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From the Dean



We are proud to recognize that **eight of our graduating students secured federal judicial clerkships**. This milestone reflects both their individual excellence and the strength of the FSU Law community that has supported their journey.

Please join us in recognizing the following 3L students on their clerkship appointments:

- **Molly Adamo**, Chief U.S. District Judge Allen C. Winsor in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- **Mason Bennett**, Judge T. Kent Wetherell II in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- **Sheldon Burnell**, Judge Wendy Williams Berger in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- **Anthony Freed**, Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- **Nyah German**, Staff Attorneys' Office for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- **Isabel Hutchinson**, Judge Mark E. Walker in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- **Seth Johnsen**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida
- **Matthew Scarbrough**, Magistrate Judge Robert M. Norway in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

Federal judicial clerkships are among the most competitive and distinguished opportunities available to law graduates, offering a firsthand view of judicial decision-making. These placements showcase the exceptional abilities of our students, the strength of our academic programs, and the commitment of our faculty to preparing graduates for meaningful, high-impact careers.

We are incredibly proud of these students and confident they will represent FSU Law with distinction as they begin this next chapter.

Erin O'Connor
Dean Erin O'Connor

FSU Law Annual Report



Each year, Florida State University College of Law shares its **Annual Report**, highlighting the meaningful ways alumni and donor support advance our mission.

The report showcases how charitable contributions directly enhance student success, strengthen academic programs, and expand opportunities across the College. **Your generosity continues to shape the future of legal education at FSU Law—one student, one scholarship, and one achievement at a time.**

[Click here](#) to review the 2024-25 Annual Report.

FSU Law in the News

FSU College of Law continues to make headlines, highlighted by a four-spot rise to No. 34 overall in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings—our highest ranking in history.

[Tallahassee Democrat](#), "**Real results: FSU grad programs get top marks in U.S. News ranking**."

[Florida Politics](#), "**FSU College of Law jumps to all-time high in U.S. News & World Report rankings**."

At the same time, students in the **2026 Supreme Court Litigation course** are continuing to gain national recognition for their work beyond the classroom.

[Legal Reader](#); [FSU College of Law](#), "**FSU Students Help Shape Supreme Court Debate in Major Election Law Case**"

[Florida Politics - Takeaways from Tallahassee](#), "**Big leagues calling**"

In addition, the results of the February Florida Bar Exam were announced with FSU College of Law ranked No. 1 in Florida with a 85.7% passage rate.

[WTXL](#), "**Florida State and Florida A&M law students celebrate high passing rates on the state bar exam**"

[Tallahassee Democrat](#); [Panama City News Herald](#), "**FSU law school tops in February Florida bar exam results**"

Upcoming FSU Law Events



Sunday, May 3

11 a.m.
Donald L. Tucker Civic Center
Reception on the Thompson Green to follow.

The **Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremony** will take place at 11 a.m. on **May 3, 2026**, at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, with a reception on the Thompson Green.

[Livestream](#)



Please join us next Friday, April 24, at 12:30 p.m. EST for the next **Frontiers in Law and Technology** webinar on "Internet of Value: How Distributed Ledger Technology Will Change Everything We Know About Finance, Banking and Money Itself."

Led by **J. Christopher Giancarlo**, former CFTC Chairman and Senior Counsel, Wilkie Farr & Gallagher. The event is co-sponsored by the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance and the FSU Institute of Law, Technology, and Innovation.

This session will explore the transformative potential of distributed ledger technology (DLT), moving beyond the hype to examine how it is reshaping the core pillars of the modern economy. Designed for legal and financial professionals, the session bridges the gap between technical innovation and practical application.

This event is approved for 1.0 CLE, including Technology Credit, by the Florida Bar.

[Register](#)

Past FSU Law Events



(L-R) Tyson Langhofer, Greg Lukianoff, esq., and Professor Denise Harle

Last week, FSU's **Institute for Governance & Civics** and the FSU Law's **First Amendment Clinic** hosted a timely and important conversation on "**Campus Free Speech**."

The event brought together two nationally recognized voices in this space—**Greg Lukianoff**, President/CEO of the **Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE)**, and **Tyson Langhofer**, Senior Counsel and Director of the Center for Academic Freedom with **Alliance Defending Freedom**.

Together, they offered a thoughtful look at the legal, cultural, and institutional forces shaping free expression on campuses today. It was a conversation grounded in real-world experience, but focused on a larger principle: the importance of preserving open inquiry and robust dialogue for all viewpoints and opinions.

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



Last week, we welcomed **Professor Tara Grove**, the Vinson & Elkins Chair in Law at the University of Texas at Austin, as part of our **Faculty Enrichment Speaker Series**. She presented her forthcoming article in the *Yale Law Journal* titled "**The Power to Impose Method**."

A leading scholar in constitutional law, Professor Grove has published extensively in top journals, including the *Virginia Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, and the *Harvard Law Review*, and served on the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States in 2021.

FSU Law Student News



We recently held our annual **Student Give Back Campaign**, and our students made us proud with an **83.60% giving rate!** Students gave back in meaningful ways, contributing more than **\$2,700** and over **1,100 hours of service in support**.

Thank you to our students for their generosity and commitment to the FSU Law community, and to the **36 faculty and administrators** who helped inspire challenge gifts.

To show appreciation, the **Alumni Affairs Office** hosted a **Brews n' Bites** event featuring food, beverages, and good company. The event brought members of the law school community together to connect, reflect, and celebrate the impact of our students' efforts.



The **Student Bar Association** hosted the **FSU Law Invitational** at Southwood Golf Club, bringing together students, alumni, and members of the legal community for a day on the course.

The event provided students with an opportunity to connect with alumni and practitioners while competing in a four-person team scramble, followed by lunch and a reception.

FSU Law Social Spotlight



As students prepare for final exams, some stopped by to share their best study hacks.

From focus tips to study routines, the video highlighted strategies students use to prepare for the weeks ahead. Wishing everyone the best of luck.

Follow us for more moments from life at FSU Law and helpful student tips.



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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