

## FSU Law Alumni Association Board Takeover

As we did in January, the FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors is taking over this week's *FSU Law Focus*. We are excited to welcome a number of new members to the board for the upcoming year. The board consists of alumni from every part of the state and throughout the country. We are happy to have a diverse group of alumni ranging from solo practitioners to partners of international firms, state government, federal government, The Florida Bar and the International Bar Association.



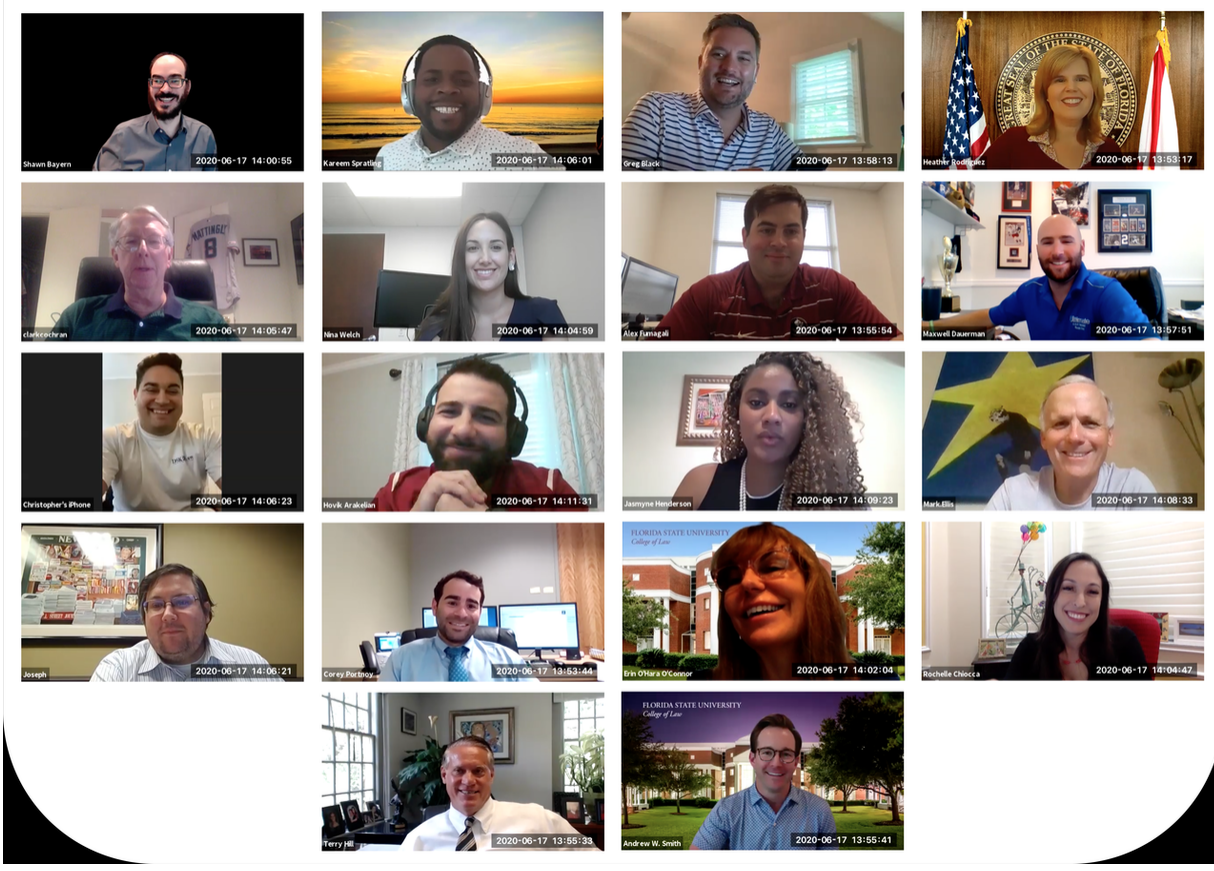
This year, we worked to secure new appointments to the board from more recent graduating classes. We now have graduates ranging from the classes of 1970–2019, and from as far away as London, England. We have a great group of alumni working to help advance the College of Law, but are always interested in hearing from you if you have a good idea, are interested in proposing something, if there is something we are missing or if you would like to get more involved.

I am looking forward to continuing the important work of the board with many of my dedicated fellow alumni.

-FSU Law Alumni Association President Gregory K. Black ('10)

## June 2020 Board Meeting

By Gregory K. Black ('10), FSU Law Alumni Association President



Several of the 40-plus June board meeting attendees

In June, the board of directors met for our summer meeting, virtually of course. This was the second fully virtual meeting the board has conducted and it provided opportunities for all of the board to meet without the difficulties associated with traveling—especially as we all have now become well versed in Zoom meetings. During this meeting, we elected our new officers and directors, confirmed presidential appointments and received substantive updates on the status of the College of Law. We are proud to report that the College of Law is doing well, continues to bring in top talent and is working to protect the health of our current students, prospective students, faculty and staff.

The various committees of the board will continue to work throughout the upcoming months and the board is scheduled to next meet during FSU's Homecoming Weekend. It is undetermined if that meeting will be held in person or virtually. As we know more, we will continue to update you on the status of the board's work.

## Career Services Committee Work

By Lauren V. Purdy ('11), Career Services Committee Chair

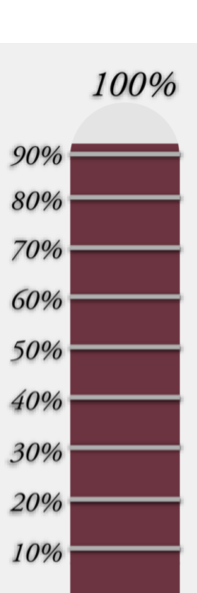
The FSU Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Career Services Committee has been working closely with the law school's Career Services and Professional Development Office to help students and recent graduates who are navigating a job market that has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. The committee met virtually in April to strategize ways to support the law school and students in light of the pandemic. Since then, we have been focused on helping Career Services with a number of initiatives, including: (1) encouraging job-seeking students to attend virtual alumni receptions for their target geographic area; (2) initiating a phone bank to solicit job opportunities, where more than 1,000 calls were made; (3) creating a [Hire FSU Law web page](#) to connect students and employers—which is searchable by geographic area and practice area preferences; (4) distributing bi-weekly job bulletins that communicate job leads to students; (5) presenting a skills-training program to introduce law students to firm life; and (6) hiring students when possible for post-graduation jobs and summer clerkships and internships.



## Efforts for the Upcoming Year

By Gregory K. Black ('10), FSU Law Alumni Association President

The Alumni Board will continue to focus our efforts on supplementing the efforts of the dean and law school faculty and staff, but we also hope to be able to provide opportunities and resources for current students and alumni as we all face the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, more than ever before, we have an opportunity to find creative ways to reach out to alumni and students, connect with potential employers and recruit new students. If you have any suggestions, or if you would like to become involved with these efforts, please reach out directly to Becky Shepherd, executive director of alumni outreach and engagement, at [rshepherd@law.fsu.edu](mailto:rshepherd@law.fsu.edu) or me at [greg@waypointstrat.com](mailto:greg@waypointstrat.com).




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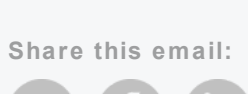
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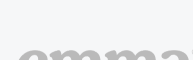
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