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MIDTOWN READER PRESENTS:
PULITZER PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST
MAGGIE HABERMAN



We were pleased to welcome more than 300 attendees to the Turnbull Conference Center on September 23 for an evening with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Maggie Haberman. Hosted by our Student Center for Law and Business in partnership with Midtown Reader, the sold-out event featured a discussion of her book (with coauthor Jonathan Swan), *Regime Change: Inside the Imperial Presidency of Donald Trump*.

The conversation offered a look at Haberman's writing process and the work that went into the book. With nearly three decades of experience covering American politics, Haberman brought the perspective of a longtime reporter to a discussion that connected writing and journalism with questions about presidential power and constitutional governance.

Each attendee received a copy of the book. We are grateful to Midtown Reader and its owner, Sally Bradshaw, for partnering with FSU Law to bring this conversation to Tallahassee.

Erin O'Connor

Dean Erin O'Connor

FSU Law Faculty in the News



Michael Morley, Sheila M. McDevitt Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Election Law Center, submitted two amicus briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court, one with Dean F. Andrew Hessick for *Apple Inc. v. Epic Games, Inc.*, No. 25-1311, and another brief with the FSU Election Law Center for the Republican *National Committee v. Mi Familia Vota, et al.* Both briefs were submitted in support of neither party.

[Click here](#) to read the *Apple Inc. v. Epic Games, Inc.*, No. 25-1311 amicus brief.

[Click here](#) to read the *Republican National Committee v. Mi Familia Vota, et al* amicus brief.

In addition, Professor Morley was featured in a *Bloomberg Law* article, "[US Postal Service Becomes New Battleground for Voting Rights](#)."

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

Professor Morley also wrote three *Fox News* articles:

- "[SCOTUS detention fight could unleash dangerous criminal migrants onto U.S. streets, experts warn](#)"
- "[Trump arrives, Supreme Court impeachment showdown after Hochul pardon torpedoed first case](#)"
- "[Trump scores Supreme Court win in election integrity fight as Green, pain have voter roll fight](#)"

Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court Competition



Next week, FSU College of Law will welcome 14 law school teams from across the country to Tallahassee for the 23rd **Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court Competition** on **October 9-10**.

Now in its fourth consecutive year, the event is the nation's only moot court competition devoted exclusively to elder law. This year, students will argue cases involving consumer protection issues within nursing facilities.

Hosted by FSU Law's **Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic** with support from **AARP Foundation**, the competition gives law students an opportunity to strengthen their appellate advocacy skills while exploring legal issues affecting older adults.

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

[Click here](#) to watch the final round livestream.

Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Announced



Gubernatorial Fellows

(From left) Top row: Watson Thomas, Tony Vanderhoef, and Natalie Willis. Bottom row: George Minning, Allie Karlinsky, and Talia Schwager.

We are proud to share that six College of Law students were among the 11 FSU students selected for the Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship Class 233. Through this nonpartisan, nine-month program, our students will work alongside senior government staff and gain firsthand experience in policymaking and state government operations.

Please join us in congratulating our fellows:

- **2L Allie Karlinsky** – Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation
- **3L George Minning** – Executive Office of the Governor, Office of General Counsel
- **2L Talia Schwager** – Executive Office of the Governor, Office of General Counsel
- **2L Watson Thomas** – Office of the Attorney General
- **2L Tony Vanderhoef** – Florida Department of Children and Families
- **2L Natalie Willis** – Florida Division of Emergency Management

These placements give our students a close look at how law and policy shape the work of state agencies and the lives of Floridians. They will put their legal education to work, learn from experienced public servants and bring those lessons back to the classroom. We look forward to following their work throughout the fellowship.

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

FSU Law Homecoming Sponsorship



Join us in celebrating 60 years of FSU College of Law by becoming a sponsor of this special **Homecoming weekend**.

Homecoming Reception & 60-Year Anniversary Celebration

Friday, November 20, from 6-8 p.m., the evening will feature reflections on FSU Law's 60-year history, recognition of our alumni award recipients at the FSU College of Law D'Alemberte Rotunda and Thompson Green.

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Herbert Wertheim College of Business and College of Law Alumni & Friends Tailgate

Saturday, November 21, kick off the FSU vs. NC State football game by sponsoring the first-ever joint tailgate hosted by the FSU College of Law and FSU College of Business. Enjoy the heart of the game-day atmosphere at the Doak S. Campbell Stadium — Legacy Walk.

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Interested in sponsoring? Contact Becky Shepherd, executive director of alumni outreach and engagement, at bshepherd@law.fsu.edu or (850) 644-0231.

FSU Law Events Recap



Professor **Denise Harle**, clinical professor and director of the **First Amendment Clinic**, and **Jacob Eilley**, James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Conn Professor, were featured speakers at the **League of Women Voters of Florida's** September Luncheon & Learn. The virtual discussion explored "**The First Amendment and Civic Engagement**."

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



Rendall Abate, visiting professor, recently discussed the second edition of his book, *Climate Change and the Voices: Protecting Future Generations, Wildlife, and Natural Resources*, at a book talk. Abate has extensive experience in environmental law and climate governance.

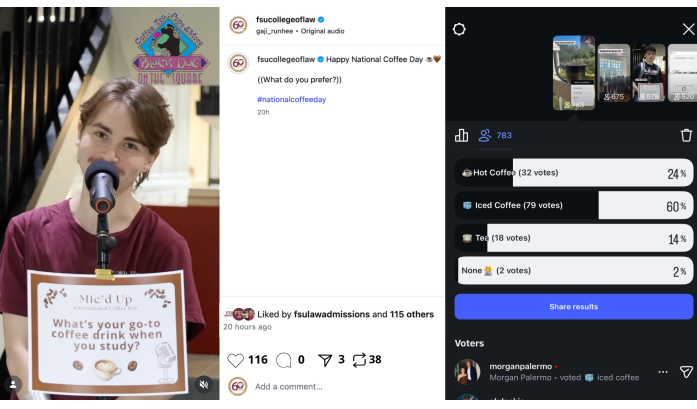
FSU Law Student News



The FSU Law chapter of the **Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies** welcomed **Jordan Lottices** of the First Liberty Institute for a discussion about the First Amendment freedoms of public university students and professors.

Lottices has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in the university student-fee case *Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth* and previously served as senior counsel and director of strategic engagement at Alliance Defending Freedom.

FSU Law Social Spotlight



What keeps FSU Law students fueled for a study session? In a recent mic'd-up video, students shared their go-to study drinks and favorite local coffee shops. We also asked our Instagram community to weigh in: **hot coffee, iced coffee or tea?**

Of the 131 votes cast, **iced coffee came out on top with 79 votes!** ☕️

Thanks to everyone who joined the conversation.



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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