

From the Dean

Earlier this summer, we said a bittersweet goodbye to Professor Sally Gertz, who retired after more than 20 years of dedicated service to FSU Law. As co-director of externships, Sally developed and managed our clinical externship placements at government agencies, public interest organizations, courts and corporations. Sally helped put in place a suite of externship opportunities for our students richer than just about any other law school in the nation. She connected hundreds of students with fulfilling, sometimes life-changing work experiences and significantly expanded our externship offerings. Under Sally's teaching and guidance, students externed in cities around the nation and



obtained hands-on experience in areas including appellate law, government law, civil law, corporate law, international law, public interest law and judicial clerking. We are deeply indebted to Sally and hope her retirement is as rich as her career at FSU Law! She reports that she has moved to Manhattan's Upper West Side, where she is enjoying the cool weather, riding her bike in Central Park, and seeing as many plays, concerts and ballets as possible.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Associate Deans for the 2019-2020 Academic Year



2019-2020 Associate Deans (top L-R) Bayern, Cahill, Kahn, (bottom L-R) Landau, Utset and Wiseman

Each year, FSU Law faculty members are called upon to serve in leadership roles. For the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year, the following professors are serving as associate deans. Shawn J. Bayern, the Larry and Joyce Beltz Professor of Torts, will serve as associate dean for academic affairs. Manuel A. Utset, the William & Catherine VanDercreek Professor, who has served in the associate dean for academic affairs role since 2014, will transition into a newly created deanship, the associate dean for juris master programs. Courtney Cahill, the Donald Hinkle Professor, will serve as associate dean for research, replacing Mark B. Seidenfeld, the Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law. Hannah Wiseman, the Attorneys' Title Professor, will serve as associate dean for environmental programs, relieving D'Alemberte Professor Shi-Ling Hsu. Jeffrey H. Kahn, the Harry W. Walborsky Professor, will serve in a newly created deanship as our first associate dean for business law programs. David E. Landau, the Mason Ladd Professor, will continue to serve as associate dean for international programs, a role he has held since 2012.

"The FSU Law community is appreciative of both our outgoing and incoming associate deans," said Dean Erin O'Connor. "We are looking forward to a fantastic new academic year."

Alum Profile: Marissa D. Johnson ('14)

Marissa D. Johnson is now a career clerk with the Honorable Wendy Berger, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Johnson previously clerked for the Honorable Paul Byron and the Honorable Carlos Mendoza, both also of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. In addition, she was an associate at Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel in Orlando, where she worked in a variety of areas of law and assisted in drafting contracts for multimillion dollar public works projects. Johnson earned her law degree with highest honors and a Business Law Certificate from FSU Law, where she was a member of the Moot Court Team and earned several Book Awards.



"The wonderful faculty at FSU Law prepared me to succeed in my role as a career law clerk by showing me how to think, read and write like an attorney. Additionally, the friendships and connections that I made at FSU will last a lifetime and have been essential in setting me up for success. I am so glad that I chose FSU Law!"

Student Profile: 3L Jada Roulhac

Desired Practice Location: Anywhere in Florida

Expected Graduation: May 2020

Field of Law Sought: Business law, corporate law, regulatory compliance



Originally from Pembroke Pines, Florida, Jada Roulhac earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in family, youth and community sciences and a minor in non-profit organizational leadership from the University of Florida. Roulhac will graduate from FSU Law in May 2020. Since May 2018, Roulhac has clerked for Glover Law, where among other things, she prepares appropriate state licensing applications to be submitted to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, completes state food service and 2COP licenses for clients throughout Florida, and analyzes and drafts summaries for alcohol-related bills proposed during the 2019 legislative session. Since January, Roulhac has also been participating in the FSU Business Law Clinic, where she won the Book Award for the spring 2019 semester. She advises potential clients on legal matters related to for-profit and non-profit start-up business entities, drafts legal documents and counsels clients. Roulhac is also president of the FSU Black Law Students Association, where she formerly served as secretary and 1L Representative. She is a member of the Business Law Society and a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office. In August, Roulhac was honored as the 2019 Tallahassee Barristers Association Scholarship Contest winner for her essay, "The Contradiction of America's Bail System and Its Impact on Financially Disadvantaged Defendants." Also, the article she co-wrote with attorney Tony Glover, "Datapoint: Statistical Trends May Shape Industry's Future," was published in the summer 2019 issue of *Florida Restaurant & Lodging Magazine*. If you are interested in hiring Roulhac after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"My experiences at FSU Law have helped me grow both personally and professionally. The knowledge and skills I've acquired during my time at FSU Law will help me to be a great lawyer and a change agent in my community."



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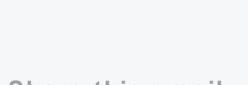
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