

CATHERINE ARCABASCIO

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TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

**SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW,
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Professor of Law (awarded tenure by NSU July 2007)

Awards:

Stephanie Aleong Impact Award (2024)

Commencement Grand Marshal (2022)

Professor of the Year (2020-2021)

Co-Director, Criminal Justice Field Placement (Fall 2017-present)

Acting Associate Dean, International Programs (February-September 2023)

Associate Dean, International Programs (2008-2017)

Director, Italian Dual-Degree Program (2006-2008)

Subject Areas:

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Advanced Criminal Procedure

Post-Conviction Litigation

American Legal History

Notable Committee Work:

Admissions Committee, Chair (2022-present)

Committee on Retention, Promotion and Tenure Member (2019-21, 2023-present)

Dean Search Committee - Appointed by NSU Provost (2025)

Dean Search Committee - Appointed by NSU President (2020)

Dean Search Committee - Appointed Co-Chair by NSU President (2013)

Dean Search Committee - Appointed Member by NSU President (2008)

Adjunct Appointment Committee Member (2021-2022)

NSU Grievance Hearing Panelist- appointed by the University (Summer-Fall 2021)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE, NSU, FL
Course Director (2004-2014)

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI ROMA TRE, Italy

Visiting Online Professor (Spring 2019)
Visiting Professor (Spring 2022)

UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA, Spain
Visiting Professor (February-June 2004)

PUBLICATIONS:

Unraveling The Complexities of a Financial Fraud Trial in Vatican City, 17 Elon Law Review 1 (2025).

Criminal Law: A Context and Practice Casebook, 3d Edition, Co-Author (Carolina Academic Press 2024).

A Genetic Surveillance State: Are We One Buccal Swab Away From a Total Loss of Genetic Privacy? 63 Howard L.J. 117 (2020).

Criminal Law: A Context and Practice Casebook, 2d Edition, Co-Author (Carolina Academic Press, 2019).

A Criminal Law Country Music Playlist: There's a Whole Lotta Murder (And Other Crimes)

Goin' On, Criminal Law Bulletin Volume 55, Issue 3, Criminal Law Bulletin (2019)

Criminal Law: A Context and Practice Casebook, Co-Author (Carolina Academic Press, 2016).

Sexting and Teenagers: OMG R U Going to Jail??? XVI Rich. J.L.& Tech. 9 (2010)

Chimeras: Double the DNA, Double the Fun for Crime Scene Investigators, Prosecutors, and Defense Attorneys? 40 Akron Law Review 435 (2007).

Teaching the Law School Curriculum, Contributor (Steve Friedland ed., Carolina Academic Press 2004).

Freeing the Innocent: Obtaining Post-Conviction DNA Testing in Florida, 28 Nova L. Rev. 61 (2003).

The Use of Videoconferencing in Legal Education, 6 Va. J.L. & Tech. 5 (2001).

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARY:

Moderator: Criminal Law Society: Sentencing and Score Sheets, Fort Lauderdale FL

Fall 2020

Facilitator, International Consortium for Global Legal Education: Faculty Training Workshop, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Summer 2017

Presenter, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Fall 2016

Topic: Freedom of Assembly: Is it the Forgotten 1st Amendment Right?

Presenter, International Consortium for Global Legal Education: Faculty Training Workshop, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Summer 2016

Topic: Re-Imagining the Foundational Classes

Panelist, Università Degli Studi Roma Tre

Rome, Italy

Spring 2013

Topic: Clinical Legal Education- An International Perspective

Panelist, Fondazione Italia USA

Rome, Italy

Spring 2010

Topic: The Amanda Knox Case

Panelist, ILSA at Università Degli Studi, Roma Tre

Rome, Italy

Spring 2010

Topic: Post Conviction DNA testing in the United States and Italy

Panelist, Washburn University School of Law

Spring 2008

Topic: From CSI to Minority Report: Deciphering DNA, Detecting Deception, and Deducing Dangerousness

Guest, Comcast Newsmakers/CNN Headline News

Miami, FL

Fall 2005

Topic: Expiration of the DNA Testing Deadline in Florida

Speaker, National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law, Stetson University College of Law

St. Petersburg, FL

Fall 2004

Topic: Report on Findings of Learner Analysis and Design Suggestions for the Clearinghouse's Distance Education Program.

Panelist, Biology and the Courtroom, University of Miami Law School

Miami, FL

Fall 2003

Topic: The Use of DNA Evidence in Criminal Proceedings.

Guest Lecturer, Wrongful Convictions Workshop, University of Miami Law School,

Miami, FL

Fall 2003

Topic: How to Litigate a Post-Conviction DNA Case in Florida.

Speaker/Witness, Joint Meeting of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Senate Judiciary Committee

Tallahassee, FL

Fall 2003

Topic: Amendment of Florida Statutes Section 925.11 to Extend DNA Testing Deadline.

Guest, National Public Radio, Topical Currents

Miami, FL

Fall 2003

Topic: Florida Innocence Project's Efforts in Extending the DNA Testing Deadline in Florida.

Panelist, Experts' Views on Wrongful Convictions, University of Miami Law School

Miami, FL

Spring 2003

Topic: Statute of Limitations in DNA Testing in Florida.

Guest, National Public Radio, Topical Currents

Miami, FL

Fall 2002

Topic: The Florida Innocence Project.

**Speaker, University of Miami Law School Wrongful Convictions Project
Miami, FL**

Fall 2002

Topic: How to Investigate a Post-Conviction DNA Case.

**Presenter, Roundtable Discussion at the National Association of Criminal Defense
Lawyers Annual Meeting**

Miami, FL

Fall 2002

Topic: Status of DNA Testing in Florida.

**Speaker, Equal Justice Colloquium, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard
Broad Law Center**

Fort Lauderdale, FL

June 2001

Topic: Post Conviction DNA testing in Florida.

**Speaker, Law School Admission Council Annual Meeting
Scottsdale, AZ**

May 2001

Topic: Distance Education and Admissions.

**Speaker, Deconstructing the Law School Classroom, Chicago-Kent School of
Law, Chicago, IL**

June 1999

Topic: The Use of Video-Conferencing in Legal Education.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAM: BARCELONA, Spain

Supervisor (Summer 2023)

SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAM: BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

Co-Resident Director (Summer 2013)

FLORIDA INNOCENCE PROJECT, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Co-Founder and Director (1999-2008)

Provided *pro-bono* legal assistance to inmates who maintained they were wrongfully convicted and that their innocence could be established through DNA testing of biological

evidence. Worked with members of the Florida Legislature to change current DNA testing laws. Provided comments and relevant data to the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Bar Criminal Rules Committee to support changes to Florida's Rules of Criminal Procedure. Provided assistance to other lawyers nationwide representing clients with DNA claims. Assisted in the exoneration of two persons in Florida.

**NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW, St. Petersburg, FL
Distance Education Consultant (2004-2005)**

Conducted needs assessment and learner/context analysis for a web-based learning program. Created learner questionnaire, collected and reviewed learner data. Provided budget for proposed distance education program. Created time-line for implementation of program. Assisted in the hiring and training of a permanent Director of Distance Education.

**SHUTTS & BOWEN, Miami, FL
Litigation Associate (1992-1993)**

Responsible for all pre-trial preparation of federal and state litigation; conducted research and drafted pleadings, motions, and memoranda of law on subjects including bankruptcy, securities fraud, insurance and labor law. Prepared internal memoranda on complex legal issues.

**KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, New York
Assistant District Attorney (1987-1992)**

Appeals Bureau Editor

Researched and wrote appellate briefs, post-conviction motions, affirmations, and petitions. Argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the New York Court of Appeals, and the Appellate Division, Second Department. Edited briefs of other attorneys and paralegals.

Criminal Court Bureau

Felony Intake Supervisor

Supervised a staff of assistant district attorneys and paralegals in the intake of felony and misdemeanor cases. Authorized arrests, interviewed witnesses, edited accusatory instruments and recommended bail amounts.

Trial Unit

Responsible for all phases of prosecution of felony cases. Prepared witnesses for trial, responded to motions, drafted memoranda of law, negotiated plea dispositions, and conducted hearings and trials.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Southern District of New York

Student Clerk (6/86-8/86)

Assisted in trial preparation, discovery, and witness interviews. Drafted pre-trial memoranda and affidavits. Researched and developed appellate arguments.

HONORABLE WILLIAM G. YOUNG, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts

Student Clerk (1/86-5/86)

Researched and drafted opinions on subjects including products liability and securities fraud. Assisted at civil and criminal trials.

EDUCATION:

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL, Boston, MA
Juris Doctor: 1987

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts: 1983

New York State Regents Scholar

New York University, Washington Square Scholar

BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

Admitted to the Bars of New York and Florida. Retired from the Massachusetts and District of Columbia bars.

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in Spanish and Italian.