



# COLLEGE OF LAW

# FSU LAW FOCUS

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## From the Dean



On November 14, our [Mock Trial Team won first place in the 2016 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition!](#) This is one of the biggest national invitationals in the country and FSU went undefeated throughout the entire competition. Thirty-six 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 are third-year students Joseph Davis, Megan Gottschall, and Joseph Leavitt, and second-year student Rachel Lopez. FSU alumni and former mock trial team members Ross Marshman ('12) and Stacy Sharp ('09) coached the team to victory. Congratulations to our wonderful student advocates and to their coaches!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Photo above: (L-R) Marshman ('12), Gottschall, Lopez, Leavitt, Davis and Sharp ('09)

## 50-Year Anniversary: 1974

PROGRAM		1973-1974 GRADUATES		
Commencement Exercises	7:00 P.M.	Aikens, Augustus Davis	Hammond, David Michael	Presnell, Paul Thomas, Jr.
Presiding	DEAN JOSHUA M. MORSE, III	Anderson, James Walter	Harrison, John Conan	Price, Jerald Steven
Proclamation		Anderson, Steve Alan	Harvey, Edward Lloyd	Prins, Alexander David
Invocation	FATHER WILLIAM KERR	**Angerer, Robert Jerald	Hebner, Peter Bird	Quinones, Washington M.
Greetings and Introduction of Speaker	DEAN MORSE	Baker, Ronald Lee	**Henderson, Robert Harold	Randolph, Roosevelt
Address	REPRESENTATIVE DONALD L. TUCKER	Beasley, James Dawson	*Henning, Jon Marc	Ratliff, Robert Lee
Recognition of Graduates	DEAN MORSE	*Beason, Thomas McLin	**Hill, Thomas Larry	**Reeves, John Richard
Delivery of Diplomas	DEAN MORSE VICE DEAN DAVID F. DICKSON PROFESSOR CHARLES W. EHRHARDT	*Berg, Alan Norman	Holliday, Randall Harold	Reichman, Michael Alan
Charge to Class	DEAN MORSE	*Benn, Thomas Allan	**Hudson, David Monroe	**Richardson, Joseph Henry
Recessional		*Berman, Michael Jay	Hugg, Frank Bowen	Rodriguez, Raul Richard
		Blessing, Norman Allan	*Johnson, Barrett G.	*Rondolino, Anthony
		Bobo, Arlie Russell, Jr.	*Johnson, Pamela	*Rudicell, Michael James
		*Boyl, Joseph Robert	Jones, Carol Less	Russell, Van Priel
		Briscoe, John Leslie	Jowers, Harry Kendall	Sampson, John Arthur, III
		*Brooks, Elliot Roger	*Judkins, James Perry	Sanderhoff, Thomas Arthur
		Bushwood, Earl Thomas	**Kearney, Douglas Charles	**Sapp, William Hunter
		Bryant, Bill L., Jr.	*Keesey, Charles Laurence	*Scanlan, Robert Irvin
		*Burns, William Shuler, Jr.	Kelly, Walter	*Scherling, Richard Edward, Jr.
		*Campbell, Wallace Lamar	**Keener, Danny Lee	**Schwarz, Michael James
		*Carroll, William James, Jr.	Kershaw, Joseph Lang, Jr.	Searcy, Jim Wilkins
		Clark, James Dudley	Kimball, Phillips Thompson, Jr.	Sellers, Robert Lawson
		**Cloonan, Joan Marie	Knigh, John Michael	Seyer, David John
		*Cochran, Clark J., Jr.	Knob, James Pritchard	*Shepherd, James Everett, IV
		Cole, Russell Armstrong, Jr.	*Lewes, Douglas Parker	Shields, Joseph Leo
		Conroy, Thomas William	Leeper, Zane H.	**Simpson, Larry Dean
		Costigan, John William	*Lewis, Robert Wayne	Smith, Allen Ross
		*Cursai, James Benjamin	Lien, James Arnold	Smith, James John
		Curtis, Charles Lloyd	*Linnhan, Nancy Grace	*Smith, John Riley, Jr.
		Damero, David Richard	Looper, James Byron	*Solomons, Ella
		*Danaher, Thomas William	Lufriu, Silvio	Sorak, Nancy Beckett
		Dank, Stanley Michael	Lyles, Dennis Edward	Spights, Charles M.
		Denn, Isaac Henry	**MacGrady, Glenn I.	Stacker, Edwin Joseph
		*Devson, Michael Pearce	Maunpa, Ann Aili	Stallings, Charles Norman, Jr.
		*Dougherty, Judith Jeanne	Marriott, Dean Charles	Stephenson, Randall Lee
		Drake, Fred Orr	Mathis, Robert Keith	**Stone, Bruce Michael
		*Duffy, Brian Stephen	Matthews, Floyd Leslie	Taylor, Gene Stewart
		Edger, Russell Graham, Jr.	McClamma, Charles Frederick	Taylor, Rayford Huxford
		Elliott, James White	McCoy, Steven Carroll	**Thigpen, Edward Eugene
		Farley, Thomas King	McCole, Gregory James	Thomas, Samuel Alvin
		*Gallo, Earl Gardner	McGee, Clarence Edward, Jr.	*Tindal, Nathaniel William
		Gardner, Charles Robert	*McCaigle, David Guy	Tragon, George
		Geisul, Richard L., Jr.	McLean, Harold Arden	*Trow, Chester John
		*Gelston, Fred Heathcote	McLean, Jack Linden	Vest, Banks Booth, Jr.
		Girman, Ben Edward	**Michichas, Anthony Joseph	Walker, Chris
		Givens, Stann William	Meredith, Olen Wayne	*Warren, Thomas Andrew
		Godoy, Roberto Antonio	Mickler, Malcolm Peterson, III	Webb, James Henry, Jr.
		*Godwin, William Barry	*Miles, Carl Dalton	*Weinert, James Joseph
		Good, Robert Keith	*Muelier, Caroline Croom	Welch, John Patrick
		Goodwyne, Owen Keith	*Oback, Richard John	West, Perry Douglas
		Grant, Harold Eric	Osteen, Thomas B.	*Whigham, Franklin Carl
		Greenfield, Malcolm S.	Palomino, Raul Castro, Jr.	White, Clement Hancock
		Grove, Douglas Leon	Parton, Steven Hoyt	*Wiley, William Buford
		Guilday, Thomas Joseph	**Pax, Robert Wayne	*Williams, Leonard Lee
		Gunn, William Francis	Peterson, George R.	*Williams, Teddy Norris
		Haggard, Robert Howard	*Phillips, Philip Bernard	Wilson, Michael McKinnon
			**Pierce, Robert Allen	
				*With Honors
				**With High Honors
				**With Highest Honors



In 1974, the FSU Law Moot Court team won first place in a state competition held at The Florida Bar Convention. The team beat the University of Florida in the final round, which was judged by various state court judges, including Florida Supreme Court justices. The College of Law also continued to sponsor timely speakers and events. Nicholas Von Hoffman of CBS' *60 Minutes* "Point-Counterpoint" and a columnist for the *Washington Post* spoke to a packed house in the Ruby Diamond Auditorium in May. The event was sponsored by the Student Bar Association in honor of Law Day. Florida Representative Donald L. Tucker provided the commencement address for the FSU College of Law graduation ceremony in June 1974. He predicted that Watergate would be marked by historians as a historic beginning rather than a dismal end, and encouraged law students to get involved in politics.

## Alum Profile: Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes ('00)

[Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes](#) is a shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. in West Palm Beach, where she represents victims in personal injury, medical negligence and product liability cases. She has achieved many multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements and also is very active in the legal profession. Baker-Barnes is president-elect of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, a member of the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, a former member of the board of directors of the Florida Justice Association and an active member of the National Bar Association. In September, she was included on *Black Enterprise's* list of the "[Top 10 Black Female Attorneys You Should Know.](#)"



*"Baker-Barnes' greatest accomplishments as a lawyer have come from cases where she was blessed to have a role in helping to improve the lives of her clients." – excerpt from the "Top 10 Black Female Attorneys You Should Know" feature on Baker-Barnes*

## Student Profile: 3L Rico Lively

Rico Lively is a third-year student from Naples, Florida, who will be graduating this December. He attended the University of Tampa and earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. Lively is a Mock Trial Team member and part of the winning team at the October 2015 Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament. He is also a member of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* and the *Florida State University Business Review*. Lively's law school career includes a judicial internship with Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich, U.S. District Court for Middle District of Florida in Tampa. He also clerked with Bodiford Law, P.A. in Tallahassee and externed for Judge Timothy J. Thomason, Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix, Arizona. Lively is excited for the future—he would like to focus on developing his trial practice skills and work in civil



litigation. He is interested in staying in Florida, ideally the South Florida area. If you are interested in hiring Lively for a job after graduation, please [visit his LinkedIn profile.](#)

*"Law school has taught me a lot, but I know that life has more to teach me."*

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