

From the Dean



Student participants in the 2019 Alternative Spring Break Program



Alternative Spring Break participants at one of two nurseries where they worked during the trip



Professor Fred Karlinsky (center) during a networking reception for Law and Risk Management students at the law school



Florida Supreme Court Justice Robert Luck speaking to Law and Risk Management students

Last week was spring break for the university, but many of our students chose to spend part of their time pursuing academic endeavors. Thirteen FSU Law students participated in our 11th annual Alternative Spring Break Program and traveled to Apopka to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers by working with the Farmworker Association of Florida. The program, which is coordinated by our Public Interest Law Center, is an opportunity for students to observe the challenges faced by this population and to receive training on conducting outreach and educating workers about their legal rights. Student activities included working in nurseries, taking a “toxic tour” of Lake Apopka, talking with farmworkers, and learning about farmworker immigration issues, human and labor trafficking, the H2A guest worker program, pesticide exposure and heat stress. Meanwhile in Tallahassee, many of our students attended our Law and Risk Management course, which is held every year during spring break. Taught by alumnus Fred Karlinsky ('92), the course provides students with a wealth of valuable information on risk management policy and tips for success in the practice of law and business. Speakers included industry specialists in Florida's insurance market and leaders in Florida's administration and public finance sectors. We were especially delighted to welcome to the course 12 students from our online Juris Master Program. The JM students hail from around the nation, so it was nice to meet them in person and have them on campus. No matter where they were, we hope all of our students enjoyed spring break!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Dmitry Krasikov

[Dmitry Krasikov](#) is a Fulbright Scholar visiting FSU College of Law during the spring and summer semesters. He is a professor and chair of the International Law Department at Saratov State Law Academy in Russia. He teaches various courses at the academy, including European Union Law, Comparative Law, Public International Law and International Justice. Krasikov previously served as an assistant professor at Saratov State Law Academy. He received his Diploma in Law from Saratov State Law Academy in 2000, and obtained a Ph.D. in international law and European law from Kazan Federal University in 2004. He earned a Magister Juris degree from the University of Oxford in 2015.



“I highly appreciate being admitted as a visiting scholar to the FSU College of Law. My current research examines the criteria for incorporation of international law into the United States’ legal system in a comparative perspective with the Russian approach. In particular my work explores what techniques the U.S. courts use to employ international law to resolve transnational disputes and to interpret national legislation. Being a part of the FSU College of Law team gives me a unique opportunity to have access to rich resources of the Law Research Center and to consult with leading legal professionals among faculty and beyond. I invite any interested students, scholars and practitioners from FSU and generally from the United States and other countries to cooperate with me and my home university.”

Alum Profile: Kevin W. Wood ('85)

Kevin W. Wood is vice president/counsel at First American Title Insurance Company in Atlanta, where he focuses on commercial real estate and business development. Wood has been in the title insurance business since 1994 and has clients and transactions in all real estate asset classes, although a significant number are in the timber arena. As of 2019, Wood and his team have provided escrow, title and closing services for over \$40 billion worth of timber transactions. His clients include 10 of the top private land owners in the United States, including Weyerhaeuser, John Hancock Natural Resource Group, Resource Management Systems, Forest Investment Associates, The Forestland Group, Molpus Woodlands Group and Campbell Global. In 2015, Wood provided escrow, title and closing services for the largest land transaction in Florida in the last 50 years, which involved the sale of 460,000 acres of timberland by Foley Land and Timber. Wood is very supportive of the law school and was instrumental in establishing an externship at First American for FSU Law students. He supervises externs in the program every summer.



“My entire career would not have been possible but for my incredible experience at FSU Law. The deans (especially Don Weidner), the professors (especially Chuck Ehrhardt and John Yetter), my fellow classmates and the wonderful overall atmosphere at the College of Law were instrumental in helping me along the way. That is the reason I stay involved with the law school, host summer interns and support the school financially. I am quite proud to be a member of the FSU Law family.”

Student Profile: 3L William Hamilton

Desired Practice Location: Tampa or Tallahassee preferred, but open to anywhere in Florida
Expected Graduation: May 2019
Field of Law Sought: Most interested in real estate transactions (residential or commercial) and real estate or land use litigation



Originally from Tampa, William Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in the physical and social sciences and a minor in biology from the University of Central Florida. He will graduate from FSU Law in May 2019. Currently, Hamilton is a land use and real estate extern at the Tallahassee City Attorney's Office. He writes opinion letters advising city staff of their powers and obligations, drafts mortgage documents and amendments to commercial real estate contracts, and participates in meetings concerning site plans, environmental permitting, variances, comprehensive plan amendments, land development, and commercial real estate contracts. Last summer, Hamilton clerked at the Florida Supreme Court, where he researched and wrote determinations of jurisdiction. The fall of his 2L year, Hamilton externed with the Florida Constitution Revision Commission. He drafted and presented potential constitutional amendments to the commissioners and researched the possible impact of proposals to amend the Florida Constitution. During the summer of his 1L year, Hamilton interned at the Second Circuit Public Defender's Office, where he researched substantive and procedural legal issues, and summarized findings. Hamilton is a senior staff editor for the *Florida State University Law Review*. He is also a student member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the Urban Law Institute, the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar, and the Hillsborough County Bar Association. If you are interested in connecting with Hamilton, email him at weh16@my.fsu.edu.

“As I get ready to enter the legal field, I feel confident and prepared thanks to FSU Law's faculty and resources. Most memorably, the externships I participated in gave me experiences applying the substantive knowledge I learned in the classroom to real-world situations. I really appreciate that FSU Law provided me with the opportunity to receive a practical education.”

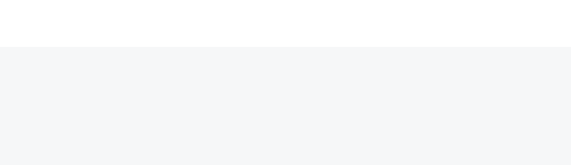


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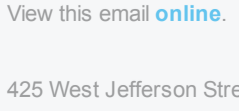
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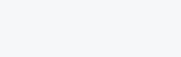
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