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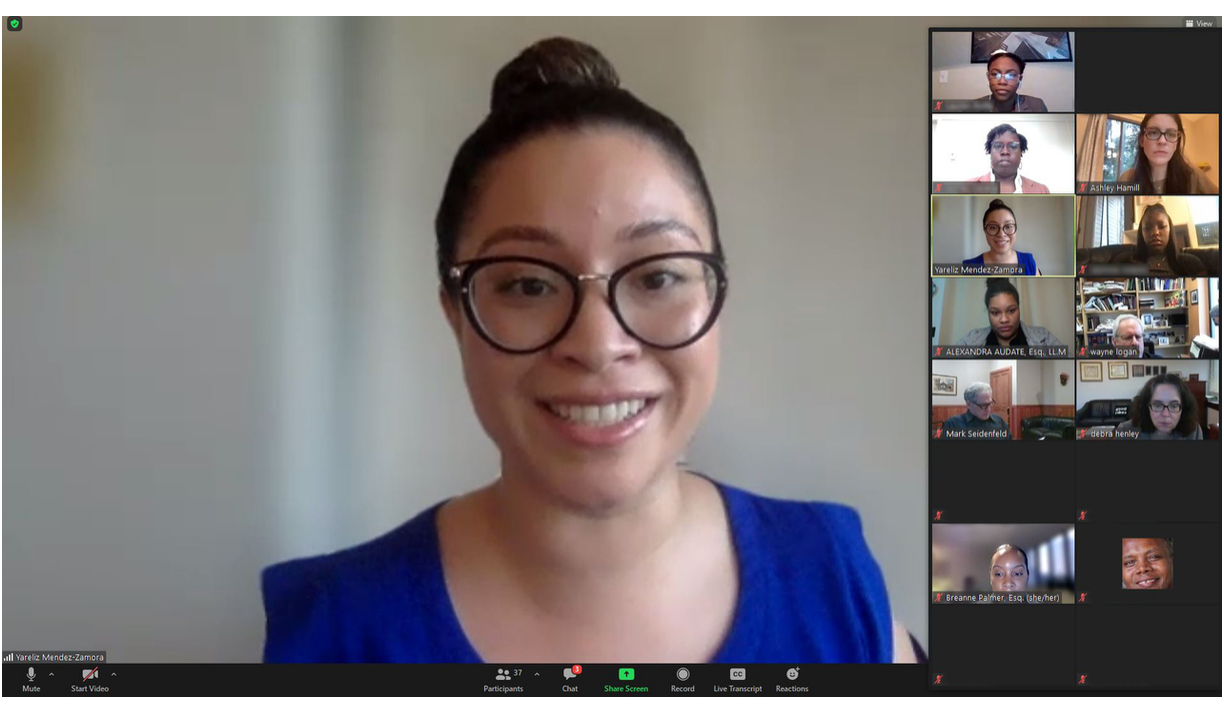
From the Dean

I am delighted to report a new \$2 million gift that has established the Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte Distinguished Endowed Chair at FSU Law. An anonymous donor provided the gift, which will support a legal scholar to be known as the D’Alemberte Distinguished Endowed Chair, whose research and teaching are exemplary and who will bring acclaim to the law school. The chair will serve as a lasting tribute to former law school dean and university president Sandy D’Alemberte, whose contributions to the law school, university, state, country, and world were outstanding and many. Per the gift agreement, the person who holds the chair will share Sandy’s passion for freedom of speech and have expertise in constitutional law. We are very grateful for this gift and appreciate that it will allow us to memorialize one of the greatest attorneys and humans to grace our campus.



Erin O'Connor
Dean Erin O'Connor

BLSA Presents Panel on Immigration & COVID-19



Yareliz Mendez-Zamora talks during BLSA's From Cages to Closed Borders: Immigration & COVID-19 panel

On January 18, FSU Law’s Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted a Zoom panel, *From Cages to Closed Borders: Immigration & COVID-19*. The event was the first panel of 2022 in BLSA’s racial justice panel series. Panelists discussed how the pandemic has impacted the U.S. immigration system and immigrants who have been denied Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), permanent residency, and citizenship. Among other topics, panelists talked about immigration policies such as Title 42, the intersection of immigration and criminal law, which is sometimes referred to as “crimigration,” and systemic racism as it relates to immigration policies. The event was moderated by Clinical Professor Ashley Hamill ('18), who directs FSU Law’s Farmworker & Immigration Rights Clinic, and the expert panelists were Alexandra Audate, an attorney with QueerMigration Law who has extensive experience representing immigrant clients; Yareliz Mendez-Zamora, who is the immigrant rights lead at the Florida Immigrant Coalition; and Breanne J. Palmer, an attorney who serves as immigration policy counsel at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

Alum Profile: George S. Reynolds, IV (J.D. '08) (LL.M. '14)

George Reynolds is now special counsel for litigation at the Florida Department of Transportation in Tallahassee. In this role, Reynolds is responsible for complex litigation matters and providing guidance to newer attorneys with the agency in developing their cases. He previously served as assistant general counsel for the agency, working on environmental law, eminent domain, administrative law, and civil litigation matters. He also was an associate at Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. and assistant legal counsel at Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency. Reynolds is a member of The Florida Bar’s Land Use and Environmental Law; Administrative Law; and Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law sections. He also is a member of the American Bar Association’s Public Contract Law; Environment, Energy, and Resources; and Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law sections. Reynolds is active in the Florida Government Bar Association, where he served as president for 2011-12. In addition to earning his J.D. from FSU Law, Reynolds earned an LL.M. in Environmental Law & Policy *summa cum laude* from the law school in 2014. When not practicing law, Reynolds enjoys taking his dog, Cleo, to lure coursing field trials and rooting for all things garnet and gold. Reynolds is pictured releasing Cleo at a field trial.



Student Profile: 3L Dylan Levenson

Desired Practice Location: South Florida or Tallahassee, but open to anywhere in Florida
Expected Graduation: May 2022
Field of Law Sought: International law, constitutional law, human rights law, commercial law, and contract law; also open to general civil litigation and other practice areas

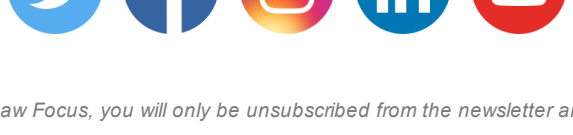


Dylan Levenson, from Boynton Beach, Florida, attended Florida State University for undergrad and graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.S. in political science and interdisciplinary social sciences, and a B.A. in international affairs. He will become a Double 'Nole when he graduates from FSU Law in May. Since October, Levenson has worked as a law clerk with McConnaughay, Coonrod, Risman, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A., where he assists the firm's civil litigation team by summarizing recent case decisions and performing legal research on a wide array of topics, including personal injury law and general liability. He has also performed research in the areas of torts, evidence, and commercial law. Since October 2020, Levenson has worked as a circulation associate with FSU Law’s Research Center. As a circulation associate, he answers phone calls and questions from students, checks out books, prints and scans documents, and assists in closing the Research Center. During the summer of 2021, Levenson was a judicial extern for the Honorable Ronald Flury ('93) of the Second Judicial Circuit in Wakulla County. In this role, Levenson performed legal research, drafted research memoranda and judicial orders, identified legal issues in cases, and observed legal proceedings. He gained experience with and performed research in areas including family law, criminal law, property law, civil procedure, and evidence. During the summer after his 2L year, Levenson was a student advocate with the Immigration and Farmworker Project at FSU’s Public Interest Law Center. There, he learned about the U.S. immigration system, assisted in the creation of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petition, and created a PowerPoint with another law student explaining how immigrants could receive the COVID-19 stimulus tax credit.

At FSU Law, Levenson has served as the writing & research editor for the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* since last spring, and he is a founding member and secretary of the Jewish Law Students Association, which was revived in the fall of 2020. He has also been a member of the International Law Students Association and the Student Bar Association since the fall of his 1L year. Additionally, Levenson received a book award for the Judicial Externship Perspectives course last semester. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Levenson after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at dml14f@my.fsu.edu.

“After being exposed to many fields of law at FSU Law, I realized my passion is to help people with a wide variety of legal issues through legal writing and research. I look forward to bringing my passion for learning about various areas of the law into my practice.”

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