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From the Dean



Jules Coleman speaks at FSU Law.

On Wednesday, February 23, our *Florida State University Law Review* hosted Dr. Jules Coleman for a special presentation, "What the Law and Morality Can Learn from Race Horses and Trolley Cars." During his lecture, Jules suggested that many issues the law addresses arise in other forms as problems people face in their everyday lives. He argued that the law can learn a good deal by examining the practices developed to deal with those ordinary issues. Jules also discussed how we should address a wide range of moral issues by looking at the ways in which the law has addressed similar problems. Jules used the 2019 Kentucky Derby to shed light on a range of legal issues including standing and the nature of wrongs, and he illustrated how principles of tort law and criminal law can illuminate various issues that arise in the famous trolley problem.

Jules is one of the world's leading legal theorists. He most recently was a senior administrator at New York University and spent decades teaching at Yale Law School. Jules has given endowed lectures across the world, including previously at FSU Law. He also has taught at FSU Law, including this semester, where he is teaching Justice, Efficiency & the Law. We are very grateful to be able to give our students opportunities to learn from one of the most important legal minds in modern times.

Erin O'Connor
Dean Erin O'Connor

Alumni Needed for Pro Bono Challenge



Help FSU Law students through the Florida Pro Bono
Law School Challenge

The 2022 Florida Pro Bono Law School Challenge is underway, and many FSU Law students have already signed up to participate. The challenge connects students and lawyers from the same law school to partner on pro bono cases from legal aid organizations. The challenge is a core part of The Florida Bar Foundation's mission to promote public service among lawyers by making it an integral part of the law school experience. A great number of FSU Law students are eager to work on pro bono cases through the challenge, but many of them are waiting to be matched with alumni. As of last week, there were 31 more FSU Law students than alumni participating in the challenge. Alumni who would like to volunteer can learn more and sign up at floridalawchallenge.org. FSU Law appreciates alumni who are helping students gain legal experience through this program and in many other ways.

Alum Profile: Alexandra E. Akre ('16)

Alexandra "Allie" Akre was recently elevated to shareholder at Ausley McMullen in Tallahassee. Akre focuses on a variety of litigation and appellate matters involving government, commercial, and administrative law. Before joining Ausley McMullen in 2017, she clerked for the Honorable Joel Dubina of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. During law school, Akre published three scholarly articles, was executive editor of the *Florida State University Law Review*, and served as research assistant to Professor Rob Atkinson. Akre is a member of The Florida Bar's Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee and Appellate Practice Section. She also is actively engaged with the Tallahassee Women Lawyers and the First District Appellate American Inn of Court. Outside of work, Akre enjoys perfecting her homemade pizza recipe, exploring Tallahassee's nature trails, and catching up on the latest binge-worthy television series.

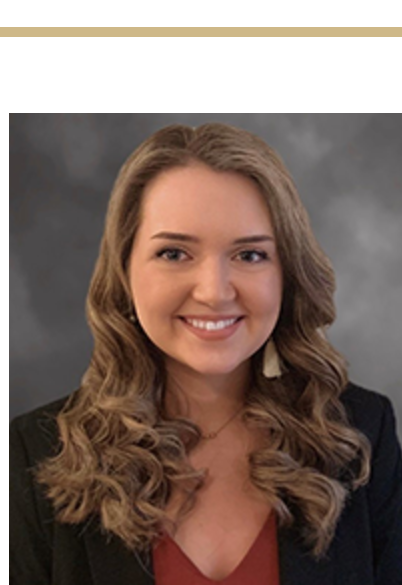


"Florida State College of Law gave me many wonderful things including great mentors and lifelong friendships. The successes in my legal career, including my recent promotion to shareholder at Ausley, are directly attributable to my time spent at FSU."

Student Profile: 3L Brenna Fischer

Desired Practice Location: Tallahassee
Expected Graduation: May 2022
Field of Law Sought: Estate planning, probate, and transactional real estate law

Brenna Fischer is from Spring Hill, Florida, and attended Florida Gulf Coast University for undergrad, graduating summa cum laude with a B.S. in criminal justice. Since May 2021, Fischer has worked as a law clerk at the Law Office of Claire A. Duchemin in Tallahassee, where she conducts extensive legal research, writes legal memoranda, meets with clients, and drafts motions and pleadings for estate planning, probate, real property, and various civil matters. During the summer before her 2L year, Fischer worked as a student advocate with FSU's Gender and Family Justice Clinic. In this role, she communicated with clients regarding family law issues, conducted legal research, and worked on and submitted a report to the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee regarding the impact of COVID-19 on low-income communities and communities of color. The summer before entering law school, Fischer was a felony intern at the Office of The State Attorney, Fifth Judicial Circuit, and prior to that was a homicide intern at the Office of the State Attorney, Twentieth Judicial Circuit. At both state attorneys' offices, Fischer analyzed evidence and filed subpoenas, and she worked as an assistant on several high-profile criminal prosecutions.



At FSU Law, Fischer is a staff editor on the *FSU Business Review* and is a member of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Society, Women's Law Symposium, and Student Bar Association. She also served as a peer mentor in 2020 and 2021. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Fischer after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at bnf18d@my.fsu.edu.

"I've found that my strengths are best utilized when I'm working directly with clients to better protect their family legacy and assets. My hands-on experience with different areas of law has made me a more knowledgeable and adaptable advocate."

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