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From the Dean



Professor Elizabeth Miller, of Baylor University Law School, presents during the Florida State University Business Review's inaugural symposium.

Last Friday, we hosted scholars from around the nation for a symposium organized by our *Florida State University Business Review*. The thought-provoking inaugural symposium, entitled “New Frontiers in Organizational Law,” focused on the rapidly evolving law of organizations, particularly LLCs, and the impact changes in the law are having on businesses and industry professionals. Professors Christopher Bradley, University of Kentucky College of Law; Joan Heminway, University of Tennessee College of Law; Daniel Kleinberger, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; and Elizabeth Miller, Baylor University School of Law, presented their scholarly works-in-progress, and FSU Law professors and event attendees had opportunities to ask questions and provide meaningful feedback. The presenters’ finalized articles will be published in a symposium issue of the *Business Review* later this year. The symposium agenda also included student note presentations by 3L Jake Balducci and 2L Maxwell Holleman and a lunch presentation by Shawn Bayern, FSU Law's Larry and Joyce Beltz professor of torts and associate dean for academic affairs. We are very proud of the hard work of our *Florida State University Business Review* students who organized the symposium, especially 3Ls Natalie Alonso and Emily Wood. If you were unable to attend in person or virtually, a [recording of the Stoops Colab's livestream of the event](#) is available online for viewing.

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Homecoming Events Rescheduled



The FSU Law 2022 Homecoming Weekend festivities that were canceled due to Hurricane Ian have been rescheduled for this spring. Join us from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, for the Law Alumni Tailgate Party on the James Harold Thompson Green. All alumni and their families are invited to attend the tailgate, which precedes the FSU Football Garnet & Gold Spring Showcase at Doak Campbell Stadium. Then on Sunday, April 16, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., FSU Law will celebrate the Class of 1972 during a 50-Year Alumni Brunch. All members of the Class of 1972 are invited to join us for this event at the law school. The brunch is sponsored by Class of 1972 alumni F. Palmer Williams, Kirk Brown, George Cappy, Mary Clark, Ken Connor, Pete Dunbar, David Fletcher, David Fonvielle, Judge Bill Gary, Wayne Hogan, Judge Tom Johnson, John Marks, Judge Frank Sheffield, Charles Tunnickliff, and Gary Williams. Please [visit our website to learn more and register](#) to attend the festivities!

Alum Profile: Jim Towey ('81)

Simon & Schuster recently published a biography written by Jim Towey, “To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa.” The book has received critical acclaim and was noted in The New York Times book review. Towey served as legal counsel and was a friend to Mother Teresa during the last 12 years of her life. He also continues to provide pro bono legal assistance to Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity and its 46 missions in the United States, as well as its Calcutta headquarters. Towey also founded and leads the nonprofit advocacy organization Aging with Dignity, and he created the “Five Wishes” advance directive, with more than 41 million copies distributed. Towey previously served as head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, president of Ave Maria University, president of Saint Vincent College, and secretary of Florida’s 40,000-employee health and human services agency. *(Photo credit: Valeria Tkacik)*



“Working with Mother Teresa for 12 years was the privilege of a lifetime, and I hope the book that tells of her beautiful humanity will inspire others to care for those in need around them. She has much to teach the 21st century about love of God and neighbor and the joy of service.”

Student Profile: 3L Reina Chehayeb

Desired Practice Location: Florida, Texas, or North Carolina
Expected Graduation: May 2023
Field of Law Sought: Interested in higher education law with a particular interest in collegiate athletics



Reina Chehayeb is from Titusville, Florida, and attended the University of Central Florida for her undergraduate studies. There, she earned two bachelor of science degrees—one in finance and one in legal studies. She will graduate from FSU Law this spring. This semester, Chehayeb is working as a graduate assistant in the area of compliance for the Florida State University Athletic Department. In this role, she works to streamline name, image, and likeness information for staff, coaches, and students. Last semester, she participated in the Business Law Clinic, where she represented and assisted clients in contract drafting, advised on intellectual property issues, and guided on entity formation. During the summer before her 3L year, Chehayeb was a law clerk at The Texas A&M University System Office of General Counsel. There, she worked with multiple departments on a variety of projects involving open records, compliance (Title IX and Clery), student conduct/records, privacy (GDPR and FERPA), debt collection, and litigation. During her 2L year, Chehayeb was a research assistant and committee member for the FSU College of Law Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Her work with the committee included researching and presenting on best practices from the top 100 law schools.

At FSU Law, Chehayeb serves as president of the Women’s Law Symposium, for which she was also treasurer as a 2L. She competed and was a finalist in the 2021 Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition. She also served as a peer mentor and teaching assistant for the 2021 FSU College of Law Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program and the law school’s 2021 1L Orientation, and she served as a student advisor for the law school’s Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Chehayeb after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at rchehayeb@fsu.edu.

“My mother has always said, ‘learn one thing about everything and everything about one thing.’ I believe that higher education law is the embodiment of this quote, and I am excited and ready to practice in this area.”

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