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From the Dean



We invite you to attend the Florida State University College of Law 2026 Homecoming Weekend Festivities. This is a special year as we celebrate the College of Law's 60th anniversary.

Our Homecoming events will begin Friday, November 20, with a reception for all alumni. On Saturday, we invite alumni to join our Alumni Board meeting. All alumni and their families are invited to the tailgate party before the FSU vs. NC State football game as well. On Sunday, we are hosting a special 60-Year Alumni Brunch celebrating the Class of 1976. In addition, the classes of 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016 will celebrate milestone reunions. See reunion celebration schedules and register below.

We hope to see you and your families!

[Click here](#) to see the full schedule of events.

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Erin O'Connor
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Annual Florida Bar Convention Alumni Reception Invitation

Join us for the **FL Bar Convention Alumni Reception**

Thursday, June 18
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek
Orlando, FL

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You're invited to the **Annual Florida Bar Convention Alumni Reception** at the Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida, on **June 18**.

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors for helping make this special event possible.

Please RSVP by Monday, June 8, by emailing alumni@law.fsu.edu or calling the Alumni Office at (850) 644-7260.

FSU Law Faculty In the News



Jake Linford, the Loula Fuller & Dan Myers Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was quoted in a *State article syndicated by Yahoo News* titled, "The LDS Church is Suing One of Its Most Vocal Critics for a Seemingly Silly Reason. It Could Change What We Know About Mormonism."

Professor Linford provided his thoughts on Podcaster John Dehlin's use of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' trademarked term "Mormon."

[Click here](#) to read the article.



Michael Morley, the Faculty Director of the Election Law Center and Sheila M. McDevitt Professor of Law, published a *Bloomberg Law* article titled, "Voting Rights Case Sets Stage for 2050's Multiracial Democracy."

[Click here](#) to read the article.

Professor Morley was also featured in a *WTSP Tampa Bay 10 News* article titled, "Lawsuit challenges Florida's new congressional map, raising questions ahead of midterms."

[Click here](#) to read the article.

Additionally, Professor Morley participated in a podcast episode of the *National Constitution Center* titled, "Supreme Court Strikes Down Louisiana Congressional Map."

[Click here](#) to hear the podcast episode.

Lastly, Professor Morley was featured in an iHeartRadio podcast episode of *Good Morning Orlando* titled, "Florida Legislature OKs new redistricting map ahead of November election."

[Click here](#) to hear the podcast episode.

Last Call for Nominations



As we continue to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our alumni throughout the year, nominations for the **2026 Exemplary Public Service Career Award** are closing **May 15 at 11:59 p.m.**

The award recipient will be recognized during a special ceremony, and a painted portrait will be permanently displayed at the College of Law to honor their significant contributions to public service.

Nominations are due today.

[Nominate](#)

FSU Law Faculty Scholarship



Jacob Eisler, the James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Cory Professor, recently had his forthcoming article accepted for publication in the *Stanford Law Review Online, Special Collection on Technology, AI, and the Future of Civil Rights*. His article titled "Disparate (Algorithmic) Advantage" was co-authored with Professor Yunsieg Kim from Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law.

Professor Eisler was also recently published in the *University of Miami Law Review*. His article titled "The Circuit Court Interim Docket" was co-authored with Jeffrey Paul DeSousa and Casey Witte from the Office of the Florida Attorney General.

The collaboration with leading practitioners was published in an issue dedicated to Eleventh Circuit issues. The foreword was written by the Honorable Judge Robert Luck, an Eleventh Circuit Judge. The piece can be read in the *University of Miami Law Review*, Volume 80, Issue 4, 991 (2026).

[Click here](#) to read the article.

FSU Law Faculty & Staff News



Brian Slocum, the Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Stearns Weaver Miller Professor, was invited last month to an event at Georgetown Law Center as a moderator and speaker. The event focused on a forthcoming *Oxford University Press* book written by Professors Kevin Tobia and Tammy Gales, *Corpus Linguistics and the Interpretation of Statutes over Time*.

Professor Slocum also attended Professor William N. Eskridge's Theories of Statutory Interpretation Seminar at Yale Law School, where he presented chapters from his forthcoming *Yale University Press* book, *Twenty-First Century Textualism*, which he co-authored with Professors William N. Eskridge and Kevin Tobia.

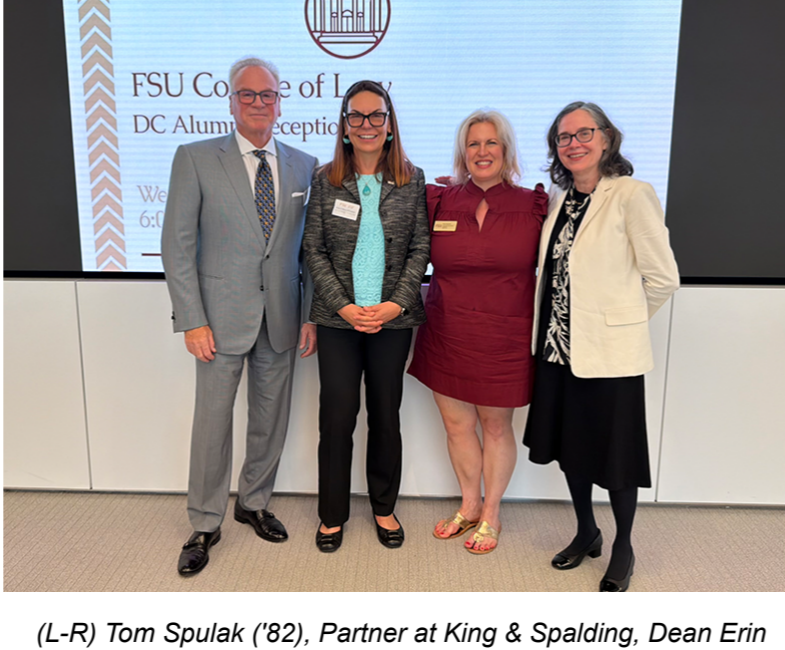


Jennifer Heckman (01), Director of Employer Recruitment at the College of Law Office of Career Services, was recently featured in *The Florida Bar News* article titled, "Employers Identify and Connect with Candidates Using FSU Law's Free Online Services."

In the article, Heckman provides insight into the evolving legal hiring landscape and how the College of Law is staying abreast of and adapting to those shifts through free online services for all legal employers in Florida.

[Click here](#) to read the article.

FSU Law 2026 D.C. Alumni Reception



Recently, we hosted the D.C. Alumni Reception, where we reconnected with our incredible alumni community.

We were proud to welcome FSU Law alumni from across the D.C. area for an evening of celebration, networking, and shared Seminoles spirit.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our sponsors, **Tom Spulak (82)** and **King & Spalding**.

Our next alumni reception will be at the Annual Florida Bar Convention in Orlando, Florida.

View the D.C. reception photos on [FSU Law Connect](#).

FSU Law Social Spotlight



As we honored the Class of Spring 2026, we also honored the generations of graduates who have shaped the legacy of Florida State University College of Law through our 60th Anniversary series.

The Charter Class of 1969 included 95 J.D. graduates, marking the beginning of FSU Law's tradition of excellence.

Sixty years later, the Class of 2026 celebrated 140 J.D. graduates, 11 LL.M. graduates, and 140 J.M. graduates — a reflection of the continued growth and enduring impact of FSU Law.



FSU College of Law has produced a **60-Year Commemorative Coin** to recognize participation in supporting the law school during its 60th year anniversary.

Alumni can earn a 60-Year Commemorative Coin by Donating \$250+ AND joining and engaging on FSU Law Connect. OR attending an in-person Alumni Event. These actions must be taken **between January 1 and December 31, 2026** to be eligible for the coin.

[Find Details on Eligibility Requirements for FSU Law's 60-Year Coin.](#)