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From the Dean

Our 2021-2022 Viewbooks are now available and we are eager to send them to prospective law students. If you know anyone who is interested in law school, please encourage them to peruse the [online copy of our Viewbook](#) and to [request a mailed hard copy](#). As students consider their law school options, there is also a great deal of information available about FSU Law's excellent academic programs and collegial environment on [our website](#). In addition, representatives from our Admissions Office are attending in-person and virtual recruiting events, so please encourage students to visit our [online recruiting calendar](#) to find a time when they can speak with FSU Law recruiters. During the next two months, admissions team members will be visiting many universities, particularly in the Southeast region, and attending a variety of virtual and in-person law school forums and fairs. We are looking for alumni who are willing to help recruit from their alma mater institutions; if you are interested, please email admissions@law.fsu.edu. We look forward to connecting with prospective students and helping them learn about all of the enriching opportunities that are waiting for them at FSU Law.



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FSU Law Hosts Wellness Events



Students attended FSU Law's 2021 Wellness Fair on October 6.

Last week, FSU Law's Office of Student Advancement hosted a Wellness Fair as part of Wellness Week 2021. The event focused around the nine dimensions of wellness and included food, fun activities, free flu shots for students, and opportunities to learn about wellness-related resources on campus. The fair included partners from main campus—FSU Counseling & Psychological Services, Green Dot, FSU Student Resilience Project, The Center for Health Advocacy & Wellness, and FSU Health Services—as well as law school offices and student organizations. It was one of many Wellness Wednesday events that the Office of Student Advancement has hosted for students this semester. Other events have included a journaling picnic on the Green, a cooking session that featured easy-to-prepare, healthy tailgate recipes, a session with attorney and best-selling author Brian Cuban, yoga in the Rotunda, and a session with therapy dogs on the Green. The office also hosts a wide variety of wellness events outside of the Wellness Wednesday series, including popular sessions on Personal Resilience & Productivity through the Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program. In addition, many student organizations have hosted and are planning events that encourage wellness among the student body. The law school is committed to promoting healthy living, stress management, and wellness habits that will help students during law school and beyond.

Alum Profile: Natasha Dorsey ('12)

Natasha Dorsey was recently elected president of the Florida Lawyers Assistance (FLA) Board of Directors for 2021-2022. As president, she will help FLA in its mission to offer support to Florida's lawyers, judges, law students, and paralegals with mental health and substance abuse concerns. Dorsey, who resides in the Chicago area, is also a past president and current at-large member on the executive council of The Florida Bar's Out-of-State Division. She has been extremely engaged in The Florida Bar since relocating to Illinois as an out-of-state member, and in 2019 she received The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Most Productive Board Member Award for going above and beyond in service to the YLD and for her work on the YLD Health and Wellness Committee. She also helped start the Chicago chapter of the Florida-based Innovative Community Engagement Foundation (ICE Foundation), a nonprofit that provides mentorship, service, and professional support to underprivileged children across the county. Dorsey most recently was an associate in international firm Rimon Law's Chicago office, where she focused on labor and employment law, business counseling, construction law, consumer protection law, e-discovery issues, and commercial litigation in both state and federal court. Prior to that, she practiced at Foley & Lardner LLP in Jacksonville and Chicago, after clerking at Ausley & McMullen during her second and third years of law school in Tallahassee. Dorsey is grateful for FSU Law's relationship-centered culture and fellow class of 2012 alumni G.C. Murray and Alex Palermo, who were instrumental in opening the ICE Foundation and YLD doors for her.



“After moving from Florida to Illinois to join my now-husband and stepdaughters (but still missing my Florida friends and Florida winters!), I jumped at the opportunity to become an out-of-state representative for the YLD. My work to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues with the YLD led to my appointment on FLA's board, where being part of a dedicated team that is working to determine how FLA can maximize its resources to help all Florida-licensed attorneys, judges, paralegals and law students become the best version of themselves has led to much personal growth and gratitude for the many diverse and wonderful people in the legal industry.”

Student Profile: 3L Jackie Mustian

Desired Practice Location: Open to any location

Expected Graduation: May 2022

Specialty: Business law

Field of Law Sought: Tax law, specifically tax litigation and controversy

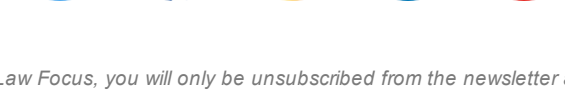
Jackie Mustian is from Tallahassee, Florida. She earned her bachelor's degree in criminology, graduating cum laude, from the University of Florida and will graduate from FSU Law with a Business Law Certificate in May. This semester, Mustian is an intern with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Miami, where she works in the enforcement division, conducting legal research in securities litigation. She has also assisted in investigations by preparing for testimonies, depositions, and proffers. Mustian is dividing her time between Miami and Tallahassee this semester and is taking courses at the University of Miami and at FSU. This academic year, Mustian is also working as a business law clerk with Clark Partington in Tallahassee, where she prepares legal research for business litigation matters, including bankruptcy and real estate finance. Over the summer, Mustian worked as a summer associate with Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith in Savannah, Georgia. There, she conducted legal research for insurance defense topics ranging from medical malpractice to trucking and premises liability, and she also participated in various stages of litigation, including depositions, mediations, drafting motions, and trial. Mustian worked as a law clerk at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation during the spring of her 2L year. She drafted complaints and final orders, and conducted investigations in the unlicensed construction and electric division. From the summer after her 1L year through the fall of her 2L year, Mustian worked remotely as a legal assistant for The Garmon Law Firm in Panama City, Florida, and as a legal research intern with the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence in Tallahassee. With The Garmon Law Firm, Mustian prepared memoranda and legal documents for matters such as estate planning, divorce, adoption, and child custody matters. At the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, she conducted research for cases involving sexual violence and victims' rights in the criminal law system.



At FSU Law, Mustian is the president of the Tax Law Society and a staff editor for the *FSU Business Review*, a position she also held as a 2L. She also served as a commissioner for the Student Government Elections Commission from 2019-2021, and as a cabinet member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee during the 2020-2021 academic year. For the Women's Law Symposium, Mustian served as a 1L representative and as external vice president during her 2L year. In addition, she was a student nominee member of the American Inn of Court and the Appellate Inn of Court. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Mustian after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#).

“I have thoroughly enjoyed the rigorous curriculum that Florida State University College of Law offers, particularly in regards to their diverse practical law classes. Taking courses such as Advanced Tax Planning and Tax Workshop have invigorated my excitement for a career that involves the creative logic necessary to work in tax litigation. I believe that my intellect and confidence have grown tremendously in my three years at FSU and am excited to continue growing as a lawyer.”

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