

Wendy S. Loquasto is a founding member and shareholder in Fox & Loquasto, P.A., and manages the firm's Tallahassee office. Ms. Loquasto brings to the firm her unique perspective gained from her experience as a law clerk for The Honorable Richard W. Ervin, III, at the First District Court of Appeal for 15 years. While at the court, she handled over 1,200 appeals and extraordinary writs and gained comprehensive knowledge of how the appellate courts work and what they expect in briefs and legal documents and from oral argument. She is board-certified in appellate practice.

Ms. Loquasto is a member of The Florida Bar and Georgia Bar (inactive). She is a member of The Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee and serves on its Criminal and Workers' Compensation Rules Subcommittees. She is also a member of The Florida Bar's Appellate Practice Section and serves on its Executive Council and Publications, CLE, Outreach, and Pro-Se Handbook Committees. She previously served as Articles Editor for the Appellate Practice Section Column in The Florida Bar Journal. Ms. Loquasto is also a member of the Workers' Compensation and Equal Opportunities Law Sections of The Florida Bar. During her tenure as President of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers in 2006-2007, Ms. Loquasto was a nonvoting liaison to The Florida Bar Board of Governors.

Ms. Loquasto and her partner, Susan Fox, recently published "*The Art of Persuasion Through Legal Citation*" in the April 2010 edition of *The Florida Bar Journal*, which has been complimented by members of both the bar and judiciary, as well as law school professors. In 2011, she published "Writing a Shorter Brief" and "A Ten-Year Anniversary for Florida's First 150 Women Lawyers." In 2009 and 2010, Ms. Loquasto published articles profiling Judges Nikki Ann Clark, Lori Rowe Sellers, T. Kent Wetherell, II, and Chief Judge Paul M. Hawkes of the First District Court of Appeal.

In 2010, Ms. Loquasto moderated continuing legal education (CLE) programs for The Florida Bar's Appellate Practice Section on "The Status of E-Filing in Florida" and "Post-Decision Action." She also presented on the history of women lawyers in March 2010 for the Tenth Judicial Circuit Professional Committee, and she spoke on member accomplishments at the Tallahassee Women Lawyers' February 2010 dinner meeting. She co-chaired "The Art of Appellate Advocacy in Workers' Compensation" with Judge Peter D. Webster, which was held in Tampa in October 2009, and in January, February, and March 2010, she chaired a series of three CLEs for government and private practice appellate lawyers as part of the Appellate Practice Section's Tallahassee Outreach on "Practice Before the U.S. Supreme Court," "Electronic Filing & What's New at the First DCA," and "Florida Supreme Court Jurisdiction."

Ms. Loquasto is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, has been selected by her peers for inclusion in Florida's Legal Elite, and has been named a Florida Super Lawyers. In June 2009, she was selected as one of the inaugural "Leaders in the Law" by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She is recognized as an honored member in the Heritage Registry of *Who's Who* in 2009-2010.

Ms. Loquasto received her Juris Doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, from Stetson University College of Law in 1988. She was a staff member of the Stetson Law Review for two years and published case summaries in the Local Government Law Symposium of the Stetson Law Review, Vol. XVII, No. 3 (Summer 1988). During her course work at Stetson, she was awarded “Best Brief” and “Best Oralist” in Research & Writing II. She was also a Teaching Fellow and assisted first year students in Legal Research & Writing I. Ms. Loquasto currently serves on the Stetson Board of Overseers and is a member of the Stetson Hall of Fame and William Reece Smith Award Committees.

Ms. Loquasto received her Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*, from the State University of New York, College at Oswego. She was a dual major in History and Political Science and was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) and was a selected participant in the Senior Scholar Seminar.

Through her bar activities, the history of women lawyers has become a matter of special interest to Ms. Loquasto. She was Research Chair on The Florida Bar’s First 150 Women Lawyers Committee and co-chaired of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers’ First 150 Women Lawyers Committee. Through her efforts, the list of Florida’s first 154 women lawyers and first five African-American women lawyers was uncovered and she compiled and edited *Celebrating Florida’s First 150 Women Lawyers*, which tells the history of these trail-blazing pioneers in the Florida’s legal profession. She has also compiled and edited *History of Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) 1951-2002*.

In addition to her Florida Bar activities, Ms. Loquasto is a member of the First District Appellate American Inn of Court (Executive Committee 2009-2010, 2010-2011, Awards Subcommittee Chair); Tallahassee Bar Association; Tallahassee Women Lawyers (President 1996-1997); and Florida Association for Women Lawyers (President 2006-2007).

Ms. Loquasto was born and raised in a small community outside of Rochester, New York. She relocated to Florida to attend law school in 1985 and has been a resident of Tallahassee since 1988. She is active in her community and serves as President of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., and the North Florida Center for Equal Justice. She serves annually on the Jazz for Justice Committee for Legal Services.

See Ms. Loquasto’s resume, which includes a list of awards and honors.

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