

From the Dean



The Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat met with students on campus Monday as part of our Jurist in Residence Program.

On Monday, February 26, we welcomed the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, to the law school to meet with students and faculty members. Judge Tjoflat has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit since 1981 and previously served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 1975 until that circuit divided into two circuits. He also served on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Prior to his judicial service, Judge Tjoflat practiced law in Jacksonville. He also served for two years in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps during the Korean War before earning his LL.B. at Duke University School of Law in 1957. Judge Tjoflat's visit to FSU Law was part of our Jurist in Residence Program, which brings federal judges to campus. While here, he had breakfast and an afternoon high tea with small groups of students, spoke to Professor Wayne Logan's Criminal Procedure-Adjudication class, toured the law school and gave remarks to the faculty over lunch. A special thank you to Professor Logan for helping us bring Judge Tjoflat to FSU Law!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty & Alum Profile: Captain Alan S. Richard ('94)

Captain Alan S. Richard is an adjunct professor who teaches Admiralty Law. Captain Richard is a maritime attorney and boating safety consultant, providing analysis, accident reconstruction and expert testimony in all matters pertaining to vessel operation and boating accidents. He also has assisted state and local government agencies in matters pertaining to the regulation of vessels and vessel traffic. Previously, Captain Richard served as assistant general counsel for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; before that, he was the officer in charge of the commission's Boating Safety and Waterway Management Section. He is also a retired officer of the U.S. Merchant Marine, where he was licensed to serve as master of steam ships and motor vehicles upon U.S. waters and upon the high seas. Captain Richard is a past chair and vice chair of the Admiralty Law Committee of The Florida Bar and currently is serving again as vice chair. He is a member and former director of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute and served five terms on the Coast Guard's Navigation Safety Advisory Council. Captain Richard is the author of the "Florida Boating Law" chapter and co-author of the "Pleasure Boats" chapter in *Maritime Law and Practice*, as well as other publications. He regularly provides CLE and law enforcement training in maritime topics. Captain Richard earned his J.D. with highest honors from FSU College of Law and holds a bachelor's degree in criminology from FSU.



"I taught my first boating class as a scout instructor more than fifty years ago. I love the sea, I love the law, and I love teaching. Teaching Admiralty Law at FSU allows me to fulfill all three passions. By teaching, I can pass forward to the next generation of attorneys what I have spent a lifetime in learning."

Alum Profile: Terence A. Gross ('79)

Terence A. "Terry" Gross is a partner at Gross & Schuster in Pensacola. His areas of practice include personal injury, wrongful death and automobile accidents. Gross is board certified in civil trial law and has extensive litigation experience. In addition, he regularly presents personal injury CLE programs and seminars and he teaches as an adjunct professor at Pensacola State College. He also has served as a guest lecturer at FSU Law and Cumberland School of Law. Gross is very supportive of the College of Law. He recently made a deferred gift of \$50,000 to supplement the Terence A. Gross Diversity Enhancement Scholarship, which he previously established with gifts totaling \$100,000.



"All four lawyers in our firm graduated from FSU College of Law, including my two sons, Rhett and Tyler."

Student Profile: 3L Caitlyn Kio

Desired Practice Location: Tallahassee
Graduation Date: May 2018
Specialization: Criminal law
Field of Law Sought: Drawn to postconviction work and work involving juvenile offenders



Caitlyn Kio was raised in Tallahassee and holds a bachelor's degree in social work from FSU. She will earn her J.D. this May. Before attending law school, Kio worked with at-risk youth, with victims of domestic violence and as a child advocate manager for the Second Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program. There, she managed anywhere from 30 to 40 dependency cases involving up to 90 children at a time. Her experience as a social worker spurred her to pursue a law degree in order to gain additional tools to be a more effective advocate. Kio is a member of the Association for Criminal Justice, the Women's Law Symposium and the William H. Stafford Inn of Court. Kio has served as a legislative intern for Florida State Senator Eleanor Sobel and clerked for Judge Robert E. Long, Jr., a delinquent and probate judge for the Second Circuit Court of Florida. During the fall of her 2L year, Kio participated in the Public Interest Law Center (PILC) Children's Advocacy Clinic. In the spring, she participated in PILC's Children in Prison Project. Through these experiences, Kio advocated before the legislature for juvenile justice reform, and drafted and promoted two proposed constitutional amendments to the Constitution Revision Commission. [This work has received statewide and national media coverage.](#) This semester, Kio is interning with the Federal Public Defender's Office, Capital Habeas Unit. She is also a research assistant to Paolo Annino, the Glass Professor of Public Interest Law and Director of the FSU Public Interest Law Center. In the fall of her 3L year, Kio participated in a directed individualized study and extensively researched the recent *Hurst* decisions and their progeny. This research, along with her experiences at the Innocence Project, the Children in Prison Project and now at the Federal Public Defender's Office, have solidified her goal to pursue a career in criminal law. If you are interested in hiring Kio after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile.](#)

"My experiences while at FSU Law, both working and in class, have helped me hone my advocacy skills and have prepared me to pursue my lifelong passion of helping others, with integrity and pride."

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