



COLLEGE OF LAW

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From the Dean



Training our students to be highly sophisticated, cost-effective legal researchers is one of the many things at which our Research Center excels. For several years, research librarians have been teaching specialized workshops and courses in efficient research related to a variety of substantive areas of law. They also meet one-on-one with students as needed. Students often report that the skills they learn in our research courses are almost immediately beneficial during their summer jobs and internships. In 2016, we introduced a Technology for Lawyers course, which is taught by one of our

outstanding librarians. The class provides students with the theoretical and practical background to understand changes in technology and to have a positive impact on a firm's or an organization's responses to such challenges.

In addition, our Research Center is a wonderful resource for alumni. Our research librarians are always happy to field questions from graduates.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Pictured above: Elizabeth Farrell Clifford, interim director of the Research Center, teaches Technology for Lawyers during the spring 2017 semester.

50-Year Anniversary: Featuring 1979



In September 1979, Dean Joshua Morse announced his resignation as dean after 10 years of service to the FSU College of Law. He agreed to serve until his successor was appointed and a faculty-student search committee was formed. Also in 1979, the National Executive Committee of the Order of the Coif conditionally recommended chartering our chapter. The Order of the Coif, which currently has chapters at 86 U.S. law schools, is an honorary scholastic society designed to encourage excellence in legal education by fostering a spirit of careful study, recognizing law students, lawyers, judges and teachers who attain high distinction for their scholarly or professional accomplishments. In addition, the FSU law faculty approved a joint-degree program with the Department of Economics in 1979. Today, our joint-degree program in [Law and Applied Economics, J.D./M.S](#) is one of [10 joint degrees offered by the law school](#) in cooperation with other FSU colleges, schools and departments. The most popular of these programs is our J.D./M.B.A.



Dean Joshua M. Morse, III

Faculty Profile: Mary Ziegler

[Stearns Weaver Miller Professor Mary Ziegler](#) joined the FSU College of Law in 2014 and has since won two top university awards for her teaching – a 2015 Transformation Through

Teaching Award and a 2016 Florida State University Teaching Award. She is a national expert on the history and law governing the family, reproduction, gender, sexuality, employment and torts. Her first book, *After Roe: The Lost History of the Abortion Debate*, was published by Harvard University Press (HUP) in 2015 and won the prestigious HUP Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize for best first manuscript published by the press in any discipline. She is working on a second book that is currently under contract with HUP and her articles have appeared in leading law journals. She is also often quoted in national media outlets, including *The Atlantic*, *the New Republic*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. In December, she published an opinion piece in *The Washington Post*, titled "[Ohio's new abortion law is an assault on Roe. Here's why it won't work.](#)" We are so proud to have Ziegler as a member of our highly accomplished faculty.



Student Profile: 3L Matthew Margolis

Third-year student Matthew Margolis graduated from FSU with a bachelor's degree in political science. He then earned a master's degree in applied American politics and policy. Margolis is from Boca Raton, but if possible, he would like to stay in Tallahassee after graduation. Currently, Margolis is the American Bar Association Senior Representative on the Student Bar Association, serving as the liaison between The Florida Bar, American Bar Association and the law school. As part of this role, he is organizing a spring 2017 golf tournament to provide networking opportunities for current students and alumni.



Margolis' other work experience includes freelancing as a research consultant for the Florida Association of Realtors, where he provided a survey of all land-related law from 1916-2015. During his 2L year, he clerked for Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC and last summer he was a corporate extern for Office Depot. In this role, he worked on landlord/tenant issues and corporate leases and helped draft regulatory findings. Margolis spent the second half of his summer clerking at Simon & Sigalos, LLP. Currently, he is clerking at Williams, Gautier, Gwynn, DeLoach & Sorenson, PA. After graduating in May, Margolis would like to continue practicing in the area of regulatory compliance and/or healthcare compliance. If you are interested in hiring Margolis for a job after graduation, please [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

“I believe that my strongest asset is my ability to network and connect with people. Succeeding in life is all about making connections.”

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