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From the Dean



On Wednesday, November 8, we welcomed scholars from around the continent for our *Energy Policy and Markets in a Shifting Federal-State Landscape Symposium*. Event participants discussed the complex, changing energy regulatory and economic landscape from the local to the federal level. Speakers addressed how federal changes that promote fuels such as coal differ from local and state policies that promote renewable energy. They also debated how the market might impact various energy policies. You can [view a](#)

[recording of the event online](#) if you were unable to attend or watch live. Thank you to the following experts for coming to FSU Law for this timely discussion:

- Lincoln Davies, University of Utah College of Law
- Dr. Shanti Gamper-Rabindran, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh
- Emily Hammond, The George Washington University Law School
- Kate Konschnik, Harvard Law School
- Felix Mormann, Texas A&M University School of Law and Stanford University
- Jim Rossi, Vanderbilt Law School
- Kristen van de Biezenbos, University of Calgary Faculty of Law

Thank you also to FSU Law's Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys' Title Professor, for organizing the symposium and to Wiseman and Mark Seidenfeld, Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law, for moderating symposium panels.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Pictured above: Scholars from the U.S. and Canada participated in our Energy Policy and Markets in a Shifting Federal-State Landscape Symposium.

Faculty Profile: Christopher F. Busch ('11)

Legal Writing Professor [Christopher F. Busch](#) is a 2011 graduate of Florida State University College of Law, with honors. He was previously a partner at Busch & Kelley, P.A. in Tallahassee and an associate at Theriaque & Spain. During his practice, he concentrated primarily in the areas of employment law, land use and appeals. Born and raised in Tallahassee, Busch earned a bachelor's degree in actuarial mathematics from FSU. He worked as an actuarial analyst for the Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee, and later as an assistant actuary for Allstate Financial in Jacksonville. Prior to law school, Busch attained a second bachelor's degree, this time in political science, from the University of South Florida. While at FSU Law, Busch was writing and research editor for the *Florida State University Law Review* and worked as a teaching assistant and research assistant. He has served as president of the board of directors for the Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association and has also been a member of the board of directors for the Tallahassee Bar Association.



"I loved my time as a student here, and I'm thrilled to be back as a member of the faculty. I've found our current students to be highly engaged and inquisitive, and I enjoy challenging them and being

challenged by them. I'm excited to see their future successes knowing that I was a part of the journey."

Alum Profile: The Honorable Lacey A. Collier ('78)



The Honorable Lacey A. Collier is a senior U.S. district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida in Pensacola. He was nominated to the court by President George H. W. Bush and confirmed unanimously in 1991. Judge Collier was the first FSU law school graduate to be appointed to the federal bench. He assumed senior status in 2003. Judge Collier has, with great satisfaction, hired several FSU Law alumni as clerks during his time on the bench. Prior to his appointment, Judge Collier was an assistant state attorney from 1977-1984 and a circuit judge from 1984-1991 in the First Judicial Circuit. Prior to law school, Judge Collier served for 20 years as a pilot in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1975 as a lieutenant commander with more than 5,000 flight hours, 450 carrier landings and 140 combat missions over North Vietnam. Judge Collier has been very involved in the Pensacola community. In recognition of his work to create an 11,000-square-foot Snoezelen multi-sensory facility for children with severe disabilities at the Escambia Westgate School, the Lacey A. Collier Sensory Complex is named in his honor.

"My Florida State Law degree has taken me to heights I never dreamed. It was and is a premier law school. We can all be proud."

Pictured above: Collier in 1968 in Attack Squadron 22 (VA-22) aboard USS Ranger (CVA-61) off North Vietnam.

Student Profile: 3L Jessica Farrell

Desired Practice Location : Anywhere in Florida

Expected Graduation : May 2018

Specialization : environmental and land use law

Field of Law Sought : would like to practice in environmental and land use law, or property law, including real property, estate planning and other probate matters



Jessica Farrell will graduate from FSU College of Law in May 2018. She will earn the Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate in addition to her J.D. Originally from Ocala, Farrell earned a bachelor's degree in political science/pre-law from the University of West Florida. She has served as guest editor, and notes and comment editor for the *Florida State University Law Review*. Farrell is the current president of the Environmental Law Society and served as vice president and 1L representative in previous years. She is currently associate editor of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, and has also served as an article and notes editor. Farrell is a student ambassador for FSU Law Admissions, an FSU Law peer mentor and also a member of the Women's Law Symposium and the Student Bar Association. The summer after her 1L year, Farrell interned for the Save the Manatee Club, Inc. She worked on research projects regarding manatee issues such as delisting, speed zones and other miscellaneous construction projects. In this role, Farrell also catalogued litigation history of Save the Manatee Club and reviewed USACE permits for dangers to manatees. Also during her 1L summer and into fall of her 2L year, Farrell was a policy coordinator for the Florida Coastal and Ocean Coalition, where she worked on website redesign, created policy newsletters focusing on current environmental issues, and helped prioritize legislative priorities for the coalition. She also worked alongside steering committee organizations, including the Surfrider Foundation, Oceana, 1,000 Friends of Florida, The Sea Turtle Conservancy, and Conservancy of Southwest Florida. During her 2L year, Farrell also interned for the Surfrider Foundation, where she conducted legal research, planned a conference for a statewide organizational meeting and helped plan legislative priorities. In addition, during the fall of her 2L year, Farrell clerked at Gunster Law Firm. She was the recipient of the Gunster Environmental Law Scholarship and worked alongside the Tallahassee real property division on legal matters. The summer after her 2L year, Farrell clerked for Blanchard, Merriam, Adel & Kirkland. This semester, she is externing with Earthjustice's Florida Regional Office, where she has worked on litigation matters and a large discovery project. She has also been a research assistant for the past four semesters. She has worked for Professor Jeffrey Kahn, where she helped research issues involving tort and tax law. She also researched and drafted material for articles involving environmental and administrative law for both Professor Shi-Ling Hsu and Professor Dave Markell. If you are interested in hiring Farrell after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

“I am thankful to FSU Law for allowing me to explore the legal profession and discover what areas I am most passionate about. Throughout my law school career, the faculty and staff of the law school have shown me great examples of what the legal profession entails, and I cannot wait to join in the ranks of those working to uphold the laws of our country.”



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