

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

This has been a hectic but wonderful summer filled with extraordinary teachers, students, judges, and lots of new friends.



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is back at school ready to go!! We have been training in districts throughout Florida this summer and held a week-long summer institute at Florida State University College of Law. Michael Allen from Stetson College of Law joined us for scholarly conversations and our teachers worked with judges and legislators to prepare for mock congressional hearings. Justice Peggy Quince joined us in Osceola county for a teacher institute and our staff have presented in Pasco, Manatee, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, and other counties throughout Florida. I have presented at the County Court Judges Conference and the Circuit Court Judges Conference as well as The Florida Bar Annual Convention.

Stay in touch with FLREA throughout the school year by visiting our website ([www.flrea.org](http://www.flrea.org)), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/floridaLawED/>), and our Twitter page (@floridaLawED).

We moved during the summer and love our new office space. We are now located at 1607 Village Square Blvd, Suite 6, Tallahassee, Florida 32309. We have several new faces in the office this year in addition to our longstanding staff. This marks my 32nd year as Executive Director. You can reach me at [staff@flrea.org](mailto:staff@flrea.org).

Additionally, Erin Watson continues to serve as our Program Director. She works off-site and continues to train, travel and connect with teachers. She also administers

our new James Madison Legacy Project initiative. You can reach Erin at [ewatson@flrea.org](mailto:ewatson@flrea.org). Taylor Moser, a former high

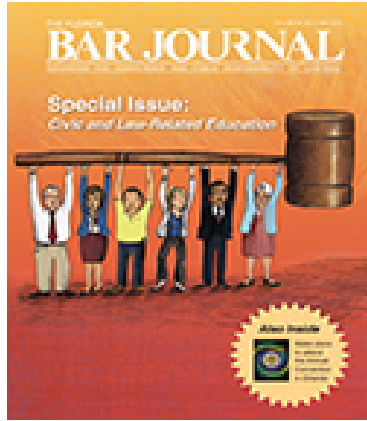
school mock trial student from Fletcher High School, works in our office part time while attending Florida State University and serving as captain of the FSU undergraduate mock trial team. Taylor handles a wide range of program and organizational duties. You can reach Taylor at [coordinator@flrea.org](mailto:coordinator@flrea.org). Caleb Dawkins, a freshman at FSU, began working with us this summer and brings to our organization a creative energy and expertise in graphic design. Caleb volunteered with us over the summer and currently is employed through the Work Study Program. We are also grateful to have Victoria Yang



from Chiles High School continue to work with us this year. She is a powerhouse volunteer that works with us weekly as part of the President's

Service Awards. We are always looking for great volunteers and work study students so keep us in mind!

In May 2016, a special issue of The Florida Bar Journal was released. The issue addressed civic and law-related education. I wrote the article entitled *Raising the Bar on Civic Education*. There are three other anchor articles from very special authors including Justice Barbara Pariente, Justice R. Fred Lewis, Judge Michelle Sisco, and Richard Levenstein. Take a look at the article in this special issue.



Designed for high school seniors and tech-savvy teens about to embark upon the new world of adulthood, this new mobile app answers a wide range of questions addressing how the law may impact you differently as you turn of age. A project of The Florida Bar Law Related Education Committee, this new app just won the National Association of Bar Executives Community and Educational Outreach Award. Teachers have access to a quiz show lesson to accompany the new app. Read about the new app in The Florida Bar News.

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We will be undergoing a major overhaul of our website and our curriculum wheel over the next couple of months. Our existing site will remain active during the reconstruction. Currently, you will find the middle school mock trial case already posted on our website!! You can start early this year! Our dates are posted for most of events and competitions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [staff@flrea.org](mailto:staff@flrea.org). Be sure to check out our new James Madison Legacy Project page.



Have you checked out the new #justadulting free mobile app?

FLREA will be presenting three sessions at the Florida Council

for the Social Studies Annual Conference as well as hosting an exhibit! Stop by and visit with our staff!

If you are a middle school civics teacher and have not registered for our Civics Curriculum Wheel and the Getting to the Point review lessons, you really should take a look. Register on our website at [www.flrea.org](http://www.flrea.org). Let us know how you like the lessons and if they are useful in the classroom.

Don't forget Constitution Day (September 17) is quickly approaching and FLREA has resources to help with your local commemoration.

We wish you a successful school year! Stay in touch and know we are eager to help with your civics, law and government programs!! Our staff will be traveling throughout the state for all types of training and presentations. If your district needs assistance, please contact us and let us help.

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