

**PHYLLIS WILLIAMS KOTEY**  
**Clinical Professor of Law**  
**Senior Judge**

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**EDUCATION**

1989 MA - Public Administration, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
1985 JD - University of Florida, Gainesville  
1981 BA - University of Florida, Gainesville

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Academic Positions**

*Clinical Professor of Law* 2013 – Present

**Florida International University College of Law**

- Director, Externship and Pro Bono Program 2010 - Present
- Director, American Caribbean Law Initiative (ACLI) 2012- Present
- Interim Director, Career Placement and Planning 2011- 2012
- Study Abroad, Seville, Spain Summer 2015  
Summer 2016

**U.S. Fulbright Scholar**

Accra, Ghana  
2012 – 2013

- Mountcrest University College – Faculty of Laws
  - Director, Justice Training Institute
  - Senior Lecturer
  - Courses taught: Comparative Constitutional Law; Ghana Legal Systems, Legal Research and Writing, Alternative Dispute Resolution

*Clinical Associate Professor of Law* 2004 - 2010

**Florida International University College of Law**

- Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic 2007 – 2010
- Director, Criminal Justice Clinic 2004 - 2007
- Clinics developed: Mediation, American Caribbean Law Initiative, Criminal Justice, Educational Advocacy, Judicial, Juvenile Justice

- Courses taught: Advanced Criminal Procedure, Children and the Law, Criminal Justice Clinic, Children’s Immigrant Clinic, Comparative Criminal Law, Education Advocacy Clinic, Judicial Clinic, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Civil and Criminal Externship, Community Law Teaching, Caribbean Law, Professional Responsibility, American Caribbean Law Initiative, Professional Responsibility

**Florida International University, Department of Criminal Justice** 2017 – Present

- Courses assigned: Criminal Justice and the Constitution, Criminal Evidence

**University of Reno-Nevada** Reno, NV  
**National Judicial College** 2000 - Present

- **Judicial Faculty**
  - Programs: General Jurisdiction, Current Issues in the Law, Special Court Jurisdiction, Special Jurisdiction (Advanced), Today’s Justice: The Historic Bases, Ethics and Court Security, Child Custody Challenges
  - Supervise Candidates for Master in Judicial Studies

**Nova Southeastern University College of Law** Davie, FL  
 2007 – 2017

***Adjunct Instructor***

- Online course development and teaching for legal track for Masters in Criminal Justice Program
  - Courses developed: Criminal Law, Criminal Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Forensic Evidence, Legal Research and Writing, Social Science and the Law
  - Courses taught: Criminal Evidence, Florida Criminal Procedure, Forensic and Social Science in the Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Florida Constitutional Law
- Advanced Legal Analysis Law
  - Lectures presented: Florida Criminal Procedure, Florida Constitutional Law

**Barbri** Miami, FL  
 2009 – 2010

***Instructor***

- Florida Constitutional Law

**University of Florida** Gainesville, FL  
 1990 – 2004

***Adjunct Instructor***

- Coached trial teams to two national championships and 3 Florida Bar championships

- Course taught: Trial Practice

**Santa Fe College**

Gainesville, FL  
1990-1991

***Instructor***

- Instructor for the Institute for Public Safety’s training for law enforcement officers

**Judicial Positions**

***Senior Judge***

Statewide  
2004 – 2007  
2013- Present

- Miami-Dade: Presided over drug court and other circuit court criminal proceedings in the absence of presiding judge
- Broward County: Presided over several circuit court trial and motion dockets, conducted felony trials from jury selection to sentencing
- Palm Beach: Appointed to preside over traffic and county court jury trials

***County Court Judge***

Gainesville, FL  
1996 - 2004

- Presided over traffic, civil and criminal cases in the county courts
- Acting Circuit Court Judge presided over criminal, civil, family and probate cases

**Legal and Other Professional Positions**

**Office of the State Attorney**

Gainesville, FL  
1984 – 1996

***Assistant State Attorney***

- Prosecuted traffic misdemeanor and felony offenses occurring within the Eighth Judicial Circuit
- Specialization in capital sexual offenses and crimes against women and children
- Responsible for supervision and training of attorneys and interns in the county court as division chief

**BAR ADMISSION**

Florida

**MEDIAITON TRAINING**

County Court Mediator, County Court Mediation Training, Florida Dispute Resolution Center  
Gainesville, Florida; February 1994

Family Court Mediator, Family Court Mediation Training, Dispute Resolution, Inc, Fort

Lauderdale, FL; November 2006

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Phyllis Williams Kotey, “The Real Costs of Judicial Misconduct: Florida Taking A Step Ahead in the Regulation of Judicial Speech and Conduct to Ensure Independence, Integrity and Impartiality”, 31 *Nova Law Review* 647 (2007)

Phyllis Williams Kotey, “Public Financing for Non-Partisan Judicial Campaigns: Protecting Judicial Independence While Ensuring Judicial Impartiality”, 38 *Akron Law Review* 597 (2005)

Phyllis Kotey and Susan Cohen, “Selected Common Problems”, Chapter 2, i-vii, *Florida Prosecutors Manual Supplement*, 1984

Chapter Submission: JUDGING UNDER DISASTER: The Effect of Hurricane Katrina on the Criminal Justice System University of Nebraska Press 2008

Chapter Update: ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS: Florida Juvenile Practice- The Florida Bar – LexisNexis (2009) (2011)

## **ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION**

American Bar Association Book Project: *Can They Do That? Demystifying Prosecutorial Discretion* Chapter Submission: DEMYSTIFYING PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION: A 360 Degrees View from 30,000 Feet Above (2019)

## **Work in Progress**

Implicit Bias in Judicial Discipline: A Case for Race, Gender and Class

“Face” the Facts: The Legal Implication of Regulating Social Media in the Legal Education and the Legal Profession

GILES V. CALIFORNIA: Intended Actions that Yield Intended Results Create the Construct for the Admissibility of the Statements of the “Absent” Witness in Cases of Domestic Violence

Interrogating Reality: The Portrait of the Child Left Behind” – an examination of the procedural effectiveness of “impact litigation” in civil court to close the school to jail floodgates created by the “zero tolerance” policies of the “No Child Left Behind” federal legislation.

## **SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Judges Acting More to Change Public Perception”

“Limiting Judicial Conduct”

“Improper Judicial Speech”

National Judicial College, Reno, NV October 2004 – Present

“Judicial Ethics”

Florida Conference of County Court Judges July 2016

“Bullying and the Law”

“Prosecuting Juveniles as Adults”

“Human Trafficking”

National Judicial College September 2014

“Privacy and Technology in the Digital Age”

“Race, Slavery and Gender: Issues Past, Present and Future”

“The Living Constitution”

National Judicial College July 2012, 2014

“Why Fairness Matters”

“A Case of Contempt”

National Judicial College October 2014, 2015

“Interrogating Reality: The Portrait of the Child Left Behind” - Education Law Annual Conference – San Antonio, TX – November 2008

“Race Matters? The Ethical Considerations of Prosecuting While Black” National Black Prosecutors Association - Ft. Lauderdale, FL - July 2008

“GILES V. CALIFORNIA: Intended Actions that Yield Intended Results Create the Construct for the Admissibility of the Statements of the “Absent” Witness in Cases of Domestic Violence” - Black Female Faculty Writing Workshop

Denver, CO – June 2008

Enhancing Judicial Skills in Custody Cases – Family Violence Prevention Fund – National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Albuquerque, NM - December 2006,

Providence, RI – September 2007, 2008

Enhancing Judicial Skills in Elder Law – Family Violence Prevention Fund – National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Ft. Lauderdale, FL – June 2007, October 2007, November 2008

San Francisco, CA – June 2009

Judges/Journalist Workshop – National Center for Courts and Media- National Judicial College

Los Angeles, CA – October 2005

Denver, CO - November 2005  
Seattle, WA – November 2005

“Courts and Media” - Victims Act Model Courts – All Sites Conference – National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – Permanency Planning for Children Department - New Orleans, LA – October 2007

“Judicial Demeanor”

“The American Court: The Perception and Reality of Justice”  
Massachusetts State Courts, Boston, MA March 2005

“A Case of Race: Does Judging While Black Expose Judges to Greater Discipline”  
Southern University – College of Law, New Orleans, LA November 2004

“Building your Custody Case”

Legal Assistance Provider’s Technical Outreach Program, Battered Women’s Justice Project, Houston, Texas, November 2004

“Self Representation”

National Judicial College, Reno, NV – April; July; May 2003 - 2005

“Right to Counsel”

National Judicial College, Reno, NV, April; July; May 2003 -2005

“Double Jeopardy

National Judicial College, Reno, NV, April; July; April 2003 - 2005

“Judicial Ethics”

Mississippi State Judges Association, 2012, 2014  
South Carolina State Court Judges Association, September 2003  
National Judicial College, Reno, NV, October; March 2001 - Present  
Florida Conference of County Court Judges, Merritt Island, FL, January 2000 , July 2013  
Florida Judicial College - Mentor Training, February, 2001

“Cultural Considerations in Domestic Violence”

California Judicial Education, Costa Mesa, CA, April 2001  
Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, Marco Island, FL, June 2001  
Florida Conference of County Court Judges, Naples, July 2001  
Florida Advanced Judicial Studies, Palm Harbor, September 2001

“Jury Selection”, Prosecutor/Public Defender Trial Training Program, The Florida Bar University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, July 2001

“Bias in the Courts”, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association,  
Gainesville, FL, May 2001

Team Leader, Prosecutor/Public Defender Trial Training Program,  
The Florida Bar, July 1995 – Present

## **RECENT APPOINTMENTS**

### **Florida International University**

#### **College of Law**

Academic Policy and Procedures Committee, 2008 - 2010

Academic Standards Committee, 2006 – 2009

Chair 2008 – 2009

Community Service Committee, 2008 -2010

Placement, 2013-present

Board of Advocates, 2013-2016

Lecturer Review Committee, 2016-present

#### **University**

Faculty Senate. 2014 - present

Parliamentarian 2017 – present

Faculty Steering Committee 2014-present

Academic Integrity Committee, 2014 - present

Title IX Committee, 2017 – present

Faculty Athletic Committee, 2015 – present

University Principles and Standards Ad Hoc Committee, 2016-2017

### **Florida Supreme Court**

Associate Dean, Florida Judicial College, 2001 - 2004

Florida Court Education Committee, 2000 - 2004

Mentor Judge, 2000 - 2004

Judicial Ethics Advisory Commission, 1999 - 2004

Vice Chair, 2002-2003;

Chair, 2003 -2004

Commission on Fairness, 1999-2003

Criminal Court Steering Committee, 2003 – 2004

### **Florida Bar**

Juvenile Rules Committee, 2009- 2012

Criminal Rules Committee, 2004 - 2007

Code and Rules of Evidence Committee, 1998 - 2005

Criminal Law Section - Executive Council, 1996 –Present;

Treasurer, 2003- 2004  
Secretary, 2004-2005;  
Chair, 2005 – 2007

### **American Bar Association**

Judicial Division 2004- Present  
Ethics and Professionalism Committee, 2006 – Present

### **National**

National Consortium of Task Force on Bias and Fairness in the Courts, 2000-2001  
Advisory Committee for Cultural Considerations of Domestic Violence, 1999-2001

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Dade County Bar Association, 2005 – Present  
Broward County Bar Association, 2005 – Present  
TJ Reddick Bar Association, 2005 – Present  
    President, 2009 - 2010  
Wilkey D. Ferguson Bar Association, 2005 – Present  
Florida Conference of County Court Judges, 1997 – 2004; Board of Directors, 1999,  
    2000; Criminal Rules Committee, 1997-2000; Education Committee, 1997- 2004  
    Vice Chair, Small Claims Committee, 1998-2000; Chair 2000-2004  
James C. Adkins Inn of Court, 1997-2004  
Member, Josiah T. Walls Bar Association, 1992-2004  
    President, Josiah T. Walls Bar Association, 1994  
Member, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, 1985-1996  
    Board of Directors, 1992-1996  
National Bar Association, Florida Chapter, 1994-1995  
National Black Prosecutors Association, 1989-1991

### **PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

Golden Advocate Award – Florida International University College of Law - 2017  
Top Scholar Award – Florida International University – 2013  
U.S. Fulbright Scholar – U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs -  
2012  
Mentor of the Year – Florida International University – College of Law -2007  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, - Community Service Award -2000  
University of Florida College of Law Distinguished Alumni Award - 2001  
Girl Scouts of America -“Woman of the World” Award - 1999  
Alachua - Bradford County “Woman of Distinction” - 1999



City of Gainesville Ebony Appreciation Award “Government Achievement Award” - 1998  
University of Florida - College of Education - “Outstanding Achievement Award” - 1992  
Charter Member: Trial Competition Team, College of Law, University of Florida -1984  
Fellow, Graduate & Professional Opportunities Program, Graduate School, University of Florida,  
Gainesville, FL , 1982-1985