

## From the Dean



(Clockwise from top left) Alumni award recipients Jeff Stoops, Dave Markell, Melanie Griffin and Nancy Daniels during the November 18 event honoring them.

On Wednesday evening, we had the honor of presenting our 2020 Alumni Awards to four very special members of our community. During the virtual event, we recognized:

- Jeffrey A. Stoops ('84) with the Distinguished Alum Award, which recognizes a Florida State University law school graduate who is distinguished professionally and who has rendered outstanding service to the community as well as to our College of Law.
- Melanie Shoemaker Griffin ('06) with the Alumni Association Service Award, which recognizes a Florida State University law school graduate who has rendered distinguished service to our College of Law over an extended period of time.
- Professor Emeritus David L. Markell with the Class of '66 Award, which recognizes a non-Florida State University College of Law graduate who has rendered distinguished service to our law school and to the community—each recipient is inducted into the Class of 1966 to commemorate the year that the Florida State University College of Law opened its doors.
- Nancy Daniels ('77) with the Exemplary Public Service Career Award, which recognizes a Florida State University College of Law graduate who has dedicated their career to public service and who has demonstrated exceptional character, integrity, humility and professionalism, as well as the highest regard for ethics.

While each of our award winners has done so much for the law school, they each made remarks during the event about how FSU Law has impacted them. It was especially heartening to hear their stories and learn more about why they give back. Please join me in congratulating Jeff, Melanie, Dave and Nancy, and in thanking them for their service! Their significant contributions to FSU Law, to their communities and to the legal profession have been outstanding and we are grateful for everything they have done to support our students and strengthen the law school.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Professor Williams Hosts Feminist Judgments Workshop



Professor Williams discussing a case during last week's workshop

Last week, Kelli Alces Williams, the Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property and FSU Law Associate Dean for Research, hosted the "Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Corporate Law" workshop. Originally scheduled to be on the FSU Law campus, the event was held November 12–13 via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop sessions centered around the in-progress book *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Corporate Law*, which will be part of the *Feminist Judgments* series and co-edited by Williams, Anne Choike of Wayne State University Law School and Usha R. Rodrigues of University of Georgia School of Law.

The workshop brought together the corporate and feminist theory scholars who are reimagining corporate law cases and one employment contract to discuss contributions feminist theory can make to corporate law.

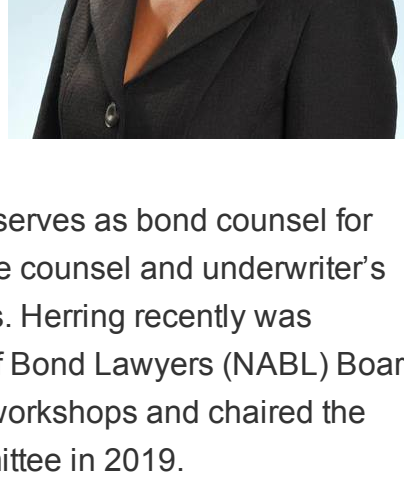
"The small community of professionals who operate the largest corporations in the world is insular and overwhelmingly white and male," said Williams.

"Applying a feminist perspective to corporate governance and corporate law allows us to see what the world would look like if corporations were governed by different individuals with different priorities."

During the two-day workshop, the book's 12-person advisory board and the 37 contributing authors/commentators were invited to discuss drafts of the book's rewritten opinions and commentaries for the 14 cases and one contract that will be included in the book. The book is expected to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2021.

## Alum Profile: JoLinda L. Herring ('96)

[JoLinda L. Herring](#) is a shareholder at Bryant Miller Olive in Miami and Tallahassee, where she co-chairs the firm's Public Finance Group. Her practice is dedicated to municipal law, governmental tax-exempt financings and blue sky securities law, with expertise in commercial paper programs. She has a specialty in representing pooled programs and currently serves as bond counsel to the Sunshine State Governmental Financing Commission. Herring was instrumental in creating the Florida Municipal Loan Council and the Florida Rural Utility Financing Commission, and she currently serves as bond counsel for both. She has served as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel to a wide variety of governmental entities. Herring recently was appointed to serve on the National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) Board of Directors. She is a frequent speaker at NABL workshops and chaired the NABL Bond Attorneys Workshop Steering Committee in 2019.



*"My expertise focuses on public finance law where I am fortunate to be able to help local governments finance essential governmental projects. I have the privilege of working with both small and large communities throughout the state of Florida. It will be exciting serving on the board of directors of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, which will help me to continue to enhance my knowledge of public finance and provide ever greater expertise to the communities which I serve."*

## Student Profile: 3L Bailey Cunningham

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa Bay region

**Expected Graduation:** December 2020

**Specialization:** Space law

**Field of Law Sought:** Legislative affairs, regulatory affairs, or business law; also open to other areas of law



Bailey Cunningham is from Wellington, Florida. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in astronomy and intelligence studies from the University of South Florida. She will graduate from FSU Law in December. Cunningham has clerked for NextEra Energy since June. During the summer, she primarily focused on COVID-19 related issues. She tracked COVID-19 legislation across 37 states, conducted research on safety measures and protocols, and helped evaluate and update internal structures in response to the pandemic. During the fall semester, Cunningham transitioned to the Regulatory Affairs team, where she assists in drafting legislative proposals and analyzing the potential impacts. Cunningham is also a teaching assistant for the FSU Law Juris Master Program's Patient Quality and Safety course. During her 2L year, Cunningham was a legislative intern for the Florida House of Representatives, where she worked for the Health and Human Services Committee. She conducted research on health quality, health market reform and child welfare. She analyzed legislation, drafted staff analyses and reviewed amendments. Cunningham clerked at the Florida Department of Financial Services in the Prosecution and Enforcement Unit during her 1L summer. She conducted legal research on regulatory law and insurance licensure, drafted administrative complaints and other pleadings, evaluated cases, and assisted in negotiating settlement agreements.

Cunningham is currently a legal fellow for the National Space Society and a member of the FSU Aviation & Space Law Society, where she served as president last year and is currently serving as vice president. She received the Book Award in Space Law during her 2L year and presented at the United Nations Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in Vienna, Austria in February 2020. The presentation was titled "Managing the Plume Effect: An 'Aggravation and Frustration' that Imperils our History and our Future." Cunningham is also published in the *Journal of Space Law*. She co-authored an article entitled "The Legal Imperative to Collaboratively Address the Plume Effect: An 'Aggravation and Frustration' that Imperils our History and our Future." Cunningham is an executive editor for the *Florida State University Business Review* this year and was an article and notes editor during her 2L year. She was also secretary for the Business Law Society during her 2L year and is a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office. If you are interested in connecting with Cunningham or hiring her after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

*"FSU Law has provided me with an unrivaled experience and I am grateful for my time in the capital. I have been fortunate enough to have several great mentors who have helped me reach this point and I am excited to begin my legal career."*

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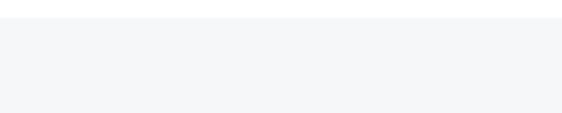
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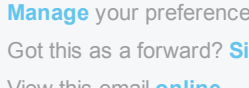
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