



Alumna Melanie Griffin ('06) talks to students about networking and making connections during a professional development workshop in February.

From the Dean

For the second year in a row, our students had the opportunity to graduate with a Professional Development Certificate in addition to their J.D. degree. Congratulations to the 56 students who earned the certificate by attending professional development workshops hosted by our Career Services and Professional Development Office. This year, workshops conducted by distinguished attorneys were held on eight Mondays during the spring semester. Session topics included networking, resumes, writing samples, employer visits and professionalism. Thank you to the following alumni who generously shared their time and expertise during this spring's workshops: Melanie Griffin ('06), Darby Scott ('07), Melissa VanSickle ('02) and Wendy Wiener ('93).

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Amit Agarwal

Amit Agarwal, Florida solicitor general and Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair of FSU, taught the Separation of Powers Seminar during the spring 2018 semester. Agarwal was appointed as Florida's solicitor general in June 2016. He served as deputy chief to the Appellate Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida before being named solicitor general. Previously, he clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and served as an attorney advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice. Additionally, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Brett Kavanaugh, of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the Honorable Edward Becker, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center and earned a B.A. in English from Duke University. The Florida solicitor general is the state government's principal appellate counsel, representing the interests of the state throughout Florida's appellate courts and in the United States Supreme Court.



"Teaching the Separation of Powers Seminar at FSU has been one of the highlights of my tenure as solicitor general. I am immensely grateful to Dean O'Connor and the law school—and especially to my students, from whom I have learned so much—for giving me the opportunity to lead a seminar on such a timely and endlessly fascinating subject."

Alum Profile: Stefan V. ('79) and William V. Stein ('17)



Father-and-son alumni Stefan V. "Steve" Stein (left) and William V. Stein (right) are both registered patent attorneys at GrayRobinson in Tampa, where they have active intellectual property practices.

For more than 35 years, Steve Stein has limited his practice to intellectual property. He is board certified by The Florida Bar in Intellectual Property, Business Litigation and Civil Trial, and has been lead trial counsel in numerous multimillion-dollar intellectual property law cases. He earned his B.S. in electrical engineering at Georgia Tech in 1977. His patent practice centers on high-tech electrical, electronic, computer hardware and software, and internet technologies.

William Stein also focuses his practice on intellectual property. Prior to law school, he earned a B.S. in biomedical engineering from Georgia Tech. His patent practice centers on medical and mechanical devices as well as processes requiring knowledge and integration of electrical and biochemical principles. His experience includes working on intellectual property licensing issues, including confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements, exclusive and non-exclusive licenses, software agreements, research and development agreements, joint venture agreements, and manufacturing and supply agreements.

"Professors Abbott and Linford provided me with an extensive foundation of intellectual property law to begin as a first-year associate at GrayRobinson." - William Stein

Student Profile: 2018 Grad Elyce Loutzenhiser

Desired Practice Location: Atlanta
Field of Law Sought: Litigation



Originally from Ormond Beach, Elyce Loutzenhiser earned a bachelor's degree from FSU with a double major in political science and international affairs. She concentrated in Spanish and is conversational in the language. A recent May 2018 graduate of FSU Law, Loutzenhiser was a member of the Trial Team and the Jessup International Moot Court Team. She was president of the Public Interest Law Student Association and a member of Phi Alpha Delta, the Women's Law Symposium, the Association for Criminal Justice and the Student Bar Association. The summer after her 1L year and throughout her 2L year, Loutzenhiser clerked at Eraclides Gelman, where she summarized depositions and medical records and analyzed the timeline of a case for inconsistencies and trends of a claimant's medical history. The summer after her 2L year and throughout her 3L year, Loutzenhiser clerked at Padgett Law Group, a creditors' rights firm. There, she researched issues throughout several states pertaining to bankruptcy and foreclosure, as well as drafted and reviewed documents and edited legal citations. The summer between her 2L and 3L years, Loutzenhiser also served as a research assistant for the *Florida Criminal Cases Notebook*. In this position, she reviewed and summarized Florida appellate cases and Supreme Court cases from 2014-2017 and was published in the *Florida Criminal Cases Notebook* as a contributing author. Loutzenhiser also served as an intern for Representative Charles Wesley "Chuck" Clemons for the 2018 Florida legislative session. If you are interested in hiring Loutzenhiser, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"Through my co-curricular involvement at FSU Law and experience gained through my employment in law school, I am confident that I have gained the skills to excel in my legal career and to be a zealous advocate."

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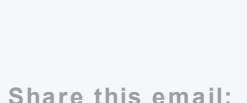
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