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FAWL Leaders In the Law

FAWL Members who have made meaningful contributions in their communities through their legal service or volunteer activities. They have provided a positive role model for FAWL members.

Christian Katchuk



Beatriz "Betty" Miranda



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HAWL Outstanding Mentor Award

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Recognizes a person or entity who has faithfully demonstrated a commitment to HAWL and its purpose, goals, and mission.

HAWL Outstanding Young Lawyer

A young lawyer who is actively involved in the HAWL YLD Committee and/or HAWL leadership, and who exhibits professional excellence and dedication to serving the legal profession and community. The recipient must possess an excellent reputation for integrity and professionalism and demonstrate a commitment to HAWL's Mission.

HAWL Outstanding Young Lawyer

Nicole Gehringer



HAWL Outstanding Jurist

A Judge whose career exemplifies the highest standards of integrity and independence; who is knowledgeable of, and faithful to, the law; who is patient, dignified, and courteous to all; and who endeavors to improve the administration of justice and the role of law.

HAWL Inaugural Outstanding Jurist

Honorable Frances Perrone



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HAWL Trailblazer Award

Recognizes an established female attorney in the Tampa Bay area who has exhibited a pioneering spirit, courageous leadership, outstanding contributions to the legal community, and who has refused to let her career and her contributions be limited or defined by the expectations of others. These trailblazers demonstrate a spirit of excellence, and they use their legal skills and knowledge to benefit those less able to protect themselves.

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Amanda “Mandi” Clay



HAWL Achievement Award

Awarded to recognize a person who has demonstrated a commitment to the purpose, goals, and mission of HAWL, and who has excelled in her career, overcome traditional stereotypes associated with women, promoted the status of women within the profession, and/or promoted the status of women in the State of Florida.

HAWL Achievement Award

A commitment to HAWL's purpose, goals, and mission, while excelling in her career and promoting the status of women within the profession and throughout the entire state of Florida.

Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen



HAWL President's Award

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Jamila Little



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A HAWL member who shines brightly, and who exemplifies that “kindness is magic.” This Honoree goes above and beyond and is a selfless servant leader.

Tracie Reese



HAWL Scholarship Honoree

Sarah Bulthuis



Sarah is a second-year part-time law student at Stetson University College of Law, pursuing her legal education while balancing work and other responsibilities. She is passionate about advocacy for both women and older adults, and she hopes to use her degree to empower and protect underrepresented individuals. As a nontraditional student, she deeply values perseverance, time management, and a strong commitment to service.

"I am honored to be considered by an organization that uplifts women in the legal profession and supports future advocates like myself."

HAWL Scholarship Honoree

Luciana Cardenas



Luciana Cardenas is a first-year law student at Stetson University College of Law. She comes from a family that has overcome significant challenges, and she carries their resilience with her into every classroom and courtroom.

She is passionate about using the law as a tool to advance gender equity and advocate for the rights of women and marginalized communities. During her time in law school, she has focused her efforts on public interest work, including volunteering with legal clinics and community organizations that serve immigrant families and underserved populations. Her long-term goal is to pursue a career in public interest law or policy reform, where she can help shape a more just and inclusive legal system.

“I’m deeply honored and grateful to receive this scholarship. As a first-generation immigrant, college graduate, and now law student, this support represents more than financial assistance—it’s a powerful vote of confidence in my journey. This scholarship brings me one step closer to fulfilling my mission, and I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to continue this work with your support.”

HAWL Scholarship Honoree

Natasha Gonzalez



Originally from Miami, FL, Natasha is a first-generation Cuban American on track to achieving her greatest goal of becoming a lawyer.

She moved to Tampa in 2018 to pursue her undergraduate degree at USF, fell in love with the city, and has been here ever since. Now, she is finishing up her first year of law school at Stetson Law in St. Pete.

She has always been driven by her curiosity and love of learning, which is why she ultimately decided to pursue a law degree.

"I am honored to have received this award and hope to be able to continue making my community proud."

HAWL Scholarship Honoree

Tiffany Maziarz



Tiffany Maziarz is a rising third-year student at Stetson University College of Law, where she's active in student leadership as a Class Representative. She serves on the Law Review and the Honors Program. This summer, she'll be interning at the Delaware Court of Chancery with Senior Magistrate Judge Selena Molina. She's previously externed with two federal magistrate judges in the Middle District of Florida.

Before law school, Tiffany earned her bachelor's degree in Applied Sociology and Philosophy from the University of Tampa. Outside of school, she runs Tiffany's Backpacks for Kids, a nonprofit she founded to provide school supplies to families in need. In her free time, you can find her baking sourdough, walking her dog, or spending time with family and friends.

HAWL Scholarship Honoree

Carly Turner



Carly Louise Turner is a lifetime Florida resident who was born in Manatee County and now lives in Fort Lonesome, Hillsborough County, on a small cattle ranch with her partner, Travis, and her 11-year-old son Wyatt.

She received her Bachelor of Business Administration and Marketing degree from Keiser University in 2015. Before starting Cooley Law School in September 2023, she worked in the Commercial Insurance industry.

Becoming a lawyer has always been a dream of hers, and while it did not come as quickly as she had planned, she hopes her son will remember that dreams don't have expiration dates, only fears. Carly is presently employed as a paralegal at Cathey & Miles, P.A., and plans to remain after graduating in December.



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Is the space where all voices are heard,
and even when they shake, our sound waves
are so strong that together
we break glass ceilings, reach back down,
and make a mosaic from the shattered shards.
A brilliant, reimagined legal landscape
where a seat at the table is just the beginning,
a starting point for collective nourishment that
we puzzled together one luncheon, conversation,
silent smile, hour of community service at a time...
These are the stepping stones, the yearly path
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Together, we can all fly, rise further by catching
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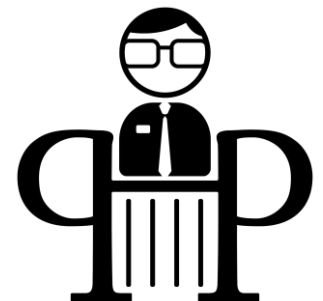
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Outgoing President's Address





HAWL Board Retreat! ❤️❤️





EmpowHERed to Give Back: Igniting Your Passion to Fulfill Your Purpose

Join us for an inspiring discussion featuring dynamic nonprofit executives who have dedicated their careers to making a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond. This conversation will explore the transformative power of giving back and how aligning your passion with your purpose can create lasting change. Our esteemed panelists will share personal stories of leadership, resilience, and impact, offering insights into how they've overcome challenges, driven their missions forward, and empowered others to do the same. They'll discuss the journey of discovering purpose, staying motivated, and fostering a culture of giving back. Are you ready to embrace your passion, be empowHERed to give back, and create meaningful change in the world?

CLE Course No. 2413040N



EmpowHERed to Thrive: AI Proofing Your Career

As artificial intelligence continues to advance at a remarkable pace, many in the legal field are understandably concerned about the impact that these technologies might have on their careers. In today's program, we will explore not only the potential threats posed by AI; but, also the exciting opportunities it presents.

Our goal is to equip you with practical strategies on how to leverage AI to secure and enhance your job, rather than fear it.

We will also delve into important legal and ethical considerations, ensuring that as we embrace these innovations, we do so responsibly and with a mindful approach to their broader implications for ourselves and our clients.

Join us as we navigate this complex yet fascinating landscape, offering insights from industry and legal experts, real-world examples, and actionable advice to help you stay ahead of the game in the age of AI. Let's get started.

Leading with Purpose: Women Shaping the State of the Union for Tampa Bay

As we celebrate the achievements of women throughout HERstory, we turn our focus to the present and future — notably, during today's luncheon we will explore how women in leadership are driving change, addressing key issues, and advocating for progress, highlighting the critical role that women play in government, the judiciary, and public service.

This distinguished panel will provide invaluable insight into the state of Tampa Bay, discussing pressing challenges, legislative priorities, and the impact of women's leadership in governance and justice. From economic development and public safety to social equity and community resilience, these trailblazing women are not only making HERstory but actively shaping a more inclusive and prosperous future for all. Let's take this opportunity to learn from their experiences, engage in meaningful dialogue, and be inspired to continue the work of breaking barriers and building a stronger Tampa Bay.



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JOHNA MALTBY



Changing the World: EmpowHERing Ourselves to Break Barriers and Move from Allyship to Advocacy

Our Diversity and Inclusion Program presents a powerful gathering centered around the transformative journey from allyship to advocacy - our dynamic panel features distinguished women leaders who have not only shattered glass ceilings but also paved the way for others to thrive.

They will share their insights, experiences, and strategies for transcending the traditional boundaries of allyship to become true advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion. They will explore how collective efforts can dismantle systemic barriers and create spaces where all voices are heard, valued, and empowered.

Join us as we embark on an inspiring conversation where stories of resilience, leadership, and advocacy converge to illuminate the path toward a more inclusive and equitable world. Let's empower each other to take actionable steps to actively champion causes important to us therein becoming the change-makers our world needs.



Being At the Table and Ensuring That You Eat: EmpowHERed to Find and Use Your Voice

In many industries, especially those traditionally led by men, women have had to work hard not only to secure a place at the table but also to ensure that their contributions are recognized, valued, and respected. Today, we are honored to hear from incredible women who have not only found their voices in male-dominated fields but have used them to make lasting impacts in their fields.

Our discussion will focus on the unique challenges faced by women in these environments, how they've navigated roadblocks, and, most importantly, how they've leveraged their voices to advocate for themselves and others. Each panelist has a wealth of experience to share, offering both inspiration and practical advice for how to assert yourself, claim your value, and contribute meaningfully.

EmpowHERed to Work with Joy: Six Types of Working Genius













Thank You for an
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2025-2026 Board Installation



Incoming President's Address





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Adjournment