William D. Law, Jr. became St. Petersburg College's sixth president on June 7, 2010. Before joining St. Petersburg College, Dr. Law served 8 years as president of Tallahassee Community College; he was the founding president and served for 10 years with Montgomery College in suburban Houston. Additionally, Law served 4 years as president for Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois, and he became the vice president of Institutional and Program Planning at St. Petersburg College (then St. Petersburg Junior College), where he worked until 1988. Early in his career, Law served as staff director of the Florida House of Representatives' Committee on Higher Education and worked for the Florida Board of Regents.

In his several presidential positions, Dr. Law has become well known as an advocate of economic and workforce development, student success and community outreach. Law currently serves on 8 boards, and his effort to increase student success has allowed him to work at state and national levels. He has served as a consultant with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, provided expert testimony to the United States House of Representatives, and served as a member of the Florida Task Force on Community College Baccalaureate Education. Dr. Law also serves as the Co-Chair of the SPC Strategic Issues Council, the core team for the Achieving the Dream Initiative.