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We recently implemented an exciting change to the way we offer our **executive education courses through the Stoops Center of Law and Business**. After listening to the market, we have eliminated course start dates in order to provide more flexibility to working professionals. Learners can now begin courses immediately upon enrolling. We also recently met with our advisory board and want to recognize board members for dedicating their time and expertise to help us make the Stoops Center's offerings unique and enriching. The board is comprised of lawyers and non-lawyers from various business industries and geographic areas, and its mission is to support and strengthen the Stoops Center by providing leadership, expertise, and influence. Please join me in thanking the following board members:

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Connecting with Alumni at Regional Receptions



In the spring, FSU Law held several alumni receptions to connect with our graduates in cities around Florida and in Georgia. The receptions were co-hosted by alumni and provided an opportunity for FSU Law graduates in the same regions to connect. The receptions took place at Holland & Knight in Orlando, Amall Golden Gregory LLP in Atlanta, Intuition Ale Works in Jacksonville, and the home of Fred ('92) and Autumn Karlinsky in Weston, Florida. We enjoyed visiting with many graduates and friends at these receptions! Alumni, you will receive an email invitation next week to the final reception, which will be held at the Annual Florida Bar Convention in Boca Raton on June 22. We look forward to seeing you next month!

Thank you to the following sponsors of our past receptions:

- Holland & Knight
- Amall Golden Gregory LLP
- Andrew J. Schutt ('96)
- Jennifer L. Shelfer ('06)
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- Fred ('92) and Autumn Karlinsky

Alum Profile: Michael A. Kolcun ('10)

Michael A. Kolcun is special counsel at Adams and Reese LLP in Tampa. He practices commercial litigation with a focus on business divorces and related disputes, including breach of contract and fiduciary duty claims, partnership/joint venture and shareholder disputes, copyright and trademark infringement, and other business torts. Kolcun previously was a litigator at Robins Kaplan LLP and Linsey Law Firm, PLLC, both in New York City, and he also served as an associate corporate counsel for Xerox. Kolcun has an AV preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell, he has obtained recognition from Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers, and he is a graduate of the Tampa Bay Chamber's Leadership Tampa Class of 2023. Kolcun provides pro bono counsel through Bay Area Legal Services, and he remains engaged with the law school by serving on the FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.



“I had an incredibly rewarding experience at the FSU College of Law, and I am grateful for the lifelong friends, colleagues, and collaborators that I gained there. I am fortunate to be able to give back to the law school through my service on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, as well as to network and practice law with our distinguished alumni in Tampa.”

Profile: Celebrating 2023 Grad Mackie Taranto

Recent FSU Law graduate Ensign McKenzie “Mackie” Taranto has accepted a general with the U.S. Navy JAG Corps! During law school, Taranto was a member of the *Journal of Transnational Law and Policy* and the *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law*. She was a lead teaching assistant for the JM Contracts course, a research assistant with the FSU Law Research Center, and an academic student fellow. She also served on the executive boards of several student organizations, including Phi Alpha Delta, the Student Veterans Law Symposium, the Public Interest Law Students Association, and OUTLaw. Additionally, she served as the vice chair of the FSU Student Government Association's Elections Commission. Taranto's most rewarding experiences were being a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions and a teaching assistant for 1L Orientation. Taranto graduated with the Environmental Law Certificate and earned book awards in Environmental Law and Natural Resources Law. We wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments!

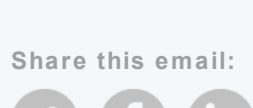


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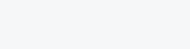
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