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From the Dean



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On Friday, September 15, from 12-1 p.m., we will host the first installment of our Frontiers in Law and Technology Series, *Generative AI for Lawyers: An Introduction*. Alumni and friends are invited to join us virtually to learn about the impact of generative artificial intelligence (AI). With the release of ChatGPT in late 2022, people across the globe have been talking about the impact of AI on all professions, including the legal profession. Featured speakers Shawn Bayern, FSU Law's Larry & Joyce Beltz professor and associate dean for technology, and Katya Fisher, a lawyer and executive vice chairman of Constructor Group, will explore the technology behind generative AI, including how lawyers might use generative AI in their practice and what kinds of promises and risks the new technology poses. The event will be moderated by Aaron Voloj Dessauer, who is joining FSU Law as executive director of our new Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more and register to attend this timely discussion. *Generative AI for Lawyers: An Introduction* is the first of several sessions we will host this year as part of our Frontiers in Law and Technology Series.

Faculty Profile: Courtney Brewer

Courtney Brewer has joined the College of Law as a Legal Writing and Research professor. Brewer was formerly a shareholder at Bishop & Mills, P.A. and The Mills Firm, P.A. in Tallahassee. She also previously worked as a deputy solicitor general with the Office of the Attorney General of Florida and was a law clerk for Florida Supreme Court Justice Charles Wells. Brewer is immediate past president of the First District Court of Appeal American Inn of Court, chair-elect of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, and past chair of The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee. She previously served as an adjunct professor at the College of Law, teaching Appellate Advocacy, and has served as a coach for the FSU Law Moot Court Team since 2010. Brewer earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her J.D. from Duke University. She is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Northern District of Florida, Middle District of Florida, and Southern District of Florida.



“I am honored and thrilled to join the exceptional legal writing team at FSU. Effective legal writing, research, analysis, and advocacy are cornerstones of success in the practice of law and beyond. I am grateful to have the opportunity to guide students in developing these crucial skills.”

Alum Profile: Jordan E. Goldfarb ('14)

Jordan E. Goldfarb recently joined the Fort Lauderdale office of McGlinchey Stafford as of counsel. Goldfarb represents the insurance industry and others in civil litigation and investigations. He handles the full scale of civil litigation and contract disputes, ranging from first-party claims, subrogation, and fraud cases to commercial claims, allegations of bad faith dealings, and internal disputes. Goldfarb also assists clients in responding to regulatory requests. Prior to joining McGlinchey Stafford in May, Goldfarb was a senior associate at Gutterman Trial Group and a senior attorney at Homeowners Choice Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Inc.



“I was initially drawn to McGlinchey Stafford because the firm combines the footprint and resources of a large national firm with the hospitality and personality of a regional firm. After coming on board, I can say with certainty that the firm’s greatest asset is its people—undoubtedly, the friendliest and most helpful group of attorneys and staff anywhere.”

Student Profile: 3L Roger Mata

Desired Practice Location: Anywhere in Florida

Expected Graduation: May 2024

Field of Law Sought: Business law, elder law, or civil litigation

Roger Mata, from Miami, Florida, holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida International University and a Master of Science in Sport Management from the University of Florida. When he graduates from FSU Law in May, he will also earn the Business Law Certificate. During the spring 2024 semester, Mata



plans to participate in the College of Law's Business Law Clinic, where he will learn transactional skills by helping advise business and social entrepreneurs in the FSU community and will also learn basic bargaining, drafting, risk-assessment, and legal ethics skills. Since July, Mata has worked as a circulation assistant in the FSU Law Research Center, assisting students and visitors with technology and Research Center resources. Since May 2022, he has served as a teaching assistant with the College of Law Juris Master Program, assisting professors with grading and providing feedback to students in the Business Organizations, Contract Risk Management, and Conducting Workplace Investigations courses. From August 2022 to July 2023, Mata worked as a law clerk with Liang + Mooney PLLC. There, he conducted legal research and communicated with clients regarding international trade transactions. He also drafted motions, petitions, and due diligence reports and drafted and reviewed contracts. Mata participated in FSU Law's 2023 Alternative Spring Break in Apopka, Florida, where he worked with the Farmworker Association of Florida, learning about the immigration system, immigration policies, and the legal and cultural issues that affect migrant workers.

At FSU Law, Mata is a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions, internal vice president of the Cuban American Bar Association—of which he previously served as treasurer—and vice president of the Health Law Society. He is also a member of the Business Law Society and the Career Services Office's Student Advisory Board, and he previously served as treasurer of the Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights student organization. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Mata after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at rmm21m@fsu.edu.

“During my time at FSU Law, I have greatly enjoyed building relationships with my colleagues and developing my legal research and writing skills. My diverse background has helped me view the law from a unique, but balanced perspective and build relationships with clients, colleagues, and others. I look forward to applying my passion for the law and people as I begin my legal career.”



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