

## From the Dean



(L-R) Incoming SBA Vice President Kaitlyn Kelley with the Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award and Incoming SBA President Breanna Raspopovich with the Student Bar Association Award.

This past weekend, the American Bar Association (ABA) Law Student Division presented two of its five national awards to the Florida State University College of Law! For the eighth time since 2008 and the third consecutive year, the Florida State University College of Law Student Bar Association (SBA) received the Student Bar Association Award, which honors the best SBA in the nation. The honor is also known as the SBA of the Year Award and recognizes the efforts of an SBA to create a better environment for law students and positive image of the legal profession. In addition, our Public Interest Law Center won the 2019 Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award for outstanding contributions to under-represented groups or public interest causes. Top law schools from around the nation competed for the awards, which were presented Saturday, August 10, at the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. We are thrilled that the efforts of our Student Bar Association and Public Interest Law Center have once again been recognized at the national level. Congratulations and thanks go to the entire SBA board, especially Immediate-Past President Cecilia Orozco, and to professors and students conducting important work through our Public Interest Law Center. They are helping to make the FSU Law community more dynamic and service-oriented! More information about contributions by our SBA and PILC that resulted in these top awards is [available on our website](#).

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Faculty Profile: Elissa Philip Gentry

Assistant Professor [Elissa Philip Gentry](#) joined the FSU College of Law faculty this summer. Her research interests include health, risk and regulation, and law and economics. Her publications include articles in the *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, the *Journal of Health Economics*, and the *American Law and Economics Review*. Gentry's research focuses on issues relating to pharmaceutical and device regulation, physician learning and the value of a statistical life. She will teach Health Law this fall. Gentry previously served as a postdoctoral research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Toulouse, France, and as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Jane Roth of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, in Philadelphia. She earned a bachelor's degree in human and organizational development and economics from Vanderbilt University. Gentry also holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. in law and economics from Vanderbilt, where she served as senior articles editor for the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.



*"Health care is unquestionably a matter of critical importance. Its provision, however, is plagued by medical uncertainty, misaligned incentives and asymmetric information. My research focuses on empirically measuring how people perceive and assess such risks and on quantifying the effects of policy interventions intended to fix these problems. I am very excited to have the opportunity to teach Health Law at FSU. My class will provide students with an understanding of current health law as well as the tools necessary to tackle this incredibly complicated, and increasingly important, area of law."*

## Alum Profile: Miguel J. Chamorro ('06)

[Miguel J. Chamorro](#) is a partner at Lydecker Diaz in Miami, where he practices general civil litigation and complex commercial litigation. He has substantial experience with appeals, consumer law, creditor and debtor rights, insurance and company insolvency proceedings, landlord and tenant relationships, mortgage foreclosures, negotiable instruments and premises liability. Chamorro represents companies, government entities and individuals in the property management, hospitality and financial industries. He was recently appointed to The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee and finished a three-year term as vice chair of The Florida Bar's Civil Procedure Rules Committee.



*"I serve a variety of clients in a variety of legal matters before different forums. As a member of several rules of court committees of The Florida Bar, I serve the public."*

## Student Profile: 3L Anastacia Pirrello

**Desired Practice Location:** Tallahassee, but willing to go almost anywhere for the right position  
**Expected Graduation:** May 2020  
**Field of Law Sought:** Environmental Law



Anastacia Pirrello is a third-year law student from Riverside, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in environmental studies from Baylor University. When she graduates from FSU Law in May 2020, she will also earn the Environmental Law Certificate. This summer, Pirrello is an intern at the Surfrider Foundation in San Clemente, California, where she is drafting proposed rules and resolutions, and conducting litigation and policy research. From October 2018 through May 2019, Pirrello was a legislative intern for the Florida House of Representatives Committee. She researched and drafted staff analyses on assigned bills, drafted amendments to assigned bills and assisted with subcommittees on gaming control, insurance and banking, workforce development and tourism, business and professions, and energy and utilities. The summer after her 1L year, Pirrello was a litigation intern with the Office of the General Counsel, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. She conducted research and drafted complaints, motions, discovery and other litigation documents. Prior to attending law school, Pirrello was an assistant committee clerk at the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Investments and Financial Services, where she drafted and filed committee reports and helped prepare the chairman to present his bills before the committee. The Pirrello is a member of the FSU Environmental Law Society and served as the mentor chairperson last year. She is also a member of the Women's Law Symposium Fundraising Committee and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Pirrello is a student ambassador for the FSU Admissions Office and was a 1L One-Week Orientation mentor. If you are interested in hiring Pirrello after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

*"Choosing FSU Law was the best decision of my educational career and I know this place will continue to serve me well as I begin my professional career."*

*We need your support for student scholarships!*

Visit [law.fsu.edu/pavetheway](http://law.fsu.edu/pavetheway) to learn how you can change lives and pave the way for future FSU Law students while increasing the value of an FSU Law degree. As of July 31, 2019, we have raised \$1,320,735 toward our \$2 million campaign goal.

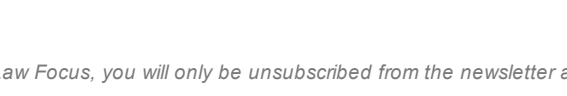
GET INVOLVED

SUBMIT A CLASS NOTE

SHARE MY TORCH MOMENT

MAKE A GIFT

[ABOUT US](#) | [ACADEMICS](#) | [ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID](#) | [OUR FACULTY](#) | [ALUMNI](#) | [CAREERS](#) | [STUDENTS](#)



If you unsubscribe from the FSU Law Focus, you will only be unsubscribed from the newsletter and not other emails from FSU Law.

Share this email:



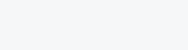
Manage your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

425 West Jefferson Street  
Tallahassee, FL | 32306 US

This email was sent to .  
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.