

## From the Dean

I am proud to report that students in our Public Interest Law Center (PILC) are continuing to assist clients even though they are currently unable to meet in person and many courts have changed the way they operate. During the spring semester, for example, students in the Children's Advocacy Clinic created a project for children and young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to help them obtain much needed CARES stimulus economic impact payments. According to Professor Paolo Annino, none of the project clients had ever filed federal income taxes nor were they aware of how to apply for the federal funds. This summer, students enrolled in Professor Darby Kerrigan Scott's Immigration and Farmworker Project will be preparing videos in Spanish and English on the 2020 Census and COVID-19 as it relates to stimulus, health care and community resources. The videos will be distributed to the immigration and farmworker communities in Gadsden County. In addition, students in Professor Carla Laroche's Gender and Family Justice Clinic Injunction Project are working under new procedures that allow them to remotely assist people seeking injunctions for protection. Instead of working with petitioners in person at the Leon County Courthouse Refuge House Office, students receive intake referrals so they can then begin the process of virtually assisting people with completing their injunction petitions. Please join me in thanking these students and their professors for their important work.



On a related note, congratulations are in order for PILC Professor Carla Laroche and the students in her Collateral Consequences Project, which received an Honorable Mention for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project from the Clinical Legal Education Association this week. The project was selected for its advocacy on voting rights restoration of returning citizens who were convicted of felony offenses. This is the second year in a row that a PILC project received an honorable mention in this category!

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Alum Profile: Jason K. Kellogg ('02)

**Jason Kellogg** is a partner at Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman LLP in Miami. He practices commercial litigation in federal and state trial and appellate courts, and before arbitral panels. Kellogg represents individuals and businesses in commercial contract and business torts disputes, class actions, construction litigation cases and securities litigation matters. He has obtained numerous multi-million dollar settlements and judgments for his clients and earned numerous recognitions for his work, including from *Florida Trend*. Kellogg is a Campaign Committee co-chair for Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. He and his wife, Cassandra Rosas Kellogg ('04), have two sons, ages 12 and 11.



*"Almost 20 years in, I'm still having fun being a lawyer. Luckily I've been able to resist specialization somewhat, so every new case seems different and I'm constantly learning."*

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Alison Marshall

**Desired Practice Location:** Palm Beach County area  
**Specialization:** Family law, juvenile post-conviction and child welfare  
**Field of Law Sought:** Most passionate about her work on behalf of juveniles and is interested in continuing to work in child welfare or juvenile advocacy, whether it be delinquency or dependency



Originally from Boynton Beach, Florida, Alison Marshall is now a double 'Nole. She earned a bachelor's degree in international affairs and political science from Florida State University and graduated *cum laude* from FSU Law in May 2020. During her 3L year, Marshall focused on post-conviction work as a certified legal intern in the FSU Public Interest Law Center (PILC) Children in Prison Project. She worked with clients in prison, drafted legal arguments and argued at a resentencing hearing. The summer after her 2L year, Marshall was an intern with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County in their Juvenile Advocacy Project and Foster Children's Project. She met with clients, attended shelter hearings and arraignments, researched and attended depositions. As a 2L, Marshall was part of the PILC Gender and Family Justice Clinic, where she interviewed and worked with formerly incarcerated clients on their family law cases. The summer after her 1L year, Marshall clerked at the Office of the Public Defender in Palm Beach County. She worked with attorneys in the Felony Division, writing motions, interviewing clients and attending court proceedings. If you are interested in hiring Marshall, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

*"My time at FSU Law, and in its clinical programs, demonstrated how powerful the law is as a tool for a just society."*

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Nicholas McNamara

**Desired Practice Location:** Jacksonville or Tampa  
**Specialization:** Business law  
**Field of Law Sought:** Commercial litigation



Nicholas McNamara is from Boynton Beach, Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics and history from the University of Florida. When he graduated *cum laude* from FSU Law in May, he also earned the Business Law Certificate. Since May 2019, McNamara has been clerking for the Florida Attorney General's Office Antitrust Division. He conducts discovery, researches emerging antitrust issues, and assists with case development and preliminary investigations. From March 2018–May 2019, McNamara clerked for the Florida Department of Financial Services, Office of the General Counsel, where he drafted agency orders and administrative pleadings and motions, and conducted research on workers' compensation compliance issues.

McNamara was a member of the *Florida State University Law Review*. He also was a member of LitiGators and a Phone-A-Thon caller. If you are interested in hiring McNamara, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*"I am a diligent problem-solver who is not afraid to dive into complex legal issues and learn as much as I can about them so I can help deliver the best possible results for clients."*



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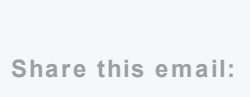
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