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Annual Hooding Ceremony  
Spring 2008

Saturday, May 17, 2008  
10:00 A.M.

Osceola Heritage Park  
Kissimmee, Florida

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# 2007 - 2008 Candidates for Hooding

Oluwaseun O. Aduloju  
 Jamal Rafiek Aleem ++  
 Luis A. Alvan  
 Chmari L. Anderson  
 Anthony George Atala  
 Vanette Augustin +  
 Sam Babbs III  
 Harold M. Bacchus +  
 Jaya K. Balani  
 Chad A. Barr\*\*  
 Jason M. Bergwall\* +  
 Hilary K. Berryhill +  
 Eveline Bessard  
 Aziza A. Bowser  
 Milton Bradberry, Jr.  
 Arnitra D. Briggs  
 Yolanda Aisha Bruce  
 Daniel Jack Burns\*\*  
 Kalestine E. Butler  
 Jazmin Gabrielle Caldwell  
 Adam S. Callaway +  
 Elsa Camacho ++  
 Jamila Zakiya Canty  
 Robert B. Carraway  
 Michael Victor Caruso  
 Zaneta Castillo ++  
 Ramona S. Chaplin  
 Audrey Kathleen Chisholm  
 Stephen A. Christian  
 Stefanie Beach Ciesco  
 Lauren M. Crane  
 Ta'mesis Cruz  
 Leslie A. Daley +  
 Doris Dashevich\*  
 Michelle L. Davis  
 Juan Carlos de la Torre  
 Tushaar V. Desai  
 Jacqueline Maria Dexter ++  
 Trizia DiCanio ++  
 Shawn A. Diederich +  
 Jason K. Drucker  
 Erin F. Duncan +  
 Michael Daniel Dunn

Steve R. Dwyer\*  
 Jeannette LeAnne Estes\*  
 Patrice M. Featherstone  
 Jennifer Aileen Foley  
 Susan Fuller ++  
 Peter S. Garcia  
 Henry C. Giacinto +  
 LaDray Gilbert  
 Luis Javier Gonzalez\*\*  
 Paulette F. Hamilton  
 Krystyl Lyshaun Handsborough  
 Victoria M. Harmon  
 Richard Heinzman  
 Cara D. Henri\*  
 Shandra Nicole Herrod  
 Billie Jo Hopwood\*\*  
 Willie Julius Huntley III  
 Kelly McCormack Ingram\*  
 Deserae T. Jackson  
 Vermotta H. Jackson +  
 Jerry Jenkins\*  
 Kyri Jones ++  
 Velma Lozano Jones  
 Betty Joseph  
 Stacie L. Kaylor  
 Michael J. Kennard  
 Jessica R. King  
 Elizabeth Kirk ++  
 Laura J. Klossner\*  
 Jeffrey L. Lawson +  
 Leslie Lesperance ++  
 Cynthia Elaine Lewis +  
 Shannon Alexis Ligon  
 Peterson Marthen Lorins  
 Andrea Lozano +  
 Michael T. Lwin  
 Lori Michele MacIntyre\*\*  
 Flavia Zamora Marcus  
 Cassandra Mark  
 Frank Thomas Mascara  
 Richard R. Matthias\*\* +  
 John E. Mc Daniel\* +  
 Monica T. McWhite

Bernard Mersier ++  
 Lizandra Soto Miranda  
 Juan Carlos Montes de Oca\*  
 Latasha A. Moore\*  
 Lance L. Morley  
 Shannon J. Mulkey ++  
 Dustin B. Myrie  
 Latoya R. Newell\*  
 Jean Olamide Oguntade  
 Lloyd Vinson Osman\*  
 Christine Ann Oweis  
 Amber Bernice Parker  
 Alicia L. Peyton  
 Miriam J. Poe  
 Marivette Gonzalez Powell ++  
 Jed R. Prest\*  
 Alycia N. Prioleau  
 Kelly B. Puckett\*  
 Jennifer Ruffing Raybon\*  
 Lina Margarita Restrepo  
 Alejandro Rivera\*  
 Bambadukla B. Rose\*  
 Osiris Amenhotep Sesenaya\*  
 Ashley Eve Shapiro\*  
 Ruth E. Singer\*\*  
 Donna C. Sirois\*\*  
 Allyson F. Skiles  
 Tracey E. Stephens\* +  
 Philip A. Stiles +  
 Odell Marion Stroud, Jr.  
 Misty Williams Taylor\*  
 Fatimah Thomas ++  
 Torri A. Tippet\* +  
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\*\* - Magna Cum Laude      \* - Cum Laude  
 + - December 2007 (Fall) Candidate      ++ - August 2008 (Summer) Candidate

To be eligible for graduation with honors, graduates must have earned the required cumulative grade point average after completion of the semester immediately preceding the semester of graduation. 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

LeRoy Pernel, Presiding  
 Dean, College of Law

## Processional

Meditation ..... Ms. Audrey K. Chisholm, '08  
 Welcoming Remarks ..... Dean LeRoy Pernel  
 Valedictorian's Remarks ..... Ms. Ruth E. Singer, '08  
 2008 Valedictorian  
 Selection: *My Day In The Sun* ..... Ms. Jeannette L. Estes, '08  
 and Members of the Class of 2008  
 Featured Speaker ..... The Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett  
 Former Chief Judge, United States  
 Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (retired)  
 Shareholder, Akerman Senterfitt  
 Special Recognitions ..... Dean LeRoy Pernel  
 Hooding Ceremony ..... Professor Barbara Bernier  
 Associate Dean Lundy R. Langston  
 Associate Dean Ruth A. Witherspoon  
 Closing Remarks ..... Dean LeRoy Pernel  
 Benediction ..... Mr. Camara A. Williams, '08

## Recessional

The audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional

## 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

**Patricia A. Broussard**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Joan R. Bullock**  
Professor of Law

**Rhoda Pierre Cato**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Eunice Caussade-Garcia**  
Visiting Instructor, Clinical Programs

**Ann Marie Cavazos**  
Assistant Professor of Law &  
Director, Clinical Programs

**Victoria C. Dawson**  
Associate Professor of Law &  
Director, Legal Writing Program

**John G. Harper**  
Legal Writing Instructor

**William D. Henslee**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Hastings Jones**  
Associate Professor of Law

**John Paul Jones**  
Professor of Law

**Lundy R. Langston**  
Professor of Law & Associate Dean

**Reginald Mombrun**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Patricia Montgomery**  
Legal Writing Instructor

**Karin L. Moore**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Eang Ngov**  
Assistant Professor of Law

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Director, Academic Success  
and Bar Preparation Program

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**LeRoy Pernel**  
Dean and Professor of Law

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Interim Director of Law Library

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Visiting Instructor, Clinical Programs

**Ruth A. Witherspoon**  
Associate 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;  
**Columbia University** – Light Blue, White Chevron;  
**Florida A&M University** – Orange, Green;  
**Florida State University** – Garnet, Gold Chevron;  
**University of Florida** – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;  
**Franklin Pierce Law Center** – Burgundy, Grey Chevron;  
**Georgetown University** – Grey, Navy Chevron;  
**Howard University** – Blue, White Chevron;  
**Indiana University** – Red, White Chevron;  
**Inter-American University** – Green, Gold;  
**University of Miami** – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;  
**University of Michigan** – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;  
**The Ohio State University** – Scarlett, Grey 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.

# Joseph W. Hatchett

Former Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit



Judge Joseph Woodrow Hatchett is one of America's true trailblazers. Born in Clearwater, Florida, in 1932, to parents described as "God-fearing and hardworking," Judge Hatchett came of age in the segregated South of the early fifties. During Judge Hatchett's high school years, his civics teacher worked closely with Harry T. Moore, one of Florida's leading civil rights leaders, in getting African-Americans registered to vote. In 1951, unknown assassins killed Harry T. Moore because of his efforts to secure voting rights for African-Americans. Deeply affected by the enormity of that crime, Judge Hatchett discussed the future for African-Americans with his former school civics teacher, who persuaded him that ultimately the racism that permeated American society would be most effectively addressed in the courts, rather than the streets. Judge Hatchett's civics teacher could never have imagined the impact that this advice would have on his student's meteoric success as a lawyer, a jurist and a community leader.

After attending Florida A&M University, serving in the United States Army as a commissioned officer and attending the Howard University School of Law, Hatchett received his law degree in 1959. He began his career practicing law in Daytona Beach, Florida, as a civil rights lawyer.

In 1966, at the invitation of the United States Department of Justice, Judge Hatchett became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and shortly thereafter promoted to First Assistant United States Attorney. While practicing law, he continued his public service by serving as a Department of Justice Conscientious Objector Hearing Officer during the Vietnam War. He also served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves as a military lawyer and judge, retiring in 1988 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1971, at a time when no African-American served on the federal bench in the South, Judge Hatchett was appointed as an United States Magistrate for the Middle District of Florida.

In 1975, Judge Hatchett again made history when Governor Reubin Askew appointed him to the Supreme Court of Florida. In 1976, Florida law required that he run statewide to retain his seat on the Florida Supreme Court. By winning that statewide election, Judge Hatchett became the first African-American elected to the highest court of any state, and the first African-American to be elected to statewide office in the South since Reconstruction.

Just a few years later, Judge Hatchett became the first African American appointed to a federal appellate Court in the South when, in 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. At that time, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals consisted of the states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. In 1981, Congress divided the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and made Florida, Georgia and Alabama a new Eleventh Circuit.

In 1999, after 30 years of public service, and three as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Judge Hatchett returned to the private practice of law. He joined the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt as a partner and serves as chairman of the firm's Appellate Practice Group and also as chairman of the firm's Diversity Committee.

Judge Hatchett's judicial leadership has included international pursuits such as membership on a team representing the American Court System in England to help design the American Magistrate Judge's system, and membership in an American Bar Association team, in 1972, to help the Romanian Court System establish a school for judges and prosecutors.

Judge Hatchett is a member of the Phi Delta Phi and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternities. His numerous professional associations include The Florida Bar, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Hatchett is the recipient of numerous honors and awards; including, among others, The ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, Spirit of Excellence Award (2007); Induction into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame (200 ); The Anti-Defamation League Jurisprudence Award (2003); Leadership Florida, LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award (2001); and, The Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor (2000.) He has been awarded honorary degrees from several universities, including Howard University, Florida A&M University, Stetson Law School and Florida Memorial College.

He has also been recognized in such publications as Who's Who in America, Notable Americans, Who's Who Among Black Americans, Notable Black Americans, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, and the American Bench.

His many articles and speeches have been published in law reviews, continuing legal education publications and newsletters.

# 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 2007-2008 academic year, the College of Law had an enrollment of 562 students in its day and evening programs.



# Acknowledgements

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