

**Five Goldberg-Cacciatore Criminal Law Inn of Court Members  
take the Bench in 2020 and 2021**

The Goldberg-Cacciatore Criminal Law Inn of Court was founded in 2000 by a number of Tampa Bay's most respected attorneys and judges. The founding members designed the Inn to encourage and foster collegiality, professionalism, civility, the development of legal skills, and ethics in the law. Over the past 20 years, the Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn has grown from a small group to nearly 100 judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys at the local, state, and federal levels.

The Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn has had a long and rich history of both state and federal judges serving on the executive board, and as officers, pupillage group leaders, and general members. This trend continued in 2020 and 2021, where five longtime Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn members were either elected or appointed to take the bench. As detailed below, the members have diverse backgrounds and have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Inn.



**The Honorable Monique Scott** most recently worked in private practice. She previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and a sworn officer with the Tampa Police Department. Judge Scott received her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and her law degree from Stetson University College of Law. She took the bench in 2021 as a County Court Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Scott has been a member of the Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn of Court since 2011, and currently serves as the Inn's Treasurer.



**The Honorable Brett Szematowicz** most recently worked in private practice. He previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. Judge Szematowicz received his bachelor's degree from the American University and his law degree from South Texas College of Law. He took the bench in 2021 as a County Court Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. Judge Szematowicz has been a member of the Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn of Court since 2014, and currently serves as a pupillage group leader.



**The Honorable Michael Bagge-Hernandez** most recently held the position of Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida and previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Bagge-Hernandez received his bachelor's degree from Florida State University and his law degree from Stetson University College of Law. Judge Bagge-Hernandez took the bench in 2020 as a County Court Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. He has been a member of the Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn of Court since 2005.



**The Honorable Susan Lopez** most recently served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. She received her bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and her law degree from Suffolk University. Judge Lopez took the bench in 2021 as a County Court Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. She has been a member of the Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn of Court since 2011.



**The Honorable Jeffrey Rich** most recently worked in private practice and previously, he served as an Assistant Public Defender in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Judge Rich received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. He took the bench in 2021 as a County Court Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Rich has been a member of the Goldberg-Cacciatore Inn of Court since 2016.