

Betty Capote-Erben is a County Court Judge in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in the State of Florida. She was appointed by Governor Rick Scott in 2012. She currently serves at the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Center in Miami, Florida, as an associate administrative judge in the county criminal division. Judge Capote-Erben also serves as a training judge and mentor to newly appointed and elected judges.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Capote-Erben served as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County for thirteen years. She was a felony division chief, where she investigated and prosecuted hundreds of homicides and violent felonies. Judge Capote-Erben also served as a training attorney and tried over 55 cases to verdict. While at the State Attorney's Office, Judge Capote-Erben also participated in the coordination and preparation for the Free Trade Association of the Americas meeting in Miami, FL, implemented and supervised the "mapping" pilot program for the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach, which sought to curtail prostitution, participated in various call-in radio shows at and oversaw the Truancy Intervention Program.

Judge Capote-Erben received her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami in 2001. While at the University of Miami, she served as Vice President of the Moot Court Board and competed in both local and state moot court competitions. She also clerked for Federal Magistrate Stephen T. Brown, and worked at the civil law firm of Zack Kosnitzky, PA. Judge Capote-Erben is also a graduate of Florida International University, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Judge Capote-Erben has dedicated her career to mentoring students of all ages and promoting the importance of legal advocacy. She currently serves as the Moot Court Director and Co-Chair of the Hispanic National Bar Association's Judicial Council, where she is tasked with coordinating and overseeing the annual National Moot Court Competition, which awards scholarships to the top ranked teams. In addition, as co-chair of the Judicial Council she is tasked with fostering interaction and networking among the members of the Hispanic bench and bar, providing a structure for Hispanic judges to support the American judicial system, promoting the benefits of a fair and independent judiciary; and to further access to justice for all Americans.

Judge Capote-Erben is also an executive board member on the Vice Provost Council at Florida International University. This Council is dedicated to providing both mentorships and scholarships to college and graduate level students. Through the council, Judge Capote-Erben consistently participates in career workshops, "women who lead" conferences, and resume fests, where she sits one on one with students and assists them with improving their interview skills, reviews their resumes, and provides them with career advice. She is also currently, and has, mentored several students who are interested in pursuing a legal career path.

Judge Capote-Erben also consistently serves as a judge in appellate advocacy competitions and trial skills programs, where she is given the opportunity to foster a true courtroom experience for students, as well as guide them on ways to improve their skills. She has participated in several competitions and appellate advocacy classes for St. Thomas School of Law, Florida International University School of Law, University of Miami School of Law, Nova Southeastern University School of Law, 4-H Club, Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition, and the Robert Orseck Moot Court Competition.

Judge Capote-Erben has also served as a mentor for the Take Stock in Children Program; and she has served as a volunteer at the Children's Home Society, McLamore House, which provides temporary housing for young children who are awaiting custodial placement.