REBECCA C. MORGAN HAS BEEN NAMED THE BOSTON ASSET MANAGEMENT DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW AT STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW.

A LEADER IN THE FIELD OF ELDER LAW, MORGAN HAS CHAIRMED
The Florida Bar Elder Law Section and is the director of Stetson’s Center for Excellence in Elder Law, which provides education in elder law to students and attorneys. The center also produces scholarly research on significant issues affecting the elderly.

The professorship, created to further the study and development of elder law, is the first of its kind in American law schools.

“The issues faced by attorneys in an elder law practice continue to take on increasing importance,” Morgan said. “Whether now or in the future, all of us face these issues on a personal level as well as on a professional level. The practice of elder law allows attorneys to help clients and their families with life-changing issues at a pivotal time in the client’s life.”

Leo J. Govoni, the founding partner and president of investment advisory company Boston Asset Management, funded the professorship with a $500,000 gift commitment. Govoni specializes in financial planning for adults over 70 and is the founder of the Elder Care Alliance, an interdisciplinary think tank for professionals dealing with the elderly.

“The generosity of Mr. Govoni is truly amazing,” Morgan said. “The establishment of this professorship will provide an even greater emphasis on elder law issues in the courses and programs available at Stetson, and will give us the opportunity to work further on these important issues.”

Morgan, a 1980 graduate of the College of Law and faculty member since 1985, is past president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, serves on the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly and is president of the Board of Directors of the National Senior Citizens Law Center.

A prolific author of several books and articles on elder law, she also served as the reporter for the Uniform Law Commissioners for the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act, the chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Aging and the Law and a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.