



## COLLEGE OF LAW

# FSU LAW FOCUS

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### From the Dean



This past Wednesday, we had a wonderful alumni reception in Atlanta. Thank you to alum [R. Mark Williamson \('91\)](#), who sponsored the event, and to his firm, Alston & Bird, for hosting us! Graduates from corporations and from large and small firms joined us at the reception. It was a pleasure to meet so many Atlanta-area alumni and to facilitate new relationships between the grads who

were able to attend. One of the things I love most about being dean of FSU Law is the opportunity to meet our talented, engaged alumni, who are doing amazing work around the nation. Your commitment to your clients, to the profession and to the law school is admirable!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## 50-Year Anniversary: 1973



FSU Law annually holds a five-and-a-half-week summer semester at the University of Oxford in England. [The Summer Program in Law](#) is the oldest summer program at Oxford offered by an American law school. Founded in 1973, the program includes approximately 45 FSU law students each year. Also in 1973, we partnered with the FSU business school to begin a two-year master's degree program in judicial management. At the time, it was the only program in Florida that prepared students for careers in court administration. In December 1973, FSU Law also hosted a timely oil and gas conference to address legal issues associated with a worldwide energy crisis.

## Alum Profile: Tor Friedman ('05)

[Tor J. Friedman](#) is the managing partner at Friedman & Abrahamsen in Tallahassee, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of criminal defense, employment discrimination and personal injury. Prior to opening his firm, he was an assistant state attorney. He is extremely

engaged with the law school and is the immediate past president of our Alumni Association board. He regularly serves as an adjunct professor teaching trial practice and coaches mock trial students as they prepare for national competitions. Friedman has also served on the board of Sustainable Tallahassee, as president of the Tallahassee Midtown Merchants Association, as president of the Capital Area Gator Club and as chairman of TYEO (Tallahassee Young Entrepreneurs Organization).



*"I firmly believe that a wise person learns from their mistakes and a genius learns from the mistakes of others, and if I can help more law students avoid the mistakes that I have made then we will have a much better group of people and lawyers moving forward."*

## **Student Profile: 3L Shane Chernoff**

Third-year student Shane Chernoff will be graduating this December. Born and raised in Boca Raton, Chernoff would love to practice in South Florida after graduation. However, he is open to moving anywhere in Florida. Chernoff earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunication with a concentration in U.S. history from the University of Florida. He is a member of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* and won the award for best write-on article submission in the winter of 2014-15. He also won a book award in Professor Steve Johnson's federal income tax course during the summer 2015 semester. Chernoff also is a member of the *Florida State University Business Review* and the FSU chapter of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. In addition, he served as alumni outreach coordinator for LitiGATORS. He has clerked for Roig Lawyers in Deerfield Beach and currently clerks for Brooks Law in Tallahassee. Chernoff dreams of practicing First Amendment Constitutional Law involving freedom of speech/expression and freedom of the press, but is also interested in working at a medical malpractice or insurance litigation firm. If you are interested in hiring Chernoff for a job after graduation, please [click here to visit his LinkedIn profile](#).



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