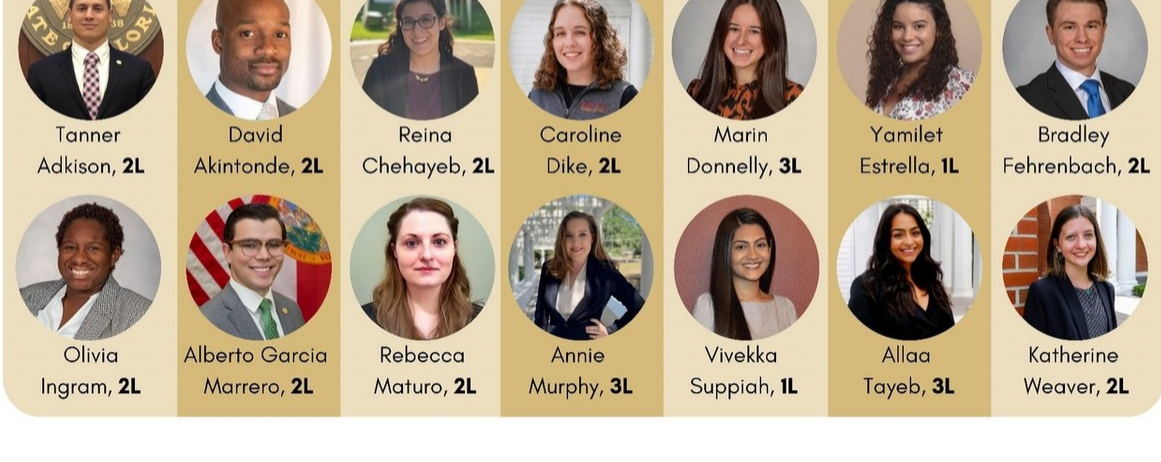


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### From the Dean

## Meet the Student Advisory Board!

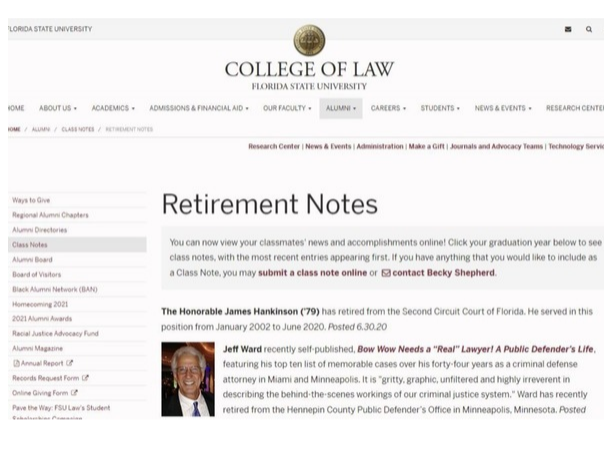


As the fall semester comes to a close, we want to recognize a group of engaged students who have been instrumental in helping the law school with our professionalism efforts. Our Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program Student Advisory Board is comprised of law students from all three classes who provide valuable input on professionalism programming for all students. They helped coordinate and promote a wellness fair held in October, provided content for a social media campaign for Legal Professionalism Month in November, and are helping to promote a writing competition in which the winner will earn a scholarship prize and be published by The Florida Bar's Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism. The advisory board is one component of our ABA-award-winning professionalism program, which was launched in January 2019 to assist students as they begin to form their professional identities. One of my favorite components of the initiative is that it introduces students to professional development resources and role models that will be beneficial after they graduate. Many thanks to the great number of alumni who have signed up to serve as mentors through the program and who assist with our professionalism efforts in other important ways.

*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

### Retirement Class Notes Wanted

As alumni retire, we invite them to share their exciting news with us so that we can publish their retirement announcements on our new retirement class notes web page. The page was created to help alumni stay informed about the momentous life events of fellow alumni who are leaving the workforce. In addition to submitting details about their retirement and their career in general, we encourage alumni to provide us with information about what they plan to do in retirement, where they plan to move (if applicable), and who they are looking forward to spending time with once they have more freedom and flexibility in their schedules. Alumni are also encouraged to submit pictures for publication and let us know if we need to update their address. We would also love to receive information from alumni about interesting things they are doing in retirement for class notes. If you aren't retiring, we would like to hear from you as well—please send us information about your career and personal achievements. You can [submit your class note online](#) today.



### Alum Profile: Harold E. "Rick" Grant ('74)

Rick Grant serves as a member of the Municode Board of Directors, after retiring as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Municode in 2019. As a board member, Grant helps guide the development of Municode's vision and strategy. Before serving as a member of the Municode executive team for more than 20 years, Grant had a 31-year career in the Navy. He served as a naval aviator flying jets off aircraft carriers and as a JAG attorney. He also commanded the NCIS Atlantic Command. When he retired from the Navy, Grant held the rank of rear admiral and was the judge advocate general of the Navy—the Navy's senior attorney and leader of the Judge Advocate General's Corps.



*"I moved to Tallahassee after retiring from the Navy and have been convinced for twenty-plus years that this was the right decision. Tallahassee has wonderful people, creative businesses, and a real family atmosphere. I couldn't have made a better choice."*

### Student Profile: 3L Precious Chavez

**Desired Practice Location:** Washington, D.C.  
**Expected Graduation:** May 2022  
**Field of Law Sought:** Civil rights, non-profit, legislative, public interest, criminal reform, or policy advocacy

Precious Chavez is from West Palm Beach, Florida, and she earned her bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in sociology from Florida Atlantic University. During the summer, Chavez was a legal intern at the DC Justice Lab. In this position, she engaged with local policy and proposed changes to Washington, D.C.'s criminal legal system to District of Columbia



councilmembers. In the spring of Chavez's 2L year, she held a legal internship with the Southern Poverty Law Center, where she worked on policy reform relating to the use of solitary confinement on persons with disabilities during a capital punishment lawsuit against the Florida Department of Corrections. During the summer before her 2L year, Chavez was a legal intern with the Innocence Project of Florida. There, she conducted investigative research and performed tasks related to post-conviction law and exonerations.

At FSU Law, Chavez is the vice president of the student chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and serves as a mentor to first-year law students. Chavez will graduate at age 21, and she is fluent in Spanish. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Chavez after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at [pc19j@my.fsu.edu](mailto:pc19j@my.fsu.edu).

*"As a first-generation law student and second-generation immigrant, I am so grateful to be joining this profession, and I intend to dedicate my career to advocating for a more equitable society. I look forward to applying all that I have learned at FSU Law while serving communities across our country."*

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