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From the Dean

Congratulations to FSU Law LL.M. student Tamara Evelyn-Khan, who recently received a favorable verdict in a constitutional law matter in the Supreme Court of Guyana! On behalf of a client, Evelyn-Khan, who is an attorney-at-law in Guyana and the Eastern Caribbean, challenged the constitutionality of alimony legislation that has existed in Guyana since the early 1900s. The legislation in question barred men from approaching the court for alimony/maintenance. On February 12, Chief Justice Roxane George-Wiltshire ruled that the legislation violated the constitutional rights of Evelyn-Khan's client, as it was discriminatory and denied him equality before the law. The ruling effectively struck down provisions of Guyana's Matrimonial Causes Act, which provided that only men were liable to pay maintenance.



“Commonwealth Caribbean Constitutions generally contain fundamental rights provisions. Guyana is no exception,” Evelyn-Khan said. “In some instances, there is the mechanism of savings law clauses that strive to prevent the full realization of these rights. In this instance that did not happen, and the right to equality before the law prevailed, as guaranteed by the Constitution. The decision resonates in the Commonwealth Caribbean as an immensely progressive decision for human rights and Constitutional guarantees: this is certainly the general ethos conveyed to me by my colleagues at the bar in those jurisdictions.”

We are extremely proud of Evelyn-Khan and fortunate to count her as a member of our impressive LL.M. student body!

Erin O'Connor
Dean Erin O'Connor

Six FSU Law Students Serving as Legislative Fellows



2023-2024 Legislative Fellows with Florida House of Representatives Speaker Paul Renner

The seven-member 2023-2024 Legislative Fellows class includes six fantastic FSU Law students! As fellows, students are immersed in the legislative process through their work assignments with different Florida House committees and offices. FSU Law is very proud of the following FSU Law students (pictured above) who are gaining valuable experience at the Florida Capitol as fellows: 2L Taylor Collins (third from right), working with the Education & Employment Committee; 2L Riley Cornell (second from right), serving in the Rules Committee; 2L Jacob Phelps (fourth from right), working with the Commerce Committee; 2L Adriana Pizarro (far left), placed with the Minority Office; 2L Hannah Robinson (second from left), working with the State Affairs Committee; and 3L Tarah Yeager (third from left), working with the Judiciary Committee.

Alum Profile: Aaron H. Baroff ('16)

Aaron H. Baroff is now a partner with DSK Law, after starting with the firm in 2016 upon graduating with his law degree. His practice includes complex commercial litigation, premises liability defense, evictions, collections, representation of creditors in bankruptcy actions, and fraud investigation. Baroff also counsels medium- to large-sized businesses on transactional matters. In addition, Baroff is an associate scout for the Toronto Blue Jays. He is a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association and The Florida Bar's Business Law and Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law sections.



Student Profile: 3L Zachary Hahn

Desired Practice Location: Miami or Tampa

Expected Graduation: May 2024

Field of Law Sought: Intellectual property; mergers and acquisitions

Zachary Hahn, from Tampa, Florida, is a University of Florida alumnus with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Currently, Hahn is a product manager at Aracor—a legal artificial intelligence (AI) technology startup based in Miami. In this role, he develops product strategy, stays abreast of emerging legal AI trends, conducts research to uncover groundbreaking opportunities, and leads teams of lawyers and engineers in product development to bring innovative products to fruition. During the summer before his 3L year, Hahn was a summer associate with Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale, where he analyzed discovery to craft litigation strategies for complex cases and drafted motions for construction defect cases. During the spring of his 2L year, Hahn worked in the Supreme Court of Florida's Office of the State Courts Administrator as a law clerk for the general counsel. In this role, he conducted legal research and analysis and drafted documents to support the general counsel in advising the Florida Supreme Court on legal issues. During the summer after his 2L year, Hahn was a summer associate with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.,



in Fort Myers, where he researched and drafted legal memoranda for a variety of practice areas, including intellectual property.

At FSU Law, Hahn is executive editor of the Florida State University Law Review, staff editor of the Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law, and a member of the Trial Team. Hahn is also a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served with distinction as a cryptologist. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Hahn after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at zdh21@fsu.edu.

“My unique background, including my time in the Navy, has equipped me with a diverse skillset, a profound sense of discipline, and an ability to think strategically. My work experience during law school has significantly grown my expertise and passion for intellectual property law, technology, and corporate law.”



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