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From the Dean



As we close out the year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported the FSU College of Law in 2025. Your generosity—whether through gifts, mentorship, or time—strengthens every part of our community. Because of you, our students have greater opportunities, our programs flourish, and our mission continues to grow.

The holiday season offers a moment to reflect on the values that connect us: leadership, excellence, service, and a shared commitment to preparing the next generation of legal professionals. It is also a time to recognize the impact our broader community has on the life of this institution. Each contribution, large or small, makes a

meaningful difference in what we can accomplish. As we look toward 2026, we do so with excitement and a renewed sense of purpose. The year ahead will bring new initiatives, new partnerships, and new opportunities for

our students and faculty to excel. I am grateful to be on this journey with you. Thank you again for all you have done this year. If you are considering year-end

giving, I hope you will keep the College of Law in mind. Your support helps ensure that our momentum continues.

Give a Gift

Warmest wishes for a joyful and restorative holiday season.

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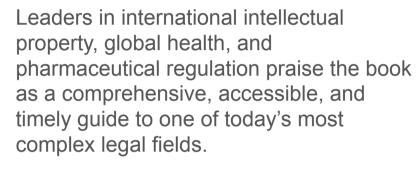
(L-R) - Dr. Darren Brooks, Professor Jacob Eisler, and Professor Denise Harle.

Jacob Eisler, James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Corry Professor, joined **Dr. Darren Brooks** from the College of Business last week for a debate on "The First Amendment: The Limitations of Free Speech," hosted by the FSU Office of Public Policy Events and the Institute for Governance & Civics.

Moderated by **Professor Denise Harle**, director of the **First Amendment Clinic**, the discussion explored the legal boundaries of free speech, the circumstances under which expression may still lead to consequences, and how students can navigate responsible speech in academic, professional, and public settings.

FSU Law Faculty News

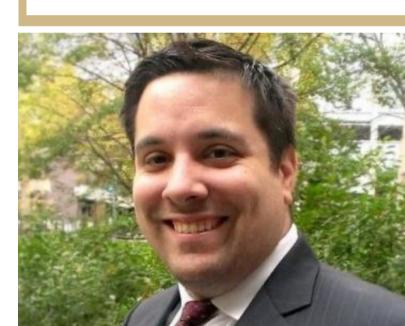
Fred Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of International Law, has received strong early endorsements for his forthcoming book, Advanced Introduction to Pharmaceutical Law, set to be released in March 2026 by Edward Elgar Publishing.





They highlight Professor Abbott's deep expertise, the clarity with which he explains intricate regulatory and policy issues, and the book's value for both industry professionals and scholars. Endorsers also note its relevance to rapidly evolving areas such as Al-driven drug development and telemedicine.

FSU Law Faculty in the News



This week, **Michael Morley**, Sheila M. McDevitt Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Election Law Center, participated in the **U.S. House** Subcommittee on Elections hearing, "Examining Potential Updates to the NVRA," in Washington, D.C. Professor Morley's opening statement at

the hearing focused on modernizing the **National Voter Registration Act** (NVRA). He discussed ways of improving the voter registration process, enhancing voter database maintenance, and expanding the range of information available to election officials to ensure the accuracy of their records. His testimony highlighted how better information can both protect eligible voters and bolster public confidence in the electoral process. **Click here** to learn more.

Watch the full meeting. Professor Morley was also featured this week as an expert for the *Texas Tribune*, in an

article titled, "A national GOP push to exclude noncitizens from future redistricting could have big ramifications in Texas." In the piece, Professor Morley explains that excluding all or some noncitizens from apportionment counts would be unconstitutional under the clear language of the 14th

Amendment's apportionment provisions. **Click here** to read the article.

Governor Ron DeSantis.

Congratulations to FSU Law alumna Judge Danielle Sherriff ('08) on her

FSU Law Alumni News

Judge Sherriff previously served as a County Court Judge and has already made a strong impact. Before joining the

appointment to the Circuit Court Bench by

bench, she served as Senior Litigation Attorney for the Palm Beach County School District, worked in private practice, and was an Assistant State Attorney in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.



Congratulations to 3L Andrew Barrineau, the 2025 FSU Law Alumni **Association Mores Medal Award**

recipient.

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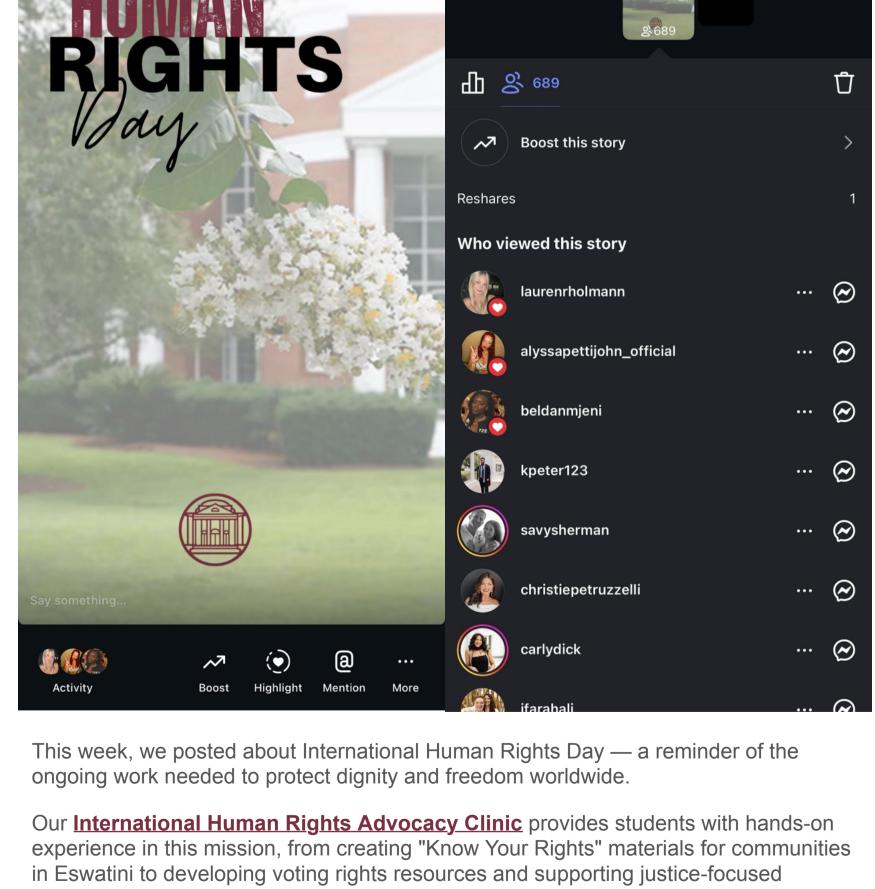
The Mores Medal honors a graduating student who demonstrates exceptional dedication to public service at the College of Law, including volunteering,

demonstration of collegiality, teamwork, integrity, honesty, humility, and generosity.

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FSU Law Social Spotlight

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partners. We are proud of our students who champion equity and elevate underrepresented voices.



PROGRAM

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