

From the Dean



(L-R) Professor Larry Krieger, Michael Higer and Dori Foster-Morales at The Florida Bar's town hall on lawyer mental health and wellness.

On February 20, we welcomed The Florida Bar for a town hall on lawyer mental health and wellness with law students, lawyers and experts on the topic. Members of the Bar, including President Michael Higer, Special Committee on Mental Health & Wellness of Florida Lawyers Chair Dori Foster-Morales and Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division board member Ben Gibson, a 2008 FSU Law graduate, spoke during the event. In addition, FSU Law's Larry Krieger, Clinical Professor and Co-Director of Clinical Externship Programs, was the featured guest speaker. Krieger is an internationally recognized expert on the well-being of law students and lawyers. The event, which was part of a series to discuss programs and services available that facilitate the mental health and wellness of attorneys and law students, was well attended by members of the local legal community. Thank you to The Florida Bar for bringing this important discussion to FSU Law!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Judge Stephen T. Brown

The Honorable Stephen T. Brown is teaching Jury Selection this semester. He recently retired after serving for 21 years as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Florida, the last three years as the Chief United States Magistrate Judge. Prior to that position, he was a partner in a Miami law firm, where he was a civil trial lawyer for 19 years. He has taught courses in the trial advocacy program at the University of Miami School of Law and many CLE courses. Judge Brown also has spoken before bar associations throughout the United States and overseas. He is a 1968 graduate of FSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration and attended law school at the University of Miami while teaching at Dade County Public Schools. A former Seminole Boosters board member, Judge Brown is a member of the FSU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, where he chaired the scholarship committee. He is also a current board member of the Leadership Council of the FSU College of Arts and Sciences and the Stafford Inn of Court.



"For years traditional law school has taught students how to think like lawyers but not how to BE lawyers. For future litigators my courses are about how to BE a lawyer."

Alum Profile: Janeia Daniels Ingram (Dec. '03)

Janeia Daniels Ingram is a hearing officer for the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission, where she presides over labor and employment disputes throughout Florida. She previously served as assistant dean for student affairs at FSU Law and director of its nationally recognized Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program from 2008-2017. Ingram also practiced law at Meyer and Brooks, P.A., specializing in labor and employment law, education law, and election law, and clerked at the First District Court of Appeal. Her engagement in the legal profession has included service on the Florida Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity, The Florida Bar's Vision 2016 Commission, Standing Committee on Law Related Education, which she chaired for two terms, and the executive committee of the Bar's Labor and Employment Law Section. She also started a local nonprofit pro bono legal clinic on behalf of the Bar's Business Law Section, taught Nonprofit Law at the law school and in various other settings, and utilizes her legal experience in pro bono service to area nonprofit entities. For her involvement in the community, Ingram was recognized in 2014 by the *Tallahassee Democrat* as one of the "25 Women You Need to Know" and recently was selected by Tallahassee Community College as a 2018 Women's History Month honoree. Ingram also remains involved with the law school and serves as a class agent and law student mentor.



"Being a lawyer is an extraordinary calling. I am grateful for the platform the legal profession provides me to do good, to act justly, and to represent possibilities. I hope to discover more ways to give back to the community that sustains me, to the profession that fulfills me, and to those who might benefit in some positive way by what I have to offer."

Student Profile: 3L Raymond Mazzie

Desired Practice Location: Open to practicing in any area that allows him to progress both personally and professionally
Graduation Date: May 2018
Specialization: Tax law and commercial real estate
Field of Law Sought: Would like to provide counsel and concentrate in all or some of the following areas: REITs, investment funds, developers, lenders and other clients regarding the acquisition, disposition, management, leasing, financing and development of hotel, resort, office, medical, retail, condominium and mixed-use properties



Originally from Winter Park, Raymond Mazzie earned bachelor's degrees in economics and political science with a minor in psychology from Florida State University. In May 2018, he will graduate with a J.D./M.B.A. joint degree. Mazzie is vice president of the Entertainment and Sports Law Association, a member of the FSU Law Sports Negotiation Team and a business representative for the Congress of Graduate Students. Mazzie also serves as the FSU College of Law J.D./M.B.A. liaison. Since last June, Mazzie has been working for the Florida Lottery as a Florida gubernatorial fellow. He reports directly to the chief of staff and secretary of the Lottery and his work encompasses all eight departments within the agency, including drafting bill amendments, reviewing contracts, applying for accreditations and meeting with Florida House staff in order to ensure the Lottery's needs are heard. Also, he is a teaching assistant for 1992 College of Law alumnus Fred Karlinsky's Law & Risk Management course. Last summer, Mazzie clerked for the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and Florida Housing Finance Corporation. During his 1L summer and into the fall of his 2L year, Mazzie was the deputy field director for Dr. Neal Nunn's successful congressional district. Mazzie's responsibilities for the campaign included attending Tallahassee-based events, coordinating canvassing and fundraising. From May 2016 to May 2017, Mazzie was also a graduate assistant for Dr. Wayne Hochwarter, the Jim Moran Professor of Management at the FSU College of Business. If you are interested in hiring Mazzie after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"I pride myself most on my abilities as a problem solver, and through that skill I have developed a natural tendency to lead those around me. I am extremely interested in commercial real estate and the tax implications surrounding those large transactions. I am confident my interpersonal skills and unique perspective will be an asset I use every day to develop new business and ensure the retention and satisfaction of current clients."

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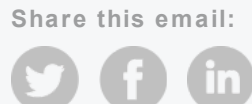
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