



COLLEGE OF LAW

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From the Dean



As our spring semester comes to an end, I ask you to please consider our students for summer job opportunities and permanent positions that are available in your offices. The hands-on experience that law students obtain before they graduate is so important to their development as young lawyers. It is also extremely helpful to them in their post-graduation job searches. If you have entry-level positions available, please let us know! We can help you find qualified candidates, as many of our 3Ls are seeking permanent, post-

graduation positions. More information about advertising your positions is [available online](#). Thank you very much to all who have already sent us job postings and who have helped our students with their job searches! It is gratifying to know that we can count on our engaged alumni to assist with the important mission of helping our students launch their careers.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Pictured above: Alum Lynwood Arnold ('73) was on campus in January to help prepare students for job searches by conducting mock interviews.



50-Year Anniversary: Featuring 1992

Spring 1992 marked the premier issue of *FSU Law*, the law school's new alumni magazine. The inaugural issue featured beloved professor Patricia Dore, who had passed away in January. Professor Dore had been part of the FSU Law faculty since 1970, and was the law school's first female faculty member. "You all know by now that the quality of our program and the quality of our lives have suffered irreparable damage by the death of Pat Dore," said Dean Don Weidner in his opening letter of the new magazine. "This joyful woman, this consummate teacher, this indefatigable law reformer, this wonderful colleague, can never be replaced." Since 1992, FSU Law has also hosted the award-winning [Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program](#). The primary goal of the program is to acquaint students with the study of law and to assist them in acquiring skills that will benefit their undergraduate and future law school studies. Students gain classroom experience, learn about the law school admissions process and explore legal career opportunities. Thanks to the continued support and generosity of alum Wayne Hogan ('72) and his wife, Patricia, the program is endowed, allowing the approximately 60 participants to attend the four-week program for free. In 2016, the program was named for Donald J. Weidner, upon his retirement as dean of the law school.



Pictured above: Professor Pat Dore died in 1992 at the age of 47. Her memorial service was held in the Florida Supreme Court's great chamber, an unprecedented tribute to someone who had not been a judge.

Faculty Profile: Frederick M. Abbott



This past week the College of Law was host to 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 Abbott teaches an advanced legal writing seminar on Global Health and Pharmaceutical Regulation each spring.

“Research and development on new medicines, and their approval, production and distribution are a global undertaking, and important decisions affecting patients in the United States are made not only in Washington, but also in Geneva, New Delhi and Beijing. The discussions yielded important results, which will include the development of a briefing paper, a jointly authored work on a key issue, and the formation of an ongoing working group.”

Pictured above: Professor Abbott welcomes workshop participants to Florida State Law.

Student Profile: 3L Alexandra Salerno

Third-year student Alexandra “Ally” Salerno graduated magna cum laude from Florida State University with a bachelor’s degree in finance and a double major in marketing. When she graduates with her J.D. this spring, she will also earn the Business Law Certificate. Salerno served as writing and research editor for the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, where in addition to editing articles, she was tasked with coordinating the write-on competitions, training the new members in Bluebook citations and legal research, and serving as the first point of contact for all invitees and new members of the journal. Salerno also studied international law abroad at the University of Oxford, where she was able to learn the law systems of several foreign



jurisdictions, travel to many European countries, and even attend Wimbledon. Salerno’s resume also includes serving as secretary for the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society and being a member of the Federalist Society, the Business Law Society and the International Law Students Association. She also volunteered for the Leon County Teen Court and the YMCA Youth in Government. Throughout her 2L and 3L years, Salerno clerked for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s Office of the General Counsel, where she gained practical experience and was exposed to several different practice areas, including contracts, real estate, government grant programs and litigation. If you are interested in hiring Salerno after graduation, please [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

“I focused my law school studies in the areas of corporate and international law and would best fit in a similar type of firm. However, my understanding of business and finance, as well as job experience, has given me the skills to excel in any area of the legal market.”

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