

Iona M. Brooks

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EDUCATION

University of Florida, GPA: 3.97/4.0; Scholarships: National Merit, Stamps Scholar May 2026
Bachelor of Arts - Economics; International Studies - Latin America Specialization. Minor: Philosophy Gainesville, FL

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Office of the State Attorney, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Legal Intern May 2025-August 2025, Ocala, FL

- Executed research for 5 motions and drafted a response to a motion for new trial, contributing to a favorable ruling.
- Prepared ~15 misdemeanor and 4 felony cases for trial, strengthening attorney readiness and case strategy.
- Processed 350+ cases, including case intake, factual bases, criminal history, bodycam footage review, and victim interviews.

Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Judicial Intern May 2024-August 2024, Orlando, FL

- Analyzed relevant case law and completed educational readings about cases to assist and inform judicial decisions.
- Conducted research on conflicting orders in injunctions, contributing to a presentation for an international delegate of judges.
- Shadowed and interacted with attorneys and judges across criminal, civil, and family law for a total of 150+ hours.

GRACE Marketplace, Development Intern January 2024-April 2024, Gainesville, FL

A non-profit providing services to ~300 guests to end homelessness across Alachua County and the surrounding area.

- Liaised with 210+ clients for in-kind donations, resulting in over \$22,000 in revenue for an annual fundraising event.
- Stewarded donor relationships through outreach initiatives, securing finances instrumental to housing 290+ people annually.
- Processes 40+ donation receipts weekly to ensure a 100% delivery rate on acknowledgments and further solicitations.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Senior Partner Shadow July 2023, London, England

A shadowing program focused on exposure to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) audits at PWC's global headquarters.

Warba Bank, Strategy Intern June-July 2023, Kuwait City, Kuwait

A consulting internship at a Kuwaiti bank focusing on corporate and investment banking, with clientele primarily in the retail sector.

- Delivered executive board pitches on AI and Beyond Banking, generating strategic prospects included in C-Suite reports.
- Analyzed data across Gulf countries to produce an economic outlook utilized by a team of 15+ full-time staff members.

LEADERSHIP, INVOLVEMENT, & EXPERIENCES

UF Student Legal Services, Research Intern January 2025-May 2025, Gainesville, FL

- Collaborates with a mentoring attorney to conduct research on family law and injunctions, culminating in a capstone paper.

Teach for America, Ignite Fellow August 2024-May 2025, Gainesville, FL

- Mentored and educated 3 students in underprivileged schools 3x a week, resulting in ~35% increases in test grades.

Warrington Business Ethics Case Competition Team May 2023-Present, Gainesville, FL

Captain (June 2024-Present); Director of Training and Development (January-May 2024)

- Manages 15+ analysts on ~10 national and international case competitions annually. Coordinates travel, oversees projects and maintains a high-performance standard, recently resulting in four out of six podium results against 30+ international teams.
- Engages with teams and individuals to personalize development, achieving a 50% top-three placement rate in competitions.

UF Honors Program, Lead Undergraduate Teaching Assistant August 2023-December 2023, Gainesville, FL

- Designed a course on and mentored first-year students in professionalism, internships, wellness, and growth opportunities.
- Led a team of 5 teaching assistants to organize panelists, facilitate class discussions, and create an engaging capstone project.

Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Tropical Ecology and Spanish June-July 2022, Mérida, Mexico

- Six-week study abroad program focused on Spanish language, cultural education, and human-environment interaction.

UF in Cusco, Art History and Anthropology May 2024, Cusco, Perú

- Two-week study abroad program centered on the intersection of culture, tourism, and art alongside a service-learning project.

MEMBERSHIPS & INTERESTS

Memberships: American Bar Association, AKPsi Business Fraternity, University Economics Society, Business Ethics Ambassadors.

Interests: Competition & Antitrust Law, Family Law, Volunteering, Science-Fiction Literature, Live Music, International Travel.