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From the Dean



Recently, we welcomed the J.D. Class of 2028 to Florida State University College of Law. This remarkable group of 153 students brings the highest academic profile in our history, with a median LSAT of 166 and a median undergraduate GPA of 3.93!

Applications rose 16.7% over the previous cycle, and with only 15.9% of applicants admitted, this class reflects our increasing selectivity and reputation for excellence. This aligns as the College of Law continues to earn national attention, climbing to No. 38 overall and No. 17 among public law schools in the 2025 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, and earning top honors from *The Princeton Review*—No. 4 in the nation for student quality of life and No. 6 for best professors.

The **Class of 2028** represents 67 undergraduate institutions, 27 states, and 12 countries. Collectively, these students speak 19 languages, have traveled or studied in 77 countries, and bring an extraordinary range of professional and personal experiences. From educators and veterans to artists, entrepreneurs, and scientists, their diverse perspectives will enrich our classrooms and our broader community.

We look forward to supporting their development as future leaders and to witnessing the impact they will make both in the legal profession and beyond. We invite you to read the full article to meet these outstanding students and share in the excitement of their journey ahead.

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


Dean Erin O'Connor

FSU College of Law News



It's always ranking season, and we are excited to share a few new highlights in our rankings. FSU College of Law is proud to celebrate several new distinctions from *National Jurist* and *preLaw* magazine:

Health Law – A

We received an **A for our Health Law Program**, with special recognition for our online **Juris Master program in Health Care Regulation**, which provides non-lawyer working professionals with cutting-edge expertise to think like a lawyer.

Read about our Health Law Program A ranking [here](#).

Human Rights Law – A

We earned an **A for our Human Rights Law Program**. *National Jurist* highlighted the work of our **Public Interest Law Center (PILC)** and **International Human Rights Advocacy Clinic (IHRAC)**, including students' efforts in a federal civil trial in Miami under the Torture Victim Protection Act on behalf of families of the 1972 Trelew Massacre victims in Argentina.

Read about our Human Rights Law Program A ranking [here](#).

Public Service: Government – No. 6

In *preLaw*'s triennial rankings, FSU Law placed **No. 6 for Best Schools for Public Service: Government**, reflecting our **21% employment rate** in government positions.

Read about our Public Service: Government Employment ranking [here](#).

2025 Election Law Conference

Last week, we welcomed election law scholars from across the country to our **2025 Election Law Conference**. Building off the momentum from the 2024 Election Law Conference held at Washington University School of Law, we were honored to have leading experts on constitutional law, democratic theory, and the electoral process in the American legal system participate in our conference topics and provide engaging conversation and thought-provoking insights.



Special thanks to our panelists! Browse photos from the Election Law Conference event [here](#).

FSU Law Faculty News



Congratulations to **Professor Nadia Banteka**, whose latest article, *Cross-Sovereign Policing and the Constitutional Crisis of Accountability*, is forthcoming in the ***Yale Law Journal***.

Building on her broader project on police accountability, including articles *Police Vigilantism (Virginia Law Review)*, *Police Brutality as Torture (UCLA Law Review)*, and *Unconstitutional Police Pretexts (Wisconsin Law Review)*, this piece examines how hybrid federal–state policing arrangements have reshaped American law enforcement and weakened the constitutional link between public power and accountability.

Professor Banteka shows where current doctrines—Section 1983, Bivens, and Supremacy Clause immunity—fall short in addressing cross-sovereign policing, creating gaps in remedies for misconduct. The article concludes with a reform framework—doctrinal, statutory, and institutional—to help restore democratic oversight and accountability.

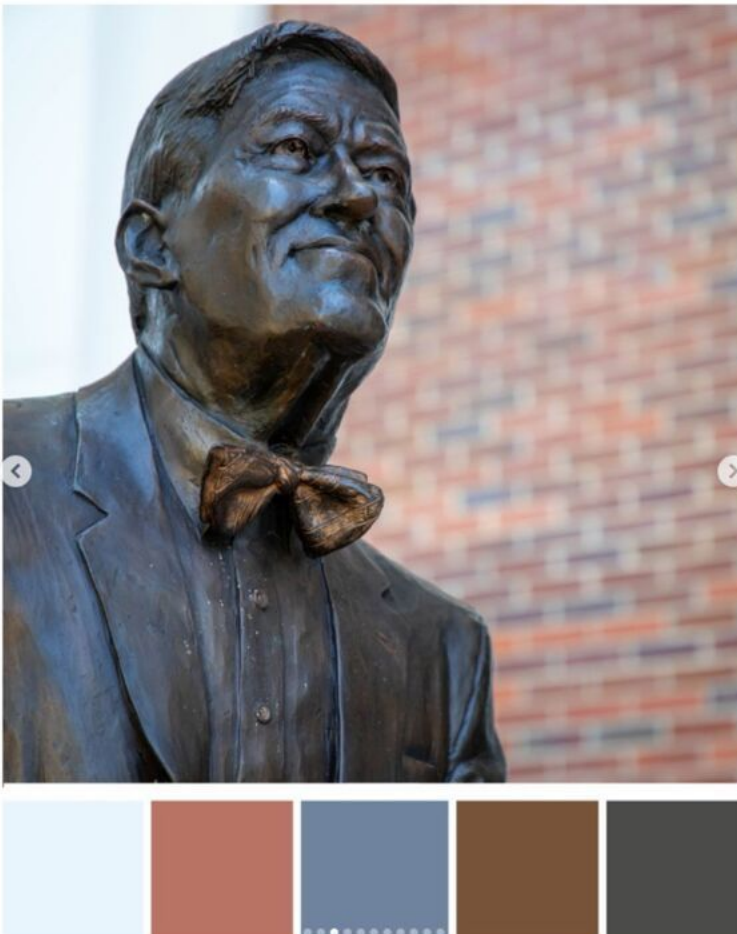
Please [click here](#) to see the abstract. You may also [email Professor Banteka](#) with any questions or feedback.

2025 Homecoming



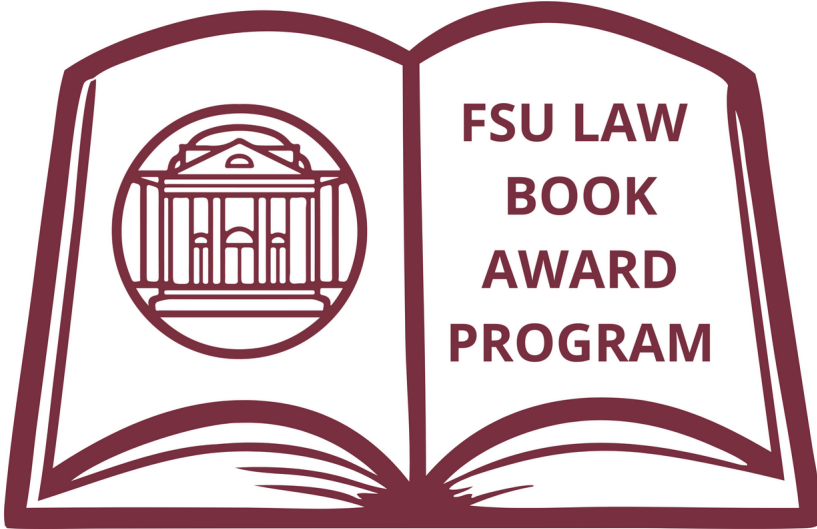
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FSU Law Social Spotlight



This week, we shared the beautiful Hues of FSU College of Law.

Stay connected as we continue to show our beautiful campus and our high achiever students.



Support the next generation of lawyers through the **FSU Law Book Award Program**. Sponsors select a course of their choice, and each award recognizes student achievement while helping the College of Law recruit and retain top talent. Contributions are fully tax-deductible.

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