



## Understanding the Legislative Process: *An Educational Forum*

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Wednesday, March 29, 2017

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**Time**      **Session**

**Noon**      **Committee Meetings/ Tour Capitol/ Session**

*Enjoy guided tours of the Florida State Capitol buildings during Legislative Session and learn more about Florida government, civics and state history.*

**Find your Senators**

**Find your Representatives**

*\*Appointments with your legislators should be made prior to coming to the Capitol.*

**2:00 PM**      **Understanding the Legislative Process Kick-Off**

Cabinet Meeting Room  
Lower Level, The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL

**2:00 PM**      **Registration and Networking**

**2:30 PM**      **Welcome and Introductions**

**Kelly S. Sciba**

**Executive Director, Florida Commission  
on the Status of Women**

**Patti W. Hamilton**

**Chair, Florida Commission on the Status  
of Women**

**Ashley Guinn**

**Chair, Florida Women's Day at the  
Capitol**

**2:45 PM**      **Greetings**

**Dignitaries**

*\*Times are subject to change to accommodate our legislative leaders.*

*Education. Recognition. Collaboration. Information. Celebration*

## Understanding the Legislative Process

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### Time Session

#### 3:00 PM Florida 2030 Women's Town Hall

*During this highly interactive session, input and feedback on the challenges and opportunities impacting women and families will be gathered as part of the **Florida 2030** project, a research project of the Florida Chamber Foundation and used in the 2017 FCSW Annual Report. This is your chance to strengthen your community, your organization, and your future by giving your input and feedback on the challenges and opportunities impacting your community.*

#### Tony Carvajal

Executive Vice President  
Florida Chamber Foundation



#### 4:30 PM Analyzing Government: Florida Tax Watch

*It is the mission of Florida TaxWatch to provide the citizens of Florida and public officials with high quality, independent research and analysis of issues related to state and local government taxation, expenditures, policies, and programs.*

#### Dominic Calabro

President and CEO  
Florida TaxWatch

#### 5:00 PM Understanding Florida's Constitution Revision Commission

*The Constitution Revision Commission is a group of 37 people appointed to review and recommend changes to the Florida Constitution; found in Article XI, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution. Every 20 years the commission is appointed to examine the Florida Constitution, hold public hearings and possibly recommend changes to the Florida Constitution for voter consideration.*

#### Dr. Carol Weissert

Director  
LeRoy Collins Institute

#### 5:30 PM Capitol Reception

*Meet and greet with your fellow attendees and legislators on the 22nd Floor of the Capitol Gallery. Enjoy panoramic views of Tallahassee and the surrounding landscape from the 22nd floor observatory which also includes a gallery displaying works by many of the Florida's most prominent artists. The cocktail reception will feature light hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine. Legislators are invited to attend.*

22nd Floor Florida Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL

#### 6:00 PM FCSW Installation of Officers

*The 2017 Florida Commission on the Status of Women Officers will be officially sworn into office.*

#### Jeff Atwater

Florida Chief Financial Officer

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**Time      Session**

**8:00 AM    Politics in Florida Networking Breakfast**

*The author of several books, Dr. MacManus is a familiar figure in the media, offering insightful commentary about the state of politics in Florida and the nation. As Florida's most-quoted political scientist, she has appeared on every major broadcast and cable television and radio network. She will discuss Florida's pivotal role in national elections as well as topics and trends in Florida Politics. Dr. MacManus will be available to sign books following the session.*

**Dr. Susan MacManus**

**Distinguished University Professor of Public Administration and Political Science University of South Florida**

**9:00 AM    Group Photo**

Steps of the Capitol / Around the State Seal (Weather dependent)

**9:30 AM    Understanding the Legislative Process Educational Forum**

Committee Meeting Room (TBD)  
Florida House Building

**9:30 AM    Beyond Schoolhouse Rock: Navigating Florida's Legislative Maze**

*The Florida Legislature is charged with creating and amending the laws of Florida, subject to the governor's veto power. Legislators propose legislation in the form of bills drafted by a nonpartisan, professional staff. The bills are filed and move through the committee maze, are amended, before finally making it to the chambers floor. This is only a small part of the story. Learn the detailed and sometimes complicated process of what it takes really to turn a good idea into a law in Florida.*

**Representative Colleen Burton**  
**Florida House of Representatives**

**10:30 AM    Political Advocacy: Lobbying and Beyond**

*What is the role of a lobbyist? What does the Executive Branch do for you? What are the responsibilities of the Cabinet and what resources do they have to assist Florida citizens?*

**Carol Bowen**

**Deputy Chief Lobbyist, Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida**

**Lena Juarez**

**Founder, JEJ & Associates**

**Moderator: Commissioner Genean McKinnon**

**President, McKinnon Associates, Inc.**

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### 11:45 AM FCSW Women's History Month Celebration Luncheon

*Join the FCSW in celebrating Women's History Month by recognizing the winners of our 2017 Essay Contest, and their teachers.*

22nd Floor  
Florida Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL

### 1:30 PM Understanding the Legislative Process Educational Forum

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#### 1:30 PM How to Talk to Your Legislator

*Talking to a legislator may seem intimidating at first, but remember, it's their job to represent your views in Tallahassee. Learn from former Senate President Ken Pruitt insights on how to increase your effectiveness in communicating with your legislators about your important issues.*

**Senator Ken Pruitt**  
**President of the Florida Senate**  
**2006-2008**  
**Florida Senate**  
**2000-2009**  
**Florida House of Representatives**  
**1990-2000**

#### 2:30 PM Could Serving in Office be in your Future? What Women Candidates Need to Know

*We need more women in public office. Research shows that women make government more transparent, inclusive and accessible. This session will highlight talents of women who have run for office and who are serving in leadership positions and open doors for others interested in making a difference through public service.*

**Representative Marti Coley**  
**Florida House of Representatives**  
**2005 - 2014**

**Moderator: Janeia Daniels Ingram**  
**Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and**  
**Director of the Summer for**  
**Undergraduates Program**

#### 3:30 PM EmpowHER – Young Women's Leadership

*Young women have powerful voices. This session will focus on encouraging and inspiring young women to get involved in politics, policy and leadership. Hear from remarkable young women making a difference in the Legislative process.*

**Senator Lauren Book**  
Florida Senate

**Moderator: Renee Lopez-Cantera**

#### 4:45 PM Closing Remarks

### 5:00 PM Forum Concludes

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**Florida Senator Jack Latvala**

