

CLINIC
ROUNDTABLE

Access to Justice & The Legal System

PROGRAM

Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Law Clinic's
5th Annual Roundtable Event

June 10, 2022 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Shepard Broad College of Law - Atrium

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Registration and Breakfast - 8:30 AM

Welcome and Introduction - 9:00 AM

Dean José R. (Beto) Juárez Jr., Shepard Broad College of Law

Panelists: Access to Justice and the Legal System Introduction - 9:15 AM

Moderator: Professor Tim Arcaro, *AIDD Clinic Director and Professor of Law*

Fair Housing: Matthew Dietz, *Disability Independence Group Litigation Director*

Defending Disabilities in the Courtroom: Jennifer Rodrigue, *Miami-Dade Public Defender*

A View from the Bench: Nicholas Lopane, *Circuit Court Judge, Broward County*

Service Spectrum and Opportunities: Susan Kabot, *NSU Adjunct Professor, Florida Development Disabilities Council*

Adult Transition Services: Dr. Diane Adreon, *Director, Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation Transition & Adult Programs UM-NSU CARD*

Coffee Break - 10:30 AM

Breakout Rooms and Breakout Room Leaders - 10:40AM

Access to Education and Accommodations: Wendy West, *Disability Rights Florida* - Lecture 1

Access to Safe Law Enforcement Interactions: Lt. Julio Quinones, *Miami-Dade Schools Police Department* - Lecture 2

Access to Benefits: Pamela Romack, *APD - Sr. Human Services Program Specialist* - Classroom 1

Access to Legal Service: Walter Honaman, *Broward County Legal Aid Service* - Classroom 2

Access to Courts: Meg Lietzau, *UF CARD* - Seminar 1

Report Back - 11:30 AM

Leigh Markowitz and Talhia Rangel, *AIDD Clinic Fellows*

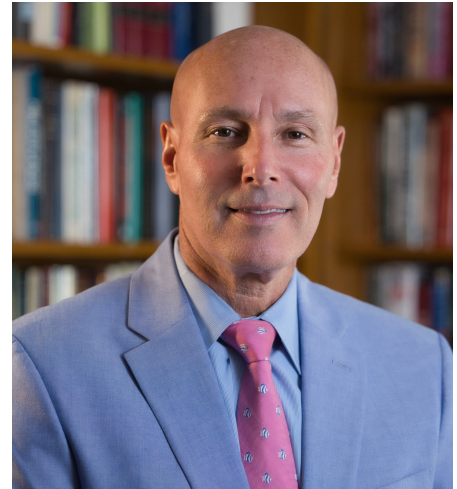
Closing Remarks and Lunch - 12:15 PM

Professor Tim Arcaro

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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Timothy Arcaro: A graduate of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Professor Arcaro is admitted to the Florida and Pennsylvania bars, and to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Professor Arcaro is a tenured faculty member at the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law; he has been a member of the College of Law faculty since 1994. Professor Arcaro is the Director of the AIDD Clinic and has also directed many other academic and clinical programs at the College of Law.



Matthew W. Dietz: Founding member and current Litigation Director of Disability Independence Group. He has been practicing in the arena of civil rights litigation since 1996 and has handled hundreds of cases and dozens of appeals regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and other civil rights laws regarding the rights of Persons with Disabilities, and other characteristics protected by law. Mr. Dietz represents victims of discrimination in administrative, trial and appellate proceedings, and has over three hundred reported decisions. In his role as an advocate, he has been on the forefront in ensuring that public entities meet their obligations to persons with disabilities in the dependency system, professional licensing, voting, police practices, disaster and pandemic services, and availability of community-based housing options. He has also

developed the rights of persons with disabilities to have service animals and emotional support animals. Lastly and certainly not least, he was awarded the prestigious G. Kirk Haas Humanitarian Award by Florida Bar President for his work on behalf of persons with disabilities.

Jennifer Rodrigue earned her Juris Doctorate with High Honors from George Washington University in 2010 and joined the Law Office of the Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez in August of that year. She currently serves as the Mental Health Training Attorney in the office, assisting colleagues in representing clients who are incompetent to proceed or otherwise suffering severe mental illness or intellectual disability. Outside the courtroom Jennifer is the Secretary for the South Florida chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and provides Know Your Rights and Legal Observer trainings, and Legal Observing for events. Since the pandemic she has shared her home office with four furry coworkers and one grumpy architecture professor.





Nicholas Lopane received his JD from Florida State University in 1993. He is a Broward County Circuit Court Judge appointed by Governor Charlie Crist on September 1, 2010 and officially sworn in the following month. He was elected in 2012 and 2018 to full terms on the bench. Judge Lopane has served in the Juvenile Dependency, Family, Civil Circuit, and Probate divisions of the Circuit Court in Broward County. Prior to his elevation to the Circuit Bench, Judge Lopane served as a General Magistrate in 1999.

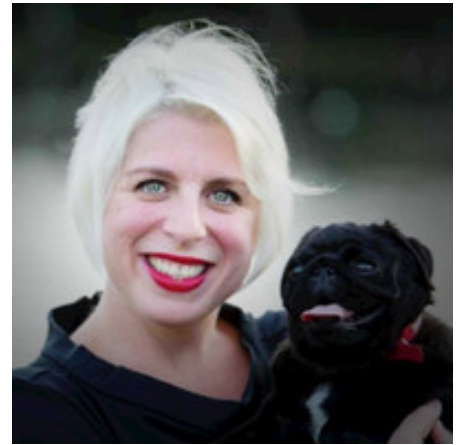
Susan Kabot, Ed.D, CCC-SLP, is the Executive Director of the Autism Institute at Nova Southeastern University. Kabot has spent the last 25 years at the university developing and directing programs for individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Her accomplishments include the development of pioneering programs including Starting Right, an early intervention service for children 18-to-36 months diagnosed with, or at risk for an autism spectrum disorder; the Baudhuin Preschool, providing an educational program for children 3-5 years of age with autism spectrum or related disorders in contract with the School Board of Broward County; the Autism Consortium, serving school districts throughout the country through in-service training and consultation; and graduate programs in the area of autism in collaboration with NSU's Fischler School of Education.



Dr. Adreon is Director of the Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation Transition & Adult Programs at UM-NSU CARD. She has been with UM-NSU CARD since its inception in 1993 and has worked with individuals with autism spectrum disorder & related disabilities for the past 40 years. She received her doctorate in special education from Nova Southeastern University and her master's degree in special education and applied behavior analysis from Teacher's College in New York City. Dr. Adreon is one of the editors of the Organization for Autism Research's guide to autism level 1 supports and has co-authored three books on autism spectrum disorder: Special considerations for students with autism spectrum disorder: A guide for school administrators (with Myles), Simple strategies that work! Helpful hints to all educators of students with Asperger syndrome, high-functioning autism, and related disabilities (with Myles & Gitlitz),

and Asperger syndrome and adolescence: Practical strategies for school success (with Myles). In addition, Dr. Adreon is a consulting editor for Focus on Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities and Intervention in School & Clinic.

Wendy West, Disability Rights Florida. Wendy received her JD from NSU in 2017. She is a staff attorney with Disability Rights Florida. Prior to becoming a disability rights attorney (primarily a special education attorney) she was a school-teacher. Wendy also an MS in Education Law.



Lt. Julio Quinones: Experienced Lieutenant with a demonstrated history of using NIMS to manage large-scale incidents. Skilled in de-escalation, identifying threats to schools, customer service, emergency management, public speaking.

Pam Romack has been serving and advocating for people with developmental disabilities for 38 years. After graduating from FSU with a degree in Rehabilitative Services and Education, she worked as the supervisor in a facility serving adolescent young men with severe emotional disorders and developmental disabilities. She then worked for 13 years as a Waiver Support Coordinator in Broward county with individuals enrolled on the Medicaid Waiver. For the past 17 years she has worked at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities as a supervisor in the Medicaid Waiver unit. In addition to these positions, she also served on the Broward County Commission's Advisory Board for Intellectual Disabilities for five years.



Walter Honaman: Walter earned his B.A. in anthropology from Franklin and Marshal College, Master's in Intercultural Human Service Management from the School of International Training, and his J.D. from Nova Southeastern University. He is currently the supervising attorney of the Children's Advocacy Program of Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. He has also served two terms on the Juvenile Rules Committee of the Florida Bar, and is currently active on the Cross-Over Committee, the Dependency Court Improvement Committee and the Children and Families Leadership Association.



Megan Lietzau: Meg is an Education and Training Specialist at the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at UF, Gainesville. Meg holds a Ph.D. in criminology and justice studies, master's degrees in the fields of philosophy and psychology, and bachelor's degrees in print communications and English literature. Her background is primarily in exceptional student education, supporting rural communities, and criminology and justice studies. Her academic interests include victimization of vulnerable populations, challenges for individuals with disabilities in rural areas, rights of individuals with disabilities, and inclusive research design.



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