

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

2025 NSU Law Coastal Resilience Conference



Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.

Executive Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer
Interim Dean, Shepard Broad College of Law

Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., is Provost, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chief Academic Officer, Professor of Family Therapy, and Interim Dean of the Shepard Broad College of Law at Nova Southeastern University. Since 1989, he has been part of 14 grants and contracts totaling over 6.5 million dollars. His 140 publications, including nine books, have been cited over 8300 times. He has also given over 200 formal academic presentations at conferences and meetings in family therapy, qualitative research, higher education, and conflict resolution. He was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* and the *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage* and is currently Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The Qualitative Report*, a journal he founded in 1990.



Richard Grosso, Esq.

Richard Grosso, President of Richard Grosso, P.A., in Plantation, Florida, is a widely recognized environmental public interest lawyer and advocate, with 38 years of experience as a litigator, appellate lawyer, advocate and counselor in the areas of federal and Florida environmental, land use, constitutional, property rights and related governmental and administrative law.

Mr. Grosso has served as a Law Professor at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Everglades Law Center, Inc., Legal Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, and attorney for the Florida departments of Community Affairs and Environmental Regulation. Over a 37 – year litigation and appellate career, he represented numerous public interest clients and the state of Florida in federal and state administrative and judicial proceedings. He frequently appears before local governments, state and federal agencies, and other bodies concerning land use and environmental issues.

Mr. Grosso has successfully litigated many significant and precedent setting cases in the areas of federal and state environmental permitting, land use planning and development, and property rights. He has also authored numerous publications on, and speaks and lectures extensively about, these and related legal and policy issues. In recent years, Mr. Grosso's work has focused on climate and ecosystem sustainability legal and policy issues.

Richard's work and analysis has been quoted or referenced in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Politico*, National and Florida Public Radio, in almost every major news media in Florida, and other newspapers and blogs across the country and around the world.



Dr. Jennifer Jurado

Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Director, Resilient Environment Department,
Broward County

Dr. Jennifer Jurado is responsible for leading climate resilience and environmental planning initiatives for Broward County, Florida. Areas of particular focus include sea level rise adaptation, sustainable water resource management, shoreline protection, coastal resource conservation, and clean energy projects. She works extensively with internal and regional stakeholders to advance county-wide resilience planning informed by future conditions scenarios and fosters public-private partnerships key to large-scale initiatives. Current efforts involve advancement of a county-wide resilience plan focused on infrastructure improvements, redevelopment strategies, and robust economic analyses. Dr. Jurado has been a participant in the four-county Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact since its formation in 2009. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Miami in Marine Biology and Fisheries.



Shannon Estenoz

Former Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
U.S. Department of Interior

Shannon Estenoz served as the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks under President Joe Biden from 2021 to 2025. In that role Shannon led the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives. Shannon chaired the Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage and the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. President Biden also appointed Shannon to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and in 2023 nominated her to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Shannon's career in landscape scale conservation, restoration, public policy, and management spans 27 years including more than 7 years as the U.S. Department of the Interior's Director of Everglades Restoration Initiatives and the Executive Director of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Her career also includes leadership roles with The Everglades Foundation, the National Parks Conservation Association, the World Wildlife Fund, the Environmental and Land Use Law Center, and three terms as the National Co-Chair of the Everglades Coalition. Shannon's public service includes appointments by four gubernatorial administrations between 1997 and 2010. Shannon represented Broward County on the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District and was Vice Chair of the Board. Shannon chaired the SFWMD Water Resources Advisory Commission and the Broward County Water Resources Task Force and served on the Broward County Water Advisory Board and the MCORES Task Force. Shannon has received numerous awards for her work in conservation including from Friends of the Everglades, Audubon of Florida, the Everglades Coalition, the Florida Wildlife Federation, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Ecological Society of America.

Shannon is a fifth generation native of Key West, Florida. She holds degrees in International Affairs and Civil Engineering from Florida State University.



Keith Rizzardi, Esq.

Professor of Law
Shepard Broad College of Law

Keith Rizzardi is a Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law where he teaches civil procedure, environmental law, Florida constitutional law, and professional responsibility. Professor Rizzardi is licensed by the D.C. Bar and the Florida Bar and recognized as a Board Certified Specialist in State and Federal Government and of Administrative Practice. At the federal level, he has served as a Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and as Chair of the NOAA Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. At the state level, he worked on the Everglades restoration and the regulation of Florida water resources for the South Florida Water Management District. As Special Counsel to Gray Robinson, P.A., he helps clients navigate local environmental and water law problems. Over the course of his career, he appeared in dozens of state and federal administrative, trial, and appellate courts, from Florida to Washington, D.C. to Hawaii.



Dr. Harold Wanless

Professor
Department of Geography and Sustainable Development
University of Miami

Harold R. Wanless is a professor in the Department of Geography and Sustainable Development at the University of Miami. He previously served 18 years as Chair of the Department of Geological Sciences and Cooper Fellow in the College of Arts and Sciences. Since November 1971, he and his students have been studying the dynamics and evolution of tropical shallow marine and coastal environments of south Florida and the Bahamas. Especially important to this research has been documenting the influence of changing sea level and catastrophic events, such as hurricanes. They are now using this understanding to better predict the future of our coastal environments in the face of global warming and accelerating sea level rise. Dr. Wanless is actively interacting with policy and legislative groups to guide necessary decisions. This included speaking at the Everglades Coalition annual meeting and various Florida Legislative committees and the Federal Council for Environmental Quality. He holds a B.A. from Princeton University in Geology; an M.S. from the University of Miami in Marine Geology and Geophysics, and a Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University 1973 in Earth and Planetary Sciences.



John Englander
Director
Rising Seas Institute
Nova Southeastern University

John Englander is a renowned oceanographer, multi-book author, speaker, and expert on climate change and sea level rise. His 2012 book, High Tide on Main Street explained the science in easy-to-understand terms. *Politico* listed it as one of the top fifty books to read. Englander's 2021 book, Moving to Higher Ground: Rising Sea Level and the Path Forward (The Science Bookshelf) is rated 5-Stars.

Over a million people have read his books, or heard his message through blogs and talks in the U.S. and internationally, including a TEDx talk. He has given expert testimony to the US Congress and presented to military leadership including the US Navy, US Air Force, the US Coast Guard. Internationally he has briefed top military leaders from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, and Sweden.

Englander is consistently rated as one of the best speakers on climate change and sea level rise. He works to help diverse professionals understand why sea level will rise far higher than most can imagine, and likely much sooner as well. As a leading spokesperson for “intelligent adaptation”, John advocates that, we must move to higher ground globally. This will have hard-to-imagine effects in 140 coastal nations. The sooner we begin planning for this profound disruption, the better.

John's background as a scientist, explorer, entrepreneur, and CEO (International SeaKeepers Society, The Cousteau Society) combine to help him assess not just the scientific impacts of profound SLR, but also the business, economic, and humanitarian impacts. John Englander is the founding Director of the [Rising Seas Institute](#), a nonprofit program that has become part of Nova Southeastern University (NSU), www.nova.edu in 2025.

Erin Deady, Esq.



The firm of Erin L. Deady, P.A. specializes in sustainability, climate, resiliency, environmental, land use, water and administrative law and develops funding strategies to address these areas of the law. Clients include local governments, Special Districts, private sector and agricultural entities. The firm specializes in climate and resiliency planning, comprehensive and urban planning, Gulf of Mexico & Everglades Restoration, energy finance implementation, code development and all types of land use issues as well as Federal and state litigation on energy, water resources management and environmental regulatory matters. In addition to being an attorney, Ms. Deady is also a certified land planner through the American

Institute of Certified Planners. Ms. Deady previously served as Environmental Counsel to Audubon of Florida and has worked for the Village of Wellington, FL the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management District, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. and has operated her own firm, Erin L. Deady, P.A. since 2011.



Eric V. Hull, Esq.
Professor of Law
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Eric V. Hull is a Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. Professor Hull has published widely on environmental law, ocean and coastal law, and maritime law topics, with an emphasis on climate change and the impacts of pollution on ocean and coastal systems, human health, and the environment.

His scholarship has been published in many of the leading environmental law journals and his work on the management of marine resources in U.S. waters is included in an international text on ocean and coastal governance. His article on ocean acidification was peer-nominated as one of the top environmental and land use law articles and was included in the seminal text on ocean acidification. He is the managing editor and co-author of a leading environmental law textbook: *Environmental Law and Policy: Nature, Law, and Society*, Sixth Edition (2025). Professor Hull is the faculty advisor for the NSU Environmental & Land Use Law Society and teaches courses in constitutional law, environmental law, ocean and coastal law, and property law. He holds a bachelor's degree in Biology, masters degrees in Marine Biology and Coastal Zone Management, a J.D., and an LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law.



Thomas Ruppert, Esq.

Thomas Ruppert, Esq., Assistant Provost for Coastal Resilience at William & Mary, directs the Virginia Coastal Resilience Collaborative (VCRC). The VCRC provides service to Virginia local governments and the Commonwealth through connecting academics/researchers and students with local governments, businesses, Tribes, and NGOs, furthering the interests of all involved through partnerships promoting resilience in the Commonwealth. Mr. Ruppert, a recognized expert on law and sea-level rise, has developed legal and policy analysis supporting adoption of comprehensive plan amendments and ordinances. Mr. Ruppert has authored and co-authored three book chapters and seventeen articles in publications such as the *Columbia Environmental Law Journal*, *The Environmental Law Reporter*, and *Florida Bar Journal*.



Doug McIntosh, Esq.

Douglas M. McIntosh is in his 43rd year of practice as a civil litigator in insurance defense and insurance coverage litigation. With Douglas M McIntosh, LLC he presently serves as a consulting and testifying expert in insurance and bad faith litigation. He is well regarded in the industry and has testified in state and federal courts throughout Florida and nationwide in his area of expertise. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at NSU Shepard Broad College of Law, teaching a 3-credit course in Insurance Law to upper class law students, and is finishing service in his 6th year as Chair of the NSU College of Law Board of Governors.

Lisa Miller



Lisa Miller is a disaster insurance and recovery expert, earning a reputation as a tireless consumer advocate. Her firm of Lisa Miller & Associates, based in Tallahassee, Florida, provides government consulting and advocacy in Florida's legislative and executive branches, business development, and public relations, with a percentage of her time devoted to volunteer advocacy helping consumers.

Lisa has held numerous senior executive positions in a 30-year career that has included public sector, corporation, association, and nonprofit work. Her hurricane field and policy experience spans from Florida's historic Hurricane Andrew in 1992 to present day recovery efforts from 2024's Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. As Florida's Deputy Insurance Commissioner and Deputy Chief Financial Officer in Florida's Department of Financial Services, Lisa led the My Safe Florida Home program, a \$250 million legislative initiative to encourage Floridians to strengthen their homes against hurricanes. She also helped launch the Hurricane Claims Mediation Program, an initiative that has helped consumers expedite the settlement of residential and commercial insurance claims.

Today, Lisa represents and advises property insurance companies representing 25% of Florida's six million personal and commercial residential policies. She was an advisor on passage of Florida's key laws to encourage the development of a private flood insurance market. She is policy advisor to the Disaster Recovery Coalition of America, a nonprofit trade association of frontline disaster recovery contractors. Lisa is also the lead consultant for an international company providing negotiation services for local government entities seeking post-disaster federal public and individual financial assistance.

A passionate advocate, Lisa has served on numerous panels and commissions including the Governor's Property Insurance Reform Committee and as lead advisor to Florida's Property and Casualty Insurance Fraud Task Force. She currently serves as the Governor's appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and is a board member of the Corrections Foundation. She is also a member of the American Flood Coalition and the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud.

Lee Burke, CRM, CIC



Lee Burke founded Burke Bogart & Brownell, Inc., in 1973 after graduating from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. He is licensed in Property & Casualty and Life and Health Insurance. He received the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation in 1978 and his designation as a Certified Risk Manager in October 2010.

In 52 years of Professional service, Lee's proudest moment occurred in the mid-1980's when, after presenting to a Board of Commissioners, the Chairman offered the following compliment: "Mr. Burke, I don't like insurance and I don't like or trust insurance people, but I must admit, you are the best of a sorry lot."

Burke, Bogart and Brownell, Inc. has grown to be one of South Florida's most respected Insurance and Risk Management firms. Lee has served on numerous Insurance, Business and Non-Profit Advisory Councils. He is

active full time in the areas of Insurance and Risk Management including frequent educational and/or public service presentations on Risk Management topics.



Gina Campo, Esq.

Executive Director

Louisiana Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery

Louisiana Office of Community Development Executive Director Gina Campo is the chief administrator of OCD policy and operations and oversees its multiple disaster recovery programs, including the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Program and the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, as well as rental housing, economic development and infrastructure programs. Campo became Executive Director in 2024. She served as Deputy Executive Director from 2018 to 2021.

Gina Campo has an background in local government. She served from 2008 to 2018 in various roles in St. Tammany Parish's Administration including Chief Administrative Office at the time of her departure. She returned to St. Tammany from 2021 to 2024 to serve as Council Administrator prior to being appointed Executive Director of OCD. Before serving in St. Tammany Parish government she practiced law in Louisiana first serving as an Assistant Attorney General for the state and then practicing civil litigation for over 15 years.

Created in 2005 in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, OCD has subsequently managed the state's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery allocations received from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development via Congressional Appropriations in response to hurricanes Gustav, Ike, Isaac, Laura, Delta, Ida, the Great Floods of 2016 and the Severe Storms of May 2021. Gina Campo received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Trinity University in 1989 and a Juris Doctor degree from Louisiana State University Law Center in 1992. She is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. She has two children and a grandchild.



Eddy Bouza

Program Management Director

Resilient Florida Program

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Eddy Bouza is the Program Management Director for the Resilient Florida program. Eddy is an active member of the Florida Floodplain Management Association. Eddy earned a Bachelor of Science from Florida State University in Biological Science and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration from FSU. He is certified in floodplain management and supervisory management.