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### From the Dean



Lawyers from Rumberger Kirk met with FSU Law students during the spring 2023 semester.

We are now registering employers for our fall 2023 interview programs (OCI). This year, we are offering an early option, which will run from Monday, July 31, through Friday, August 11, and will be virtual only. In addition, our traditional program will run from Tuesday, September 5, through Friday, October 20, and employers may interview students on campus or virtually. Our early option weeks are almost completely booked and limited daily interview slots are available for our traditional program, so we encourage employers to register as soon as possible before additional popular dates reach capacity. The deadline to register for our early option is June 23. You can [find more information about our fall interview programs and register now](#) on our website. If you have hiring needs prior to our fall interview programs or are unable to participate, please consider recruiting our students and recent graduates by [advertising a job](#) through FSU Law or participating in our [resume collect option](#), both of which are available to employers year-round. Employers can [email our career services team](#) with questions about recruiting through any of our programs. Many thanks to our alumni and friends who recruit and hire FSU Law students!

*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

### Faculty Profile: Nadia Banteka

Nadia Banteka has joined the Florida State University College of Law faculty as the Gary & Sallyn Pajcic professor. Professor Banteka will teach Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and the Law of Policing in the next academic year. Professor Banteka's research focuses primarily on criminal law and procedure, policing, their intersection with artificial intelligence, as well as international law. Professor Banteka has published articles in several flagship law reviews including the *UCLA Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Law Review*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Wisconsin Law Review*, and *Houston Law Review*, as well as in top specialty law journals including the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, *Virginia Journal of International Law*, and *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*. Professor Banteka has served as an invited expert with the Perry World House of the University of Pennsylvania, Oxford University, and the International Criminal Court Office of the Prosecutor. Professor Banteka comes to FSU Law from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. Prior to her position there, Professor Banteka served as a visiting assistant professor at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, a visiting scholar at the Yale Law School, an assistant professor of law at Tilburg Law School in the Netherlands, a dean's scholar at Columbia Law School, and a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law. Before entering academia, Professor Banteka was a public defender and has practiced as defense counsel before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Professor Banteka holds law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she served as a dean's scholar and was awarded the Karin Lest Award of Excellence for graduating first in her class, as well as The University of Nottingham School of Law, and the Democritus University of Thrace School of Law.



***"I am thrilled to join the FSU College of Law faculty and to continue in its strong scholarly tradition in criminal law and criminal procedure. I can't wait to meet the students this fall and look forward to being part of this amazing community!"***

### In Memoriam: Alum Jon Wheeler ('69)

Jon Wheeler died May 17, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida. Upon graduation from college in 1966, he became the first student ever accepted at Florida State University College of Law, with his application to the inaugural class receiving special consideration for early acceptance due to his commitment to a commission into the United States Air Force. After graduating from FSU Law in December of 1968, Wheeler served in the United States Air Force for more than 22 years as a judge advocate. During his service, Wheeler was promoted to colonel and was the judge advocate for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1990, Wheeler was appointed the clerk of the court for the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee. He served in that role until 2017. During his tenure, Wheeler supervised the move of the court to its new building. Subsequently, the College of Law occupied the original building, now known as the Advocacy Center.



- Tribute written by FSU Law Professor Emeritus Charles W. Ehrhardt

### Profile: Celebrating 2023 Grad Kayla Neal

Recent FSU Law graduate Kayla Neal has accepted a position as an assistant public defender with the Public Defender's Office of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida in Tallahassee! She will be working on misdemeanor crimes. During law school, Neal was a member of the FSU Law Trial Team and the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Mock Trial Team. She competed on the BLSA team that won first place in the National Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition in 2022. Neal also was a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions, and she served as social media chair of BLSA and as secretary of the Public Interest Law Students Association. She was a recipient of the 2022 Public Defender of the Second Judicial Circuit Scholarship and the 2021 Priscilla Perry Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, Neal earned a Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from FSU Law for completing 125 hours of pro bono service during law school. We wish Neal all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments!



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