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Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - Dec. 15, 2023



This week, my office launched an investigation to examine if the College Football Playoff Selection Committee was involved in any anticompetitive conduct leading to the Florida State Seminoles football team being left out of this year’s College Football Playoff.

Most of you know I'm a lifelong Gator, but I'm also Florida’s Attorney General and I know injustice when I see it.

Shockingly, what happened to the undefeated Seminoles after winning the ACC Championship has college football fans in Florida and across the nation wanting answers.

As it stands, the Committee’s decision reeks of partiality—picking winners in the boardroom and not on the field. The stunning decision not only disappointed millions

of fans, but it potentially cost FSU and the ACC millions of dollars.

The NCAA, conferences and the Committee are subject to antitrust laws. So, we are demanding answers—not only for FSU, but for all schools, teams and fans of college football.

To learn more about our investigation, click here.

This process won’t be quick, but every college football program, including the 13 D-1 schools in Florida, deserves to know if the Committee is stacking the deck.

In Florida, merit matters.



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Attorney General Moody is offering online safety tips for parents to protect children from digital drug dealers, sexual predators and human traffickers.

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The Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Crash Dashboard reports more than 6,200 impaired-driving crashes in 2022—leading to more than 1,100 fatalities.

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FDLE arrests Tampa woman for trafficking fentanyl



The Florida Department of Law Enforcement arrested Renee Stephens, 32, of Tampa, on charges of trafficking in fentanyl, possession of controlled substance with

intent to sell, possession of cannabis, unlawful use of a two-way communication device, and maintaining a dwelling to traffic narcotics with minors present.

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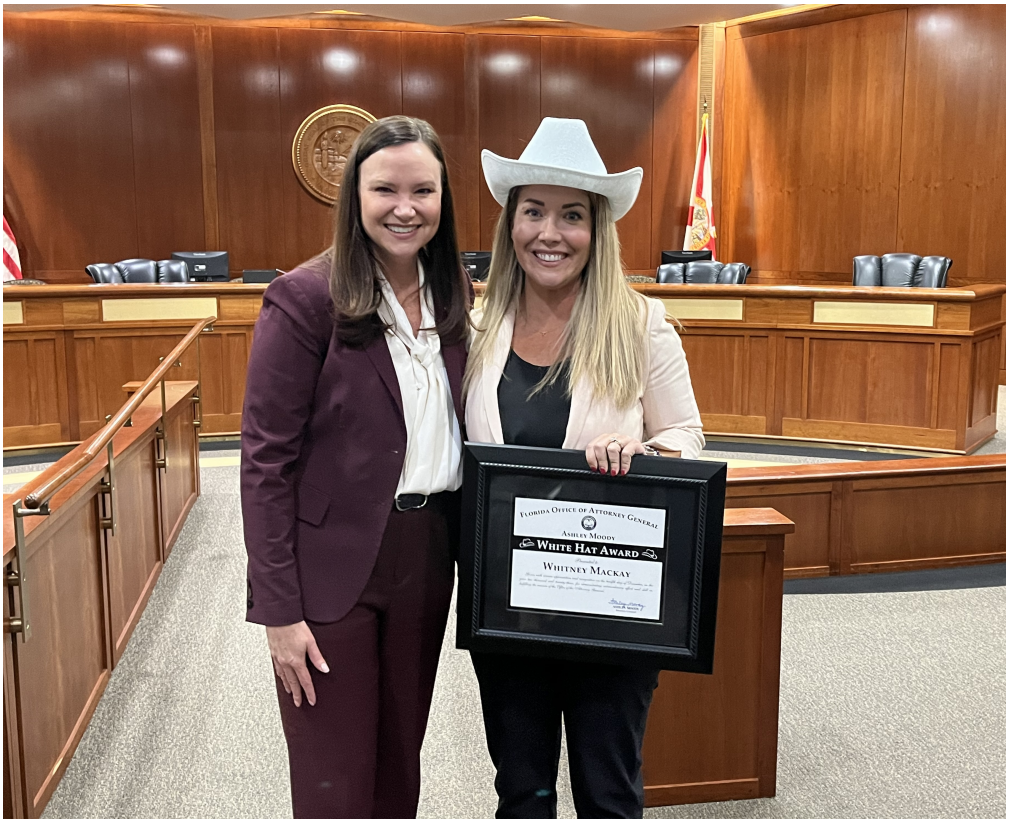
This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody announced the launch of an antitrust investigation into the College Football Playoff Selection Committee outside of Doak Campbell Stadium at Florida State University.



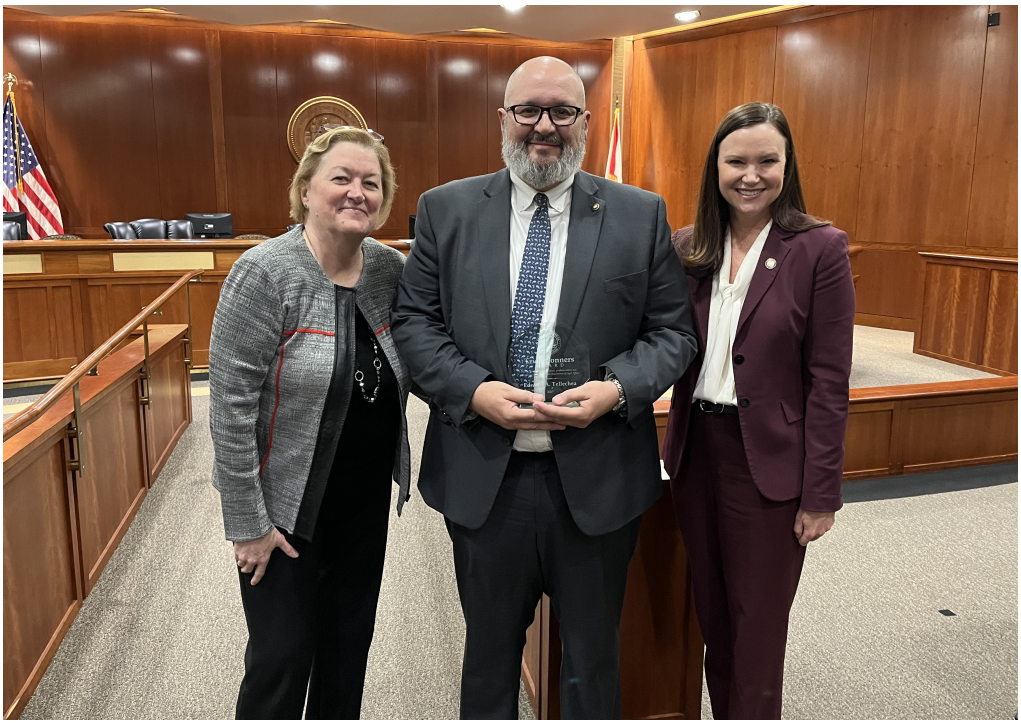
Attorney General Moody with local and state law enforcement officials in Kissimmee during National Impaired Driving Awareness Month, warning Floridians about the dangers of drinking and driving.



Attorney General Moody presenting her office’s White Hat Award to Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Whitney Mackay during the 2023 Office of the Attorney General Annual Statewide Managers Meeting. The White Hat Award is given to OAG team members who demonstrate extraordinary effort and skill in fulfilling the mission of the office.


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Ashley Moody
White Hat Award
Whitney Mackay

Attorney General Moody presenting the Trish Conners Award to Chief Assistant Attorney General of Civil Legal Services Edward Tellechea. The Trish Conners Award is given to a lawyer who exemplifies excellence, professionalism and demonstrates dedication to the mission of the Department of Legal Affairs.



From left to right: Trish Conners, Edward Tellechea, Attorney General Moody

Attorney General Moody recognizing Associate Deputy Attorney General for Enforcement Nicholas Weilhammer as this year’s recipient of the Chesterfield H. Smith, Jr. Mentoring Award. The award is handed out to an individual who provides outstanding professional development to future leaders with the agency.



From left to right: Attorney General Moody, Nicholas Weilhammer, Chesterfield Smith, Jr.’s family

Attorney General Moody outside the Florida Historic Capitol building with the managers of the Florida Attorney General’s Office.

