



# FSU LAW

## Focus

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### From the Dean



*Former SEC Chairman Jay Clayton (pictured left) was the featured speaker during a session in Miami hosted by FSU Law's Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation*

During the last few weeks, we've hosted three very informative events through our Frontiers in Law and Technology Series. This innovative series of events features academics, practitioners, and others with expertise in technology and was established through our new **Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation** as a vehicle to explore the science and ethics of technological advancements. On October 18, attorney Bill Dillon, who also teaches at FSU Law, and our McConnaughay and Rissman Professor Lauren Scholz presented "**An Introduction to Privacy Regulation, Litigation, and Enforcement**" via Zoom. On October 27, we hosted

another online event, [“SEC & Cybersecurity: A Discussion of the SEC’s New Cybersecurity Rule and its Impact on Reporting Companies,”](#) which featured attorneys Johnny Lee and Todd McClelland. Last week, on November 2, we held an in-person session in Miami, [“A Conversation with Jay Clayton, Former Chairman of the SEC.”](#) The last event was an exclusive opportunity to hear from Clayton about the past, present, and future of cryptocurrency and blockchain regulation in the United States. You can [visit our website to watch recordings](#) of all our events. Our site also includes more information about each event and the speakers, who are all recognized for their deep expertise in the areas they discussed. We appreciate them sharing their knowledge with our students and alumni and look forward to more series events, including our November 17 session, [“How the Government Should Use Commercially Available Data.”](#)

*Erin O'Connor*

Dean Erin O'Connor

## FSU Law Clinic Hosts Elder Law Competition



*A Stetson student presents during the final round of the Elder Law Moot Court Competition*

Last week, FSU Law’s Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic hosted its inaugural Elder Law Moot Court Competition at the College of Law. Teams from George Washington University, Mercer University, Baylor University, Florida International University, and Stetson University participated. The competition included five preliminary rounds before the semi-finals and finals. The team from Florida International University

College of Law took home first place, and Stetson University College of Law placed second.

“It was so exciting to welcome teams from across the country to discuss major issues in aging policy right here on our campus,” said Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic Director Rima Nathan. “The arguments presented by the competitors were so impressive, and I am eager to see how the competitors contribute to the field of elder law in their future endeavors.”

Attorneys, many of whom have elder law expertise, including alumni and FSU Law professors, served as judges for the competition. The event also included a talk by Dawn Carr, director of the Claude Pepper Center and professor of sociology, who spoke to the attendees about her research on resilience and the importance of healthy aging. Many thanks to Carr, the judges, and the teams for making the inaugural competition a great success!

## Alumni Profile: Robert Scott ('08) and Clint Wallace ('08)



*(L-R) Alumni Clint Wallace and Robert Scott served as guest lecturers during FSU Law Professor Jeffrey Kahn's Torts class in October.*

On October 18 and 19, trial attorneys **Robert Scott** and **Clint Wallace** served as guest lecturers at the law school. They taught two sessions of Harry M. Walborsky Professor & Associate Dean for Business Law Programs Jeffrey Kahn's Torts class. The alumni are partners at Scott & Wallace LLP, where they represent clients in personal injury and wrongful death cases. Since opening the firm in 2010, they have resolved thousands of cases and recovered more than \$100 million for their clients.



Scott & Wallace was ranked as one of the top law firms in the country in 2023 by U.S. News & World Report.

“We sincerely thank Professor Kahn for the opportunity to come back and teach his Torts class. It was a lot of fun. I don’t think we caused too much damage,” Scott joked.

“The students were energetic, engaged, and insightful. They were a wonderful group. We were very impressed. Based on our experience, FSU Law is in a great place,” Wallace added.

Prior to entering private practice in 2010, Scott was a felony prosecutor with the State Attorney’s Office, Second Judicial Circuit. Scott is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, rated by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star, has been included in Best Lawyers in America, and is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Scott is also an EAGLE member of the Florida Justice Association and a member of the Capital City Justice Association. He is licensed in Florida and Georgia.

Wallace is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, rated by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star, and was named one of the Top 30 Alumni Under 30 by Florida State University in 2012. He is an EAGLE member of the Florida Justice Association and a member of the Capital City Justice Association. He is licensed to practice in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.

Scott & Wallace is also proud to be the official law firm of the Florida State Seminoles.

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## Student Profile: 3L Caroline Tschida

**Desired Practice Location:** Tallahassee, Orlando, Jacksonville, or Tampa

**Expected Graduation:** May 2024

**Field of Law Sought:** Transactional work in the area of either intellectual property (trademarks/copyrights), entertainment/sports law, real property, or trusts and estates

Caroline Tschida is from Orlando, Florida, and she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Information, Communication & Technology from Florida State University. This semester, Tschida is participating in FSU Law’s Elder Law Clinic, where she drafts advance



directives and simple wills, and learns about how the law affects the aging population. Since May, Tschida has worked as an intern with the Florida State University Office of Trademark Licensing, where she has assisted the director of trademark licensing in reviewing the university's federal and international trademarks; attended a name, image, and likeness group licensing presentation with the FSU basketball team; assisted with filing infringement claims for online marketplaces; and used Coresearch, an AI trademark infringement detection tool, to sort potential infringing products. Since May 2022, Tschida has worked as a law clerk for Brooks Law, where she conducts legal research on family law and medical malpractice matters, has drafted medical chronologies based on medical records, and assisted with administrative tasks. Tschida has also served as a teaching assistant for the College of Law's Juris Master Program since May 2022.

At FSU Law, Tschida is a founding member and internal vice president of the Women in Sports Law Society. She is also vice president of property for the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Society and previously served as the organization's vice president of probate and 1L representative. Last year, Tschida served as treasurer of the Christian Legal Society. She is also a student member of the Federal Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Tschida after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at [ct17e@fsu.edu](mailto:ct17e@fsu.edu).

*“During my internships and clinic experience, I learned how to effectively communicate with peers and clients across various areas of law. My previous legal work, combined with my attention to detail and the knowledge I gained in the classroom, will allow me to be successful in my legal career.”*

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