

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 has been board-certified in appellate practice since 2008.

Ms. Loquasto is a member of The Florida Bar and Georgia Bar (inactive). She is a member of The Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Rules Advisory Committee, currently serving as Vice Chair and Secretary. She previously served on the Appellate Court Rules Committee, which she chaired in 2014-2015. She is also a member of The Florida Bar's Appellate Practice Section and has served three terms on its Executive Council and on its 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 Section of The Florida Bar. During her tenure as President of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers in 2006-2007, she was a nonvoting liaison to The Florida Bar Board of Governors.

Ms. Loquasto and her partner, Susan Fox, have developed an expertise in matters of legal citation. In June 2017, Ms. Loquasto published "*Legal Citation: Which Guide Should You Use and What Is the Difference?*" in *The Florida Bar Journal*. She and Ms. Fox published "*The Art of Persuasion Through Legal Citation*" in the April 2010 edition of *The Florida Bar Journal*, which was complimented by members of both the bar and judiciary, as well as law school professors. They also authored "*Citation Form: Keeping Up with the Times*," published in January 2007.

Other articles by Ms. Loquasto include "*Directions to Clerk: Motions & Trial Memoranda Must Be Specifically Designated for Inclusion in the Appellate Record*," published in *The Advocate: Official Publication of the Florida Workers' Advocates* (August 2012). 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.

Ms. Loquasto is also a frequent speaker at continuing legal education (CLE) seminars. In 2016, she moderated and was a panelist for "Case Law Update" presented at the Florida Workers' Advocates Educational Conference, and she was a panelist for "Reply Briefs," presented by The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section. In 2015, she was on panels presenting on "Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Case: Pitfalls and Red Flags," "Professionalism/Ethics: Counseling the Appellate Client and Managing the Appellate Practice," "Guardianship Appeals – Tips, Trends, Practice Pointers," "How to Figure Out What the Legislature Really Intended," and "How the Appellate Process

Works.” She presented “The Nuts & Bolts of Appellate Practice for Mediators” at the Appellate Mediation Certification Program in 2014.

Ms. Loquasto is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including a Certificate of Appreciation presented by Legal Services Corporation in 2015 for her “extraordinary commitment to providing equal access to justice through your pro bono work with Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.”; Volunteer of the Month in March 2014 for Legal Services of North Florida, Inc; “Inspirational Service Honor” presented by Tallahassee Women Lawyers in 2014; and The Florida Bar President’s Pro Bono Service Award for the Second Judicial Circuit (2014).

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 served nine years on the Stetson Board of Overseers and organizes Stetson alumni in the Tallahassee area.

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 Tallahassee Bar Association, Tallahassee Women Lawyers (President 1996-1997), Florida Association for Women Lawyers (President 2006-2007), and Tallahassee Barristers. She was also an inaugural member of the First District Appellate American Inn of Court and served on its Executive Committee 2009-2010, 2010-2011.

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 on the Board of Directors of Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., and North Florida Center for Equal Justice, Inc., and she's been President of both associations (2009-2011). She was a long-time member of 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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