

From the Dean



Juris Master graduates during the 2019 commencement ceremony

When we launched our online Juris Master Program several years ago, we could not have anticipated the huge growth it would see in its first years. This spring, 42 students earned their J.M. degrees, bringing the total number of program graduates to 222. Currently, 452 students are enrolled in the master's program, and the number of new students enrolling has continued to increase each semester. In addition to expanding the program's enrollment, we recently added a new concentration to the program—the Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Technology Risk Management Concentration launched this summer and we are currently accepting applications for the fall semester. Students will gain a strong foundation in U.S. and foreign laws and regulations governing cybersecurity, privacy, intellectual property, data science and artificial intelligence. They will also learn about pertinent contract law issues, including basic contract law, IP licensing law, government and defense contracting, and legal and risk management issues relevant to managing portfolios of contracts. With this new concentration, students now have five concentrations from which to choose when enrolling in our online master's program:

- Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Technology Risk Management
- Employment Law and HR Risk Management
- Financial Regulation and Compliance
- Health Care Regulation
- Legal Risk Management, Contracting, and Compliance

Additionally, our innovative and dedicated Juris Master team has been hosting frequent virtual information sessions for prospective students since COVID began, which has allowed interested students to learn more about our offerings and the admissions process, and to ask questions of team members. If you know anyone who would benefit from earning a master's in law, they can [learn more about our nationally ranked program and register to attend an information session](#) on our website.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

Prof. Abbott Presents to the WHO and WTO

Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of International Law [Frederick M. Abbott](#) has recently made presentations for the World Health Organization and World Trade Organization. On April 20, Abbott presented "Using Competition Law to Promote Affordable Access to Health Technologies in Low- and Middle-Income Countries" at the World Health Organization 2021 Fair Pricing Forum. The talk was part of an invitation-only series of events on fair pricing of pharmaceuticals, and Abbott is one of the world's foremost authorities on global pharmaceutical policy. On May 12, Abbott presented "Localization of Pharmaceutical Production and the Dissemination of Health Technologies" at the World Trade Organization's 2021 Trade and Public Health Virtual Course Webinar on Dissemination of Health Technologies. The event's primary audience was trade diplomats, but it was also open to the public. A [recording of the full webinar](#) is available on YouTube.



Abbott is highly regarded for his scholarship and professional activities in international intellectual property rights and global economic issues. He often presents to global organizations and has served as an expert consultant for numerous international and regional organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations, primarily in the fields of intellectual property, public health, trade, competition and sustainable development.

"The COVID-19 pandemic made manifest the successes and failures of the global public health infrastructure," said Abbott. "We have seen tremendous gains in the science and technology needed to address disease through new vaccines and therapeutics, including innovative production technologies. At the same time, we have seen that mechanisms for early response, and capacity for worldwide production and distribution of vaccines, were (and remain) decidedly inadequate. There is great interest across the countries and regions of the world for greater self-sufficiency and "localizing" production of vaccines and therapeutics. Enhancing production capacity is the subject of a good part of my research and consultative work undertaken with colleagues specialized in the complex technologies and implementation in this field. My recent presentation for the WTO focused on a recent study that I undertook and managed with colleagues from various disciplines."

Alum Profile: Robin L. Suarez ('89)

Robin L. Suarez is senior vice president and associate general counsel at Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation (MVW) in Orlando. She served in similar roles at ILG and Starwood Vacation Ownership from 2000 until their subsequent merger and acquisition by MVW. She served previously as chief counsel and acting division director for the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes at the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, where she worked on regulating condominiums, timeshares and mobile homes. She remains engaged with the law school and is a board member of the FSU College of Law Alumni Association.



"I have been very fortunate to serve as a lawyer for the State of Florida and then work as in house counsel. There are actually a lot of similarities, especially being able to collaborate with non-lawyers for the organization to achieve key goals."

Student Profile: 2021 Grad Chase Allen

Desired Practice Location: Denver or anywhere in Colorado

Specialty: Intellectual property law

Field of Law Sought: In-house work, transactional work, patent bar eligible (unofficial)



Originally from Apopka, Florida, Chase Allen is a double 'Nole. He earned a bachelor's degree in biological science with minors in chemistry and physics from FSU and graduated from FSU Law in April 2021. During his 2L summer and through the spring of his 3L year, Allen clerked for Riley Allen Law, a nationally recognized commercial litigation and plaintiff's personal injury/wrongful death firm in Orlando. Allen primarily worked in the healthcare section of the firm's practice, employing his background in biology, organic chemistry and biomedical physics. He conducted research, drafted memos and assisted in the preparation of complex commercial litigation and plaintiff's personal injury matters. During his 1L summer, Allen participated in the FSU Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England. Allen received book awards for Copyright Law and for Trademarks and Unfair Competition.

During law school, Allen was a staff editor for the *Florida State University Business Review*, volumes 19-20. He was also a member of the Intellectual Property Law Society and the international legal honor society Phi Delta Phi. As an undergraduate student, Allen's co-authored article "Identification and characterization of small-molecule inhibitors of Zika virus infection" was published in the scientific journal *Nature Medicine*. Allen will be sitting for the Colorado bar exam this summer. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Allen, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#).

"Florida State has relentlessly showered me in opportunity. Almost eight years ago, I stood beside my classmates at orientation and hesitantly screamed in unison that we were 'living the dream!' I have since traveled to far-away places, met some unbelievably enigmatic humans, learned from minds that have surely forgotten more than I will ever come to know, and truly worked harder than I ever thought myself capable. Here's to more of that - and some. I dove deep into the sciences and discovered a knack for translating convoluted ideas with grace; I dove deep into the law and discovered a confidence to present those ideas with zeal; and now, I relish an opportunity to play my part in it all. I leave here with a full heart - fully certain that I have been living the dream and fully prepared to continue doing so. I am eternally grateful. So, here's to another opportunity."

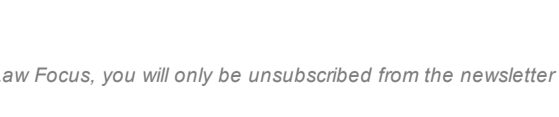
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