

# Bonnie Klein Rhoden, Esquire

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Employment

- **Florida Institute of Technology**, Professor (adjunct), Introduction to Law (Core course for all pre-law majors & minors) July 2014- Present
- **Mario, Gunde, Peters, Rhoden & Kelly, LLC.**, Attorney at Law June 2014 – Present  
*Previous:* Intern / Law Clerk May 2010 – May 2014
- **Chief Judge Hon. John M. Harris, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**, Probate/Guardianship Court, Extern September 2013 – December 2013
- **Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Elder Services Unit Felony Division**, Extern April 2013 – August 2013
- **Ken Rhoden Campaign for Public Defender**, 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit Marketing & Communications Director, Assistant Treasurer May 2011 – August 2012
- **S.T.E.P.S. / Brevard County Drug Court**, Intern January 2011 – May 2011
- **Space Coast Credit Union Headquarters**, Marketing Specialist December 2007 – August 2009
- **AFRS, Inc.**, Branch Manager/Marketing (Real Estate Brokerage) January 2006 - June 2007
- **Hospitality Perceptions, Inc.:** Co-Owner (Hospitality Consulting) September 2004 – December 2006
- **American Automobile Association**, National Headquarters: Project Manager / Marketing and Communications June 1993 - August 2004

### Education

- Juris Doctor, December 2013  
Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, GPA 3.025  
Book Award: Contracts 2, Spring 2012
- B.A. Psychology, Minor: Business Management, *summa cum laude*  
May 2011, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida  
President's List: Summer 2010, Fall 2010  
Dean's List: Fall 2009, Spring 2010  
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (Chapter 308)  
Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society (F.I.T. Chapter)

### Community Positions

- Board Member, Pre-Law Advisory Board, Florida Tech June 2013 - Present
- Volunteer Note Taker for Students with Special Needs, Barry School of Law May 2013 – August 2013
- Volunteer & Tutor, Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition, Dorcas Outreach Center for Children, Serving communities at risk May 2009 – August 2011
- Volunteer, AVET Project, Inc., Serving local servicemen/women, veterans, and their families May 2010 - Present
- Volunteer, Community of Hope, Serving local families in need of transitional housing April 2014 - Present

### Presentations / Field Experience

- **Florida Bar Examination Experience** April 2014  
Presentation to Barry Law students preparing for the FL Bar Exam

- ***“My Journey To and Through Law School to The Bar”*** September 2013  
Presentation to Intro to Law Class, Florida Institute of Technology
- ***“Should You Go to Law School”*** Panel, Florida Tech October 25, 2012  
Panel member (Brooke Deratany Goldfarb, J.D., Professor)
- Research Assistant: Intellectual Property / Sports & Entertainment Law Spring 2012  
(Marc Edelman, J.D., Professor)
- Juvenile Drug Court Proceedings (S.T.E.P.S. Treatment Program) Spring 2011
- ***Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity*** Forensic Examiners Study and Fall 2010  
***IntraPsychic Scoring: Violent Criminals*** (Julie Gross, Ph.D. & Vanessa Edkins, Ph.D., F.I.T.)
- ***Model Court Orders: Release of Mentally Ill Defendants*** (J. Gross, Ph.D.) Summer 2010

**Professional Development**

- ***Advanced Estate Planning***, NBI Seminars (CLE credit) July 2014
- ***Family Law Group***, Issues with Paternity, Magistrate J. Taylor, June 2014
- ***Problems with Probate?***, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit March 2014
- ***Estate Planning from A to Z***, NBI Seminars (CLE credit) November 2013
- ***Screening and Working with Older Clients with Diminished Capacity: Practical Tools and Strategies***, American Bar Association, Web based live training, On Scholarship (1.5 CLE credit) October 24, 2012
- ***Professionals Partnering for Success 2013***, Florida Tech & Brevard Bar Foundation (9.5 General Legal CLE, 3 Mental Illness, 1.5 Substance Abuse, 1.5 Ethics). July 2013  
February 2013
- ***Elder Law: Legal, Financial, and Health Care Issues***, Orlando, FL (8 CLE)
- Space Coast 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Business Expo (Attendee and Exhibitor) August 2012
- ***Professionals Partnering for Success 2012***, Florida Tech & Brevard Bar Foundation (8.5 Legal CLE, 6.5 Business Litigation CLE) July 2012
- Brevard County Community Law School: Constitution, Criminal, Elder, Contracts, Foreclosure, Bankruptcy, Consumer Law Spring 2011
- ***Assessment & Therapy in an Inpatient & Outpatient Facility*** September 24, 2010  
Presented by Trista Puente Trefz, Psy.D., Circles of Care
- ***Writing for Publication***, Chicago, IL 1998
- Toastmasters International, Heathrow, FL 1997 – 1998
- Leadership, Media, and Sales Training, Orlando, FL 1995 – 2009

**Teaching Experience**

- Professor of Law, Florida Institute of Technology, Introduction to Law, Core course required of all pre-law majors and minors July 2014 - Present
- “My Journey To and Through Law School to the Bar”, Florida Tech September 2013
- “Should You Go to Law School” Panel, Florida Tech October 2012
- Substance Abuse Treatment Sessions, Lecture, Participation, and Individual formats January 2011 – May 2011
- General Psychology II, Substance Abuse (1 class) Fall 2009

(Catherine Cico, Psy.D., Brevard Community College)

- Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids Fall 2009
- Orientation and Marketing Introduction (Monthly) 2007 - 2009
- Employee Sales/Policy Training 2006 - 2007

### Research Papers: Written and Oral Presentation

- *The Defendant's Right to Confront vs. Florida's Elder Persons Hearsay Exception*, Barry University College of Law, Criminal Justice Administration paper November 2013
- *You Need, I Need, We All Need to Plan for Incapacity*, Barry University College of Law, Upper Level Writing Research paper October 2013
- *Multi-Tier Elder Care Facilities: A Case Study*, Barry University College of Law, Research paper May 2013
- *Terry Schiavo: Introduction to the Cases*, Barry University College of Law, Research paper and oral presentation April 2013
- *Florida Deceptive & Unfair Practices Act*, Barry University College of Law, Research paper and oral arguments May 2012
- Legal Research & Writing: *Extreme & Outrageous Behavior Case Study*, Barry University College of Law November 2011
- Psychology Colloquium: *Efficacy of Treatment vs. Incarceration* March 2011
- Behavioral Psychology: *Nature vs. Nurture* February 2011
- Forensic Psychology: *Forced Medication in Florida: Legal or Not* November 2010
- *Application of Substance Abuse Treatment in Drug Courts* November 2010
- *Adolescent Substance Abuse: Issues and Treatment* November 2010
- *Stress in the Workplace* (Organizational Behavior) October 2010
- *Baker Act* (Florida Statutes/Psychological Implications) October 2010
- *Etiology of Substance Dependence and Abuse* March 2010
- *Treatment Efficacy: Drug and Alcohol Addiction* November 2009

### Related Coursework

- Judicial Externship, Federal Income Tax, Criminal Justice Administration Fall 2013
- Prosecutorial Externship, Wills, Trusts and Estates Summer 2013
- Florida Civil Practice, Elder Law, Commercial Law, Business Organizations, Interviewing/Counseling/Negotiating Spring 2013
- Family Law, Evidence, Constitutional Law, Professional Responsibility Fall 2012
- International Law, Comparative International Law Summer 2012
- Contracts, Torts, Property, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law Fall 2011 – Spring 2012
- Critical Legal Issues in Forensic Psychology (Audit) Spring 2011
- Forensic Clinical Psychology, Clinical Community Psychology, Learning & Motivation Fall 2010

- Abnormal Psychology
- Research Methods and Statistics I & II

Spring 2010  
Fall 2010 – Spring 2012

**Affiliations/Memberships/Licenses**

- The Florida Bar, Attorney at Law July 2014 - Present
- Guardian Ad Litem, Brevard County July 2014 - Present
- American Bar Association, Member (2011 – current) 2011 – Present

- Business Law Section
- Criminal Justice Section & Section of Litigation
- Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division
- Judicial Division: Lawyers Conference
- Law Practice Management Section
- Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
- Section of Intellectual Property Law
- Section of Public Contract Law & Section of Public Utility
- Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
  - Income and Transfer Tax Planning Group
  - Business Planning Group
  - Charitable Planning and Organizations Group
  - Elder Law, Disability Planning and Bioethics Group
  - Non-Tax Estate Planning Considerations Group
- Section of State and Local Government Law
- Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division
- Young Lawyers Division

- Brevard County Estate Planning Council 2014 - Current
- St. Thomas Moore Society, Barry University 2011 – 2013
- Counsel for Children, Barry University 2011 – 2013
- Intellectual Property Law Society, Barry University 2011 – 2013
- American Constitutional Society, Barry University 2011 – 2013
- Student Animal Defense League, Barry University 2011 – 2013
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Chapter 308, F.I.T. Current
- Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society, Lifetime Member, F.I.T. Current
- Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Member Current
- Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, Member 2012 - 2013
- Suburban Women’s Republican Federated, Seminole, Associate Member 2011 – 2013
- State of Florida Licensed Real Estate Associate 2002 – 2005
- Orlando Area Chamber of Commerce, Past Member 1999 – 2004
- Advent Lutheran Church, Past Public Relations/Media Coordinator 2004 – 2010
- Coastal Poodle Rescue, Volunteer Foster Home 2010 - Current
- Space Coast Runners Club, Member 2008 - Current

**Interests**

- Personal Interests: yoga, running, photography, reading, travel, family, fund-raising, GAL program, dog rescue
- Community Outreach: Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition, Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids (at risk youth outreach), HIS PLACE Ministries (homeless outreach), Bread Ministry (elder outreach), Brevard Bar Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, F.I.T.'s Women's Business Center, The Women's Center of Brevard