

2019 Florida Elder Justice Conference: Speaker Bios

Dorene Barker

Dorene Barker earned her Juris Doctorate at Florida State University, College of Law. After graduation she volunteered as an Emeritus Attorney for seniors where she received numerous Community Service Awards including recognition by Governor Chiles for pro bona legal representation. She was first hired by Department of Revenue as a Senior Staff Attorney. She received the coveted Silver Pickle Award for superior and conscientious effort in problem solving and solution creation.

Dorene was invited to apply to Florida Legal Services (FLS) where she was hired as a legislative advocate and within a few years became the Legislative Director where she remained for nearly 20 years. Ms. Barker managed lobbying and advocacy activities with the Florida Legislature on behalf of low-income clients. Dorene was honored as first runner-up for Stephen M. Goldstein Award for Excellence by the Florida Bar Foundation.

During her time at FLS, Ms. Barker also joined the Florida State University, College of Law as an Adjunct Professor where she taught 2nd and 3rd year law students. After a brief “retirement” from FLS, Ms. Barker joined AARP as an Associate State Director of Advocacy where she continues to lobby on behalf of vulnerable adults.

Edwin Boyer

Edwin M. Boyer is a Florida Bar Board Certified Elder Law Attorney and a member of the law firm of Boyer & Boyer; P.A. Mr. Boyer has practiced law in Sarasota, Florida, since 1978. He received his Law degree from Stetson University College of Law in 1978, and he holds a Bachelors, Masters and Educational Specialist Degree from the University of South Florida.

Mr. Boyer is past President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, a Fellow in the Academy and a member of the Council of Advanced Practitioners of the Academy. He is also past President of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys, the Florida Chapter of NAELA.

Mr. Boyer is past Chair of the Board of Governors of Senior Friendship Centers of Southwest Florida Inc., Co-Chair of the Florida Department of Children and Families Adult Protection Services Team for Manatee and Sarasota County, Florida, member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Attorney Generals Seniors vs. Crime, Inc., member of the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of Manasota Inc, and past member of the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer’s Association of Southwest Florida. Mr.

Boyer served as a member of the State of Florida Long Term Care Ombudsman Council for 12 years. Mr. Boyer was also the recipient of the Florida Bar President's Pro-Bono Service Award for the 12th Judicial Circuit (1994) Stetson University College of Law Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Public Service award (2009-2010), Manatee County Bar Association Community Service Award (2012), and NAELA President's Recognition Award (2013).

Mr. Boyer practices in the area of Elder Law with an emphasis on guardianship, estate planning and administration, advance directives, end of life issues, nursing home resident's rights, and elder exploitation. He is a co-author of the book, *Planning for the Elderly in Florida*, and he speaks nationally on Elder Law issues. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Stetson University College of Law, and in 2012 and 2013 he was named the Borchard Foundation Distinguished Professional Lecturer in Elder Law at Stetson University College of Law.

Eric Carlson

Eric Carlson is a Directing Attorney at Justice in Aging. Mr. Carlson has over twenty years of experience in long-term services and supports (LTSS), including home and community-based services, nursing facility care, and assisted living facilities. Mr. Carlson counsels attorneys from across the country, co-counsels impact litigation that protects LTSS consumers, and is author of the legal treatise Long-Term Care Advocacy (Lexis Publishing).

Natalie Castellanos

Natalie Castellanos is the Director, Policy and Public Affairs, for Health Foundation of South Florida. Natalie is passionate about bringing together non-traditional partners, like legal professionals and health care providers, to address social determinants of health and advance health equity.

Prior to joining Health Foundation in October, 2018, Natalie was with Florida International University's Green Family Foundation Neighborhood Health Education Learning Program ("NeighborhoodHELP") where she worked as a supervising attorney specializing in health care access for low and moderate-income Floridians, and still continues to be an assistant professor at FIU's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in the Department of Health, Humanities, and Society. Natalie earned her J.D. from the Florida International University College of Law and B.S. from the University of Florida.

Ellen Cheek

Ellen Cheek has been a full-time attorney with the Florida Senior Legal Helpline at Bay Area Legal Services since 2006. Ellen's interest in elder law issues began in 1975 when she was hired as the first staff attorney for Senior Advocates, a unit of the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, California. In addition to her current role as staff attorney and assistant manager of the Florida Senior Legal Helpline, Ellen serves as co-chair of the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Committee of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar and is the Florida Elder Justice Coordinator. Ellen graduated from Mount Holyoke College and the University of Santa Clara School of Law.

Matt Childers

Matt Childers is a political scientist with expertise in political and social behavior, public opinion, survey research, government institutions, research design, and data analysis. He has over twelve years of experience conducting public opinion research on economic and health policy issues in national, state, and local elections.

His research has been published in leading political science and medical journals including Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, the American Journal of Preventive Medicine and the Journal of Affective Disorders. Matt received his B.A. and M.P.P. from the University of Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from University of California, San Diego.

John Clardy

John Clardy is a Board Certified Elder Law Attorney practicing in Crystal River, Florida. John is Past Chair of the **Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar** (2013-2014) and a Member of the Executive Council of the Elder Law Section. He is Co-Chair of the Section's Medicaid Committee and Chair of the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education Certification Committee for Elder Law. John is also a member of the Joint Public Policy Task Force for the Elderly and Disabled. He is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. John has been named as a Florida Trend **Legal Elite** in Elder Law and a **SuperLawyer** in the field of Elder Law. He is also a member of the Asset Protection Committee and Probate Law Committee of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar.

Hilary Dalin

Hilary Dalin is the Director of the Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services at the Administration for Community Living in Washington DC. The Office coordinates and manages a federal response to elder abuse, including supporting and chairing the Elder Justice Coordinating Council and coordinating innovation and

demonstration activities, in order to provide a coordinated and seamless response for helping to transform adult victims of abuse into survivors and to prevent abuse before it happens.

The Office supports legal assistance programs for older Americans in all states through technical assistance, a grant program to improve the delivery of legal aid to older Americans with economic or social need, and sponsorship of the National Center for Law and Elder Rights, a national resource center. The Office promotes elder economic security through pension counseling programs funded through the Older Americans Act and programs to increase financial literacy among elders.

Previously Hilary was with the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Prior to joining the government, Hilary was involved nationally and at the state level with benefits access for elder and legal assistance to older Americans. She was a legal assistance attorney and manager in older Americans offices for many years and has taught elder law and health law at a number of law schools. She is a past Chair of the Connecticut Bar Elder Law Section.

Mary Ann David

Mary Ann David was introduced to the nonprofit world relatively late in her career and she's never looked back. After a short stint volunteering on a legal advice line here at Legal Services, Mary Ann was asked to put her CPA and legal skills to work temporarily managing our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. It was a perfect match! Now Mary Ann advocates on behalf of low income taxpayers, helps resolve their disputes with the IRS, such as recovering their refunds, and educates them about their tax rights and responsibilities.

Katy DeBriere

Katy DeBriere is managing attorney of the Northeast Florida Medical Legal Partnership (NFMLP) and Legal Director of the Florida Health Justice Project. She has experience both in identifying and addressing systemic issues through impact litigation and in representing a large number of individual clients with Medicaid eligibility and service issues.

Katy began her legal career in 2008 as an Equal Justice Works fellow. Her two year fellowship generated several state court of appeals successes, two 42 U.S.C. 1983 suits, and culminated in a successful facial constitutional challenge to a state statutory scheme for the commitment of person with developmental disabilities. Within a year of being hired to direct the NFMLP, Katy secured significant funding for the partnership – the first time external funding has been obtained in the project's 12-year history. Katy has taken a lead role in developing statewide medical legal partnership (MLP) network and recently received funding to provide a series

of webinars on public benefits programs available to low income Floridians, including the Medicaid program. She received her J.D. from the University of Florida.

Nicole M. Del Rio

Nicole M. Del Rio is a Staff Attorney with the Senior Advocacy Unit at Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. Nicole primarily practices landlord/tenant and family law for clients over 60. In her capacity at BALS, she and Tracey Cole manage the Social Services Navigator Program, a program where social work interns facilitate communication between clients and community resources to address clients' social needs.

Nicole is currently co-chair to committees in the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers' as well as the Hillsborough County Bar Association. Nicole is also active in the American Bar Association, serving as an ABA Young Lawyer's Division Scholar for the 2018-2019 bar year.

Nicole is a first-generation college and law school graduate and speaks her native language, Spanish, fluently. Nicole graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies from the University of Central Florida and attended Florida International University's College of Law, where she earned her Juris Doctor.

Lynn Drysdale

Lynn Drysdale is a consumer protection attorney who has been with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. for over 30 years. She engages in litigation and legislative advocacy relating to homeownership, debt collection, payday loans, motor vehicle sales and financing, student loans and other consumer-related issues. She was Co-chairman of the Board of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and Chairman of the Florida Bar Consumer Protection Law Committee and has been a contributing writer for the National Consumer Law Center practice manuals and co-authored *The Two-Tiered Consumer Financial Services Marketplace: The Fringe Banking System and its Challenge to Current Thinking About The Role of Usury Laws in Today's Society*, a law review article for the *South Carolina Law Review*. She was vice-chair and rising chair of the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau until fired by the present administration. She was also chair of its Small Business Lending Markets and Mortgage subcommittee. She is also an adjunct consumer law professor at the University of Florida, College of Law.

Roberta Flowers

Roberta Flowers is a professor of law at Stetson University College of Law. Within the Elder Law LL.M. program, Professor Flowers teaches Ethics in an Elder Law Practice. She also teaches Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility. While at Stetson, Professor Flowers has successfully coached trial teams, arbitration teams and moot court teams to national championships. She has served as the director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and as the William Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor in Professionalism. During her time at Stetson, Professor Flowers has received the university-level Excellence in Teaching Award, Most Inspirational Teacher Award from the Student Bar Association, and an award from the Student Bar Association for supporting student life. She also has received the university-level Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Scholarship, the Dean's Award for Extraordinary Service, and been awarded the Distinguished Service Award four times. In 2005, the Florida Supreme Court awarded Professor Flowers the Faculty Professionalism Award.

Professor Flowers has lectured worldwide on the topic of ethics. She won a Telly Award for Excellence in Educational Films for having produced a series of educational videos on the ethical issues faced by prosecuting attorneys. Along with Professor Rebecca Morgan, she created a video series used to train and educate attorneys nationwide on the ethical dilemmas faced by elder law attorneys. The Florida Supreme Court awarded Professor Morgan and Professor Flowers the Florida Supreme Court Professionalism Award for their video productions. Additionally, with Professor Morgan, Professor Flowers designed the nation's first "elder friendly courtroom," which serves as model for courtrooms of the future.

Before arriving at Stetson, Professor Flowers worked as a prosecutor in both the state and federal system. She began her career in 1984 as a deputy district attorney for the 18th Judicial District of Colorado, where she served as a trial attorney in the criminal division. In 1989, she was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida, where she served in the Appellate Division, the Major Crimes Unit and the Public Corruption Unit.

Professor Flowers graduated *magna cum laude* from Baylor University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She received her J.D. from the University of Colorado in 1984, where she was selected to be a member of the Order of the Coif. Professor Flowers' research interests center on the issues of ethics and professionalism. Professor Flowers' articles have appeared in such journals as the *Fordham Law Review*, the *Boston College Law Review*, *Missouri Law Review*, the *Nebraska Law Review*, the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*, the *Stetson Law Review*, and the *NAELA Journal*.

Professor Flowers is active in several professional associations. She has served on numerous committees of The Florida Bar, including the Professional Ethics Committee, the Evidence Committee, and the Standing Committee on Professionalism. She is currently the chair of the Professionalism Sub-Committee of

the Litigation Section's Ethics and Professionalism Committee of the American Bar Association.

Wynn Gerhard

Wynn Gerhard has been practicing Elder Law at Greater Boston Legal Services for over 30 years. As a nationally recognized leader in elder law and guardianship reform, she has spoken at the National Guardianship Association conferences, the American Society on Aging, and the ABA Commission on Law and Aging. She has also been inducted into the National Association of Legal Services Developers Elder Rights Hall of Fame.

Wynn was recently appointed to serve on the Special Legislative Commission on Elder Economic Security, for which she co-chairs the Housing Work Group. This Special Commission is charged with making recommendations to the legislature to improve the economic well-being of seniors in Massachusetts. She is also a member of the Massachusetts Guardianship Policy Institute, working to reform guardianship laws, and she chairs the Coalition of Organizations to improve Elder Care, working to improve the quality of long-term care services in Massachusetts.

Wynn graduated from Harvard University and received her JD from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Sarah Halsell

Sarah Halsell has served as the State Legal Services Developer at the Florida Department of Elder Affairs since 2005. A position required of each state in the federal Older Americans Act, the Legal Services Developer provides leadership in securing and maintaining the legal rights of older individuals and plays a key role in assisting states in the development and the provision of a strong elder rights system. Sarah has worked with many key stakeholders in both law and aging to strengthen the capacity of Florida's legal services delivery system to serve the most critical legal needs of vulnerable older Floridians. Prior to her work at Elder Affairs, Sarah worked as the Policy Coordinator for the Florida Medicaid Program where she developed an appreciation for the complex needs of the elderly and a desire to work in aging. A native Floridian, Sarah earned her Juris Doctor from Florida State University and is a licensed member of the Florida Bar.

Sam Harden

Miriam Harmatz

Miriam Harmatz, Executive Director of the Florida Health Justice Project, is a former senior health law attorney at Florida Legal Services and adjunct professor in the Health Law Clinic at Florida International University College of Law. Prior to FLS, she worked as a legal aid staff attorney in Micronesia, Kentucky and Miami. Miriam's work focuses on expanding access to health care for vulnerable populations, and she has been lead counsel or co-counsel on multiple federal court cases resulting in statewide systemic relief for Medicaid beneficiaries. These successful outcomes are the result of highly collaborative work with national experts, pro bono attorneys and Florida legal aid lawyers eager to engage in impact advocacy. In addition to litigation, she has provided trainings and presentations and publications on health care programs and issues. She received a B.A. and Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin. She currently serves on the Board of the National Health Law Program.

Jordan Isringhaus

Jordan Isringhaus was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Jordan earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Geography, cum laude from Valparaiso University in Indiana. Following graduation, he worked as a consultant at the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

After earning his undergraduate degree, Jordan attended Stetson University College of Law where he earned his Juris Doctor cum laude. While at Stetson, Jordan was an extern for Federal Magistrate Judge Thomas B. McCoun III in Tampa, an intern at the Supreme Court of Georgia in Atlanta, an editor of the Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy, and a member of Stetson's Honors Program. Upon earning his Juris Doctor in 2011, Jordan accepted an Associate Attorney position at a South Tampa law firm and practiced in the fields of collection defense, creditor harassment, and consumer bankruptcy. In 2013, Jordan joined LeavenLaw in St. Petersburg, FL and practiced in the collection defense department where he litigated trials and managed appeals cases, arguing multiple times before several district court appeals panels. While at LeavenLaw, Jordan also developed a practice engaged in prosecuting discriminatory institutions on behalf of disabled consumers under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In May 2018, Jordan partnered with Aaron Swift to form Swift, Isringhaus & Dubbeld, P.A. in an effort to better serve consumers across Florida. Jordan primarily advocates for consumers who have been injured by inaccurate credit reporting and illegal debt collection methods and discriminated against by inaccessible businesses.

Outside of the office, Jordan has been a weekly reading tutor for the Lawyers for Literacy program for at-risk third-grade students. Jordan is also a hereditary member of several fraternal historical organizations including the Sons of the

American Revolution, St. Petersburg Chapter. Jordan lives in St. Petersburg with his wife Erica and their English Bulldog, Bella.

Natalie Kean

Natalie Kean joined Justice in Aging as a Staff Attorney in April 2017 and is based in the D.C. office. As part of the Health Care team, she advocates to defend and improve health safety net programs for older adults. Natalie's background is in ensuring people living with HIV and other vulnerable populations have access to care through Medicaid, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces, and other federal programs. Prior to moving to D.C., Natalie lived in the Philippines for two years as a volunteer with Life Project 4 Youth. She previously served as a law clerk to a US Magistrate Judge in the Northern District of Georgia and holds a JD with a Certificate in Health Law from Saint Louis University and a bachelor in Economics from the University of Wyoming.

Dominic C. "Donny" MacKenzie:

Donny MacKenzie is the Executive Director of the Florida Bar Foundation. Appointed by the Foundation's board of directors in 2018, Donny serves as the chief executive officer of the Foundation. In conjunction with the board of directors, the executive director sets a vision for organizational development, oversees systems, structures and internal policies, and leads the Foundation in its mission of providing strategic support and funding for civil legal services. In his role as executive director, Donny is the chief spokesperson for the Foundation, representing the Foundation to internal and external audiences, conveying the vision of the Foundation and motivating staff and all stakeholders to work collaboratively to achieve the strategic goals of the Foundation.

Donny obtained his bachelor's degree in communications from Florida State University and earned his law degree from the Florida State University College of Law. After practicing in Fort Lauderdale from 1987 to 1993, Donny moved back to his hometown of Jacksonville and joined Holland & Knight in 1993. His practice specialized in medical and professional malpractice defense, health care litigation, product liability, construction litigation and personal injury.

Donny has shown a devotion to providing civil legal aid throughout his career, being Holland & Knight's pro bono partner for Jacksonville and serving as a member of the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice since 2014 and co-founder of the Campaign to Maintain Justice in Jacksonville in 1995.

He was recognized by The Florida Bar with the President's Pro Bono Award for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in 1998. Holland & Knight honored him as its Pro Bono MVP Partner in 2006, and he has been recognized by the firm as a Pro Bono All Star since 2005. He was recently recognized as the 2016 recipient of the Robert J. Beckham

Equal Justice Award from Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) and was also appointed as a board member for the Florida Justice Technology Center.

After serving on the Foundation's Board of Directors for eight years, Donny took office as its president in 2015-16. He has served on the Foundation's Legal Assistance for the Poor, Law Student Assistance, Grants, Interest on Trust Account Operations, Development, Strategic Reset, and Executive Committees.

Donny has served on various state and local bar committees, some of which include the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure Committee (chair 2002-2003), the Florida Code and Rules of Evidence Committee (chair 2008-2009), the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, Professionalism Committee, Florida Pro Bono Legal Services Committee (chair, Rules subcommittee), Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the Fourth Judicial Circuit "B" (chair 2014), and JALA's Guardian Ad Litem and Pro Bono Committees. Donny also served as chair of JALA's Board of Directors from 1998 – 2000 and currently continues to serve on the JALA Foundation board of directors.

Catherine Peek McEwen

Catherine Peek McEwen is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida (appointed August, 2005). She is also an adjunct professor at the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. Prior to becoming a judge, she was in private practice, concentrating on commercial litigation with an emphasis on representing parties in bankruptcy cases.

Judge McEwen was graduated from Stetson University College of Law *cum laude* in 1982 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Florida (Political Science) in 1979 after obtaining an Associate of Arts degree from Hillsborough Community College in 1975.

She was elected into the American Law Institute in 2012. Among her other honors are the Stetson University College of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award (2007), Hillsborough County Bar Association Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Service Award (2008), the Stetson University College of Law J. Ben Watkins Award (2009), the Florida Association for Women Lawyers Leaders in the Law inaugural class designation (2010), the Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association's Luis "Tony" Cabassa Award (2012), the Hillsborough Community College Outstanding Alumnus Award (2012), the George Edgecomb Bar Association's Delano S. Stewart Diversity Award (2015), the inaugural Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice's Distinguished Federal Judicial Service Award (2016), the Stetson Lawyers Alumni Association Ben C. Willard Award (2016), the University of South Florida Distinguished Alumna Award (2016), and the Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. Judge Don Castor Justice Award (2016). In 2017, she was appointed by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. to be the non-voting

bankruptcy judge Observer at the Judicial Conference of the United States for a two-year term.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, she was a sportswriter from 1975-1979 for the *Tampa Tribune* and the *Tampa Times*. In her spare time, she enjoys managing or coaching Little League developmental softball teams (ages 6-8), teaching Sunday School to 6th graders, singing karaoke, watching professional and major college sporting events, and sometimes playing duplicate bridge.

Shannon M. Miller

Shannon M. Miller is a Florida Bar board certified attorney specializing in Elder Law, in Gainesville, Florida. Shannon served as a drafting member of the Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults Workgroup, led by now Florida State Senator, Kathleen Passidomo. The drafted legislation was passed in the 2014 legislative session, and created groundbreaking tools for prosecutors and civil practitioners to crack down on the exploitation of our most vulnerable citizens. Shannon also assisted in drafting the Guardianship legislation further protecting seniors in the 2015 legislative session. Shannon, as part of the Elder Law Section, created new legislation relating to injunctions for exploitation and freezing stolen assets, again with the leadership of Senator Passidomo and Representative Colleen Burton in 2018 and has been instrumental in rolling out its practical implementation in the community.

Shannon has served as President of The Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys, serves on the Florida Joint Public Policy Task Force for the Elderly and Disabled, serves as Co-chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the Elder Law Section and a founding member of the North Central Florida Senior Advocacy Network, which is comprised of dedicated stakeholders determined to work together to stop exploitation in North Central Florida. She was Elder Law Section Member of the Year for 2016-2017 for her dedicated advocacy to protecting the rights of seniors and the Disabled.

Ashley Moody

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelors and masters degrees in accounting and Juris Doctorate. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a masters of law in international law. In 2018, she was elected the 38th Attorney General of Florida.

General Moody joined the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm, and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, Ashley was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement. She

was also recognized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for her lead of "Operation Round-Up," a targeted prosecution of violent and repeat offenders.

In 2006, at the age of 31, General Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected Circuit Court Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. As a judge, she founded the Attorney Ad Litem program recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear in court with their children. She also developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system.

Ashley is married to Justin, a federal law enforcement agent. They have two sons, Connor and Brandon. Their eldest son Brandon is serving in the United States Army.

Carol Moody

Carol Moody came to BALS in 1991 and manages the Senior Advocacy Unit (SAU). She is an honors graduate from Stetson University College of Law and holds degrees in psychology and journalism from the University of South Florida and University of Florida. Under her leadership, SAU has received national, state, and local recognition. In 2010, Carol was named as one of Tampa Bay's "Top Lawyers" by Tampa Bay Magazine, and in 2011 received a "Salt and Pepper" Award from the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging for her tireless work defending the legal rights of seniors.

Sue-Helen Motley

Sue-Helen Motley joined BALS as an attorney in the SAU in 1991. Sue earned her business and law degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and her Master's degree in Urban Affairs and Policy Analysis from Southern Illinois University. In 1999, Sue was one of two founding attorneys of the Senior Home Ownership Protection Program (SHOPP). The SHOPP program continues to provide advocacy and representation to seniors who are in danger of losing their homes. As a SHOPP attorney, Sue represents seniors in state court, federal district court, and bankruptcy court.

Tequisha Y. Myles

A graduate of University of South Florida with a B.A. in Political Science, Tequisha Myles received her Juris Doctor degree from Florida State University College of Law in May 2003. After graduation, Tequisha went to work for Florida Rural Legal Services as a staff attorney for three (3) years. She began working for Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. in March 2006.

She currently serves as the Supervising Attorney of Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's Elder Law Project, Consumer Advocacy Unit, Veterans Advocacy Project, Community Economic Development Project and Fair Housing Project. She investigates and litigates claims of discrimination against housing providers in Palm Beach County, Florida and provides legal representation and counseling to seniors in the areas of Consumer and Real Property laws.

Tequisha has worked in the community with many organizations for a number of years. She currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Elder Affairs Committee. She is a Past-President of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association. She also served as the President of the Board of Directors for Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches. Tequisha is an active member of Mount Hermon AME Church in Fort Lauderdale.

Paul Nathanson

Paul Nathanson, a nation leader in the world of legal services and elder justice, has dedicated his career to ensuring that legal services lawyers on the national, state and local level can effectively fight senior poverty and address barriers for those who face the largest disparities in health and wealth. Paul founded Justice in Aging (formerly the National Senior Citizens law Center) and was the Executive Director from 1972-1980.

He returned to lead Justice in Aging from 2008-2013 and currently serves on the Board of Directors. In between, he was the director the University of New Mexico (UNM) Institute of Public Law, and a member of the UNM law school faculty where he is now emeritus. Paul has returned to his home state of Florida, and he is committed to increasing advocacy resources and advancing health and economic justice in Florida and other Southern States.

Paul is a past president of the American Society on Aging and a founding member of the ABA Commission on Law and Aging. He has also served as National Secretary of the Gray Panthers and is a past Chair of the Board of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM); he is currently on the NCPSSM Board and is Vice President of the Board of the Florida Health Justice Project. Paul is a graduate of Duke University (JD) and the University of Chicago (MCompLaw).

Patrice Paldino

Patrice Paldino, Esq., M.S. Ed., currently serves as the Executive Director of Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA).

Prior to joining CCLA, Ms. Paldino worked for Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. for 10 years as the Director of Housing Rights Programs. Ms. Paldino provided

leadership and management of seven attorneys and five support staff in the development and coordination of legal services to low income tenants who were facing eviction, termination of subsidized housing benefits or were residing in homes that have unacceptable living conditions. Ms. Paldino's team handled projects targeted at preventing homelessness for high-risk groups such as persons living with HIV/AIDS, Veterans, and families in the foster care system.

Ms. Paldino has been asked to present her specialized HIV program and findings at several national conventions. Her presentations are focused on encouraging other jurisdictions to understand the necessity for legal services in housing case management programs. On this topic, she has spoken at the North American Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit IX: Structural Interventions and Ending the Epidemic, Washington, D.C., Speaker, August, 2018; the North American Housing; ABA Conference HIV Law and Practice, New Orleans, LA, Presenter, 2018; National Conference on Social Work and AIDS, Washington D.C., Presenter, 2018 and 2017; and HIV/AIDS Research Summit VIII: Tackling the Social Drivers of HIV, Washington D.C., Speaker, September, 2015.

The success of the HIV program has introduced Ms. Paldino as a national expert in the Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) model for the delivery of legal services. Temple University has invited her to participate on its MLP consultant team, funded by the National Institute of Health. Because of her understanding of how poverty and housing injustice intersects with other social factors, she has also spoken at summits on topics such as Housing Rights for Seniors Aging with HIV; Housing Rights for Domestic Violence survivors; and Fair Housing issues, such as the right to reasonable accommodations in housing and the right to live free from racial, sexual or gender discrimination, at events funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Ms. Paldino received a Master of Science in Education and Community and Social Change from the University of Miami in 2013; graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctorate degree from New England Law in 1996; and graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers University in 1992. Patrice is married to her husband Emile, a Corrective Exercise Specialist and owner/operator of International Body Sculpting, Inc. Patrice and Emile have a daughter, Valentina; a son, Jesper; as well as a cat, Sushi, and a dog, Thai.

Richard Prudom

In January 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Richard Prudom as Secretary for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA), the State Unit on Aging, whose mission is to help Florida's 5.5 million elders remain healthy, safe, and independent.

Secretary Prudom has more than 30 years in executive leadership with the State of Florida where he has worked to develop, implement, and lead public policies and

programs that improve the lives of Florida families. Since 2011, he has served at the Department of Elder Affairs as Deputy Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Chief Financial Officer. During his time at DOEA, Prudom also led several initiatives, including the Dementia Care and Cure Initiative (DCCI) and the revitalization of the Communities for a Lifetime Initiative.

DCCI was developed in response to the increasing incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Florida. Through the initiative, DOEA aims to increase awareness of dementia, provide assistance to dementia-caring communities, and continue advocacy for care and cure programs. Mr. Prudom also leads the Department's efforts to make Florida an Age-Friendly State in close partnership with AARP and their Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Prudom received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kent in the United Kingdom. In September 2014, Prudom took the oath to become an American citizen and now enjoys dual citizenship with the United Kingdom.

Nancy Roden

Nancy Roden is a Detroit suburb native, worked in the IT industry for more than 20 years honing technical, employee/vendor management, and process and compliance skills. Throughout her career, Nancy gained extensive experience safeguarding client global operations and gaining extensive experience through her work on projects including managing multicultural & diversified teams within Europe, Latin America and Asia earning her success and recognition including nomination into the Key Talent for Leaders program.

However, in 2012, Nancy embarked upon her long time desire of becoming an attorney. Earning a scholarship to attend Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in Riverview, Florida; Nancy transitioned from a snow-bird to full-time Florida resident. Throughout law school, Nancy continued to work fulltime within the IT industry in addition to serving as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem. While at Cooley, Nancy was an intern in their Debt Relief Clinic, returning for a second semester as a senior aid. Separating from her corporate position in the IT industry during her final semester of Law school, Nancy enhanced her focus on volunteer activities in the Legal field earning pro bono recognition for her work with the Community Law Program of St. Petersburg while completing her Juris Doctor degree.

In January 2018, Nancy accepted a position within Gulfcoast Legal Services Financial Stability team. Focusing on Consumer Protection and Life planning matters, Nancy has assisted hundreds of clients in her first year alone. Nancy's profound evolution from safeguarding corporate operations to that of community members, without access to justice, could not have been as impactful without the strategic partnership

forged with the private law practice of Swift Law. In early 2019, Nancy led a project, collaborated with the Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School and Swift Law to film a mock small claims pre-trial hearing and mediation; the film will be used to simulate these proceedings in a 3D virtual reality experience to help better prepare pro se clients for their real life hearings.

Nancy continues her work in the community as a Guardian ad Litem in Manatee County. She is a member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, Manatee County Bar Association and is also a member of the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) and the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA). Nancy lives in Bradenton with her long-time partner, Michael, and their Great Danes, Apollo and Athena.

Arthur Rosenberg

Arthur Rosenberg has been an attorney on behalf of low income persons for 40 years, and has practiced law in Florida on their behalf since 1992. Arthur graduated cum laude from University of Miami Law School in 1978, and immediately embarked on a career representing disabled and low income individuals. Before moving back to Florida in 1992, he practiced disability law at Southeastern Pennsylvania Legal Services for the Deaf, then served as Deputy Director of the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate's Division of Mental Health Advocacy, and as Senior Attorney for Disability Rights California. In 1992, Arthur began the Homeless Legal Unit at Legal Services of Greater Miami with a grant from the Florida Bar Foundation, providing legal assistance and advocacy for homeless persons throughout Miami Dade County. From 1996 to 2018, Arthur was a legislative advocate with Florida Legal Services (FLS,) engaged in advocacy before the Florida Legislature on a broad range of issues impacting low income persons, in addition to policy and community based advocacy, with a focus on employment, homeless, consumer, housing, and public benefit issues. Among other issues, Arthur's work at FLS included: securing passage of and assuring continued compliance with the Florida Labor Pool Act, a model state law to address the exploitive practices of day labor pools; expanding unemployment insurance eligibility for low wage and part time workers and improve access to benefits; helping secure the passage of the Florida Title Loan Act and the Payday Loan Act in the Florida Legislature, enhancing legislative limitations on predatory lending practices; co-founder of the Community Coalition of a Living Wage, which advocated for living wages and worker justice for low wage workers, resulting in the passage of living wage ordinances in Miami-Dade County(1999,) City of Miami Beach (2001,) Broward County (2002,) and City of Miami (2006;) co-counsel in *Pottinger v. City of Miami*, a landmark federal class action lawsuit establishing civil rights of homeless persons, preventing their arrest by city police for being homeless, and establishing guidelines and limits on police interaction with persons living on the streets and in public parks. Arthur was appointed to the Governor's Council on Homelessness in 2008 by Gov. Crist, and after reappointment by Gov. Scott, served until 2013. He has also served as President of the Board of Directors of the Miami Coalition for the

Homeless, and was a long time member of the Board of the Florida Coalition for the Homeless. He is now serving as Chair of the Miami Dade County Living Wage Commission.

Max Rothman

Max B. Rothman joined the Alliance for Aging, Inc. in April 2007 as President and Chief Executive Officer to provide leadership and direction for programs for older adults in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida. He has a BA in Government and Law from Lafayette College, a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, and an LLM in Public Law from George Washington University School of Law. His interest in public service stemmed from when he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Barcelona, Venezuela. Max has forty-five years of experience in the field of aging. Prior to joining the Alliance, he was founder and Executive Director of The Center on Aging, Robert Stempel School of Public Health, in the College of Health and Urban Affairs. He also served as Acting Director of the School of Social Work, College of Urban and Public Affairs at Florida International University. From 1975 to 1983, he served as the first District Administrator of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Before joining the State of Florida, he served as Executive Director of three legal services programs for the indigent in New Jersey, Florida and Colorado.

Kathy Sarmiento

Kathy Sarmiento has been working for the Alliance for Aging for fifteen years. The Alliance for Aging is the non-profit Area Agency on Aging for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties in Florida. In her role as the SHINE Liaison, Kathy manages the all aspects of the free SHINE Medicare counseling program. Kathy also manages the Benefits Enrollment Center at the Alliance for Aging. The Benefits Enrollment Center is a grant from the National Council on Aging to provide five core benefits to financially needy Medicare beneficiaries. Those five core benefits are Medicaid, food assistance, assistance paying for Medicare, Prescription Drug assistance and assistance paying the light bill.

Kathy has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. Kathy worked for Citibank in their corporate training area in Puerto Rico and also in Ft. Lauderdale. Kathy left Citicorp and joined AT&T in corporate sales for eleven years. Kathy left AT&T to work for Morgan Stanley, where she obtained her stockbrokers license but didn't put it into practice.

Kathy's desire to help people stems from being the child of a mother with multiple sclerosis. She knows first-hand the challenges that caregiving entails. In 2004, Kathy saw an opportunity to work as the SHINE Liaison at the Alliance for Aging and she jumped at the chance.

Kathy enjoys working with the very talented group of SHINE Volunteer Counselors, Alliance for Aging staff and the many Medicare beneficiaries who reach out to the Alliance for Aging for free and unbiased information and assistance.

Linda Schotthoefer

Linda Schotthoefer is a 25-year nonprofit career professional specializing in grant making, organizational development, and leadership and board development. With close to 10 years of services with United Way of Miami-Dade, she currently holds the position of Director of Community Initiatives. She leads United Way's Health Impact Area encompassing efforts to increase access to health care, encourage healthy lifestyles, and ensure older adults age healthy at home. She directs United Way's portfolio of age-friendly/older adult activities, development of new school-based health initiatives, continuation of the Familywise prescription medication discount program and other initiatives. Linda has held professional positions at the Center on Nonprofit Effectiveness, the Office of International Research and Development at Virginia Tech, and Alternatives: Partners with Youth. A proponent of efforts to strengthen nonprofit boards, Linda has trained nonprofit board members, those exploring board service, and nonprofit staff that engage board leaders. Past board positions have included the board of the Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library and the advisory board of the Haitian Heritage Museum. Linda designed the Nonprofit Board Leadership Institute previously implemented by the Center on Nonprofit Effectiveness (C-One), Hands On Miami, and United Way. Linda served as a Peace Corps volunteer and training consultant in Botswana Africa.

Robin Stover

Robin Stover is an attorney at Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. since 2009. Managing attorney of Financial Stability and Housing Units since 2018. Admitted in Florida, 2009. Admitted in California, 1998. Prior to law school taught English and Journalism for Los Angeles Unified School District and Compton Unified School District. Temple University, Philadelphia, B.A. & M.A.; Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, J.D.

Anne Swerlick

Anne Swerlick has over 30 years of experience as a public interest attorney, focusing on health, economic and social justice issues. Since 2017, she has served as a Senior Health Policy Analyst/Attorney with the Florida Policy Institute, a statewide non-profit dedicated to advancing policies and budgets which improve economic mobility and quality of life for all Floridians. Prior to her employment with FPI, Anne served as policy director for Florida CHAIN, a statewide grassroots health

advocacy organization promoting access to affordable and quality health care for all Floridians. Throughout most of her professional career, she worked as a legal services attorney representing indigent clients throughout Florida on a broad range of poverty law issues. Anne received her B.A. from the University of Virginia and her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. She was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1977.

Aaron M. Swift

Born in St. Petersburg, FL and raised in Mechanicsburg, PA. In 2007, Aaron Swift graduated cum laude from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Following undergrad, Aaron matriculated to Stetson University College of Law as a John B. Stetson Merit Scholar.

After graduating from Stetson in 2011, Aaron served as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at Stetson Law, and in his capacity there, was instrumental in the creation and administration of Stetson's Solo Practice Network. In 2012, Aaron accepted an Associate Attorney position at LeavenLaw in St. Petersburg and primarily practiced in the Creditor Harassment, Credit Reporting, and Consumer Law department. As a Senior Associate at LeavenLaw, Aaron managed a Consumer Law team and litigated hundreds of consumer law cases in state and federal courts across Florida.

In October 2017, Aaron embraced his entrepreneurial spirit and decided to hang a shingle of his own. As a partner of Swift, Isringhaus & Dubbeld, P.A., Aaron continues his passionate fight on behalf of Florida consumers. Swift Law is dedicated to fighting debt collectors, credit reporting agencies, as well as mortgage, credit card, and timeshare companies. To that end, Swift Law primarily files lawsuits on a contingency fee basis under the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act (FCCPA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), and Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).

In the community, Aaron has volunteered as a Big Brother mentor and has volunteered as a Lunch Pals mentor to a local youth. He is a member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, Clearwater Bar Association, and Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association. Aaron recently graduated from the Leadership St. Petersburg Class of 2016 and serves as a Board Member (VP) for ALPHA House of Pinellas County. Additionally, Aaron is an active member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) and National Consumer Law Center (NCLC). Aaron lives in St. Petersburg with his fiancée, Shannon, and their two dogs, Penny and Sophie.

Benjamin Toro-Spears

Benjamin Toro-Spears is a Technical Advisor with an extensive background in affordable housing and community development, real estate finance, and data management. Toro-Spears has experience in facilitating strategic planning sessions, managing databases on real estate investments, conducting geospatial analyses, financial management, and assessing the impacts of housing and community development activities. As a Technical Advisor, Toro-Spears provides training to local governments, nonprofit housing developers, and their partners on compliance with affordable housing program regulations, fair housing planning, financial and data management, and best practices for organizational management.

Nancy Wright

Nancy Wright is a sole practitioner in Gainesville, Florida, focusing primarily on Medicaid home and community-based services for adults and children with disabilities and the elderly. She is also works with Three River Legal Services as Director of the UF Health Senior Medical-Legal Partnership, a grant-funded project with Shands Hospital to identify and provide legal services to vulnerable older patients with unmet legal needs impacting health. In this role, she also facilitates the North Central Florida Senior Advocacy Network, a collaboration of agencies, organizations and individuals in the community dedicated to addressing elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Her legal advocacy has included successful administrative hearings, rule challenges, state court appeals and federal lawsuits under both the Medicaid Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. She has co-counseled with both Disability Rights Florida and Southern Legal Counsel in federal actions challenging both the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care Administration in their operation of Medicaid Waiver programs.