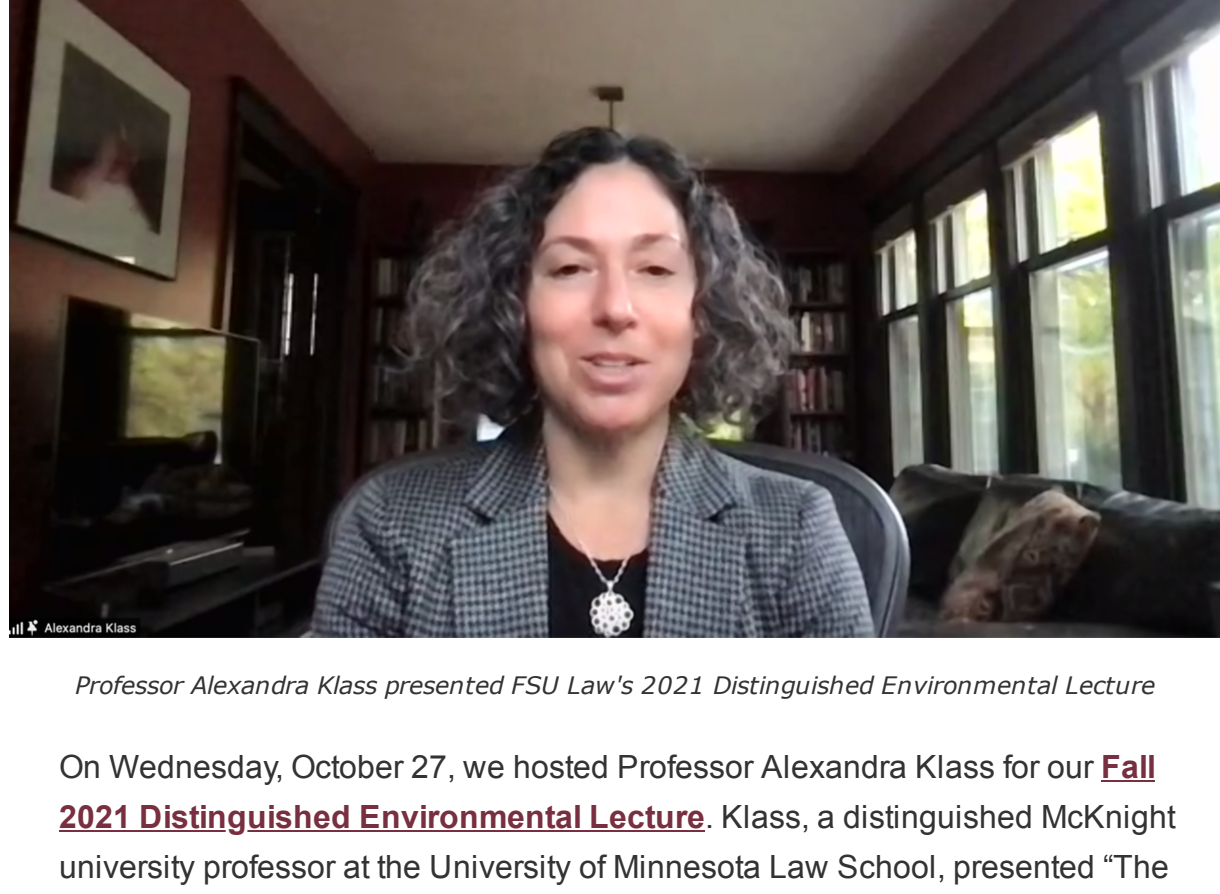


From the Dean



Professor Alexandra Klass presented FSU Law's 2021 Distinguished Environmental Lecture

On Wednesday, October 27, we hosted Professor Alexandra Klass for our **Fall 2021 Distinguished Environmental Lecture**. Klass, a distinguished McKnight university professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, presented "The Role of Private and Public Lands in the U.S. Clean Energy Transition." She discussed the nation's move to create more clean energy resources, focusing on the role of public and private lands. Klass talked extensively about the nation's decarbonization and net zero energy goals and policies, trends in energy generation and consumption, the best renewable energy resources, and the benefits and drawbacks of building clean energy projects on private and public lands.

Klass teaches and writes in the areas of energy law, environmental law, natural resources law, tort law, and property law. She has published in many of the nation's top law journals and co-authored several books. Her recent scholarly work addresses regulatory challenges to integrating more renewable energy into the nation's electric grid, transportation electrification, oil and gas transportation infrastructure, and the use of eminent domain for electric transmission lines and pipelines. We were delighted to be able to introduce our students to Klass's cutting-edge scholarship through her lecture. If you were unable to attend Klass's insightful virtual presentation, a **[recording is available online](#)**.

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Business Law Clinic Students Present to FSU Student-Athletes



Business Law Clinic students presented to student-athletes in October

In October, students in FSU Law's Business Law Clinic made timely educational presentations on name, image, and likeness endorsements to FSU student-athletes in their Student Development & Leadership classes. The presentations allowed law students to educate student-athletes on their general rights and responsibilities under a Florida statute and NCAA new policy that took effect in July allowing college athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL). The presentations focused on basic information athletes should consider before entering a contract under the NIL rules and used case studies to enforce concepts.

"The educational presentation provided a dual opportunity," said 3L Destinee Campbell, who presented to the student-athletes. "First, the other student counselors and I were able to discover and research a brand-new sector of law: collegiate athlete compensation for name, image, and likeness. Second, we were able to educate Florida State's student-athletes on their best interests and give them information on how to contact the clinic if they need representation or general assistance with NIL deals. We look forward to working with and representing athletes in the future and are grateful for the opportunity through the Business Law Clinic."

Students in the Business Law Clinic learn transactional skills while helping advise business and social entrepreneurs within the Florida State University community, so they are uniquely qualified to educate student-athletes on these contract opportunities. The clinical students receive training in basic bargaining, drafting, risk-assessment, and legal ethics skills that are necessary to be effective, creative transactional lawyers.

Alum Profile: Evelyn Fletcher Davis ('98)

Evelyn Fletcher Davis is a senior partner in the Atlanta office of the national litigation firm Hawkins Parnell & Young. As one of the top defense lawyers in the nation for complex litigation involving product liability and mass torts, she is a leader of one of the most prominent toxic tort and environmental litigation groups in the United States. In addition to representing 70+ corporations in high-risk litigation, she also serves as national counsel to several global leaders from numerous industries and manages their litigation nationwide. Davis recently was named president-elect of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA) and will serve as president for 2022-2023. She has been a member of ADTA since 2010 and has held numerous leadership positions in the organization, including serving two terms on the board of directors. Davis has also held leadership roles for DRI, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. She is an active member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, the International Insurance Law Association, and many additional professional groups. She also lectures around the country regularly and leads industry conferences.



"As the ADTA president-elect and president, I will serve on the DRI Board of Directors, which governs an organization of more than 16,000 lawyers and in-house counsel to defend the interests of businesses and individuals in civil litigation. In my roles, I will continue building upon my work to pave the way for progress in the profession, including the retention and inclusion of underrepresented groups in leadership and management positions in law firms and the defense bar. Through these organizations, I will continue to enjoy the international network of defense lawyers and trial lawyers, many of whom I consider friends."

Student Profile: 3L Dhaima Gray

Desired Practice Location: Jacksonville, but open to other locations

Expected Graduation: December 2021

Field of Law Sought: Open to any practice area

Dhaima Gray is originally from Jamaica but has lived in Jacksonville, Florida, since relocating to the United States. She earned her bachelor of laws from the University of London and completed her LL.M. at FSU Law in May of 2019 before entering the J.D. program. In her past summer, Gray worked as a law clerk with the In-House Corporate Litigation Department at Homeowners Choice Insurance, Inc. She conducted extensive legal research relating to property insurance and drafted memoranda regarding declaratory judgment, sworn proof of loss, and pre-existing property damage. She also drafted pleadings, motions, and discovery requests and responses with document testimonies, assisted attorneys with case management, and attended depositions, hearings, and mediations via Zoom. In the fall of 2020, Gray participated in FSU Law's Gender and Family Justice Clinic, where she performed legal research in the areas of family adoption and termination of parental rights, dissolution of marriage, modification of time-sharing agreements, and factors relevant to a substantial change in circumstance. She drafted advice-only letters to clients providing general legal advice, earned resources, checklists of required documents, and relevant court forms. Gray led a book award for her participation in the clinic. From January through August 2020, she was a law clerk with the Civil Litigation Department of the Florida Office of the Attorney General. There, she conducted legal research and drafted memos on various litigation matters, including corrections, employment, tort, state programs, and the constitutionality of state statutes. In addition, she summarized deposition transcripts, reviewed and edited pleadings and motions, and supported attorneys with administrative duties. Prior to law school, Gray worked as an assistant property manager with APT Rental Properties LLC in Orange Park, Florida, and volunteered as a legal intern with the Ryan White Project at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, INC.



At FSU Law, Gray was the managing editor for volume 30 of the *Journal of Transnational Law and Policy* and was the writing and research editor for volume 29. She has been a teaching assistant for the Legal Writing and Research I course during three semesters, has served as the student mentor for the LL.M. Program since the fall of 2019, and served on the Professionalism Student Advisory Board during the spring and fall of 2020. In addition, Gray was vice president of the Nontraditional Students Association during her 3L year, and she is currently a member of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Law Students Association. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Gray after graduation, visit her **[LinkedIn profile](#)** or email her at **dsg18bg@my.fsu.edu**.

"I am very grateful for the practical legal experience I gained over these past three years working with a government agency, the in-house corporate externship program, and the Public Interest Law Center. I leave FSU Law prepared and equipped to enter the legal profession and super excited about what the future holds!"