibility

### **International Courses Developed and Taught:**

University of Warsaw, Poland

Legal Writing, (interim term) 2008

Legal Writing, (interim term) 2009

The United States Death Penalty, (interim term) 2012

Professional Responsibility, (interim term) Spring 2015

Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

The United States Death Penalty, (summer exchange) 2010

**Additional Teaching Experience:**

Fla. College of Advanced Judicial Studies --Appellate Opinion Writing for New Appellate Court Judges (1998-2000)

Numerous Florida Bar CLE courses (advocacy, professionalism, legal writing)

Warsaw, Poland Bar Association – Spring 2015 (Intro. to U.S. Law)

**University Record of Service**

Representative, University of Florida Faculty Senate (for many terms)

Representative, University of Florida College Council (for many terms)

Co-Chair, University of Florida Academic Policy Council

Chapter Delegate, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society's National Convention

Member, Steering Committee, UF Campaign for Charities (for many terms)

Member, University of Florida FEO Task Force (evaluating and awarding faculty grants)

University of Florida Mission Statement Writing Sub-Committee

Member, University of Florida Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Member, University of Florida Shared Governance Task Force Committee

Member, University of Florida Honor Committee (helped draft Honor and Conduct Codes)

Member, University of Florida Student Government Judicial Review Committee

Member, University of Florida Lightning Detection Team

Mentor, University of Florida Minority Mentoring Program

Member, University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa

## College of Law Record of Service

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Education

Chair, College of Law Shared Governance Task Force Committee

Curriculum Committee

Distance Learning Committee

Ad Hoc Bar Task Force

Strategic Plan Committee

Academic Standards Committee

Distance Education Committee

Financial Aid Committee

Admissions Committee

Chair, Dispute Resolution Sub-Committee, Committee on Diversity/Community Relations

Admissions Disability Appeals Committee

Teaching Committee

College of Law Dean Review Committee

Consulted with the College's Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations  
developing oral argument assessment criteria for the Griot Justice Competition

Assist Moot Court and Trial teams

Grader for National Native American Moot Court Competition

Faculty Advisor Roles

to the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*

to the Law Transfer Student Organization

to Phi Delta Phi (law honor society)

to the NALSA (Native American Law Student Association)

to the Law Association of Women

to the College of Law Honor Committee

## **Professional Activities**

Florida Bar (active status)

California Bar (inactive status)

Currently certified by the Florida Supreme Court in Family Law Mediation, Appellate Mediation, County Court Mediation, and Circuit Court Mediation

American Bar Association

American Association of Law Schools

Legal Writing Institute

Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Lawyer Professionalism (past member)

Eighth Judicial Circuit's Local Professionalism Panel (current member)

North Central Florida Mediators' Association

Phi Alpha Delta (law honor society)

Adkins Inn of Court

Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association

Phi Alpha Delta Honor Society

Prof. Reid has performed pro bono legal work in matters concerning the death penalty, family law, environmental and land use regulation, Medicare, family law mediation, and legal professionalism/ethics. In a famous murder case, Prof. Reid helped to write a brief on behalf of amici interested in ensuring that expert testimony regarding postpartum psychosis be admissible. The brief successfully argued that mentally ill defendants deserved a verdict based on informed forensic psychiatric analysis. In a recent pro bono case before the Medicare Appeals Council, Prof. Reid successfully argued that a doctor was not liable for over \$240,000 in alleged Medicare overpayments. Prof. Reid is currently working on a pro bono death penalty case to save, from execution, a man all lawyers working on the case believe to be innocent.

## **Personal**

Prof. Reid is a saber fencer; and will soon publish her first novel. She is Native American, a "first-generation" college graduate, and has a keen interest in technology, science, mental health, and in methods used by tribal councils to resolve disputes.