

From the Dean



FSU Law virtual booth for LSAC recruiting forums

Like many of our activities, recruiting has been greatly impacted by COVID-19. Although our admissions team isn't able to attend the many in-person recruiting events they typically attend, they have been extremely busy this fall with virtual events. Team members have recruited at more than 25 virtual events—including Law School Admission Council Digital Forums, law and graduate school fairs and personal interview sessions at various universities. After the last virtual recruiting event on December 12, admissions representatives estimate they will have met with more than 1,400 prospective students. In addition, recruiters have been available for individual online advising sessions and by phone, email and text. While on-campus visitors were limited in order to help contain the spread of COVID-19, the Admissions Office has offered limited tours of our facilities and plans to continue that practice in the spring. Additionally, our student ambassadors have recorded and hosted numerous live virtual sessions for prospective students on a wide variety of topics including job opportunities, co-curricular opportunities, balancing school and life, transitioning to law school and clinical opportunities. If you know any students who are interested in FSU Law, encourage them to check out our [online recruiting calendar](#) to find out how they can connect with our admissions team. In addition, students can [peruse our 2020-2021 Viewbook online](#) and request a printed copy to learn more about offerings and student life. As always, we would love to connect with prospective students to talk to them about what makes FSU Law special.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

Spring Interview Program Registration Open

Registration for FSU Law's Spring Interview Program began in November and all employers are invited to register now. The program will allow employers to interview students in person at FSU Law, virtually via Zoom from anywhere or a combination of the two. Previously known as On-Campus Interviews or OCI, our interview program typically welcomes more than 100 employers each year to interview FSU Law students for full-time and part-time work in clerk, intern and entry-level lawyer positions. Employers who participated in the Fall Interview Program have raved about the quality and preparation of the students they interviewed, so we are encouraging more employers to meet the law school's talented future lawyers. The Career Services and Professional Development Office is ready to assist you with the interview process. You can [visit our website](#) to learn more about the interview program and to schedule interviews. You can also email careerservices@law.fsu.edu if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting you with our bright, eager students!



Alum Profile: Shane T. Costello ('09)

[Shane T. Costello](#) is a shareholder at Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa, where he specializes in litigation involving real estate and land use issues, complex commercial matters, and trust and estate disputes. Costello recently attained board certification from The Florida Bar in business litigation. Statewide, only 240 attorneys hold board certification from The Florida Bar in business litigation. During law school at Florida State, Costello served as the first judicial clerk in the history of the Supreme Court of Botswana. Costello is AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a Tampa Bay Business Observer 40 Under 40 award winner, among other honors and recognitions received during his career. Costello has been active in the legal community, including holding several leadership positions with the American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section.



"I am honored to have achieved this certification from The Florida Bar, which is particularly meaningful to me for its recognition of professionalism and the recommendations of my peers. I am very much appreciative of—and could not have accomplished this without—the support of my firm, Hill Ward Henderson, and most importantly, my family."

Student Profile: 3L Rochelle Bailey

Desired Practice Location: Broward County Florida; also open to Miami, West Palm Beach and Orlando
Expected Graduation: December 2020
Field of Law Sought: Civil litigation and business law; open to other practice areas such as real estate and probate law



Rochelle Bailey is originally from Fort Lauderdale. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Central Florida and will graduate from FSU Law this month. Bailey is currently clerking at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, where she conducts section 120.57(2) hearings regarding administrative complaints, reviews and analyzes administrative rules and procedure, and drafts proposal orders, petitions, reports and pleadings regarding complaints against community association managers and management. Since September, Bailey has also been a volunteer at Legal Services of North Florida. She researches and analyzes legal issues regarding probate law and landlord tenant law and conducts client meetings and assists clients with legal issues. During the summer of 2020, Bailey worked as a certified legal intern for the Broward County State Attorney's Office. She attended and advocated at juvenile first appearance hearings, interviewed and advised victims, and prepared, reviewed and responded to discovery. During the beginning of her 2L summer, Bailey also participated in the FSU Public Interest Law Center Gender and Family Justice Clinic, where she presented workshops regarding family law for incarcerated women at the Leon County Jail and Gadsden Correctional Facility. She also conducted client meetings and researched and analyzed legal issues regarding dependency.

Bailey is member of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), where she served as a 1L representative and social chair and participated on the BLSA Mock Trial Team. Bailey is also a member of the Women's Law Symposium, FSU's Trial Team, the Broward County Bar Association, the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyer's Association and the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She attended the FSU Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England and enjoys exploring different cultures. Bailey is an entrepreneur and recently started her own skincare and body care business. If you are interested in connecting with Bailey or hiring her after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"I am forever grateful for the opportunity to spend my journey to become the first lawyer in my family at FSU Law. My experiences in the classroom and on the BLSA and FSU Trial Teams have helped me to grow tremendously both personally and professionally. I am excited to take the skills I have learned over the last few years into this next chapter of my life."

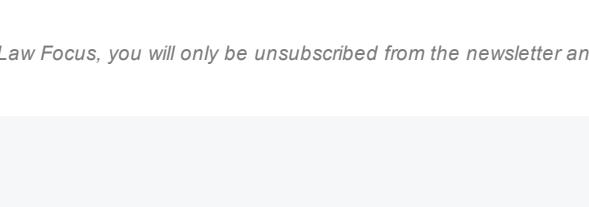
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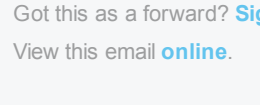
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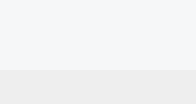
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