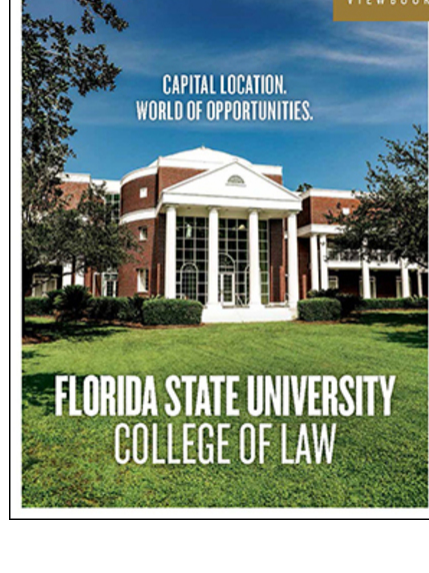


From the Dean

We recently published our 2019-2020 Viewbook and are excited to begin providing copies to prospective students. If you know anyone who is considering law school, please let them know that they can [request a printed Viewbook online](#). The publication includes information about our J.D., LL.M. and J.M. programs, as well as details on the application process. In addition, it highlights the many advantages of attending FSU Law, including being able to immerse in state government due to our location in Tallahassee, countless opportunities to gain hands-on legal experience through clinics, externships, co-curricular organizations and other work opportunities, and our highly acclaimed, extremely accessible faculty. Another important message carried throughout the Viewbook is the strength of our alumni network, and some of our engaged alumni are featured in the publication. We are so grateful to have graduates who prioritize helping current students through mentoring, teaching, coaching advocacy teams and providing job opportunities. It is critical that prospective students know the tremendous value that FSU Law alumni can provide to them during and after law school. Thank you so much for the time and energy that you provide to the College of Law and our students!



- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Joseph W. Jacquot

Joe Jacquot is an adjunct professor teaching Executive Power this semester. Jacquot currently serves as general counsel to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. He serves as chief legal advisor to the governor and as the top lawyer for state agencies in the administration, overseeing litigation, rulemaking and other legal matters. Jacquot also serves as the governor's advisor on judicial appointments. Prior to his current position, Jacquot was a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, where he represented clients in complex federal and state legal and policy matters. Previous positions include corporate counsel for Black Knight Financial Services in Jacksonville, and chief deputy attorney general of the State of Florida, where he served from 2007-2011. In that role, Jacquot successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in a criminal prosecution and initiated the constitutional lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act. Previously, Jacquot served as the deputy chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, where he managed two U.S. Supreme Court confirmations. Jacquot earned a bachelor's degree in political and social thought from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from the University of Florida.



"From my own experiences, my goal in teaching at the law school is two-fold: first, to engage students on a collaborative level on the constitutional roles of government, and second, to give students a sense of real-world practice, whether as future government lawyers, or as any lawyer standing around the office water cooler discussing law, government and politics."

Alum Profile: Vivian Cortes Hodz ('02)

[Vivian Cortes Hodz](#) is the founding partner at Cortes Hodz Family Law and Mediation, P.A. in Tampa. Having practiced exclusively family law during her entire 17-year career, Hodz concentrates on assisting individuals with marital and family law conflicts. She also is a Florida Supreme Court certified family law mediator. Hodz is very involved in the profession locally and at a statewide level. She is the 2019-2020 chair of both The Florida Bar's Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee and Annual Convention Committee. In her hometown of Tampa, she serves on the board of directors of the Hillsborough County Bar Association and Bay Area Legal Services, as well as on the advisory board of the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association, for which Hodz served as president in 2016. Hodz prides herself on successfully managing a family law practice while engaging in meaningful bar service and raising her two children along with her husband and law partner, Lawrence Hodz ('01).



"Each year I appreciate more and more the value of my law degree from the Florida State College of Law and the opportunities it has afforded me. As a first-generation American and the first college graduate in my family, I entered law school without any true knowledge or understanding of the profession. I had no idea what lawyers did and what being a lawyer would be like. I never could have imagined or dreamed of what I've been able to do for my clients, for my profession and for my family as a result of my education and the leadership roles within the profession I've been privileged to hold. It is among other voluntary bar leaders that I found my passion for the legal profession and learned what being an attorney really means."

Student Profile: 3L Zachary Frye-Lofley

Desired Practice Location: Ocala/Belleview or surrounding areas

Expected Graduation: May 2020

Field of Law Sought: Real estate, business, tax, probate and wills/trusts

Zachary T. Frye-Lofley is originally from Brandon, Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of South Florida. As an undergrad, he also obtained his realtors license. Before transferring to FSU Law, Frye-Lofley was an active real estate agent in the Tampa area. Frye-Lofley has focused his law school course work primarily in the area of business law. Last summer, Frye-Lofley interned at Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency in Tallahassee. He drafted memos, attended client meetings and experienced the day-to-day of an in-house/government attorney. Last summer, Frye-Lofley also worked in the Public Interest Law Center Veterans Legal Clinic, where he assisted veterans by drafting forms for issues such as name changes, paternity testing and child support. If you are interested in hiring Frye-Lofley after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).



"As cliché as it sounds, becoming a lawyer has been my dream since I was five years old. I will give my all wherever I end up working, to better myself, my employer and most importantly, my client."



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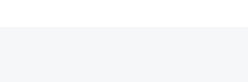
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