

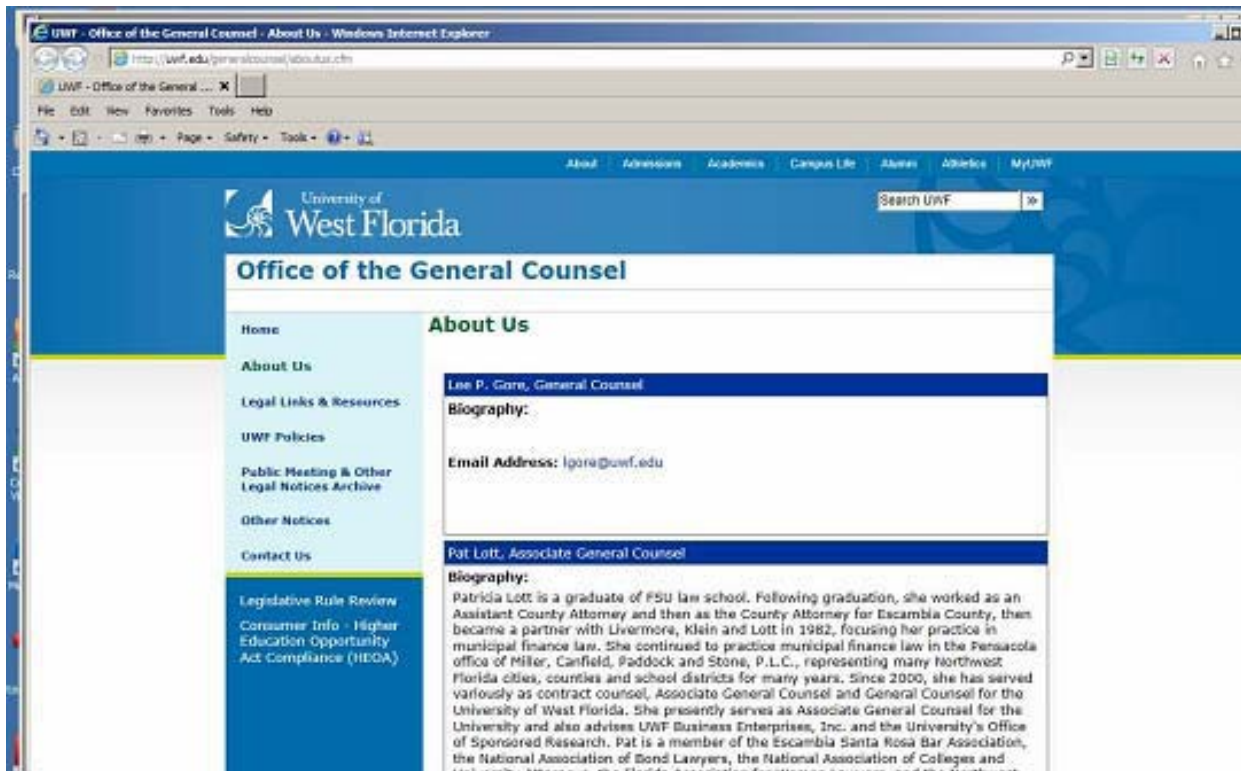
## Special Report

# Fixing It?

### Lee Gore Changes Title in Apparent Belated Effort to Avoid Charges of Practicing Law Without a License

On July 1, 2013 usmnews.net announced that the Florida Bar Association had commenced an investigation based on claims that [Lee Gore](#), former USM University Counsel (and current General Counsel for the University of West Florida) was practicing law without a license.

As sources pointed out, Gore -- unlike his subordinates -- provided no biographical information.



As determined by usmnews.net's [reporters](#) and subsequently confirmed by the [Florida Bar Association](#),

As I understand, you serve as General Counsel at the University of West Florida. Our records indicate that you are not a member of The Florida Bar and you are not certified as an Authorized House Counsel in the State of Florida.

What has Lee Gore done to resolve the problem? He has changed his title. As of yesterday, the [University of West Florida website](#) for the Office of General Counsel has been changed to show that Lee P. Gore is now Special Assistant to the President.

Has anything really changed or is it a Martha Saunders style public relations ploy? While usmnews.net cannot provide a definitive answer, the current [UWF webpage](#) for the Office of the General Counsel webpage shows Gore still heads up the Office of the General Counsel. No new general counsel has been appointed. And what is the job of the Office of the General Counsel

The Mission of the Office of the General Counsel is to provide legal services including representing the university in grievances and litigation; supervising outside counsel; advising university departments; developing and reviewing contracts and agreements; meeting various university reporting and accountability requirements; compiling records request from the general public; aiding in the resolution of student issues; developing and updating diverse university policies; developing and maintaining a comprehensive and informative web page for the benefit of the entire university community.

Unconfirmed and incomplete reports say “this is temporary ‘fix’, that money (fees? fines?) and other paperwork is to be submitted in 25 days, but not sure if this is a five day extension or a different 25 day timeframe to get things straight with Florida Bar.”

As more information becomes available, usmnews.net will provide updates.