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### From the Dean



We are delighted to be welcoming three new faculty members to FSU Law this summer, who will begin teaching with us in the fall. All three professors are accomplished scholars and will bring important areas of expertise to our faculty. Afroditi Giovanopoulou's research lies at the intersection of law and history, with a dual focus on the history of American legal thought, and on the legal history of international politics. She will teach Public International Law, American Legal History, Jurisprudence, and Foreign Relations Law. Both a lawyer and a medical doctor, Mason Marks's research explores areas where law and medicine combine, including FDA regulation, health privacy, and drug policy. Marks teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, drug law, legislation, and technology regulation. Charquia Wright's research lives at the intersection of civil rights and federal courts scholarship. She will teach Election Law, Race and the Federal System, Constitutional Law I, and Civil Rights Law. This summer, beginning today, we will include articles about each new professor in the newsletter, to introduce them further to our community. Below you will find an article with more in-depth information about Charquia Wright. We are looking forward to having these dynamic scholars on campus!

*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

### Faculty Profile: Charquia Wright

Professor Charquia Wright comes to FSU Law after having been the American Bar Foundation/AccessLex Institute post-doctoral fellow in legal and higher education. She is a welcome addition to the civil rights law and social justice faculty, as she has both an academic and advocacy background in civil and human rights. Professor Wright's research lives at the intersection of civil rights and federal courts scholarship. Her previous experience includes serving as an associate editor for the peer-reviewed journal, *Law & Social Inquiry*, serving as senior executive editor for Georgetown's *Immigration Law Journal*, researching Brazilian police brutality as a Fulbright scholar, and litigating voting rights issues across the United States. Professor Wright holds a B.S.E. in operations research and financial engineering from Princeton University, a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and a critical race studies LL.M. from UCLA School of Law. Professor Wright will teach Election Law, Race and the Federal System, Constitutional Law I, and Civil Rights Law.



***“I am delighted to join FSU's vibrant intellectual community of legal scholars. It is a great joy to become part of such an accomplished faculty. I'm eager to meet and engage with the students in the fall.”***

### Alum Profile: John M. Vernaglia ('18)

John M. Vernaglia has joined the Orlando office of ShuffieldLowman. Vernaglia practices in the areas of commercial and civil litigation, fiduciary litigation, labor and employment, and construction law. He has handled a variety of complex civil litigation matters in state and federal courts, including alleged civil rights violations arising under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1981, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



***“I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to continue my legal practice at ShuffieldLowman, and to learn from and work with some of the most brilliant, charismatic, and professional attorneys in the state. The successes in my legal career would not be possible without my time spent at FSU, and I look forward to putting my experience to good use for our clients and the Central Florida community.”***

### Celebrating 2022 Grad Allaa Tayeb

Recent FSU Law alumna Allaa Tayeb has accepted a post-graduate position as an associate in Cole, Scott & Kissane P.A.'s Orlando office, in their Business/Commercial Law Practice Group! During law school, Tayeb was the online article selection editor for the *Florida State University Law Review* and the managing editor for the *Florida State University Business Review*. She served as a research assistant for Professor Courtney Cahill, researching issues of constitutional law, and as a research assistant for Kimberly Houser, a professor at the University of North Texas, researching issues related to privacy, technology, and business. Tayeb earned book awards in her Constitutional Law II and Privacy and Data Protection Law classes. She also received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award and was a recipient of the Westin Scholar Award, which was conferred by the International Association of Privacy Professionals. Tayeb has two forthcoming publications: an article titled “Defective Detection,” which will appear in the *Journal of Law and Technology at Texas*, and a piece titled “Integrating Professionalism and Social Media in the Age of Lawyers That Grew Up With It,” which will be featured in *The Professional*, a publication of The Florida Bar's Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism. The second publication is a result of Tayeb winning the "Raising the Bar" professionalism writing competition in December 2021. Congratulations to Allaa Tayeb on her graduation and many achievements! We wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments.



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