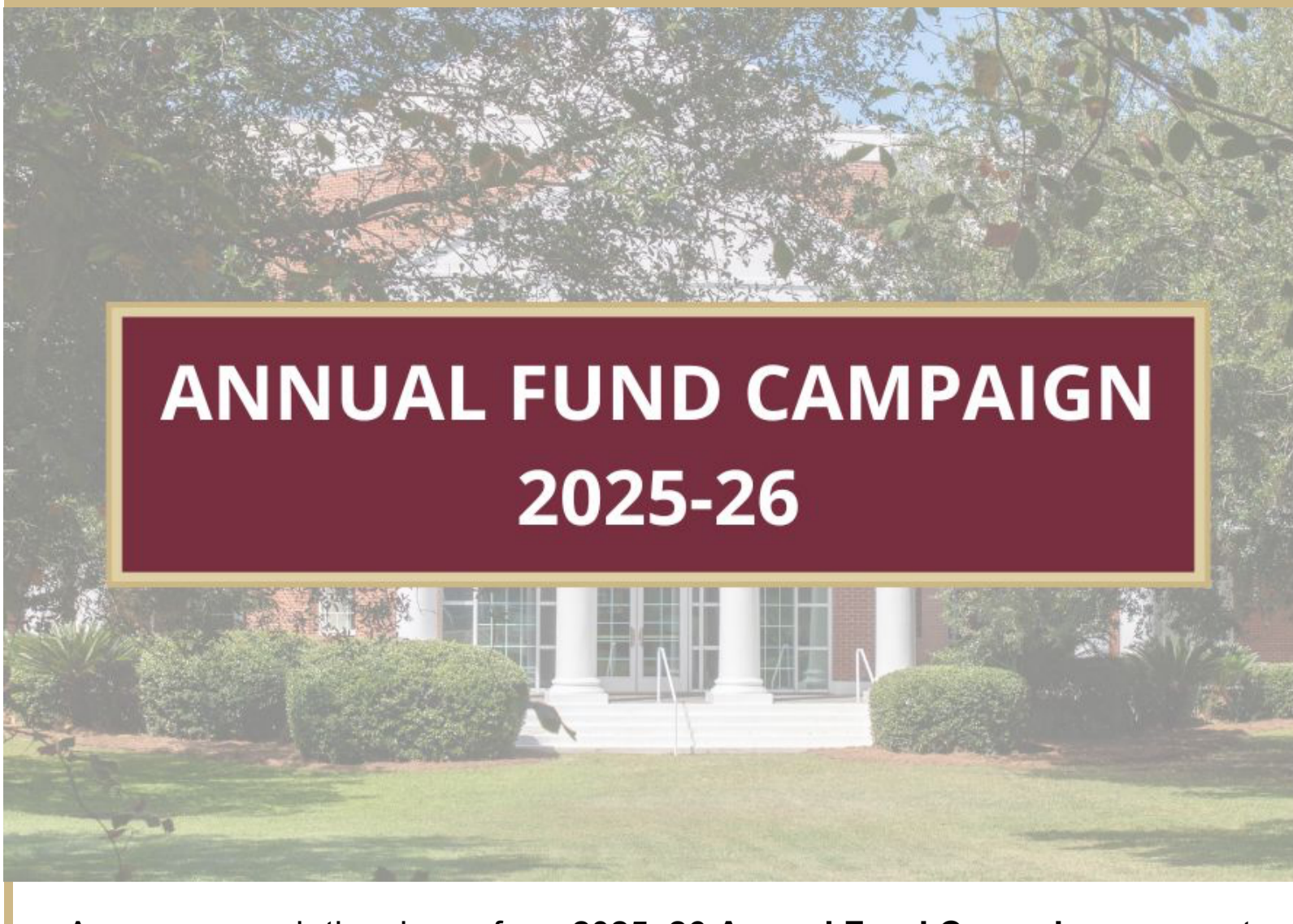


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From the Dean



ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN 2025-26

As we approach the close of our **2025-26 Annual Fund Campaign**, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has already chosen to support Florida State University College of Law this year. Your generosity helps strengthen every aspect of our institution and creates opportunities that have a lasting impact on our students and our future.

For those who have not yet had the chance to participate, there is still time. Our campaign concludes on **June 30**, and we invite you to consider making a gift of any amount. Every contribution, regardless of size, helps us address student needs and advance our mission of academic excellence.

One of the great strengths of our Annual Fund is the flexibility to support the areas that matter most to you. Whether your passion is scholarships, student organizations and activities, professional development opportunities, or another area of the College, your gift helps provide the resources our students need to succeed.

Our alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends have built a remarkable tradition of giving, helping us consistently rank among the top law schools in the nation for alumni giving. We hope to build upon that extraordinary commitment this year.

Every gift represents more than financial support; it is a vote of confidence in our students and the future of FSU Law. Most importantly, it reflects the enduring strength of our community and our shared commitment to excellence for generations to come.

[Click here](#) to make a gift.

[Click here](#) to watch the Annual Fund Video.


 Dean Erin O'Connor

Bar Success Team: Feeding and Fueling Bar Takers



As our graduates prepare for the upcoming Florida Bar Exam in mid-July, one of the most meaningful ways we support them is through the College's Spear Bar Food Pantry. This effort, led by our dedicated **Bar Success Team**, helps ensure that students have access to meals and snacks during one of the most demanding periods of their legal education.

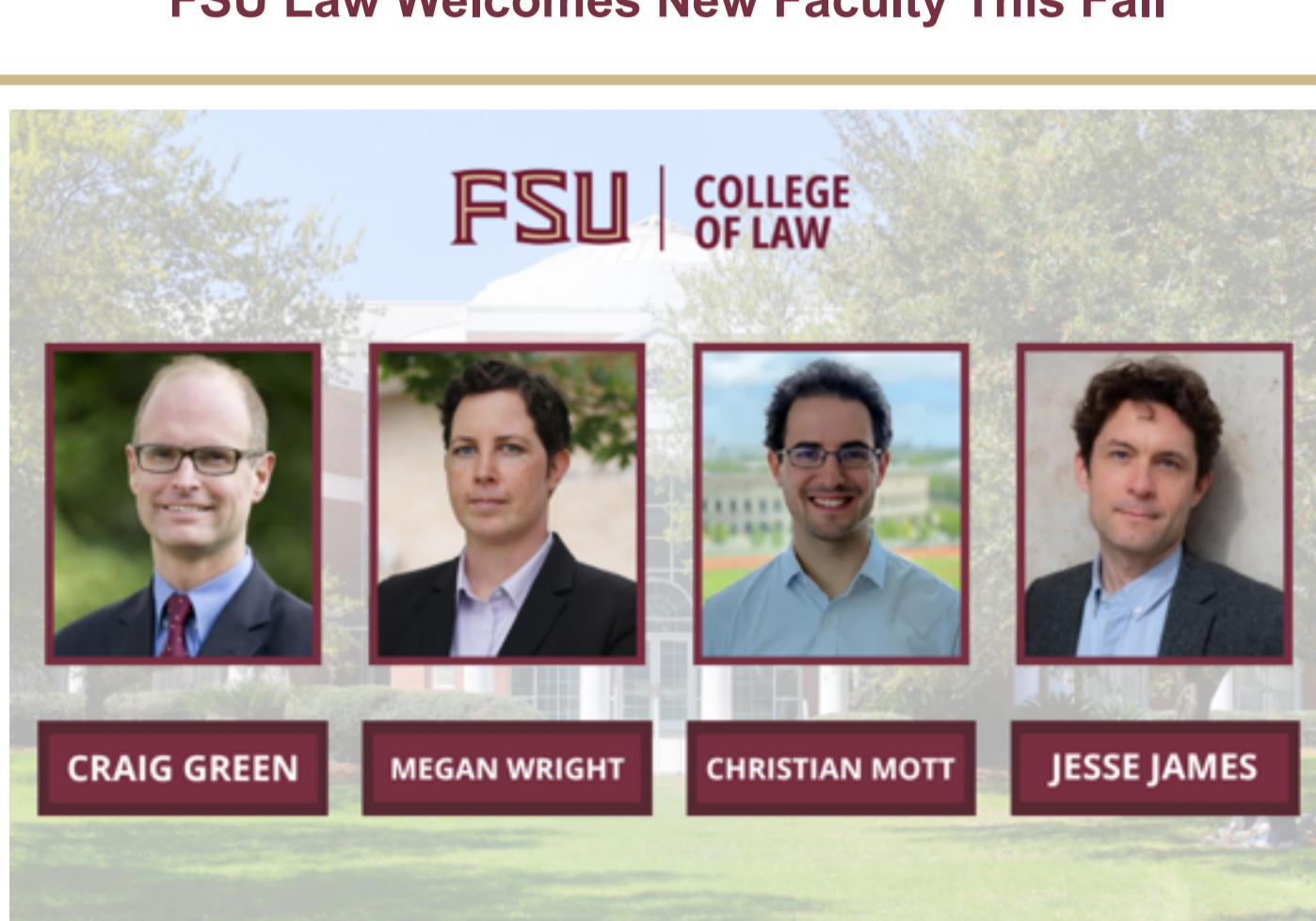
Preparing for the bar requires extraordinary focus, discipline, and perseverance. By helping meet a basic need, we can remove another burden from our graduates' accomplishments and allow them to focus on what matters most—completing this final step in their journey to becoming practicing attorneys.

The Spear Bar Food Pantry is a powerful example of our community supporting its own. Every act of support, large or small, sends a clear message to our students: that the FSU Law community is invested in their success and stands behind them as they prepare to enter the profession.

Director of Bar Success, Jami Ferrell shares, "Many of the students aren't working during this time... Access to healthy food and meals is a concern for some. We're providing snacks, hot meals, healthy choices, frozen foods, fruits, veggies, and canned goods."

[Click here](#) to contribute to this important resource.

FSU Law Welcomes New Faculty This Fall



FSU Law will welcome four outstanding scholars to our academic community this fall: Professors **Craig Green**, **Megan Wright**, **Christian Mott**, and **Jesse James**. Each brings a distinguished record of scholarship, teaching, and intellectual leadership that will further enrich our students' educational experience.

Professor Green will be joining us as the Steven M. Goldstein Professor of Law from Temple University Beasley School of Law. He is widely respected for his work in constitutional law, administrative law, federal courts, and American legal history. His scholarship has influenced major national debates on executive power, federalism, and the role of courts, and his research has been cited in some of the most significant legal debates of our time.

Professor Wright joins us from Penn State Dickinson Law and will be a named professor. A nationally recognized scholar at the intersection of health law, bioethics, disability law, and public health, Professor Wright has developed an influential body of research addressing healthcare decision-making, dementia, patient autonomy, and medical ethics.

Assistant Professor Mott joins us from the Department of Psychology at Columbia University. His research examines public conceptions of criminal mental states and punishment, including work in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied* and studies exploring alternatives to incarceration and sentencing. He is recognized for advancing empirical research that bridges psychological science and the law.

Visiting Assistant Professor James joins us from Grinnell College. His work spans law, history, and the humanities. He has earned recognition for his research on international law in the ancient Greek world and the historical foundations of legal advocacy in his forthcoming book, *Laws of All the Greeks*, published by Oxford University Press.

We are honored that these accomplished scholars have chosen to join our law community.

FSU Law News



Our **Summer for Undergraduates Program (SUG)** continues to provide aspiring legal professionals with an engaging introduction to the study and practice of law. This year's cohort embraced every opportunity offered.

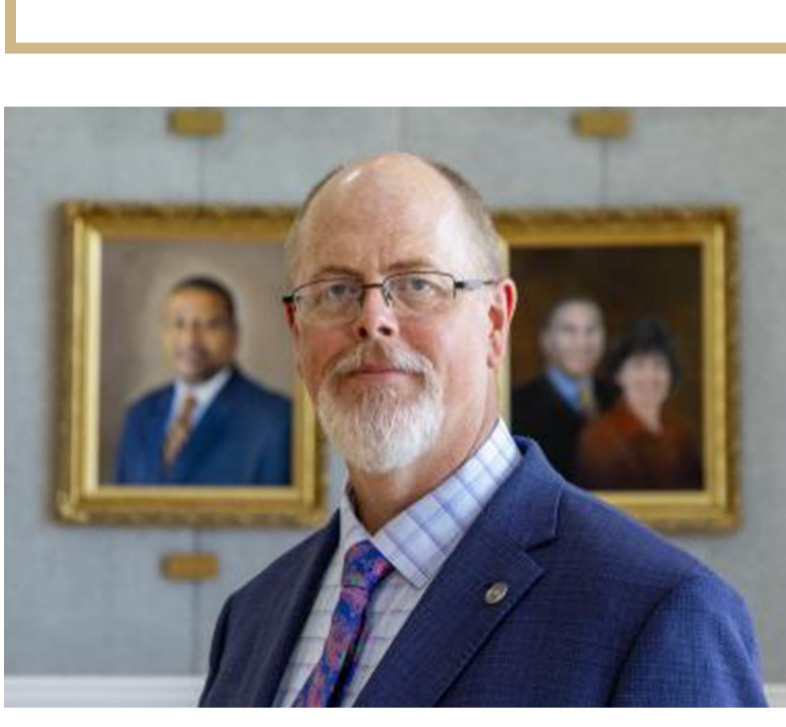
Throughout the program, students participated in a wide range of activities, including workshops, breakout sessions, a retreat, a visit to the **Florida Supreme Court**, and an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the **Florida Capitol**. During their visit to the Capitol, students stepped onto the floors of both the House and Senate chambers and explored how legal training can lead to meaningful careers in government. They also participated in a mock legislative session, allowing them to experience the legislative process and better understand how ideas become law.

We look forward to following this year's cohort and hope to welcome them back to campus as future FSU Law students.

[Click here](#) to send an email application for the 2027 cohort, opening this fall.



FSU Law Faculty News



Jake Linford, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Louia Fuller & Dan Myers Professor, was recently quoted in a *Bloomberg Law* article titled, "**First AI Copyright Appeal's Reach Hinges on Market Impact Issue**." The article explores the appeal in *Thomson Reuters v. Ross Intelligence*, a case that could have far-reaching implications for how courts evaluate the use of copyrighted materials in AI training and development.

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



Michael Morley, Sheila M. McDevitt Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Election Law Center, has been featured in a *Newsweek* article titled "**Trump's SAVE Act Plan for Midterms is Slipping Away**." The article examines the future of the SAVE Act, a bill that would impose stricter voter identification and proof-of-citizenship requirements but has limited bipartisan support and continues to face opposition in the Senate.

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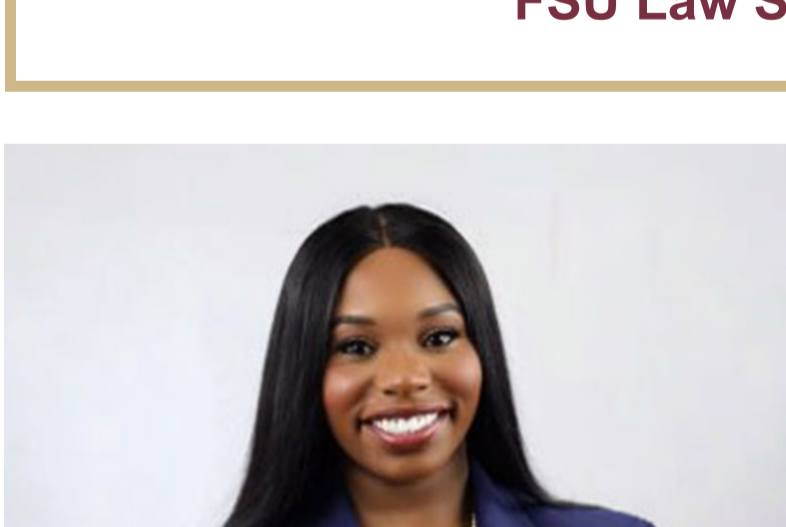
Professor Morley was also featured in an *AL.com* article titled "**Inconsistent: Supreme Court Ignores its own 20-year-old rule in Alabama redistricting case**." In the article, legal scholars and voting-rights advocates argue that the Court's use of the doctrine has been inconsistent and has generated uncertainty in election law. The decision to permit the continued use of Alabama's contested congressional map, despite lower-court findings of potential voting-rights violations, prompted questions regarding the protection of minority voting rights and the stability of redistricting standards.

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

Additionally, Professor Morley was featured in a *Honolulu Civil Beat* article titled, "**Can Tommy Waters Even Run For a Third Honolulu Council Term?**" In this article, Professor Morley provided insight into Honolulu City Council Chair Tommy Waters' eligibility to seek reelection.

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

FSU Law Student News



We are pleased to recognize rising 3L **Zanani Johnson**, who has been selected as **The Florida Bar Business Law Section Fellow** for the 2026-28 term. Through this highly regarded fellowship, Johnson will have the opportunity to work alongside some of Florida's leading business law practitioners, contribute to the work of the Section, and further develop professional relationships and leadership skills for a successful legal career.

Most recently, Johnson completed the **College of Law's Stoops Fellowship program**, further strengthening her foundation for a bright future in her field. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement. We are proud of her accomplishments and look forward to seeing the many ways she will contribute to the legal profession in the years ahead.

FSU Law Social Spotlight



Celebrating 60 years of FSU Law. We love looking back at the memories that shaped our community.

[Share with us](#) your favorite FSU Law photos and memories for a chance to be featured as part of our 60th anniversary celebration.



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