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From the Dean



Students on the first day of the semester during Professor Jacob Eisler's Constitutional Law I class

The spring 2024 semester started this week, and we are looking forward to many enriching events that are planned for the next several months. This semester's first Frontiers in Law and Technology webinar is today at noon, and it features FSU Law alumnus and Holland & Knight partner Anthony E. DiResta ('82) with a session on the Federal Trade Commission's regulation of artificial intelligence technology. You can [visit our website](#) to learn more about this and several other upcoming events hosted by the Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation, including an AI Policy Symposium scheduled for April in Washington, D.C. In February, we will host two of our most anticipated events, the [2024 D'Alemberte & Palmer Lecture in International Human Rights](#) and the Spring 2024 Environmental Distinguished Lecture. We also have alumni receptions planned for Tampa in March, Washington, D.C. and Pensacola in April, and Miami in May. Please follow us on social media,

read future issues of this newsletter, and check your email for more information about these and other upcoming events.

Erin O'Connor

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2024 Summer Program Application Open



2023 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program participants

FSU Law is accepting applications for the 2024 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program. The award-winning program brings rising college sophomores, juniors, and seniors from across the country together for a month-long immersion into legal study. If you know an undergraduate student who may be interested in law school, please encourage them to apply for the 2024 summer program, which will take place from May 21–June 14. The program is the largest and oldest of its kind, and its primary goals are to acquaint students with the study of law and to assist them in acquiring skills that will benefit their undergraduate and future law school studies. The program has been honored twice with the American Bar Association's Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award for Excellence in Pipeline Diversity. Program administrators are starting to review applications, so now is an ideal time to apply. Interested students can [learn more and apply on our website](#).

Alum Profile: Jennifer M. Heckman ('01)

Jennifer M. Heckman has joined FSU Law as the director of employer recruitment in the Career Services and Professional Development Office. In addition, Heckman teaches financial regulation and compliance as an adjunct professor in FSU Law's Juris Master Program. Previously, Heckman managed a private law practice, where she represented financial institutions and provided guidance on compliance with federal and state laws and regulations affecting the financial services industry. She also practiced business litigation for 10 years at Ausley & McMullen, where she represented businesses, financial institutions, state agencies, and the Governor's Office in federal and state courts in Florida. She also practiced appellate law and served as ethics and election law compliance counsel for several multinational corporations.



“It is a true privilege to return to my alma mater. My position provides me the unique opportunity to continue working with lawyers and judges, as I have done for over 20 years of private practice, while also advising law students as they discern their future career paths. FSU Law students are bright, energetic, and prepared to make positive contributions to the legal profession, and I consider it an honor to connect employers to these dynamic students.”

Student Profile: 3L Miguelson Charles

Desired Practice Location: Any major city in Florida; open to opportunities in other states, provided a dynamic legal environment

Expected Graduation: May 2024

Field of Law Sought: Business law, insurance defense, workers' compensation, or real property

law

Miguelson Charles, a current 3L in our J.D. program, is from Fonds-Verrettes, Haiti, and he completed his undergraduate studies at Université d'Etat d'Haiti, where he earned a Bachelor of Laws. Charles also holds an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the University of Hawaii and an LL.M. in American Law from Florida State University College of Law. From May to August of 2023, Charles worked as a law clerk at the Florida Department of Business and Professional



Regulation, where he drafted administrative complaints, closing orders, and letters of guidance. He played a key role in preparing scripts for attorneys to present cases before the Florida Real Estate Commission (FREC) and Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, and he had the opportunity to present cases before the FREC. Additionally, Charles previously served as a teaching assistant for Legal Writing I, assisting students in developing strong legal writing skills, and for the Juris Master Program's Employment Law and HR Compliance class, a role that included conducting research for course content, drafting a grading rubric template, answering questions about the materials, grading papers, and providing student feedback.

At FSU Law, Charles is a member of the Journal of Transnational Law and Policy and the Black Law Students Association. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Charles after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at mcharles3@fsu.edu.

“I have a unique blend of legal acumen and business insight, with specialized knowledge in international human rights law and American law through my dual LL.M. degrees. My diverse experiences have equipped me with the skills to tackle complex legal challenges. I am a proactive team player with a commitment to continuous learning, and I look forward to contributing my skills and knowledge to a forward-thinking legal team.”



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