

FLORIDA STATE LAW



**CELEBRATING
50 YEARS**

Celebrating the Past and Preparing for the Future



We are very pleased to present this year's FSU Law alumni magazine. As indicated by our cover, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the law school, and we've been celebrating, reminiscing and reconnecting throughout the year. As the new dean of the law school, our anniversary celebration has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to learn our history and to identify the legacies left by prior students, faculty, staff, alumni and law school friends. This celebration has also provided an opportunity for conversations about what we should aspire to accomplish in our next half century. How can we strengthen our legacy of smart, ambitious and collegial students who are deeply connected to the law school and university yet meaningfully engaged in Tallahassee, the third largest state capitol in the country and home to more than 800 law firms? How do we retain and strengthen our nationally acclaimed faculty who publish in top journals and occupy seats at the table of important academic and policy meetings yet remain dedicated to the education and mentoring of our students? And how do we further incorporate one of the most engaged and supportive alumni populations in the history of law schools into the teaching, mentoring, recruitment and professional development goals of FSU Law? These are the questions we are pursuing, and we welcome your thoughts and insights.

Of course, no goals for improvement can be met without first addressing the existential threat faced by almost all law schools today. Applications to law school have dropped 40% nationally since 2010, and with it, student populations at many law schools, including FSU, have fallen. At the same time, competition for the best students has intensified, and short-term job prospects for new law school graduates have

dwindled. That means reduced tuition revenues available to support what is largely a fixed-cost educational program and increased pressures to better prepare our graduates for the practice of law. To more effectively meet these challenges, we are engaged in a number of new initiatives at the law school. Starting in the fall, we are offering an optional interview as part of the application to law school. We've created a series of experiential learning courses for our upper-class students, as well as professional development seminars and individualized career counseling for all of our students. Starting next year we will offer a series of workshops, lectures and small-group meetings on the development of professionalism and professional identity. And our Career Services and Professional Development Center will pursue a much more extended employer outreach program to help place more of our students in desirable jobs across the state as well as outside the state. Our Research Center is at the forefront in providing legal technology training to our students, and we seek in the future to offer an even more proactive series of learning experiences to better prepare our students for tomorrow's practice of law.

None of these initiatives addresses critical revenue shortfalls, and some add to our budgetary pressures. To address these difficulties, we are creating an online master's degree program to train non-lawyer professionals in financial regulation, health care compliance and legal risk management. These programs carry the promise of leveraging our educational brand and FSU's distance learning reputation to help corporate America meet today's regulatory demands while at the same time training business professionals to better coordinate with in-house counsel and outside attorneys. In addition, we strongly urge our alumni, friends and supporters to donate to the law school's programs, scholarships, and our Annual Fund. Now, more than ever, your support is critically important to our present success and our future growth. Thank you.

Erin O'Hara O'Connor
Dean and McKenzie Professor

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Celebrating 50 Years of FSU Law

By Christi N. Morgan



When the FSU College of Law welcomed its first students during the fall of 1966, the law school occupied part of Longmire Hall in the middle of campus. The space was graciously provided by the FSU Alumni Association and included offices, the law library and a shared auditorium where all of the law classes were taught. During the next 50 years, the College of Law's physical plant transformed. Now comprised of eight buildings that occupy two full city blocks, the law school has expanded along with its faculty, student body and offerings. As the College of Law changed, its national reputation improved.

In just half a century, Florida State Law transformed from a law school struggling to attract faculty and top students into one of the nation's top 50 law schools. When we opened our doors in 1966, the administration consisted of Dean Mason Ladd and Assistant Dean Ron Anderson. We also had a teaching faculty of three: Professors Dave Dickson, Pete Millett and Ray



1966

Law school welcomes first students, Mason Ladd is first dean



1968

College of Law receives preliminary ABA accreditation



1968

Moot Court Team established



1969

Joshua M. Morse, III becomes second dean



1970

Pat Dore joins faculty as the first female member



1971

Move from Longmire to present classroom building

1972

Florida State University Law Review founded

Phillips. Each professor taught two of the first-year courses. The following year, law school legend Chuck Ehrhardt and two more professors joined the faculty. Ehrhardt is still on campus today, along with many more professors who have joined FSU because of the faculty's outstanding national reputation. FSU is now known for having one of the country's most productive and widely cited faculties, therefore higher ranked law schools routinely try to hire away Florida State's law professors.

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During the past 50 years, the credentials of our students have increased, as has the diversity of our student body. The first students at FSU Law were groundbreakers. They paved the way for all of the students who would come after them and created a culture that has endured, working together instead of at odds with each other. Some members of the first classes at the law school have joked that they would not be admitted to FSU Law if they were applying today. Still, the foundation they helped create has resulted in our most recent incoming classes consistently having some of the best credentials in the state. Recent incoming classes also include many more females and minorities than the early classes. The most recent incoming class was 51% female, compared to 3% in 1966.

Our first students all enrolled in the Juris Doctor program. Eventually, certificates in international law, environmental law and business law were added, allowing students to specialize their course of study. In 2005, we welcomed our first LL.M.



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fsucollegeoflaw Associate Dean for Student Affairs Nancy Benavides joined **#FSULaw** in 2000! Dean Benavides is responsible for all student-related activities and events. She also counsels and advises students on a wide range of issues. **#DeanB #FSULawGolden50**



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fsucollegeoflaw Student Bar Association's main goal is to improve the overall quality of life for all students attending **#FSULaw**. In 2008, SBA was named "SBA of the Year" by the American Bar Association's (ABA) Law Student Division! Since then, our SBA has won the top honor four additional times! **#FSULawGolden50**



1973
Inaugural Summer Program in Law at Oxford



1982
New library facility ground breaking



1984
Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte becomes fourth dean



1986
The Sarah Payne Cawthon House and Johnson-Caldwell House arrive on the College of Law James Harold Thompson Green

in American Law students – lawyers from other nations who wanted a one-year degree in U.S. law. Today, domestic and international lawyers can also earn advanced LL.M. degrees in environmental law and business law. In 2014, the law school introduced a Juris Master program, designed for working professionals who want to advance their careers and to learn about important legal, business and regulatory issues, but not practice law. This fall, in response to the market, the law school will launch an online version of that master’s program.

Many of our first students came to Florida State because of its location in the capital city. The first classes included students who already had established political careers and others who wanted to become involved in government and politics. Today, FSU Law students still take advantage of our close proximity to the Capitol building, state agencies and hundreds of law firms in downtown Tallahassee. Since the launch of our externship program in 1980, students have been able to earn credit by working at courts and at many of the government offices that attracted them to Florida State. In more recent years, student externs have also worked outside of Tallahassee, including at international placements. Most recently, corporate externships were added to the available placements – many of which are at companies where law school alumni work. Our clinics have also grown and the work students are doing through them is more sophisticated than ever. Through our Public Interest Law Center – which is comprised of our Children’s Advocacy Clinic and the Family Law Clinic – students have been representing live clients since 1991. We established a Business Law Clinic in 2014 to teach students how to be effective, creative transactional lawyers.

What has not changed dramatically since our doors first opened are the camaraderie and culture at the law school. Just



**Florida State University
College of Law**
July 22, 2016



Recognized with several teaching awards, Professor Nat Stern is one of the College of Law’s most popular teachers and a national constitutional law expert! Professor Stern joined **#FSULaw** faculty in 1981! <http://fla.st/2agONK9> **#FSULawGolden50**
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College of Law**
August 26, 2016





We are so excited to welcome the Class of 2019 to the **#FSULawFamily!** As part of orientation, they helped us celebrate our golden anniversary by posing for a 50 photo! Thanks to everyone who has helped us accomplish so much over the past half-century – here’s to the next 50 years of **#FSULaw!** **#FSULawGolden50** **#CelebrateFSULaw**
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1988

The Damon House and Stanley-Ausley House arrive on the Green and the Rotunda is completed

1989

Sheldon F. Kurtz named fifth dean



1991

Donald J. “Don” Weidner becomes sixth dean, Public Interest Law Center established and *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* founded



1992

Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program begins



1995

Trial Team founded



1997

Paul A. LeBel becomes seventh dean



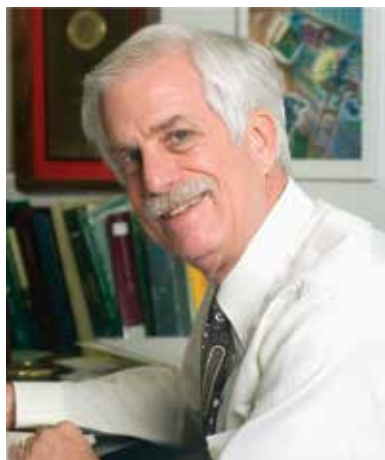
1998

Don Weidner returns as dean



Florida State University College of Law

July 8, 2016



Longtime professor and evidence authority Chuck Ehrhardt joined **#FSULaw** faculty in 1967! For almost 20 years, he served as the university's representative to the NCAA and the ACC. While Ehrhardt is retired from full-time teaching, he still teaches and is actively involved on campus!

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Members of the first three classes were invited to a special 50-year anniversary celebration in August.

like their counterparts today, members of the first several classes recall a close-knit student body that formed strong bonds among themselves and with professors. The culture of the school, and the excellence of our students, has resulted in award-winning advocacy programs and student organizations throughout the law school's history.

Much of what the law school has accomplished is also attributable to Dean Emeritus and Alumni Centennial Professor Donald J. Weidner. An indefatigable visionary, Weidner instituted many of our programmatic changes and transformed the faculty by introducing the concept of merit into their pay structure.

When Weidner retired as dean in 2016 and Erin O'Connor became our eighth dean, we celebrated another milestone – our first female dean. During her time as dean, O'Connor has embraced the celebration of our 50th anniversary, wanting to hear as many stories from alumni as possible about what they love about the law school. At the same time, she is making plans to propel FSU Law forward as we begin our next 50 years. ■



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The 1st students enrolled @ **#FSULaw** in 1966! 50 years later, we are proud of our Golden Legacy! **#FSULawGolden50** pic.twitter.com/vpYbTv18HY 3 shares, 22 retweets, 42♥



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Dean Weidner joined **#FSULaw** faculty in 1976! Thank you for over 20 great years as dean! **#FSULawGolden50** pic.twitter.com/vUiddtFs6S 10 retweets, 36♥



2006

Black Law Students Association wins first of many national "Chapter of the Year" awards



2008

Student Bar Association wins first of five "SBA of the Year" awards



2010

Study by Prof. Annino and Public Interest Law Center students cited repeatedly by the U.S. Supreme Court in a landmark decision



2011

FSU Law breaks into the U.S. News & World Report top 50 law schools



2012

Law school expands into Advocacy Center building, which was previously occupied by the First District Court of Appeal



2016

Erin O'Connor becomes eighth dean and the first female dean

Salesia V. Smith-Gordon: Role Model & Risk Taker

By Christi N. Morgan



As a registered pharmacist, Salesia Smith-Gordon contemplated returning to school to become a veterinarian or doctor. Her plans changed after a conversation with her mother, Jeraldine Williams, a 1981 graduate of the FSU College of Law.

“I knew that after pharmacy, I would pursue an additional career path,” Smith-Gordon said. “I was leaning toward the medical field and my mother called me and said, ‘I want you to take the LSAT.’ It was just that simple. I was an obedient child, I listened to her

rationale and I said, ‘That sounds like a good idea.’ And I did it. I enjoy what I do every day and I’m glad I made that decision.”

Upon graduating from the College of Law in 1992, Smith-Gordon immediately opened her own firm in Tallahassee within her mom’s office, with whom she had worked during law school.

“I did not interview with any companies or any law firms while in law school,” said Smith-Gordon. “I had always seen my family be business owners. My grandfather Judge Williams’

parents were sharecroppers. As a child he worked in the fields, but knew it was not the life for him, left Georgia and ended up in Tampa where he became a successful automobile mechanic business owner. My mother was a business owner, my biological grandfather, Lee Brown, was a business owner – a barber – and so that is what I saw.”

Although it was always her plan, Smith-Gordon knew that being a solo practitioner immediately after law school would not be easy. She worked as a lawyer by day – practicing primarily in the area of criminal defense to get started – and as a pharmacist by night. As she became more adept at trying cases and running her firm, Smith-Gordon slowly acquired small personal injury cases, which became her passion. She has handled personal injury cases exclusively for approximately 20 years and many of her staff members have worked at the firm a significant number of those years.

“Interacting with my staff and my clients is the best part of my job,” remarked Smith-Gordon, who has two law offices in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade and practices throughout the state. “I pride myself on doing good work for the client and in the community. To do good work for the client, you’ve got to know who they are. You’ve got to understand where they are coming from as a human being, as a member of their family structure. Each story is a little bit different. It doesn’t matter to me if you are a waitress or a physician

or even a judge – we’ve represented the whole spectrum. Your case is important no matter who you are.”

Smith-Gordon has won numerous multimillion dollar verdicts and settlements for her clients. Based on each unique case, Smith-Gordon advises them to take steps such as meeting with financial advisors, buying a home and using some of their money for pre-paid college funds. Helping each client restore and restructure their life is always Smith-Gordon’s ultimate goal.

“Each case involves different people of different walks of life. I’m proud to be able to weave through different races, different ethnicities – to be able to relate to all kinds of people,” she said. “I want to represent anybody who needs my assistance, who is significantly injured, where I can make a change and impact their life.”

Smith-Gordon’s background in pharmacy is extremely helpful in her practice. “At least 70% of what we do is medical – it involves medicine, it involves the human body, it involves understanding that people were human beings before they got struck by a truck,” she said. “What do they do now that they’ve been in this terrible accident with great injuries? Many of our cases end up being surgical cases, so knowing the history of my clients and understanding their frustration – because they could be in pain, not knowing what medicines to take – I can have the suit of the lawyer and switch over and put on the jacket of the pharmacist and, when necessary, I pick up the phone and call the doctor.”

In addition to devoting herself fully to her cases, Smith-Gordon is extremely

committed to giving back to the profession and to her community. She serves on the College of Law’s alumni board, the Palm Beach County Justice Association board of directors and the Sea Coast Bank board of business development. She previously chaired The Florida Bar’s Grievance Committee-Div. D and served as president of the Cunningham Bar Association. She also is committed to educating people about the law.

“I’m not there to teach them laws, but to give them access so they can ask questions,” she said. “I also know that many of them rarely see a black female who is a lawyer, who is a business owner and who they have access to. So, I want to do my best to try to be a good role model. It’s important for little girls, as well as young lawyers, to see that this is possible – that whatever their dream is, it’s possible.”

Smith-Gordon describes herself as very politically active. Her husband, Lawrence Gordon, is vice mayor of one of the municipalities in Palm Beach County. When he recently ran for a seat on the county commission, Smith-Gordon stepped down from her posts as chair of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and chair of the Palm Beach County Inspector General’s Committee so she could be on the campaign trail with him. Smith-Gordon also campaigned for Hillary Clinton during the 2016 presidential election.

With both campaigns finished, Smith-Gordon now has more time for herself. She enjoys cooking and spending time with her two cats, Itty-bitty and Samantha. A “calculated risk taker,” she also loves scuba diving, horseback



Smith-Gordon and her mother Jeraldine Williams ('81)

riding and tandem skydiving. She has been white water rafting in Alaska, Peru, West Virginia and Tennessee, and hopes to raft in Colorado and Chile in the future. During her travels, Smith-Gordon is often accompanied by her husband, who she says is, “the bomb.” She met him on a blind date and they were married three years later in 2001.

Family is extremely important to Smith-Gordon. While her mother impacted her choice to practice law, numerous family members influence how she practices.

“When I pray at night, I say thank you to my ancestors, because each one had a role,” said Smith-Gordon. “I was very blessed to know my grandparents. They instilled in me a responsibility to do well and to do what’s right. Unfortunately, I have no children, but I have nieces, nephews and godchildren. When I am about to do something, I think of them and I want to make them proud. That propels me forward. I have a responsibility to make them proud because of the sacrifices that my family made.” ■

Cody Fowler Davis: Proud Father & Accomplished Trial Attorney

By Christi N. Morgan



Cody Fowler Davis passed away in January 2017. He was interviewed for this article in November 2016.

When your grandfather's resume includes serving as president of the American Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers, and your father was a judge and law professor, you see the law as your likely profession from a young age. Although Cody Fowler Davis ('84) dreamed of playing professional tennis before becoming a lawyer, a surgery prevented him from realizing that dream, so he enrolled at the Florida State University College of Law earlier than planned.

Davis was destined to have a successful law career, but, according to him, his family was his greatest accomplishment. From the time his first of four daughters was born – on the day before he took the bar exam – Davis always made family

his first priority.

Family meant everything to Davis. He met his future wife, Beth, when they were both undergraduates at Vanderbilt University and they were married the summer before Davis' final year at FSU Law.

"We met in the student union," said Davis, who played tennis for Vanderbilt. "She sat through a lot of tennis matches."

Davis' legacy is the amazing daughters he and Beth raised. When he talked about his family, the pride swelling within him was obvious.

"I'm quite proud of what my kids have accomplished," Davis said. "They are all amazing students."

Although Davis was interviewed for this article about him and his practice, the conversation always made its way back to his wife and daughters.

His eldest daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Dave, are co-founders of a non-profit organization – the Akilah Institute for Women – in Rwanda, Africa. They also live part time in Hong Kong with their two young daughters, Lorraine and Tamysn. Davis' second born, Mary Patton, earned an MBA from Wharton and lives and works in California. Caroline, Davis' third-born daughter, is a Harvard graduate who now lives and works in Hong Kong. His youngest daughter, Cody, attends the University of Chicago and plans to go to medical school after she graduates. When his daughters were younger, Davis served on the boards of their schools. As they went away to college, the Davis' centered their vacations around visiting the girls at school.

Davis and Beth also enjoyed fishing, boating and scuba diving on the weekends. And Davis was still an active tennis player before he passed away – he played in a tennis league every Monday evening and racquetball every Tuesday.

At the office, Davis earned a reputation for winning in the courtroom. One of the few attorneys to be board certified in both civil trial and business litigation, Davis spent the first several years of his career trying civil defense cases. Following his success in that area,

he began working on cases for his firm's business department.

"I had a split personality," Davis said. "I was doing civil defense of personal injury, and at this point had moved up to very serious injuries or deaths, yet I'm also trying business cases. And I'm doing well in the courtroom on both. But then people started coming to me to represent their families and individuals on the plaintiff's side. So now, I'm handling some plaintiff's cases and I'm a total split personality now."

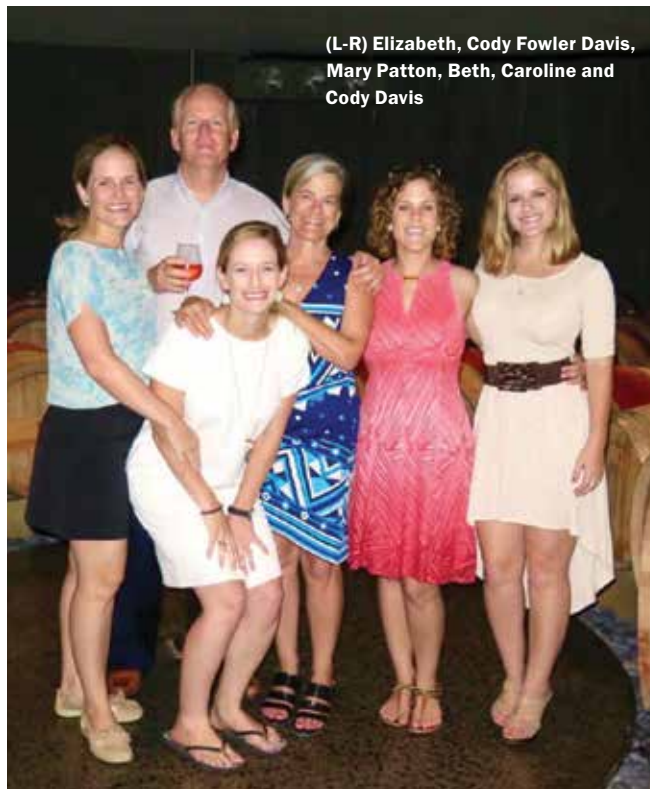
Eventually, Davis decided he wanted to represent plaintiffs almost exclusively. In 2010, with that goal in mind, he opened Cody Fowler Davis Trial Attorneys, PA.

"We're almost exclusively plaintiff's work with a few defense cases," Davis said about his firm. "Having done defense work, we know how the other side handles things. We use our background in defense work to make us more successful plaintiff's lawyers."

He went on to say, "I like dealing with individuals. I like hearing their life stories. I get to help people. People who are in accidents, you can't go back and un-hurt them, but you can get them money to help them make their life more tolerable and it makes them happy. It makes you feel really good."

Davis also was a board certified civil mediator and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was serving as an expert before he passed away.

"I was asked by The Florida Bar, which I have great respect for, to be an expert in one of their matters on the standard of care in a high-end case and testified at trial for The Florida Bar," Davis said. "The fact that the bar came to me to serve as an expert, I look at that as a compliment."



(L-R) Elizabeth, Cody Fowler Davis, Mary Patton, Beth, Caroline and Cody Davis

Davis was also proud of being recognized in *Tampa Magazine* in 2016 as the #1 attorney in the areas of insurance law and plaintiff's personal injury litigation.

"That's a pretty nice honor," Davis remarked about the recognition, which was based on the results of a survey mailed to 11,000 attorneys. "That award means a lot to me because it's not some magazine editor saying you are good, it's the people you deal with day in and day out saying you are good."

A gifted writer, Davis published two books in his spare time. *Green 61* (2006)

and *Implied Consent* (2008) are legal fiction novels based loosely on Davis' experiences. "I wrote in college and then at a time in my life when things were very hectic – my brother was running for governor – it was a very stressful time. I was covering events for him all over the state and I wrote to relax. It was my stress relief.

"The first book I wrote was about a lawyer struggling with going from defense work at a big firm to plaintiff's work – it was something I was doing at the time."

Although Davis was interviewed for this article about him and his practice, the conversation always made its way back to his wife and daughters. He pointed out pictures on his Facebook wall, focusing on the many family photos and recalling each event and accomplishment with pride. He also pulled up the Akilah Institute's website so he could brag about the wonderful work of his daughter, Elizabeth.

Davis was proud of where he came from – sharing stories of how his great grandmother, Maude Fowler, and grandfather, Cody Fowler, had done much to shape Tampa – and proud of how his daughters are carrying on the family name, now with added determination in his absence. ■

Labor Advocate Sid Garcia

By Christi N. Morgan



Sidro “Sid” Garcia worked as a journalist and editor for the student newspaper and part-time at UPS while he was an undergraduate at the University of Miami. In different ways, both experiences led to Garcia having a successful labor law practice in West Palm Beach. Getting involved in a UPS union profoundly impacted Garcia’s decision to specialize in representing employees.

“That was part of it. Also, I immigrated from Cuba and one of the things that I think influenced me was the fact that my parents were both school teachers and for refusing to join the communist party and also petitioning the government to leave Cuba, they both were fired from their teaching

jobs,” said Garcia, who came to the U.S. in 1966 when he was eight years old. “That was an early shaper of things.”

Garcia has been practicing labor law since he graduated from the College of Law in 1984. He worked for five years at Florida Rural Legal Services immediately after law school, primarily representing migrant workers in labor matters. Since then, he has practiced at small law firms and opened his solo practice, Garcia Law Firm, P.A., in 2004. He represents individual employees who have been mistreated in the workplace, primarily in wrongful termination and harassment claims. He also handles the appellate work on his cases.

“I consider my clients to be very brave people because they do things that sometimes are good things to do, such as make a report of unlawful conduct, but they are not always rewarded for doing those brave things by their employer,” Garcia said.

“One of the more meaningful cases I’ve done is one involving a former police officer, Mr. Ladd,” Garcia said about a case that resulted in a jury verdict of approximately \$880,000 for his client. “He was a combat veteran and his Humvee, one of those IED devices got to it and there were several members of his crew that were injured or killed, but he survived without a scratch. When he came to work for a local municipality as a police officer, he told some of his stories and somehow he got branded as someone who had mental health issues from the war.”

Garcia’s client was forced to undergo a psychiatric evaluation by his employer. Although the psychiatrist determined that Ladd did not have any mental health issues that would impede his ability to perform his job, he was fired.

Obtaining favorable jury verdicts like Ladd’s is very gratifying for Garcia.

“Those are really tense times because these are important cases to my clients and they have so much riding on the outcome,” Garcia said. “I sometimes tell juries that people define themselves by the type of work they do. To have that taken away from them is not only something that puts them in economic peril, it also affects their family, their

feelings of self-worth, their dignity. To be vindicated by a jury is an amazing feeling for them and for me as their advocate.”

In his younger days, Garcia defined himself as a journalist. He studied journalism at the University of Miami before switching his major to English and History. Working for the Miami student newspaper and the *El Miami Herald* provided him the opportunity to interview numerous notable people, including former FSU football head coach Bobby Bowden.

Garcia’s journalism experience is very beneficial to practicing law. “It’s very similar – you are interviewing people, you are chasing down stories about people. Whether you are taking a deposition or presenting a case to a jury, you have to have a certain level of sensitivity and tact and know how to get people to tell you the truth.”

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Recently, Garcia found himself in a new advocacy role when personally devastated by the effects of the nation’s heroin epidemic. In September 2015, at the age of 27, Garcia’s son Brian passed away from a heroin overdose shortly after completing a rehabilitation program.

“That was the most difficult thing I’ve had to deal with in my life,” Garcia said. “He struggled with the problem of addiction for many years. He was a beautiful young man. He was into many things that I was into – fishing and diving and spear fishing. He was a wonderful athlete. The opiate epidemic – he is one of the many victims it has taken in Palm Beach County.”

Since his son’s death, Garcia has worked with the *Palm Beach Post* to educate others about the rampant heroin problem. Garcia made the choice to

include the overdose in his son’s obituary and spoke candidly when the *Post* interviewed him for a follow-up article.

“My goal is to make people aware and to hopefully save someone from thinking that they can be okay to relapse,” Garcia said. “This stuff is so deadly.”

Garcia and his wife, Sally, also have a daughter, Sarah, who is a film school graduate and media teacher at a public high school in Palm Beach County. Like her father, Sarah earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Miami.

In addition to being near his daughter, there are many things that Garcia appreciates about living and working

in Palm Beach County. As someone who owns boats and enjoys almost any activity that involves water, Garcia likes being close to the Gulf Stream. During the summer of 2016, Garcia planted deeper roots in his community when he bought an office condo – one of the oldest office buildings in the area – in Palm Beach County.

“I think we have the most progressive population in the entire state, in terms of just good people that understand other people’s problems,” Garcia said. “I see that from juries. It’s a very tolerant place, too. I have friends around the state, lawyers that do the type of work I do, and they are always moaning about how difficult it is to get plaintiffs’ verdicts in different parts of the state. I think Palm Beach County is probably one of the best places to practice in the state if you do the type of work that I do.” ■

Q&A with Shi-Ling Hsu, D'Alemberte Professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs

By Beth N. Pannell



What made you decide to become a law professor?

It was actually an accident! I was in Washington, D.C., fresh off my Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics, working for an environmental think tank, and I was preparing to search for a teaching job in Environmental Economics or Environmental Policy. The AALS law professors' recruitment meeting is always in Washington, D.C., so on a whim, I put in my resume and paid the \$200 fee. I wound up with over a dozen interviews, seven call-back campus interviews, and I was off to the races. I left legal practice to pursue economics because I became convinced

that lawyers don't have all the answers when it comes to protecting the environment. Now, I could actually put that to work where it was most needed, in a law school.

For people who don't know, could you explain your area of expertise and why you chose to specialize in that area?

Over my post-doctorate career, I've researched and written in the cross-section of law, economics and ecology (I have a master's degree in that as well). I've always tried to introduce to my students and my environmental law colleagues throughout the academy that

economics has some very important insights to offer when it comes to protecting the environment. I believe that the environment is a fundamental part of our economy, not just a dumping ground for byproducts. The environment has enormous economic value; we just don't price it.

Can you provide a broad overview of your scholarship?

My work is oriented towards introducing economic rationales for environmental protection, both for motivating it and for designing it. Some of my work makes the case for cost-benefit analysis. I don't believe that doing cost-benefit analysis means we will systematically reduce regulation. Far from it. If we only thought a little bit about the health benefits of regulation, for example, I think we might actually see more of it.

More recently, my attention has turned to climate change. This is an existential threat to human civilization. I wrote a book, *The Case for a Carbon Tax*, in 2011, and plan to write a follow-up this year. I have written other pieces on economic justifications and policy design issues for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Why did you want to come to Florida State to be a part of our environmental law program?

I left a very content life and a comfortable

position to join a faculty that is deeply respected throughout the legal academy. At some point, a scholar wants to know exactly how good they can be, and I felt that my future colleagues at Florida State would push me to be that better scholar.

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I have not been disappointed. My colleagues test me continuously, and it has made me stronger.

How would you describe the atmosphere at the law school compared to other places you have taught/studied?

FSU Law is quite special – it really is a very challenging place, while being a very supportive place. Students, faculty and administration members have all placed a high priority on everybody's success. It ought to be more common than it is, but I am glad that FSU Law is one of those places where an institutionalized culture recognizes that the institution succeeds when the individual thrives.

If you had not entered law teaching, what do you think you would have done with your career?

I would be teaching economics to high school students. In fact, I still think about it. Our society is abysmally economically illiterate. When politicians spout nonsensical things about complicated economic problems, it is demonstrably detrimental to economic policy. Part of the reason that they

can get away with making blatantly untrue economic assertions is because our broader polity does not have the education to challenge them. Economic discourse in this country (and indeed worldwide) needs a crash course, and

high school is the place to start.

Can you tell readers a little about your family?

My wife is an environmental scientist, so we have lots to talk about. Not that we do, because we are usually spending what feels like an inordinate amount of time doting on our 11-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son. My wife and I are constantly tired, but extremely proud of our two kids.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Why?

I've run 22 marathons, including the Boston Marathon six times. I'm proud because completing a marathon does not require good genes, but diligence. You must show up, every day, and do what you set out to do. Even speeding yourself up to run fast enough to qualify for Boston can be done, if you just diligently keep to your program. Running a marathon, and training for it requires diligence. Nothing else. I'm proud that I could stay diligent enough to complete the training.

Is there anything additional alums should know about you?

My dad, Pa Ho Hsu, got a chance as an immigrant in the United States because a professor at Virginia Tech, Charles I. Rich, took a chance on him and gave him a full-tuition scholarship and graduate stipend to study soil chemistry. Professor Rich also helped my dad open a bank account, shop for groceries, and adjust to life in the United States. My dad became a professor and taught at Rutgers University for 30 years. Among his three sons, two became professors and one became a Silicon Valley startup entrepreneur. Among his grandchildren, one was an early employee of Facebook and helped recruit much of its current workforce. Another is a professor at M.I.T. None of this happens unless my dad is given a chance, and someone like Professor Rich sees him through. ■

Florida State University Again Ranked a Top Law School by *U.S. News & World Report*



U.S. News & World Report (2017) has ranked FSU College of Law as the nation's 48th best law school overall and the nation's 24th best public law school. The overall ranking is up two spots from 2016. *U.S. News* also ranks Florida State's environmental law program the

nation's 14th best, up from 18th last year.

The overall ranking reflects the school's strong employment and student selectivity numbers. Florida State is the best law school in Florida, and 32nd best nationally, in terms of the percentage of 2015 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required or J.D.-advantage jobs. The law school's 2016 entering class has a median LSAT of 159 and a median GPA of 3.52.

"We are thrilled that *U.S. News* continues to rank us among the nation's top law schools and that we are improving in these rankings," said Dean Erin O'Connor.

FSU Public Interest Law Center Wins Florida Supreme Court Ruling



Paolo Annino

On May 25, 2016, FSU College of Law Public Interest Law Center students and Professor Paolo Annino prevailed in the Florida Supreme Court. The court expanded the number of juvenile inmates who can now receive new sentencing hearings to include those who received life with parole sentences. Florida State University law professor Paolo Annino filed a

brief on behalf of Angelo Atwell of Broward County, and the court granted Atwell a new sentencing hearing because he was only 16 at the time he committed the crime.

"Today is a good day. The Florida parole system simply did not work," said Professor Annino, the Glass Professor of Public Interest Law. "Juveniles in his situation will finally have an opportunity for a fair hearing."

The opinion was prompted by two U.S. Supreme Court rulings that changed how Florida handles juveniles convicted of major crimes—2010's *Graham v. Florida* and 2012's *Miller v. Alabama*.

In *Graham v. Florida*, the nation's high court cited repeatedly a study by Annino and the Public Interest Law Center in its decision. The court banned life sentences for juveniles in non-homicide cases, saying they amounted to "cruel and unusual" punishment because science has shown that youthful brains are not fully developed and they are more susceptible to impulses and outside influences.

O'Connors, Thrashers and Hogans Donate to Friends Opportunity Scholarship



President Thrasher and Dean O'Connor talk to students and alumni at a reception celebrating our 50-year anniversary.

During the fall 2016 semester, two \$50,000 gifts established the FSU College of Law's new Friends Opportunity Scholarship. Dean Erin O'Connor and her husband, Michael O'Connor, pledged \$50,000 to fund the scholarship. FSU President John Thrasher, a 1972 graduate of the College of Law, and his wife, Jean Thrasher, also pledged \$50,000 to the scholarship fund. The FSU Friends Opportunity Scholarship will provide scholarships to students who are from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession. Each recipient of a scholarship will be known as an FSU Friends Opportunity Scholar.

"It is our hope that other alumni and friends of the law school will contribute to the scholarship fund and that these gifts will help us attract the best and brightest students to Florida State," said

President Thrasher.

"FSU Law has very successfully pursued a social justice mission to provide affordable and high-quality legal education to all segments of our society, including minority students, those from economically disadvantaged communities, and others historically underrepresented in the Bar. It is imperative that we continue to strive to serve our mission of diversity and inclusion in every way that we can," said Dean O'Connor. "I am extremely grateful to President Thrasher for joining me in the creation of this scholarship fund."

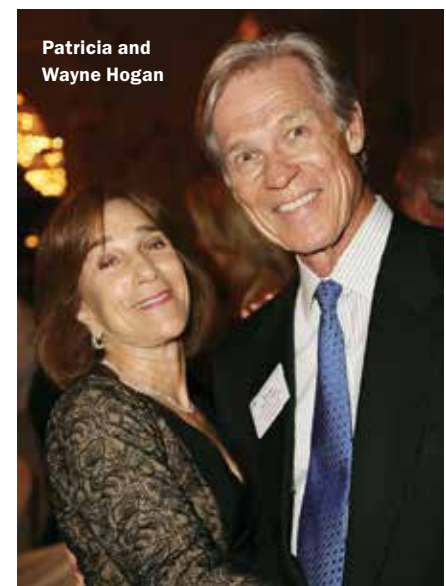
FSU Law alumnus Wayne Hogan ('72) and his wife, Patricia Hogan, have also recently pledged \$50,000 to the FSU Friends Opportunity Scholarship. Their gift will directly benefit alumni of the College of Law's Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program,

which the Hogans generously support.

"More than a catchy acronym, WSUP clears an uphill path to success. An opportunity, that's what students need to excel and become lawyers making a difference," said Wayne Hogan.

The gift from the Hogans brought the total pledged to the scholarship to nearly \$160,000.

Wayne Hogan is president of Terrell-Hogan in Jacksonville. In 1999, the



Hogans made a gift of 2 million to the law school, part of which was designated to endow the Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program. In 2003, they pledged an additional \$1 million to the College of Law that allows approximately 60 students each year to attend the four-week program at the law school for free.

Alumni to Interview Prospective Students through New Program

Starting in fall 2017, alumni will meet one-on-one with prospective students through our new Optional Interview Program. Alumni will gather information and tell students about the benefits of attending law school at FSU. Interviews will take place in graduates' cities and alums can commit to as few as three, 30-minute interviews per year. Interview questions and detailed information will be provided in advance and interviewers will be able to submit feedback via a simple online form.

“Personal interaction with graduates of our program goes a long way in recruiting prospective students,” said Dean Erin O’Connor. “In addition, every interview experience is valuable in helping students prepare for future successful job searches.”

To volunteer your time for this important program, complete the volunteer interviewer form at law.fsu.edu/alumni/oip-form.

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Record Number of Alumni Contribute to FSU Law School

A record number of FSU Law alumni – 2,751 – made cash contributions to the law school during the 2015-16 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2016. The record number of donors translates into a 30.64% alumni contribution rate, which exceeds previous results that placed Florida State among the nation’s top 10 law schools in terms of alumni contribution rate, according to the most recently published American Bar Association data. The data also showed that Florida State’s giving rate was more than triple the giving rate of any other Florida law school.

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“I am thrilled that our alumni are so supportive of their alma mater and that Florida State is one of the top three public law schools in the nation in terms of alumni contribution rate,” said College of Law Dean Erin O’Connor. “We would not have achieved this wonderful result without the help of the more than 50 alumni who volunteered to serve as class agents.”

Alumni also support the College of Law by providing a vital network to help students find jobs.

Please consider giving a gift to the law school by June 30, 2017, to help us attain another record-breaking contribution rate this year.

Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi Visits College of Law for an Intimate Discussion

On Friday, March 24, human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Dr. Shirin Ebadi visited Florida State as the keynote speaker for PeaceJam Southeast's annual conference. The College of Law hosted Dr. Ebadi for a meet-and-greet with law students and faculty prior to her community-wide presentation.

Dr. Ebadi is an Iranian activist, human rights lawyer and was one of the first female judges in Iran. Following the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, Dr. Ebadi and other female judges were dismissed from their posts. She then served as a clerk in the court she once presided over. After years of protest, Dr. Ebadi's request for early retirement was approved. However, her application to practice law was turned down until 1992, when she then started her own practice.

Dr. Ebadi won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her work to improve human rights in Iran, especially those of women, children and political prisoners. She was the first Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize and only the fifth Muslim to receive a Nobel Prize in any field. Dr. Ebadi also is a founder of the Defender of Human Rights Center in Iran and a co-founder of Nobel Women's Initiative. Dr. Ebadi's Center for Defenders of Human Rights was raided and shut down in 2008. She has since been living in exile in the United Kingdom, but has not stopped working to improve the status of human rights worldwide.



Dr. Ebadi addresses the College of Law community.



Dr. Ebadi with students and others who attended her meet-and-greet.

The Honorable Julie Sneed Returns to College of Law

On Thursday, February 23, United States Magistrate Judge Julie Sneed ('95), of the Middle District of Florida, visited the College of Law. During her visit, she engaged with law students during a Q&A session, visited Professor Melissa Hanson's Federal Courts class, met with faculty members on the Judicial Clerkship Committee and met individually with students.

Judge Sneed was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge in 2015. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida in 1991 and her Juris Doctor, with honors, in 1994 from the Florida State University College of Law. After law school, Judge Sneed served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable James D. Whittemore, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and the Honorable Chris W. Altenbernd, of the Florida Second District Court of Appeal.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Sneed worked in private practice, handling complex civil litigation as a partner at Akerman LLP and Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A. She also was a litigation associate at Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill, and Mullis, P.A.

Judge Sneed is a past president of the Tampa Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the George Edgecomb Bar Association. She previously served on the board of the Hillsborough County Bar Foundation, the Hillsbor-



U.S. Magistrate Judge Julie Sneed ('95)

ough Association for Women Lawyers, and the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida. She is currently a master of the Judge Clifford J. Cheatwood American Inn of Court.

Judge Sneed is a recipient of the Judge George C. Carr Memorial Award from the Federal Bar Association for excellence in federal practice and has published articles including, "Enforcing

Proposals for Settlement and Offers of Judgment in Federal Court: Mission Impossible?" and "Federal and Florida Courts Heighten the Requirements for Class Certification."

While on campus, Judge Sneed candidly answered questions about her path to the federal bench, work-life balance and life after law school.

The Honorable Brian Davis Visits Law School

United States District Judge Brian Davis, of the Middle District of Florida, visited the College of Law on Thursday, April 6. During his visit, he had a Q&A session with law students, visited Professor Melissa Hanson's Federal Courts class, met with faculty members on the Judicial Clerkship Committee and had individual meetings with students interested in clerking.

Judge Davis was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2013. Prior to his appointment, he served as a circuit court judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, having been appointed to that position by Governor Lawton Chiles in 1994. Before his service on the bench, Judge Davis practiced in the civil and criminal arenas at Mahoney, Hadlow and Adams; the State Attorney's Office, serving as the first African American chief assistant; and Brown, Terrell, Hogan, et al.

Judge Davis earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1974 and a juris doctorate from the University of Florida in 1980.

Judge Davis served on the Florida Supreme Court's Governance Workgroup, Civil Jury Instruction, Children's Court Improvement, Treatment Based Drug Court Steering, and Trial Court Performance and Accountability Committees and The Florida Bar's Legal Needs of Children Commission. In 2002, the American Board of Trial Advocates honored him as Judge of the Year.



U.S. District Judge Brian Davis

He also chaired the Mayor's 1999 Domestic Violence Task Force causing significant changes in the treatment of domestic violence victims and cases within his community. In 2002, he co-chaired Jacksonville Community Council Inc.'s "Beyond the Talk: Improving Race Relations" study resulting in an annual race relations progress report for Jacksonville, and in 2012 co-chaired "Project Breakthrough," a community leadership initiative against racism. In 2008, Judge Davis helped es-

tablish Nassau County's Mental Health Court – one of only 10 such courts in Florida, where he presided over a docket designed to provide rehabilitative services to the mentally ill in lieu of being incarcerated. He currently serves on the Community Foundation's Board, the Board of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, and the Boy Scouts of America, North Florida Council's Executive Council.

State Attorney Melissa Nelson Visits the Law School



Fourth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Melissa Nelson visited FSU College of Law on Tuesday, March 21. During a lunch Q&A, she answered questions about the juvenile justice system, death penalty laws and the benefits of starting a career in public service. She also visited Professor Wayne Logan's Criminal Procedure-Adjudication class.

Nelson took office January 3, 2017, and leads a group of more than 100 attorneys and 200 staff who represent the people of Clay, Duval and Nassau counties, primarily in criminal matters. She previously spent 12 years in the State Attorney's Office as an assistant state attorney, overseeing the felony division, and seven years with international law firm McGuire Woods, where she represented colleges and universities in higher education matters, as well as businesses and individuals in general litigation. Nelson earned both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida.

FSU Public Interest Law Center Recognized for Work on Behalf of Sick Children

For the FSU Public Interest Law Center's work on behalf of seriously and chronically ill children, The Florida Bar Foundation named it first runner-up for the 2016 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence. The award recognizes a project of significant impact undertaken by a Legal Assistance for the Poor grantee.

The award was presented to students Justin Karpf, Megan Shoemaker and Steven Reardon, and PILC Co-Director Paolo Annino, the Glass Professor of Public Interest Law, at the Foundation's annual dinner June 16 in Orlando at The Florida Bar Annual Convention. It comes with \$10,000 to be used by the Public Interest Law Center at its discretion and \$1,000 to be used as training funds.

The award memorializes Goldstein, a former legal services attorney and FSU law professor. Goldstein, who died in 1994 at the age of 49, was nationally revered for his dedication to upholding the constitutional rights of those with unpopular causes.

"This award has special meaning for me because Professor Goldstein was both my teacher and mentor," Annino said.

Alumni Host Jacksonville Reception



In March, alumni Jason Burnett ('88) and Lauren Purdy ('11) hosted a networking event in Jacksonville for students and graduates. The reception was held at Burnett's home and featured a food truck.

Judge Shadow Day in Orlando



During Spring Break, Judge Heather Pinder Rodriguez ('98) and Woody Rodriguez ('95) sponsored a lunch for current and admitted students, judges and alums, as part of a larger Judge Shadow Day for FSU law students in Orlando coordinated by Judge Rodriguez.

FSU Trial Team Hosts 5th Annual National Civil Mock Trial Competition



A team member from Fordham University School of Law argues during the final round of competition.

The FSU Trial Team hosted its annual National Civil Law Mock Trial Competition at the College of Law's Advocacy Center March 3-5, 2017. The winning team was from St. John's University School of Law. Other law schools competing were Brooklyn, Charleston, Emory University, Florida Coastal, Fordham University, Louisiana State University, University of Florida, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Virginia, University of South Carolina and University of South Dakota.

FSU Trial Team advisor Ruth Stone, the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice, drafted a unique competition problem, which was a fictional copyright infringement and unauthorized use of likeness case based on real-life events that took place in

the early 1800s when Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, Claire Clairmont and Dr. John Polidori spent a summer together at Lake Geneva, Switzerland. Byron sues his former doctor, Pollidori, for taking his story, "Fragment of a Novel," and using it in "The Vampyre," as well as putting Byron's image in a Nosferatu avatar in a videogame, "Vampyre Gone Wild."

"Special thanks to Professor Stone, who created a terrific and fun case file," Dean O'Connor said. "Thanks also to students Lolia Fernandez and Joey Leavitt, who played key leadership roles in ensuring the success of the competition!"



(TOP) Winning team from St. John's University School of Law

(ABOVE) FSU trial team member Joseph Leavitt (3L) discusses competition procedures with alumni and friends who volunteered to serve as judges and jurors during the competition.

The competition was sponsored by alumnus Wayne Hogan ('72) and his wife Patricia Hogan. Thank you to the following alumni and professors who served as judges and jurors:

- The Honorable Francis J. Allman, Jr. ('97)
- Professor Richard M. Benham ('05)
- Professor Tamara G. Blenkhorn
- Olivia M. Brooks ('16)
- MaryCatherine K. Crock ('16)
- The Honorable Ronald W. Flury ('93)
- Robert S. Goldman ('77)
- Sara C. Hassler ('13)
- Stephanie R. Hayes ('12)
- William H. Hollimon ('97)
- Professor Steve R. Johnson
- Melanie C. Kalmanson ('16)
- Russell S. Kent ('94)
- Jessica A. Lendermon ('12)
- Caitlin R. Mawn ('12)
- Amanda B. McKibben ('12)
- Adrian T. Mood, Jr. ('13)
- Stephen P. Preisser ('80)
- Rachel I. Pringle ('15)
- Joel T. Remland ('73)
- Gina G. Smith ('87)
- The Honorable J. Layne Smith ('87)
- Sylvia W. Smith ('95)
- Professor Mark Spottswood
- Kathleen A. Stover ('85)
- Kareem L. Todman ('14)
- The Honorable Suzanne H. Van Wyk ('94)
- The Honorable Jessica M. Varn ('95)
- Elizabeth Willis ('87)

HOMECOMING 2

FSU Law Homecoming Weekend festivities were particularly special in 2016 because we celebrated our 50th anniversary as a law school. Events began Friday, October 14, with a Law Alumni Reunion Reception hosted at the home of Dean Erin O'Connor and her husband, Michael.

During the reception, the 2016 Alumni Awards were presented. The Honorable Stephanie Williams Ray ('95) was presented the Distinguished Alum Award. This award recognizes an FSU Law graduate who is distinguished professionally and who has rendered outstanding service to the community as well as to the College of Law. The Alumni Association Service Award was presented to F. Philip Blank ('75), recognizing an FSU Law graduate who has rendered distinguished service to our College of Law over an extended period of time. Finally, the Class of '66 Award was presented to Dave Powell, an FSU Law professor emeritus. This award recognizes a non-FSU Law graduate who has rendered distinguished service to our law school and to the community. Each recipient is inducted into the Class of 1966 to commemorate the FSU College of Law's very first year.

The Class of 1976 40-Year Reunion Reception was held at the home of Alan Cummings and the Class of 1986 30-Year Reunion Reception was held at the home of Floyd Self and his wife, Eileen.

Saturday morning, October 15, all alumni were invited to the Alumni Board Meeting followed by the Law Alumni Tailgate Party on the James Harold Thompson Green. The tailgate preceded the FSU football game against Wake Forest, where the Seminoles won 17-6.



All alumni and students were invited to a tailgate party at the law school.

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(L-R) Alumni Award winners L. Philip Blank ('85), the Honorable Stephanie Williams Ray ('95) and Professor Emeritus Dave Powell, and Dean Erin O'Connor



(L-R) Judge Errol Powell ('79), Catherine Dickson ('76), Dean Emeritus Don Weidner, and Judge Joseph Lewis ('77)



(TOP) (Top row, L-R) Hon. R. Bruce McKibben ('84), Candace McKibben, Amanda McKibben ('12), Ryan McKibben and Theresa Blair, (Bottom row, L-R) Rowen, Everett, Clara and Eleanor McKibben

(ABOVE) Homecoming tailgate on the James Harold Thompson Green

ALUMNI NOTES

1970



FRED W. BAGGETT, of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Tallahassee, was recognized as one of the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America*. He practices in the area of government relations.



MARSHA L. LYONS, of Lyons & Farrar, P.A. in Tallahassee, was selected for inclusion on the list of *America's Top 100 Attorneys*. She was included in the category of Lifetime Achievement, Northern Florida.

1971



PAUL F. HILL, general counsel for The Florida Bar, has retired after more than 40 years of service with the organization. During his tenure at the Bar, he was chair of two separate sections of the National Association of Bar Executives: the Section on Communications & Public Relations (1988-1989) and the Governmental Relations Section (2005-2006).

1973



WILLIAM W. CORRY, managing partner at The Corry Law Firm, P.A. in Tallahassee, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyer*.



JOHN E. THRASHER, who is president of FSU, was the featured keynote speaker at the Clay County Annual Boy Scouts of America Twelve-Points Dinner Event honoring Senator Rob Bradley.

1974



STANN W. GIVENS, of Givens Givens Sparks, PLLC in Tampa, was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list and the 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* list. He has also been recognized on *U.S. News & World Report's* list of *Best Lawyers* since 1988. His firm earned a 2017 *Best Law Firms* Tier-1 family law national ranking by *U.S. News*.



MALCOLM S. GREENFIELD and his wife, Marlene, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in March 2016.

1975

MARK HERRON, a shareholder at Messer Caparello, P.A. in Tallahassee, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyer*.



THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA R. ISOM, (above left) of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, was recognized with a diversity award at the annual scholarship banquet for the George Edgecomb Bar Association.



CHARLES L. SIEMON was recognized in *Chambers USA 2016* in the Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use category for Florida. He is a director at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Boca Raton.

PHILOMÈNE A. VERLAAN, senior technical advisor at the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology in London, published, *Tales of the Snow Leopard*, a book on conservation of snow leopards and traditional communities in Hemis National Park in India.

1976

DOMINIC M. CAPARELLO, a shareholder at Messer Caparello, P.A. in Tallahassee, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyer*.

1978



HARRIS K. SOLOMON, a partner at Brinkley Morgan in Fort Lauderdale, has been named to the 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* list in the practice area of business litigation for the 10th year. His practice focuses on commercial litigation, partnership and shareholder disputes, representation of creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, probate litigation and government law.

1979



THOMAS A. CLOUD, a shareholder at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Orlando, helped to secure a favorable order for the city in the case *City of Ft. Meade v. Biosolids Distribution Services, LLC*.



ANNE LONGMAN, a shareholder at Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. in Tallahassee, has been selected for the 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* list in the area of administrative law.



THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. ROUNDTREE, JR., of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, will retire on June 30, 2017, after 15 years of service. Before taking the bench, he clerked for the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee and was a civil attorney in Gainesville for 20 years.



ALAINE S. WILLIAMS, a partner at Willig, Williams & Davidson in Philadelphia, has been elected as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She was also recognized

by *Best Lawyers* for 2017 and named a 2016 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer* by Thomson Reuters.

1980



DAVID A. YON, a shareholder at Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He also received recognition as a leader in the insurance field by *Chambers USA* and was named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyer*.

1981

W. RILEY ALLEN, of Riley Allen Law in Orlando, was named a *Lawdragon Legend*.



MICHAEL J. CHERNIGA, with Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Tallahassee, was recognized in the 2016 *Chambers USA* guide. He was also included in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for the practice areas of government relations and health care law.



JOHN S. FAGAN was the chairman for the Clay County Annual Boy Scouts of America Twelve-Points Dinner Event honoring Senator Rob Bradley. He is an attorney at John Fagan, First Coast Accident Lawyers in Orange Park.



ROSEMARY O'SHEA, a partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP in Orlando, has been recognized on the 2017 *Best Lawyers* list.

1982



KAREN L. ASHER-COHEN, a shareholder at Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, was honored by the Jewish Museum of Florida at Florida International University as a recipient of the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.



KELLY OVERSTREET JOHNSON, managing shareholder at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC in Tallahassee, has been recognized in the 2016 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*. She was also named to the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for employment law – management. Her practice area is alternative dispute resolution.

1983



ROBERT R. MCDONALD, of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Tallahassee, was featured in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of real estate law.



THOMAS P. SCARRITT, JR. was selected by the Hillsborough County Bar Association as the 2016-2017 recipient of the Michael A. Fogarty “In the Trenches” award. He is the founder and senior trial lawyer at Scarritt Law Group, P.A. in Tampa.

1984

THE HONORABLE CAROLYN FREEMAN has retired from her position as Orange County Judge in Orlando. She served in this position from January 1991 through December

2016. She was assigned to all divisions of the Orange County Court and served as Administrative County Judge for 11 years.

RANDALL W. HANNA has been named the dean of Florida State University's Panama City campus and the College of Applied Studies.



RUSSELL P. SCHROPP, managing stockholder at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., was named the 2017 Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year in Fort Myers by *Best Lawyers in America*.



REX D. WARE, of counsel at Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of tax law and

litigation and controversy – tax. He was also listed in the 2016 edition of *Chambers USA* and *Florida Super Lawyers*.

1985



JOHN A. BOUDET, a shareholder at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Orlando, has been named to the Florida Hospital Foundation Cardiovascular Institute Board for a five-year term.

JAMES S. BYRD, JR., is now chairman and CEO of Legion Capital Corporation in Orlando.

1986

THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA L. COX, of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in Vero Beach, is the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Judicial Service Award. The award, which was presented by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, honors outstanding and sustained service to the public, especially as it relates to support of pro bono legal services.



MANUEL FARACH, of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in West Palm Beach, was named The Florida Bar Business Law Section's 2016 Outstanding Member of the Year. He was also recognized on the *Florida Super Lawyers'* Top 100 Lawyers lists for Florida and Miami.

ALAN B. FIELDS has been promoted to senior vice president and director of underwriting services at WFG National Title Insurance Company in Irvine, CA.

FRANCISCO J. SANCHEZ, JR., chairman of CNS Global Advisors, was a featured panelist at an FSU Alumni Networking Event in Washington, D.C.

1987



DAVID C. ASHBURN, of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Tallahassee, was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of government relations and health care law.

REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT R. DUDLEY, of Dwight R. Dudley P.A. in Saint Petersburg, represents District 68 in the Florida House.

1988

HARRIET WILLIAMS, of Williams Law Group in Tallahassee, received the Elizabeth 'Bib' Willis Outstanding Thunderdome Mentor Award in recognition of her long-term dedication to the Legal Aid Foundation, Thunderdome Tallahassee and pro bono service. She was also a Thunderdome Awards Luncheon sponsor and a volunteer for the Mobile Law for All Volunteers event.

1990

RAFAEL GONZALEZ has joined Flagship Services Group, LLC, as executive vice president and chief legal counsel in Englewood, CO.

1991

RAMON DE LA CABADA taught a four-day course to prosecutors and public defenders on trial advocacy skills in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a two-day course to the same audience on the same issues in Neuquén, Argentina. He also spoke on the process of jury selection in both Rosario, Argentina, and Neuquén. De la Cabada also presented to judges, prosecutors and public defenders in Rosario regarding implementing jury trials into the criminal justice system. He is the owner of Ramon de la Cabada, P.A. in Miami.

GORDON A. DIETERLE has joined the Law Office of Peter M. Feaman, P.A. as a partner in Boynton Beach. He previously was a partner at Goede, Adamczyk, DeBoest & Cross, PLLC in Boca Raton.

THE HONORABLE GEOFFREY H. GENTILE was appointed circuit judge for Florida's Twentieth Judicial Circuit on February 5, 2016, by Governor Rick Scott. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner with Boyle, Gentile & Leonard in Fort Myers.

ELECTRA THEODORIDES-BUSTLE is now chief of staff at the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Denver.

1992



DONNA E. BLANTON, a shareholder at Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, has been recognized for her work in administrative law in *Florida Trend's* 2016 Legal Elite and in the

2016 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*. She was also chosen by her peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for the practice areas of administrative/regulatory law and government relations.



FRED E. KARLINSKY, a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee, moderated a panel titled, "Risk Management - Working with Industry: View from the Commissioner's Office," at the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Annual Conference in Orlando. Karlinsky spoke at the Insurance Advertising Compliance Association 15th Annual Conference in Miami and at the Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society Foundation's National School on Market Regulation in San Antonio. He also spoke at the Insurance Data Management Association's 2016 Annual Conference in Philadelphia and spoke about trends in product development at the American Association of Insurance Services Main Event in Ponte Vedra Beach. He also was recognized in the 2016 edition of *Chambers USA*.

COLONEL PETER R. MARKSTEINER was selected as circuit executive and clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C.

1993

STEVEN A. GRIGAS is now chair of The Florida Bar Health Law Section. He practices at Akerman in Tallahassee.



MARY H. KEATING, a shareholder at the Tallahassee appellate practice of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., has been named to The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Membership in The Fellows is limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction. She was also named one of the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* for appellate practice and health care law.

1994

JAMES W. GUSTAFSON, JR. is now president of the Florida Justice Association. He is a longtime shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA in Tallahassee.



TRAVIS L. MILLER, a shareholder and president of Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, has been chosen by his peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice area of insurance law. He was also recognized by *Chambers USA* in the insurance field.



KELLY A. O'KEEFE is now a litigation shareholder at Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson in Tallahassee. She represents businesses, fiduciaries and individuals in trust and estate litigation, real estate litigation and complex business litigation.

1995



EDWARD L. BIRK, a First Amendment and media partner at Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville, has been appointed to another term on The Florida Bar Media and Communications Law

Committee. He has served on the committee for several years, including in the positions of chair and vice-chair.

BENJAMIN L. CRUMP, of Parks & Crump, LLC in Tallahassee, was selected to receive a 2016 Triumph Award from the National Action Network. He also received the Freedom Award from the National Civil Rights Museum and was the featured speaker at Law Day 2016 at the Governors Club in Tallahassee.



MARLON A. HILL, of Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, LLP in Miami, received the Salute to Miami Leaders, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Bill Colson

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The most avidly read section of the College of Law magazine is "Class Action." The law school's more than 9,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing – awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken and more. Just as important: did you get married? Have a baby? Write a novel? Run a marathon? Play in a band?

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Leadership Miami Alumni Award and was selected as a 2016 BMe Community Miami Leader.

JAMES "JAY" PAULL, IV is now general manager of pdvWireless, a new telecommunications company created by the founders of Nextel Communications, in Reston, VA.



SONYA A. PENLEY, of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Tallahassee, was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice area of health care law.

COLIN M. ROOPNARINE is now a partner on the Government and Regulatory team at Berger Singerman LLP in Tallahassee.



SHANNON B. SALIMONE, of Holland & Knight in Tallahassee, has earned Florida Bar board certification in Health Law. She is a health lawyer, focusing on corporate compliance,

particularly in the regulatory and data privacy areas. She is recognized as a leading attorney in her field by *Best Lawyers in America* (2005-2017), *Chambers USA* (2006-2016) and *Super Lawyers* (2006-2016).

1996

SHANNON N. BREAM, news anchor and legal correspondent for FOX News Channel, was a featured panelist at an FSU Alumni Networking Event in Washington, D.C.



BERT L. COMBS, a shareholder at Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for the practice area of insurance law.



JOLINDA L. HERRING, of Bryant Miller Olive in Miami, has been appointed chairman of the board of trustees at Florida Memorial University. She is the co-chair of her firm's public finance group and her practice is dedicated to municipal law and government tax-exempt financings.



A. K. HOFFMAN, of Morris James LLP in Wilmington, DE, was named an American Bar Foundation Fellow in recognition of her outstanding achievements, extraordinary leadership in the profession and service to society.

RUSSEL M. LAZEGA, of the Law Office of Russel Lazega in Dania Beach, published the book, *Managing Bubbie*.



JORGE A. MESTRE is a partner at Rivero Mestre LLP, which was a finalist in the inaugural Chambers Diversity Awards: USA 2016 in the category of Most Inclusive Firm for Minority Lawyers. The firm has offices in Miami and New York.

1997

THE HONORABLE FRANCIS J. ALLMAN, JR. was appointed to the Second Judicial Circuit Court by Governor Rick Scott.

CHRISTOPHER S. POLASZEK is now the founder and managing member of The Polaszek Law Firm, PLLC and Thunder Sports Management in Tampa.



RICHARD F. WOODFORD, JR. was appointed as deputy director, mission support for Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS), a military criminal investigative agency in Washington, D.C.

1999



CHRISTIAN F. O'RYAN is now a shareholder at Stearns Weaver Miller in Tampa. He focuses his practice in the areas of real estate acquisition, development and financing, condominium and homeowner association documentation.

2000

ROSALYN S. BAKER-BARNES, a shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. in West Palm Beach, was featured as one of the Top 10 Black Female Attorneys You Should Know by *Black Enterprise*.

2001



AUTUMN O. BECK, of Autumn Beck Blackledge PLLC in Pensacola, has been named a *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star in family law since 2013. She also has been recognized in the Top 10 Female Attorneys by American Institute of Family Law Attorneys.

NICHOLAS V. IAROSSO, III is a founding member and consultant at Capital City Consulting, LLC in Tallahassee, which was voted *INFLUENCE Magazine's* Lobbying Firm of the Year.



KEVIN M. O'BRIEN, who is a litigation and insurance partner at Phelps Dunbar, LLP in Raleigh, NC, has received the Patriot Award from the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program. The Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support military members through a range of measures. O'Brien was recognized for his support of Nathan Huff, a litigation and

insurance associate, and a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, in Phelps Dunbar's Raleigh office.

2002

THE HONORABLE THOMAS A. HEDLER was appointed as a judge of compensation claims by Governor Rick Scott. He was previously a partner with Wender, Hedler & Hessen, P.A. in West Palm Beach.

MARC A. HULING, a partner at Roetzel & Andress in Naples, was appointed president of the Collier County Bar Association. He was also named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

RONALD C. LAFACE, JR. is a founding member and consultant at Capital City Consulting, LLC in Tallahassee, which was voted *INFLUENCE Magazine's* Lobbying Firm of the Year.



MELISSA N. VANSICKLE joined Broad and Cassel as a partner in the Tallahassee office's Real Estate Practice Group.

2003

FREDERICK L. ASCHAUER, JR. was promoted to general counsel at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee.



CHRISTIAN M. GIVENS, partner at Givens Givens Sparks, PLLC in Tampa, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

GIGI ROLLINI, a shareholder at Messer Caparello, P.A. in Tallahassee, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyer* in the area of appellate law.

2004

SETH E. MILLER, of the Innocence Project of Florida, Inc. in Tallahassee, was presented with the President's Award of Merit by The Florida Bar.



PETER J. SWEENEY, JR., deputy city attorney in Palm Bay, became board certified in City, County and Local Government Law by The Florida Bar. He is also board certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar. He is the only Florida Bar member to be double-board certified in those two areas of the law. Additionally, Sweeney was recognized in *Florida Trend Legal Elite* for the first time and completed a two-year chairmanship of the Member Benefits Committee of The Florida Bar. He also became a father in January 2017.

2006



ADAM L. BANTNER, II, managing partner of the Bantner Firm in Tampa, has been appointed by Commissioner Stacy White to serve on the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners' Citizens Advisory Committee.

JILL E. CABAI is now the owner of Cabai Law Office, P.A. in Labelle.



MIGUEL J. CHAMORRO was appointed vice chair of the Civil Procedure Rules Committee of The Florida Bar. He is a senior associate at Lydecker Diaz in Miami, where he practices business law and real estate litigation.



MELANIE S. GRIFFIN, managing shareholder at Dean Mead in Tampa, was named one of Florida State University's 2016 Notable Noles and one of the *Best Lawyers in America* for 2017 in the practice area of commercial litigation. She was named in the 2016 *Florida Trend Legal Elite* and as a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star. Griffin was a *Corporate LiveWire* Global Award winner in the area of labor and employment for Tampa. She also won *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* Business Woman of

the Year Angie's Award and was named one of *Tampa Bay Metro Magazine's* Inspiring Women in Business.



SHACHI K. MANKODI, senior counsel at Broad and Cassel in Fort Lauderdale, has been elected to The Florida Bar Health Law Section's Executive Counsel for a three-year term.



GREGORY A. MAY is now senior vice president of Lee & Associates in Fort Myers, the largest broker-owned commercial real estate firm in the nation.

SHANE G. RAMSEY is now a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Nashville, TN.



THE HONORABLE KERRA A. SMITH has been appointed to the Escambia County Court by Governor Rick Scott. She was an assistant county attorney for the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners from 2013 until her appointment in 2016.



KAREEM J. SPRATLING, a shareholder at Bryant Miller Olive in Tampa, has been recognized nationally by *The Bond Buyer* as one of the 2016 Rising Stars in the nation's municipal bond industry.

2007



DAVID R. BEAR, of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, P.C. in Orlando, was selected as a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

JOE D. BRIGGS, public policy counsel for the National Football League Players Association, was a featured panelist at an FSU Alumni Networking Event in Washington, D.C.

ALLISON G. MAWHINNEY, of GrayRobinson, P.A. in Tallahassee, helped successfully defend the State of Florida in a national health care case brought by the United States.



ALAN C. NASH was promoted to shareholder at the nationwide firm of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, P.C. in Fort Lauderdale. He was also selected as a 2016

Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star.

2008



JAMI A. COLEMAN, of Viera Williams PA in Tallahassee, has been honored by the National Bar Association in its 2016-2017 class of *Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40*.

Among those included, she received the highest recognition as the Nation's Best Advocate.

ROBERT E. DEL TORO, JR. is an associate at the Law Office of Thamir A.R. Kaddouri, Jr. P.A. in Tampa.



MARK D. SCHELLHASE, a shareholder at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Boca Raton, has graduated from Leadership Boca's 2016 program. He practices in the area of commercial litigation.

DANIELLE A. SHERRIFF is now a traffic homicide prosecutor for the State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit in West Palm Beach.



KRISTA A. SIVICK, of Baker & Hostetler LLP in Orlando, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star*.

2009

MICHAEL M. BROWNLEE, an associate at Fisher Rushmer, P.A. in Orlando, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star* in appellate practice. He also obtained board certification in Appellate Practice from The Florida Bar in 2016.

PAETRA T. BROWNLEE, an appellate practitioner at Charles M. Greene, P.A. in Orlando, has been named a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star* in appellate practice.



CHARLES J. COMELLA, JR., an associate at Chesser & Bar, P.A. in Shalimar and Crestview, is now board certified in real estate. His primary practice areas are real estate law and commercial litigation.

JESSICA G. COSTELLO was recognized in the 2016 *Tampa Bay Business Journal* "Under 40 Hall of Fame."



HOWARD FOX was appointed vice chair of membership for the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Air Quality Committee and was promoted to shareholder at Fowler White Burnett, P.A. in Miami. He also presented on his professional experiences at the University of Miami to Ecosystem Science and Policy students.



DAVID J. GILLIS has opened his own firm, The Law Offices of David J. Gillis, in Fort Lauderdale. His practice focuses on criminal defense, personal injury and general civil litigation.

ASHLEY P. KALIFEH is a consultant at Capital City Consulting, LLC in Tallahassee, which was voted *INFLUENCE Magazine's* Lobbying Firm of the Year.

JAMES T. MOORE, JR., of GrayRobinson, P.A. in Tallahassee, helped successfully defend the State of Florida in a national health care case brought by the United States.



ROBERT J. POWELL was promoted to equity partner at Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse, P.A. in Pensacola. He also received the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent

Rating and has been listed as a *Florida Trend Legal Elite Up & Comer*. Additionally, Powell completed a term as president of the Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association.

JASMINE O. RAND'S swimsuit line, Jasmine Swimwear, was featured at Caribbean Fashion Week in Fort Lauderdale. She is the founding attorney at Rand Law, LLC in Miami.

BRENT T. RIGGLE is now an attorney at the Law Offices of Dan Newlin & Partners in Orlando.

CHRISTOPHER M. SCHOONOVER is a consultant at Capital City Consulting, LLC in Tallahassee, which was voted *INFLUENCE Magazine's* Lobbying Firm of the Year.

REID M. WAKEFIELD has accepted a position as commission counsel with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in Worcester, MA.

2010

ALVAN BALENT, JR., assistant general counsel for Florida's Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, was appointed to The Florida Bar's Constitutional Judiciary Committee.



JOSHUA P. BRIAN is now an associate in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group at Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee.



JACQUELYN REDMOND, the founding attorney of J. Redmond Law PC in Brookline, MA, has been named a 2016 *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.



MATTHEW D. KISSNER, of Broad and Cassel in West Palm Beach, was a finalist in *South Florida Business & Wealth's* 2016 Up and Comer Awards.

ERIN M. CARR is now the assistant director for career development at the University of Florida Levin College of Law Center for Career Development.

LINDSAY GALLOWAY-MCGORMICK, of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, P.C. in Tampa, was selected as a 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star.



JASON D. HALL has been named a partner in the Tampa office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP. His practice focuses on civil litigation, with a primary focus in insurance coverage and first party property defense.



GABRIEL M. HARTSELL is now an associate at McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in Jacksonville. He focuses on the representation of commercial lenders and businesses involved in

complex commercial litigation, real estate litigation and financial services litigation.



JAMES O. LANG has joined Greenberg Traurig, P.A. as a shareholder in the Tampa office. He focuses his practice on facilitating federal and state tax credit incentives designed to

promote the revitalization and economic development of communities in Florida and nationally.

DAMON C. PICHOFF is now an attorney at the Law Offices of Michael O'Rourke in Jacksonville.

MICHAEL D. REDONDO is now an associate at Zinda Law Group, PLLC in Austin, TX.



JESSICA E. SANCHEZ and Alex David Sanchez were married on December 12, 2015, in Jacksonville. Jessica is a political appointee at the Department of Homeland

Security, and Alex, also an FSU graduate, works as a public policy and government affairs analyst for Google in Washington, DC. FSU Law graduates **KAITLYN M. STATILE** ('10), **MERYL M. KINARD** ('10), and **KRISTY B. SWEAT** ('10) were members of the bridal party. Wedding guests included fellow FSU Law graduates **MELISSA SALE LEONARD** ('10), **GARETH G. LEONARD** ('09), **KATHLEEN C. TUOHY** ('10), **HILLARY C. POWELL** ('10), **MARTIN F. POWELL** ('09), and **KRISTIN N. BOUTCHYARD** ('10).

CHRISTON R. TANNER is now an attorney at MansonBolves in Tampa.

2011



NICOLE L. BRENNER has joined Reed Smith LLP as an associate in the Richmond, VA office. She is a member of the firm's Global Regulatory Enforcement Practice Group, and will focus her

practice on administrative and regulatory law before all Virginia state agencies, as well as on legislative work before the Virginia legislative and executive branches.

CHRISTINA L. FEYEN is now assistant director of human resources at Zinda Law Group, PLLC in Austin, TX.

SALOMON LAGUERRE is now a managing labor and employment associate at Seyfarth Shaw LLP in Atlanta.

MELANIE R. LEITMAN, of Messer Caparello, P.A. in Tallahassee, has been named a *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

2012

MAXWELL J. DAUERMAN is an associate at Young, Berman, Karpf & Gonzalez, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale, where he specializes in family law.

ALEXANDER J. FUMAGALI is now general counsel at Allegro Outdoors in Orlando.



ASHLEY E. GAULT is now an associate at Roetzel & Andress, LPA in Cleveland. Her practice is focused in the area of corporate law, concentrated on mergers and acquisitions and general corporate counseling.

ANGELINA M. GONZALEZ is now an associate at Panza, Maurer & Maynard in Fort Lauderdale.

DAVID S. GROSSMAN is now an assistant attorney general at the Georgia Department of Law in Atlanta.

RICHARD C. KEARLEY, III is now an associate at the Law Offices of Christopher J. Norris in Boca Raton.

HANNAH D. MONROE is now an associate at Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell in Tallahassee.

GORDON C. MURRAY, JR., deputy general counsel for the Florida Justice Association, received a Unity Award from the Tallahassee Barristers Association. He was also selected as part of Connect Florida's Class VII and was named one of the *Top 40 Young Lawyers in the United States* by the American Bar

Association. Additionally, he participated in The Florida Bar's Wm. Reese Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy.

SARAH C. SPILLERS is now associate corporate counsel at Consulate Health Care in Tampa.

2013

JAMIE T. AGNEW is now an associate at Council & Associates, LLC in Atlanta.

STEVEN A. BROWN is now an associate at Council, Baradel, Kosmerl & Nolan, P.A. in Annapolis, MD.

DAVID W. CANNADY is an assistant state attorney at the State Attorney's Office in Fort Lauderdale.

BENJAMIN C. DAVIS is now an associate at Baker & McKenzie in Miami. He focuses on commercial litigation and arbitration.

NELSON A. FAERBER, III, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, has been selected as a Distinguished Graduate of Officer Training School, Commissioned Officer Training Class 14-02. He attained the top 10% of the highly competitive program.

NICHOLAS D. HORNER is now an associate at Foley & Lardner LLP in Tampa, in the firm's Transactional & Securities Practice. His practice focuses on business and corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions and tax planning. He was selected as a Fellow for the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar where he assists with the redrafting of the Florida Business Corporation Act.



MICHAEL J. NILES, of Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee, was recognized as an Up and Comer in *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite 2016.

MATTHEW C. WILLIAMS is now practicing at Akbar Law Firm, PA in Tallahassee.

JANELLE E. ZABRESKY is now an associate at Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP in Atlanta. She practices in the areas of insurance coverage and commercial litigation.

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2014

IVORY M. AVANT is now a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Foundation in Tallahassee.

KEOKI M. BARON is now a clerk for Judge Beth Bloom, of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

TRAVIS DEANE is now an associate at the Law Offices of Gary Quackenbush in San Diego.



CHRISTOPHER S. EMMANUEL is now the director of infrastructure and governance policy at the Florida Chamber of Commerce in Tallahassee, where he serves as the primary

advocate for transportation, energy and property rights on behalf of the state's largest business association.

TYLER GROSS is now an associate at Gross & Schuster, P.A. in Pensacola. He practices criminal and personal injury law.

PHILIPPE HABIB is now a consultant at DLA Piper Middle East LLP in Kuwait.

MACKENZIE L. LANDA is now a legal fellow with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Foundation in Washington, D.C.

CLAYTON L. "LEE" LOVETT is a staff accountant at Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. in Tallahassee.

MICHELLE L. MILLER was selected for active duty as an Air Force Judge Advocate.

STEPHANIE N. OSMAN is now an assistant public defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orlando.

KARA R. OTTERVANGER is now an associate at Young, Bills, Boles, Palmer & Duke, P.A. in Tampa. She practices bad faith insurance litigation.



ALISON H. SAUSAMAN, of Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville, won The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division's 2016 Michael K. Reese Quality of Life Award. The award is given to the person

and/or entity that, through humanitarian respect, advances balance and fulfillment in lawyers' lives by redefining current work habits and schedules to provide more flexibility and a more meaningful existence.

JACQUELYN A. THOMAS is now an associate at Gunster in Jacksonville.

DANIEL TROUT is now an associate at Ross & Matthews, P.C. in Fort Worth, TX.

2015

BROOKE A. BACH is now an attorney at Pollard PLLC in Fort Lauderdale.



PETER W. BRENNAN is now an associate at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Orlando. His practice focuses on civil commercial litigation, including banking and finance.

ALEJANDRO CALLEJA has accepted a position as a senior contracts manager for Amazon in Seattle.



RACHEL C. COCCILO has joined Burr & Forman LLP as an associate in the Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy practice in Jacksonville.

ALEXANDRA C. ELLISON is now associate vice president and officer in the legal department at Citi in Tampa. She specializes in drafting and negotiating cleared and over-the-counter derivatives contracts.



JASMYNE N. HENDERSON was honored by the National Bar Association in its 2016-2017 Class of the Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40. She was also named one

of the 30 Under 30 Rising Stars by *Florida Politics*. She leads Pittman Law Group's Government Affairs practice in Tallahassee.

CAPTAIN JASON T. JOHNSON was selected for active duty as an Air Force Judge Advocate.

CHRISTOPHER M. JONES, a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, was featured in an *Observer-Dispatch* article regarding his advocacy work for disabled refugees.

JONATHAN A. MARTIN is now assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee.

CARTER P. MCMILLAN is now in-house counsel at Uber Operations in Tallahassee.

LINDSEY L. MILLER is a staff attorney at the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration in Tallahassee.

JOSEPH R. SALZVERG is now an associate and government consultant at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Tallahassee.

FRANCISCO D. ZORNOSA is now an assistant district attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York.

2016

ASEYE A. ABLORDEPEPEY has accepted a position at the State Attorney's Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit, in Orlando.

ALEXANDRA E. AKRE is clerking for the Honorable Joel Dubino, of the U.S. Court of Appeals, for the Eleventh Circuit, in Montgomery, AL.

JORDAN D. ANDERSON is now regional canvass director at For Our Future in Tallahassee.

WILLIAM J. ANDERSON is now an associate at Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson in Tallahassee.

BRIAN C. BAUTISTA is a lobbyist at Impact GR in Tallahassee.

SARAH LOGAN BEASLEY is now a judicial law clerk for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

ANDREW M. BENNETT is now an associate at Jonathan Bernstein Consulting Corp. in Palm Beach Gardens.

STACEY M. BOSCH is an attorney at Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A. in Tampa.

ANIKA N. BOYCE is an assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orlando.

OLIVIA M. BROOKS is practicing at Brooks Law in Tallahassee.

ALINE L. BRYANT is a staff attorney at the Fifth Judicial Circuit in Ocala.

CHARLES O. BURDEN, JR. has accepted a position at the Office of Regional Conflict Counsel in Tallahassee.

MONICA B. CARUSELLO is a staff attorney at the Florida Supreme Court.

DOUGLAS A. COHEN is an associate at Bogle Law Firm in Winter Park.

SCOTT J. DALTON is an associate at Banker Lopez Gassler P.A. in Fort Myers.

JASON P. DEL ROSSO has joined Moran Kidd Lyons Johnson, P.A. in Orlando.

MICHAEL B. DOBSON is now a staff attorney for the Florida House Finance & Tax Committee in Tallahassee.

DAVID J. EHRlich is now an associate at de Beaubien Knight Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP in Tallahassee.

HARRISON M. FISCHER is now an assistant state attorney at the Office of the State Attorney, Second Judicial Circuit in Tallahassee.

SAMUEL GILOT is an analyst in the Florida House Democratic Office in Tallahassee.

LAIR A. HALL, II is now an assistant state attorney at the State Attorney's Office, Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville.

SVETLANA A. HILLIS is an associate at Dunlap & Shipman, P.A. in Santa Rosa Beach.

TIA S. HUNTLEY is now practicing at Florida Rural Legal Services in Fort Myers.

LOUIS JEAN-BAPTISTE is now practicing at the Law Offices of Stephen G. Webster, LLC in Tallahassee.

ANNIE J. KAGER is a staff attorney at the Second Judicial Circuit Court in Tallahassee.

DANIEL J. LOPEZ is now an assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Tampa.

MASON E. MANEY has accepted a position at the Office of the District Attorney, City of Philadelphia.

LEXIE C. MILLER is now an attorney at the Florida Department of Children and Families in Pensacola.

NICOLA J. PAPPAS is now an associate at Daniel W. Uhfelder, P.A., in Santa Rosa Beach.

CHRISTINA M. SMIEKLE is now assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation in Tallahassee.

MATTHEW A. SULKIN is now an assistant state attorney at the Office of the State Attorney, Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami.

MATTHEW R. STOCK is now an associate at Zuckerman Law in Washington, D.C.

MATTHEW H. STORCH is now an associate at Vecchio, Carrier, Feldman & Johannessen in Lakeland.

KRISTINA M. TORPY was selected for active duty as an Air Force Judge Advocate.

LEONARDO ARIAS VERA is now an attorney at RAICES in Dallas.

In Memoriam

CODY F. DAVIS ('84) passed away on January 7, 2017 in Tampa. He practiced civil trial law for more than 30 years.

STACY C. FRANK ('82) passed away on June 25, 2016, after a battle with lung cancer. She was a Georgetown University graduate, a business owner and an attorney who worked in several fields of law, including telecommunications.

BRYAN S. FUNK ('10) passed away on August 19, 2016, surrounded by his wife, family and friends. He was a staff attorney at Disability Rights Florida, where much of his work centered around guardianship, managed care and Medicaid waivers.

BLAISE N. GAMBA ('06) passed away on November 12, 2016. She was a commercial litigation associate at Carlton Fields and also served as a leader and champion for her firm's pro bono efforts.

ENRICO G. GONZALEZ ('90) passed away on November 24, 2016.

ALTON A. "AL" GRUENEICH, JR. ('94) passed away at his home in Newport, NH on November 16, 2016. His lifelong passion was rehabbing residential buildings, which he successfully did in Florida, Massachusetts and Maryland.

DEBORAH D. HOLTON ('97) passed away on September 24, 2016, in Ocala. She spent much of her career as a passionate teacher and used her legal education to lobby for her community and for opportunities for children.

DOMENICK R. LIOCE ('79) passed away on March 10, 2016. He was a partner at Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White, and Lioce in Palm Beach Gardens, specializing in tax law.

CAROLINE C. MUELLER ('74) passed away on October 29, 2016, in Jacksonville. She worked for many years at the United Nations in New York City and for human rights non-governmental organizations.

CHARLES F. RIVENBARK, II ('11) passed away on July 4, 2016. He was assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in Tallahassee.

ANTOINETTE M. STITT ('79) passed away on August 21, 2016. She honorably served as a public defender in Escambia County for 25 years before retiring.

CLASS NOTES ARE ONLINE!


Beginning this spring, "Class Notes" are being published online at law.fsu.edu! You can now browse notes by class year as often as you would like – notes will be published within a few weeks of when they are submitted. Photos will also be published with the notes if they are provided. We hope you enjoy the new online notes, which will allow us to share your news more quickly!



FSU Law Love Stories

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Nancy L. Benavides coordinated a fun campaign on her personal social media accounts, where she is connected with many alumni and friends of FSU Law. Every day during the month of February she posted a different example of #FSULawLoveStories with the caption, "FSU Law is all about the people – our amazing students who go on to become rock star alums! And every once in a while, we help to launch more than just careers." Below are four stories from the campaign.

#FSULAWLOVESTORIES
LAURA + CHRIS




"It would seem that fate (or rather, FSU Law) brought Chris and I together -- neither of us were traditional law students in that we both took time off between college and law school. I delayed law school to work at a law firm and gain some experience, while Chris delayed law school for the chance to work at the White House. We timed it just right to meet in the BBQ line at law school orientation - except that I had a boyfriend. Still, we had most of our first year classes together and became good friends. Luckily, fate eventually timed things just right and we were both single at the beginning of our third year of law school. We went out for dinner and, once I realized we were on a date (and not just out with a group of friends), the rest was history. About a year after we graduated, we got engaged in front of the Rotunda at BK Roberts Hall (in the same place we met in the BBQ line).

We now live in Tampa, where Chris's practice focuses on environmental law and my practice is in the area of financial services litigation."

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#FSULAWLOVESTORIES
RONDA + ADAM



Ronda and Adam (Class of 2007) started dating in the most typically romantic circumstances – a contracts class study group. They both thoroughly enjoyed the spirited discussions surrounding UCC 2-207 so much that they had to run off and get married.

A few years after moving to Dallas, Texas they decided to join forces and form their own firm, which Ronda still runs. They are grateful for their son, Cameron, and are expecting another boy in June to join the study group.

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#FSULAWLOVESTORIES
LAUREN + CARLOS



Lauren and Carlos were in the same section 1L year and started dating in January of their 1L year after Carlos endured many episodes of the Bachelor and Gossip Girl. In the summer after their first year at FSU Law, they drove up to Thomasville to adopt "Carlos's" dog, Polu Andres Nieto.

During Lauren's 3L year she was fortunate enough to receive a job offer in Baltimore, Maryland, which was closer to where she grew up in Pennsylvania. The two are settled in the area and got married in August.

Florida State is special to them because it is an experience they uniquely share up in Baltimore. Although many people have pride in their schools, Lauren and Carlos have a great appreciation for their law school experience. FSU Law has such a collegial and social environment. Even though they live far away, Lauren and Carlos made many friendships that will last a lifetime. And they always are looking for an excuse to head to the Sunshine State!

Lauren and Carlos both are litigators in the insurance defense industry in Baltimore, Maryland.

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#FSULAWLOVESTORIES
WENDY + BRUCE



Bruce and Wendy met as 1Ls. Their first date was to the Law School Halloween Party after meeting in the library hard at work on a legal writing assignment! Bruce had the book that Wendy needed, and the rest is history, as they say. That was in October of their first year, they were engaged in November of their second year and were married in December of their third year (1992). You could say that without FSU Law, there would be no "Bruce and Wendy!"

They have been married for 25 years this December. Beyond their fulfilling legal careers, they enjoy spending time with their two daughters, Leah (21) who is currently pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre at The Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University in St. Louis and Samantha (17), a senior in high school in Tallahassee soon off to pursue a degree in Creative Writing and Journalism at Emerson College in Boston.

Bruce and Wendy are both partners at Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee. Bruce is a Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer. Wendy represents the deathcare industry (funeral homes and cemeteries) regulatory.

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FACULTY NOTES

Includes selected faculty publications, external presentations and recognitions since the last issue of *Florida State Law*.

Frederick M. Abbott

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR
PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW



Chapters: *Competition Law in Emerging Markets: The Virtue of Regulatory Diversity*, in INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

AND GOVERNANCE (J. Chaisse & T-Y Lin, editors) (Oxford University Press 2016); *Parallel Trade in Pharmaceuticals: Trade Therapy for Market Distortions*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON EXHAUSTION AND PARALLEL IMPORTS (I. Calboli & E. Lee, editors) (Edward Elgar Publishers 2016). **Presentations:** *IP, Local Manufacturing, Industrial and Access Policies* (Pretoria, South Africa, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) of South Africa, UNCTAD, UNDP Public Consultation on the DTI Intellectual Property Consultative Framework, September 2016); *Patent Examination with particular reference to the Pharmaceutical Sector* (Pretoria, South Africa, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) of South Africa, UNCTAD, UNDP Public Consultation on the DTI Intellectual Property Consultative Framework, September 2016); *Compulsory License and Remuneration, including South African Law*

and Policy Options (Pretoria, South Africa, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) of South Africa, UNCTAD, UNDP Public Consultation on the DTI Intellectual Property Consultative Framework, September 2016); *IP and Competition Law and Policy, including South African Law and Policy Options* (Pretoria, South Africa, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) of South Africa, UNCTAD, UNDP Public Consultation on the DTI Intellectual Property Consultative Framework, September 2016); *DNS trends & the evolution of "problem behavior"* (Geneva, Switzerland, Annual Meeting of WIPO Panelists, Arbitration and Mediation Center, September 2016); *Public and Working Sessions of the Global Health Law Committee of the International Law Association* (Johannesburg, South Africa, Johannesburg 2016 Biennial, Session Chair, August 2016); *Public-Private Partnerships and the Delinkage Equation* (Geneva, Switzerland, Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships, Global Intellectual Property Governance and Sustainable Development, ICTSD- Seattle University, July 2016); *Technology Transfer and Development* (Strasbourg, France, CEIPI/WIPO/INPI Advanced Course on Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer and Licensing, Keynote Lecture, June 2016); *The UNSG High-Level Panel and the Competition Framework for Access to Medicines* (Jakarta, Indonesia, Joint Public Seminar on Competition Law

and Access to Medicines, Indonesia Competition Commission and UNDP, May 2016); *TRIPS plus provisions in plurilateral/regional trade agreements and their impact on access to medicines at the national and global level* (Geneva, Switzerland, BRICS Governments Side-Event on Access to Medicines and Trade Agreements, 69th World Health Assembly, May 2016).

Paolo Annino

GLASS PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTEREST
LAW



Article: *Children are Different: The Abolition of Mandatory Minimum Sentencing in Florida*, THE FLORIDA DEFENDER (Fall

2016), at ssrn.com/abstract=2853626. **Recognition:** Received the 2017 Father Robert Drinan Award from the Association of American Law Schools Section on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities for his longstanding commitment to addressing the legal needs of low-income clients.

Robert E. Atkinson, Jr.

GREENSPOON MARDER PROFESSOR



Article: *Liberalism, Philanthropy, and Praxis: Re-Aligning the Philanthropy of the Republic and the Social Teaching of the Church*, 84 *FORD-*

HAM L. REV. 2633 (2016). **Presentation:** *The Curious Fate of Atticus Finch* (Fordham Law School, International Legal Ethics Conference VII, July 2016).

Shawn J. Bayern

LARRY AND JOYCE BELTZ PROFESSOR OF TORTS



Presentations: *Discussant/Mentor* (University of North Carolina Law School, Southeastern Junior/Senior Scholarship

Conference, October 2016); *Discussant/Mentor* (Duquesne University, Future Law Conference, October 2016); *The American Law and Economics Movement: An American Revolution in Private Law* (United Kingdom, Cambridge University, Obligations VIII: Revolutions in Private Law, July 2016); *In the Company of Robots* (Munich, Germany, A Symposium on Zero-Member LLCs and Autonomous Entities, organized by the University of St. Gallen and the Munich Center on Governance at the University of Munich to discuss the comparative implications of Bayern's work, July 2016); *Faculty* (Tampa, CLE on Business Organizations, Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar, May 2016).

Courtney Cahill

DONALD HINKLE PROFESSOR



Articles: *Universalizing Anonymity Anxiety*, 3 *J.L. & BIOSCIENCES* 647 (2016); *Reproduction Reconceived*, 101 *MINN. L. REV.*

617 (2016). **Presentation:** *Reproduction Reconceived* (University of California, Irvine School of Law, Baby Markets Congress, April 2016).

Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte

PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND PROFESSOR



Book: *THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION* (2d ed., Oxford University Press 2016).

Avlana K. Eisenberg

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



P r e s e n t a - t i o n s: *Crime and the Constitution* (Constitutionally Speaking/University of New Hampshire School

of Law Symposium, Panelist, October 2016); *Looking Forward: Criminal Law's Role* (Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Panelist, August 2016).

Melissa O. Hanson

LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR



Recognition: One of eight professors university wide to receive a 2016-17 University Graduate Teaching Award.

Shi-Ling Hsu

D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



Chapters: *Carbon Taxes*, in *GLOBAL CLIMATE LAW* (D. Farber, & M. Peeters, editors) (Edward Elgar 2016); *International*

Market Mechanisms, in *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE LAW* (C. Carlarne, editor) (2016). **Article:** *Inefficient Inequality*, 5 *IND. J.L. & SOC. EQ.* 1 (2016). **Presentations:** *The Political Case for a Carbon Tax* (South Royalton, Vermont, 2016 Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, September 2016); *A Game-Theoretic Model of Cooperation in Law Faculties* (Atlanta, Georgia, 2016 Midwestern Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, September 2016); *A Human Capital Approach to Climate Innovation* (Austin, Texas, Eighth Annual Meeting of the Society for Environmental Law and Economics, May 2016); *Human Capital in a Climate-changed World* (Tempe, Arizona, Arizona State University, Sustainability Conference for American Legal Educators, May 2016).

Steve R. Johnson

DUNBAR FAMILY PROFESSOR



Book: CIVIL TAX PROCEDURE (with J. Borison & S. Ullman) (3d ed., Carolina Academic Press 2016). **Chapter:** *Tax Penalties in the*

United States (with L. Lederman & S. Mazza), in SURCHARGES AND PENALTIES IN TAX LAW (European Association of Tax Law Professors 2016). **Articles:** *Seminole Rock in Tax Cases*, YALE J. ON REG.: NOTICE & COMMENT (September 15, 2016); *The Future of American Tax Administration: Conceptual Alternatives and Political Realities*, 7 COLUM. J. TAX L. 5 (2016); *Is an American Value Added Tax Inevitable?*, 15 FLA. ST. U. BUS. REV. 1 (2016); *Retroactive Tax Legislation*, 81 ST. & LOCAL TAX NOTES 529 (August 2016). **Presentations:** *Scope of Regulatory Authority: From Interpretation to Implementing Policy* (109th Annual Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association, November 2016); *Correcting Capital Account Mistakes and Errors on Partnership Returns* (Stratford National Webinar CLE, November 2016); *The Taxpayer's Right to a Fair Resolution: Precedential Cherry-Picking in Tax Decisions* (University of Washington School of Law Annual Tax Law Symposium, October 2016); *The Federal Tax Code as a Tool of Public Policy* (Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2016); *State, Local, and Federal Tax Policy Strategies* (Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2016); *Civil and Criminal Tax Fraud* (Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants-Miracle Coast Chapter, June 2016).

Marshall B. Kapp

PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND LAW



Chapters: *Legal Aspects of Oncology Care for Dying Patients*, in DYING AND DEATH IN ONCOLOGY (Lawrence Berk, editor)

(Springer International Publishing 2017); *Future Directions in Public Policy Relating to Elder Abuse*, in ELDER ABUSE: RESEARCH, PRACTICE AND POLICY (XinQi Dong, editor) (Springer Science+Business Media 2016); *Legal Issues*, in HAZZARD'S GERIATRIC MEDICINE AND GERONTOLOGY (Jeffrey Halter et al., editors) (7th ed., McGraw-Hill 2016); *Forensic Issues in Long-Term Care Psychiatry*, in GERIATRIC FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY (Jacob C. Holzer et al., editors) (Oxford University Press 2016). **Articles:** *The Physician's Responsibility Concerning Firearms and Older Patients*, 25 KANSAS J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 159 (Spring 2016); *Speculating About the Impact of Healthcare Industry Consolidation on Long-Term Services and Supports*, 25 ANNALS HEALTH L. 1 (Summer 2016); *Overcoming Legal Impediments to Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment*, 18 AMA J. OF ETHICS 861 (September 2016); *Medical-Legal Partnerships: Six Situations in Which Elder Law Attorneys and Physicians Caring for Older Patients Need Each Other*, 37 BIFOCAL: A J. OF THE ABA COMMISSION ON L. & AGING 115 (August 2016); *Teaching Legal Competencies Through an Individualized Elective in Medicine and Law*, GERONTOLOGY & GERIATRICS EDUCATION, doi: 10.1080/02701960.2016.1247072 (2016); *Medical Malpractice in Derma-*

tology—Part I: Reducing the Risks of a Lawsuit (with Shah & Wolverton), AMER J. CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY (2016), doi:10.1007/s40257-016-0223-3; *Medical Malpractice in Dermatology—Part II: What to Do Once You Have Been Served with a Lawsuit* (with Shah & Wolverton), AMER J. CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY (2016), doi:10.1007/s40257-016-0224-2. **Presentations:** *Distinctive Factors Affecting the Legal Context of End-of-Life Medical Care for Older Persons* (Atlanta, Georgia State University Law Review Symposium, Quinlan at 40: Exploring the Right to Die in the U.S., November 2016); *Risk Management and Culture Change: When Resident Voice and Choice Conflicts With Standards of Practice* (Baltimore, Maryland, Inaugural Conference of the American Association of Directors of Nursing Services, September 2016).

Lawrence S. Krieger

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND CO-DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



Presentations: *New Findings among 6,200 Lawyers: The Personality of the Successful, Satisfied, and Ethical Lawyer* (Macon, Georgia,

Mercer College of Law, National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism Annual Symposium, October 2016); *Teaching Lawyers the New Science of Lawyer Life Satisfaction* (Ontario, Canada, Canadian Association for CLE Directors Annual Conference, September 2016).

David E. Landau

MASON LADD PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Chapter: *Constitutional Endurance and Democracy: Judging Constitutional Performance* (with Rosalind Dixon), in *ASSESSING CONSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE*

(Tom Ginsburg & Aziz Huq, editors) (Cambridge University Press 2016). **Articles:** *Political Support and Structural Constitutional Law*, 67 ALA. L. REV. 1069 (2016); *Selective Entrenchment in State Constitutional Law: Lessons from Comparative Experience*, 69 ARK. L. REV. 425 (2016). **Presentations:** *Courts and Support Structures: Rethinking the Standard Narrative* (Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern University School of Law, Conference on Comparative Judicial Review, October 2016); *Conferencia Central: Corte Constitucional en el derecho comparado: control de reforma constitucional y DESC* (Cali, Colombia, ICESI University, 25 Anos de la Constitucion de Colombia, September 2016); *IDPs vs. Refugees: Insiders and Outsiders in Colombian Constitutional Law* (Cambridge, United Kingdom, University of Cambridge, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, The External Dimensions of Constitutions, September 2016); *Democratic Erosion and Constitution-Making Moments: The Role of International Law* (Irvine, California, University of California Irvine School of Law, Constitution-Making as Transnational Practice ABF-UCI Symposium, September 2016); *Courts and Democratic Constitution-Making* (Mexi-

co City, Mexico, CIDE, Symposium on Constitution-Making in Democratic Constitutional Orders, August 2016); *The Substitute and Complement Theories of Judicial Review* (Berlin, Germany, Humboldt University, International Society of Public Law 2016 Conference, June 2016); *The South African Model for the Enforcement of Social Rights* (Sydney, Australia, University of New South Wales, Symposium: Constitutional Triumphs, Constitutional Disappointments: A Critical Assessment of the 1996 South African Constitution's Local and International Influence, April 2016); *Social Rights Beyond Social Transformation* (Newton, Massachusetts, Boston College Law School, Symposium on the Future of Economic and Social Rights, April 2016).

Jake Linford

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Article: *Improving Technology Neutrality Through Compulsory Licensing*, 100 MINN. L. REV. HEADNOTES 126 (2016). **Presentations:** *Scarcity of Attention in a World without Copyright* (University of New Hampshire School of Law, Sixth Annual Scholars' Roundtable, October 2016) (Provo, Utah, BYU Law School, Intellectual Property Colloquium, September 2016) (Palo Alto, California, Stanford Law School, 16th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, August 2016) (Chicago, Illinois, University of Illinois College of Law/Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Society for Economic Research on

Copyright Research Annual Congress, July 2016); *Valuing Residual Goodwill After Trademark Abandonment* (Concord, New Hampshire, University of New Hampshire Law, Junior Intellectual Property Scholars Association Spring Workshop, June 2016) (Orlando, Seventh Annual INTA Trademark Scholarship Symposium, May 2016); *Are Trademarks Ever Fanciful?* (New Orleans, Louisiana, 2016 Law and Society Annual Meeting, June 2016) (Georgetown University Law Center, Tech Law & Policy Colloquium, April 2016); *Trademarks – Year in Review* (Orlando, Seventh Annual IP Symposium, The Florida Bar Business Law Section, April 2016).

Wayne A. Logan

GARY & SALLYN PAJCIĆ PROFESSOR



Books: *QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, Q & A: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE I-POLICE INVESTIGATION* (with Neil Cohen & Michael

Benza) (3d ed., Carolina Academic Press 2016); *QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, Q & A: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE II-PROSECUTION AND ADJUDICATION* (with Neil Cohen & Michael Benza) (Carolina Academic Press 2016). **Articles:** *Policing Criminal Justice Data* (with Andrew Ferguson), 101 MINN. L. REV. 541 (2016); *Database Infamia: Exit from the Sex Offender Registries*, 2015 WIS. L. REV. 219. **Presentations:** *Fourth Amendment Localism* (Boston, Massachusetts, Northeastern University School of Law, November 2016) (Bristol, Rhode Island, Roger Williams University School of Law, October 2016); *What Was Once a*

Stream Is Now a River: Ongoing Limits to the Fourth Amendment Exclusionary Rule (Tallahassee, First District Court of Appeal, September 2016); *False Mas-siah: What Forty-Five Years of Case Law Tells Us About Sixth Amendment Limits on Police Authority to Secure Confessions* (Amelia Island, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2016).

David L. Markell

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR AND
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH



Article: *Dynamic Governance in Theory and Application, Part I* (with Robert L. Glicksman), 58 ARIZ. L. REV. 563 (2016);

EPA Next Generation Compliance, 30 NAT. RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT 22 (American Bar Association Winter 2016). **Presentation:** *Participant* (George Washington University Law School, invitation-only workshop to explore inter-governmental and inter-agency relations, November 2016). **Recognitions:** Named a senior fellow by the University of Melbourne, Australia; One of eight FSU professors to receive a 2016-17 University Graduate Teaching Award.

Erin O'Hara O'Connor

DEAN AND MCKENZIE PROFESSOR



Presentations: *Comments on Relational Contracting* (Georgetown University Law Center, Medical Sympo-

sium Honoring the Life of Professor Warren Schwartz, November 2016); *Professionalism in Law Schools* (Tallahassee, William H. Stafford American Inn of Court, September 2016); *Advisor to Restatement Third of Conflict of Laws* (American Law Institute Annual Project Meeting, September 2016).

Erin Ryan

ELIZABETH C. & CLYDE W. ATKINSON
PROFESSOR



Article: *Federalism, Regulatory Architecture, and the Clean Water Rule*, 46 ENVTL. L. 277 (2016). **Presentations:** *Multilevel*

Environmental Governance in the United States (Qingdao, China, Ocean University of China, June 2016) (Beijing, China, Tsinghua University, Chinese and American Environmental Governance Compared: System, Capacity, and Performance (Part II), June 2016); *Federalism and Secession in the U.S.* (Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Queen's University, Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting, May 2016).

Mark B. Seidenfeld

PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW



Presentations: *Revisiting Congressional Delegation of Interpretive Primacy as Foundation for Chevron Deference* (Arlington, Vir-

ginia, Antonin Scalia Law School,

Searle Roundtable on Judicial Review of Regulatory Evidence, November 2016); *The Long Shadow of Judicial Review: Comments on the Papers by Professors Walker, Jacobs & Bremer, and Glicksman & Hammond* (Tallahassee, Florida State University, Environmental Law without Courts Conference, September 2016).

Justin T. Sevier

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Article: *On Hearsay Dragon-Slaying*, 67 FLA. L. REV. FORUM 269 (2016). **Presentations:** *Who Cares about Agency Costs in Executive*

Compensation? (Duke University School of Law, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2016) (University of Chicago Law School, National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2016); *Vicarious Windfalls* (University of North Carolina School of Law, Southeast Junior-Senior Scholars Workshop, October 2016).

Mark Spottswood

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Presentations: *Shaping Moods to Improve the Accuracy of Legal Fact-Finding* (Brown University, Symposium on Cognitive Models

of Evidential Reasoning, International Conference on Thinking, August 2016); *Unraveling the Conjunction Paradox* (Vanderbilt Law School, New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop, May 2016).

Recognition: One of eight professors university wide to receive a 2016-17 University Graduate Teaching Award.

Nat S. Stern

JOHN W. & ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR



Articles: *Separation of Powers, Executive Authority, and Suspension of Disbelief*, 54 HOUS. L. REV. 125 (2016); *A New Test to Reconcile the*

Right of Publicity with Core First Amendment Values (with Mark Joseph Stern), 23 J. INTELL. PROP. 93 (2016); *Improving the Emergency Medical Services System's Response to Domestic Violence* (with Karen Oehme, Elizabeth Donnelly & Rebecca Melvin), 26 HEALTH MATRIX: J.L. & MED. 173 (2016); *A Test to Identify and Remedy Anti-Gay Bias in Child Custody Decisions After Obergefell* (with Karen Oehme & Mark Joseph Stern), 23 UCLA WOMEN'S L.J. 79 (2016).

Fernando Tesón

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR



Presentations: *Justice at a Distance: Extending Freedom Globally* (Western Carolina University, Cambridge University Press book

presentation, November 2016) (Wake Forest University, Cambridge University Press book presentation, November 2016); *Debating Humanitarian Intervention* (Florida State University, Colloquium sponsored by the Institute of Humane Studies, November 2016).

Franita Tolson

BETTY T. FERGUSON PROFESSOR OF VOTING RIGHTS



Articles: *The Federalism Implications of Campaign Finance Regulation*, 164 U. PA. L. REV. ONLINE 247 (2016); *Introduction: The*

Law of Democracy at a Crossroads: Reflecting on Fifty Years of Voting Rights and the Judicial Regulation of the Political Thicket, 43 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 345 (2016). **Presentations:** *What is Abridgment? A Critique of Two Sections Twos* (Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, Faculty Workshop, November 2016) (Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2016); *Creating An Affirmative Vision for the Right to Vote in the Wake of the 2016 Elections* (Case Western Reserve School of Law, Frank J. Battisti Lecture, October 2016); *Developing A Voting Rights Agenda in the Age of Post-Racial Politics* (Tallahassee Women Lawyers meeting, September 2016).

Manuel A. Utset, Jr.

WILLIAM & CATHERINE VANDERCREEK PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Presentation: *Financial Regulation: A Behavioral Law & Economics Perspective* (Chapman University, Fowler School of Law,

Chapman Dialogue Lecture Series, October 2016).

Donald J. Weidner

DEAN EMERITUS AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR



Book: THE REVISED UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (with Robert W. Hillman & Allan G. Donn) (Thomson Reuters 2016) (successor to 1998-2015 editions).

Hannah Wiseman

ATTORNEYS' TITLE PROFESSOR



Book: ENERGY LAW (with Alexandra B. Klass) (Foundation Press 2016). **Articles:** *Disaggregating Preemption in Energy Law*, 40

HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 293 (2016); *Clean Energy Incentives: Risk, Capture, and Federalism*, 67 FLA. L. REV. FORUM 161 (2016), floridalawreview.com/wp-content/uploads/Wiseman_Published.pdf; *Hydraulic Fracturing: Contracts, Courts, and Compromise*, GPSOLO (May/June 2016). **Presentations:** *Disaggregating Preemption in Energy Law* (South Royalton, Vermont, Vermont Law School, Hot Topics Lecture Series, June 2016); *Who Controls Fracking? Two Critical Court Decisions* (The Federalist Society, Teleforum Presenter, May 2016); *Regional Energy Governance and U.S. Carbon Emissions* (Austin, Texas, University of Texas School of Law, Society for Environmental Law and Economics, May 2016). **Recognition:** *Regulatory Islands* and *The Fracking Revolution: Shale Gas As A Case Study in Innovation Policy* (with John M.

Golden) each selected by the *Land Use and Environment Law Review* as one of the strongest pieces of environmental law scholarship published in the period covered by the 2016 volume and selected for republication in the review.

Samuel R. Wiseman

MCCONNAUGHAY AND RISSMAN
PROFESSOR



Presentation: *Privatized Probation and Modern Debtors' Prisons* (Vanderbilt Law School, Practicing Public Interest Law in the South Conference, Panelist, September 2016).

Mary Ziegler

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER PROFESSOR



Chapter: *Comment: Harris v. McRae*, in *FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE* (Linda Berger, Bridget Crawford

& Kathy Stanchi, editors) (Cambridge University Press 2016). **Articles:** *Reproducing Rights: Rethinking the Costs of Constitutional Discourse*, 28 *YALE J.L. & FEMINISM* 103 (2016); *Perceiving Orientation: Defining Sexuality after Obergefell*, 23 *DUKE J. GENDER L. & POL'Y* 223 (2016); *The Conservative Magna Carta*, 94 *N.C. L. REV.* 1653 (2016). **Presentation:** *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt* (National Constitution Center, June 2016).



Global pharmaceutical regulation workshop participants

Experts Convene for Global Pharmaceutical Regulation Workshop

In April, the College of Law hosted an experts group workshop on global pharmaceutical regulation. The meeting was organized by Professor Fred Abbott, the Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of International Law, who has worked for many years with international organizations, governments, nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders interested in promoting equitable access to medicines and other health products, as well as in exploring alternative innovation models. This meeting brought together experts from WHO, national health departments, an R&D partnership, industry and academia to develop strategies to address critical issues, including medicine prices that are straining public and private health budgets around the world – an issue that today is the focus of political attention in the United States. The meeting was convened on the 10th anniversary of a conference on Global Pharmaceutical Regulation held at the College of Law in 2007.



Professor Fred Abbott welcomes participants to the workshop.

Environmental Events Bring Scholars from Around the Nation

Prominent environmental and administrative law scholars from across the country came together for the 2016 Environmental Law without Courts Conference at the College of Law on Friday, September 16. During the conference, scholars explored different ways in which administrative agencies have implemented environmental policies largely without court supervision or intervention and examined some of the advantages and disadvantages of this kind of informal lawmaking.

On Friday, March 24, FSU Law hosted energy law scholars from top U.S. law schools and CEOs from municipal utilities and cooperatives around the nation at a CLE conference to address the important role of munis and co-ops as the U.S. transitions to a lower-carbon future. This conference was co-sponsored by the Center for Climate, Energy, Environment & Economics at the University of North Carolina School of Law.



(L-R) Environmental Law without Courts Conference participants Travis Voyles (3L), Robin Craig, Shi-Ling Hsu, Jessica Melkun (3L), Sarah Light, Emily Hammond, Robert Glicksman, Sharon Jacobs, Eric Biber, Christopher Walker and Mark Seidenfeld



(L-R) Municipal Utilities and Cooperatives: Transitioning to a Lower-Carbon Future Conference participants Terry Jarrett, Ingmar Sterzing, Khalil Shalabi, Troy Rule, Jonas Monast, Randolph Elliot, Sheldon "Shelley" Welton, Diane Cherry, Doug Hunter, Dalia Patiño-Echeverri, Joel Ivy, David Hornbacher, Hannah Wiseman, Arlen Orchard, Richard Whisnant, Alexandra Klass, David Tuohey and Heather Payne

Faculty Media Hits

Paolo Annino was quoted in the September 3 *Miami Herald* piece, “3 courts slap Florida for refusing to aid disabled people.” On September 29, he was featured in the *Tampa Bay Times* piece, “Romano: The state called him a murderer, now says it’s time for him to come home,” regarding his representation of a client through the Public Interest Law Center. He was also quoted in the November 15 *Florida Bar News* article, “State attorney’s words help free man convicted of murders.”

Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte provided his expert opinion on the then-upcoming Florida Supreme Court justice appointment in the December 12 *WLRN* piece, “Florida Supreme Court Awaits New Conservative Justice.”

Shi-Ling Hsu authored *The Hill* piece, “Environmental groups won’t support Washington State carbon tax,” on September 22. He also authored the October 20 *Slate* article, “Environmentalists’ Disdain for Washington’s Carbon Tax.”

“The broader lesson for all of us—not just Washington State voters—is that climate policy is not the place to grind a political axe. Some liberal environmental organizations still see climate change as just another political football, a hypocritical attitude we cannot afford. The Canadian environmentalist David Suzuki said of climate change that ‘[w]e’re a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone’s arguing over where they’re going to sit.’ It is time to recognize that we are getting rather close to that brick wall.”

– Excerpt from Professor Shi-Ling Hsu’s September 22, 2016 column in *The Hill*

Steve Johnson wrote the July 13 *TaxProf Blog* op-ed, “House Votes To Dump *Chevron* And *Auer*.”

Jeffrey Kahn was quoted in the July 13 *Florida Record* piece, “Law prof: Taxt debt for OJ lawyer meets time threshold for discharge.”

Marshall Kapp was quoted in the November 10 *Tampa Bay Times* article, “Under President Trump, what’s next for Obamacare?” He was also featured in the *WFSU* radio story, “Lawmaker Hopes To Improve End Of Life Healthcare Experience,” on January 6.

Erin Ryan was quoted in the May 17 *POWER* piece, “D.C. Circuit Delays Clean Power Plan Case Hearing by Months, Opts for En Banc Review,” and *The Hill* piece, “Trump takes aim at NASA’s climate budget,” on October 30. She was interviewed on The Florida Channel’s November 1 *Capitol Update* regarding the Florida-Georgia-Alabama interstate water dispute and the use of special masters in Supreme Court adjudication. She was quoted in the *Bloomberg BNA* piece, “Rep. Cramer to Trump: Combine EPA, Energy Into One Agency,” on December 28.

Mark Spottswood was featured in a 30-minute *Excited Utterance* podcast, “Unraveling the Conjunction Paradox,” on September 26.

Franita Tolson co-authored an essay for the *National Constitution Center* on the Elections Clause on July 5. On September 9, she was quoted in the *WFSU* radio story, “What Happens When Elections Take a Rain Check?” She was quoted in the October 13 *Tallahassee Democrat* piece, “Capital City a big draw for Democrats in presidential election,” and the October 18 *Tallahassee Democrat* piece, “Potential Clinton Veeps put into ‘food groups.’” Tolson was a featured writer in the *American Constitution Society* publication, “What’s the Big Idea?” and a featured guest on the October 20 *Southern California Public Radio* program, “AirTalk history lesson: remembering Florida and what exactly Trump meant with that answer.” On November

9, she was quoted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* piece, “Trump’s Surprise Victory Sends Shock Through Higher Ed.” Tolson was quoted again in the November 19 *Pensacola News Journal* piece, “Republican electors bombarded by Trump opponents.” On December 1, she was quoted in the *PolitiFact* piece, “New York City mayor says president can’t defund sanctuary cities ‘across the board.’”

“That’s the risk of trying to appeal to the everyday man, by de-emphasizing the importance of education, you run into a situation where education is put on the back burner and then institutions of higher education experience significant cuts and then we have trouble preparing the next generation of voters. I do see it as probably the biggest and honestly the saddest fallout of how our political system has developed.”

– Professor Franita Tolson, as quoted in a November 9, 2016 article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

Manuel Utset was quoted about our innovative curriculum in the December 12 *JD Journal* piece, “Law Schools Offer New Curriculum to Address Modern Issues.”

Hannah Wiseman was quoted in the June 29 *Inside Climate News* article, “Judge’s Ruling to Halt Fracking Regs Could Pose a Broader Threat to Federal Oversight.” She was featured on a July 5 *Marketplace* Morning Report story on fracking. On July 8, she was quoted in the *E&E Publishing* piece, “Dems debate ‘fracking ban,’ but what does that mean?” Wiseman was quoted in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article, “Feds, law professors say judge wrong to block fracking rules,” on August 18. On September 30, she was featured in the *Reuters* interview, “Q&A: Professor cited in fracking regulation ban joins opposing brief.” She

was quoted in *The News Tribune* article, “Federal rules bar release of Tacoma LNG documents? Not so, feds say,” on October 10. On October 21, Wiseman was quoted in the *PolitiFact Florida* piece, “Utilities behind solar amendment are trying to trick voters into ending net metering, Al Gore says.” She was quoted in *The Hill* piece, “Solar battle rages in swing-state Florida,” on October 30. On December 2, her article “Negotiated Rulemaking and New Risks: A Rail Safety Case Study,” was reviewed in *JOTWELL*.

Mary Ziegler wrote the March 7 *Harvard Law and Policy Review* piece, “Two Ways of Thinking About The Undue Burden Test After Hellerstedt,” and a June 27 post for *SCOTUSblog*, “Symposium: The Court once again makes the ‘undue-burden’ test a referendum on the facts.” She wrote a piece for the June 28 *Bowling Green Daily News*, “The Supreme Court’s Texas abortion ruling reignites a battle over facts,” and the June 28 *Washington Post* piece, “The Supreme Court’s Texas abortion ruling reignites a battle over facts.” She was quoted in the June 28 *Wall Street Journal* article, “Supreme Court’s Term Disappoints Conservatives and Businesses.” On July 2, she wrote an op-ed for the *New York Times*, “Where the Pro-Life Movement Goes Next.” She was quoted in the September 30 *Mother Jones* piece, “Today Is the Anniversary of a Dark Day in Abortion Rights History.” On December 9, she authored *The Washington Post* piece, “Ohio’s new abortion law is an assault on Roe. Here’s why it won’t work.” Ziegler was also a guest on *KCRW’s To the Point* podcast, “Abortion rights in the Trump era,” on December 15.

“Today’s decision makes clear that we have not seen the last of battles about the medical, scientific and sociological evidence about abortion, both inside and outside of court. And for better or worse, that is just what the authors of Casey had in mind.”

– Excerpt from Professor Mary Ziegler’s June 28, 2016 column in *The Washington Post*

Trial Team Wins National Competition



(L-R) Marshman, Gottschall, Lopez, Leavitt, Davis and Sharp

The FSU Law Trial Team won first place in the 2016 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the University at Buffalo School of Law, the New York State 8th Judicial District and the Bar Association of Erie County. The competition, which is one of the biggest national invitationals in the country, was held November 11-14, 2016, in Buffalo, New York. FSU was undefeated throughout the entire competition.

A total of 36 law schools participated in the competition, including teams from Fordham University, Northwestern University, University of California – Davis, University of Georgia, University of Houston, University of Illinois, University of Maryland and University of Texas.

Winning team members were third-year students Joseph Davis from Marianna, Megan Gottschall from Land O' Lakes, Joseph Leavitt from Lake Worth and second-year student Rachel Lopez from Littleton, Colorado. FSU alumni and former mock trial team members Ross Marshman ('12), who is assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in Tallahassee, and Stacy Sharp ('09), who is an attorney at the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel in Tallahassee, coached the team to victory. Lopez also won the title of best advocate for the final round of competition.

"Congratulations to our wonderful student advocates and to their coaches," Dean Erin O'Connor said. "To win first place in one of the nation's largest mock trial competitions is an impressive feat."

Students Win Best Brief Award

FSU Law tied for the Best Brief Award at the E. Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition in Orlando, August 21-22, 2016. Team members were 2L Mallory Neumann from Miami, 3L Logan Parker from Tallahassee and 3L Danella Williams from Chicago. The Moot Court Team was coached by Tod Stupski, of the Florida Department of Financial Services, CFO's Bureau of State Employee Workers' Compensation Claims in Tallahassee.



(L-R) Williams, Parker and Neumann



(L-R) Mitchell, Blaise and Mortimer

Moot Court Team Wins National Competition

The FSU Law Moot Court Team won first place in the 2017 William B. Bryant-Luke C. Moore Civil Rights Moot Court Competition. The competition was held March 3-4, 2017, at Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Ten law schools participated in the competition, including Georgetown University Law Center and the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Winning team members were second-year law student Marlie Blaise, from Orlando; third-year law student Aqueelah Mitchell, from Miami; and second-year law student Dominique Mortimer, from Miami. Professor Jennifer Parker LaVia, a legal writing professor at the FSU College of Law, coached the team to victory.

“Congratulations to our talented student advocates and to their coach,” said Dean Erin O’Connor. “This victory is another testament to the excellence of our students!”

The judges for the final round were the Honorable Errol R. Arthur, deputy presiding magistrate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the Honorable Sherri Beatty-Arthur, an administrative law judge at the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings, and the Honorable Leslie Meek, an administrative law judge at the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings.

Students Advance to Final Four at the Startup LawMeet National Competition

FSU Law placed in the final four at the National Championship of the 2017 Startup LawMeet Competition. The first round of the competition saw 33 teams complete assignments over the course of four qualifying rounds. FSU’s three-member team produced four videos, an-



(L-R) Secrest, Seiler and Culler

swering questions for hypothetical clients about venture capital transactions for start-up companies. Submitted videos were initially reviewed by peers, and then the submissions with the highest peer scores moved onto “expert review” and scoring.

The 12 teams with the highest cumulative expert scores were invited to the national finals, held in Palo Alto, California on Friday, March 24, 2017. FSU Law’s trip to California was sponsored by the College of Law’s Business Law Society. During the finals, the teams each met with three experts playing the role of a client. Each expert challenged the students in a 30-minute role-play, then concluded by providing feedback on the student performance.

FSU team members were third-year students Clayton Culler, from West Palm Beach; Bennett Secrest, from Lexington, Kentucky; and Marianna Seiler from Ft. Lauderdale. Professor Richard Benham, Entrepreneur in Residence, coached the team.

“I’m very proud of the work the students did and how well they represented FSU in the competition,” Benham said. “I estimate that they each invested close to 200 hours of effort, read a textbook on venture capital, watched hours of VC training videos, and drafted close to 50 pages of legal documents, scripts and financial models.”

Law School Offers Professional Development Course and Certificate for Students



The FSU Law Career Services and Professional Development Center hosted a professional development series during the spring 2017 semester consisting of seven workshops. Each week, a distinguished alumna spoke to approximately 75 students about important career development topics. Ben Odom ('04), of International Speedway in Daytona Beach, spoke on the topic, "What do I want to do and where do I want to live?" Tanya Bower ('96), of Tripp Scott in Ft. Lauderdale, discussed resumes via video. The Honorable Stephanie Ray ('95), of the



The Honorable Stephanie Ray ('95)



Ben Odom ('04)

First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee, provided guidance on cover letters and references. Sarah Butters ('01), of Ausley McMullen in Tallahassee, talked about interviewing. Melanie Griffin ('06), of Dean Mead in Tampa, gave great advice on how to network. Roger Rozanski ('15), of Foley &



Lardner LLP in Chicago, appeared via video to discuss call back interviews and employer visits. Kelly O'Keefe ('94), of the Tallahassee office of Stearns Weaver Miller, talked about issues that arise when you get a job offer. The final session of the course was a celebration for those who attended five of the seven workshops.

Students who completed program requirements received a certificate and distinction at graduation; 74 students completed the requirements this spring.

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Best Value Ranking

The National Jurist ranks Florida State University College of Law the 9th best value law school in the nation. The ranking, which was published in *The National Jurist's* fall 2016 issue of *preLaw* magazine, weighs important student outcomes – bar passage rate and employment rate – against tuition, cost of living and indebtedness. According to *The National Jurist*, the rankings are “designed to find the law schools where graduates have excellent chances of passing the bar and getting a legal job without taking on a ton of debt.” This is the eighth year in a row that *The National Jurist* has ranked Florida State one of the nation’s top 15 best value law schools, moving up from 13th best in 2015.

The national ranking reflects the law school’s strong employment outcomes. According to ABA data, Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida in terms of the percentage of 2015 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required or J.D.-advantage jobs.

“We are thrilled to be ranked among the nation’s top 10 best law schools in terms of value, especially because employment rate is the highest weighted factor in this ranking,” said Dean Erin O’Connor. “Providing students with a world-class legal education at a relatively low cost is a central mission of FSU Law, and it plays an important role in facilitating student career options.”

Research Center Receives American Association of Law Libraries Award



Elizabeth Farrell Clifford

The FSU College of Law Research Center, as part of the Florida Academic Law Libraries (FALL), was recognized with the 2016 Public Access to Government Information Award for its *FALL Digitized Legal Collections*. The award recognized the libraries’ outstanding, long-term cooperation to make state legal information available electronically.

The *FALL Digitized Legal Collections* cover Florida’s primary legal materials, including Florida Supreme Court briefs and opinions, Florida statutes, and Florida administrative code.

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“This project was a joint effort by the Florida Academic Law Libraries and shows when libraries work together, we can create amazing resources that really improve access to legal information,” said Elizabeth Farrell Clifford, interim director at the FSU Law Research Center, who served as a coordinator on the project. “We are proud to have been named this year’s Public Access to Government Information Award winner and hope our digitization work continues to prove valuable to the legal community for years to come.”

Alums Continue to Engage with Students

Thank you to the following alumni who generously shared their time and expertise with students during the 2016-2017 academic year through our Networking Nosh series.

- Matthew D. Bordelon ('95), Navy Litigation Office, Washington D.C.
- Jason Burnett ('88), GrayRobinson, Jacksonville
- Jeremy Cloud ('08), InTown Suites, Atlanta
- Sean T. Desmond ('00), Law Office of Sean T. Desmond, Tallahassee
- Sandra Brown Dublas ('94), David Carrie LLC, New York City
- Michael Gray ('02), U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Jacksonville
- William Hale, Jr. ('93), Georgia Pacific, Atlanta
- Nathan Hill ('11), Offices of the United States Attorneys, Orlando
- Anthony Miller ('00), Florida Lottery, Tallahassee
- Bruce Platt ('93), Akerman, Tallahassee
- Lauren Purdy ('11), Gunster, Jacksonville
- The Honorable Thomas Ramsberger ('87), Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, St. Petersburg
- Tom Range ('02), Akerman, Tallahassee
- Tiffany Roddenberry ('11), Holland & Knight, Tallahassee
- Colin Roopnarine ('95), Berger Singerman LLP, Tallahassee
- Lauren Ryan ('13), Deutsche Bank AG, Jacksonville
- Floyd Self ('86), Berger Singerman, Tallahassee
- Tshneka Tate ('98), NASCAR Media Group, NASCAR Productions, and NASCAR Digital Media, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Joshua Toman ('01), United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina
- The Honorable Suzanne Van Wyk ('94), Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, Tallahassee
- Kyle Wallace ('12), Deutsche Bank AG, Jacksonville

Thank you also to the following alumni who helped students prepare for their job searches through mock interview sessions:

- Lynwood Arnold ('73), Law Offices of Lynwood Arnold, Lutz
- Sarah Butters ('01), Ausley McMullen, Tallahassee
- Jami Coleman ('08), Viera Williams, P.A., Tallahassee
- Tara Price ('12), Holland & Knight, Tallahassee
- Tiffany Roddenberry ('11), Holland & Knight, Tallahassee
- David "Bedford" Wilder ('07), Broad and Cassel, Tallahassee





(TOP LEFT) Dean O'Connor and Tiffany Roddenberry ('11) spoke to students about how to network if you are an introvert.

(TOP RIGHT) Floyd Self ('86) surrounded by students

(BOTTOM LEFT) Sandra Brown Dublas ('94)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) The Honorable Thomas Ramsberger ('87) networked with students via videoconference.

Social Media

Are you following the College of Law on social media? These were some of our most popular recent posts:



**Florida State University
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October 18, 2016



FSU Law is ranked the nation's #9 best value law school – a jump of four spots from last year!

**Florida State Rates
Nation's Ninth Best Value Law School**

Tallahassee—The National Jurist has ranked Florida State University College of Law the ninth best value law school in the nation. The ranking, which is published in the National Jurists fall 2016 issue of preLaw magazine, weight important student outcomes—Bar passage rate and employment rate...

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October 18, 2016




We're delighted to report that, according to recently released American Bar Association data for the class of 2015, Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida in terms of job placement! At 81.7%, we have the highest percentage of 2015 graduates who, 10 months after graduation, are employed in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required or J.D.-advantage jobs. Congratulations to our talented recent grads and thank you to all of our engaged [#FSULawAlums](#) who have mentored students and who have brought job openings to the law school!

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May 31, 2016



We are very excited to welcome Erin O'Hara O'Connor, who was just named our next dean, to the [#FSULawFamily!](#)

**O'Connor Named New Dean of
FSU College of Law**

TALLAHASSEE — Erin O'Hara O'Connor has been named the new dean of Florida State University College of Law. O'Connor, the Milton R. Underwood Chair in Law and director of graduate studies for the Ph.D. Program in Law and Economics at Vanderbilt Law School, will begin serving as dean of the law school...

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Congratulations to [#FSULaw](#) alum C. Alan Lawson ('87) on his appointment to the Florida Supreme Court!

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fsucollegeoflaw Congratulations to our wonderful **#FSULaw** students - Aqueelah Mitchell, Marlie Blaise and Dominique Mortimer - on winning first place in the 2017 Bryant-Moore Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. last weekend.



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fsucollegeoflaw Thanks to those who participated in the 3rd Annual Faculty Support Blanket Drive, **#FSULaw** was able to donate 181 blankets to Christmas Connection for families in the Big Bend region who need a little extra warmth this holiday season. **#FSULawCares**

FSU Law Students Selected as Gubernatorial Fellows

Four of the nine members of the 2016-17 Gubernatorial Fellows class are FSU Law students. As fellows, students are placed in high-level positions at various state agencies where their work directly impacts present and future state government. Since the program was established in 2004, many more FSU law students have been selected as fellows than students from any other law school. The 2016-17 fellows include: Sarai Aldana, a 3L from Miami; Britton Alexander, a 3L from Lake Wales; Grey Dodge, a 3L from Cocoa; and Alexandra Holliday, a 2L from Lakeland.



(L-R) Dean Erin O'Connor, Dodge, Aldana, Prof. Dave Markell, Alexander and Holliday

Students Attend Business Law Section Annual Retreat in Naples



(L-R) 2L T'Keyah Gadson, 3L Sarah Parrow, Manuel Farach ('86), 3L Alexandra Salerno and 2L Jorge Torres. Students attended The Florida Bar Business Law Section's annual retreat in Naples in September 2016. Farach, who has been instrumental in connecting FSU Law students with the Business Law Section, and other alumni introduced the students to lawyers and judges at the event.

On the Cover

Dean Emeritus and Alumni Centennial Professor Donald J. Weidner joined our faculty in 1976. He was appointed dean of the College of Law in 1991. Under his leadership, the law school climbed into the top tier of U.S. law schools and was consistently recognized as one of the nation's best in terms of job placement. After 20+ years of leading the law school, Dean Weidner retired as dean in June 2016.

In August 1988, the Stanley House, a South Georgia farmhouse donated by FSU alumni Sandra and Henry C. Wortman, was relocated to the James Harold Thompson Green. As the fourth and final house to complete the vision of then dean, Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, it was refurbished utilizing funds donated by the Ausley firm and is now known as the Ausley House, home of the *FSU Law Review*. It was Dean D'Alemberte's idea to bring a more intimate setting and historic architectural landscape to the modern brick and concrete buildings of the law school. The Rotunda and Village Green project were modeled after Thomas Jefferson's famed lawn behind the rotunda at the University of Virginia.

FSU Law 2L Mallory Neumann was awarded first place at the Moot Court's Final Four Competition on October 26, 2016. She and her teammates presented oral arguments before the justices of the Florida Supreme Court and judges of the First DCA. Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga presented the award.

Before FSU Law had an alumni magazine, *Obiter Dictum* was the official publication of the College of Law. It was created by students and included class notes and stories about events, student organizations and faculty members. This issue from 1971 announces the law school's move from Longmire Hall to its current campus location.



FSU Law alumni attendees of the Asheville, North Carolina wedding of alum Patrick V. Douglas ('09) posed for photos wearing t-shirts from the #IamFSULaw social media campaign in October 2016.

A group of students from the 2002-2003 Mock Trial Team are pictured with faculty advisor Ruth E. Stone (back row, middle). Today, Professor Stone, the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice, continues to serve as an FSU Law Trial Team advisor and coach.

Professor Emeritus Charles W. "Chuck" Ehrhardt, President Emeritus Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte and Professor Emeritus John F. Yetter are pictured at the retirement reception of Professors Ehrhardt and Yetter when they retired in 2007 from full-time teaching. Both professors had been part of FSU Law for nearly forty years, having joined the faculty in 1967 and 1969, respectively. President D'Alemberte served as dean of the College of Law from 1984 to 1989, and then as president of FSU from 1994 to 2003. All three continue to teach at the law school today.

Dean Mason Ladd (left), FSU Law's first dean, congratulated three members of the charter class after they finished their last final exam. Twenty students completed requirements for the juris doctorate in December 1968, including (from left-right) John Frost, James J. Traviss and Robert D. Bickel.



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