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From the Dean



(L-R) Grove, Eisler, Briffault, and Wright

On Friday, September 22, we hosted a special book launch event to celebrate James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Corry Professor Jacob Eisler's new book, "The Law of Freedom: The Supreme Court and Democracy." The book, which is Eisler's first, offers a new account of how the U.S. Supreme Court has transformed American elections. During the event, Eisler and legal scholars from around the nation discussed the book's challenge of the court's authority on election law. The

book is especially relevant in light of the 2024 election cycle and ongoing debates over fair democratic procedure. Special thanks to Professor Richard Briffault, of Columbia Law School, Professor Tara Leigh Grove, of University of Texas School of Law, and FSU Law's Professor Charquia Wright for serving as panelists. Their discussion and critiques of the book are another example of the vibrant scholarly atmosphere which exists at FSU Law. Grove noted that most academics would publish a book like Eisler's much later in their careers. We are very proud of Eisler's work on this book and the impacts he is making in his first semester at FSU Law on the national legal academic community.

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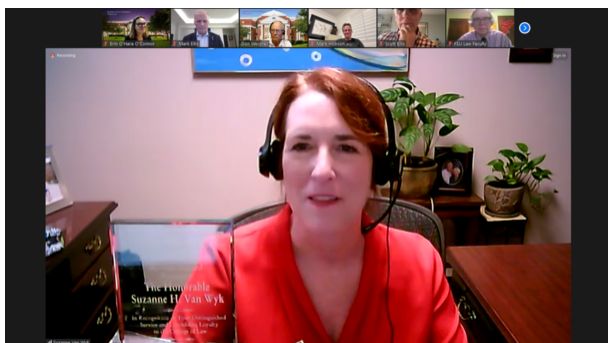
Alumni and Dean Emeritus Weidner Honored



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On Tuesday, College of Law alumni and friends gathered virtually for the law school's 2023 Alumni Awards celebration. We honored Mark Ellis ('84) with the Distinguished Alum Award, for his professional accomplishments and outstanding service; Judge Suzanne Van Wyk ('94) with the Alumni Association Service Award, for her distinguished service to the College of Law; Rex Dimmig ('78) with the Exemplary Public Service Career Award, for dedicating his career to public service and demonstrating exceptional character, integrity, humility, and professionalism, as well as a high regard for ethics; Francisco Zornosa ('15) with the Everyday Hero Award, for enthusiastically using his legal training to make a more just and equitable society; and Dean Emeritus Don Weidner with the Class of '66 Award, for his distinguished service to the law school and community. More than 50 alumni, faculty members, and friends and family members of the award recipients attended the event. We were pleased to honor these special members of the FSU Law community on Tuesday and to discuss their selfless contributions to our school and the legal profession. It was inspiring to hear why they have chosen to support and champion FSU Law. If you were unable to join the Zoom celebration, you can [watch the recording online](#).

Alum Profile: Nicole Molner ('20)

Nicole Molner is a corporate associate in the New York City office of O'Melveny & Myers LLP. Molner focuses on corporate bankruptcy and restructuring matters across a variety of industries, including governmental sectors, financial services, and cryptocurrency. Her most recent representations include representing the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority in Puerto Rico's historic Title III restructuring proceedings, major investment banking institutions in fraudulent transfer adversary proceedings, and a sophisticated creditor in the aircraft industry in a contested matter involving post-petition lease obligations. In addition, Molner has an active pro bono practice focusing on immigration matters. Prior to joining O'Melveny in 2022, Molner was a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Robert E. Grossman, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the Hon. Karen Specie, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida. During her 3L summer at FSU Law, Molner interned for Judge Cecelia G. Morris, of the U.S. Bankruptcy



Court for the Southern District of New York. Molner received her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. She is a member of the New York City Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the American Bar Association.

“I would not have discovered my love for bankruptcy law or had the career opportunities I did without the support of the FSU Law alumni network.”

Student Profile: 3L Angelique Ramirez

Desired Practice Location: New York City

Expected Graduation: May 2024

Field of Law Sought: Criminal public defense

Angelique Ramirez is from Miami, Florida, and she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in criminal justice from Florida Atlantic University. Since January, Ramirez has worked as a legal intern with the Innocence Project of Florida, where she analyzes cases and makes recommendations for clients seeking post-conviction relief. She also drafts memoranda and various motions, including motions seeking the testing of evidence and the release of incarcerated inmates. During the summer after her 2L year, Ramirez was a legal intern with the Decarceration Project of The Legal Aid Society in New York City. There, she conducted legal research in novel areas of pre-trial detention law, interviewed clients and their family members to prepare bail applications and assist with court proceedings, and drafted various motions, including writs of habeas corpus and motions for interim relief on behalf of detained clients. During the fall of her 2L year, Ramirez worked as a law clerk for Florida's Second Circuit Public Defender's Office, where she supported felony division attorneys with legal research and writing and drafted motions, including motions to suppress, motions to dismiss, and motions for downward departure. During the summer after her 1L year, Ramirez was a legal intern with the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office. Her work included conducting client interviews, helping assistant public defenders with trial preparation, and attending court proceedings. She also performed legal research and drafted motions to suppress, motions to dismiss, and motions for downward departure.



At FSU Law, Ramirez is president of the Cuban American Bar Association, of which she previously served as internal vice president and 1L representative. She is also the social media coordinator for the Trafficking in America Task Force student organization and a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Ramirez after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at ar21c@fsu.edu.

“I am passionate about serving marginalized and underserved communities. I am dedicated to criminal justice reform and ensuring that individuals receive the legal representation they deserve regardless of their economic, racial, or social background.”

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