



## Wendy S. Loquasto

Nominated by Tallahassee Women Lawyers

Wendy S. Loquasto has served on the board of Tallahassee Women Lawyers for more than 10 years as historian, and she has held the positions of newsletter editor,

director, president, and chapter representative to the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. Loquasto also has served on the board of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers for more than six years as secretary, chair of the First 150 Women Lawyers project, and assistant historian.

Loquasto earned an undergraduate degree in history and political science from the State University of New York at Oswego. She graduated with her law degree from Stetson University College of Law. Loquasto has been a career attorney at the First District Court of Appeal for more than 13 years, and she has been active in Tallahassee Women Lawyers and the Tallahassee Bar Association during that time. In 1992, Loquasto created the position of historian of the Tallahassee Women Lawyers and spent two years compiling a pictorial and written history of the organization. At the fifteenth anniversary celebration for Tallahassee Women Lawyers, each member was given a booklet on the history of Tallahassee Women Lawyers that was written and printed by Loquasto as her gift to the organization.

Ms. Loquasto wrote an article titled *Florida's First Woman Lawyer: Louise Rebecca Pinnell* and presented her research at the annual meeting of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers in June 1998 as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first woman to be admitted to the practice of law in Florida. Loquasto's study of the early history of women lawyers emerged into the project now known as "The First 150 Project," in which Loquasto chaired a statewide committee of 86 researchers to study the first 150 women lawyers in Florida. Loquasto compiled biographies and photographs in a book, *Celebrating Florida's First 150 Women Lawyers*, which was published in 2000.