



Albert Gomez

Albert Gomez is a graduate of Florida International University where he studied Environmental Science, Marketing, International Business & Latin American Studies.

He is the owner of three manufacturing & technology firms in South Florida, Industrial Components, IC Assemblies & Southeastern Components.

Gomez serves as a co-coordinator for the South Florida, Haiti, Caribbean & New York Resilience Systems. Albert was recognized by the City of Miami in 2013 for his participation in the Leadership Miami program & served for 2 years on the Sea Level Rise Committee.

He sits on FIU's Robotic Digital Fabrication Lab Advisory Board. He also develops resilience initiatives for the advancement of health & human security, along with art installations focused on environmental conservation, preservation & mitigation through community activation & engagement.

Gomez commercializes resilient sensing technologies for general industry, advances innovative bio-recruiting coastal marine infrastructure technology for vulnerable coastal communities throughout the United States and advancing a new cyber security technology based on blockchain with integrated AI & machine learning.

Albert heads up superNATURE a city redevelopment collaborative focused on resilient 21st century city making, natural system conservation, technology integration & community prototyping. His Resilient Living Shoreline Micro Smart Park concept won the 2018 Miami Foundations' Public Space Challenge.



Bahram Charkian

Bahram Charkian is the Lead Scientist for the SFWMD Ecosystem Section. Mr. Charkian has worked for South Florida Water Management District for more than 20 years; In addition to various CERP restoration and CERP RECOVER projects since that time.

Mr. Charkian is also the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Site and Ecological Project Manager, responsible to assess performance of Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project and making recommendations through CERP RECOVER Adaptive Management Process to enhance and improve project restoration benefits.



Camilla Quaresma-Sharp

Camila Q. Sharp was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She started her acting career in theater, not knowing that acting would teach her important skills such as public speaking, multicultural sensitivity awareness, problem solving ,creativity, teamwork and planning. In 1994, she moved to Miami and worked as a model and actress. She is now fully committed to protecting the environment through personal action and teamwork with local environmental groups.

She is currently the Director of Business Development at Sharp Dentistry and a Sustainability Consultant to Eco-Logical Solutions. She is on the board of directors for Friends of the Everglades as well as the Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce, where she founded and currently chairs the Sustainability & Resilience Committee. She is on the Conservation Committee for the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove and she is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit, where she chairs the Logistics, Catering & Volunteer Committee.

As the mother of Eric, she is very committed to Eric's education, co-chaired the PTA and chair the book fair. In addition to her professional career, Camila has a passion for holistic nutrition, animal rights and the environmental protection. In 2006, she graduated as a Holistic Nutrition Consultant and she is currently pursuing a degree in Sustainability & the Environment with a pre-law certificate from FIU.



Chris Kelble,

Dr. Chris Kelble is the deputy director of the Ocean Chemistry and Ecosystems Division at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (AOML) on Virginia Key. Chris is also the principal investigator for the Ecosystem Assessment and Modeling Laboratory at AOML. Chris' primary research interest is to holistically understand how humans alter coastal marine ecosystems and in turn how these coastal ecosystems help to support coastal communities. His research has a heavy emphasis on research to applications. His research is often conducted in close collaboration with the resource managers that will use the research results to inform their decision-making processes.

Chris' research has ranged from understanding how altered watersheds affect salinity variability and thus habitat suitability to understanding how natural and anthropogenic drivers of change affect the entire Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. Chris has studied water quality in Biscayne Bay since 2003 and most recently co-lead the effort to get Biscayne Bay designated as a habitat focus area by NOAA. Chris currently serves on leadership committees for NOAA's Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Program, NOAA's Biscayne Bay Habitat Focus Area, NOAA's Gulf of Mexico Regional Collaboration Team, and the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Science Coordination Group.



Dave Doebler

Dave Doebler is an environmental activist and accidental researcher who stumbled on the marine debris issue in Biscayne Bay while kayaking. Since 2012, he has been working collaboratively with elected officials and city staff around the county to reduce the input of debris into the bay. As Chair of the Miami Beach Sustainability Committee, Dave has helped lead the charge for many changes including a ban on uncovered polystyrene boating docks and supplies, increased focus on storm water pollution controls including maintenance and design in the new pump stations, city-wide ban on the sale of polystyrene products, increased waterway cleanups, increasing recycling, and reducing cigarette butt litter.

Dave also co-founded VolunteerCleanup.Org with his partner Dara Schoenwald, whose website is a valuable resource to connect people leading cleanups with volunteers who are eager to help. Last year, VolunteerCleanup.Org facilitated over 250 cleanups which pulled over 50,000 pounds of debris primarily from Biscayne Bay.



Emilio Lopez

Emilio Lopez co-founded SOP Technologies after patenting a technology to prevent leaves, litter and debris from entering stormwater systems and discharging to waterways. To continue achieving the company's mission to Stop Ocean Pollution, Mr. Lopez works with municipal Public Works departments, Stormwater Engineers, Environmental community members and technology companies to design, manufacture and implement technologies that address global water pollution issues. The technologies he has developed have been awarded as innovative Stormwater Best Management Practices by the American Public Works Association.

Mr. Lopez has diverse experience working with Fortune 500 companies such as Google and KPMG, as well as technology startups. His expertise includes physical and digital technologies, and he has been interviewed on NPR and nationally on Telemundo. He is a seasoned speaker and regularly presents to Stormwater and Public Works professionals, environmental groups, and others interested in learning about and addressing water pollution issues.



Erik Stabenau, Ph.D.

Erik Stabenau, Ph.D. *University of Miami '04* (South Florida Natural Resources Center, National Park Service) is a professional oceanographer and coastal ocean modeler at Everglades National Park. His work focuses on assessing the impact of freshwater flow restoration and other coastal development projects on salinity in the coastal basins of our South Florida National Park units. He has a background in remote sensing platforms, data acquisition and management, and developing real-time automated alerts for the marine environment.

Erik is thoroughly involved in the Greater Everglades restoration efforts, acting as a project delivery team member for the Lake Okeechobee System Operation Manual in the North and actively involved in both the C-111 spreader and Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands restoration projects in the South. He is the park's representative on multiple interagency and university agreements including; a project that monitors habitat and fish populations in Biscayne National Park, a project that tracks sea level variability at Dry Tortugas National Park, and multiple projects for the development of passive acoustic systems to monitor ecosystem status and trends in Everglades National Park.



Mayor Francis Suarez

Prior to being elected with 86 percent support from Miami residents, Mayor Suarez served as Miami Commissioner for District 4 during eight years.

Mayor Suarez had many legislative accomplishments as Commissioner, including implementing ShotSpotter technology in the City, a state-of-the-art gunshot detection system, setting up a transportation trust fund, which allocates funds for current and future transit projects, and passing the Reverse Redline legislation, authorizing lawsuits against several major banks for discriminatory mortgage lending practices. As a result, the City's lawsuit reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that cities have standing to sue banks under the Fair Housing Act for such discriminatory practices.

Mayor Suarez also serves as Chair of the Environment Committee, as well as on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In these capacities, Mayor Suarez takes a leading role in collaborating with fellow mayors from around the country to preserve the environment and develop programs and policies that directly benefit the City of Miami. He also serves as Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and is the former President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. In his role at the TPO, Mayor Suarez championed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which was unanimously approved. The SMART Plan expands mass transit options in Miami-Dade County through six main corridors and new bus routes to ease traffic congestion and support future population growth. Mayor Suarez helped negotiate the Tri-Rail connection to Downtown, offering free ridership to Overtown residents for life. He also ushered in the free trolley system in Miami, which carries an average of 450,000 passengers per month.



Irela Bague

Irela Bague is principal for Bague Group, a communications consulting firm with over 20 years of experience in Florida with expertise in water policy, sustainability and resilience.

Ms. Bague is a former Governing Board Member of the South Florida Water Management District and the Miami River Commission. She currently chairs the Biscayne Bay Task Force and serves on the boards of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, City of Coral Gables Sustainability Advisory Board, The CLEO Institute and the Resilient Utility Coalition.

Ms. Bague is the host of the Resilient Forward podcast and writes for the Sun Sentinel South Florida 100 editorial section.



J.P. Brooker

J.P. was born and raised in Florida on the Indian River Lagoon in Brevard County. His work as a marine conservationist started at a young age and by 15, he had earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest achievement, the Eagle Scout award, for his work restoring the mangroves at Florida's Ulumay Wildlife Preserve. After several years abroad, J.P. returned home to rededicate himself to protecting what he loved ever since he was a kid—Florida's unique environment. Based in Ocean Conservancy's office in St. Petersburg, J.P. has deep experience on federal fisheries issues in the Southeastern United States and on Capitol Hill.

His expertise in coastal and conservation issues in the state includes state fisheries, water quality and quantity, sea-level rise, ocean acidification, marine debris, oil and gas, and ocean plastics. Trained with a specialization in environmental law, J.P. is admitted to the Florida Bar and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida. He has been appointed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to serve on its Coral Advisory Panel, and by the President of the Florida Bar to serve on its Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy Committee. J.P. is an avid diver who also enjoys spearfishing, surfing and fly fishing. He and his wife Kathy are raising their young daughters Elizabeth and Anne to love and care for Florida's ocean and coasts.



Jane Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert leads the resilience strategy development and implementation for City of Miami, and, in partnership with Miami-Dade County and City of Miami Beach, for Greater Miami and the Beaches. Additionally, as Director of the City's Office of Resilience and Sustainability, Ms. Gilbert is charged with leading the City's response to climate change.

Prior to joining the City, Ms. Gilbert managed The Miami Foundation's civic leadership agenda on sea level rise, led Wells Fargo's philanthropy and community affairs in South Florida and served as the Executive Director for 3 nonprofits, Dream in Green, Arts for Learning/Miami and ArtCenter/South Florida. Previously, Ms. Gilbert served on the City of Miami's Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee, Beacon Council's One Community One Goal Steering Committee, Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force, and City of Miami NSP Task Force. Ms. Gilbert holds a BA in Environmental Science from Barnard College and MPA from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.



Katherine Fernandez Rundle

Katherine Fernandez Rundle is Miami-Dade County's and Florida's first Cuban-American State Attorney, having been re-elected seven times since 1993.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and both her post-graduate and law degrees from the University of Cambridge Law School in England.

State Attorney Fernandez Rundle is often considered a prosecutorial innovator for her many ground-breaking accomplishments including Florida's first domestic violence unit, misdemeanor domestic violence court, Dade's nationally recognized "Drug Court" program, Veteran's Treatment Court, protecting the rights of children with her strict child support program, bringing to the community services and crime prevention assistance via her Community Outreach Division and her efforts to pioneer the fight against the sex trafficking of our children with her Human Trafficking Task Force, a cooperative multi-agency law enforcement effort aimed at arresting and prosecuting those who prey on our kids while finding ways to save and rehabilitate the victims.

She created an Anti-Gun Violence Unit in cooperation with the Miami-Dade Police Department for the Northside District of Miami comprised of numerous seasoned prosecutors and investigators who focus on facilitating the vigorous prosecution of gun violence cases by helping to locate and secure the attendance of witnesses essential to the prosecution of cases to ensure the vigorous prosecution of the cases.



Laura Eldredge

Laura Eldredge - Manager of Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection. While managing almost 70,000 acres of submerged lands and islands encompassing two state Aquatic Preserves throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, Laura works heavily on resilience strategies, marine law enforcement coordination and training, education and outreach programs, and other general natural resource management.

Laura successfully founded multiple BBAP programs including the Adopt-an-Island Program, Eco Tour Initiative, and Critical Wildlife Area assessments during her tenure. Current work initiatives focus on conducting water quality and submerged aquatic vegetation assessments within North Biscayne Bay to document the seagrass decline event.

While working in south Florida over the last 12 years, Laura completed two Masters degrees in Marine Biology and Marine Environmental Sciences from Nova Southeastern University - specializing in marine mammal behavioral ecology and management and sea turtle nesting ecology. This background continues to support her volunteer efforts in marine mammal stranding coordination and rescue as a lead federal designee.

As recognized for her significant contributions to marine conservation by the former Governor, Laura has earned numerous accolades from her work in south Florida including the Loggerhead Marine Life Center's Award for Blue Ambassador of the Year.



Luiz Rodrigues

Luiz Rodrigues, an UCSB Biological Oceanographer, native of Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, relocated to the US in 1979 and has been working with sustainability education since early 1980s. In 2000, Luiz moved to Miami Beach and was elected the Executive Director of ECOMB.org, a local environmental NGO. Some of Luiz' main achievements include the development of the "**City of Miami Beach Sustainable City Concept**", platform which led to the creation of the "**City of Miami Beach Sustainability Committee**" and, consequently, the implementation of the City's main sustainability projects such as the bicycle sharing & car sharing programs, recycling ordinances, street & beach recycling bins, electric car charging stations, green building ordinance, amongst many others.

More recently, as our society began facing the challenges of a changing planet, Luiz began focusing his efforts on urban sustainability, ocean plastic pollution, local single-use plastics campaigns, climate change education and sea level rise issues. Today, after having founded and implemented the first **Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit** in 2017, which aimed to protect and preserve Biscayne Bay against marine debris and other pollutants.



Mark B. Rosenberg

Mark B. Rosenberg is the fifth president of Florida International University, a public institution of higher education and leader in the production of minority degrees in the sciences and engineering among majority-minority institutions.

A political scientist specializing in Latin America, Dr. Rosenberg is the first FIU faculty member to ascend to the university's presidency bringing over forty years of experience in higher education leadership to this post. The author of seven books and numerous scholarly articles on Latin America, Dr. Rosenberg was one of the principal architects of FIU's growth and expansion during the past 20 years and played a lead role in the development of both our College of Law and College of Medicine.

From 2005 to 2009, Dr. Rosenberg served as the second Chancellor for the State University System of Florida. Prior to becoming chancellor, Dr. Rosenberg was integrally involved in the expansion and development of FIU into a major public research university. Dr. Rosenberg holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and a B.A. from Miami University of Ohio, where he was Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Rosenberg was a Fulbright Research Scholar and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York; a past Chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC); the Co-Chair of the Board on Science Education's (BOSE) Roundtable on Systemic Change in Undergraduate STEM Education; and the Chair of the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence (CADE).



Pamela Sweeney

Pamela Sweeney is a Miami native who currently serves as the Section Manager for the Restoration and Enhancement Section within the Miami-Dade County Division of Environmental Resources Management's Natural Resources Division. In her role she oversees the County's surface water quality monitoring program, submerged aquatic vegetation monitoring, the monitoring and conservation of coral reef resources, and responses to emergent events- programs that are integral to understanding the health of Biscayne Bay and southeast Florida's coral reef tract.

Prior to this position, Pamela managed the County's coastal and wetlands resources regulatory programs. Before joining County service in 2015, Pamela served as the manager of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves program where she oversaw the management of 70,000 acres of submerged lands, from the headwaters of the Oleta River to Card Sound. In her tenure, Pamela spearheaded the drafting of the aquatic preserves' first-ever management plan which brought stakeholders together to develop a comprehensive plan for the future management of the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves as well as served as vice chair of the Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team. Pamela worked with an incredible team and community partners to start an adopt-an-island program, an eco-tour program, and provide educational opportunities for children, teachers, law enforcement and the public to promote an understanding and appreciation of both the bay's beauty and challenges to its continued resilience. Pamela remains committed to working in community to achieve a shared vision of a restored and vibrant Biscayne Bay for this and future generations.

Pamela has also served as an instructor at UM's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science and has been recognized as a "Luminary of Equality" for her work over the years as a community organizer working to advance the rights of people who are LGBT.



Spencer Crowley

Spencer Crowley is a land-use and environmental lawyer at Akerman LLP, where he chairs the Miami Real Estate and Land-use Practice Groups. In addition, Crowley serves as Miami-Dade County Commissioner to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), where he is responsible for facilitating approximately \$6 million in annual grant funding for waterfront improvement projects in the County. During his tenure with FIND, Crowley has assisted the City of Miami with several significant waterfront projects downtown, including the Museum Park seawall/baywalk, the FEC Slip seawall/baywalk/mooring bollards, the Miami Woman's Club baywalk, the Parcel B baywalk, the Miami Circle seawall and park improvements and more.

Mr. Crowley is also a member of the Advisory Board for Florida SeaGrant. Mr. Crowley has an undergraduate degree from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, a master's degree from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, and a certificate in specialization in environmental and land use law from the University of Florida. Crowley is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys boating, fishing and hiking. Mr. Crowley resides in Downtown Miami with his wife and four children.



Steve Sauls

A member of the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Steering Committee and the Biscayne Bay Task Force, Steve Sauls spent the past 4 years advocating for sustainable restoration of Biscayne Bay. He served the previous 25 years as Vice President of Governmental Relations helping to build Florida International University (FIU), into a top public research university.

With more than 42 years of governmental relations experience in Washington, DC, Tallahassee and Miami, Sauls maintains an extensive public affairs network. During his professional career, he served as a senior political and legislative advisor, lobbyist, fundraiser and communications strategist for Florida leaders, including Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham, House Speaker Tom Gustafson, Education Commissioner Ralph Turlington, the Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Interior Committee, and two FIU presidents.

In 1980, he authored the Refugee Education Assistance Act on behalf of Mariel and Haitian refugees and as Director of the Florida Washington Office, Sauls staffed Governor Graham's Save Our Everglades program and facilitated the purchase of Fakahatchee Strand to provide habitat for endangered Florida panthers. Following Hurricane Andrew he obtained millions for the International Hurricane Research Center and secured retention of the Wolfsonian-FIU Museum on Miami Beach. In 2005-6, as Office Depot's Vice President for Corporate Relations, he was responsible for the Fortune 150 company's environmental performance and donated \$1.5 million to FIU and UM.

The Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities and The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce recognized him for lifetime achievement upon retirement. A Vietnam veteran, Sauls holds a BS in Journalism from the University of Florida and a master's in public administration/public finance from George Washington University. An art collector, he currently serves on five local boards, including the Wolfsonian-FIU museum. Sauls considers his greatest achievements to be the successes of the many students he has mentored. A 5th-generation Floridian, and 10th generation American, he is currently writing a book spanning a thousand years of family history.



Tiffany Troxler, Dr.

Tiffany Troxler is a Research Scientist and Associate Professor at the Southeast Environmental Research Center and the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida International University. Her research focuses on wetland ecosystems ecology, and informs management and restoration of coastal and freshwater wetland ecosystems. She is also the project collaborator and working group co-lead in the Florida Coastal Everglades LTER program.

Troxler is Director and Associate Director for Science of the Sea Level Solutions Center. The Center's work is to advance knowledge, decision making and actions toward mitigating the causes and adapting to the effects of sea level rise.

She is also currently leading a collaborative effort to examine the effects of salinity inundation associated with sea level rise on soil carbon balance in the Everglades coastal wetlands, and is contributing to a collaborative project led by the USGS to scale coastal carbon stocks and fluxes using remote sensing products.

Troxler is the author of over 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. She has also served as a visiting researcher and wetland expert with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories based in Japan at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies. She is also a co-editor and a contributing author for two IPCC methodological reports published which supplement current national level greenhouse gas (GHG) estimation, including land-use change in coastal wetlands.

Troxler is a national GHG inventories review expert for the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change. She has also trained government experts around the world to develop and conduct national scale GHG inventories.



Todd Crowl, Dr.

Dr. Todd Crowl joined FIU in 2014 as a Professor in the Department of Biology and as Director of the Southeast Environmental Research Center. Prior to FIU, he was a post-doctoral fellow at Otago University before taking on a faculty position at Utah State University. In addition to being a Professor of Quantitative Ecology at Utah State University, Crowl was also the Director and Lead PI of the iUTAH EPSCoR program, where he worked to improve and maintain water sustainability in Utah.

In 2016, just over a year after joining FIU, the Institute of Water and Environment was launched and Crowl was named Director of the Institute, one of the University's preeminent programs. Since then he has been the PI on an NSF-funded project focused on aquatic chemistry and water contamination, CREST CACHÉ, as well as has led the Institute into partnering with a number of universities and prestigious organizations, both nationally and abroad.

Crowl has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles over the course of his career. He received his BS in Biology at Ohio State University and his MS and PhD in Zoology at the University of Oklahoma.



Tom Sprehe, PE

Tom Sprehe is a Sr. Vice President at KCI Technologies, Inc. With a broad background in environmental and civil engineering, including water, wastewater, solid waste, recycling, hazardous waste, industrial hygiene, marine and coastal engineering and marine debris management. Tom's experience includes both public and private sector leadership.

A lifelong sailor, Tom's passion for the sea has led him to focus on global environmental problems, including reducing marine debris and plastic waste entering the ocean. In 2014, as a part of the Chesapeake Bay – Guanabara Bay Partnership, he led the efforts on diagnosing and addressing the huge quantities of solid waste debris entering the Guanabara Bay in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 2018 he established a marine debris practice within the firm, and he is currently leading the industry effort to develop a *Manual of Practice for Marine Debris Management*. Tom provides design and engineering support for innovative marine debris interception technologies, including Baltimore's Waterwheel Powered Trash Interceptors (Trash Wheels), in development and project implementation through the world.

Throughout his nearly 40-year career Tom has received numerous awards and honors, including *Civil Engineer of the Year* in 2013 by the Maryland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and *Engineer of the Year* in 2014 by Baltimore Engineering Society.



Mayor Dan Gelber

Born on Miami Beach, Dan Gelber was raised to believe in public service. His father, respected former Miami Beach Mayor Seymour Gelber, and his mother, Beach High foreign-language teacher Edith Gelber, exemplified that service.

Dan lived these principles through service as a federal prosecutor, handling public corruption prosecutions. He was later appointed as the Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the prestigious U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations where he worked on counter-terrorism issues.

Dan later served Miami Beach as a Florida State Representative and Senator, where he was unanimously elected by his colleagues to be their House Democratic Leader. In the legislature Dan was a leader on strengthening public schools and a champion for LGBT rights. Today, Dan is considered one of Florida's most respected voices on public policy.

Dan has also always been devoted to helping his community. Dan joined the Big Brothers program and was matched to 6-year old Travis, who was Dan's Little Brother for 25+ years and is now a dentist. When he was 26, Dan co-founded a camp for kids with cancer.

Dan practices law with the firm of Gelber Schachter & Greenberg PA in Miami and is listed in Best Lawyers in America, and Chambers. Dan is married to Joan Silverstein, a career federal prosecutor, and they have three children and a dog named Buddy.

Dan graduated from Tufts University magna cum laude and the University of Florida Law School where he was a national Truman Scholar.