

Leigh Scales

Professor of Professional Skills

Professor Scales joined the Florida Coastal School of Law faculty in 2001. Prior to joining the faculty, she practiced litigation for seven years with the Jacksonville law firm of Rogers, Towers, Bailey, Jones & Gay, P.A. and Marks, Gray, Conroy & Gibbs, P.A. Professor Scales specialized in the areas of medical malpractice defense, products liability, employment law, municipal and governmental law and marital and family law, including dissolution of marriage, surrogacy, adoption and prenuptial/postnuptial agreements. During her years of practice Professor Scales represented clients in numerous trials, argued before the First District Court of Appeal of Florida and represented clients at countless hearings, depositions, and mediations. She served on the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyers Section of The Jacksonville Bar Association for four years. She also served on the Board of Directors of Learn to Read of Jacksonville, Inc. for six years. Professor Scales taught litigation at FSCJ for two years as well as high school English. She also interned in the Public Defender's Office. She is a member of the Florida Bar and is admitted to practice before all Florida courts, as well as the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida.

Expertise

Florida Bar Exam Preparation (All Subjects)

Legal Analysis, Research, Writing and Drafting

Pretrial and Appellate Drafting

Oral Arguments

Lawyer Ethics

Family Law

Litigation

Education

University of Florida, J.D., 1994, *Honors*

Florida State University, B.S., 1991, *Cum Laude*

Teaching & Scholarship

Florida Law Survey

Legal Research and Analysis

Pretrial Litigation Drafting

Professional Responsibility

Family Law

Professional Activities

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Volunteer

Justice Teaching Fellow

Girl Scout Leader

St. Marks Episcopal Board of Trustees

Publications

- "Challenging Plaintiffs' Latest Strategy to Preclude Defendants from Apportioning Fault to Non-Parties," which was published in the Trial Advocate Quarterly
- "Reining in Tort Liability Claims Based on Breach of Contract, The Economic Loss Rule" (co-author), which was published in the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel Quarterly
- "Family Law Update: Adoption and Surrogacy", which was published in the Rogers, Towers Legal Update