

## From the Dean



Several FSU Law Class of 1969 members who were honored for 50 years of Florida Bar membership and dedication to the practice of law



(L-R) Former Florida Bar Foundation President Kathy McLeroy presents the 1st-runner-up Paul C. Doyle Award to FSU Law's Paolo Annino, Caitlyn Kio, Laura Dadowski and Daniela Donoso.

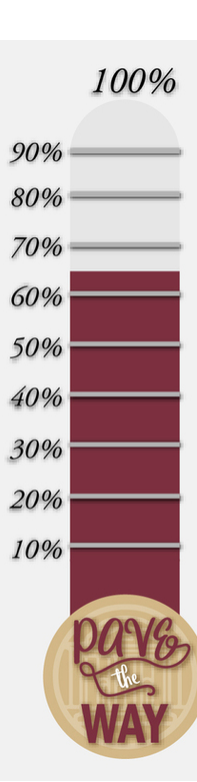
Last week, we attended The Florida Bar's Annual Convention in Boca Raton and were delighted to help celebrate several of our alumni who received prestigious awards during the meeting. The Honorable Robert S. Cohen ('82) received the 2019 Claude Pepper Award from the Government Lawyer Section of The Florida Bar for exemplifying the highest ideals of dedication, professionalism and ethics in service to the public. Natasha B. Dorsey ('12) received The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division 2019 Most Productive Board Member Award for going above and beyond in service to the YLD and for her work on the YLD Health and Wellness Committee. Manuel Farach ('86) received the 2019 Justice Anstead Board Certified Lawyer of the Year Award for his exemplary professionalism, excellence, character and commitment to The Florida Bar's certification program and to the practice of law. Melanie Griffin ('06) won The Florida Bar Solo & Small Section's 2019 Mentor of the Year Award for her remarkable achievements in the area of mentorship to younger attorneys and/or law students. The Honorable Claudia R. Isom ('75) was honored by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers with the 2018-2019 Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award for, among other things, outstanding career achievement that charts new territory in the legal profession and advancing the status of women. Alexandra H. Palermo ('12) received The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division's 2019 Kathy Bishop Most Distinguished Board Member Award for her dedication and involvement in community and law-related activities. Stephen R. Senn ('89) was recognized with The Florida Bar Foundation's 2019 President's Award for Excellence for his steady and dependable leadership and his willingness to go above and beyond his duties to ensure seamless transitions. Robert C. Volpe ('15) was presented with The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section's 2019 Stephens/Register Memorial Award for his exceptional contributions of time and talent to the section. Congratulations to our award-winning alumni and to the many graduates who just completed or are serving in Bar leadership positions.

Also at The Florida Bar meeting, FSU Law Associate Dean Nancy Benavides received the 2019 Law Faculty/Administrator Professionalism Award, which is presented to a law school professor or administrator who best supports or exemplifies the mission of the Standing Committee on Professionalism. In addition, The Florida Bar Foundation recognized our Public Interest Law Center for its work on behalf of child human trafficking victims as first-runner-up for the 2019 Paul Doyle Children's Advocacy Award.

During the convention, we connected with hundreds of FSU Law graduates, many of whom attended our annual alumni association board meeting and alumni reception. The reception provided an excellent opportunity to recognize our alumni Florida Bar members who were honored at the convention for 50 years of dedication to the practice of law. Since this is the 50th anniversary of the first year FSU Law graduates were eligible for membership in The Florida Bar, we are especially proud of this milestone. Congratulations to the following Class of 1969 alumni who attained their golden anniversary of admittance to The Florida Bar in 2019:

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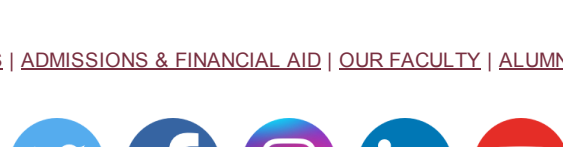
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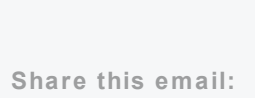
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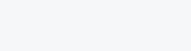
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