

## Chief Judge Stephanie W. Ray



**Appointed:** June 27, 2011 by Governor Rick Scott

### **Degrees:**

J.D. with honors, Florida State University College of Law, 1995 (Florida State University Law Review, Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law, Journal of Transnational Law & Policy); B.A. with honors, Vanderbilt University, 1992.

### **Legal Offices & Positions:**

Judge, First District Court of Appeal, 2011-present. FSU College of Law Adjunct Faculty, 2015-18 (courses taught: Florida Constitutional Law, Judicial Externship Perspectives). Chair, Florida Public Employees Relations Commission, 2008-11. Associate Dean for Administration, FSU College of Law, 2004-2007. Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, FSU College of Law, 2000-2004. Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, 2002-06 (Chair 2005-06). Private Practice, Ausley McMullen, 1995-1999. Judicial Internship, Hon. Ben F. Overton, Florida Supreme Court, 1994.

### **Honors & Awards:**

FSU College of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, 2016. The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Outstanding Jurist Award, 2012. The Florida Bar Labor & Employment Law Section Volunteer of the Year Award, 2010, 2011, 2014 & 2015. The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism Service Award, 2009 & 2010. Selected by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers as a member of the inaugural group of Outstanding Women in the Law, 2010. The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Most Productive Young Lawyer Award, 1997.

### **Judicial & Bar Activities:**

Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases, 2017-present. Florida Supreme Court Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity, First DCA Liaison, 2015-present. Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, 2010-12. Florida Judicial College, New Appellate Judges Program Faculty, 2015-present (courses taught: Statutory Interpretation, Standards of Review, Collegiality panel). Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies Faculty, 2016, 2018, 2019 (course: Statutory Interpretation). Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges Education Committee, 2013-18 (Chair, 2015-16). The Florida Bar Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, 2015-2018. The Florida Bar Appellate Rules Committee, 2013-2016, 2018-present. The Florida Bar Labor & Employment Law Section Executive Council, 2009-present. The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section Judicial Liaison, 2011-present. The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism, 2006-2012 (two-term Chair, 2010-12). The Florida Bar Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, 2006-12. The Florida Bar Annual Meeting Committee, 2005-2007. The Florida Bar Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee (Chair, 2004-05). Justice Teaching Select Committee, 2015-present. First District Appellate American Inn of Court Executive Committee and Master of the Bench, 2012-present (President, 2017-18). William H. Stafford American Inn of Court, 2004-present (President 2013-2014). FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2009-2013 (President, 2012-13). FSU College of Law Moot Court Coach, 2013-present. Tallahassee Women Lawyers Board of Directors, 2009-present. Legal Aid Foundation Board of Directors, 1999-2001. Tallahassee Bar Association, 1995-present (Board of Directors, 1998-2000). Young Lawyers Section of the Tallahassee Bar Association (President 1998-1999, Founding Board Member, 1997). Regular lecturer for continuing judicial education and continuing legal education courses.

### **Other Civic Activities:**

Leadership Florida Class XXIX. Leadership Tallahassee Class XV (Board of Governors, 2005-06; Opportunity Tallahassee Chair, 2005-06). Junior League of Tallahassee (Board of Directors, 2002-03; Active Member, 1995-2008). SouthWood YMCA Advisory Council, 2010-13. Ronald McDonald House of Tallahassee, Inc. Board of Directors, 2009. Brehon Institute for Family Services Board of Directors, 1998-2000. St. Peter's Anglican Church (Guatemala Mission Team, 2016).