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From the Dean



FSU Law graduates taking a simulated bar exam in July.

During the last week in July, our recent graduates will sit for bar exams around the nation. We wish them all the best as they head into their final full week of preparation, and we encourage them to reach out if we can offer any support. Everyone at the law school believes in their hard work and abilities! Since May, many of our grads who will be taking the Florida Bar Examination have attended our supplemental bar preparation sessions, in person and virtually. There are a few more sessions next week, one of which will focus on rules to know regarding the administration of the exam. Professors Jonathan Grossman, Tia Gibbs, Phil Sandon, and Cecelia Smith have taught the weekly workshops and made themselves available outside of the classroom, often in the evenings and on weekends, and sometimes in the middle of the night. We also offered a guest lecture on bar essays by Professor Denise Cespedes. Good luck to all of our graduates who are taking bar exams at the end of this month—we know you are going to Spear the Bar!

Erin O'Connor

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Faculty Profile: Mason Marks

Dr. Mason Marks is joining FSU Law as the new Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor. Marks is the senior fellow and project lead of the Project on Psychedelics Law and Regulation (POPLAR) at the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School and an affiliated fellow at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. His academic research focuses on health technology, FDA regulation, and constitutional law. He is particularly interested in state and federal controlled substance regulation, health privacy, and the application of artificial intelligence to medical decision making. Marks was previously a resident fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, a research scholar at the Information Law Institute at NYU Law School, and a visiting fellow at Yale Law School. He earned a B.A. from Amherst College, an M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine, and a J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School. Marks will teach Constitutional Law, Drug Law, and Legislation and Regulation.



“Health law and public health law impact us all, and they are in the news every day. I look forward to exploring these topics with FSU students.”

Alum Profile: Katherine W. Katz ('19)

Katherine W. Katz is now an associate at GrayRobinson, where she is a member of the Labor and Employment Section and Construction Specialty Team in the firm's Orlando office. Katz focuses on construction, employment, and personal injury litigation. She assists with labor and employment matters involving common-law and statutory business tort claims, and enforcement of employment-related local, state, and federal regulations. Katz has experience litigating, mediating, and arbitrating a variety of construction defect and design disputes, contract disputes, and personal injury claims. She also has represented contractors, subcontractors, architects, and engineers in a broad range of cases involving building code violations and breaches of express and implied warranties. Prior to joining GrayRobinson, Katz practiced at Wright, Fulford, Moorhead & Brown in Orlando.



“Construction law is quite unique—never would I have thought I'd be practicing law with a hard hat. I also practice labor and employment law and, surprisingly, find that the two areas often overlap—think: construction site injuries and OSHA, or construction contracts and wage/labor standards. It's inspiring to be a part of such an esteemed team of attorneys at GrayRobinson that is creative in their approach to solve client issues.”

Celebrating 2022 Grad Jasmine Farlin

Recent FSU Law graduate Jasmine Farlin has accepted a post-graduate position with Synergy Healthcare Services in Tallahassee! During law school, Farlin was a member-at-large of the Black Law Students Association, a member of the Health Law Society, and a pupil of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court. Additionally, she volunteered with the Legal Aid Society of The Orange County Bar Association's Guardian ad Litem program, and she served as a teaching assistant for the Juris Master Program's Patient Safety and Quality course. Farlin was also a recipient of FSU Law's Public Interest Scholarship. Congratulations to Jasmine Farlin 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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