



October 9, 2026

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From the Dean



Preparing our students for successful careers means helping them explore the many ways they can put their law degrees to work. Last week, the [Career Services and Professional Development Office](#) hosted its [Practice Area Career Fair](#), bringing students together with representatives from law firms practicing in civil litigation, immigration law, environmental law, family law, construction law, and more. Through these conversations, students learned about different practice areas and career paths while making connections with members of the legal profession.

We are grateful to the firm representatives and our law alumni who joined us to share their experiences and help our students consider their next steps. Their participation gives students a valuable chance to ask questions and learn directly from attorneys about their work.

[Click here](#) to view the event photo gallery.



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FSU Law Upcoming Events



Join us as we welcome Andrew Mergen, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Emmett Environmental Law & Policy Clinic at Harvard Law, on **October 14**, from **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**, to deliver the **Fall 2026 Distinguished Environmental Lecture**.

Professor Mergen will share his insights on the past, present, and future of environmental litigation after spending more than 35 years in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Followed by a reception.

In-person and virtual attendance options are available, and the event is approved for 1.0 CLE credit.

[Register Here](#)

FREE SPEECH IN THE AGE OF AI

EXPLORING AI, GOVERNMENT POWER,
AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

October 22, 2026



On **October 22**, from **1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**, FSU College of Law and the [First Amendment Foundation](#) will host **Free Speech in the Age of AI**, an interdisciplinary symposium exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence and the First Amendment.

Across three panels, scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and technology experts will discuss AI's role in government decision-making, surveillance, public records, and legal accountability, along with the constitutional and policy questions these developments raise.

In-person and virtual attendance options are available, and the event is approved for CLE credit.

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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE DEATH PENALTY SYMPOSIUM



On **November 13**, FSU College of Law will host the [International Human Rights and the Death Penalty Symposium](#) in the **Main Classroom Building** and **D'Alemberte Rotunda**. The full-day event will bring together speakers from around the world to examine capital punishment through an international human rights lens.

Featured speakers include:

- Sister Helen Prejean, American Catholic Sister, author, and advocate
- Tsakhagiin Elbegdorj, former President of Mongolia
- Mario Mirazziti, former deputy in Italy's Camera dei Deputati
- Mark Olive, a nationally recognized death penalty litigation expert
- Professor Corinna Barrett Lain, University of Richmond School of Law
- Professor William Schabas, Middlesex University, London
- Robin Maher, Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center

In-person and virtual attendance options are available. The event is approved for 8.0 General CLE credits and 1.0 Ethics credit.

[Register Here](#)

FSU Law Faculty News



Henry Wang, Mason Ladd Professor of Law, was recently selected by the [Administrative Conference of the United States \(ACUS\)](#) to lead the research project, **"Discovery in Agency Adjudication,"** which examines discovery practices in federal agency adjudication.

The project will study how federal agencies regulate and manage discovery in administrative proceedings and develop recommendations for practices that promote fairness, efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness.

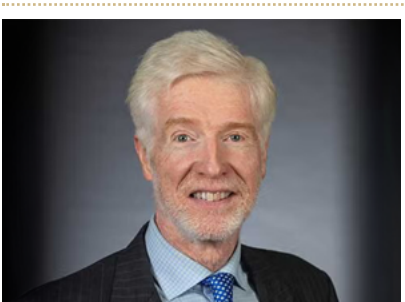
Professor Wang will also undertake a comparative study of discovery and related procedural practices in other common-law jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, Canada, and Singapore, to identify approaches that may offer useful insights for the federal administrative adjudication system. He will receive \$25,000 to conduct the research.

[Click here](#) to read the press release.



JamI Ferrell was recently featured in the *FSU News* radio episode titled, **"Florida State College of Law is Raising the Bar."** Ferrell discussed FSU Law's comprehensive approach to helping students succeed on the bar exam through early preparation, bar support programs, and student success initiatives.

[Click here](#) to listen to the episode.



Mark Schlakman, senior program director at FSU's [Center for the Advancement of Human Rights \(CAHR\)](#), was recently featured in the article, **"What's next for Tomasz Kosowski as judge considers death penalty,"** available on Yahoo News.

Schlakman discusses Florida's death penalty process and the unusual circumstances surrounding Kosowski's case.

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

FSU Law Event Recap



The [First Amendment Clinic](#), in partnership with the [Institute for Governance and Civics](#), recently hosted **SCOTUS Preview: First Amendment on the Docket**. Speakers provided insight into how the U.S. Supreme Court may decide several high-profile First Amendment cases and what the outcomes could mean for religious freedom and enforcement of the Establishment Clause in America.

[Click here](#) to watch the recording.

FSU Law Student News



FSU Law's [Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society](#) recently hosted an **EASL Sports Panel** exploring legal careers in the sports industry. Panelists shared how their careers developed and discussed the skills and professional relationships that can help students enter the field.

Speakers included **Paul Aloi**, shareholder at Rubin & Rubin; **Julia Damron**, managing partner at Athlaw LLP; **Sean Caulfield** and **Charles Boudet**, associates at Baker & Hostetler LLP; and **Will Hall**, partner at Jones Walker LLP.

FSU Law Student Spotlight: 3L Carisse Joseph



Expected Graduation: May 2027
Desired Practice Location: Fort Lauderdale, New York, or Washington, D.C.
Field of Law Sought: Family Law, In-House counsel

3L Carisse Joseph is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She earned her undergraduate degree in Management Information Systems from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. A first-generation law student, Joseph speaks English, Haitian Creole, Spanish, and French.

At FSU Law, Joseph serves as president of the Black Law Students Association, a student ambassador, and a member of the Trial Team.

In summer 2025, Joseph worked as a law clerk at the [Second Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office](#). In summer 2026, she worked as a global risk and compliance intern at *American Express* in New York. Since August, she has been working as a certified legal intern at the Second Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office.

Joseph is interested in judicial clerkships and careers in plaintiff's civil litigation, family law, or in-house counsel.

If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Joseph after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn](#) or email her at pj23h@fsu.edu.

"I have enjoyed my time at FSU Law and I am excited to use the skills I have developed to contribute meaningfully to the legal profession."

FSU Law Social Spotlight



As [Fundation](#) continues through **October 24**, our latest video features students sharing what **Innovative Leadership** means to them and how donor support brings it to life at FSU College of Law.

Watch the video on Instagram to hear their perspectives and learn more about this year's campaign.



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.](#)

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