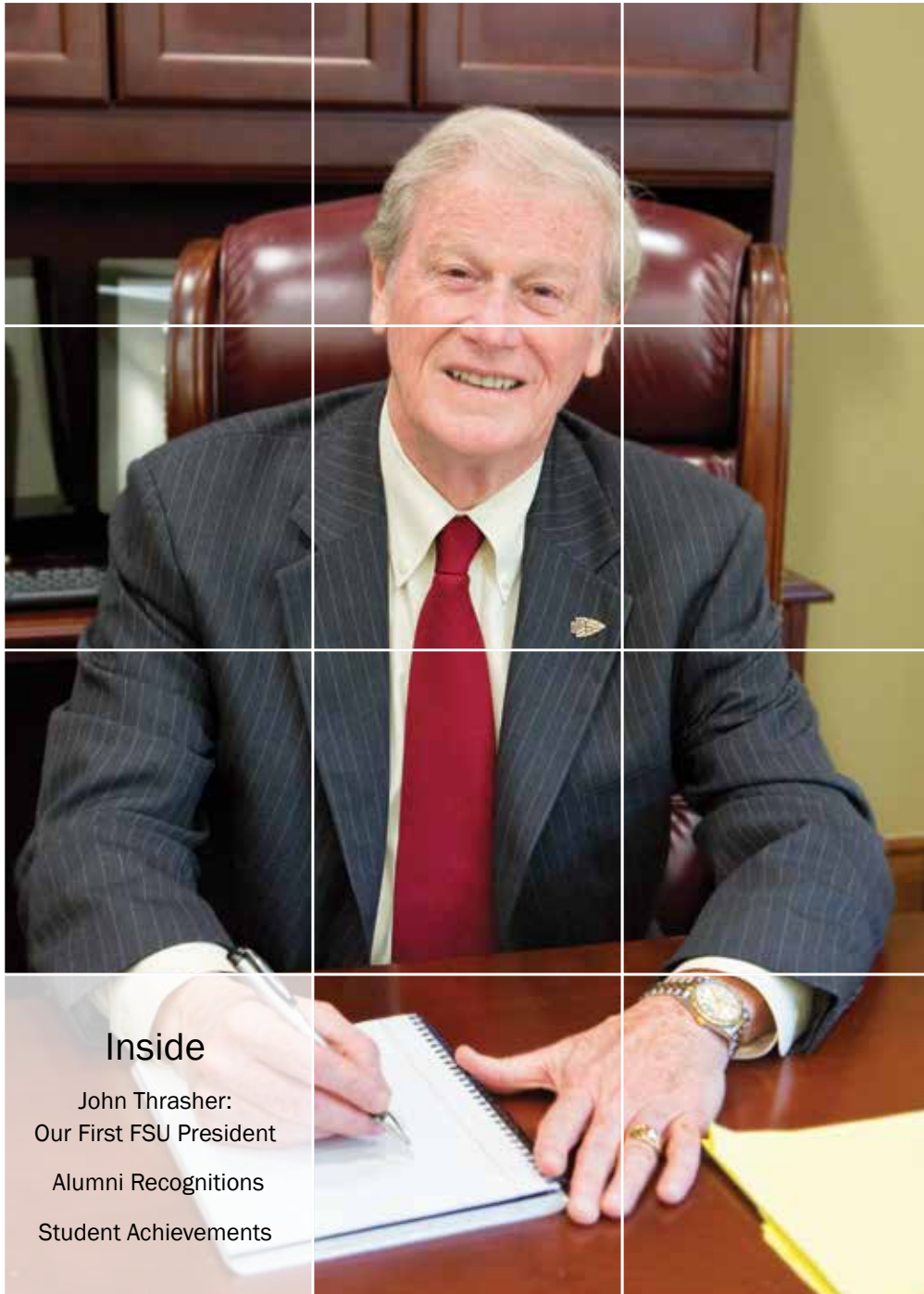


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A Semester of Many Events and Changes



There is so much to report on since the last issue of *Florida State Law*.

John Thrasher ('72) rolled up his sleeves as the first Florida State University College of Law alum to become the President of Florida State University! As the cover story of this issue explains, John has for years been a strong supporter in the legislature of Florida State University and of our law school.

Two much-loved and respected senior faculty members have just retired, Elizabeth C. & Clyde W. Atkinson Professor Donna Christie and Tallahassee Alumni Professor Elwin Griffith. Donna began on our faculty in 1981, and was instrumental in the establishment and administration of both our Environmental Law Program and our International Law Program. Elwin began on our faculty in 1986, having previously served for two terms as Dean of DePaul College of Law in Chicago. Elwin for years managed our Caribbean Law Institute, through which he involved many of our faculty in the processes of international law reform, particularly of commercial and business laws. As the two articles about them in this issue make clear, both are wonderful people who will be sorely missed.

This issue also brings news of three exciting additions to our faculty. Avlana Eisenberg, who will be joining us from the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard Law School, will teach primarily in Criminal Law and Procedure, Prison Reform, and Professional Responsibility. Erin Ryan has left her spot on the faculty at Lewis & Clark Law School to join us and teach courses in Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law and in Negotiation. Justin Sevier, who is joining us after a stint as an Associate Research Scholar at Yale Law School, will be teaching Evidence, Closely Held Business Organizations and Behavioral Law and Economics.

Our international law programs have been blossoming, thanks especially to the efforts of Associate Dean for International Programs and Mason Ladd Professor David Landau. At our May commencement, we awarded eleven lawyers from other nations LL.M.s in American Law. They hailed from countries as diverse as Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, India, Nigeria, and Venezuela. They enriched all our lives while they were with us, and will

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help us globalize our alumni network.

BLSA continues to be a student organization of extraordinary vitality and accomplishment. This year, our BLSA won 1st place in the National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, after winning the regionals in both Moot Court and in Mock Trial. BLSA also brought home a National Chapter of the Year Award.

Also continuing a tradition of bringing home the gold, our Moot Court Team again won first place in the national J. Braxton Craven, Jr. Memorial Competition in constitutional law, held at the University of North Carolina law school in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Our Mock Trial team hosted another national Mock Trial Invitational Competition, drawing competitors from around the country and engaging many judges and lawyers in the Tallahassee legal community as judges and jurors. Professor Ruth Stone crafted the competition package.

Our nationally compelling faculty brought top talent from around the country, and from around the globe, to two extraordinary conferences held here this spring. Betty T. Ferguson Professor Franita Tolson put together a remarkable Voting Rights Symposium and Mason Ladd Professor David Landau assembled an equally impressive Younger Comparativists Conference.

Finally, special mention must be made of two of our students, Amy Parker and Zach Lombardo. We are all in their debt for successfully organizing a group of fellow students on an Alternative Spring Break to help migrant workers in Immokalee.

There is much more news reported in this issue, but these highlights should be sufficient to whet your appetite. Thanks!



Don Weidner

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John E. Thrasher: The Law School's First FSU President

By Christi N. Morgan

On Monday, November 10, 2014, John Thrasher became the first College of Law alumnus to assume the Florida State University presidency.

"I've had a love for Florida State University for many, many years," said Thrasher, who obtained his bachelor's and law degrees from FSU. "Florida State gave me opportunities to achieve my hopes and dreams. I got into politics, which gave me a platform to help the university. Over the years, even when I wasn't in the House and Senate, I think I was able to help out. Being president is kind of the culmination of all that. Obviously I thought about it, but never dreamed I'd have the opportunity. To have the opportunity is an incredible blessing."

Thrasher's steadfast support for the university has been extremely impactful. In addition to helping the law school obtain funding for the Advocacy Center when he was a state senator, Thrasher previously served as the first chair of the FSU Board of Trustees. The medical school is also named in Thrasher's honor because he was a key supporter of legislation to fund the College of Medicine.

Although still in the early months of his presidency, Thrasher has a clear vision for what he plans to accomplish. His first priority is to lead Florida State

into the nation's top 25 public universities. "So much of our ability to provide the best experience for our students is related to resources and we depend on the Florida Legislature for a great deal of that," said Thrasher, who was interviewed for this article during the first week of the 2015 legislative session. "We are working hard to let the legis-

the private sector as well as the government sector. You see how gifted and incredible they are. These young people are just exceptional. They are people we are proud to have at FSU and proud to send out into the world."

Faculty salaries also are a top priority – especially ensuring that long-time professors are competitively compen-

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lature know that we're accountable for the resources they provide us and that we're good stewards of those dollars, but that in order for us to get into the top 25 of public universities, we need their support. We have to demonstrate that those dollars are going to be used in an effective way."

Thrasher points to graduate outcomes – job placement and societal contributions – as evidence of Florida State's successful use of resources. "Our students are getting good opportunities – particularly our law students – in both

sated. "We have had some market issues – the concept is called compression – where we have to bring in younger people at a level almost as close to the same level as some of our senior professors and we're working on trying to adjust, if you will, the salary equity issue that is out there. In order to retain and obtain quality faculty, we've got to be very competitive in terms of salary."

Another goal is to continue to build cutting-edge facilities that will accommodate the university's growing student body, which is comprised of 42,000

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John and Jean Thrasher surrounded by their three children, their children's spouses, and their eight grandchildren

members this year.

Additionally, Thrasher is determined to reach the \$1 billion ‘Raise the Torch’ campaign goal that he inherited. “I feel a sense of direct responsibility,” said Thrasher. “We’re a little over halfway there, so I’ll be on the road a lot between now and next fall, meeting with potential donors, meeting with friends of the university and alumni, and telling the story about how good Florida State University is. Our law school is one of the top ranked in the country; our

other schools are doing very well. We need to get out and make sure people understand that story.”

Thrasher has been visiting cities across Florida during the past few months to spread the word about his goals for Florida State and about all of

the wonderful things that are occurring at his beloved university. During his travels, he has enjoyed meeting many fellow alums who are eager to help him elevate their alma mater.

He has also spent the last several months getting to know the staff at

“We have to embrace big ideas, we have to not be afraid to measure outcomes – are we doing the right things and accomplishing goals we’ve set, and we’ve got to communicate, to be very transparent.”

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Florida State and learning the complexities of the university’s budget.

Although it may seem like his previous experience in politics is vastly different from his work at the university, Thrasher’s core personality traits make him well suited for both worlds.

“There are three basic, fundamental things that I have in my DNA,” said Thrasher. “We have to embrace big ideas, we have to not be afraid to measure outcomes – are we doing the right things and accomplishing goals we’ve set, and we’ve got to communicate, to be very transparent.”

Thrasher believes those three traits were keys to his success in governmental relations and also will be keys to his presidency.

Thrasher grew up on Jacksonville’s west side and attended Robert E. Lee High School. After earning his bachelor’s degree in finance from Florida State, he served in the U.S. Army. Thrasher earned an Army Commendation Medal in Germany and two Bronze Stars for his service in Vietnam before being honorably discharged in 1970. Never one to slow down, Thrasher headed straight to Tallahassee to study law.

“I had returned from Vietnam, literally four days before I started law school,” said Thrasher. “It was a cultural shock.”

Because he and his wife, Jean, were raising two young children when he started studying law, Thrasher was determined to earn his juris doctor as quickly as possible. Although he also was working full-time, Thrasher graduated with honors in a little more than two years.

“I’m excited to be at FSU and looking forward to the next several years. It’s all about, how can we move the needle to make the experience for our students even better – not only for the students that are here now, but also for the students in the future. It’s all about making sure that our students have the same opportunities that a lot of us who are alumni had to pursue their hopes and dreams, and to make sure that doors are open for them.”

“I had to get out and get a job to support my family,” said Thrasher, who graduated from the College of Law in December 1972. “It was a stressful time. I give my wife all the credit for holding us together as a family and all the things she did to help make life as comfortable for us as possible.”

In December, the Thrashers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple attended the same high school in Jacksonville, but they did not meet until Thrasher was a sophomore at Florida State University.

“We got married my senior year and that last semester, I made the best grades I ever made in four years of college; she had a lot to do with my success,” remarked Thrasher.

Two of their three children also graduated from Florida State and Thrasher hopes many of his eight grandchildren will follow the same path. His oldest grand-daughter is in high school, so she will be evaluating colleges in the near future. If Thrasher’s grandchildren do attend FSU, his work at the university will likely impact them.

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W. Riley Allen: Venturing Beyond the Law

By Christi N. Morgan



Surfing big waves, educating children about American history, and eradicating cancer are just a few of Riley Allen’s passions. In addition, Allen has fervently advocated for thousands of clients during his 30-plus-year law career.

When entering the Orlando offices of Riley Allen Law, the décor is the first hint that it is not a typical law firm. Bright metal artwork hangs from the ceilings, the staircase railings are painted a vibrant turquoise, shiny ductwork is exposed, and the light fixtures and furniture are streamlined and bold. The conference room tables are purposefully round so that no one sits at the head of the table.

Allen, a 1981 College of Law graduate, strives to be creative and fearless as he battles huge companies during the representation of his clients. “We’ve always handled David and Goliath

cases, where it would be me, or me and a buddy, and we’d walk into a room and there would be 20 lawyers on the other side with all of their assistants,” said Allen about his complex civil litigation practice. “As much work as that takes, it’s just the way I’m wired. A lot of people think I’m crazy, but I can’t help it. We just do it to try to help – to give a voice to those that otherwise wouldn’t have one.”

Allen’s approach has garnered more than 60 settlements or verdicts in excess of \$1 million. Because of his success, Allen has received numerous law-related honors, but he is most proud of his work as a legal guardian for abused and neglected children. As a result of his service, in 1997, he was the Orange County Bar Association’s first-ever recipient of the “Guardian ad Litem of the Year Award.”

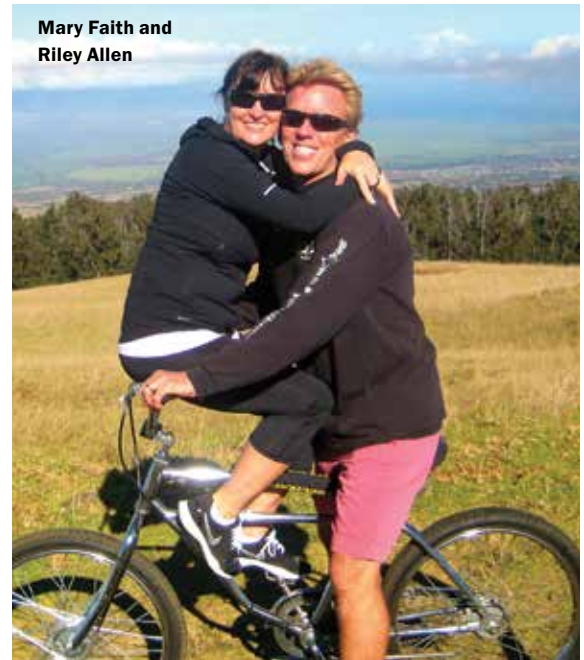
“My first year I had 12 or 13 kids,” said Allen, who had been a juvenile counselor. “And I’ve had about 75 kids over the years and that is the most important thing I’ve done as a lawyer. That’s what I encourage others to do because it’s so needed and you get so much out of it.

“You don’t have to have a lot of money or give a lot of money to help, you can give at any level you choose. You can be very valuable if you are just willing to put

the time in.”

Allen, who considered medical school before choosing a career in the law, has long been involved in the medical field. As a principal in TPEC, The Tumor Project to Eradicate Cancer, Allen and his partners are fighting against America’s second-leading cause of death. The group includes some brilliant scientists, one of whom previously worked for a large pharmaceutical company before his projects were shelved despite making significant headway. TPEC negotiated for the rights to one of the shelved projects.

“We’ve been working on it for several years and we’ve made a lot of progress,” said Allen. “We figured if we were going to do it, we’d start with the worst cancerous tumors out there, which are



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in the brain, known as glioblastomas. I don't like to get ahead of myself, but we've made phenomenal progress in the laboratory setting with mice, rats, pigs, and most recently dogs. We excise brain tumors and then we apply this patent-pending formulation that we created. If we're successful, this is life altering. When you look at the application of this drug to these cancerous tumors, it eradicates them. It's just mind blowing!”

Allen also is CEO of RBC Medical — a medical technology company that works to develop and distribute state-of-the-art products — and is a



principal in Physicians' Pharmaceutical Solutions — a company that provides innovative treatment solutions for chronic and acute medical conditions. He also is a principal partner in developing a revolutionary, patent-pending, expandable spinal surgical cage that allows the patient to maintain range of motion often lost after spinal fusion surgery.

One of Allen's newest ventures is not



a medical project, but one that aims to teach children details about American history that are missing from their school books. Through The Freedom Kids project, Allen and three former clients are writing novels that explain how faith guided many of the founders of the United States of America. The novels are about four young people who travel back in time with their middle school teacher and meet various people from throughout American history. Allen anticipates that the initial 10 stories that are written could be available for purchase this year.

“The Freedom Kids is the other side of what you are taught in school. I get separation of church and state, but it only tells half the story when you are in public school and you have no idea what really was motivating people and how they felt they were guided and what they felt their obligations and duties were because of their faith,” said Allen, whose own faith has been a guiding force for this project and everything else in his life. “It tells the stories in a way that we hope will help kids retain the information.”

While Allen thoroughly enjoys writing, his first passion is surfing.

“I love it because it humbles you and you have a lot of time to think and to reflect on what's important,” said Allen, who has traveled to destinations including Australia, Costa Rica, Hawaii, New Zealand and Nicaragua to surf. “You realize from the power of the waves, especially if you are surfing in big waves, you could die each time that you are in that environment, so you do a lot of praying to survive. But I love it and it's beautiful.”

Allen's three sons with his wife of 25 years, Mary Faith, all grew up surfing with their father. Dalton, Chase and Troy also learned to love sports through their father, who has coached many of their various athletic teams. When the family traveled to Hawaii for Mary Faith's 50th birthday, Allen convinced his wife get on a surfboard.

One of Allen's favorite quotes is: “The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it,” by William James. Through his family, work and other passions, Allen's life, undoubtedly, already has had a profound and lasting impact on others. ■

Laura L. Ferrante: Conquering New Challenges

By Christi N. Morgan



As someone who loves to expand her knowledge-base, who gets bored quickly and whose areas of expertise are diverse and broad, serving as corporate legal counsel for Paul Davis Restoration, Inc., is the perfect job for Laura L. Ferrante.

“Paul Davis has given me so much opportunity to do all kinds of different things. It’s been a very challenging, but fun place to work,” said Ferrante, who joined Paul Davis in 2012. The company, which has more than 350 general contracting franchises in North America, is headquartered in Jacksonville.

In providing legal counsel on all compliance, corporate and franchise matters, Ferrante draws upon her background in insurance defense litigation, contracts, construction law and employment law. She began her law career with a large insurance defense firm, so she has worked with businesses since she graduated from law school in 1985. Ferrante’s experience as a certified mediator also has been valuable. In 2013, Ferrante helped Paul Davis implement a new mediation program that has already proven to be successful.

“We have an internal arbitration system – the network agrees to arbitrate rather than go to court when they have disputes, and it works out pretty well,” said Ferrante. “What I noticed when I got here was that there are some instances where there is a lot at stake and the dispute can cause a lot of conflict within the network itself. For example, there could be two franchises that just don’t get along at all and arbitrations can become very protracted, very expensive and it’s very disruptive to the network. So, I thought that a mediation program might work. We had a couple of very difficult arbitrations going on and we decided to give it a try and it actually

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worked. And people were very happy with the result.”

Ferrante, who still holds an active mediation license, believes that serving as a mediator has made her a better lawyer. “In everything that I do now, I always ask, how can we make this into a win-win? How can we make any situation work so that nobody feels like they lost? In everything that I do, I take that mediation training and all that experience that I have and it has been hugely important to my career.”

Ferrante’s legal experience is so varied because she enjoys challenging herself and learning new skills. What others perceive as risky, Ferrante sees as exciting. While her mother provided steady love and encouragement, she credits her entrepreneurial engineer father, Thomas Ferrante, with shaping this mindset.

“My dad owned his own businesses. He did everything from being a distributor of semi-conductors to owning a bike shop,” recalled Ferrante. “If he wanted to do it, he just did it. And he was very fearless. He had ups and downs and I learned from that too, that there is calculated risk. I learned a lot from him. He always told my brother and sister and I, ‘Don’t let anything stop you. If you get stopped, just go in another direction.’”

Ferrante’s fearless nature also been invaluable in her personal life.

In 1993, Ferrante was very focused on her career. She and her husband, Frank Hession, were practicing law together and had a 5-year-old son, Travis, and a 21-month-old daughter, Kelsey. Then, in what Ferrante refers to as a defining moment, her little girl was diagnosed with leukemia. “I wanted to

During the five years of chemotherapy that ultimately cured Kelsey, Ferrante utilized her legal skills to establish and expand CHILD Cancer Fund.

succeed and I was pretty hard-charging at that time. When something like that happens, you realize that’s not important. Your family is what’s important. Some of the decisions I made after that, like going into mediation and being available to my kids, I always thought about that.”

During the five years of chemotherapy that ultimately cured Kelsey, Ferrante utilized her legal skills to establish and expand CHILD Cancer Fund.

“When Kelsey was first diagnosed, she would have chemo in the hospital and then at Nemours Children’s Clinic. I remember going to the clinic and seeing other parents there and nobody really talked to each other,” said Ferrante. “I started to talk to some of the parents and the medical staff said, ‘We really would like some of the parents to get together to help us provide some of the child life services.’ There is a child life specialist at Nemours by the name of Joli who reads stories to the kids and plays with them and is with them when they’re having procedures. Without her the kids would be lost. At the time Joli was in danger of losing her job because of budget cuts.”

Ferrante and another mother secured donations and Ferrante drafted all of the legal documents to create the non-profit organization. “We’re still in existence – it’s been 20 years – and Joli is still with Nemours as the child life specialist. We help all families in the Jacksonville area. If they can’t pay bills

we help them and we provide support groups. It’s like having someone there for you from the moment of diagnosis and your world crashes, holding your hand through the whole process, helping you through it, until you no longer need them anymore.”

Kelsey, now 24, graduated from the University of Virginia in 2013 and works as an implementation specialist for a software company in Washington, D.C. 27-year-old Travis is a systems engineer at an IT company in Jacksonville.

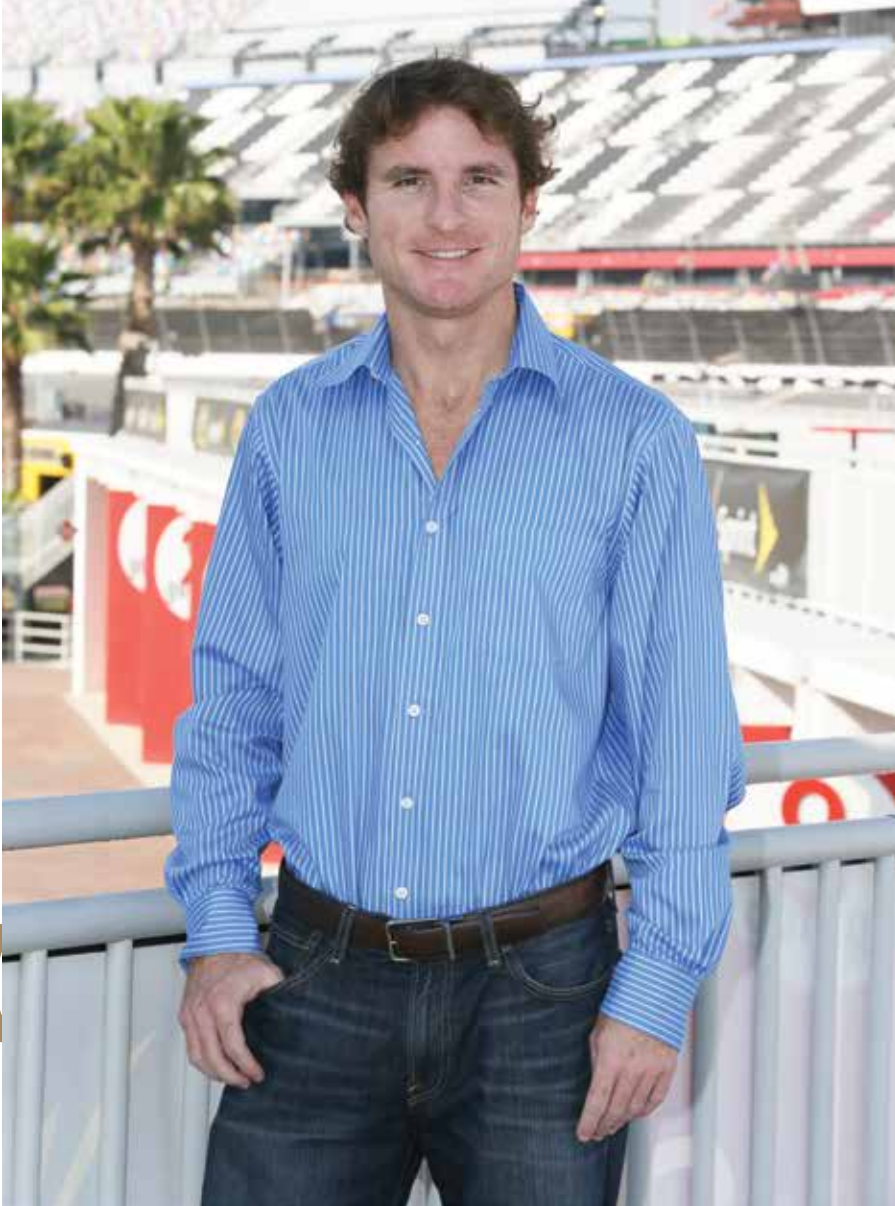
“I can’t get either of them to go to law school,” joked Ferrante.

Because of her personal experiences, Ferrante also volunteers on boards for Baptist Medical Center and Nemours Children’s Clinics. “My daughter was on a research study while undergoing treatment. They are constantly trying to figure out why people get leukemia, why people get diseases. You’ve got real progress being made in the medical field, I’ve watched in hematology and oncology for the last 20 years. I find it extremely interesting – the things that they know now that they didn’t know 20 years ago. So, I have been doing this not only to ensure patient safety and to ensure families are fully informed about the studies that they are on, but also to see where research is taking us. It’s absolutely fascinating.”

Through volunteering and her work at Paul Davis, Ferrante is constantly learning and challenging herself. She is seemingly right where she is meant to be. ■

Ben Odom: On the Fast Track

By Christi N. Morgan



When Benjamin “Ben” Odom entered law school, he had no intention of practicing law. He was working as an assistant for the Florida State University football team and thought his legal training would be useful in coaching. He never imagined he would practice corporate and transactional law at the nation’s leading promoter of motorsports activities.

After passing the bar and several years of the long hours associated with coaching football, Odom was ready for a change. He wanted to spend more time with family and to live closer to the water, so in 2006 Odom moved to Daytona Beach to be an attorney at International Speedway Corporation (ISC), which currently owns 13 race-track facilities and promotes more than 100 events annually.

“It was the first law job I ever had and I really didn’t have a ton of corporate law experience,” said the Class of 2004 law grad. “They brought me over for a specific purpose. At that time, ISC and NASCAR were having more sponsorship and sales agreements coming in than they could process, so they brought in somebody to cut their teeth on those agreements, but also to get them in and get them out. You would never believe how many contracts had to be in place to run one NASCAR event.”

Odom – whose responsibilities expanded as he took on new challenges

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as ISC’s business evolved – now serves as ISC’s associate general counsel and director of compliance. His days are spent managing the company’s contract process and the attorneys who draft the contracts, building relationships within the industry, and handling compliance-related work.

“There are a whole host of other compliance-related issues that our business has,” said Odom about work that goes beyond the company’s quarterly filings. “We own 13 race tracks, so there is environmental compliance, there is accessibility and ADA compliance. We sell our own tickets and process our own credit card transactions, so there is digital compliance.”

Odom often attends races for work, but he is far too busy to enjoy them the way a typical attendee does. During events in Daytona, Odom seizes the opportunity to network with sponsors and other industry professionals. He always makes himself available in case there is an emergency, or to give garage tours and help anyone who needs a hand. Odom typically watches the races after-the-fact with his 5-year-old Bassett Hound, Jessi.

Odom’s office in Daytona Beach overlooks Daytona International Speedway. But the view and the races are not what has kept Odom at ISC for more than nine years.

“My boss is fantastic, the people I get to work with are fantastic, the business people I get to work with are amazing,” said Odom. “Bill France, Sr. started this by himself back in 1948, and now his grandson runs NASCAR and his granddaughter runs ISC. Even though we’re publically traded, we treat it as a

family business and that’s awesome. It feels like coming to work with family all day, every day.”

Odom recently has used his experience at ISC to benefit Florida State law students. He has visited campus twice to share his story and insights about how students can prepare for corporate life, including taking advantage of relatively new specialized business law classes. ISC also has established a clinical externship for Florida State students to obtain hands-on experience

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in transactional work. This summer, two students will serve as ISC’s inaugural Florida State externs.

“Any time I’m invited back, if somebody thinks I can help out, I’m going to,” said Odom about visiting the law school. “I’m surprised anybody wants to hear what I’ve got to say, but if it helps students, I’ll do it. When I was in that position, I had some really amazing people who were true mentors and made sure that I wasn’t on my own. I always felt like I had a responsibility to return the favor to any extent possible. So if we can offer an internship to somebody who is in the same boat I was 15 years ago and they benefit, I want to. For alumni, it’s one thing to donate, that’s great and we’ve got to do it, but something as valuable is donating your knowledge and time and resources.”

When Odom isn’t working, he enjoys

running and fishing – and Jessi is often by his side.

“I’ve got an 18-foot flats boat, I live 10 minutes from the water, and if it’s a sunny day on the weekend, you’re going to find me on the water, hopefully catching a fish,” said Odom, whose earliest memories involve boating with his father and grandfather.

Odom’s grandfather, Palmer Daughtry, had an enormous impact on Odom. “He is the smartest man I’ve ever met. He was an amazing renaissance man – self-made, fought in World War II, fought in the Korean War, grew up a farmer. You’ve never seen anyone work harder, you’ve never seen anyone be as diligent and as conscientious. If he was going to do something, he was going to do it right. You knew from watching him that if you worked hard enough and if you did the right things for the right reasons, there was no problem you couldn’t solve.”

The year before Daughtry passed away in 2013, Odom took him fishing in the Keys – a place Odom’s grandparents often took him on vacation. “It was the best week of my life,” recalled Odom.

Although Odom did not envision himself practicing law when he was younger, Daughtry did. “We were a very blue collar, very rural family. Anything that my grandfather ever did, he had to have an attorney work on it with him. He always thought there should be an attorney in the family. He always told me that I had the skill set and the capabilities and the work ethic to do it. Eventually, you hear something like that from a guy you respect and you begin to believe it.” ■

Professor Donna Christie Retires



Donna Christie, the Elizabeth C. & Clyde W. Atkinson Professor, arrived in Tallahassee in 1981.

After more than three decades at the Florida State University College of Law, she taught her last class in April.

“When I arrived at FSU, the law library was under construction; all the classrooms in Roberts Hall were lined with books that had no home yet,” recalled Christie. “By 1981 the student body had already evolved to about equal numbers of men and women, the faculty had a long way to go – I was the third woman faculty member. I was also the first woman to rise from assistant professor to full professor, and the first woman to serve as associate dean.

“Although the law school has changed a great deal physically, the biggest change is the attitude of the faculty and students about the school. In 1981, we had a long way to go – and we knew it and took on the challenge. Today,

“For years, Donna singlehandedly created and carried our international law program and our environmental law program,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “She had a vision for creating and expanding our offerings in both of those areas and pressed to hire faculty in both areas.”

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both the students and the faculty have a great sense of pride in the law school and in themselves – it’s deserved!”

During her tenure at Florida State, Christie was instrumental in creating two of the law school’s core programs.

“Dean Don often jokingly accuses me of coming to FSU under false pretenses, since I was originally hired to teach Uniform Commercial Code courses,” said Christie. “But the fact is, at that time, it was virtually impossible to get a teaching job if you confessed you really cared about environmental or international law. When Don opened the door to the creation of programs in these areas, I was eager to take on making it happen.”

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Professor Christie visited the Great Wall while teaching in China in 2014.



Professor Christie and her husband, Jim, with alum Buck Vocelle ('82) (left) in London. Christie ran into Vocelle, who was a student in the first class she taught at FSU, while she was in London for the law school's Oxford program.

those areas and pressed to hire faculty in both areas.”

Christie’s work eventually culminated in Florida State’s environmental law program being ranked one of the nation’s top 10 programs in the area. The program is currently ranked 17th best in the nation and has been ranked among the top 20 programs for more than a decade.

“I remember, she brought J.B. Ruhl to a reception we were hosting at the AALS faculty recruitment conference in Washington, D.C.,” recalled Weidner. “She said, ‘we really need to hire this guy.’ We did and it was a major step in building our program.”

Ruhl taught at Florida State for several years before leaving to teach at Vanderbilt Law School.

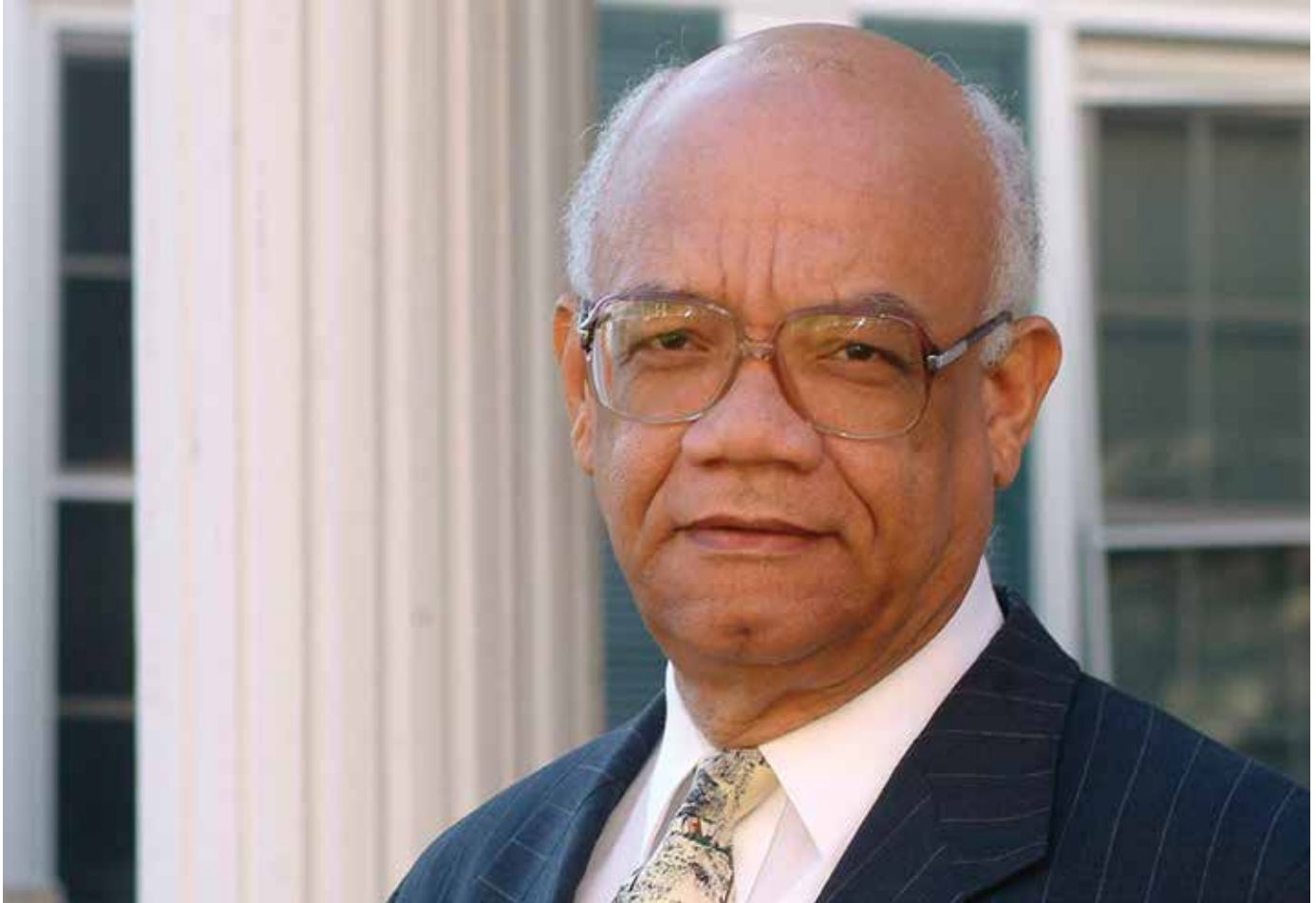
Christie also served for many years as associate dean for international programs, managing the law school’s popular study abroad programs and the certificate program in the area of international law. Under her leader-

ship, Florida State also began educating foreign lawyers through the LL.M. Program in American Law for Foreign Lawyers.

“I loved interacting with students in our international programs,” said Christie. “In addition to our Oxford program, we had programs in Barbados and Prague. In many cases, this was the first chance for the students to go abroad and experience different people and cultures. I could literally watch their world grow!”

Although Christie is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her grandsons, she will miss being around students now that she is retired. “It keeps you young or maybe it just keeps your attitude younger and amenable to change and challenges. I don’t want to lose that.” ■

Professor Elwin Griffith Retires



Elwin Griffith, who joined the Florida State law faculty in 1986, retired after the spring 2015 semester. In addition to being an excellent teacher, Griffith has been a productive member of the faculty since arriving on campus.

“I have been staggered by Elwin’s unwavering commitment to the scholarly mission of the law school,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “I especially appreciate the tremendous range of his scholarship. He has published well-cited works in consumer credit, immigration law, and law and psychiatry.”

In recognition of his scholarly accomplishments, Griffith has served as the Tallahassee Alumni Professor since 1999. In recent years, even as he neared retirement, Griffith has still been a productive scholar. He published articles in the *Akron Law Review* in 2014 and the *University of Kansas Law Review* in 2012. Griffith gives much credit to the “unsung heroes” on the staff and at the law library for helping him develop his scholarship.

While at Florida State, Griffith taught a variety of courses in areas related to

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his scholarship, including Commercial Paper, Consumer Law, Immigration Law and Law and Psychiatry.

“I love the interaction with the students,” said Griffith when asked what he would miss most about teaching. “The students are very engaging. They ask some very good questions about the subject matter. I remember a lot of very good questions that students have posed to me over the years that informed my future teaching – various insights that had not occurred to me. Students, although they don’t realize it, are themselves teachers and that is part of the enjoyment of the profession.”

During his tenure at Florida State, Griffith witnessed many changes in the faculty.

“I think the law school’s reputation has improved so tremendously,” said Griffith. “We are now getting some very good people joining the faculty with interests in various fields. The faculty is very much oriented towards scholarship and also very interested in good teaching.”

“I’ll miss my colleagues on the faculty. They’ve been very cordial and they’ve helped me in a lot of ways.”

Griffith, who hails from Barbados, also served as the executive director of the Caribbean Law Institute (CLI) for many years. The institute, a joint project between FSU and the University of the

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West Indies, was established in 1988 to promote activities that would further clarify the laws affecting trade, commerce and investment in the Caribbean, while at the same time respecting the unique needs of local jurisdictions.

“As head of the Caribbean Law Institute, Elwin involved many faculty members in the important work of international law reform,” said Weidner.

Griffith considers his leadership of the institute his greatest accomplishment at Florida State. “I enjoyed the institute’s work very much. The Caribbean Law Institute made a major contribution to law reform.”

Before joining the Florida State law faculty, Griffith was assistant dean at Drake University College of Law, associate dean at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and dean at DePaul University College of Law. Prior to his career in academia, Griffith served as assistant counsel to Chase Manhattan Bank and Teachers Insurance & Annuity Association, both in New York City.

After such a productive and long career, Griffith is looking forward to spending more time with his family during retirement. With siblings in Connecticut, New York, Orlando, Birmingham, England and Barbados, and

a daughter and grandson in Vermont, Griffith will likely travel more often. He is most looking forward to having more time to play with his 9-year-old grandson, Jaden.

Griffith does not expect retirement to halt his scholarly pursuits, but they will change. “Even though I will continue to write, I can take a little longer to write.” ■

Students Take the Helm of Alternative Spring Break Program



Amy Parker



Zach Lombardo

Third-year students Amy Parker and Zach Lombardo know first-hand the value of the law school's Alternative Spring Break program. As 1Ls, Parker and Lombardo participated in the program, traveling with a small group of classmates to Immokalee during spring break to assist migrant farm workers with legal issues.

"These pro bono opportunities are so vital to students," said Parker. "These migrant workers we're helping have a daily impact on our lives. When we go to the store we are literally buying what they pick, so it's important that we let these people know they have rights. And it's shocking to see their living conditions. It's an incredibly rewarding experience, beyond getting your pro bono requirement completed. And you get professional, legal experience as a student attorney doing this."

When Parker realized that the program needed an organizer this year, she was willing to do whatever was necessary to make sure other students had the same opportunity she had. With the support of Professor Paolo

Annino and the Public Interest Law Center, Parker and Lombardo started updating this year's application and recruiting students. The response was overwhelming. A record 20 students, including 3 international LL.M. students, participated this year.

"This was the first time that our international LL.M.s got to go," said Parker, who also is the executive president of the student group Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

The selected students left Tallahassee on Thursday, March 5 for Immokalee. While there, they received legal training from Florida Rural Legal Services attorneys, visited migrant worker camps and participated in a housing clinic for domestic workers who live in the area. On the last day of the trip, Monday, March 9, students drove to Clearwater to meet with the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Unique to this year's program was a shift in the work that students took on while in Immokalee. "In the past, the

program had a strong medical focus. Feedback from previous students was that sometimes we felt distanced from the process because often we were shadowing med students because the medical school goes at the same time. This feedback allowed me to create a personalized program this year. The students universally wanted to focus more on legal aspects as opposed to medical aspects."

Students visited two camps while in Immokalee. "We did stumble on a major legal issue at one of the camps and I believe the Florida Rural Legal paralegal was able to sign the person up as a client right there, which generally doesn't happen. We had an almost immediate impact, which was something the students were in awe at," said Parker. "Generally we go and hand out informational packets and then workers call later. Primarily, what we are there to do is to let people know they have rights. We can't affirmatively say, 'Do you want our representation?' We have to tell

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2015 Alternative Spring Break participants



them a general statement about their rights, hand them information and say, ‘Do you have any questions?’ And they often do. We’re also there to let them know that Florida Rural Legal Services exists and it’s a free service for them.”

On the final evening of the program, alumnus Chris Lombardo ('83) and his wife Nancy hosted the students at their ranch in LaBelle. “It was an awesome experience,” said Parker, who will serve as a graduate fellow attorney at the Public Interest Law Center beginning in August. “The students had so much fun grilling and four-wheeling and talking to Mr. Lombardo. I really am thankful that he made that a part of our trip. It was a nice downtime and a good connection with alumni that showed their support of Alternative Spring Break.”

Participants all wrote reflections about their Alternative Spring Break experiences, many of which echoed Parker’s sentiments about the program.

“I am proud to attend a law school that makes public service a priority by funding programs like Alternative



Students receive training from Florida Rural Legal Services attorneys.

Spring Break,” wrote participant Chris Cabral in his reflection. “As I finish up my last semester and begin what I hope to be a long legal career, I am certain that I will always remember my experiences in Immokalee, and am grateful for the always important reminder that a legal education carries with it the obligation to help those who are in need, particularly those who are exploited due to their lack of familiarity with the law.”

Terry and Linda Cole Give Additional \$200,000 to Law School



Terry P. Cole, a 1970 graduate of the College of Law, and his wife Linda have pledged \$200,000 to the law school to create the Terry and Linda Cole Environmental Law Scholarship. The income distributed from

the endowment will be used for scholarships to students in the LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy program, scholarships to students pursuing a Certificate in Environmental Law, and scholarships to students who are members of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*.

Cole previously established the Gunster Environmental Law Scholarship with gifts totaling \$50,000. That scholarship is awarded each year to a second-year law student who has demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in environmental law and who has an outstanding academic record.

“The law degree from Florida State was a life-changing event,” said Cole. “I was the first in my family to receive a college degree, let alone a professional degree. Over the years, we hope the scholarships will have a similar effect on the careers of students receiving the scholarship and that they in turn will find a way to benefit future students.”

“We are all extremely grateful to Terry and Linda for their generous support of the law school, especially our top-ranked environmental law program,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “In addition to generously supporting the environmental law program, Terry and Linda are enthusiastic supporters of a wide range of programs across the Florida State campus.”

Cole is a shareholder at Gunster in Tallahassee, where he focuses his practice on environmental law, administrative law and litigation. He also is a member of the law school’s Board of Visitors.

Public Interest Law Center Receives Grants



Paolo Annino

The law school’s Public Interest Law Center has received three grants that will help the center provide legal services to the under-represented, while training Florida State law students in advocacy. The Florida Bar Foundation has awarded the center \$107,008 and the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office (GAL) has awarded the center two grants totaling \$40,000.

The Florida Bar Foundation grant is specifically for children’s legal services and will fund the Children’s Advocacy Clinic’s efforts to provide legal representation to children with health care access or special education issues. The GAL grants will be used to provide training to attorneys who are representing dependent children with special needs.

“We are very grateful to the Florida Bar Foundation and to the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office for this impactful funding,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “We would especially like to thank Florida Bar Foundation Executive Director Bruce Blackwell, a 1975 graduate of the law school, and Statewide Guardian ad Litem Executive Director Alan Abramowitz, a 1989 graduate of the law school, for their support of our Public Interest Law Center.”

“I am very proud of our students,” said Paolo Annino, the Glass Professor of Public Interest Law and director of the Children’s Advocacy Clinic. “These grants are a recognition of the innovative advocacy of FSU law students. Our students are zealous advocates in all major problem-solving forums: from the Florida Legislature to the Florida Supreme Court. They are providing legal help not only to individual children, but their advocacy is impacting how we as a state and as a nation treat children.”

Three Federal Judges Visit Law School



**The Honorable
Jeffrey Sutton**



**The Honorable
Margaret "Casey"
Rodgers**



**The Honorable
Mark E. Walker**

During the spring 2015 semester, we welcomed three federal judges to campus to meet with students and faculty. On January 29 and 30, the Honorable Jeffrey Sutton, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, visited the law school. On March 5, the Honorable Margaret "Casey" Rodgers and the Honorable Mark E. Walker, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, joined us on campus.

Judge Sutton was first nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit by President George W. Bush on May 9, 2001. He was confirmed on April 29, 2003 and received his commission on May 5, 2003. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was in private practice in Columbus, Ohio and was state solicitor for Ohio. He also previously worked as a law clerk for a federal appeals judge and for a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

During Judge Sutton's time on campus, he had lunch and individual meetings with students, visited Professor Mark



**Judge Sutton speaks to
students during lunch**

Spottswood's Advanced Civil Procedure class, and met with faculty members.

Chief Judge Rodgers was nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida by President George W. Bush on July 14, 2003. She was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate on October 20, 2003, and received her commission on November 21, 2003. She has served as chief judge of the court since 2011. Chief Judge Rodgers previously served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. She also worked as a law clerk for a federal judge, in private practice, and as general counsel for West Florida Medical Center. In addition, she served in the United States Army.



**Chief Judge Rodgers and Judge Walker meet
with Law Review students**

Judge Walker was nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida by President Barack Obama on February 16, 2012, and was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate on December 6, 2012. Prior to his commission on December 7, 2012, Judge Walker was a judge on the Second Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. He also previously worked as a private practice attorney, as an assistant public defender, and as a clerk to judges on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Florida Supreme Court.

While visiting the College of Law, Chief Judge Rodgers and Judge Walker had breakfast, lunch and individual meetings with students. They also met with faculty members, including faculty who assist in helping students obtain judicial clerkships through the law school's clerkships committee.

Florida State Hosts Third Annual Mock Trial Competition

On March 20-22, the College of Law Mock Trial Team hosted its third National Mock Trial Competition. The civil law competition, which was made possible through the generous support of alumnus Wayne Hogan ('72) and his wife Pat Hogan, showcased to a national audience the Advocacy Center's five courtrooms with cutting-edge technology.

Ten teams competed, with Brooklyn Law School beating Charleston School of Law in the final round. Other schools participating were Faulkner University School of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Fordham University School of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, Stetson University College of Law, SUNY Buffalo Law School, University of South Dakota School of Law, and William & Mary School of Law. Brooklyn Law School's Ryan Levy won the Best



(L-R) Alums Anthony Fusco ('14) and Christian Cutillo ('11) – both former Mock Trial Team members – served as jurors.

Advocate award.

As in past years, the competition's case packet was written by FSU Professor Ruth Stone, the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice and the team's faculty advisor. The problem centered around claims of invasion of privacy and defamation. The plaintiff claimed that Harper Valley Neighborhood Association used a drone to take pictures of the inside of her bedroom while conducting a property inspection without authorization. The pictures, which allegedly showed the plaintiff in a compromising situation, were distributed at a neighborhood association board meeting, and a minor obtained and sold some of them. Harper Valley Neighborhood Association raised various affirmative defenses, including qualified privilege, truth and consent.

Numerous Florida State University College of Law alumni served as jurors

and judges during the competition. Circuit Judges Barbara Hobbs ('81) and Karen Gievers, of the Second Judicial Circuit, presided over the semi-final rounds, and Administrative Law Judge R. Bruce McKibben, Jr. ('84), of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, judged the final round. Other judges who participated in the competition were County Judges Kathy Garner ('95), Nina Ashenafi Richardson ('91), and J. Layne Smith ('87), and Circuit Judge Terry P. Lewis ('76), all of the Second Judicial Circuit. Attorneys received free CLE credit for serving as scoring jurors.

Florida State Mock Trial Team members also were instrumental in the success of the competition. 3L Chelsea Cramer and 2L Lexie Miller served as tournament co-chairs, and many other members tabulated scores, served as runners, greeted guests and served as timekeepers.



The Honorable R. Bruce McKibben, Jr. ('84) presided over the competition's final round.

Fifth 3+3 Program Available to Help Students Reduce Cost of Degree



The College of Law recently announced a new 3+3 program with the University of North Florida. This is the fifth 3+3 program for the College of Law. Under these initiatives, students who meet certain admission requirements can complete a bachelor's degree and a law degree in six years rather than the traditional seven, saving a year of time and costs.

"I am delighted about our new relationship with the University of North Florida," said FSU Law Dean Donald J. Weidner. "In short, under this program, the first year of law school is credited both to the law degree and to the undergraduate degree. The result is that students and their families save the entire cost of the fourth year of college."

"We are very pleased that our UNF students will have a direct pathway into their intended career, and that this program can facilitate and expedite their choice of schools as well as the time and cost of their degrees," said UNF's Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Barbara Hetrick.

To learn more about the law school's 3+3 admission requirements, interested students should contact the FSU Law Office of Admissions at 850.644.3787 or admissions@law.fsu.edu. Interested UNF students should meet with a UNF advisor designated by the UNF Pre-Law Program to identify the 3+3 program as an academic goal and to map a path for its successful completion.

The College of Law has similar arrangements for undergraduate students at Eckerd College, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida and the University of West Florida. More information can be found at law.fsu.edu/3-plus-3.



First-place team from Brooklyn Law School



Second-place team from Charleston Law School

ALUMNI NOTES

1970



WAYNE A. RICH, who is of counsel in the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel, has been appointed to chair the state's Advocacy Subcommittee of the American Heart Association.

1973

THE HONORABLE EMERSON R. THOMPSON, JR. was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga in November to a panel charged with studying how to make Florida's legal system more accessible to the poor and middle class.

1974



STANN W. GIVENS is the founding partner of Givens Givens Sparks PLLC. *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*, 2015, have again awarded Givens Givens Sparks a Tier One ranking for family law firms. Also, the Family Law Inn of Tampa is now officially the Stann W. Givens Family Law Inn of Tampa. Members voted unanimously to change the name to honor Givens' dedication to family law practice.

1976



KENT LILLY, managing partner of Lilly, O'Toole & Brown in Lakeland, was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Tampa Bay Chapter of ABOTA. He also received the

prestigious Jerry DeVane Professional Award from the Lakeland Bar Association, and was selected to the 2014 *Super Lawyers* list for the eighth consecutive year.



WILLIAM D. SLICKER has been elected chairman of the Directions for Living board. He was also selected as a "Hero Among Us" by the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation for his outstanding civic contributions.

1979



TERRY E. LEWIS, a shareholder with Lewis, Longman & Walker in West Palm Beach, has been recognized by the 2015 *South Florida Legal Guide* as a Top Lawyer in the area of governmental law.

1980

NICK JOVANOVIICH, a partner at Berger Singerman in Ft. Lauderdale, has been recognized as a Top Lawyer by the 2015 *South Florida Legal Guide*.



MARK J. PATTERSON, of Patterson Intellectual Property Law, P.C. in Nashville, was selected for inclusion in the 2014 *Intellectual Property (IP) Stars* list.

1982

VIVIAN FEIST GARFEIN is engaged to Mike Abram, a Harvard Law graduate and partner with the law firm of Cohen, Weiss, and Simon in Manhattan. She is retired in New York City and no longer practicing law.

1983

CRAIG B. GLIDDEN has been appointed executive vice president and general counsel for General Motors Company.



CARI LYNN ROTH has joined Dean Mead's Tallahassee office as of counsel in the Government Relations, Lobbying, and Administrative Law practice group.

1984

RON DIGIACOMO is now the deputy chief compliance officer, consumer at Wells Fargo.

MARK STEVEN ELLIS, executive director of the International Bar Association in London, unveiled "eyeWitness," an app that allows citizen observers to record and report atrocities from their cell phones. The photos and video data it records are encrypted and verified in a secure mode and automatically sent to a secure site for use in international investigations and trials.



RANDALL HANNA, who was named The Florida College System chancellor in October 2011, stepped down to return to the law firm where he started his career, Bryant Miller Olive. He also received the "Grad Made Good" award from Florida State University in 2014.

TIMOTHY JOSEPH KOENIG, who previously practiced in Key West, is now a Monroe County circuit judge.

HALA A. SANDRIDGE, a shareholder of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in Tampa, has been appointed to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Rick Scott.

1985

LEONARD K. SAMUELS, a partner at Berger Singerman in Ft. Lauderdale, has been recognized as a Top Lawyer by the 2015 *South Florida Legal Guide*.

1986



ROBERT N. CLARKE, a shareholder with Ausley McMullen in Tallahassee, was elected chair of the judicial nominating commission for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida. He is board

certified by The Florida Bar in business litigation and practices in the area of civil litigation. In addition, for more than 10 years, he has served as an adjunct professor at the Florida State University College of Law, where he teaches Florida Civil Procedure and Trial Practice. He represents numerous public and private entities with respect to a wide variety of commercial litigation matters.

THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA L. COX was re-elected to a six-year term as circuit judge in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, where she has served for the past 18 years.

MICHAEL N. MURBURG, a partner at Mike Murburg, P.A. in Tampa, credits a promise he made to his son for saving his life and setting him down the path to healthier living. His son, Ehren, who tragically died at age 20 during Special Forces training in 2008, wanted Murburg to lose weight. He fulfilled that promise by becoming a contestant on the 16th season of the *Biggest Loser*. He has now returned home to Darby, Florida, and plans to continue his weight loss despite any setbacks he may face.

1987



THE HONORABLE J. LAYNE SMITH was appointed a county judge for Florida's Second Judicial Circuit by Gov. Rick Scott in March. He previously served as general counsel for the Florida Department of Lottery.

1989



CAPTAIN TERENCE HENRY BROWN is now retired. He is pictured at his retirement ceremony with his wife, Sharon, and their children, who were present as toddlers at his law school graduation in 1989, Carolyn Marie Brown, an occupational therapist, and Ronald Brown, who is currently a lieutenant serving as a naval intelligence officer at the Pentagon.

JUDSON ORRICK is now litigation director at Equels Law Firm in Tallahassee.



CECILE I. PIVEROTTO joined Gunster's environmental and land use practice group, one of the firm's signature legal areas. She focuses on legislative, regulatory and litigation matters

related to water management and water supply.



JOHN A. ROGERS, who is senior vice president of the Florida Retail Federation, was appointed to the board of trustees for Bethune-Cookman University.

1991

THE HONORABLE KELLY PAIGE BUTZ was appointed to the Polk County Court by Florida Gov. Rick Scott in November 2014.



KENNETH E. LAWSON was reappointed secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

1992



MARIANNE R. HOWANITZ, of The Law Offices of Marianne R. Howanitz, was a key speaker at the West Central Florida Trucking Conference held in Tampa by the Association of Plaintiff

Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America. Howanitz spoke on "The Fatal Flaw in Florida Law."



FRED E. KARLINSKY, a shareholder of Greenberg Traurig, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. He also was honored with

the Outstanding Leadership Award by the Florida Insurance Council.

1993



ALEXANDER CABALLERO, a partner with Mason Black & Caballero P.A. in Tampa, has been named a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is one of only 1,600 lawyers in the U.S. to hold this credential.

LAVERNE LEWIS GASKINS was named chair of the State Bar of Georgia Investigative Panel. She is the university attorney for Valdosta State University.

JULIE K. MEADOWS-KEEFE has been appointed Tallahassee's new ethics officer. She is responsible for oversight and administrative activities relating to advising city officials, management, staff and vendors on ethical matters, and for investigating issues related to ethics and implementing more than a dozen approved recommendations designed to strengthen the city's ethics culture.

PROFESSOR HUGH M. LEE has resigned his position at the University of Alabama School of Law to take a new position at East Carolina University College of Medicine. He is now a teaching associate professor of bioethics and interdisciplinary studies at ECU. He will teach bioethics to third- and fourth-year medical students, lecturing on bioethics, informed consent, risk and other topics to the medical school as a whole, and will teach undergraduate and graduate students in political science. This spring he taught an undergraduate course in constitutional law and a graduate level course in administrative law.



PATRICK PHILIPPE FRANCK MARTIN has joined the Miami office of Greenberg Traurig as a shareholder. He focuses his practice on employment law matters, representing employers in cases involving wrongful termination, employment discrimination, workplace harassment, public accommodation, wage and hour matters, and employee disability and leave issues.

1994

MARC W. DUNBAR has been appointed to the Northwest Florida Water Management District governing board. He is a partner with Jones Walker, LLP in Tallahassee.

SEAN PITTMAN, who is CEO of Pittman Law Group in Tallahassee, was elected second vice-chair of the Orange Bowl Committee. This puts him in line to assume the presidency of the committee for the 2018-19 college bowl season, when the Orange Bowl will host a semifinal game in the College Football Playoff.

1995



MARLON A. HILL'S firm, delancyhill, P.A., is expanding its Florida and international presence by joining Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, L.L.P. He joins the firm as a partner in Miami. Hill is a past

president of the Caribbean Bar Association, current board member of The Miami Foundation, Miami Parking Authority and Miami Book Fair, and an active member of the Orange Bowl Committee.



CHRISTY DONOVAN PEMBERTON and husband Dennis are pleased to announce the adoption of their son, three-year-old Kyle. She is a managing assistant county attorney at the Pinellas County Attorney's Office in Clearwater. Pictured are Dennis and Kyle.



MEREDITH TRAMMELL was a finisher at the New York City Full Marathon on November 2, 2014. The marathon route goes through all five boroughs of the city and is the largest attended marathon in the world.

1996



DEREK BRETT relocated to Halifax, Nova Scotia and practices with The Burnside Law Firm in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He also is a professor at Nova Scotia Community College and has a law

blog, located at www.halifaxlaw.com. He is the only actively practicing lawyer licensed in both Florida and Nova Scotia.

1997

ALEJANDRO ESPINO is now a partner at Taylor Espino Vega & Touron, P.A. in Coral Gables.

1998



MITCHELL L. SILVERMAN, a reference and patron services librarian at the Nova Southeastern University Shephard Broad Law Center Law Library and Technology Center, gave a

presentation at the Society of American Law Teachers Biennial Teaching Conference in Las Vegas in October. The presentation, "Law Librarians Are Good with SALT: Help with Byte-Sizing Your Legal Scholarship," covered four computer programs useful in legal scholarship. His presentation materials are available at: mitsilverman.com/salt-2014.



SCOTT B. SMITH, a managing partner at West Palm Beach-based law firm Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath, was a speaker at recent Florida Justice Association and Palm

Beach County Justice Association seminars. He is often requested to present on various topics at trial lawyer seminars. He is also the manager of his two oldest sons' baseball team in Palm Beach Gardens.

1999



EARNEST DELOACH, a shareholder at Gunster in Orlando, was re-elected as president of the Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida.



MATTHEW WILLARD ('98), president of the Tallahassee chapter of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, presented a donation on behalf of FACDL and the State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit for the Steven G. Gey Foundation to College of Law Dean Don Weidner. The donation consisted of the proceeds from the 2nd Annual FACDL Charity Golf Challenge, a friendly tournament that builds camaraderie by pairing prosecutors and defense attorneys on the course.

2000



ROSALYN SIA BAKER-BARNES was selected by the *Daily Business Review* as one of the Top 20 Women in Law, an inaugural honor recognizing a diverse selection of

accomplished women who have made a mark in the South Florida legal community. She is a shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA in West Palm Beach, representing plaintiffs in personal injury, medical malpractice and product liability cases. She can be reached at rsb@searcylaw.com.

GREGORY ALLEN JACKSON, JR., an associate at Conroy Simberg in Orlando, is now a District 2 representative for the Orange County Board of Zoning Adjustment.

CAROLINE E. JOHNSON LEVINE wrote an article, "Balancing the Sixth Amendment on the Scales of Justice: Is the Lawyer or the

Client in Control of the Proceedings?" that was published in the *Albany Law Review*. She works at the Office of the Attorney General of Florida in Tampa.

JOHNATHAN PAUL STEVERSON has been appointed secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



BART R. VALDES has earned his Florida Bar board certification in business litigation. Valdes is the managing partner of de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal LLP's

Tampa office and represents clients around the state in various business litigation cases.

2001

ERIC W. DICKEY was recently appointed an adjunct professor at Hillsborough Community College. He is a shareholder and founding member of Dickey Whittle, P.A. in Tampa, where he specializes in civil litigation.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The most avidly read section of *Florida State Law* alumni magazine is "Class Action." The law school's more than 9,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing – awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken and more. Just as important: Did you get married? Have a baby? Write a novel? Run a marathon? Perform in a band?

If you have anything that you would like to include in Class Action, please send information to rshepher@law.fsu.edu or mail this form to:

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PAUL T. JAEGER has received the *LJ/ALISE* Excellence in Teaching Award from the *Library Journal* and Association for Library and Information Science Education. He is an associate professor at the University of Maryland College of Information Studies.

KARUSHA Y. SHARPE practices in Greenberg Traurig's Tallahassee office and has been elevated to of counsel. She concentrates her practice on a variety of litigation matters involving products liability, consumer financial services, dealership law and employment law.

2002



MEGHAN BOUDREAU DAIGLE was appointed to serve as a traffic hearing officer for the Second Judicial Circuit and is responsible for hearing cases assigned on civil traffic infractions in Leon County. She is the managing attorney at Daigle Law Firm in Tallahassee, where she practices family law.



MELISSA VANSICKLE, a shareholder at Clarke, Partington, Hart, Larry, Bond & Stackhouse, was recently one of four attorneys in Florida selected to receive a fellowship from the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar. She also taught Land Transfer during the fall 2014 semester at the Florida State University College of Law as an adjunct professor.

2003

CHASITY H. O'STEEN is now the deputy general counsel at the Florida Department of Financial Services.

2004

LISA ANNE LIVEZEY COMINGORE is now the personnel manager at Advanced Systems Design in Tallahassee.

HEATHER M. ERB is now living in Bellingham, Washington with her husband **JAMES E. ERB ('05)** and their two sons. She practices Native American law at Heather Erb, PLLC.



JANEIA DANIELS INGRAM and her husband, Spencer, became the proud parents of a daughter, Olivia, on September 25, 2014. Ingram is the assistant dean for student affairs at the College of Law.

MATTHEW H. MEARS is now general counsel for the Florida Department of Education.



SETH E. MILLER, who is executive director of the Innocence Project of Florida, was elected president of the Innocence Network. He has served on the Innocence Network executive board since 2012.

THERESA B. "CISSY" PROCTOR is now chief of staff at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

2005

STEPHEN K. HACHEY is now a broker/owner at Exit Realty Excel in Riverview. He also continues to practice real estate law at the Law Offices of Stephen K. Hachey, P.A. in Tampa.



DAX J. LONETTO, SR. opened his own firm, Dax J. Lonetto, Sr., PLLC, in Tampa in August 2014. His practice focuses on Social Security and veterans disability law.

C. KHAI M. PATTERSON is an associate at Colodny Fass, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale.



ERIN M. RASCHKE was promoted to counsel in Phelps Dunbar's Tampa Office. She practices in the area of insurance and reinsurance law.



JASPREET K. SINGH is the co-founder and director of policy and advocacy at International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination (ICAAD). ICAAD was invited to join the Clinton Global Initiative in 2014. Also in September, ICAAD made a Commitment to Action to combat violence against women in the Pacific Island region at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting. Singh is pictured with Reverend Jesse Jackson.

RONALD C. SMITH helped write legendary college football coach Howard Schnellenberger's memoir, which was released in 2014. Smith practices law in Fort Myers.



JASON VAIL is now a shareholder with Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. in Tallahassee, where he practices in the area of labor and employment law. He and his wife, **ABIGAIL LONDON-VAIL ('06)**, reside in Tallahassee with their two children, Lilia (3) and Davis (2).



DOUGLAS R. WILLIAMS was named a Rising Star in the transportation/maritime practice area by *Washington Super Lawyers* magazine in 2014.

2006



ADAM L. BANTNER, II, who practices at Brandon Legal Group, was elected to the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce's board of directors.

RYAN F. CARPENTER has been elected a shareholder at Becker & Poliakoff in Ft. Lauderdale. He is board certified in construction law.



MELANIE SHOEMAKER GRIFFIN is now an equity partner at Dean Mead in Tampa and Orlando.



JUSTIN M. KEEN received the 2015 Brevard County Bar Association Professionalism Award for a Government Attorney on February 12. The award is given in recognition of tireless pursuit and practice of the highest ideals and tenets of the legal profession and for consistently demonstrating the essential attributes of professionalism: character, competence and commitment. Keen is pictured (center) with Eighteenth Judicial Circuit State Attorney **PHIL ARCHER ('84)** (left) and Alan Diamond of the Brevard County Bar Association (right).

SHANE G. RAMSEY is now a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. He practices out of the firm's New York and Atlanta offices.

LUKE C. SAVAGE is now a shareholder in the Miami office of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A.



RICK A. SAVAGE and **AMELIA A. SAVAGE** welcomed their second son, Ludo Savage, on December 5, 2014 at 12:32 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Kurt, age 3, has mastered the art of being a big brother. Amelia is a shareholder at Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee. She practices environmental law and also works on threatened and endangered species issues. Rick is a sole practitioner at Savage Law Office, PLLC and practices in the areas of creditors' rights, bankruptcy, real property and general civil litigation.



CHRISTINE N. SENNE has joined Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, LLP as an associate. She represents government entities on finance, real estate and general governance matters.

ABIGAIL LONDON-VAIL is now vice president of state government affairs for UnitedHealth Group. She and her husband, **JASON VAIL ('05)**, reside in Tallahassee with their two children, Lilia (3) and Davis (2).

2007

RICHARD A.C. ALTON and **JASON R. STRUBLE** had an article on U.S. and NATO Operations in Libya published by the *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law*. It is their third joint publication. Alton practices at Nogueira Morton P.L. in Miami. Struble practices at Richman & Struble, PLLC in Fort Lauderdale.



JAMES ARGENTO is the assistant state attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He, wife Jeanette and their son Aidan welcomed Emory Grace Argento on January 8, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.



GREGORY R. BEL has been named partner at the law firm of Piedra & Associates, P.A. in Coral Gables.



JUSTIN L. DEES has joined the firm of Trenam Kemker as a shareholder in St. Petersburg. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on trial and appellate actions involving contract disputes, fraud, shareholder disputes, directors' and officers' liability, real estate, business torts and creditors' rights.

TYLER BRANDON EVERETT has relocated to the Tallahassee office of Morgan & Morgan, P.A.

SARAH FINNEY KJELLIN has joined Conroy Simberg as an associate in the Tallahassee office.

MICHAEL JOHN MAKDISI is now an associate at Maire Burgess & Deedon in Redding, California.

NOAH R. MORRIS is now a staffing manager at RemX Financial Staffing in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A. ABIDEMI OLADIPO is now an associate at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, P.C. in Ft. Lauderdale.

2008

MARINA B. BLICKLEY is an associate at Venable LLP in Tysons Corner, Virginia.



RUSSELL B. BUCHANAN joined Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.A., as an associate in the firm's new Tallahassee office.



ROBERT M. HAMMERS, JR. is a 50% equity member of his new firm, Schneider Hammers, LLC. The firm of trial lawyers focuses all of their practice on personal injury cases. Their website is www.schneiderhammers.com. He is pictured (left) with law partner Jason Schneider.

STEPHEN L. JOHNSON is now assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.



MICHAEL H. MOODY, a litigation associate in the Tallahassee office of Greenberg Traurig, has been elected president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Northern District of Florida.



STEPHANIE PIDERMANN has been named partner at the law firm of Lydecker Diaz in Miami. She was also named a 2014 Legal Elite Up and Comer by *Florida Trend Magazine*. She specializes in professional liability, labor and employment litigation, and civil rights litigation.

SHAINA H. (BRENNER) THORPE is a founding partner of Thorpe & Thorpe, P.A., where she will continue to serve Tampa Bay's labor and employment law needs.

2009

MICHAEL M. BROWNLEE is now an associate at Fisher Rushmer, P.A. in Orlando.



JESSICA GOODWIN COSTELLO has joined the Tampa Bureau of the Florida Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution, where she will focus on the prosecution of multi-jurisdictional organized crimes.

MICHAEL E. DUTKO is now an assistant city attorney for the City of Delray Beach.

AMBAR RAJU VYAS is now general counsel at Premier Trailer Leasing in Texas.

2010

BENJAMIN E. FLIEGER is now an assistant public defender at the Public Defender's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

JAMIE BLAIR HORNE is now general counsel at Solstice Benefits, Inc. in Plantation.

ASHLEY R. KIRKHAM is now an associate at Collins & Lacy, P.C. in Columbia, South Carolina, where she continues to expand her experience in the area of workers' compensation.



KYLE W. KNOPSNYDER is an associate in Gunster's environmental and land use practice group, one of the firm's signature legal areas.

PAUL S. LAWLER has relocated from Holland & Knight's Tampa office to its West Palm Beach office, where he will continue to practice corporate and securities law.



B. COOPER LORD and his wife Whitney welcomed their son, Walker Everett Lord, on January 27, 2015. Lord is a partner at Cox & Lord LLP in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

KRISTEN HANNA MCMULLEN is now an associate at Alfano Law Offices in Orlando.

SHERYL D. ROSEN, an associate at Akerman Senterfitt in Tallahassee, won the women's title in the Bowlegs 5K Run for Scholarship in Tallahassee on January 10, 2015.

GREGORY S. SALNICK is now an associate at the Law Offices of Salnick, Fuchs & Bertisch in West Palm Beach.

ROARY SNIDER is now a research and planning administrator at the Florida Agency for State Technology.

KAITLYN BAGNATO STATILE is now a staff attorney at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP in Tampa. She practices in the litigation department.

2011

PATRICK S. BENNETT has been elected to the Duval County Soil and Water Conservation Board. He is assistant vice president/claims counsel at Fidelity National Financial in Jacksonville.

CHRISTIAN L. CUTILLO has moved to the Tallahassee office of Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A.

JOSE M. GODINEZ-SAMPERIO was sworn in by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga as a member of The Florida Bar on November 20. His oath was administered during a history-making ceremony hosted by the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association. Godinez-Samperio is the first undocumented immigrant to be sworn in as a lawyer in Florida.

DAVID W. GRIMES is now an attorney at the Florida House Minority Office.



STEPHANIE T. (DUSKIE) KEARLEY has been appointed vice president of estate settlement at Merrill Lynch in Boca Raton.

BRIAN D. KENYON is now associate real estate counsel at American Realty Advisors in Glendale, California.

MIKIEL A. SERABJIT SINGH is an attorney search director at Parker + Lynch Legal in Fort Lauderdale. He recruits and places top-level attorneys at firms and companies throughout Florida and the U.S.

2012

NICOLE ANNE BAMBERSKI is now an assistant public defender at the Public Defender's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

BELICHA DESGRAVES is now the manager of labor relations at CSX Corporation in Jacksonville.

LUKE J. GRABOWSKI is an associate at Meenan P.A. in Tallahassee.

LUCIANA X. HORNUNG is now the assistant general counsel for immigration services at the FSU Center for Global Engagement. She is involved in employment-based immigration work for FSU departments, faculty and staff, and provides legal expertise for other areas of immigration advising.

JOHN N. KESSENICH is now an associate at Frost Van den Boom, P.A. in Bartow.

DARA D. LARSON practices at Duncan Larson Law in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she focuses on family law.

ADRIAN S. MIDDLETON is now an associate at Colodny Fass, P.A. in Tallahassee.

DANIEL CLAYTON ROSS is now an associate at David F. Vedder, P.A. in Daytona Beach, where he specializes in immigration law.



ANDREW W. SMITH is now an associate at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Tampa.

2013

CHRISTINA GRACE ARGUELLES is an account executive at Robert Half Legal in Washington, D.C.

DEREK CAVADA is now an assistant public defender at the Public Defender's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

RYAN P. FIELDS is now an attorney at the Florida Department of Children and Families in Tallahassee.

HUNTER J. HENDRIX, an associate with The Law Office of Linda A. Bailey, P.A., has been accepted into the inaugural class of Thunderdome Tallahassee. Launching in September 2014, Thunderdome Tallahassee addresses a need for equal access to justice for low-income families and children by attracting, harnessing and developing the talent of volunteer lawyers as they serve those needing family law assistance.



JOSEPH M. "JAY" HENDRY, III and **DARCIE A. OWENS** were married March 15, 2014, in Haines City. Fellow alum **FORREST S. PITTMAN** officiated the ceremony. Wedding party members included alums **TRAVIS D. HENDRY** (best man), **ANDREW B. THORNQUEST** and **ANDREW D. DENEEN**. Owens practices part time at Kaylor, Kaylor & Leto in Sebring and part time at Alison B. Copley, PA in Sebring. Hendry is a partner at Hendry Law Group, PA, which has offices in Clewiston and Lake Placid.

DANIJELA JANJIC is a senior attorney at the Florida Public Service Commission in Tallahassee.

WILLIAM "TODD" KING married his partner of six years, Dr. Nathan Davis, in a small ceremony at Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on October 18, 2014.

ADRIAN ANTHONY LUKIS is an attorney at the Florida House of Representatives in Tallahassee.

CARLY E. SOUTHER wrote the lead article, "The Costco Choice: Why Florida Chose Medicaid Managed Care," for the fall 2014 newsletter of the Florida Bar Health Law Section.

HALEY C. VAN EREM, who currently clerks for the **HONORABLE JOHN ANTOON, II ('71)** of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, has accepted a position with the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, to begin during the fall of 2015.

2014

DREW C. ALDIKACTI is a legislative aide to Florida Senator Charlie Dean in Tallahassee.

ASAD ALI is now an associate at Cole, Scott & Kissane in Orlando.

JOAQUIN ALVAREZ is an attorney at the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

LESLIE A. AMES is an attorney at the Florida Public Service Commission in Tallahassee.



ALEXANDRA APARICIO is an associate at the law firm of Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee. She is a member of the firm's commercial litigation practice group.

NICOLE E. BLAIS is now an associate at Walborsky & Bradley in Panama City.

LEE-ANNE BOSCH is an associate at Ross Lanier & Deifik, P.A. in Naples.

LAUREN BROTHERS is an attorney at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in Tallahassee.

JANELLE S. CANNON is now an associate at Jacobs Keeley, PLLC in Miami.

ROBERT CHESTER is now an associate at Weidenbaum & Harari, LLP in New York.

KEVIN F. COLEMAN is now an assistant state attorney at the Office of the State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit in Clearwater.



MATTHEW COLON is now an associate at Eraclides, Gelman, Hall, Indek, Goodman & Waters, LLC in Miami.

JONATHAN L. DARDEN is now an attorney for the Local Government Affairs Subcommittee of the Florida House of Representatives in Tallahassee.

CHEYAYN L. DAVIDSON is now an associate at Naggiar & Sarif in Atlanta, Georgia.



SHANNON DOLSON is now an associate attorney at Swope, Rodante P.A. in Tampa.

BRITTANY FORESTER has joined the Office of the State Attorney, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in Panama City.

EDWARD LOWELL FOSTER, III is an assistant state attorney at the State Attorney's Office, Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville.

ANTHONY E. FUSCO is an associate at Barrett, Fasig & Brooks in Tallahassee.

BRYAN LEVI GALLIAN is now a staff advocate for the U.S. Marine Corps.

JOSIAH GRAHAM is now an assistant state attorney at the Office of the State Attorney, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida.



SHERRI-ANN GRANT-CLARKE is now an associate with the Otto Law Group in Coral Springs. The group is managed by **YANIQUE L. OTTO ('13)**.

PHILIPPE HABIB is now in-house counsel at Fouad Alghanim & Sons Multinational Group of Companies in Kuwait.

JOSHUA M. HAWKES is a law clerk for the **HONORABLE STEPHANIE WILLIAMS RAY ('95)**, of the Florida First District Court of Appeal.

AUSTIN M. HENSEL is now an attorney at the Florida Department of Transportation in Tallahassee.

DENISSE C. ILABACA is now an associate attorney at Lim & Associates, P.A. in Orlando.

OLUFUNSHO ILORI is an assistant district attorney at the Orange County District Attorney's Office in Middletown, New York.

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CHRISTINA A. JACKSON is now a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy A. Quince.

SHERMAN W. JONES is now an associate at Brown Sims in Miami.

KATHLEEN J. KLEPFER is a reference and research services librarian at the University of Richmond William Taylor Muse Law Library.

LINDSAY J. KUSHNER is now a tax associate at Grant Thornton in Fort Lauderdale.



TANYA LAMBRECHTS is an associate at Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. in Fort Lauderdale.

TERRY E. LEACH is now an assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Ninth Judicial Circuit in Kissimmee.

REBECCA M. LIGHTLE is now an associate at Allen Norton & Blue, P.A. in Tallahassee.

ANTONIO LOZADA is an assistant state attorney at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.



G. BROCK MAGRUDER, III has joined GrayRobinson as an associate in Orlando.

CLAYTON OSTEEN is now assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation in the construction division.

CHRISTOPHER T. OWEN is now an associate at Quintairo, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. in Tallahassee.

ANN CLAIRE PATTERSON is now a contract associate at the pharmaceutical company inVente Health Clinical in Cary, North Carolina.



KATHERINE A. PLEVAK is an attorney at the Florida Office of Financial Regulation in Tallahassee.

ANDREW RAPACKE joined Christopher Weiss Attorney at Law, P.A. in Orlando as a registered patent agent.

NICHOLAS RAVINET is now an assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

LAUREN MARIE REYNOLDS now practices at Burr & Forman in Orlando.

GLENN RININGER is now an attorney at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee.

ELIZABETH D. SALINAS has joined the Office of the State Attorney, Third Judicial Circuit.

MARISSA C. SPRICK is now practicing at the Ort Law Firm in Winter Garden.

KRISTEN SUMMERS is assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee.



MICHAEL J. TEEVIN has joined Holland & Knight as an associate in the Orlando office.



JESSICA TEHLIRIAN is an attorney at The Florida Legal Advocacy Group in Ocala.

MARK L. TENSMEYER is now practicing at Thomas J. Henry Injury Attorneys in San Antonio, Texas.

KAREEM L. TODMAN is assistant regional counsel at the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, Region One in Tallahassee.

WILLIAM L. TOLIVER is an attorney for the Florida House of Representatives in Tallahassee.

MARY THOMAS is assistant general counsel at the Florida Medical Association in Tallahassee.

MICHAEL D. TOOLEY is now an attorney for the Florida Senate, Office of the Senate Secretary, Bill Drafting Services in Tallahassee.

CLEMENTINE UWABERA is an assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orlando.

DAVID A. WEISZ is now an associate at Parks, Chesin & Walbert, P.C. in Atlanta, Georgia.

LOGAN ANDREW WHITE is an attorney at the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration in Tallahassee.



COURTNEY L. MCCOWEN WILLIAMS is now a JAG Officer candidate with the U.S. Air Force. She was sworn in by **COLONEL PETER R. MARKSTEINER ('92)** in the well of the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.



AMANDA N. WILLIAMSON is now an associate at Guilday, Schwartz, Simpson, West, Hatch & Lowe, P.A. in Tallahassee.

TAYLOR S. WOLFF is an attorney at the Florida Department of Education in Tallahassee.

NI "LEIGHTON" ZHONG is now an assistant state attorney at the Office of the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

In Memoriam

PROFESSOR PAMELA D. BRIDGEWATER ('95) passed away in December 2014, with her husband by her side. She was an activist lawyer and legal scholar, specializing in issues related to reproduction, sexuality, identity, poverty and women's health. She most recently taught at American University's Washington College of Law.

NEIL H. BUTLER ('75) passed away in January. For 25 years, he practiced law in Tallahassee with a focus on construction issues. Among friends and associates, Butler was known for his quirky sense of humor.

DONALD D. DYE ('83), owner of the popular Tallahassee pizzeria Momo's, passed away in September 2014 after undergoing his fourth heart valve replacement procedure. Dye is remembered as being a best friend to many, and for his positive attitude and love of life.

WILLIAM H. "BILLY" HUGHES, III ('86) passed away in November 2014. Hughes was a shareholder and CFO of Pennington P.A., where he specialized in litigating complex disputes in state and federal courts in Florida. A fourth generation Floridian, Hughes was an avid outdoorsman who worked hard to show his family how to enjoy life.

FRED A. MCCORMACK ('78) passed away in October 2014, while on vacation with his wife in Ireland, where he fished in the fabled Ballynahinch River. McCormack was a partner in Tampa's Blain & Cone law firm before he became general counsel to the Florida House of Representatives in the 1980s, and opened his own practice in 2005.

JOHN CHRISTIAN "CHRIS" MEFFERT ('69), a member of the inaugural class of Florida State law school graduates, passed away in November 2014. Meffert realized his childhood dream to work in public service when he was elected mayor of Ocala in 1977. He was known by friends and family for his sharp intelligence and ready wit.

Florida State University College of Law gear is now available at the FSU Bookstore. You can purchase items at *ShopFSU.com*, at the Florida State football stadium location, at the North Woodward Avenue location or at the Civic Center location, which has limited hours. All alumni will receive 10% off with the code FSUAA15 (some exclusions apply).

FACULTY NOTES

Includes selected faculty publications, external presentations and recognitions since the last issue of *Florida State Law*.

Frederick M. Abbott

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR
PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW



Book: INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN AN INTEGRATED WORLD ECONOMY (with T. Cottier and F.

Gurry) (3d ed., Kluwer/Aspen Publishers 2015). **Chapter:** *An overview of the agreement: contents and features*, in THE ACTA AND THE PLURILATERAL ENFORCEMENT AGENDA (P. Roffe and X. Zeuba, editors) (Cambridge University Press 2014), at <http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/law/international-trade-law/acta-and-plurilateral-enforcement-agenda-genesis-and-aftermath#contentsTabAnchor>. **Essay:** *A problem, but not without solutions*, contribution to roundtable on climate mitigation and intellectual property in tension, BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, February 19, 2015, at <http://thebulletin.org/climate-mitigation-and-intellectual-property-tension7997>. **Presentations:** *Presentation at International Intellectual Property Roundtable* (Duke Law School, April 30-May 1, 2015); *Presentation for WHO/Global*

Health Programme on international legal mechanisms for sharing of virus pathogens (Geneva, Switzerland, March 2015); *"Use" in New gTLDs* (Geneva, Switzerland, WIPO Headquarters, 2014 Annual Meeting of WIPO Dispute Settlement Panelists, December 2014); *Groundhog Day: Health-related provisions in FTAs and TRIPS* (Geneva, Switzerland, WTO Headquarters, The Changing Global Innovation and Intellectual Property Policy Landscape: Present Challenges and Future Directions: TRIPS at 20 and beyond, organized by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, October 2014). **Recognitions:** Appointed co-chair of the Global Health Law Committee of the International Law Association; Chaired a February 2015 meeting on Global Health Security Challenges: towards strengthening global governance, organized by ILA Global Health Law Committee and Graduate Institute Global Health Programme, in Geneva, Switzerland; Co-directed an executive course on Intellectual Property, Diplomacy and Global Public Health for the Global Health Programme of the Graduate Institute in Geneva in February 2015.

Kelli A. Alces

LOULA FULLER AND DAN MYERS
PROFESSOR



Publications: *Balance and Team Production*, 38 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 187 (2014) (invited symposium); *Larry Ribstein's Fiduciary*

Duties, 2014 U. ILL. L. REV. 1765 (invited symposium). **Presentation:** *Fiduciary Gaps* (George Washington University Law School, Faculty Workshop, November 2014).

Paolo Annino

GLASS PROFESSOR OF
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW



Presentation: *Affordable Care Act Panel Discussion* (Tallahassee, Florida State University College of Medicine, November 2014).

Robert E. Atkinson, Jr.

GREENSPOON MARDER PROFESSOR



Article: *An Elevation of Neo-Classical Professionalism in Law and Business*, 12 GEO. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 621 (2015).

Shawn J. Bayern

LARRY AND JOYCE BELTZ
PROFESSOR OF TORTS



Articles: *Offer and Acceptance in Modern Contract Law: A Needless Concept*, 103 CALIF. L. REV. 67 (2015); *Of Bitcoins, Independently Wealthy Software, and the Zero-Member LLC*, 108 NW. U. L. REV. 1485 (2014). **Presentation:** *Offer and Acceptance in Modern Contract Law: A Needless Concept* (University of Las Vegas, Nevada, 10th Annual International Contracts Conference, February 2015). **Recognition:** Was one of only eight professors university-wide to receive a 2014-15 University Graduate Teaching Award.

Courtney Cahill

DONALD HINKLE PROFESSOR



Article: *Does the Public Care how the Supreme Court Reasons? Empirical Evidence from a National Experiment and Normative Concerns in the Case of Same-Sex Marriage* (with Geoffrey Christopher Rapp), 93 N.C. L. REV. 303 (2015).

Donna R. Christie

ELIZABETH C. & CLYDE W. ATKINSON
PROFESSOR



Book: *COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT LAW IN A NUTSHELL* (West 2014). **Presentation:** *Ocean Governance for the*

High Seas (University of California - Irvine, Ocean Health, Global Fishing and Food Security Conference, November 2014).

Sally C. Gertz

CLINICAL PROFESSOR



Chapter: *Legal Rights and Responsibilities: The Law of the Workplace*, in HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE: PARADOXES, PROCESSES, AND PROBLEMS (Berman, Bowman, West, Van Wart, editors) (5th ed., Sage Publications 2015).

Shi-Ling Hsu

JOHN W. LARSON PROFESSOR



Articles: *The Rise and Rise of the One Percent: Considering the Legal Causes of Wealth Inequality*, 64 EMORY L.J. ONLINE 2043 (2015); *The Accidental Postmodernists: A New Era of Skepticism in Environmental Law*, 39 VT. L. REV. 27 (2014). **Presentations:** *The Rise and Rise of the One Percent* (Chicago, Illinois, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, invited presentation, February 2015); *Capital Tax Reform in the Oil and Gas Sector* (Houston, Texas, American Bar Association, Section on Taxation Midyear Meeting, January 2015).

Steve R. Johnson

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR



Chapter: *Imputed Rental Income: Reality Trumps Theory*, in CONTROVERSIES IN TAX LAW: A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE (A. Infanti, editor) (Ashgate 2015). **Articles:** *How Far Does Circular 230 Exceed Treasury's Statutory Authority?*, 146 TAX NOTES 221 (2015); *Reasoned Explanation and IRS Adjudication*, 63 DUKE L.J. 1771 (2014). **Presentations:** *Doing More with Less: Tax Administration in an Era of Growing Responsibilities and Diminishing Resources* (University of Minnesota School of Law, IRS Reform Symposium, March 2015); *Civil and Criminal Tax Fraud* (Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Tallahassee Chapter, January 2015).

Faye Jones

DIRECTOR & PROFESSOR



Chapter: *Library Director as Fundraiser*, in PERSPECTIVES OF ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARY DIRECTORS (Michelle M. Wu, editor) (William S. Hein & Co. 2015).

Jeffrey H. Kahn

HARRY W. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR



Article: *A Tax Audible: Coaches and Buyouts*, 68 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 143 (2015).

Marshall Kapp

PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND LAW



Article: *Home and Community-Based Long-Term Services and Supports: Health Reform's Most Enduring Legacy?*, 8 ST. LOUIS U. J.

HEALTH L. & POL'Y 9 (2015). **Presentation:** *The Culture Change Movement: The Role of the Speech and Language Professional in Supporting Self-Directed Living* (Orlando, Annual Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, November 2014).

Lawrence S. Krieger

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



Article: *What Makes Lawyers Happy? A Data-Driven Prescription to Redefine Professional Success*, 83 GEO. WASH. L.

REV. 101 (2015). **Presentations:** *Gender, Race, and Well-being in Practising Lawyers* (Gainesville, Keynote Speaker, Leadership Roundtable, Eighth Judicial Circuit, April 2015); *An Empirical Foundation for Setting Life and Career Priorities* (Toronto, Canada, Keynote Speaker, Mindful Lawyer Series, Ontario, Canada Bar Association, February 2015); *A Data-Driven Redefinition of Professional Success: Implications for Student and Lawyer Well-being and Career Satisfaction* (Washington, D.C., Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, Section on Student Services, January 2015).

David E. Landau

MASON LADD PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Articles: *A Dynamic Theory of Judicial Role*, 55 B.C. L. REV. 1501 (2014); *Aggressive Weak-Form Remedies*, 5 CONST.

COURT REV. 244 (South Africa) (2014) (invited symposium). **Presentations:** *A Weak Vision of Structural Constitutional Law* (Tallahassee, Florida State University College of Law, Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law Fourth Annual Conference, April 2015); *Constraining Constitutional Change* (Sydney, Australia, University of New South Wales Faculty of Law, G+T Public Law Centre Public Law Roundtable, December 2014); *Constitutions Un-entrenched: Toward an Alternative Theory of Constitutional Design* (Seattle, Washington, University of Washington Trans-Pacific Comparative Public Law Roundtable, Commentator, December 2014); *Socioeconomic Rights* (The Hague, Netherlands, Workshop on the Judiciary and Constitutional Transition, International Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the International Development Law Organization, November 2014).

Jennifer Parker LaVia

LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR



Presentation: *Using Thesis Sentences Effectively* (Tallahassee, Florida Department of Health Annual

Meeting of Statewide Law Firm, November 2014).

Tahirih V. Lee

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Articles: *Book Review of GROUNDS OF JUDGMENT: EXTRATERRITORIALITY AND IMPERIAL POWER IN NINETEENTH-*

CENTURY CHINA AND JAPAN, 33 L. & HIST. REV. 243 (2015); *Technology-Based Experiential Learning: A Transnational Experiment*, 64 J. LEGAL EDUC. 455 (2015). **Presentation:** *A Taste for Exceptionalism: French Administration of Justice in Pre-Communist China* (Florida State University, Reorienting Cultural Flows: Engagements between France and East/Southeast Asia, conference sponsored by the Winthrop-King Institute, February 2015).

Jake Linford

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Article: *A Linguistic Justification for "Generic" Trademarks*, 17 YALE J.L. & TECH. 110 (2015).

Presentations: *Mangling Metaphors in Trademark Law* (Washington, D.C., 17th Annual Faculty Conference, The Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy Studies, January 2015); *Constitutional Infrastructure* (Hempstead, New York, Hofstra University School of Law, October 2014).

Wayne A. Logan

GARY & SALLYN PAJCIC PROFESSOR



Articles: *A House Divided: When State and Lower Federal Courts Disagree on Federal Constitutional Rights*, 90 NOTRE DAME L.

REV. 235 (2014); *After the Cheering Stopped: Decriminalization and Legalism's Limits*, 24 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 319 (2014). **Presentations:** *Unlawful DNA Collection by Police* (Texas Tech University School of Law, Annual Criminal Law Symposium, April 2015); *Against the Grain: Challenging the Constitutionality of New-Era Megan's Laws* (Arlington, Virginia, Annual Meeting of the National Legal Aid and Public Defenders Association, November 2014). **Recognition:** Was one of only eight professors university-wide to receive a 2014-15 University Graduate Teaching Award.

Bruce A. Markell

JEFFREY A. STOOPS PROFESSOR



Book: BANKRUPTCY: DEALING WITH FINANCIAL FAILURE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES (with David G. Epstein,

Steve Nickles and Larry Ponoroff) (4th ed., West Academic Group 2015). **Articles:** *Oops*: Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors of Motors Liquidation Co. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (In re Motors Liquidation Co.), BANKRUPTCY LAW LETTER (Thompson Reuters) (February 2015); *Ponzi Scum*:

Janvey v. Brown and the Reluctance to Examine First Principles, BANKRUPTCY LAW LETTER (Thompson Reuters) (December 2014). **Presentations:** *Consumer Bankruptcy Trial Practice Training for Attorneys* (Nashville, Tennessee, Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute, February 2015); *Current Developments in Bankruptcy and Commercial Law* (Sarasota, Florida, 11th Circuit Retreat, American College of Bankruptcy, January 2015); *Overview of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy in the United States* (Brussels, Belgium, European Commission Workshop on Longevity, Disruptive Income Life Cycles, and Financial Markets, Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services, and Capital Markets Union, December 2014); *Overview of Consumer Bankruptcy in the United States* (Washington, D.C., International Monetary Fund, November 2014). **Recognitions:** Serve as Scholar in Residence for the American College of Bankruptcy; Member of an International Monetary Fund mission to Greece from September 30-October 6, 2014.

David L. Markell

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



Book: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: LAW AND POLICY (7th ed., Aspen Casebook Series 2015). **Article:** *A Holistic*

View of Agency Enforcement, 93 N.C. L. REV. 1 (2014). **Presentations:** *Next Generation Compliance Strategies* (George Washington University School of Law,

March 2015); *Let Fifty Flowers Bloom: Environmental Federalism for the 21st Century Colloquium* (Case Western Reserve University School of Law, December 2014).

Murat C. Mungan

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Articles: *Discounting and Criminals' Implied Risk Preferences* (with Jon Klick), 11 REV. L. & ECON. 19 (2015); *Wrongful Convictions and the Punishment of Attempts*,

42 INT'L REV. L. & ECON. 79 (2015); *Forfeiture of Illegal Gains, Attempts and Implied Risk Preferences* (with Jon Klick), 43 J. LEGAL STUD. 137 (2014).

Garrick Pursley

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Presentation: *Thinning Out Structural Theory* (Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2014).

Jarrod F. Reich

LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR



Presentation: *Pedagogy Promoting Practice-Ready Law Students: Lessons Learned From Recent Practice* (Washington,

D.C., American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, panelist, January 2015).

Mark B. Seidenfeld

PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH



Articles: *The Place of Permits in the Quiver of Administrative Action*, JOTWELL: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (April 9, 2015), at <http://adlaw.jotwell.com/Tax-Credits-on-Federal-Exchanges-Lessons-from-the-Legislative-Process-Failure-Theory-of-Statutory-Interpretation>, MINN. L. REV. HEADNOTES, at http://www.minnesotalawreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Seidenfeld_1fmt.pdf (February 2015); *A Process Failure Theory of Statutory Interpretation*, 56 WM. & MARY L. REV. 467 (2014); *A Positive Defense of Administrative Preemption* (with Joshua Hawkes), 22 GEO. MASON L. REV. 63 (2014).

Nat S. Stern

JOHN W. & ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR



Articles: *Unheard Voices of Domestic Violence Victims: A Call to Remedy Physician Neglect* (with Karen Oehme and Ember Maselli), 15 GEO. J. GENDER & L. 613 (2015); *The Case for Mandatory Training on Screening for Domestic Violence in the Wake of the Affordable Care Act* (with Karen Oehme), 17 U. PA. J.L. & SOC. CHANGE 1 (2014). **Recognition:** Was one of only eight professors university-wide to receive a 2014-15 University Graduate Teaching Award.

Mark Spottswood

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Articles: *Signal vs. Noise: Some Comments on Professor Stein's Theory of Evidential Efficiency*, 66 ALA. L. REV. 471 (2015); *Emotional Fact-Finding*, 63 KANSAS L. REV. 41 (2014). **Presentation:** *Ordering Proof: Beyond Adversarial and Inquisitorial Trial Structures* (Florida State University College of Law, Southeastern Law Schools Junior-Senior Workshop, October 2014).

Fernando Tesón

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR



Chapter: *La filosofía del derecho internacional*, in FILOSOFÍA DEL DERECHO (J. Fabra and E. Spector, editors), vol. 3 (UNAM 2014). **Article:** *Don't Underestimate the Consequences of Inaction*, REASON (December 2014), at <http://reason.com/archives/2014/12/08/in-search-of-libertarian-reali>; **Presentations:** *Visions of Trade in the Global Justice Literature* (University of San Diego School of Law, Conference on Global Justice and Global Trade, April 2015); *On the Justness of Defensive Wars* (Vancouver, British Columbia, Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, panelist, April 2015); *Territory and Global Justice* (Denmark, University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law, March 2015); *The Structure of Humanitarian Intervention Revisited*

(Sweden, University of Stockholm Faculty of Law, March 2015); *The Concept of Territory in International Law and Justice* (Sweden, University of Stockholm Faculty of Law, March 2015); *'Justice at a Distance' book manuscript workshop* (University of Arizona Philosophy Department, Freedom Center, January 2015); *The Illiberal Features of International Law* (Tallin, Estonia, The Approaches of Liberal and Illiberal Governments to International Law: A Conference Marking 25 Years since the Collapse of Communist Regimes in Central and Eastern Europe, June 2014); *La Libertad, la Competencia y la Empresarialidad de Kirzner* (Guatemala City, Liberty Fund Conference, June 2014); *The Mystery of Territory* (London, Authors' Conference for the journal *Social Philosophy and Policy*, sponsored by the Liberty Fund, May-June 2014).

Franita Tolson

BETTY T. FERGUSON PROFESSOR OF VOTING RIGHTS



Article: *Protecting Political Participation through the Voter Qualifications Clause of Article I*, 56 B.C. L. REV. 159 (2015). **Presentations:** *What is Abridgment? A Critique of Two Section Twos* (Duke Law School, April 2015) (University of Alabama School of Law, Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, February 2015) (LSU Law Center, Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, invited, January 2015); *Protecting Political Participation through the Voter Qualifications Clause of Article I* (Emory University School

of Law, January 2015) (William & Mary Law School, November 2014) (Loyola University Chicago School of Law Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2014).

Donald J. Weidner

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR



Presentation: *Fundraising Trends and Tips* (Washington, D.C., AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Institutional

Advancement, January 2015).

Hannah Wiseman

ATTORNEYS' TITLE PROFESSOR



Articles: *Regulatory Islands*, 89 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1661 (2014); *Governing Fracking from the Ground Up*, 93 TEX. L. REV. SEE ALSO 29

(2015) (invited online article response).

Presentations: *Informal Federalism* (University of California, Berkeley, Environmental Law Colloquium, February 2015); *Informal Federalism* (Los Angeles, UCLA School of Law, Climate and Energy Law Workshop, February 2015); *Good Governance in Unconventional Oil and Gas Extraction: Harnessing the Bird's-Eye View of Agencies* (University of Pennsylvania Law School, Penn Program on Regulation, The Risks and Regulatory Challenges of Unconventional Oil and Gas Development, invited panelist, February 2015); *An Introduction to Unconventional Oil and Gas Technologies, Risks, and Regu-*

lation (University of Florida College of Law, 21st Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, Panel on Fracking: Economic Boon or Environmental Burden?, invited panelist, February 2015); *Market-Based Mechanisms in Shale Gas Governance* (Salt Lake City, Utah, National Governors Association, Second Annual Governors' Policy Forum on Responsible Shale Development, invited panelist, December 2014); *The Heydinger Gap and Informal Federalism Solutions* (Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern University Law School, Third Annual Searle Center Conference on Federalism and Energy, invited panelist, November 2014).

Samuel R. Wiseman

MCCONNAUGHAY AND RISSMAN PROFESSOR



Presentations: *The Dangerous Right to Food Choice* (Seattle University, Seattle University Law Review Symposium – Re-Tooling Food

Law, March 2015); *Safety, Sustainability, and the Continuing Struggle over Small-Farm Exemptions in the FSMA* (Boston University, American Journal of Law and Medicine Symposium – The Iron Triangle of Food Policy, January 2015).

Mary Ziegler

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER PROFESSOR



Presentations: *Compromise and Polarization* (Gainesville, University of Florida College of Law Fac-

ulty Workshop, February 2015); *Gender, Compromise, and Polarization After Roe v. Wade* (Yale University, Symposium on Science, Sexuality, and the Law, February 2015); *After Roe: The Lost History of the Abortion Debate* (Washington, D.C., American Association of Law Schools National Conference, January 2015); *Assisted Reproduction in Context* (San Diego, California, National Association of Women Judges 2014 Annual Conference, October 2014); *Identity Contests* (University of Colorado School of Law, Ira C. Rothgerber Conference, October 2014); *Meaningful Reproductive Liberty: A History* (St. Louis, Missouri, Veteran Feminists of America Conference, September 2014).

Faculty Media Hits

Paolo Annino was quoted in an April 15 *Florida Bar News* article about the Florida Supreme Court’s clarification of guidelines for resentencing juveniles tried as adults. Annino also was featured in a January 13 *USA Today* article about two juvenile offenders he represents. A study performed by Annino and the Public Interest Law Center was cited in a February 16 *WLRN* radio piece, “How A Tourist Murder Shaped Juvenile Sentencing In Florida.” Annino also was quoted in a March 20 *WLRN* article about the Florida Supreme Court’s decision to extend a ruling that mandatory life sentences without the opportunity for parole for people who committed crimes as juveniles are cruel and unusual.

Courtney Cahill was featured in a February 3 *WLRN* article, “Q&A: What’s Next in Same Sex Marriage Cases.”

Rosanna Catalano was quoted in an April 13 *U.S. News & World Report* article about how a law school’s location can impact job prospects for its graduates.

Shi-Ling Hsu’s work on inequality was discussed in a May 5 *New York Times* column. He also spoke about his book, *The Case for a Carbon Tax*, on the April 22 *Hal Ginsberg Morning Show* radio program.

One solution, Professor Hsu argues, would be to replace options in bankers’ pay packages with subordinated debt, to impose losses on executives if their bets went bad down the road.

— excerpt from a May 5 *New York Times* column, “What the Debate on Inequality Is Missing”

Jeff Kahn wrote a column, “In Defense of Carried Interest,” that was published January 15 by *Discors*. His article on employment contracts was cited in a November 19 *USA Today* article, “Schools Buying Coaches’ Contracts Instead of Buying Out.”

Marshall Kapp was quoted in a March 21 *Daytona Beach News-Journal* article about a health care provider hiring pastors to talk to the community about good health.

Larry Krieger’s research on lawyer satisfaction was cited in a December 10 article, “Holiday Eye on the Market,” published by J.P. Morgan.

Tahirih Lee was quoted about alternative dispute resolution curriculum in law schools in a December 18 *Daily Report* article.

Wayne Logan’s work was cited and he was quoted in articles resulting from a federal ruling that found Alabama’s ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional. His work was cited in a February 10 *Wall Street Journal* article, “Conflicts Mount Between State and Federal Courts,” he was quoted in a February 9 *Newsweek* article, “Confusion in Alabama After Judge Defies Gay Marriage Ruling,” and he was quoted in a January 28 *Wall Street Journal Law Blog* article, “Can Alabama Judges Defy Federal Court on Gay Marriage?”

“It is of course a very delicate comity question, but as a formal matter a state court need not defer to the federal constitutional holding of a federal lower court ,”

— Professor Wayne Logan quoted in a *Wall Street Journal Law Blog* article about state judges in Alabama being encouraged to defy a federal ruling.

Nat Stern was quoted in an April 7 *Wall Street Journal Law Blog* article about a potential law suit by a fraternity against *Rolling Stone*.

Fernando Tesón was featured and quoted in a February 14 *Tallahassee Democrat* article about his passion for tango music.

Franita Tolson was quoted in a March 6 *North Jersey News* article about the 50th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday” in Selma, Alabama.

Symposium Brings Voting Rights Experts to Campus

In March, the law school hosted an event in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The symposium, *The Law of Democracy at a Crossroads: Reflecting on Fifty Years of Voting Rights and the Judicial Regulation of the Political Thicket*, focused on three election law cases recently decided by the U.S. Supreme Court: *Shelby County v. Holder*, *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council*, and *McCutcheon v. FEC*.

Symposium organizer Franita Tolson, the law school's Betty T. Ferguson Professor of Voting Rights, invited legal scholars and political scientists from around the nation to reflect on changes that have occurred in election law. The event also was an opportunity to debate and shape the future of the field.

Debo Adegbile, a partner at WilmerHale, former senior counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and former acting president and director counsel for NAACP Legal Defense Fund, gave the keynote address. During his tenure with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Adegbile argued *Shelby County v. Holder* before the U.S. Supreme Court. Additional participants were:

- **Kareem U. Crayton**, *Associate Professor, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill School of Law*
- **Joshua A. Douglas**, *Associate Professor, University of Kentucky College of Law*
- **Michael D. Gilbert**, *Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law*



Voting Rights symposium participants were legal scholars and political scientists from around the nation.

- **Richard L. Hasen**, *Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science, University of California – Irvine School of Law*
 - **Michael S. Kang**, *Professor of Law, Emory Law School*
 - **Ellen D. Katz**, *Ralph W. Aigler Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School*
 - **Eugene Mazo**, *Visiting Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University School of Law*
 - **Michael Morley**, *Assistant Professor, Barry University School of Law*
 - **Derek Muller**, *Associate Professor, Pepperdine University School of Law*
 - **Michael J. Pitts**, *Professor of Law and Dean's Fellow, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law*
 - **Garrick Pursley**, *Assistant Professor, Florida State University College of Law*
 - **Bertrall L. Ross**, *Assistant Professor, University of California – Berkeley School of Law*
 - **Daniel A. Smith**, *UF Research Foundation Professor, University of Florida Department of Political Science*
 - **Nicholas Stephanopoulos**, *Assistant Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School*
 - **Daniel P. Tokaji**, *Charles W. Ebersold and Florence Whitcomb Ebersold Professor of Law, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law*
 - **Franita Tolson**, *Betty T. Ferguson Professor of Voting Rights, Florida State University College of Law*
 - **Ciara Torres-Spelliscy**, *Associate Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law*
- Papers resulting from the symposium will be published in the *Florida State University Law Review*.

Scholars From Around the World Convene at Law School



Florida State's David Landau welcomes conference participants.

From April 16-17, approximately 80 young scholars from around the world met at Florida State for the Fourth Annual Global Conference of the Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law. The attendees, who all are professors and students in the area of comparative law with fewer than 10 years of teaching experience on a law faculty, convened after submitting article abstracts that were accepted for the conference. During the event, scholars presented their papers on topics ranging from constitutional law to contacts to family law. Florida State's David E. Landau, the Mason Ladd Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs, chaired the program committee that organized this year's conference.

The three previous conference venues were George Washington University Law School, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, and Lewis & Clark Law School. For more information about the conference and the participants, visit <http://www.law.fsu.edu/news-and-events/2015-ycc-conference>.



The conference's Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Corporate Law panel was moderated by Professor Tahirih Lee (far right) and included scholars from the University of Michigan Law School, the University of Kansas School of Law, Harvard Law School and China's Zhejiang University.

Florida State Welcomes New Professors



Erin Ryan



Avlana Eisenberg



Justin Sevier

We are pleased to welcome three new professors who are joining the Florida State law faculty this summer.

Professor Erin Ryan, who has a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, teaches in the areas of environmental and natural resources law, property and land use, water law, negotiation and federalism. She has presented widely in the United States, Europe and Asia, including at the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, the National Association of Attorneys General, the United States Forest Service and the United

Erin Ryan has presented widely in the United States, Europe and Asia, including at the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, the National Association of Attorneys General, the United States Forest Service and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Nations Institute for Training and Research. She has advised National Sea Grant multilevel governance studies involving Chesapeake Bay and consulted with multiple institutions on developing sustainability programs. She has been featured in the *Chicago Tribune*, the *London Financial Times*, the *Associated Press*, *Thomson-Reuters Beijing*, the *Huffington Post*, *National Public Radio*, and *NBC and CBS Television News*. She is the author of many scholarly works, including *Federalism and the Tug of War Within* (Oxford University Press 2012). Prior to joining the Florida State law faculty, Ryan taught at the

Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College and at the College of William & Mary.

Assistant Professor Avlana K. Eisenberg teaches in the areas of criminal law and procedure, torts, evidence and prison reform. Her scholarship addresses the law and practice of criminal punishment. Eisenberg earned her law degree with distinction from Stanford Law School, where she was an editor on the *Stanford Law Review*. She comes to Florida State from Harvard Law School, where she served as the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Fellow and as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law. Prior to entering law teaching, Eisenberg was a litigation associate at Jenner & Block LLP in Washington, D.C., and a pro bono fellow at the D.C. Public Defender Service.

Assistant Professor Justin Sevier has a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School and expects to earn a Ph.D. in psychology from Yale University in 2015. His teaching interests include scientific and expert evidence in the legal system, and jury decision making. Prior to joining the Florida State law faculty, Sevier was an associate research scholar in law at Yale Law School. He also previously taught at the University of Illinois College of Law, clerked for Judge Carlos T. Bea, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and practiced in the area of corporate litigation in New York City. His scholarship has been published in law journals including the *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Maryland Law Review* and the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

Black Law Students Association #1 in National and Regional Advocacy Competitions



(L-R) National BLSA Moot Court coaches and champions Judge Simone Marsteller, Jason Byrd, Christina Colbert and Karla Ellis ('96)

This spring, Florida State's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) won first place in the National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. Nineteen law school teams from around the nation competed in the appellate advocacy competition, including Columbia University, which Florida State beat in the final round. Other law schools participating included the University of Illinois, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, and Washington and Lee University. The competition was part of the National Black Law Students Association's annual convention, held in Portland, Oregon on March 11-15.

"We are thrilled that our Black Law Students Association has earned the #1 spot at this national competition," said Dean Donald J. Weidner, "especially given the top strength of the competition."

Winning team members were third-year student Jason Byrd from Jacksonville and second-year student Christina Colbert from

Daytona Beach. Judge Simone Marsteller, of Florida's First District Court of Appeal, and Florida State law alumna Karla D. Ellis ('96), who is an attorney at the Florida Supreme Court, served as coaches for the team.

In addition to receiving direction from their coaches, the moot court competitors received guidance from many College of Law faculty members. "While not officially associated with the team, these professors worked with us extensively, hearing our arguments, answering our questions at all times of the day, no matter if they were in town or not," said Byrd. "Their efforts are what helped separate our team from others, and what separates FSU overall—dedicated professors with a depth of knowledge

who are very accessible."

Florida State's BLSA also received the national Chapter of the Year award for chapters of medium size. The award is based heavily on an organization's community service and educational outreach activities. This is the fourth time since 2006 that Florida State has won the national title. Also at the national meeting, third-year student Kevin Alford from Fort Lauderdale and second-year student Samuel Gilot from Miami were named national best advocates in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition.

Our BLSA won the right to compete in the national moot court and mock trial competitions, and for the Chapter of the Year award by winning top honors at January's Southern Region Black Law Students Association (SRBLSA) Regional Convention. The meeting was held in Columbia, South Carolina from January 21-25.

CABA Given Top National Award

Florida State's BLSA won first place in the regional Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. One of 13 teams competing, FSU's team beat teams from Emory University, University of Alabama and University of North Carolina in head-to-head rounds of competition. Winning team members were Alford, first-year student Lauryn Collier from Charlotte, North Carolina, first-year student Matletha Fuller from South Bay, and Gilot. They were coached by Florida State law alumna C. Erica White ('01), who is chief attorney at the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation. Gilot also earned the competition's overall best advocate title.

Florida State's BLSA team of Byrd and Colbert also won first place, out of 19 teams competing, in the regional Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. Other law schools participating included Emory University, University of Alabama and University of Florida. Another team from Florida State won the award for best brief in the competition and placed third overall. The students on that team were second-year student Derrick McBurrows from Monticello and third-year student Joseph Coleman from Naples. Coleman also earned the competition's overall best oralist award.



(L-R) CABA External Vice President Erica Steinmiller, President Joseph Salzverg and Internal Vice President Jessica Fernandez

Florida State's Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) has received the 2014 CABA Student Chapter of the Year award from the Cuban American Bar Association. The award recognizes a CABA student chapter that has exhibited qualities consistent with CABA's mission through its leadership, organizational activities and programs offered to members.

Florida State's CABA, which is one of the largest student CABA chapters in the nation, was honored following a year of many accomplishments. The group hosted several high-profile speakers, including Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga and several Florida legislators. CABA also held a networking event in South Florida, allowing students interested in practicing in the area to connect with attorneys there.

"We are thrilled that the work of our Cuban American Bar Association is being lauded at the national level," said Dean Donald J. Weidner. "Congratulations and thanks go to the entire CABA board and especially to its president, Joseph Salzverg."



BLSA's regional first-place Moot Court and Mock Trial teams with Florida State University President John Thrasher ('72)

Moot Court Team Wins National Constitutional Law Competition



In February, the College of Law Moot Court Team won first place in the J. Braxton Craven, Jr. Memorial Competition. The constitutional law moot court competition was held February 18-21 at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill. Florida State also won the annual competition in 2009.

Twenty-two law schools participated in the competition, including Boston College, Fordham University, University of Maryland, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin, and William & Mary.

Winning team members are third-year law student Jonathan Martin, from Fort Lauderdale, and second-year law student Ian Waldick, from Ocala. Judge Stephanie Ray ('95), of the Florida First District Court of Appeal, and Tallahassee attorney Courtney Brewer, who is a shareholder at The Mills Firm, coached the team.

"Congratulations to our wonderful student advocates and to their coaches," said Dean Donald J. Weidner. "This victory is another testament to the excellence of our students and their advocacy skills."

The judges for the final round were Judge Henry F. Floyd, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Judge Laura Taylor Swain, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and Judge Stephanie D. Thacker, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Additional Moot Court Highlights

Florida State's Moot Court Team competed in 15 competitions during the academic year. In addition to winning first place in the J. Braxton Craven, Jr. Memorial Competition, the team placed second in the Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Moot Court Competition. Team members were semifinalists in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, the E. Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition, and the Jeffrey G. Miller Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. Florida State students were quarterfinalists in the Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition, the Charleston School of Law National Moot Court Competition, the Domenick L. Gabrielli Family Law Moot Court Competition, and the Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational. We would like to thank the following alumni and professors who coached our Moot Court Team this year:

- Barbara Banoff, Professor Emeritus, Florida State University College of Law
- Steve R. Johnson, University Professor, Florida State University College of Law
- Jay Kesten, Assistant Professor, Florida State University College of Law
- Thomas J. "T.J." Morton ('05), Oertel, Fernandez, Bryant & Atkinson, P.A.
- The Honorable Stephanie W. Ray ('95), Florida First District Court of Appeal
- Jarrod F. Reich, Legal Writing Professor, Florida State University College of Law
- Mark Spottswood, Assistant Professor, Florida State University College of Law

Students Continue Powderpuff Tradition

The annual powderpuff football game pitting fans of Florida State University against fans of the University of Florida was held on the law school green on January 28. The FSU team was victorious, beating the UF team 7-0.



Phi Alpha Delta Students Undefeated in National Mock Trial Competition

Florida State University College of Law Phi Alpha Delta students went undefeated in the national Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Competition. Twelve law schools from around the nation participated in the competition, which was held March 6-8 in Arlington, Virginia. In addition to being undefeated, Florida State's team received the top scores from every judge they advocated before in each of their rounds of competition. Florida State placed third overall in the competition.

Florida State team members were third-year student Demi Busatta from Cape Coral, third-year student Stephanie Fritzshall from Boca Raton, first-year student Catherine Harrington from Lake Mary, and third-year student Corey Kirkwood from Washington, Pennsylvania. Busatta also was named Best Attorney for the competition. Florida State law alum Jennito Simon ('13), who is an assistant state attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, coached the team.

"We are thrilled that our Phi Alpha Delta students achieved an undefeated record in this national mock trial competition," said Dean Donald J. Weidner. "Special congratulations to the competitors and to their coach, Jennito Simon."



Florida Senator Anitere Flores

CABA Brings High-Profile Guests to Campus

During the spring 2015 semester, CABA hosted several high-profile speakers. In January, Florida Representatives Jose Felix Diaz and Carlos Trujillo ('07), who both practice law in South Florida, met with students and provided career advice. Florida Senator Anitere Flores, who also is an attorney, spoke to students in February during an event co-sponsored with the law school's Women's Law Symposium. In April, CABA hosted Florida Bar President-Elect Ramon "Ray" Abadin, III.

Law and Medical Schools Host Conference on Medical Malpractice



In February, Florida State's Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law co-hosted a conference, The Future of Medical Malpractice Law in Florida. The program, which aimed to describe and analyze the current legal system in Florida for handling allegations that substandard care provided by a physician or other health care professional injured a patient, was organized by Marshall B. Kapp, Professor of Medicine and Law. College of Law alumni serving as panelists were: **W. Riley Allen ('81)**, **Dana Brooks ('08)**, **Stephen Ecenia ('80)** and **Mel Hartsfield ('94)**.

86.5 Percent of Students Give to Annual Fund

This spring, 86.5 percent of our current students made cash gifts to the law school during a week-long annual student drive held February 1-7. A record 44 faculty members made challenge gifts to inspire student giving.

"We're all thrilled by this result, which represents an extremely gratifying expression of student support for our law school," said College of Law Dean Donald J. Weidner. "Thanks go to our students and to all of our faculty members who made challenge gifts."

The College of Law's student drive helps establish a culture of philanthropy among students.

FSU Law School Again Rated #1 in Florida and One of Nation's Best



In November, *Business Insider* ranked Florida State University College of Law as Florida's #1 law school, and 32nd best nationally, on its 50 Best Law Schools in America list. Florida State is the only Florida law school in the top 50.

The ranking is based on the results of a survey of legal industry professionals, acceptance rates reported by *U.S. News & World Report*, and post-graduate employment rates reported by the American Bar Association. Survey participants were asked to "select the top 10 law schools in terms of how well they prepare students to land their ideal job."

"We are thrilled that *Business Insider* has rated us the #1 law school in Florida," said Dean Donald J. Weidner. "This ranking is especially gratifying because it is based in large part on how well we prepare our students and on their successes in landing the jobs they want."

Law School Hosts Environmental Law Experts

During the 2014-15 academic year Florida State's environmental law program hosted several environmental law experts during events for students and the public. We were pleased to welcome two distinguished lecturers: David E. Adelman, the Harry Reasoner Regents Chair in Law at The University of Texas at Austin, and Katrina M. Wyman, the Sarah Herring Sorin Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. Panelists for our Fall 2014 Environmental Forum, *Florida Renewable Energy*, were:

- Mary Anne Helton ('91), Deputy General Counsel, Florida Public Service Commission,
- Patrick Sheehan, Executive Director of the Florida Office of Energy,
- Michael Sole, Vice President of State Government Affairs, Florida Power & Light
- Barry Weiss, Attorney at Law, former partner at Greenberg Traurig and Squire Sanders, and
- Hannah Wiseman (moderator), Attorneys' Title Professor, Florida State College of Law.



Fall 2014 Environmental Forum Panelists

Our Spring 2015 Forum, *What Would Milton Friedman Do About Climate Change?*, featured:

- Bob Inglis, Executive Director, Energy and Enterprise Initiative, Former U.S. Congressman from South Carolina,
- Dr. Jeff Chanton, The John Widmer Winchester Professor of Oceanography, Florida State University,
- Nathan Richardson, Assistant Professor of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, and



Katrina Wyman, of the NYU School of Law, gave the Spring 2015 Distinguished Lecture.

- Shi-Ling Hsu (moderator), John W. Larson Professor, Florida State University College of Law.

In addition, the year included numerous enrichment events for students. Several College of Law alumni participated in these events, sharing their expertise and experiences with our students. We would like to thank the following alumni for speaking with our students:

- Vinette Dawn Godelia ('02), Hopping Green & Sams,
- Thomas Anthony Kay ('05), Executive Director, Alachua Conservation Trust,
- Katrina Meixner "Katie" Miller ('05), Research/IT Librarian, Florida State University College of Law,
- Kelly Samek (LL.M., '13), Gulf Restoration Coordinator, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and
- Jeffrey Heath Wood ('03), Partner, Balch & Bingham LLP.

Alumni Coach Mock Trial Team

Florida State's Mock Trial Team competed in 10 competitions during the 2014-15 academic year. Students took second place in the regional American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition, third place in the National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition and fourth place in the national Judge Paul Joseph Kelly, Jr. Invitational Trial Competition. Florida State also reached the semifinals in the Chester H. Bedell Mock Trial Competition. Our team competing in the ABA National Criminal Justice Trial Competition advanced to the quarterfinals in Chicago, with one FSU competitor, Chelsea Cramer, winning an award for "Best Opening Statement." We would like to thank the following alumni, many of whom were members of the Mock Trial Team, and professors who coached our Mock Trial Team:

- Eric T. Abrahamsen ('07), Friedman, Frank & Abrahamsen
- Georgia A. Cappleman ('02), State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit
- Tor J. Friedman ('05), Friedman, Frank & Abrahamsen
- Sara Camille Hassler ('13), State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit
- Thomas Francis Kirwin ('79), Florida Department of Financial Services
- Ross Marshman ('12), Public Defender's Office, Second Judicial Circuit
- Adrian Thomas Mood ('13), State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit
- Robert A. "Alex" Morris ('98), The Law Office of Robert A. Morris, LLC
- Jarrod F. Reich, Legal Writing Professor, Florida State University College of Law
- Stacy Shane Sharp ('09), State Attorney's Office, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
- Jennito Simon ('13), State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit
- Ruth E. Stone, Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice, Florida State University College of Law
- Lorena Vollrath-Bueno ('03), State Attorney's Office, Second Judicial Circuit



Campbell Joins the Law School

Grady Campbell has joined the law school as a new development officer. In this position, he works with Director of Development Jeanne Curtin and with Dean Don Weidner to secure major gifts for the law school. Campbell earned an M.B.A and a B.S. in sociology from Florida State University. He previously worked with MCCa, a division of Municipal Code Corporation, the Earl Bacon Agency and Summers Realty. Campbell also played baseball at the University of South Carolina from 2001-2003.

OTHER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Sarah Logan Beasley (2L) has accepted an offer to clerk for Judge Mark Walker, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, beginning in 2017.



Lauryn Collier (1L) (center) was crowned Miss Tallahassee 2015 in March. She will compete in the Miss Northwest Florida pageant in November.



Rachael Dziechciarz (3L) was selected as a Gubernatorial Fellow for 2014-15. As part of the program, she is working in a high-level position at the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.



Lauren Gentry (3L) will clerk for United States Magistrate Judge Patricia Barksdale, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, upon graduation.

Edward Grodin (3L) has accepted a judicial law clerk position with the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review—Office of the Chief Immigration Judge. He will clerk at the Orlando Immigration Court.

Joseph Hart (2L) has accepted an offer to clerk for Judge J. Randal Hall, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, upon graduation.



Sarah Haston (3L) has accepted a federal clerkship with Judge Robert Hinkle, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, in Tallahassee



Valerie Little (3L) won first place for her poster on the Clean Air Act's ability to regulate emissions caused by hydraulic fracturing during the Air & Waste Management Association Florida Section Conference in October. Little, along with engineering students from the University of Florida, also placed first in a team challenge that asked students to address a real life environmental problem.

Andrew Missel (3L) will clerk for the Honorable Mark Walker, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and then for the Honorable Susan Graber, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Christopher Roberts (3L) has accepted a judicial clerkship with United States Magistrate Judge James R. Klindt, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Taylor Sachs (2L) was selected as a Gubernatorial Fellow for 2014-15. As part of the program, he is working in a high-level position at the Florida Department of Health.



David Ward (3L) was selected as a Gubernatorial Fellow for 2014-15. As part of the program, he is working in a high-level position at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Several students competed in the Vis Moot Court Competition in April. For the second year in a row, Florida State advanced to the Round of 64. Florida State was the only Florida school to advance and one of only 11 U.S. schools to make the top 64. Team members were: **Lauren Gentry (3L), Kim Large (2L), Carrie Rosato (3L), Lane Turkle (2L) and Bryan Yasinsac (3L).**

A team of Phi Alpha Delta students won the title of Most Unique Chili at the Tallahassee Bar Association's 19th Annual Chili Cook-off in January. Winning students were: **Curt Bender (1L), Christine Clolinger (3L), Stephanie Fritzshall (3L), Katie Harrington (1L), Megan Lloyd (3L), Christopher O'Brien (1L), Kristen Sterrett (3L) and Matt Storch (2L).**



A team of law students placed second at the University of Virginia Softball Invitational in April. Team members were: **Matt Adams (3L), Coleman Brice (3L), Clayton Culler (1L), Joshua Dannheisser (1L), David Glickman (3L), Dakota Kuykendall (3L), Yoe Lopez (1L), Rusty Melges (3L), Jordan Pace (1L), Jay Repko (3L) and Trey Wright (3L).**



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