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From the Dean

On Friday, May 13, we will be presenting a real estate program, **Transforming Florida: Transit-Oriented Development**, in South Florida. We invite you to join us in person at the Hilton West Palm Beach or virtually for this one-day, hybrid program featuring experts at the forefront of the transit-oriented development transforming Florida. Speakers include leaders of Brightline, the chief economist for the Florida Chamber Foundation, transportation leadership from Central Florida and Miami-Dade County, attorneys, developers, other transportation executives and directors, academics, and elected officials leading projects that are reshaping our state. The event will also feature free Brightline train rides from Miami to West Palm Beach and back. You can [view the event program and register on our website](#) now. We hope to see you in May!



Erin O'Connor

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College of Law Seminole 100 Honorees



(L-R) FSU College of Law Seminole 100 honorees Lawrence Hodz, Vivian Hodz, Kevin Brick, Sean Pittman, Autumn Beck Blackledge, Alisia Adamson Profit, Ryan Cappy, Sasha Watson, and Jo-Anna Nieves

Twenty College of Law alumni were recognized among this year's Seminole 100 honorees. This annual list recognizes the fastest-growing businesses owned or managed by FSU alumni and represents some of the most innovative and profitable companies in America.

The 2022 College of Law honorees included Autumn Beck Blackledge ('01), of Autumn Beck Blackledge, PLLC; Kevin Brick ('05), of Brick Business Law, P.A.; Vivian Hodz ('02) and Lawrence Hodz ('02), of Cortes Hodz Family Law & Mediation, P.A.; Alisia Adamson Profit ('08) and Sasha Watson ('07), with Hawm Law; Abb Payne ('01), with Infusion Plus; Leslie "Les" Kushner ('83), of Les S. Kushner, P.A.; Daniel "Danny" Manausa ('95) and Kyle Shaw ('08), of Manausa, Shaw & Minacci, P.A.; Richard Moore ('88) of Moore, Inc.; Sean Pittman ('94), of the Pittman Law Group; Jeffrey Pomeranz ('08), of Pomeranz Law, PLLC; Audrey Ehrhardt ('04), of Practice42; Daniel Alvarez ('00) and Jason Lazarus ('96), of Synergy Settlement Services; Chris Boyd ('92) and David Gagnon ('00), of Taylor, Day, Grimm & Boyd; Ryan Cappy ('00), of The Law Offices of Ryan Cappy; and Jo-Anna Nieves ('09), of The Nieves Law Firm.

The FSU Seminole 100 celebration was hosted by the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship. Honorees and their businesses were recognized Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Dunlap Champions Club.

Alum Profile: Robert C. Volpe ('15)

Robert C. Volpe was recently promoted to of counsel at Holtzman Vogel Baran Torchinsky & Josefiak PLLC in Tallahassee. Volpe represents property owners and developers in the areas of land use, real estate, strategic land development, and large-area planning. He also represents landowners by protecting private property rights and entitlements. Through his practice, Volpe is involved in developing growth management policy at the local and state level. He is also a certified general real estate appraiser with experience valuing commercial and agricultural property. Volpe is very involved in legal and community groups. He is a member of The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section executive council. In 2018 and 2019, respectively, he received the Judy Florence Memorial Outstanding Service Award and the Stephens/Register Leadership and Vision Award from the section. He serves on the leadership board of the Urban Land Institute, Capital Region, and previously chaired the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission and Local Planning Agency. Volpe stays connected to FSU by guest lecturing at the FSU College of Law and FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning on Florida land use law, local government policy, and large-scale planning.



"I enjoy the challenge of navigating complex land development issues. The FSU College of Law set me up for success and a fulfilling legal career."

Student Profile: 3L Judelande Jeune

Desired Practice Location: Open to any location

Expected Graduation: May 2022

Judelande Law Sought: Local government

Judelande Jeune is originally from Haiti but considers Tampa, Florida home. Jeune attended the University of South Florida for undergrad, where she majored in political science, and she will graduate from FSU Law in May. Jeune currently works at the Florida League of Cities as a law clerk, and she previously worked there as a legislative intern. In her role there, she attends meetings with state legislators, and aids the lobbying team with issues affecting local government, including issues pertaining to short-term rentals, business damages, surfside condominium compliance, solid waste, sovereign immunity, and polyfluoroalkyl substances. She also conducts research and drafts case summaries for the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association Law Reporter newsletter. In the fall of 2021, Jeune was a teaching assistant (TA) for the College of Law Juris Master Program's Contracts and Risk Management (TA) and in the summer of 2021, she was a TA for the Torts course. As a TA, she held office hours to assist with and provide feedback on students' work, and she also graded student assignments. In the spring of her 2L year, Jeune participated in FSU Law's Gender and Family Justice Clinic, where she drafted legal memoranda and motions, prepared for an injunction hearing, and met with clients. During the summer before her 2L year, Jeune was a legislative intern in the Office of Congresswoman Kathy Castor ('91), where she conducted research on various issues affecting constituents, including unemployment benefits. In addition, she served as a transcriber for town hall meetings hosted by Congresswoman Castor and assisted with constituent outreach projects. Prior to entering law school, Jeune worked as a legal assistant in numerous practice areas, including foreclosures, personal injury, family, food and beverage, and criminal law.



At FSU Law, Jeune is the vice president of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and secretary of the FSU Law Trial Team. She was recently a member of the BLSA trial team that won first place in the national Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition in March. Jeune is fluent in Haitian Creole and conversational in French. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Jeune after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at jj20ea@my.fsu.edu.

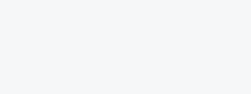
"FSU Law has given me confidence and prepared me for whatever comes next. I found my passion for local government law through my internship and other opportunities I was afforded at FSU. I believe that the government closest to the people matters!"

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