

From the Dean



Admitted students enjoyed lunch with faculty members and current students during Preview Day.

Last week, we welcomed close to 100 admitted students to campus for our 2018 Admitted Students Preview Day – the largest group of Preview Day attendees in recent years! It was a delight to have them here and to be able to show them what makes FSU Law unique and special. On Thursday evening, admitted students and their guests attended a welcome reception at the Champions Club, where they had opportunities to network with faculty members, alumni and current students. Friday's schedule included a faculty panel about law school expectations, advocacy team demonstrations, lunch with faculty and current students, a mock class with Professor Jeffrey Kahn and tours led by our fabulous student ambassadors. Attendees were also invited to an optional law school Q&A session with Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for leading a global movement to end child slavery and exploitive labor practices. I enjoyed meeting our admitted students and describing the richness of our experiential opportunities as well as our incredible educational investment value. Thank you to the professors, current students and alumni who helped welcome the admitted students to our collegial community. We look forward to having these attendees join our 1L class in the fall!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: R. Scott Palmer

R. Scott Palmer is an adjunct professor teaching Antitrust Law this semester. He has taught at the law school since 2008 and will teach White Collar Crime again in the fall. He currently holds the positions of special counsel for antitrust enforcement and chief of complex enforcement at the Florida Department of Legal Affairs. Palmer also is board certified by The Florida Bar in Antitrust and Trade Regulation Law. From 1997 to 2007, he headed the East Coast Antitrust Practice at Berman DeValerio. He previously served in the Economic Crimes Division of the Florida Attorney General's Office, where he oversaw its complex litigation. He was also the chief prosecutor of the Statewide Grand Jury, responsible for the prosecution of multi-circuit organized crime cases. Palmer earned his J.D. with honors from the University of Miami and his B.A. from the University of Michigan.



“Who would have thought I would have to gain expertise in such diverse industries as infant formula, industrial gases, contact lenses, pharmaceuticals, toilet paper, airline hubs, pineapples and genetically modified soybeans, as well as learn the economic structure of these industries, just to litigate my clients’ antitrust cases? I try to impart to my students that the practice of antitrust law is difficult and challenging but certainly fascinating and never boring.”

Alum Profile: Cecelia Bonifay ('84)

Cecelia Bonifay chairs Akerman's Land Use and Development Practice in Orlando, where she helps developers navigate the governmental approval process for their real estate projects. She utilizes her background in urban planning and development approvals for large-scale projects to assist clients in the development of commercial, residential and industrial projects. Bonifay also performs due diligence for development projects in Florida and across the United States. She is very involved in the community, holding leadership positions with the Urban Land Institute, the Orlando Economic Development Commission and the Orlando Economic Partnership. Bonifay also remains engaged with FSU Law, volunteering as an interviewer for the Optional Interview Program and previously serving on our Board of Visitors. Recently, [i4 Business magazine named Bonifay to its Women in Business list](#), which recognizes women leading Orlando's business community.



“I was very honored to have been recognized in the Women in Business edition for the Spirit of Engagement Award. That sense of engagement is one of the reasons that I have continued to be involved with the College of Law. It has been a great opportunity to use my legal training in the pursuit of an area of the law that is constantly changing and continues to be interesting. It is also very exciting to see how well the law school is doing and the caliber of the attorneys that are graduating. GO NOLES!”

Student Profile: 3L Jorge E. Torres

Desired Practice Location: West Palm Beach

Graduation Date: May 2018

Specialization: Business law and elder law

Field of Law Sought: Would like to practice business law, elder law or governmental law



Jorge E. Torres was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but he considers Lady Lake, Fla. his hometown. He earned bachelor's degrees in political science and economics from the University of Florida and will be graduating from FSU Law in May. Torres is treasurer of both Litigators and the Cuban American Bar Association. He is a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office, and is a member of the Student Bar Association and the Business Law Society. Torres was also part of the scholar program for the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. During his undergraduate years, Torres spent three summers interning in Washington, D.C.—first with U.S. Representative Andy Harris, of Maryland's First Congressional District, then with U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, of Florida's 27th Congressional District and finally with U.S. Representative Daniel Webster, of Florida's 11th Congressional District. During law school, Torres clerked for Reiner & Reiner, P.A. in Miami during his 1L summer. Last summer, he externed for the Tampa City Attorney's Office. This semester, he is a graduate intern for the City of Tallahassee, where he works with the director of records management to interpret statutory provisions and apply the relevant exemptions in response to public records requests made to the City. Torres is also fluent in conversational Spanish. If you are interested in hiring Torres after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

“The experiences and opportunities I have received in my time at FSU Law have taught me to keep an open mind when learning a new area of law and to always strive to be an expert in whatever I do. Using this mindset, I have discovered that I have yet to find an area of law that I dislike and I am always eager to learn more.”



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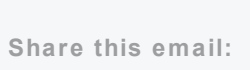
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