



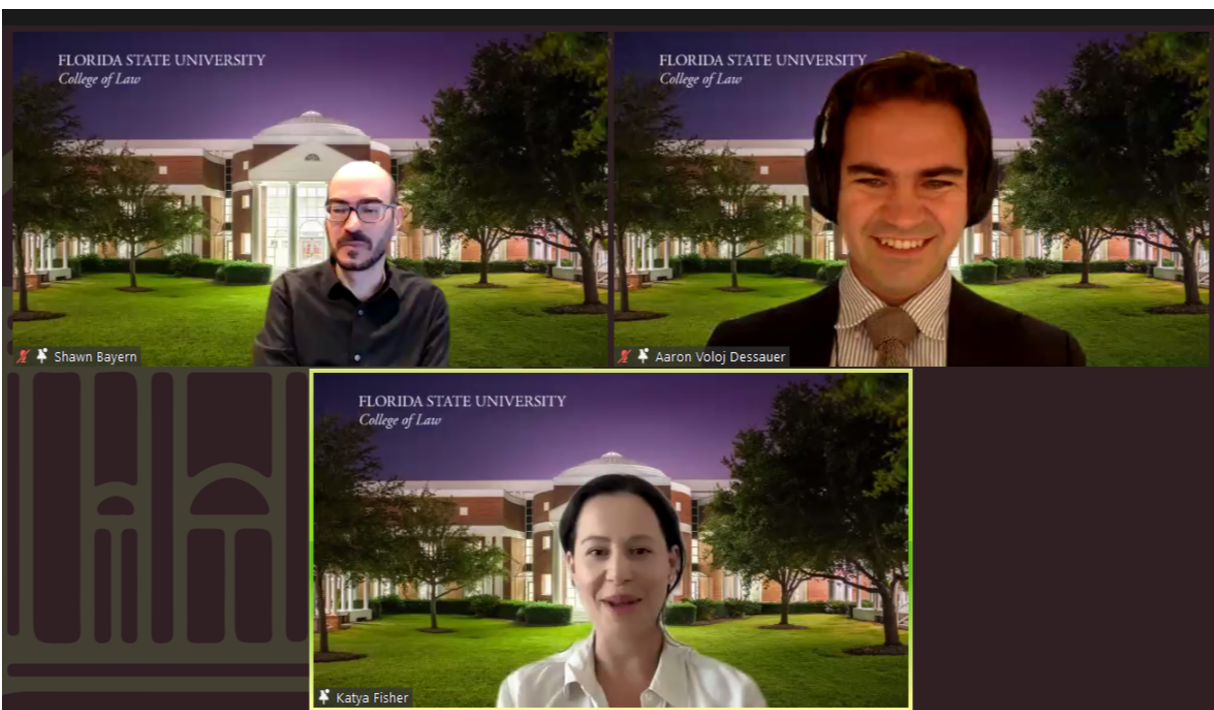
# FSU LAW

## Focus

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## From the Dean



Generative AI for Lawyers: An Introduction *speakers (clockwise from top left)*  
*Shawn Bayern, Aaron Voloj Dessauer, and Katya Fisher*

Last Friday, our new Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation hosted the first installment of the Frontiers in Law and Technology series, *Generative AI for Lawyers: An Introduction*. During the webinar, panelists Shawn Bayern, FSU Law's Larry & Joyce Beltz professor and associate dean for technology, and Katya Fisher, a lawyer, executive vice chairman of Constructor Group, and adjunct professor at FSU Law, explored the technology behind generative artificial intelligence (AI), including how lawyers might use generative AI in practice and the promises and risks of the new technology. Aaron Voloj Dessauer, executive director of the Institute of Law,

Technology & Innovation, moderated the discussion and led robust Q&A sessions during the second half of the event, including a special session for the dozens of law students who attended a live broadcast of the webinar on campus. It was a fascinating discussion, covering changes in AI capabilities during the past several years, examples of AI-generated photos and articles, predictions for how lawyers and the law firm business model might be impacted by AI, ways attorneys can harness the power of AI to enhance their legal practice, and the debate about how law students might utilize AI in their courses. If you were unable to attend the event, you can [watch a recording online](#). We have several additional Frontiers in Law and Technology events planned for the fall and spring semesters, so please [visit our website to learn more](#).

*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

## Fall 2023 Fundathon Begins Monday

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Next week, students will begin contacting alumni as part of our three-week-long Fundathon to ask for support for our 2023-2024 Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is

used for important needs at the law school, including student scholarships and student enrichment activities, and gifts can be designated to align with the causes, groups, and programs at the law school that are most important to a donor. A gift in any amount will make an impact on the law school and our students, so please consider giving if you have not already. If you would like to make a donation before students start reaching out, you can [give online now](#). For those who have already donated this campaign year, many thanks for your support of our students and programs!

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## Alum Profile: Hon. Megan S. Silver ('15)

Megan S. Silver is an administrative law judge and serves as executive director of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) in Tallahassee. Silver oversees DOAH's statewide agency functions, including budget, purchasing, information technology, human resources, and facilities management. Prior to joining DOAH in 2022, Silver was an attorney supervisor and interim deputy general counsel at the Florida Department of Management Services. Since 2021, she has been board certified by The Florida Bar in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice. Silver is a frequent speaker on a variety of continuing legal education topics and has recently been published as the author of a chapter of the 14th edition of the *Florida Administrative Practice Manual*. In addition, she serves on the executive councils of the Administrative Law Section of The Florida Bar and of the Florida Government Bar Association.



*“I am fortunate to have had the privilege of learning from exceptional mentors, including many here at DOAH, who have fueled my passion for administrative law. I am eager to keep learning and growing in my skills, and I am committed to encouraging others to develop expertise and a passion for their practice.”*

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# Student Profile: 3L Cristen Chandler

**Desired Practice Location:** North/Central

Alabama, specifically the Tuscaloosa/Birmingham area, or North Florida

**Expected Graduation:** May 2024

**Field of Law Sought:** Government law or policy



Cristen Chandler is from Jacksonville, Alabama, and she attended Auburn University for her undergraduate studies, where she earned a bachelor's degree in international business. This academic year, Chandler is serving as a Florida gubernatorial fellow and will be working with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. As a 2L, Chandler worked as a law clerk in the Office of General Counsel for the governor of Florida. In this role, she conducted legal research, drafted memoranda, and reviewed legal documents which were circulated throughout the Executive Office of the Governor. She also attended hearings, judicial interviews, and other legal proceedings. During the summer after her 1L year, Chandler was a law clerk at The Mooney Law Firm, where she assisted attorneys by drafting and filing protests to the International Trade Commission on behalf of clients involved in the business of importing. She also conducted research on key issues, drafted legal memoranda, and provided various other forms of regulatory and business support to clients in the areas of intellectual property, international trade, and admiralty law. Chandler also participated in FSU Law's Summer Program in Law at Oxford during the summer after her 1L year, studying English legal history and constitutional interpretation.

At FSU Law, Chandler is vice president of both the Moot Court Team and the Federalist Society, a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions, and a staff editor for the Journal for Transnational Law & Policy. She has served as a teaching assistant in the Juris Master Program for four semesters and for Professor Christopher Busch's Legal Writing class for two semesters. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Chandler after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at [cchandler3@fsu.edu](mailto:cchandler3@fsu.edu).

*“During my time working for the DeSantis administration, I discovered a true passion for defending the defenseless and standing up for what you believe in, even in the face of adversity. My dream*

*would be to work for the government in some capacity  
so that I might continue to help enact impactful  
changes in our governments on a day-to-day basis.”*

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