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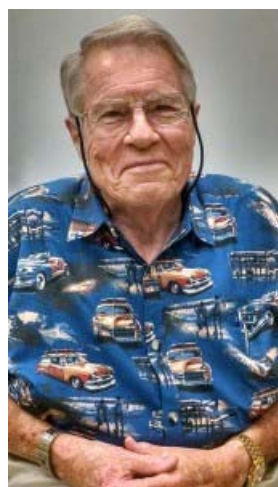
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Alumni



DAVID SETH WALKER MA, HISTORY '01

The Honorable David Seth Walker received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Stetson University College of Law. His professional history is extensive and includes practicing law as a sole practitioner and serving as Assistant State Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, Pinellas and Pasco Counties. For the next 32 years (1971-2002), David was Circuit Judge for that same 6th Judicial Circuit. He also managed to slot in a stint as City Councilman for the City of Gulfport, FL. David was also selected as President of the City Council for a year.

While active as a Circuit Judge, David served as the Administrative Judge of each of the various divisions of his Court. He subsequently published a host of opinion papers, articles, and legal theses. David also presided over the first case in Florida wherein land zoning restriction was allowed for purely ecological purposes.

David obtained a B.A. from Wake Forest University and an M.A. in History from USF St. Petersburg. While studying for his Master's degree, he was chosen for membership in the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and in the Historical Scholarship Society of Phi Alpha Theta. Recognizing his unique combination of skilled professional experience and academic expertise, David was invited to become an adjunct professor of early American History at USFSP – and he has taught here for the last twelve years. Teaching history at the collegiate level is a lifelong-dream for him and an opportunity he deeply cherishes.

An avid reader, David is also a photographer and a “do-it-yourselfer” who likes hiking in the mountains around his North Carolina get-away home. His wife, lawyer Joan LoBianco Walker, is also a valued, long time member of our USFSP community. She has served in several leadership roles in Town and Gown, a significant campus support organization. The couple continues their gracious commitment to many other charitable endeavors as well.

In addition to his university teaching assignments, David is also a Certified Senior Judge and a Fellow in USFSP's acclaimed Florida Studies Program.

One major challenge: David possesses strong collegiate allegiances. So he encounters real problems when USF engages in athletic competition with Wake Forest. But, since our Bulls sport green and gold, while the Deacon Demons dress in their traditional black and gold—either way, David comes out golden! And that is most appropriate.

“Life-changing moment: The day I actually stepped into the classroom and became a professor of History. This is something I have wanted to do since the day I graduated from college.”

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