

# *Leigh Cremer Markowitz*

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## *Professional Experience*

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- **Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Animal Law**, Davie, FL  
*Adjunct Professor*, Upcoming - Summer 2023
- **Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Disability Inclusion and Advocacy Law Clinic (f/k/a AIDD Law Clinic)**, Davie, FL  
*Staff Attorney Fellow*, August 2020–Present  
~ Supervise casework and manage teaching responsibilities for clinical students in cases ranging from guardian advocacy petitions and powers of attorney to requests for reasonable accommodations and ADA/FHA claims.
- **Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Advanced Clinic & Field Placement**, Davie, FL  
*Adjunct Professor*, January 2022–Present  
~ Instruct third year law students in course work focusing on the practical skills they will need following graduation.
- **Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal**, West Palm Beach, FL  
*Law Clerk*, August 2019–July 2020  
~ Drafted bench memos for appellate judges.
- **Duke Law Environmental Law and Policy Clinic**, Durham, NC  
*Student Attorney*, January 2018–April 2019  
~ Produced policy documents, filed an APA complaint, and collaborated on an appellate amicus brief.
- **Southern Environmental Law Center**, Chapel Hill, NC  
*Legal Extern*, August 2018–November 2018  
~ Prepared comment letter and legal memorandum assessing various state level environmental concerns.
- **Humane Society of the United States**, Washington, D.C.  
*Legal Intern*, May 2018–July 2018  
~ Contributed to rulemaking petition and drafted proposed legislation supporting animal welfare initiatives.
- **Florida Animal Lawyer: Law Office of Marcy I. LaHart, P.A.**, Gainesville, FL  
*Legal Intern*, July 2017–August 2017  
~ Conducted client interviews, produced court documents, and attended administrative proceedings.
- **Mercy For Animals**, Los Angeles, CA  
*Legal Intern*, May 2017–July 2017

~ Compiled research for rule making activities, tracked pending legislation, and analyzed criminal statutes.

## ***Education***

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- **Juris Doctor**, 2019 - *Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina*
- **Bachelor of Arts in English with Minors in Communication Studies and General Business Administration**, cum laude, 2016 - University of Florida, Honors Program, Gainesville, Florida

## ***Admissions***

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- All Florida State Courts (2019)
- U.S. District Court, Florida Southern District (2022)
- U.S. Circuit Court, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (2022)

## ***Presentations and Speaking Engagements***

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- *Attorney Panel*, **Panelist**, Nova Southeastern University Pre-Law Society (March 23, 2023)
- *Diving into Decision-Making: Guardianship and Less Restrictive Alternatives*, **Presenter**, Mailman Center for Child Development Innovation & Connection Conference – Achieving Health and Equity for People with Disabilities Across the Lifespan, via Zoom (February 8, 2023)
- *Guardianship Night*, **Presenter**, Quest Center (March 10, 2022)
- *Transition Night*, **Presenter**, Quest Center (November 4, 2021)
- *#FreeBritney, Unmaking Conservatorship & Guardianship Part 2*, **Presenter**, PULSE! Health Law Society and Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Society, via Zoom, (November 12, 2021)
- *HONR 2010 Autism Today*, **Presenter**, Nova Southeastern University, Farquhar Honors College, the Autism Institute (October 22, 2020, via Zoom, October 28, 2021, November 1, 2022)
- *Guardian Advocacy v. Guardianship*, **Presenter**, Broward County Public Schools, ESE Transition Program Training Sessions, via Zoom (January 2021)
- *Understanding Guardian Advocacy*, **Presenter**, Autism Society of Florida, via Facebook Live (January 29, 2021)
- *Guardianship Alternatives*, **Presenter**, Training for FIU College of Law Clinical Program, via Zoom (October 28, 2020)
- *Legal, Health, and Social Vulnerabilities in the AIDD Community; Reflections on the Impact of Covid and Emergency Planning for Vulnerable Populations*, **Event Organizer**, NSU AIDD Law Clinic Roundtable, via Zoom (June 18, 2021)

- *Access to Justice & the Legal System*, **Event Organizer**, NSU AIDD Law Clinic Roundtable (June 10, 2022)

### ***Memberships***

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- Florida Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association Animal Law Section
- Florida Bar Association Public Interest Law Section

### ***Honors***

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- *Clinic Advocacy Award* — Duke Environmental Law & Policy Clinic (2019)
  - *Environmental Law Award* — Duke Law Faculty Award (2019)
  - *Public Interest Public Service Certificate Program* — Duke University School of Law (2019)
  - *Advancement of Animal Law Scholarship Winner* — Animal Legal Defense Fund (2018)
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