

From the Dean



Gubernatorial Fellows Class XVII

We are delighted to report that seven FSU Law students have been selected for the current class of 12 Gubernatorial Fellows. As fellows, these students are immersed in key areas of state government. They receive advanced on-the-job training and a glimpse into the inner workings of government as they fulfill roles of critical responsibility and interact closely with the state's top leaders. No other law school is represented in this year's class of fellows. Congratulations to FSU Law fellows Julia Canady (3rd from left), who is a graduate student in our Juris Master Program and is placed in the Executive Office of the Governor – Office of Policy and Budget; Shannon Duncanson (3rd from right), a 3L who is serving at the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration; Alberto Garcia Marrero (4th from left), a 2L placed at the Florida Division of Emergency Management; Zachary Loyed (2nd from left), a 2L who is working at the Executive Office of the Governor; Elizabeth Pearce (6th from right), a 3L placed at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Benjamin Robinson (2nd from right), a 3L who is serving at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and Shaina Ruth (5th from right), a 3L who is placed at Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. We are proud of everything these students have already accomplished and know they are representing FSU Law well!



Dean Erin O'Connor

Hamill Joins Law School

Ashley Hamill, a 2018 graduate of FSU Law, recently joined the FSU Law faculty as a clinical professor. She directs the Immigration and Farmworker Project within the Public Interest Law Center. Prior to joining FSU Law, Hamill served as a supervising attorney in Gulfcoast Legal Services' Immigration Unit, where she represented survivors of crime and human trafficking in immigration petitions before U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services and the Executive Office for Immigration Review. She also previously worked as a staff attorney with the Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project in St. Louis, Missouri, and as a staff attorney with Florida Justice for Our Neighbors. While in law school, she worked with the Public Interest Law Center, drafting constitutional amendments on juvenile justice and publicly addressing the Florida Constitution Revision Commission. She also volunteered with FSU's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.



“I am delighted and honored to return to FSU College of Law to direct the Public Interest Law Center’s Immigration and Farmworker Law Project. I know first-hand how invaluable a clinical experience is to gaining the advocacy skills students need after graduation. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to inspire and guide students seeking to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees in their communities.”

Alum Profile: Joseph R. Salzberg ('15)

Joseph R. Salzberg was recently elevated to shareholder at GrayRobinson, P.A. Salzberg practices out of the firm's Miami and Tallahassee offices. He lobbies the legislative and executive branches of state government on issues including appropriations, food manufacturing and distribution, growth management and construction, health care, insurance, local government, regulated industries, and utilities. Salzberg also represents clients before local governments on procurement, land use, and general government matters. In addition, he assists businesses and non-profit entities in market entrance strategies and community engagement initiatives throughout South Florida. Salzberg previously worked at the lobbying firm of Capitol Insight, founded by former Speaker of the Florida House Dean Cannon, which merged with GrayRobinson in 2016. He is a member of The Florida Bar's Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy Committee and the Cuban American Bar Association.



“I am honored to be promoted to shareholder by my partners at GrayRobinson, six years after graduating from the College of Law. I very much enjoy the opportunity to service clients in both a legal and lobbying capacity throughout the state of Florida, primarily in the Miami and Tallahassee markets. My success at my firm would not have been possible without the education, experiences, and guidance I received during my time at the Florida State University College of Law.”

Student Profile: 3L Nicholas Concilla

Desired Practice Location: Florida or Ohio, but will also consider the Carolinas and surrounding areas

Expected Graduation: May 2022

Field of Law Sought: Experienced in real estate, international, and political law but open to other practice areas

Nicholas Concilla claims both Washington Court House, Ohio and Naples, Florida as his hometowns. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Ohio University, with a focus in global studies: war and peace, and he will graduate from FSU Law in the spring. Over the summer, Concilla worked as a summer associate with Shumaker Loop and Kendrick, LLP in Sarasota, where he worked predominantly with the real estate and litigation practice groups. His responsibilities included drafting, negotiating, and preparing commercial real estate contracts, working on land use, permitting, and zoning application and procedures, and researching business litigation and real estate case law. He also worked closely with clients, drafted pre-trial motions, demand letters, and briefs, and assisted in developing purchase and sale agreements and related closings. From June 2020 to May 2021, Concilla worked as a compensation claims clerk with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings. There, he supported several judges of compensation claims, drafting orders on washout motions and fee stipulations, and recommending approval or denial of motions. In addition, he recommended and implemented new processes and procedures, and researched judicial responsibilities and duties. During the summer and fall of 2020, Concilla held a criminal law clerkship at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida, where he assisted the white collar and organized crime units, and wrote criminal and tax law memos. He also drafted motions and prepared for and attended trial proceedings. Concilla worked as a commercial real estate agent in Naples, Florida for two years prior to law school.



At FSU Law, Concilla served as the president of the Student Veterans Law Symposium, as vice president of the Student Bar Association and chair of their philanthropy committee, and as a Themis Bar Review representative during his 2L year. As a 1L, he served as a section C class representative for the Student Bar Association and as a 1L representative for the Phi Alpha Delta student organization and for the Student Veterans Law Symposium. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Concilla after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#).

“Florida State has provided me with incredible opportunities, and I'm excited to see what the next chapter has in store. Most importantly, I want to thank my family and friends for all their love and support. Go 'Noles!”



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