



**Everglades**  
**Law Center, Inc.**  
*Defending Florida's Ecosystems  
and Communities*

## **EVERGLADES LAW CENTER**

### **Annual Report for 2006**

#### **What is the Everglades Law Center**

The ELC is a not-for-profit law firm dedicated to representing the public interest in environmental and land use matters, with five attorneys in offices in Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. For over a decade, under our previous name – the Environmental and Land Use Law Center, and, since April 2006 as the Everglades Law Center, our work as lawyers and advocates has focused on restoring the Everglades and the Keys and preventing growth from ruining special places like Martin County. Our mission is to advocate, negotiate and, when necessary, litigate, to protect and restore the South Florida ecosystem.

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The ELC represents clients either “pro bono” (no charge) or for very reduced fees. Our work is funded through individual contributions, foundation grants, and in some cases through limited client – paid fees. We are governed by a 6 member Board of Directors.

#### **From the Executive Director**

The year 2006 was a pivotal one in the history of our organization and for the restoration of the Everglades and Florida Keys. With our name change to the Environmental and Land Use Law Center to the Everglades Law Center and the addition of a third lawyer in the Palm Beach County office and a Legal Fellow in the Ft. Lauderdale office, we completed a transition to a regional law firm with a nationally – recognized mission and the capacity to handle the most critical cases and projects in which our services are sought. With the support of our many board, funders, friends, clients and teammates, we have assembled an especially talented and dedicated group of lawyers and staff that we think will be working together to achieve our mission for many years to come.

Substantively, the year’s highlights included the successful re-location of the Scripps Biotech project from the edge of the Everglades to downtown Jupiter, the denial of 10 of 11 proposed changes to Miami-Dade County’s Urban Development Boundary,

and the helping convince the state to object to comprehensive plan changes in western Martin and Palm Beach counties. As we look to 2007, we see important decisions and projects coming to a head in the Keys, Martin County, and Palm Beach counties, and see good opportunities to work with a new Governor's administration that will be just beginning to decide its approach to the many issues important to us and our clients. We hope that this Annual Report to be an informative summary of our work last year, and of the specific tasks on the horizon for 2007.

Richard Grosso  
Executive Director

## **2006 ACTIVITIES OF THE EVERGLADES LAW CENTER**

### **Our Partners and Clients**

In 2006 we continued to represent and work as partners with the organizations who are among the biggest stakeholders and experts in the protection and restoration of the south Florida ecosystem. Among our clients and partners were:

1000 Friends of Florida  
Audubon Society of the Everglades  
Captiva Civic Association  
Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Florida Wildlife Federation  
Florida Keys Citizens Coalition  
Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak Walton League  
Florida Keys Conservation Association  
Indian Riverkeeper  
Last Stand  
Loxahatchee River Coalition  
Martin County Conservation Alliance  
National Parks Conservation Association  
Sanibel Captiva Conservation Association  
Sierra Club  
Tropical Audubon Society

### **Staffing & Our New Office**

In August, Jason Totoiu joined us as Staff Attorney in our Palm Beach County office, bringing federal environmental law expertise, particularly regarding the Endangered Species Act. Jennifer Tuby became our first Legal Fellow in August, passed the Bar exam and became a lawyer in October, helping to run our Ft. Lauderdale office.

## **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

### **Miami-Dade County “Hold the Line” Campaign**

The ELC worked with several partner organizations and non-environmental advocacy groups on a very successful campaign, resulting in the state of Florida (Department of Community Affairs) adopting most of our objections to the eleven amendments to the Urban Development Boundary which had been proposed by Miami-Dade County. After the state lodged its strong objections, 5 of the proposals were withdrawn, and the County Commission ultimately denied all but one of the proposals.

### **Miami-Dade County: Cutler Bay Properties**

The ELC represented Tropical Audubon Society in opposition to Cutler Properties, LC.’s request for a variance from the requirements of the Miami-Dade County Code on property located within the study area for the C-111 Spreader Canal and Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands CERP projects. The project, as proposed, would have required the filling of coastal wetlands for a residential development and would not have been consistent with the criteria of Miami-Dade County Code. The applicant was ultimately withdrawn.

### **Atlantic Civil Project**

The ELC is representing the NPCA and Tropical Audubon Society in a legal challenge to the issuance, by the Corps of Engineers, of a permit extension to Atlantic Civil Inc., which is attempting to develop a new city on over 1000 acres in the Model City area of the southeastern Coastal Everglades. In mid January 2007, the Corps of Engineers suspended the permit and brought a halt to all continued filling. The lawsuit is on hold until the Corps completes a review of the impacts of a proposed project modification to allow the mining of 600 acres.

### **South Miami-Dade Watershed Study**

The ELC has attended public meetings regarding the South Miami-Dade Watershed Study, which is making a strong case for not expanding the County’s Urban Development Boundary at any time prior to 2025 and suggesting other good measures that would protect Biscayne and Everglades National Parks. The County Commission will be taking up the recommendations in the Spring of 2007.

### **Krome Avenue Litigation**

The Department of Community Affairs issued a Final Order finding the plan amendments to widen Krome Avenue in compliance. We appealed to the Third District Court of Appeal, which found the amendments in compliance, and await a ruling.

## **Florida Keys Growth Management Issues**

The ELC is working to protect the biodiversity of the Florida Keys. We continue to be engaged in litigation challenging the State's 2004 increase to the rate of growth in Monroe County. In November, the Third District Court of Appeal issued an order upholding the proposed rules and rejecting our appeal. We are also involved in litigation over the County's "final" set of zoning/ habitat maps intended to implement the Florida Keys Carrying Capacity Study.

## **Broward County Water Quality Issue**

The South Florida Water Management District encouraged Broward County to change its water quality measurement formulas. Instead of requiring outputs from water treatment plants be measured at the source, the SFWMD proposed Broward give up its higher water quality standards and adopt less stringent standards. This change would have very adverse consequences on the Everglades and restoration efforts. The ELC, working with client and sister organizations, prepared a written analysis and appeared at the critical public hearing. The County Commission voted unanimously not to change its formula or tolerance for wastewater discharge into its water bodies.

## **City of Weston Proposed High School Siting**

In August, the City of Weston proposed building a new high school within the footprint of a CERP project, the C-11 Impoundment Area. While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opposed the project, the So. Fla. Water Management District entertained the possibility of approving the project if the city provided equal land compensation. In response, ELC prepared a public records request and, thereafter, expressed its concern about the District's management of conservation lands. We remain engaged in opposition to any plans that will compromise the restoration of the Everglades.

## **EAA Development**

The ELC has continued to meet with and engage in frequent discussions with Palm Beach County staff and officials regarding the short term and long term impacts of development in this region. We are working with other environmental advocates to develop consensus for issues related to the EAA.

Additionally, the ELC has spent a significant amount of time on the issue of mining within the EAA. In early 2006, Palm Beach County approved the 4000 acre Stewart Mine proposal over our objections. The County Commissioners directed staff to initiate a follow up comprehensive plan amendment to limit proposals for new mining in the EAA until a study was completed to evaluate the long term and cumulative effects. Commissioners approved transmitting the amendment to the State for review.

## **Palm Beach County Sector Planning Process**

Palm Beach County's Sector Plan, if ultimately approved, will significantly increase the density on approximately 10,000 acres of agricultural lands in northwestern Palm Beach County. When it was originally conceived, the Sector Plan proposed density increases for the large grove owners in exchange for requiring that all development be clustered on 40% of the land area and the remaining 60% be made available for use as open space and regional water resource / CERP purposes. As the plan was finalized over several years, however, the assurances it provided for open space and land for CERP were significantly weakened. The ELC opposed the plan and the state ultimately found the amendments not in compliance with State requirements. This finding resulted in an administrative challenge between the State and County. The ELC intervened in the challenge on behalf of 1000 Friends.

The County also gave preliminary approval of a major Development of Regional Impact for Callery Judge Groves. The ELC remains concerned about the impact and precedential effect such a density increase will have on this area. Since the preliminary approval of the Callery Judge DRI, the owner of the Indian Trail Groves (GL Homes) has indicated they will seek similar densities on their property.

Currently, the County is undertaking a comprehensive traffic analysis that will identify some of the impacts of development in this area.

## **North Palm Beach County CERP Component**

The ELC continues to track, monitor, and advocate on the North Palm Beach County CERP component, which is intended to improve the hydrology of the Loxahatchee Slough and increase flows to the Loxahatchee River. This project remains in the evaluation of alternatives stage. The ultimate success of this project is dependent upon other projects, including the Sector Plan and Mecca Farms.

## **Loxahatchee River and Slough Reservations**

The SFWMD authorized rule development to establish a water reservation for the Loxahatchee River and Slough, which, if it moved forward, would be the first reservation to be set for any natural area within the SFWMD.

After many years of development, a restoration plan and vision for the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River was finalized and adopted by the Water Management District. While the proposed plan does not necessarily guarantee 100% pre-drainage restoration for the River and its floodplain, it will, when implemented, ensure that most of the River is restored to freshwater, and it does allow for adaptive management as more information is acquired over time.

## **Scripps / Mecca Farms / Vavrus Ranch**

In late July, the Fourth District Court of Appeal relinquished jurisdiction over the Scripps case to the Florida Department of Community Affairs with instructions that the Department

determine whether the case is moot due to the re-location of the Scripps project from the Mecca Farms site to the FAU/ Jupiter site. In November, the County Commission initiated comprehensive plan amendments to repeal or amend all of the amendments at issue in this case. If ultimately adopted by the County, these amendments would become effective in the fall of 2007.

Additionally, the developers of the adjacent Vavrus Ranch withdrew their development plans for this site.

The ELC and its staff received several prominent awards for its work on the Scripps project, including an award from the Florida Bar and the Conservationist of the Year Award from Florida Wildlife Federation. resume

### **Acreage Reliever Road / SR 7 Extension**

The ELC continues its efforts regarding the siting of the Acreage Reliever Road. In early 2006, the State Department of Transportation re-opened the study of the original SR 7 extension to evaluate several alternatives for the roadway alignment. The ELC reviewed project documents, attended several public meetings on the project, and submitted comments with background and other information to the project reviewer. The DOT chose the less damaging of two potential alignments. While we would have preferred the “no build” alternative, the selected alternative significantly reduces impacts.

### **Martin County Rural Lands Projects**

The ELC continues to play an active role in Martin County land use issues, particularly those affecting the western portions of the County and the large expanses of land needed for the natural area restoration envisioned by the IRL plan. We are working with local environmentalists participating in a comprehensive planning effort. It is our objective to ensure that the necessary land for the IRL plan is not directly or indirectly negatively affected. Recently, the consultant released a draft report which includes problematic recommendations for clustering of development combined with density increases in the western agricultural portions of the county. The ELC will continue to be involved in this plan.

### **Martin County Proposed Package Treatment Plant (Lake Okeechobee)**

The ELC intervened in an administrative law proceeding in support of the Department of Community Affairs’s determination that a local comprehensive plan amendment providing for a proposed package treatment plant adjacent to Lake Okeechobee was not in compliance with state land use laws.

### **Martin County Green River Parkway**

The ELC is continuing to work with local conservation groups in opposing an attempt by the County to use several acres of conservation lands, wetlands, and Florida Scrub-Jay habitat to accommodate a proposed extension of the Green River Parkway in Northern Martin County.

## **Indian River Armoring Litigation**

The IRL is considered by marine scientists as the most biologically diverse ecosystem in North America. It is home to more than 4,300 species of plants and animals, including 48 that are listed as either “endangered” or “threatened.” The lagoon is also home to multi-million dollar fishing, tourism, agricultural and recreational industries. Most importantly, the IRL is one of the most exceptional components of comprehensive everglades restoration.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) authorized the concrete armoring of over 13 miles of shoreline along the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) under the categorical exclusion clause in NEPA as a response to Hurricane Francis and Jeanne. The FHWA and our client, Indian River Keeper, have agreed in principle to settle this case.

## **Regional Water Availability Rulemaking**

Rather than moving forward with reservations for the natural system, the So. Fla. Water management District focused its efforts on the Regional Water Availability Rulemaking. This effort will establish conditions for the issuance of consumptive use for allocating water from the regional system, including Everglades, Water Conservation Areas, and the Biscayne Aquifer. Recent drafts of this rule basically limit withdrawals from the regional system to April 2006 levels which helps to ensure that water necessary for Everglades restoration is not allocated for consumptive use. The ELC will continue to be involved in this issue.

## **Other Advocacy Work**

The ELC engaged in a multitude of other Everglades related land use policy. These activities run the gamut from speaking engagements at conferences on land use issues, meetings with editorial board members on land use policy issues, to research, advocacy, or the provision of legal advice to environmental colleagues on short term or smaller scale projects.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

We would not exist, and could not produce the work and results described above, if not for the financial support of the foundations and individuals who have honored us by supporting our work. Our major foundation supporters in 2006 were the Everglades Foundation, the Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation, and the Tsunami Foundation. The generous support of the Hastings Foundation also contributed significantly to the ELC’s work in 2006.

## WHO WE ARE

The Board and staff of the ELC are leaders in the field of environmental and land use law, and are active locally, regionally, state-wide and internationally.

### Senior Staff

#### **Richard Grosso, Executive Director And General Counsel**

Richard Grosso is the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Everglades Law Center (ELC), formerly the Environmental and Land Use Law Center, Inc., a public interest law firm which represents citizens in South Florida in cases that defend the public interest in environmental and land use matters concerning the Florida Everglades, Florida Keys and Martin County. Mr. Grosso directs the ELC's public interest litigation practice and clinic at the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, where he is an Assistant Professor. He specializes in land use, growth management and environmental policy and permitting issues.

Mr. Grosso is a former Legal Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, and is also a former attorney for the Department of Community Affairs and Department of Environmental Regulation. Mr. Grosso has an extensive litigation and appellate practice in the area of growth management and land use law, including property rights law. He has represented many clients in administrative and judicial proceedings involving Florida's Growth Management Act and environmental permitting matters. He frequently appears before local governments and other bodies concerning land use issues.

Mr. Grosso has successfully litigated a number of important and precedent setting cases, including Pinecrest Lakes v. Shidel, where demolition of buildings erected in violation of a local comprehensive plan was ordered by the courts, 1000 Friends of Florida v. Monroe County, the precedent - setting case on the issue of carrying-capacity - based planning, Sierra Club, et al v. Miami-Dade County, which overturned the state approval for a commercial airport at the former Homestead Air Force Base, and Fla. Wildlife Fed. & Sierra Club v. US Army Corp of Engineers, which halted construction of the Scripps Research Institute on the fringe of the Everglades in western Palm Beach County and resulted in the relocation of the project to an urban infill area. He won a major victory for citizen enforcement of the Growth Management Act in Poulos v. Martin County, which guaranteed citizens the right to a de novo trial in plan consistency challenges, and co-authored an influential amicus curie brief in the ground-breaking case of Brevard County v. Snyder. In his prior service to the state of Florida, he successfully argued the inverse condemnation cases of McKay v. DER and Namon v. DER, which strengthened the state's ability to protect wetlands on private property; DCA v. Withlacoochie Regional Planning Council, which upheld the state's authority to require Regional Policy Plans to be consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan; and Homebuilders and Contractors v. Dept. of Community Affairs, which upheld the state's ability to discourage urban sprawl.

Mr. Grosso frequently writes and lectures on growth management and land use issues, including property rights law. His most recent article is *Old McDonald Still Has a Farm: Agricultural Property Rights After the Veto of S.B. 1712*, The Florida Bar Journal, March 2005, at 41.



Mr. Grosso has won major awards for his work on behalf of Florida's environment. In 1995 he was named Individual of the Year by the Key West environmental group Last Stand, in 1997 was presented with the Hal Scott Memorial Award by the Florida Audubon Society for legal advocacy on behalf of the environment, in 1999 was named the Florida Wildlife Federation's Conservationist of the Year, in 2000 was granted the Public Service Award by the Martin County Conservation Alliance and was named as the Environmentalist of the Year by CityLink Newspaper (Broward & Palm Beach Counties), in 2002 was named Conservationist of the Year by the Everglades Coalition and the Audubon Society of the Everglades, in 2005 received the Sierra Club's Florida chapter's *William K. 'Red' Howell Legal Services Award*, and was named the Most Effective Environmental Lawyer in south Florida by the Daily Business Review for 2005.

### **Lisa Interlandi, Regional Counsel**

Lisa Interlandi is the ELC Treasure Coast Regional Counsel and the Project Manager for the ELC's Northern Everglades Project. Operating out of the ELC's West Palm Beach office, Lisa's primary practice areas are environmental and land use law, with a focus on greater Everglades restoration issues, including implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and land use and environmental permitting decisions in Palm Beach and Martin Counties which impact Everglades restoration efforts. Lisa has nine years experience as an environmental lawyer and in 2006, was honored with the Everglades Coalition Conservationist of the Year Award. Prior to joining the ELC, she served as Assistant General Counsel with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee focusing on state lands and natural resource litigation. Lisa obtained her Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and graduated from the Florida State University College of Law, Magna cum Laude, in 1998.

### **Robert Hartsell, Trial Counsel**

Robert N. Hartsell is Trial Counsel at Everglades Law Center's West Palm Beach office. Robert's primary practice areas are environmental, growth management, land use and Everglades restoration law including Federal NEPA, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act litigation. Prior to joining the ELC, Robert practiced Environmental, Land Use, Administrative and Governmental Law. Robert also has 12 years experience in Environmental consulting and engineering field of hazardous materials remediation. As such, he provided consulting services to a host of government, private, and international entities on environmental permitting, site assessments, contamination assessments, remedial action, risk-based corrective action, quality assurance planning, laboratory management, underground storage tank administration, and government reimbursement programs. Robert received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida and his J.D. with honors from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center. Robert is a member of the Florida Bar and United States District Court Southern District of Florida. Mr. Hartsell is a recent joint recipient of the Conservationist of the Year award from Florida Wildlife Foundation and the Public Interest Lawyer of the year award from the Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section.

### **Jason Totoiu, Staff Counsel**

Jason Totoiu is ELC's Staff Counsel, with responsibilities for litigation and non – litigation projects from the Keys to Martin County. Jason's expertise is in federal environmental practice and procedure, in particular the NEPA, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. Prior to joining ELC in 2006, Jason practiced environmental law in Florida and Alabama where he specialized in endangered species and water quality issues. Jason earned a B.A. from Emory University in 2000 and his J.D. from Tulane Law School in 2004. He is a member of the Florida Bar and United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.

### **Jennifer Tuby, Legal Fellow**

Jennifer Tuby is the Legal Fellow at the Everglades Law Center, and works out of the ELC's Ft. Lauderdale office. Jennifer works directly with the ELC's Executive Director and General Counsel and assists in the management of all facets of the administration of the ELC and management of its complex and high profile projects and legal cases. Jennifer received her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University and graduated Cum Laude from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center in 2006. She is a member of the Florida Bar.

### **Members Of The Board**

#### **Thomas T. Ankersen**

Thomas T. Ankersen is an attorney and Director of the University of Florida College of Law's Conservation Clinic, an interdisciplinary clinical program in applied legal education that operates both domestically and internationally. Ankersen also directs the UF Center for Governmental Responsibility's Conservation Law Program, a program of applied research, policy development and training that lends supports to governmental and non-governmental organizations in Latin America. He recently began a Summer Program in Environmental Law in Costa Rica. He is an affiliate faculty member at the University of Florida's Center for Latin American Studies.

Ankersen holds a J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law where he was a member of the Law Review, served as President of the Environmental Law Society, and received the Dean Maloney environmental law writing award. He holds B.A.'s in English and History and an M.A. in History from the University of South Florida where he specialized in environmental history. Prior to joining the law school, Ankersen served as an attorney in the Denver and Tallahassee offices of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund. Prior to that he was senior litigation associate in the law firm of Peeples, Earl and Blank in Miami, Florida, where he specialized in environmental litigation. Prior to law school Ankersen worked as an environmental planner for a design firm in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Ankersen has published numerous articles and essays in the area of conservation law and policy, as well as in the area of environmental history. He has provided testimony to congressional and legislative bodies in matters related to his expertise and frequently advises governmental and

non-governmental institutions in these matters. Ankersen currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Environmental and Land Use Law Center, is a member of the Tropical Ecosystems Directorate of the United States Department of State Man and the Biosphere Program, a member of the Board of Directors of the Forest Management Trust and serves on the Board of Advisors of Florida Defenders of the Environment.

### **Richard Hamann**

B.A., University of Florida 1971

J.D., University of Florida 1976, with honors

Richard Hamann is an attorney, researcher and teacher at the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Center for Governmental Responsibility. Mr. Hamann has conducted research on a wide variety of environmental, land use and water management issues. Current research interests include the management of large scale ecosystems for ecological sustainability, the protection of natural systems in water management, the development of protected areas systems and basin management in Latin America, and African wildlife management. Mr. Hamann has taught the following courses and seminars in the College of Law: Environmental Law--Water, Wetlands and Wildlife; Water Law; Wetlands Law and Policy; International Environmental Law and Policy; Transboundary Environmental Issues in the Americas (coordinator), Ecosystem Management: the Everglades Case Study, Florida Ecosystems: Ecology, Management and Law and Comparative Environmental Law: U.S., Florida and Costa Rica.

Mr. Hamann is Immediate Past-Chair of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar, President of Florida Defenders of the Environment, Vice-President of the Alachua Conservation Trust and on the Board of Directors of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

### **Laurie Macdonald**

Laurie Macdonald, a wildlife zoologist based in St Petersburg, FL, is the Director of Florida Programs for the national nonprofit conservation organization Defenders of Wildlife. Laurie had her own wildlife consulting practice for over 16 years working on endangered species and habitat protection, management, research and education. Combining science and advocacy continues to be of crucial concern to Laurie who is on the national Endangered Species Coalition Board of Directors and served as the national Sierra Club's Endangered Species and Habitats Chair for many years, and has been the Florida Sierra Club's Biodiversity Chair. Currently, Ms. Macdonald's work deals primarily with habitat protection, transportation issues, endangered species issues, conservation of biological diversity through informing and catalyzing citizen action, both lobbying and partnering with governmental agencies, working with public and private land owners and managers, legislative lobbying, providing expert testimony, and other efforts to protect biodiversity. Throughout her career, Ms. Macdonald has worked from the local through the international level. She has represented Defenders of Wildlife and Sierra Club at international conventions on biodiversity.

Ms. Macdonald has a BA is from the University of Oregon, and an MS from the University of South Florida.

## **Professor Joel A. Mintz**

Joel A. Mintz is a tenured Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University Law Center, where he has taught Environmental Law and related subjects since 1982. He holds a B.A. from Columbia University, a J.D. from N.Y.U. School of Law, and LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees from Columbia Law School. Prior to joining the Nova Southeastern law faculty, Professor Mintz was an attorney and chief attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Chicago and Washington, D.C. He participated in a number of significant, precedent-setting environmental lawsuits and he was a recipient of the EPA's Bronze Medal for Commendable Service, as well as the Agency's Special Service Award, for his outstanding legal and supervisory efforts. Mintz has published extensively in the fields of Environmental Law and State and Local Taxation and Finance. He has authored or co-authored four well-received books in these areas, as well as numerous articles in such prestigious journals and law reviews as the Harvard Environmental Law Review, The Yale Journal of International Law, the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law, the Georgetown International Environmental Law Review, and the A.B.A.-sponsored Environmental Lawyer. Professor Mintz's biography appears in Who's Who In America, Who's Who in American Law, the Directory of American Scholars and Contemporary Authors. He is an elected member of both the International Council of Environmental Law and the Environmental Law Commission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and a past chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on State and Local Government Law (on whose board he has served since 1991). Mintz is also currently the only lawyer or legal academic serving as a member of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council's Committee on Source Removal of Contaminants in the Subsurface.

## **David J. White, J.D.**

Mr. White is Director of The Ocean Conservancy's Southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Regional Office, where he is responsible for regional activities on fish conservation, water quality protection, recovery of endangered marine wildlife, and ecosystem conservation issues. Prior to joining The Ocean Conservancy, Mr. White maintained an environmental law practice representing public interest clients in citizen-suit litigation and environmental advocacy on matters involving wildlife law, endangered species, wetlands, forest management on public lands, environmental permitting, land use, and river restoration. Mr. White also served for nine years as Regional Counsel for the National Wildlife Federation in Atlanta, Georgia, where his practice focused on issues related to the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and National Forest Management Act. He is a member of the Florida and Georgia state bars and numerous federal appellate circuits, and is a frequent lecturer and writer on environmental law issues. Mr. White is a former Chairman of the Board of the Florida Wildlife Federation, and also serves on the board of the Environmental and Land Use Law Center. Mr. White is a Contributing Author and Special Editor for the Treatise of Florida Environmental & Land Use Law. Mr. White received his J.D. with Honors from the University of Florida College of Law, his Master of Science in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of Florida.

## **Janet Reno**

Janet Reno has had a long standing and unprecedented career in the legal field, as well as a great love for the environment. She grew up in the Everglades and as quoted in her opening statement at her Senate confirmation hearings upon her nomination as Attorney General by President Clinton, "I want to remember the splendid skies of the city I love, and the Everglades and the coral reefs that I've explored all my life, and I want to see that the laws of this country are enforced in every way possible to protect the environment." In 1971, Ms. Reno was named staff director of the Judiciary Committee of the Florida House of Representatives. In 1978, she was appointed State Attorney General of Miami-Dade County and was returned by voters four more times. In 1993 she became the 78<sup>th</sup> Attorney General of the United States and the first woman to hold the position. She served under President Clinton until 2001, the longest serving attorney general since the Civil War. As the Chief Law Enforcement officer, Ms. Reno enforced policies on civil rights, race relations, corruption, the environment, gun control and immigration. Today she devotes her time to numerous causes including children's issues, domestic violence and preservation of the Everglades and other environmental concerns. Ms. Reno has served on the board of directors of the Everglades Law Center since 2003. Ms. Reno received a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Cornell University and an LL.B. from Harvard Law.

### **YOU CAN HELP PROVIDE LAWYERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The ELC represents clients either "pro bono" (no charge) or for very reduced fees. Our clients cannot afford to hire private attorneys, which is why the "public interest" tends to be outweighed by certain private interests in court. Our goal is to level the playing field, but we largely depend on grants and contributions from organizations and individuals to support our work as lawyers and advocates. We take on the biggest, toughest issues and our accomplishments rival those of much larger law offices. Our administrative and overhead costs are very low - we are a "no frills" law firm. We are a small organization, but we make a big impact, - so even modest contributions go a long way to directly funding legal help for Florida's special places. This is a critical time for Florida's future, and the need for public interest legal representation for the environment has never been greater.

Contributions to the Everglades Law Center are tax deductible, and can be sent to:

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For more information about the ELC, visit us at [www.evergladeslaw.org](http://www.evergladeslaw.org)

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**Everglades Law Center, Inc.**  
**Income and Expenses**  
 January - December 2006

	<b>Total</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Expense Reimbursements	31,419.55
Client Paid & Court Awarded Fees	140,535.23
Individual Contributions	41,600.00
Total Grants from Foundations	\$ 216,314.46
Other Income	300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 430,169.24</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Accountant	8,689.00
Advertising & Promotion	3,097.25
Bank Charges	96.00
Car Rental	128.95
Cell Phones	3,297.83
Charitable Contributions	250.00
Conference calls	2,470.44
Dept. of State	52.50
District Court, Fla.Bar, Subscriptions	3,411.40
Electric	1,213.29
Employee Medical Expenses	201.00
Facility/Room Rental	1,271.00
Filing fees	1,267.05
Hotel	3,226.91
Internet	1,413.56
Consultants, Experts, Transcripts, etc.	51,196.89
Malpractice & DO Insurance	3,352.38
Meals	2,121.26
Mileage, Parking, Tolls	2,549.45
Office Expense	5,414.30
<b>Payroll</b>	
Payroll Processing Fees	905.60
Payroll Tax Expense	49,749.10
Salaries	232,203.64
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 282,858.34</b>
Postage & Shipping	1,090.15
Postage Meter Rental	78.75
Printing/Copies	1,524.63
Reimbursements	64.24
Rent or Lease	9,275.00
Repair & Maintenance	240.00
Research Materials	5.90
Seminars, Conference, Education	3,425.31
State & Government Filing Fees	191.25

Telephone	3,307.90
Travel	2,120.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 397,222.07</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,947.17</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Earned	5,689.60
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,689.60</b>
Net Other Income	\$ 5,689.60
Net Income	<b>\$ 38,636.77</b>