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Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University  
College of Law



Inaugural Hooding Ceremony  
Spring 2005

Saturday, May 7, 2005  
10:00 A.M.

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## Candidates for Hooding

Victoria Elease Anderson	Larry L. Macon, Jr.
Misty Allen Barnes	Mandy Lynn Maloy
Mercedes Cole Bigelow	Marcía Jo McMahon
Heather Denell Bondhus	Donald James Miles
LaVon Patrice Bracy	Kevin Joseph Mitchell
James Robert Brey	Trisha Nadine Mitchell
Sarai Bryant-Stewart	Telsula Christy Morgan
Stacey Lynn Butler	Tiffany Vertia Ruth Mount
Harold Eugene Byrd, Jr.	Thomas M. Murphy
Melinda Gabriel Covey	Willie B. Newman
Tony Antonio Covington	Melissa Renee Pendergrass
Avie Susan Meshbesh Croce	Melanie S. Posson
Michele Patrice Delaney	Jose Antonio Rivas, Jr.
Rosalyn Dunlap	Jaime Roberto
Shontell Shanae English	Christine Elizabeth Sago
Teisha Simone Fender	Lysa L. Scott
Trinetta Dionne Fisher	Shameka Ayana Siplin
Linda Jane Frosch	Andrew Creigh Steele
Arthur Charles Fulmer, Jr.	Laura Lee Sterling
Tianekquia Lashay Gibbs	DJ Suhor
Eileen Gongora-O'Malley	Ryan Alan Terry
Charles Monroe Holloman II	Audrey Louise Temple Tilson
Tenia Chimère Hunter	Darnelle Paige Toth
Erin Brenna Hyde	Terrie Louise Tressler
Jerri Joann Johnson	Diane Marinaro Tyler
Andrew John Jones	Roberta Felicia Walton
Mary-Marie Anna Kroeger	KáJuel Jamal Washington
Danialle Leach-Riggins	Gregory Everett Burghardt Williams, II
Edward Juan Lynum	Carlos L. Woody

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

Percy R. Luney, Jr., Presiding  
Dean, College of Law

### Processional

Invocation .....	Ms. Ralphetta Aker 3L, evening
Welcoming Remarks .....	Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr.
President's Remarks .....	Dr. Castell Vaughn Bryant Interim President
SBA President's Remarks .....	Mr. Carlos Woody, '05 Student Bar Association President, 2003 - 2004 & 2004 - 2005
Featured Speaker .....	Mr. Robert J. Grey, Jr. President, American Bar Association Partner, Hunton & Williams
Recognition of Faculty & Staff .....	Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr.
Hooding Ceremony .....	Associate Dean Omar Saleem Associate Dean Ruth A. Witherspoon
Recognition of College of Law Alumni.....	Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr.
Closing Remarks.....	Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr.
Benediction.....	Ms. Ralphetta Aker 3L, evening

Refreshments will be served immediately following the hooding ceremony.

## Faculty

**Robert Abrams**, Professor of Law

**Barbara L. Bernier**, Professor of Law

**Nicola Boothe-Perry**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

**Joan R. Bullock**, Professor of Law\*

**Ann Marie Cavazos**, Visiting Clinician —

**Jacqueline Dowd**, Visiting Acting Director, Clinical Programs —

**Nathaniel Friends**, Associate Professor of Law

**Ezra Ginzburg**, Assistant Professor of Law

**John G. Harper**, Assistant Professor of Law\*

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

**Hastings Jones**, Assistant Professor of Law

**John Paul Jones**, Professor of Law\*

**Lundy R. Langston**, Professor of Law\*

**Percy R. Luney, Jr.**, Dean and Professor of Law\*

**Grace M. Mills**, Director of Law Library and Associate Professor of Law\*

**Reginald Mombrun**, Assistant Professor of Law

**Karin Moore**, Associate Professor of Law —

**Eang Ngov**, Assistant Professor of Law —

**Dale Rubin**, Visiting Professor of Law —

**Debi Rumph-McRae**, Assistant Professor of Law\*

**Omar Saleem**, Associate Dean and Professor of Law\*

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

**Jennifer Smith**, Associate Professor of Law

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

**Robert Thompson**, Assistant Professor of Law

**Ruth A. Witherspoon**, Associate Dean\*

\* Inaugural Faculty

## 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;  
**Duke University** – Royal Blue, Black Chevron;  
**Florida State University** – Garnet, Gold Chevron;  
**Florida University** – Orange, Navy Blue Chevron;  
**Georgetown University** – Grey, Navy Chevron;  
**Harvard University** – Crimson;  
**Indiana University** – Red, White Chevron;  
**University of Miami** – Orange, Forest, White Chevron;  
**University of Michigan** – Maize, Azure Blue Chevron;  
**Pepperdine University** – Royal, Orange Chevron;  
**Temple University** – White, Red Chevron;  
**University of Toledo** – Royal, B. Gold Chevron;  
**Vanderbilt University** – B. Gold, Black Chevron;  
**University of Wisconsin** – Cardinal.

## Robert J. Grey, Jr.

President, American Bar Association

2004 - 2005

### Biography

Robert J. Grey, Jr., a partner in the Richmond, Va. office of Hunton & Williams, is president of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Grey has long been active in the ABA, as chair of the policy-making House of Delegates in 1998-2000, the association's second-highest office, and as a member of the Board of Governors. Grey's service as House of Delegates chair made him the first person of color to serve in a top ABA office. He is the second consecutive person of color to serve the association in its highest office as president.



In 2000-02 he chaired the Committee on Research about the Future of the Legal Profession, which analyzed trends affecting the practice of law and identified steps the profession should take to preserve and advance its fundamental values. From 1992-1995 Grey chaired the Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession. He also chaired the Virginia delegation in the ABA House of Delegates from 1994-1998.

Grey earned his J.D. from Washington and Lee University in Virginia in 1976, and his B.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1973. He has received several gubernatorial appointments, including chair of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and vice chair of the Virginia Public Building Authority and member of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Board of Visitors.

In addition to his volunteer leadership within the ABA, Grey has chaired the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

Grey has various other honors, including: the UNCF/The College Fund's Flame Bearer Award, Dominion Power's "Strong Men and Women in the Community" Award, the community "Distinguished Leadership Award" from the National Association for Community Leadership, the "Alumni Star" from VCU School of Business, and the Gertrude E Rush and Wiley A. Branton Awards from the National Bar Association.

## 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 College of Law has a current enrollment of 289 students in its day and evening programs.

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's new campus will open in the fall of 2005.

## Acknowledgements

### 2005 Hooding Ceremony Committee Members

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**Associate Dean Omar Saleem**

**Ms. Roberta Walton '05**

**Mr. Carlos Woody '05**

**Associate Dean Ruth Witherspoon**, Chair

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