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Spring 2007

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10:00 A.M.

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# 2006 - 2007 Candidates for Hooding

Adamo, Frankie*	Hinckley, Christopher J.	Paige, Dana J.****
Ahrens, Mark R.	Hinckley, Paul T.	Paylor, Chandra
Anglade, Marilyn S.	Holz, James M. +	Pinkston, Oreon W.
Antoine, Marc J. +	Iftikhar, Bilal +	Polk, Sylvester T.
Arora, Harsh +	Inda, Miguel	Presser, Justin H.*
Auguste, Pascale T.	Irizarry, Samuel J.	Pressley, Jr., Fred N.*
Balinsky, Laurette A.	James, John A.*	Pridgen, Sonya ++
Benton, Jr., Alvin F.*	Jarvis, Fitzpatrick C.	Reid, Cheo A.*
Briceno, Norman L. +	Johnson, Brandi J.	Savage, Althea E.
Busey II, Valeda A.	Jolly, Kamilah M.	Sciranko, Robert E.
Carpentiere, Annette M.	Kasper, Christopher R.	Sebreth, Camille
Casseus, Beverly E.	Kelch, Judith M. +	Servoss, Stephanie A.***
Cely, Rosemonde*	Kirson, Heather C.	Soto-Albino, Roberto
Channell, Warren T.	Kone', Kimra D.	St. Jean, Pierre A.
Collins, Charles M. +	Kopf, Ryan P.*	Stage, Barbara B.
Conlin, Cynthia A.	Larrabee, April L.	Staton Jr., Larry R.**
Cottle, Elyse S. +	Lathrop, John C.	Steffens, Erick P.
D'Angelo, Andrew	Lawson, Jeffrey L. ++	Stenger, Christine R. +
D'Aniello, Aimara L.**	Lowe, Leonard A.*	Stephens, Lee M.
deArmas, Anne M.*	Lucas, Derek S.	Stephens, Renee M.
Debose, Brenda B. +	Mallory, Dewayne L.	Stewart, Judy A.
DiSimone, Vanessa J.****	Massee, Jules V.**	Thomas, Anthony D.
Doolan, Thomas ++	McArthur, Yashica N.	Trapasso, Jessica*
Etienne, Michael A.	McGeehan, Ruby A.	Tremblay, Debra D.*
Fenell, Jenifer E.	McGowan, Nicholas C.*	Tudhope, Erin E.*
Francois, Vennia V.	Medina, Michelle	Turner, Christopher R.*
Gammons, Anton A.	Melendez, Carlos J. +	VanDusen, Janine B.
Gomez-Mayo, Elizabeth	Mendez, Michael	Vila-Cruz, Nadya
Graziani, Angela M.	Moghani, Sayed ++	Wajerski, Thomas J.
Hallanan, Francine R.	Moody, Laura M.**	Ward, John N.*
Hargrove, Laura K. +	Muhammad, Lateefah A.	Wilhelm, Cara L.
Hawkins, Carmalita L.	Murray-Blair, Lynda ++	Williams, Eurilynn A.*
Henderson, Pamela B.***	Myllynen, Kari J.***	Zeini, Abdelrahman M.*
	Orneas, Vanessa	

\*\* - Magna Cum Laude

\* - Cum Laude

+ - December 2006 (Fall) Candidate

++ - August 2007 (Summer) Candidate

The printing of this program is completed before final action is taken on all candidates. The list of candidates is tentative only. The University and the College of Law reserve the right to withdraw candidates.

# Hooding Program

Ruth A. Witherspoon, Presiding  
Interim Dean, College of Law

## Processional

Invocation ..... Mr. Warren T. Channell, '07

Welcoming Remarks ..... Dean Ruth A. Witherspoon

Valedictorian's Remarks ..... Ms. Laura M. Moody, '07  
2007 Valedictorian

Featured Speaker ..... The Honorable Peggy A. Quince  
Justice, Florida Supreme Court

Recognition of Faculty & Staff ..... Dean Ruth A. Witherspoon

Hooding Ceremony ..... Professor Joan R. Bullock  
Professor John Paul Jones  
Associate Dean Omar Saleem

Closing Remarks ..... Dean Ruth A. Witherspoon

Benediction ..... Ms. Eurilynn A. Williams, '07

Refreshments will be served in the College of Law's Atrium immediately following the hooding ceremony.

## Faculty

**Robert H. Abrams**  
Professor of Law

**Barbara L. Bernier**  
Professor of Law

**Timothy D. Blevins**  
Legal Writing Instructor

**Nicola A. Boothe-Perry**  
Assistant Professor of Law

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Legal Writing Instructor

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**Wallace Rudolph**  
Visiting Instructor

**Omar Saleem**  
Professor of Law & Associate Dean

**James W. Smith, III**  
Assistant Professor of Law

**Jennifer M. Smith**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Phyllis C. Smith**  
Assistant Professor of Law

**Robert Thompson**  
Assistant Professor of Law

**Kajuel Washington**  
Visiting Instructor, Clinical Programs

**Ruth A. Witherspoon**  
Interim Dean

## Academic Regalia

Patterned from medieval customs, today's academic regalia reflect the status, scholastic achievement and study discipline of its wearer. Colors are associated with different disciplines as seen in the trimmings of doctoral gowns and the edging of their hoods and in the tassels of caps worn by candidates. Distinctions between gowns and hoods indicate the type of degree held by the wearer.

The doctoral gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has crossbars of velvet on each sleeve. The bars may be of black velvet or of colored velvet indicative of the degree's discipline and agreeing with the border of the hood. Thus, for law, the border is purple.

Hoods are worn by those holding graduate degrees. The doctoral hood is longer and more elaborate than the master's hood. The lining of the hood is silk in the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. For instance, at Florida A&M University, the lining of the hood is orange and green. However, faculty members who hold a degree from another college or university wear the colors of his or her alma mater. The distinction should be made that the edging of the hood is in colors representing the wearer's discipline, but the lining of the hood is in colors representing the wearer's alma mater.

Members of the law school's faculty hold degrees from several institutions. Some of those institutions and their distinctive hood-linings are represented in the rainbow of colors displayed on the faculty's regalia:

University of California, Berkeley – B. Gold, Royal Chevron;  
University of Chicago – Maroon, White Chevron;  
Columbia University – Light Blue, White Chevron;  
Duke University – Royal Blue, Black Chevron;  
Florida A&M University – Orange, Green;  
Florida State University – Garnet, Gold Chevron;  
University of Florida – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;  
Georgetown University – Grey, Navy Chevron;  
Harvard University – Crimson;  
Howard University – Blue, White Chevron;  
Indiana University – Red, White Chevron;  
Inter-American University – Green, Gold;  
Mercer University – Orange, Black Chevron;  
University of Miami – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;  
University of Michigan – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;  
Pepperdine University – Royal, Orange Chevron;  
Southern University – Blue, Gold Chevron;  
Stanford University – Cardinal;  
Temple University – White, Red Chevron;  
Texas Southern University – Maroon, Grey Chevron;  
University of Toledo – Royal, B. Gold Chevron;  
Vanderbilt University – B. Gold, Black Chevron;  
University of Wisconsin – Cardinal.

# Peggy A. Quince

Justice, Florida Supreme Court

## Biography

Justice Peggy A. Quince was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1948. She is married to Fred L. Buckine, attorney at law, and they have two daughters, Peggy LaVerne, a graduate of Florida A & M University, and Laura LaVerne, a graduate of the University of Central Florida. Justice Quince graduated in 1970 from Howard University with a B.S. Degree in Zoology; she received her J.D. degree from the Catholic University of America in 1975. While a law student, she was active in Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and the Black American Law Students Association and received an award for her work with Catholic's Neighborhood Legal Services Clinic. In 1999, she received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Stetson University College of Law. In 2004, she received an honorary doctor of laws degree from St. Thomas University School of Law.



Justice Quince began her legal career in Washington, D.C. as a hearing officer with the Rental Accommodations Office administering that city's new rent control law. In 1977 she entered private practice in Norfolk, Virginia with special emphasis in real estate and domestic relations.

She moved to Florida in 1978 and opened a law office in Bradenton, Florida where she practiced general civil law until 1980. In February 1980, Justice Quince began her tenure with the Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division. As an assistant attorney general she handled numerous appeals in the Second District Court of Appeal, the Florida Supreme Court, including death penalty cases, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Her thirteen and a half year tenure at that office included five years as the Tampa Bureau Chief. Additionally, three years were spent handling death penalty cases exclusively, on direct appeal and in postconviction proceedings.

Justice Quince is a member of the Florida Bar, Virginia State Bar, the National Bar Association, the Tallahassee Women Lawyers, and the William H. Stafford Inn of Court. She is an active member of the Government Lawyers Section, the Criminal Law Section, and the Equal Opportunity Section of the Florida Bar. She is a former member of the George Edgecomb Bar Association, the Hillsborough County Bar Association, Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers, and the Tampa Bay Inn of Court. Justice Quince's former Florida Bar activities include membership on the Gender Equality Committee, the Criminal Law Certification Committee, and the Executive Councils of the Government Lawyers and Criminal Law Section.

Presently, Justice Quince is on the executive council of the Appellate Section of the Florida Bar and is the Supreme Court liaison to the Workers' Compensation Committee, the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, and the Supreme Court's Family Court Steering Committee. She has lectured at a number of Continuing Legal Education programs on issues involving search and seizure, probation and parole, use of peremptory challenges, postconviction relief, professionalism and ethics, and the independence of the judiciary.

In 1993 Justice Quince became the first African-American female to be appointed to one of the district courts of appeal with her appointment by Governor Lawton Chiles to the Second District Court of Appeal to a term effective January 4, 1994. She was retained in office by the electorate in November 1996. On December 8, 1998, Justice Quince was appointed by the late Governor Lawton Chiles and Governor-elect Jeb Bush to the Florida Supreme Court.

Justice Quince is a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Her civic and community activities include membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the Urban League, the NAACP, and The Links, Inc.

# History of the FAMU College of Law

The College of Law's rich tradition of excellence dates back to its original founding. On December 21, 1949, a division of law was established at the then Florida A&M College, and the first class was admitted in 1951. In 1966 the Florida Board of Control (later known as the Board of Regents) withdrew its permission for the institution to admit law students, and two years later, the law school graduated its last class and closed its doors. Between 1954 and 1968, the law school graduated 57 students -- men and women who have gone on to make significant contributions to the legal profession both within the state and throughout the nation.

The 2000 Florida Legislature unanimously passed legislation establishing a law school at Florida A&M University and on June 14, 2000, Governor Jeb Bush signed the bill into law. The College of Law admitted its first class in fall 2002. The degree of Juris Doctor was conferred upon members of the first class of the reestablished law school on April 30, 2005 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The College of Law opened at its permanent location in January 2006. The \$30 million building was designed by Rhodes + Brito Architects, where partners Max Brito and Ruffin Rhodes are FAMU alumni. The four-story building includes 160,000 gross square feet, has 20 classrooms and 50 faculty offices, and an elaborate Moot Court Room used for mock trials, competitions and special events. The Law Library occupies half of the space and features over 300,000 volumes, one of the largest civil rights collections in the Southeast, and volumes from the original College of Law that were given to Florida State University in the late 1960's.

During the 2006-2007 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 537 students in its day and evening programs.



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