

# Stetson University College of Law

## Alumni Serving in the Judiciary

**Gail Andersen Adams '80**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**Roger Allan Alcott '74**  
Circuit Court Judge  
10th Judicial Circuit Court  
Bartow, Florida

**Michael Eugene Allen '75**  
District Court Judge  
1st District Court of Appeal  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Henry J. Andringa '74**  
County Court Judge  
Pinellas County  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**William Douglas Baird '68**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Diane Billings Beck '83**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
12th Judicial Circuit  
Sarasota, Florida

**John Robert Blue '63**  
Chief District Court Judge  
2nd District Court of Appeal  
Lakeland, Florida

**J. David Bone '71**  
Circuit Court Judge  
7th Judicial Circuit  
Jacksonville, Illinois

**Janet C. Booth '93**  
District Court Judge  
13th Judicial District  
Nicholasville, Kentucky

**Richard William Boylston '82**  
County Court Judge  
Lake County  
Tavares, Florida

**Theodore Brousseau '71**  
Circuit Court Judge  
20th Judicial Circuit  
Naples, Florida

**Susan Cawthon Bucklew '77**  
U.S. District Court Judge  
Middle District of Florida  
Tampa, Florida

**Patrick Kevin Caddell '78**  
County Court Judge  
Pinellas County  
Clearwater, Florida

**James Reginald Case '72**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Robert Patrick Cole '75**  
County Court Judge  
Pasco County  
Dade City, Florida

**Richard F. Conrad '68**  
Circuit Court Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**Daniel Paul Dawson '78**  
Circuit Court Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Kissimmee, Florida

**David Alan Demers '72**  
Circuit Court Chief Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Eleni Ella Derke '87**  
County Court Judge  
Duval County  
Jacksonville, Florida

**John William Dommerich '76**  
County Court Judge  
Lee County  
Fort Myers, Florida

**Joseph George Donahey, Jr. '61**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
New Port Richey, Florida

**Elmer Vernon Douglas '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
3rd Judicial Circuit  
Lake City, Florida

**William D. Douglas '67**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**Brandt C. Downey, III '71**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**John Vincent Doyle '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
7th Judicial Circuit  
DeLand, Florida

**Carol Engel Draper '85**  
County Court Judge  
Osceola County  
Kissimmee, Florida

**W. David Dugan '78**  
Circuit Court Judge  
18th Judicial Circuit  
Viera, Florida

**Dee Anna Farnell '83**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Phillip James Federico '83**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Judith J. Flanders '85**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
10th Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

**Barbara C. Fleischer '78**  
Circuit Court Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**Marlon Lucas Fleming '83**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Gary Paul Flower '87**  
County Court  
Duval County  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Florence Foster '85**  
Circuit Court Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**Thomas Brent Freeman '69**  
County Court Judge  
Pinellas County  
Clearwater, Florida

**Marc Barnett Gilner '78**  
County Court Judge  
Manatee County  
Bradenton, Florida

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF ALL STETSON GRADUATES WHO SERVE IN THE JUDICIARY. BELOW WE HAVE SELECTED A FEW JUDGES TO HIGHLIGHT THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ALUMNI.

### John Robert Blue Chief Judge for Florida's 2nd District Court of Appeal

1963 Stetson University College of Law graduate John R. Blue practiced law in Bradenton with Grimes, Goebel, Parry, Blue, Boylston and McGuire from 1963-84 and with Blue and McGuire from 1984-86.

He served as president of the Manatee County Bar Association from 1975-76, was a member of the 12th Judicial Circuit Nominating Committee from 1981-83 and was a member of the Grievance Committee for that circuit from 1985-86. Judge Blue was a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors from 1986-87.

Governor Bob Graham appointed Judge Blue to the 12th Judicial Circuit Court in 1986 and he was elected to that office in 1988. Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the 2nd District Court of Appeal in 1992 and he was retained by the electorate in 1994 and in 2000. He was elected Chief Judge in May to serve through June 2003.



### Susan Cawthon Bucklew U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida

Susan Bucklew was a high school English teacher for five years before she attended Stetson. Now a U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, she was the first woman circuit judge in Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit and the first woman county judge in Hillsborough County.

The 1977 graduate has dedicated much of her career to ending discrimination in the legal profession. She has worked on the statewide Gender Bias Study Commission and on the Commission on the Status of Women, and won the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers Award for Outstanding Public Service Advancing the Status of Women in 1991.

Her efforts can be seen in Stetson's 2001 enrollment; 54% of its students are female. "When I first became a judge in 1982, it was a rare occurrence when a female attorney appeared before me in court. Today, it's routine. Women have served as chief judges, president of the ABA, and president of The Florida Bar," she said. "The transition for women into positions of power has been slower than I would have liked but quicker than I had hoped."

### David Alan Demers Chief Judge for Florida's 6th Judicial Circuit Court

David Demers, a 1972 Stetson graduate, was a county judge 13 years before being appointed to the circuit bench in March 1994.

Demers was elected last year as the circuit's chief judge. He teaches and coaches at Stetson with his wife, **Susan Demers**, director of the legal assistants program at St. Petersburg College, and their daughter, attorney **Kristin Demers-Crowell '97**, a former Stetson Trial Competition Team member.



## Alumni Serving in the Judiciary continued

**Barry E. Goldstein '74**  
Circuit Court Judge  
17th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Oliver Lain Green, Jr. '58**  
District Court Judge  
2nd District Court of Appeal  
Lakeland, Florida

**Lorraine B. Gregg '85**  
Magistrate  
84th District Court  
Wexford County, Michigan

**Karl B. Grube '70**  
County Court Judge  
Pinellas County  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Joseph F. Hand '69**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
17th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Michael J. Hogan '73**  
Superior Court Judge  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
Mt. Holly, New Jersey

**Gregory Paul Holder '81**  
Circuit Court Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**Richard A. Howard '78**  
Circuit Court Judge  
5th Judicial Circuit  
Inverness, Florida

**Carol W. Hunstein '76**  
Supreme Court Justice  
Georgia Supreme Court  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Anthony Holmes Johnson '80**  
Circuit Court Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**Linnea R. Johnson '71**  
Chief Magistrate Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
Southern District of Florida  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**Anne H. Kaylor '78**  
County Court Judge  
Polk County  
Bartow, Florida

**Thomas P. Kelly '73**  
Superior Court Judge  
7th Vicinage  
Trenton, New Jersey

**Patrick Gene Kennedy '68**  
Circuit Court Judge  
7th Judicial Circuit  
Daytona Beach, Florida

**Daniel M. Kilbride, Jr. '74**  
Administrative Law Judge  
2nd Judicial Circuit  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Thomas Robert Kirkland '68**  
County Court Judge  
Orange County  
Orlando, Florida

**Elizabeth A. Kovachevich '61**  
U.S. District Court Chief Judge  
Middle District of Florida  
Tampa, Florida

**William Gray Law, Jr. '79**  
Circuit Court Judge  
5th Judicial Circuit  
Tavares, Florida

**John Charles Lenderman '69**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Walter David Logan '76**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Richard A. Luce '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Robert Russell Makemson '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
19th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Pierce, Florida

**Kenneth A. Marra '77**  
Circuit Court Judge  
15th Judicial Circuit  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**Frank Marriott, Jr. '75**  
County Court Judge  
Volusia County  
Daytona Beach, Florida

**Elvin L. Martinez, Sr. '62**  
County Court Judge  
Hillsborough County  
Tampa, Florida

**Charles Davis McClure '63**  
Circuit Court Judge  
2nd Judicial Circuit  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Thomas B. McCoun, III '77**  
Magistrate Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
Middle District of Florida  
Tampa, Florida

**Michael Roy McDermott '70**  
County Court Judge  
Volusia County  
DeLand, Florida

**Randall G. McDonald '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
10th Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

**A. Thomas Mihok '75**  
Circuit Court Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**John Allen Miller '60**  
Circuit Court Judge  
17th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Stanley Richard Mills '72**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
New Port Richey, Florida

**Bob Anderson Mitcham '62**  
Circuit Court Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Plant City, Florida

**Cecelia Martin Moore '83**  
Circuit Court Judge  
10th Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

**William John Nelson '68**  
Circuit Court Judge  
20th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Myers, Florida

**William J. O'Neil '77**  
Superior Court Judge  
Pinal County  
Casa Grande, Arizona

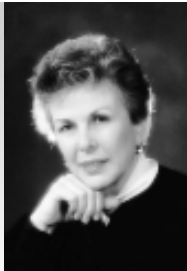


**Florence Foster**  
Judge for Florida's  
13th Judicial Circuit

1985 Stetson graduate Florence Foster, who formerly worked for **Elizabeth Kovachevich**, Chief U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida, gained recent attention as a circuit judge in the Darryl Strawberry case.

She met, married and worked with attorney **Robert Foster** before running for the bench in 1990, and served in juvenile and family court before her current assignment in drug court. "Hillsborough County is on the cutting edge of drug court," she said, adding that the Florida Legislature recently mandated drug courts throughout the state, nine years after the Hillsborough program began. And crime rates have fallen since then, she said. "Drugs drive so much of crime."

**Carol W. Hunstein**  
Justice, Georgia Supreme Court



Adversity in her early life made the journey to Georgia's top court difficult for Justice Carol Hunstein.

At age 23, she was a divorced, single mother who lost her left leg to cancer. She earned a business degree at Florida Atlantic University, then enrolled at Stetson. After graduating in 1976, she opened a private practice in Georgia.

She ran for the Superior Court in DeKalb County in 1984, using the slogan "This woman this time," and became the first woman superior court judge in the county when she was elected. "One reason I ran was because I loved being in the courtroom, and this would be one way I could be in the courtroom every day," she said.

In 1992, she was nominated for an appointment to the Georgia Supreme Court shortly after the governor had appointed the first woman to the bench, and became the second woman Supreme Court Justice in the state.

During her years on the bench, she has been a tireless champion of racial, ethnic and gender equality in the courts. Her work has brought into being Georgia's state and local domestic violence task forces, the interpreter's certification program and countless training programs for judges, lawyers and court personnel. She currently chairs the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Equality and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. In addition, she serves as Supreme Court liaison to the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and Georgia Indigent Defense Council. Among the many awards she has received for her contributions are the ABA Commission on Women in the Professions' Margaret Brent Award and an honorary LL.M. from Stetson.

"There are wonderful lessons in life that can be learned from adversity," she said. "I've dealt with serious health problems and my own mortality. But that adversity has made me what I am today."



**James David Whittemore**  
U.S. District Court Judge for the  
Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court Judge James D. Whittemore is a 1977 Stetson graduate. He worked for a small St. Petersburg law firm before moving to the newly-created federal public defender's office in 1978. One of four initial assistant federal defenders in the Middle District of Florida, he did trial and appellate work. He resumed private practice in 1981 and, in 1985, successfully argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1990, he was appointed to the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and served as a Circuit Judge in Tampa until his confirmation as a U.S. District Court Judge in May 2000. He was the featured speaker at the law school's December 2000 graduation ceremony.

## Alumni Serving in the Judiciary continued

**Phillip John Padovano '73**  
District Court Judge  
1st District Court of Appeal  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Donald E. Pellicchia '72**  
Circuit Court Judge  
20th Judicial Circuit  
Punta Gorda, Florida

**Thomas E. Penick, Jr. '72**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Daniel Lee Perry '80**  
Circuit Court Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**Thomas Glenn Portualo '86**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
7th Judicial Circuit  
Daytona Beach, Florida

**Charles Nye Prather '63**  
Administrative Law Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**Richard George Prince '76**  
Circuit Court Judge  
10th Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

**Frank Quesada '74**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Donna S. Remsnyder '83**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Dale Owen Ross '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
17th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Dorothy J. Russell '78**  
Administrative Law Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**Edwin P.B. Sanders '68**  
Circuit Court Judge  
7th Judicial Circuit  
DeLand, Florida

**Thomas D. Sawaya '77**  
District Court Judge  
5th District Court of Appeal  
Daytona Beach, Florida

**Susan F. Schaeffer '71**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Steven Leroy Selph '78**  
County Court Judge  
Polk County  
Bartow, Florida

**William Gregory Sestak '77**  
County Court Judge  
Pasco County  
New Port Richey, Florida

**Susan G. Sexton '77**  
Administrative Law Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**Mark Irwin Shames '76**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**James O. Shelfer '74**  
County Court Judge  
Leon County  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Stephen E. Sheridan '73**  
District Court Judge  
57th District  
Allegan, Michigan

**Robert James Simms '75**  
Circuit Court Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

**George Richard Singeltary '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
5th Judicial Circuit  
Tavares, Florida

**Richard G. Smith '76**  
Magistrate  
Carroll County  
Carrollton, Georgia

**Howard T. Snyder, III '69**  
Magistrate Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
Middle District of Florida  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Abraham C. Soud, Jr. '64**  
Circuit Court Judge  
4th Judicial Circuit  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Hale Ralph Stancil '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
5th Judicial Circuit  
Bushnell, Florida

**Raphael Steinhart '63**  
County Court Judge  
Dade County  
Miami, Florida

**Gene Reid Stephenson '59**  
Circuit Court Judge  
18th Judicial Circuit  
Sanford, Florida

**Jeffrey Earl Streitfeld '73**  
Circuit Court Judge  
17th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Thomas Edward Stringer '74**  
District Court Judge  
2nd District Court of Appeal  
Tampa, Florida

**Irene H. Sullivan '77**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Lynn Tepper '77**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Dade City, Florida

**Paul T. Terlizzese '88**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
18th Judicial Circuit  
Melbourne, Florida

**John Glenn Tomlinson, Jr. '66**  
Judge of Compensation Claims  
11th Judicial Circuit  
Miami, Florida

**William Rogers Turner '61**  
Circuit Court Judge  
9th Judicial Circuit  
Orlando, Florida

**Ray E. Ulmer, Jr. '63**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Craig Christopher Villanti '77**  
Circuit Court Judge  
5th Judicial Circuit  
New Port Richey, Florida

**Ann E. Vitunac '72**  
Magistrate Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
Southern District of Florida  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**David Seth Walker '65**  
Circuit Court Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**James David Whittemore '77**  
U.S. District Court Judge  
Middle District of Florida  
Tampa, Florida

**Amy M. Williams '80**  
County Court Judge  
Pinellas County  
Clearwater, Florida

**Joseph Monroe Williams '89**  
County Court Judge  
Baker County  
Macclenny, Florida

**Howard Michael Zeidwig '61**  
Circuit Court Judge  
17th Judicial Circuit  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Retired judges  
subject to recall**  
**Horace A. Andrews '70**  
Senior Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Jesse C. Barber '72**  
Senior Judge  
Osceola County  
Babson Park, Florida

**Robert E. Beach '58**  
Senior Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**John W. Booth '51**  
Senior Judge  
5th Judicial Circuit  
Leesburg, Florida

**Fred L. Bryson '61**  
Senior Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Charles T. Carlton '63**  
Senior Judge  
20th Judicial Circuit  
Naples, Florida

**Frederick A. DeFuria '73**  
Senior Judge  
12th Judicial Circuit  
Sarasota, Florida

**Burton C. Easton '66**  
Senior Judge  
6th Judicial Circuit  
Clearwater, Florida

**Ralph Steinberg '59**  
Senior Judge  
13th Judicial Circuit  
Tampa, Florida

This list was compiled from records of The Florida Bar and from the Stetson University College of Law alumni database records as of October 1, 2001. Please send additions, deletions or corrections to Stetson University College of Law, Office of College Relations, 1401 61st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707 or e-mail alumni@law.stetson.edu.

## Elizabeth Kovachevich Chief U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida

Elizabeth Kovachevich decided to go to law school after meeting then President Dwight Eisenhower during a national American Legion auxiliary event in July 1953. She told her immigrant grandfather that the meeting inspired her to go to law school, and his proud reaction spurred her on to attend Stetson after earning a business degree at the University of Miami.

Judge Kovachevich graduated from Stetson in 1961, and by 1973, she was the first woman elected to Florida's 6th Judicial Circuit for Pinellas and Pasco counties. In 1982, former President Ronald Reagan nominated her to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, where she has been Chief Judge since 1996. She was honored by Stetson with the **Wm. Reece Smith, Jr.** Award for outstanding public service last year. "I have never forgotten how important it is to serve as a judicial officer," she said. "It is a privilege; it affects so many people's lives."

During her 40 years in the law, Judge Kovachevich said the biggest change she has seen is a decline in the relationships among lawyers, and among lawyers and judges. "When I started to practice law, your word was your bond, you shook hands. Nobody needed a paper trail."

But problems have developed in the realm of values, morals and principles, she said, adding, "Lawyers who are ethical – and there are many – would agree with me." Stetson's emphasis on teaching ethics is among the successful efforts of the profession to rectify that, she said. "If you don't have self respect, how can you possibly engender respect?"

## Phelps Dunbar Competition

*See page 14 for the results  
of the Phelps Dunbar LLP  
First-year Appellate Advocacy  
Competition held in April.*