

# CATHERINE ARCABASCIO

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

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

**Fort Lauderdale, FL**

**Associate Dean, International Programs (2008-present)**

**Director, Criminal Justice Clinic (1997-2008, 2013)**

**Professor of Law (2004-present)**

**Associate Professor of Law (2000-2004)**

**Assistant Professor of Law (1998-2000)**

**Legal Writing Professor (1993-1998)**

### **Subjects Taught:**

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Advanced Criminal Procedure

Criminal Justice Clinic

Post-Conviction Litigation Workshop

Legal Research & Writing

### **Advisor to:**

International Law Students Association

Hispanic Law Students Association

Italian American Law Students Association

Criminal Law Society

### **Awards**

NSU University-Wide Professor of the Year Nominee (2007)

NSU University-Wide Professor of the Year Nominee (2005)

NSU Law School Teacher of the Year Award (1997)

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE,  
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL**

**Course Director (2004-2014)**

**UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA LAW SCHOOL**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL**

**Visiting Professor (February-June 2004)**

Taught Criminal Procedure

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

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:**

**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, Web Presenter**

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: ARGENTINA  
Co-Resident Director (Summer 2013)**

**Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**FLORIDA INNOCENCE PROJECT,  
Co-Founder and Director (1999-2008)**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL**

Provided *pro-bono* legal assistance to inmates who maintained that 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,  
Distance Education Consultant (2004-2005)**

**St. Petersburg, FL**

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,  
Litigation Associate (1992-1993)**

**Miami, FL**

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.

**OFFICE OF THE KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
Assistant District Attorney (1987-1992)**

**Brooklyn, NY**

**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,  
Juris Doctor: 1987**

**Boston, MA**

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY,  
Bachelor of Arts - Journalism: 1983**  
New York State Regents Scholar  
New York University, Washington Square Scholar

**New York, NY**

**BAR MEMBERSHIPS:**

Admitted to the Bars of New York, Massachusetts (inactive), Florida, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the Southern District of Florida.

**LANGUAGES:**

Fluent in Spanish and Italian.

Admitted to the Bars of New York, Massachusetts, Florid

