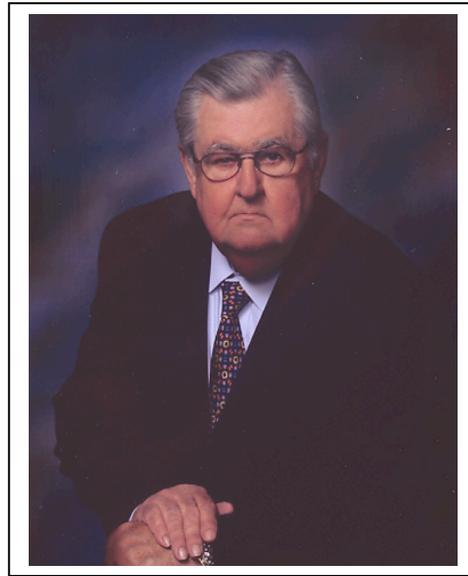
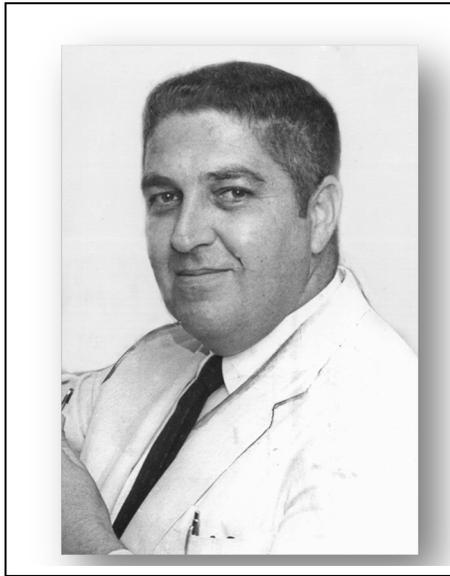


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## **THE HERBERT G. GOLDBURG and RONALD K. CACCIATORE CRIMINAL LAW AMERICAN INN OF COURT**

In the spring of 1999, Tampa attorney Bill Wagner was on the National Council of Inns of Court. Inns of Court wanted to expand its membership and was particularly interested in creating specialty Inns. The concept of specialty Inns had been endorsed by Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Wagner approached Ron Cacciatore, who agreed to spearhead this effort. Mr. Cacciatore in turn contacted former prosecutors and colleagues, John Fitzgibbons, Gary Trombley, and George Tragos. Although there were some white collar Inns, the Goldberg Inn was the first criminal law Inn in the United States. Meetings commenced in the fall of 2000.

### **HERBERT G. GOLDBURG**

Our Inn was initially named after Herbert Gilbert Goldberg, a man known for his fairness, integrity, courtesy, zeal, forensic skill, legal acumen, good sense, respect for fellow lawyers, and devotion to the legal system.

Mr. Goldberg was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on January 9, 1925, but moved to Tampa during his youth. His father worked as a Deputy Sheriff for Hillsborough County. Mr. Goldberg graduated from Plant High School and, after attending Erskine College, obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Tampa. In 1955, upon graduating from law school at the University of Florida, Mr. Goldberg became a County Solicitor for Hillsborough County. In 1960 the State Attorney's Office and the County Solicitor's Office merged. At that time Mr. Goldberg became the Chief Assistant State Attorney under State Attorney Paul B. Johnson. Mr. Goldberg remained in the position until 1963 when he left the State Attorney's Office and formed his own law firm. The firm was initially called Goldberg and Putney, with Louis Putney as Mr. Goldberg's partner. In 1964 Peter Taylor joined the firm. Their offices were located on the third floor of the Legal Center, just downstairs from attorneys Jim Palermo and Ron Cacciatore.

Tragedy struck on January 1, 1970, when Mr. Goldberg was only 44 years old. Mr. Goldberg had spent the holidays with his wife and two children in Calloway Gardens, a resort in Northern Georgia. While returning to Tampa, both Mr. Goldberg and his 11-year-old son, Mark, were killed in a car accident caused by a drunken driver.

At the time of his death, Mr. Goldberg had the largest criminal law practice in Tampa. At that time, practicing criminal law was not particularly popular. Yet, Mr. Goldberg chose to pursue that field. He was the type of person whom everyone trusted.

Ron Cacciatore was Herbert Goldberg's good friend. Mr. Cacciatore particularly admired the way that Mr. Goldberg was always willing to provide advice and guidance to younger lawyers. Thus, it is only fitting that our Inn was originally named in honor of Herbert Gilbert Goldberg.

### **RONALD K. CACCIATORE**

Ronald K. Cacciatore founded our Inn and served as our first President in 2000-2001. For many years, Mr. Cacciatore has been considered to be the "Dean" of the criminal defense bar in Tampa and universally regarded for his trial skills and ethics. He was born in Donalson, Georgia on February 5, 1937, and grew up in Tampa. He graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. degree in 1960 and his law degree in 1963. While at Florida, he was a member of Florida Blue Key and elected to the University of Florida's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Cacciatore began his legal career in 1963 as an Assistant State Attorney and then entered private practice in 1965. For over forty-five years, he has practiced criminal law with great success in both federal and state courts. He has served as the President of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, President of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Chair of the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents, Chair of The Florida Bar's Criminal Rules Committee, Chair of The Florida Bar's Criminal Law Section, and Chair of the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Trial Lawyers Section. He has also been a member of the Federal Judicial Advisory Committee of Florida and a member of the Florida Supreme Court's Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases.

Mr. Cacciatore has been honored with the George C. Carr Memorial Award for Excellence in Federal Practice by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and our Inn's Jack Edmund Award for Excellence and Civility in the Practice of Criminal Law. For over twenty-five years, Mr. Cacciatore has been recognized in the Best Lawyers in America in both white-collar and non-white-collar criminal defense. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the two of the most prestigious invitation-only trial lawyer organizations in the United States. Our Inn would not exist without the work of Ron Cacciatore and in 2012 we honored our friend and colleague by changing the name of our Inn to the Herbert G. Goldberg and Ronald K. Cacciatore Criminal Law American Inn of Court.

# HONORABLE BOB DILLINGER



*Personal:* Married to Kay Dillinger; Native Floridian, Pinellas resident since 1973.

*Education:* Undergraduate degree from Columbia University (1973); Juris Doctor degree from Stetson College of Law (1976), Dean's List, Public Defender Clinic.

*Career:* Assistant Public Defender, 6th Judicial Circuit of Florida, 1976-1981; Private Practice 1982-1997; Public Defender, 6th Judicial Circuit of Florida since January 1997; Adjunct Professor, Stetson College of Law.

## *Awards/Achievements:*

- President, Florida Public Defender Association-August 2016
- William Reese Smith, Jr. Award for Outstanding Public Service-June 2015
- St. Petersburg Bar Foundation "Heroes Among Us" Award - 2014
- Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Network Champion of Homeless Adults & Children - 2012
- Jane Schaeffer Outstanding Homeless Advocate Award - 2012
- Bank of America Local Hero Award - 2011
- Benjamin Franklin Distinguished Leadership Award -Tiger Bay 2011
- Stetson University College of Law, Ben C. Willard award for humanitarian achievements, 2008
- Selected a SUPER LAWYER in the State of Florida by *Super Lawyers* magazine
- Fred G. Minnis Sr. Bar Association Diversity Award, 2006
- Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award
- Suncoast Center for Mental Health Award
- PACE Award for community service to Partners in Crisis
- NAMI Iris Award for significant contributions to improving the mental health system
- Legislative Chair, Florida Public Defender's Association, 1999 to present
- Who's Who in American Law
- Former Master & Counselor, Barney Masterson Inn of Court
- St. Petersburg Bar Association Pro Bono Award - 1990
- AV Rated Martindale Hubbell Attorney, Nelson Poynter Award - 1982

## *Civic & Professional Memberships:*

- Juvenile Welfare Board, Pinellas County
- Criminal Law Section, Executive Council-The Florida Bar
- Member National Rifle Association, Distinguished Expert Ranking
- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Board of Directors
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Leadership Group
- Pinellas Safety Council - Pasco Safety Council
- \$2.5 million federal grant recipient for jail diversion of mentally ill clients
- Department of Children & Families Task Force on Juvenile Baker Acts

# HONORABLE JULIANNE M. HOLT



A lifelong resident of Tampa, Julianne M. Holt has served as the elected Public Defender since January 1993. Prior to being elected as the Public Defender, she served as Special Court Appointed Public Defender from 1987-1992 and was in private law practice from 1981-1992.

Ms. Holt graduated summa cum laude from the South Texas College of Law, where she was listed in the Who's Who of American College Students. She also graduated from the University of South Florida, Hillsborough Community College, and Leto High School.

As the Public Defender, Ms. Holt manages the largest criminal defense firm in Hillsborough County, which employs 223 employees, including approximately 120 attorneys. She also directs the representation of over 60,000 cases annually. As an advocate for the indigent accused, Ms. Holt has worked with many state and national organizations and has personally participated with numerous committees, councils, and boards focused on issues within the criminal justice system.

Ms. Holt and her employees are also dedicated to serving the community. Since 1993, her office has consistently donated their time, financial support, and talent to aid organizations, students, and citizens both locally and nationally.

## AWARDS

- Pepin Academies Peregrine Falcon Award (2014)
- Mayor's Alliance For Persons with Disabilities Employer of the Year Award (2014)
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers "Leaders in the Law Award", 2014
- The Legal Network's "Top Lawyer" Recognition for ethical standards and professional excellence (2014)
- George Edgecomb Bar Association Diversity Award (2014)
- HAWL Trailblazer Award (Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, 2013)
- South Texas College of Law Public Service Award (2013)
- Florida Division of Career Development and Transitions "Marking a Difference Award", 2012
- E.J. Salcines Lifetime Leadership Award, 2007
- Florida Tax Watch Davis Productivity Awards: 2010, 2007, 2005, 2003-1996
- Equal Opportunity Council Equal Opportunity Employer Award, 2002
- Hillsborough County Hispanic Woman of the Year, 2002
- The Human Rights Council Hank Warren Memorial Award, 1999
- The Chief Justice's Outstanding Law Firm Commendation, 1998

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES

- DUI Counter-Attack Board of Directors
- Florida Public Defender Association
- Hillsborough County Partners in Crisis
- Long Term Funding for Drug Court Committee
- National Association of Drug Court Professionals
- National Legal Aid and Defender Association
- Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force

- Hillsborough County Juvenile Civil Citation Task Force
- Adjunct professor at the University of South Florida and the University of Phoenix.

# HONORABLE BERNIE MCCABE



State Attorney Bernie McCabe is the chief prosecuting officer for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida which is comprised of Pinellas and Pasco counties.

Born and raised in Mt. Dora, Florida, Bernie graduated with a Juris Doctor, cum laude from Stetson University College of Law in 1972 and began his career as an Assistant State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit that same year. He rose through the ranks as Division Director, Executive Assistant State Attorney, and Chief Assistant State Attorney before being elected State Attorney in 1992. He now supervises over 160 appointed assistants who investigate and prosecute criminal and some civil cases on behalf of the State of Florida.

Pinellas resident since 1973.

Bernie McCabe is a member of the national, state, and local Bar Associations, as well as a member of the National District Attorneys Association. He is an adjunct professor at Stetson College of Law, Chairman of the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council, and Chairman of the Pinellas County Substance Abuse Advisory Board. He serves on the Board of Overseers at Stetson College of Law, and is a board member of the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board, the Pinellas and Pasco Public Safety Coordinating Councils, the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council, and the Suncoast Family YMCA. He is a member of the Stetson Law Hall of Fame, Pinellas Police Standards Council, the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association, and is a past President of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

Bernie spends his free time traveling with family and friends while keeping up with local politics and various sports teams.

# American Inns of Court Professional Creed

**Whereas**, the Rule of Law is essential to preserving and protecting the rights and liberties of a free people; and

**Whereas**, throughout history, lawyers and judges have preserved, protected and defended the Rule of Law in order to ensure justice for all; and

**Whereas**, preservation and promulgation of the highest standards of excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills are essential to achieving justice under the Rule of Law;

**Now therefore**, as a member of an American Inn of Court, I hereby adopt this professional creed with a pledge to honor its principles and practices:

*I will treat the practice of law as a learned profession and will uphold the standards of the profession with dignity, civility and courtesy.*

*I will value my integrity above all. My word is my bond.*

*I will develop my practice with dignity and will be mindful in my communications with the public that what is constitutionally permissible may not be professionally appropriate.*

*I will serve as an officer of the court, encouraging respect for the law in all that I do and avoiding abuse or misuse of the law, its procedures, its participants and its processes.*

*I will represent the interests of my client with vigor and will seek the most expeditious and least costly solutions to problems, resolving disputes through negotiation whenever possible.*

*I will work continuously to attain the highest level of knowledge and skill in the areas of the law in which I practice.*

*I will contribute time and resources to public service, charitable activities and pro bono work.*

*I will work to make the legal system more accessible, responsive and effective.*

*I will honor the requirements, the spirit and the intent of the applicable rules or codes of professional conduct for my jurisdiction, and will encourage others to do the same.*

# American Inns of Court

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law in order to perfect the quality, availability, and efficiency of justice in the United States.*

### **The Goals of the American Inns of Court Foundation**

*To promote, establish, and charter American Inns of Court throughout the United States.*

*To help ensure the vitality and continuity of local Inns.*

*To facilitate the exchange of ideas, experiences, and ongoing education among members of American Inns of Court, thereby maintaining an institutional forum where judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law, working together, may pursue the highest goals of the legal profession.*

*To shape a culture of excellence in American jurisprudence by promoting a national commitment to civility, ethics, advocacy skills, and professionalism in the practice of law, by communicating these ideals to the nation and the world, and by transmitting these values from one generation to the next.*

*To establish organizational credibility, visibility, and long-term stability for the American inns of Court.*