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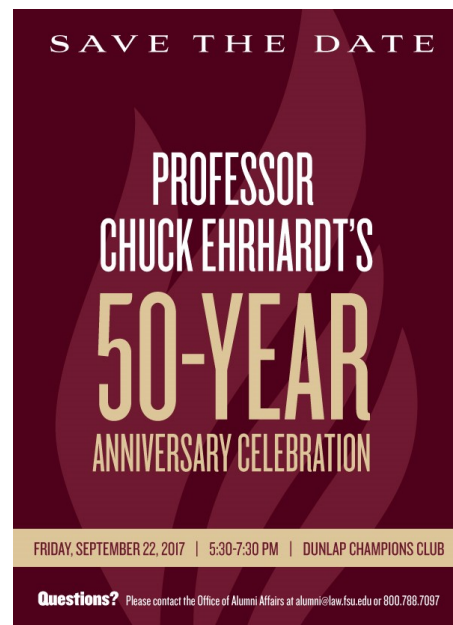
FSU LAW FOCUS

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From the Dean

Earlier this week, you may have received a save-the-date email regarding an event honoring Professor Emeritus Chuck Ehrhardt. On Friday, September 22, 2017, we will celebrate Chuck's 50-year anniversary with the FSU College of Law. The reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Dunlap Champions Club in Tallahassee. All alumni, students, faculty and staff are invited to join us in celebrating Chuck's many contributions to the law school, the legal profession, the academic community and FSU in general. In advance of the event, we would love for students and alumni to share their favorite memories and photos of Chuck. Please also share your thoughts on how Chuck has impacted your career or the legal community. You can send memories, musings and photos via email to ehrhardt50@law.fsu.edu. Video submissions are also welcome. An official event invitation will be sent electronically in August. We look forward to celebrating Chuck with you!

- Dean Erin O'Connor





50-Year Anniversary: Featuring 2004

In 2004, FSU Law created its Placement Mentor program. As mentors, alumni make themselves available to students to answer questions about job search strategies, networking and breaking into markets, whether that be practice areas or location. This program still exists today, although the name was recently changed to Professional Development Mentors when the Placement and Professional Development Office was renamed the Career Services and Professional Development Center. Also in 2004, Professor Emeritus and Library Director Edwin M. Schroeder



retired after 35 years at FSU Law. He arrived at FSU in 1969, just as the first class of students was graduating. In Professor Steven G. Gey's [tribute to Schroeder](#), published in the summer 2004 issue of the *FSU Law Review*, he referred to Schroeder as an "institutional cornerstone." Schroeder helped plan the law library addition in the early 1980s and was instrumental in the creation of the Summer Program in Law at Oxford University, a program he directed for 23 years. Janet Reno, former U.S. Attorney General, spoke to students, faculty and guests at the law school in October 2004, recounting her days at the White House and answering questions. In November 2004, alumnus Mel Martinez ('73) was elected as a U.S. senator. He was the first Cuban-American to be elected a U.S. senator and the first FSU Law graduate to reach the position.

Pictured above: Janet Reno visited the College of Law in 2004. She was in Tallahassee as part of the Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education's Stryker Lecture Series.

CORRECTION: Last week's issue of *FSU Law Focus* incorrectly stated that the Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program received a one-year grant from the American Association of Law Schools. It was a multi-year grant from the Law School Admission Council.

Alum Profile: Joe D. Briggs, Sr. ('07)

Joe D. Briggs, Sr. serves as public policy counsel for the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) in Washington D.C., and leads the NFLPA Government

Relations Department. His responsibilities include raising awareness of NFLPA issues on Capitol Hill and with local, state and federal officials. As a member of the organization's legal team, he also handles labor law matters and manages the NFLPA agent regulation program. Since 2009, Briggs has also served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. During his tenure at Georgetown, he has received the 2012 and 2015 Georgetown University Outstanding Faculty Award for his work in the Sports Management Program and a 2014 Teaching Excellence Award for the development and facilitation of their live and online Ethics course. Briggs has also been selected to develop and teach the International Sports Law class this summer at the Josoor Institute on the Georgetown University campus in Qatar. In the fall, Briggs will add public speaking to his portfolio by launching a series of workshops for high school and collegiate athletes, coaches and parents as a component of his newest initiative, the Sports Leadership Institute. Stay connected with Briggs by emailing him at joebriggsesq@gmail.com and following him on Twitter @JoeBriggsEsq.



“I have always been passionate about advocacy, public policy and equitable access. Remaining engaged with the law school allows me to combine my love for sports, law and public policy into an opportunity to continue to build capacity in the academic and career communities . ”

Student Profile: 2017 Grad Lauren Storch

Originally from Orlando, Lauren Storch earned a bachelor's degree in journalism with a double minor in political science and psychology from the University of Central Florida. She graduated from FSU Law in May 2017. During law school, Storch was chair of the Law School Council, managing editor of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, a student ambassador for FSU Law Admissions, vice president of UKnight and a student ambassador for *The National Jurist* magazine. Storch's legal experience includes the Public Interest Law Center, where the summer after her 1L year she assisted in the representation of indigent clients in family law

matters. During her 2L year, Storch interned with a Florida state representative, where she attended meetings with lobbyists and researched on proposed legislation. She spent the summer after her 2L year in Washington D.C. interning for a U.S. Congressman. In this role, she corresponded with constituents regarding policy issues and legislation moving through Congress, and attended committee briefings. As a 3L, Storch worked for the Florida Senate Committee on Regulated Industries, where she edited and proofread staff analyses on proposed legislation and conducted research. Storch would like to work in legislative affairs, possibly for an agency or at the legislature, and then work as a lobbyist. She would like to stay in Tallahassee, but is open to opportunities throughout the state. If you are interested in hiring Storch, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



“Choosing to attend FSU Law was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. I gained lifelong friendships and learned how to think critically. I’m excited for the opportunities ahead, and I’m looking forward to using the skills I acquired over the past three years as I begin my legal career.”

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