

From the Dean



(L-R) Career Services team members Thomas Latino, Debra Henley, Courtney Fuentes Feehrer, Lisa Duke and Kathleen Tuohy

One of our most important jobs is helping students launch successful careers. It is at the heart of everything we do. Since I joined FSU Law, we have been working on ways to enhance the career-related services we offer to students and graduates. We are delighted to report that we recently added two new full-time positions in our Career Services & Professional Development Office. This will allow us to provide more capacity for one-on-one counseling, as well as outreach to potential employers in Florida and elsewhere. Alum Kathleen Tuohy ('10) joined us in the fall as our recruiting and information manager. In addition to advising students, Tuohy is responsible for managing graduate employment data and the employer database, and directing our on-campus interview and resume collect programs. Earlier this month, we also welcomed Thomas Latino as our career advisor and employer development manager. Latino, who earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will travel frequently to recruit employers, focusing on out-of-state and federal employers, and will advise students seeking non-traditional, government and out-of-state opportunities. Students interested in cities in the Southeast will now have the assistance of our new part-time regional recruiter based in Atlanta, Sherri Rogers ('92), who will also help with targeted corporate and law firm employer recruitment. In addition, Assistant Dean Debra Henley ('87) and Career Advisor & Program Manager Lisa Duke are implementing several new programs this spring, including enhanced professional development workshops, improved student access to practice area and regional J.D. advisors, instruction on the effective use of the FSU Law Alumni Directory and tailored, one-on-one counseling and career search strategy sessions for each student. We know our students have the knowledge and skills necessary to hit the ground running in their careers, and now we have more resources to help them do that! To learn more about how you can interview our students or serve as a career mentor, contact us at careerservices@law.fsu.edu.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Shawn J. Bayern

[Shawn J. Bayern](#), the Larry and Joyce Beltz Professor of Torts, teaches Torts, Contracts, Agency & Partnership and other related courses. His research focuses on common-law issues, primarily in contracts, torts and organizational law. He has recently written articles criticizing formalism and economic simplifications of the law. His book *The Analytical Failures of Law and Economics* (Harvard University Press) is forthcoming. Some of his recent scholarship shows that LLC law is flexible enough to give legal personhood to robots. Bayern jokes he began that work to give robots a reason to "keep me around when they take over." Last month, Bayern was elected to the membership of the American Law Institute—an important recognition of Bayern's work and its relevance to the Institute's many prominent projects. Bayern holds a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law and a B.S. in computer science from Yale University. Before joining Florida State Law in 2009, Bayern was a visiting assistant professor at Duke Law School. He has also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Harris Hartz, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, for the Office of the Solicitor General and at the appellate level of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. As a law student, Bayern was editor-in-chief of the *California Law Review*. Before his legal career, Bayern worked in computing research, served on groups responsible for developing programming languages, and wrote several books and articles about computer programming. He also created the Central Authentication Service (CAS), a framework for computer security that has been adopted by many universities, including Florida State.



"The law is often messy, and I try in my teaching and research to make it simpler. But it's important not to oversimplify. A lot of my research criticizes attempts to reduce the law to something too formal—say, a single economic or philosophical theory. As my students come to know, the common law is much richer than that."

Alum Profile: Kareem J. Spratling ('06)

[Kareem J. Spratling](#), a shareholder at Bryant Miller Olive in Tampa, specializes in public finance, representing clients nationwide on municipal bond issues. Every year since being admitted to the Bar, he has served as bond counsel on at least \$1 billion in bond transactions. In financings, Spratling routinely represents governmental entities, investors and non-profit borrowers, particularly charter schools. He also serves as the firm's lead on several general counsel representations. Since graduating from FSU, Spratling has received a number of practice-related honors, notably being the only Florida attorney in *The Bond Buyer* magazine's inaugural class of "Rising Stars," and receiving a "Rising Star" *Super Lawyers* rating in 2010, an honor earned by less than 2.5 percent of attorneys in Florida and only two public finance lawyers. Additionally, for two years Spratling chaired the National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) Diversity Committee and created and chaired NABL's first CLE for diversity and inclusion. Also active in his community and alma mater, Spratling previously received the Tampa Seminole Club's "Torch Award" and was once named "Alumni of the Month." He serves as a class agent and interviewer for the College of Law's Optional Interview Program. Spratling volunteers his time and legal expertise with the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Alliance Advisory Board, and is a member of Leadership Tampa and Connect Florida. Spratling received two Bachelor of Science degrees from Florida State University in 2002 and is a 2006 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law.



"Notwithstanding attending FSU for undergrad, my growth at the College of Law exceeded my expectations. From BLSA to SBA to Mock Trial, the leadership opportunities were endless and the lessons that I learned leading law students are still applicable today. In addition, many of my dearest friends are College of Law graduates. I remain engaged because the College of Law is a part of me and because so much was given to me when I was a law student."

Student Profile: 3L Diana Aguilar

Desired Practice Location: Anywhere in Florida

Graduation Date: May 2018

Field of Law Sought: would like to work in civil, criminal, family or immigration law; also open to business law, as that is her area of experience as a Colombian attorney




Diana Aguilar will graduate from FSU College of Law in May 2018. Originally from Cali, Colombia, Aguilar attended the undergraduate law program at San Buenaventura University in Colombia. She also earned a master's degree in higher education at the Santiago de Cali University. In the United States, Aguilar completed the FSU LL.M. in the American Lawy for Foreign Lawyers program in 2015 before entering the J.D. program. Aguilar is a member of the Black Law Students Association and the Women's Law Symposium. She also participated in the Alternative Spring Break program, providing legal assistance to farmworkers in South Florida through Florida Rural Legal Services. After her LL.M. graduation, Aguilar gained legal work experience through two projects—she was a bilingual field interviewer at RTI International, conducting face-to-face research interviews with inmates at several prisons across the country. She was also a volunteer with the Guardian ad Litem Program, advocating in the best interest of children. During the summer after her 2L year, Aguilar externed at the Florida Department of Children and Families, where she drafted several types of petitions and attended court hearings every week. As a result of her performance during the externship, she received the Book Award in the Civil Externship class. During her law school career, Aguilar has taken a diverse curriculum that ranges from White Collar Crimes, Antitrust Law, and Sales and Leases, to practice classes such as Juvenile Law, Florida Legislative Practice, Civil Pre-Trial Practice, and Florida Criminal Procedure Pre-Trial. If you are interested in hiring Aguilar after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"During my time as a law student at FSU, I've had the privilege to meet incredible faculty and professors, outstanding classmates and wonderful staff that made my whole experience the most valuable so far in my personal and professional life! Here, there are so many resources and opportunities to succeed that I'm glad I chose FSU as my law school in the United States."

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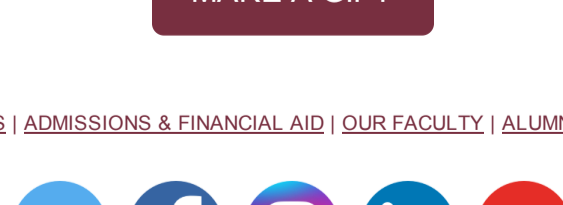
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