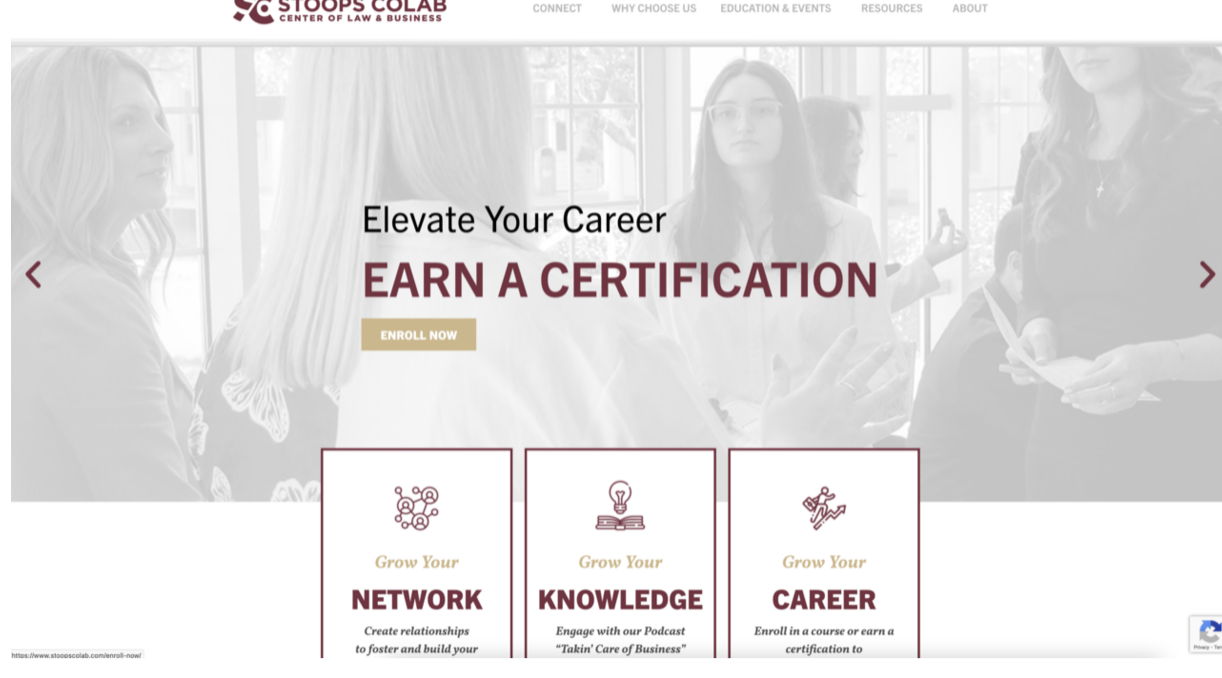


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### From the Dean



Thanks to a generous gift from FSU Law alumnus Jeff Stoops ('84) and Aggie Stoops, we have launched the Stoops Center of Law & Business (Colab) and its online digital platform, [StoopsColab.com](#). With the launch of the Stoops Colab, FSU Law is positioned to be one of the preeminent business law schools in the country. The first of its kind, the Stoops Colab will provide collaborative executive education opportunities with courses taught by FSU College of Law alumni, a robust online community that will address pressing legal challenges, and a variety of online webinars, symposia, and other events. The first course offerings will be available to learners from around the country in October, and learners will have the opportunity to work toward certifications in Privacy Law & Policy and in Employment & Human Resources Law. Additional certifications in the law and business of private equity, insurance, healthcare, financial markets, and sports law are also in development and will be available in 2023. The online community offers alumni opportunities to mentor current J.D. students, post job opportunities, enroll in professional learning opportunities, and network with other attorneys and business executives. As part of the Colab, we also launched the [Takin' Care of Business podcast](#) in the spring. The podcast features FSU Law alumni and current students and gives students a glimpse at a variety of careers in business law.

I encourage all alumni to visit [StoopsColab.com](#) and become part of this collaborative online space for lawyers, business executives, and students. Many thanks to the alumni who have already joined the Stoops Center of Law & Business to serve as instructors, mentor our students, and share their experiences on our podcast.

*Erin O'Connor*

Dean Erin O'Connor

### FSU Law J.D. Class of 2025



Members of the new 1L class during orientation

FSU Law is excited to have an extremely accomplished new 1L class on campus! The class of 2025 has a record high median LSAT score and undergraduate GPA, at 165 and 3.83, respectively. Students bring remarkably diverse backgrounds and experiences to FSU Law, thereby enriching the classroom experience for everyone. The 1L class is relatively small at 114 students, they hail from 22 different states and 14 countries, and range in age from 20-42. Students graduated from 49 undergraduate institutions, with 30 different majors, and earned 12 advanced degrees prior to law school. More than 34% of the class self-reported as ethnically/racially diverse, 75.7% are first-generation law students, and three members of the class have served in the military. Students have traveled abroad to more than 110 countries and speak almost 20 languages in addition to English. Their interests range from tennis to paleontology to video games. In addition, two of the students are a married couple, one student is a new mom to an infant, and another student was a scholarship athlete on a university track team. FSU Law professors and administrators are looking forward to building relationships with the new 1Ls.

### Alum Profile: Celeste N. Gaines ('15)

Celeste N. Gaines is senior counsel, global privacy and cybersecurity, and a member of the Digital and Data Assets team at McKesson Corporation in Atlanta, where she advises internal clients on information security, data privacy, and strategic technology-related transactions. She began her time at McKesson in 2019 as a staff counsel, enterprise technology + sourcing transactions. Prior to joining McKesson, Gaines was an associate at two Atlanta-based firms, where she litigated in several areas, including commercial real estate, construction, franchising, and personal injury matters. Gaines also remains engaged with FSU Law. She has served as an adjunct professor, teaching Contract Drafting, and she currently volunteers as a J.D. advisor to advise law students on their career searches.



***“FSU Law’s Business Law Certificate allowed me the opportunity to build a strong business law foundation upon which my practice is built. Additionally, through the strong alumni base, I have been able to develop relationships with a number of highly influential mentors/sponsors practicing in the Atlanta area, who have been invaluable in my career development. Lastly, having witnessed the strength of my dad’s (c/o ’86) relationships with his FSU Law peers and the impact of their collective commitment to giving back to the FSU Law student community plays a large part in my continued involvement with FSU Law.”***

### Student Profile: 3L Bradley Fehrenbach

**Desired Practice Location:** Tallahassee or Tampa, but also open to Atlanta and Arlington, Virginia

**Expected graduation:** May 2023

**Field of Law Sought:** Criminal law

Bradley Fehrenbach, from Niceville, Florida, attended Florida State University for his undergraduate studies and earned a bachelor's degree in criminology and criminal justice. This semester, Fehrenbach will continue working as a certified legal intern at the State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit, where he worked during the summer. In this role, Fehrenbach has handled a wide range of litigation responsibilities, including conducting jury selection, trying both jury and bench trials, and writing and responding to pretrial motions and plea negotiations. During his 2L year, Fehrenbach served as a research assistant to Professor Wayne Logan. In this capacity, he reviewed case law, edited research papers, and collected secondary materials and data. He also helped review several of Professor Logan's forthcoming publications, which included pin citing and confirming sources. During the summer before his 2L year, Fehrenbach held an externship with the U.S. Attorney's Office, where he performed case law research, prepared drafts of motions for the assistant U.S. attorneys, and observed various federal court proceedings.



At FSU Law, Fehrenbach is president of the ACLU student organization and a member of Phi Alpha Delta. He is a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions and 1L year through the end of his 2L year. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Fehrenbach after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at [bvf12@fsu.edu](mailto:bvf12@fsu.edu).

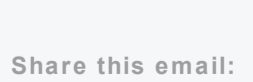
***“During my time at FSU College of Law, I have had the privilege of meeting many wonderful and dedicated individuals. I'm grateful for the opportunities each one has offered in developing my professional experience and my passion for criminal law. I look forward to applying what they have taught me, and what I have learned from my education and work, as I take the next step in my legal career.”***

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