

DANIEL ALEXANDER JONES

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VICE PRESIDENT, LEGAL AFFAIRS & GENERAL COUNSEL
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

April 2024 – Present

Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel for Florida Atlantic University responsible for serving as legal counsel to the Board of Trustees; providing legal and policy advice to the University President and all senior administrators; directing all litigation and administrative proceedings involving the University at hearing, trial and appellate levels; supervising and coordinating representation with outside counsel; and assisting in the development of University compliance plans to meet federal and state regulations.

- Supervises a highly qualified team of attorneys, paralegals, and administrative staff
- Serves on the University President's Executive Leadership Team and as Parliamentarian for public meetings of the Board of Trustees
- Acts as liaison to the Board of Governors General Counsel and General Counsels throughout the State University System
- Responsible for oversight of the University's 2024-25 presidential search and selection process
- Adjunct Instructor for the Department of Higher Educational Leadership and Research Methodology in the College of Education

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE/DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

September 2013 – April 2024

Assistant, Associate, and then Deputy General Counsel for Florida Atlantic University responsible for management of the University's litigation and, as Deputy General Counsel, oversight of administrative operations for the General Counsel's Office. Also served as primary legal counsel for the Division of Student Affairs and the University Athletics Department.

- Served as litigation counsel for the University, which included overseeing outside trial counsel and representing the University in appellate matters in both State and Federal Courts of Appeal
- Advised the University Athletics Department on legal matters related to student-athletes, personnel, operations, NCAA Compliance, Title IX, and Risk Management
- Provided legal advice to the Division of Student Affairs on a variety of issues related to student discipline, crisis response, academics, contracts, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act, free speech, and religious accommodations
- Advised the University Police Department on operational matters and worked closely with the Division of Public Affairs on media relations, crisis management, and public records issues
- Adjunct Instructor for the Department of Higher Educational Leadership and Research Methodology in the College of Education, and the Department of History in the College of Arts and Letters

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CIVIL LITIGATION DIVISION
STATE OF FLORIDA

April 2010 – September 2013

Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida serving as legal counsel in cases involving constitutional challenges to statutes as well as civil and constitutional rights claims against state agencies and state officials. Responsible for providing legal services to state agencies, state officials, and judges, including the litigation of claims under 42 U.S.C. 1983, state and federal constitutions, tort claims, RICO, and claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Engaged in full range of trial practice on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Florida Atlantic University, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
- Provided counsel in administrative law for the Department of Children and Families
- Served as litigation counsel for state officers within the Office of the Attorney General
- Guest Speaker at the American Public Transportation Association's National Risk Management Seminar

**SENIOR ASSOCIATE
HIGHTOWER & PARTNERS
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

April 2008 – April 2010

Senior Associate in the West Palm Beach Office of Hightower & Partners responsible for all phases of civil litigation practice, including pleadings, discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation. Primary litigator for large clients such as Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., Waste Management Inc. of Florida, and Publix Super Markets, Inc.

- Conducted and defended depositions, including plaintiff depositions and depositions of corporate representatives
- Prepared for and conducted mediation on behalf of corporate clients
- Litigated complex and high-profile cases, including products liability and wrongful death
- Handled oral arguments on a range of motions, including motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss, and post-trial requests for relief

**MILITARY CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
AIR FORCE LEGAL OPERATIONS AGENCY
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI**

June 2006 – March 2008

Responsible for all phases of criminal defense work from pre-trial practice through trial, post-trial matters, and sentencing. Participated in and conducted numerous trials as both the primary counsel and co-counsel, including fully litigated trials, pretrial hearings, sentencing cases, and pretrial confinement hearings. Hand selected to assist other less-experienced Air Force attorneys with complex cases and traveled frequently throughout the Midwest for trial.

- Prepared all cases for trial, including witness interviews, discovery, preparation of legal briefs for motion practice, jury *voir dire*, and jury instructions
- Delivered opening statements and closing arguments in jury trials and bench trials
- Handled complex cases involving firearms, theft and disposal of government property, burglary, indecent acts, and assault

**ASSISTANT STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
UNITED STATES JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS
509th BOMB WING, WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI**

May 2004 – June 2006

Served as the primary military prosecutor for the base Legal Office. Responsible for the negotiation, preparation, and litigation of most criminal trials at Whiteman Air Force Base. Acted as legal advisor to the Brigadier General on a wide variety of legal issues and provided legal guidance and opinions on local and federal laws, pending legislation, administrative actions, and public affairs.

- Prepared cases for trial, negotiated plea bargains with defense counsel, and conducted numerous successful prosecutions
- Appointed as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Missouri, and disposed of more than 250 federal misdemeanor cases
- Served as Chief of Adverse Actions, Civil Law, Law of Armed Conflict, and Environmental Law issuing legal guidance relied on by Wing and Squadron Commanders throughout their decision-making process

EDUCATION

**JURIS DOCTOR
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW**

May 2003

- Participant in the Swiss Law Exchange Program at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (Summer 2001)
- Participant in the U.S./Cuba Legal Forum, Havana, Cuba (August 2002)

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMPARATIVE STUDIES
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

Anticipated, December 2024

- Dissertation – *Writing the Earth: The Rural Intellectualism of Jim Harrison*
- Published by Oxford University Press in the journal *Historical Research* – “Memorandum Concerning Joseph Priestley”
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

**MASTER'S DEGREE IN HISTORY
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

December 2015

- Recipient of the 2012 Weiner Spirit of America Graduate Research Award
- Recipient of the 2016 Traci Jill Edelman Award for the Best Graduate M.A. Thesis
- Master's Thesis – *William Vaughan: Liberal Education and Voluntary Societies in the Age of Revolution*

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY**

May 2000

- Dean's List; Meadors Scholarship recipient
- Participant in the winter term study abroad program, London, England (January 1999)
- Visual Arts Minor

LICENSES/MEMBERSHIPS

- SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
- SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
- COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES
- UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF APPEALS
- UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF FLORIDA
- PRIVATE PILOT, INSTRUMENT RATED
- ADVANCED OPEN-WATER SCUBA DIVER