

## From the Dean

Although we weren't able to hold our residential [Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program](#) (SUG) this year, we have been hosting virtual programming for the hundreds of undergraduates who applied to the 2020 program. In June, we launched a series of summer workshops held 2-3 times per week featuring the best of SUG. Through our Best of SUG Series (B.O.S.S.) workshops, students have joined us for 45-minute sessions designed to introduce them to some of our most popular SUG programming. Workshops will continue through next week and have included a virtual tour of the Florida Supreme Court, featuring Justice Alan Lawson ('87), virtual mini classes with Professors Shawn Bayern, Jeff Kahn, Jake Linford, Justin Sevier, Nat Stern and Mary Ziegler, a "What's So Appealing About Appellate Practice?" session with attorneys from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee of The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, and a panel discussion on law student life with current FSU Law students. Additional session topics included preparing for the LSAT, crafting resumes and personal statements, navigating the law school admissions process, financing a legal education, legal writing, and a "Planning for a Law Career in a Post-Pandemic Legal Landscape" panel featuring lawyers and legal recruiters. Special thanks to Nancy Benavides and Morgan Applegate for their dedication in implementing this programming. Also, many thanks to the students, alumni, faculty and staff who have helped us present the B.O.S.S. workshops this summer!



-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Kapp Appointed to Commission on Nursing Home Safety

### Home Safety

Professor Emeritus Marshall Kapp was recently appointed to serve on the national Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes. As a part of the national Opening Up America Again effort, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established this independent commission to conduct a comprehensive assessment of nursing home responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The commission will provide independent recommendations to CMS to help inform immediate and future responses to COVID-19 in nursing homes. Three key areas of focus for the commission are:



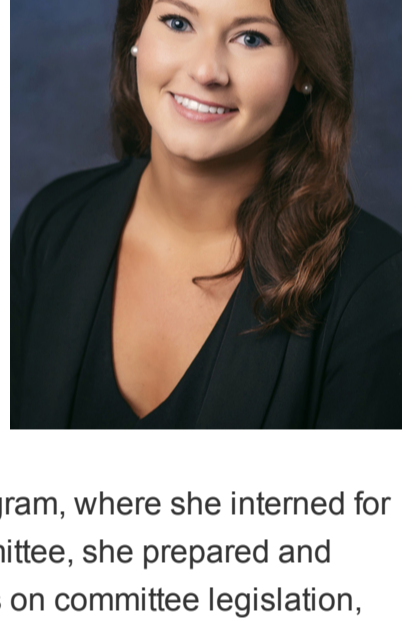
- Ensuring nursing home residents are protected from COVID-19 and improving the responsiveness of care delivery to maximize the quality of life for residents;
- Strengthening efforts to enable rapid and effective identification and mitigation of COVID-19 transmission (and other infectious disease) in nursing homes; and
- Enhancing strategies to improve compliance with infection control policies in response to COVID-19.

The 25-member commission includes resident advocates, infectious disease experts, directors and administrators of nursing homes, academics, state authorities, clinicians, a medical ethicist and a nursing home resident. Kapp was founding director of the FSU Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law and taught regularly at the law school. Although he is now retired from full-time teaching, Kapp will teach Public Health this fall as part of the FSU Law Juris Master Program.

*"Nursing home residents are one of the most vulnerable, dependent population groups in our society today. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on this commission as we work to try to identify and promote smart, targeted, pragmatic clinical practice, legal regulation, and public policy that contributes simultaneously to resident safety, quality of care, and quality of life, recognizing there is a broad overlap among those three goals but they are not always identical."*

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Aubrey Etheridge

**Desired Practice Location:** Washington D.C. and Florida, specifically the Jacksonville area  
**Field of Law Sought:** Primarily interested in international law and government relations, but open to other opportunities



Aubrey Etheridge is a double 'Nole from Tampa. She graduated *cum laude* from FSU with a bachelor's degree in international affairs and a minor in business. When she graduated from FSU Law in May 2020, she also earned the International Law Certificate. During her 3L year, Etheridge participated in the Florida House of Representatives Legislative Intern Program, where she interned for the State Affairs Committee. While with the committee, she prepared and analyzed committee legislation, briefed members on committee legislation, edited analyses of bills referred to the committee and its subcommittees, and performed various research projects for committee and subcommittee staff. During her 2L summer, Etheridge interned for the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on the Climate Crisis in Washington, D.C. While there, she researched international climate policy and the global impacts of climate change to assist committee staff with their policy recommendations to Congress. Etheridge also met with various stakeholders to discuss the impacts of the climate crisis and assisted with the preparation of committee hearings, briefings and roundtables. During her 1L summer and 2L spring semester, Etheridge interned for Smith, Bryan & Myers, a government relations firm located in Tallahassee. There, Etheridge assisted with the presentation of major appropriation projects to Florida House and Senate leadership, reported lobbyist disclosures to the Florida House, and prepared and sent weekly bill tracking reports to all clients. During the fall semester of her 2L year, Etheridge clerked at the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, where she conducted research, prepared written memoranda regarding various health care issues and assisted attorneys with deposition preparation. During Florida's 2016 and 2017 legislative sessions, Etheridge interned for The Fiorentino Group, a government relations and business development firm, where she participated in meetings with members of the Florida Legislature, monitored legislative committee meetings, prepared memoranda regarding upcoming bills and monitored the progress of bills for clients.

During law school, Etheridge was a member of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*. She was also a member of the Student Bar Association and International Law Students Association. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Etheridge, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

*"FSU Law has provided me with an amazing legal education along with unique professional opportunities. I am so grateful for my time at Florida State, and I look forward to utilizing my skills and experience throughout my legal career."*

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Erik Pozek

**Desired Practice Location:** Charlotte, North Carolina  
**Field of Law Sought:** Would like to continue his work in criminal law, particularly criminal defense; also interested in other public interest work, namely immigration law



Originally from Orlando, Erik Pozek earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies from the University of Central Florida. He graduated from FSU Law in May 2020. During his 3L year, Pozek clerked at Anabelle Dias, P.A., where he conducted legal research on a wide variety of criminal law issues and drafted legal memoranda, pre-trial motions and correspondence with clients and other attorneys. During the summer following his 2L year, Pozek was certified legal intern for the State Attorney's Office for Florida's Second Judicial Circuit. He handled a caseload of more than 250 misdemeanors from pre-filing stage through trial. Additionally, he served as lead counsel in a DUI trial and made a variety of different motion arguments for different cases. During his 1L summer, Pozek externed at the Innocence Project of Florida. There, he reviewed client dockets, trial transcripts and correspondence for potential clients. After reviewing those materials, he analyzed and applied post-conviction laws and possible remedies to recommend or decline representation.

Pozek was a member of the FSU Law Association for Criminal Justice and served as alumni coordinator during his 2L year. If you are interested in hiring Pozek or helping him make connections in the Charlotte area, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*"My time at FSU Law has provided me with a strong background in criminal law. After serving as lead counsel in a DUI trial during my summer internship, I am confident in my ability as an advocate and litigator. I hope to use these skills to help those in society who cannot afford attorneys and to uphold their constitutional rights."*



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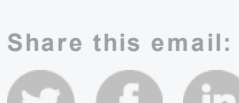
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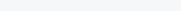
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