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From the Dean

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HOMECOMING
2026
NOVEMBER 20-22

This year's Homecoming will be especially meaningful as we welcome alumni and friends back to FSU Law while celebrating the College of Law's 60th anniversary.

I hope you will make plans to join us **November 20-22** for a weekend that brings together generations of the FSU Law community. Since our founding in 1966, thousands of graduates have passed through our doors, building careers, serving their communities, and helping shape the College we know today. Homecoming gives us an opportunity to celebrate that shared history and the people who have been part of it.

The weekend will include our **Homecoming Reception & 60th Anniversary Celebration** on Friday evening, our **FSU Law and College of Business Tailgate** before the FSU-NC State football game on Saturday, and a special **60-Year Alumni Brunch** honoring the Class of 1976 on Sunday. We will also celebrate milestone reunions for the Classes of **1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016**.

Whether you graduated decades ago or only recently, I hope you will return to FSU Law, reconnect with classmates, faculty and friends, and help us celebrate **60 years of our law school community**.

[View the 2026 Homecoming schedule and make plans to join us.](#)

I look forward to welcoming you all to FSU Law in November.

Erin O'Connor
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FSU Law Faculty News



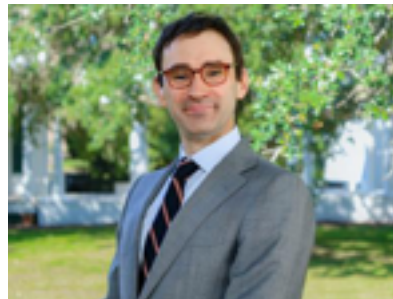
Frederick Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of International Law, has a forthcoming publication with *World Scientific Publishers*.

His chapter, "International Intellectual Property and the Pharmaceutical Sector in the Age of Post-Human Technology", will appear in *Global Challenges in Intellectual Property Law: TRIPS Beyond 30*.

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

In August, Professor Abbott chaired the concluding session of the **Global Health Law Committee of the International Law Association (ILA)** at the 82nd Biennial Conference in Vienna, Austria. Over its 12 years, the Committee examined major global health law issues, including Ebola and COVID-19, the Pandemic Agreement, revisions to the WHO International Health Regulations, environmental health, tobacco regulation, and the use of AI in health.

Also in August, Professor Abbott traveled to Japan to present the results of a study he led, with a team of manufacturing specialists and biotechnologists, for the *World Health Organization* on the technical feasibility of pharmaceutical technology transfer to a manufacturer in a lower-income region.



Jacob Eisler, James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Cory Professor, has an essay forthcoming in the *Stanford Law Review* Online, "Disparate (Algorithmic) Advantages", co-authored with Professor Yunsieq Kim of Hofstra University is part of a special collection on Technology, AI, and the Future of Civil Rights. The article examines disparate impact in the context of artificial intelligence.

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



Michael Morley, Sheila M. McDevitt Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Election Law Center, was featured in a *FOX48* article titled, "Florida election officials divided on impact of Trump's mail-ballot proposal."

Professor Morley discussed the legal challenge to President Trump's executive order on mail voting, including concerns about the timing of the litigation and the practical challenges election officials could face in implementing and testing new procedures ahead of the 2026 elections.

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



Panagiotis Takis Tridimas, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, recently completed several major publications in European Union law.

Over the summer, he co-edited *The Oxford Principles of European Union Law, Volume II: The Internal Market*. Professor Tridimas' contributions include a comparative analysis of the Commerce and Dormant Commerce Clauses under EU and U.S. law, as well as related principles in Canada and Australia.

Professor Tridimas also completed and published the ninth edition of *The Foundations of European Union Law*, widely regarded as the main textbook on EU constitutional and administrative law.

Additionally, Professor Tridimas completed and published a chapter titled "The Preliminary Ruling Procedure and Fundamental Rights: A Tale of Jurisdictional Supremacy," in *Activating Human and Fundamental Rights Before the European Courts*.

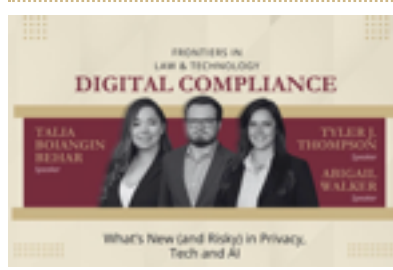
FSU Law Upcoming Events



Join us today, **September 15, at 12:30 p.m.** for the **Frontiers in Law & Technology** webinar, "Navigating the Patchwork: Designing Agile AI Governance in the U.S. and Global Legal Landscape."

Experts Lynice Hannah, Senior Counsel & COE Lead, Cyber, Privacy, & Technology at Acuity; Christina Smiekle, Senior Counsel, Artificial Intelligence, Enterprise Technology + Sourcing Transactions at McKesson; and Ian Hall, Assistant General Counsel at Beizer Homes, will discuss AI governance, emerging regulatory frameworks, organizational policies, and practical approaches to implementing artificial intelligence responsibly.

[Register](#)



Then, on Friday, **September 25, at 12:30 p.m.**, for the **Frontiers in Law and Technology** webinar, "Digital Compliance: What's New (and Risky) in Privacy, Tech and AI."

This session will examine emerging privacy and compliance risks, including new state privacy laws, consent requirements for advertising technology, AI and automated decision-making, data retention, and recent regulatory enforcement.

Hear from **Reed Smith** attorneys **Tyler J. Thompson**, partner, and **Abigail Walker** and **Talia Bolognin Behar**, associates, who will provide practical guidance for legal, compliance, and privacy professionals navigating the deployment of new digital technologies.

[Register](#)



Join us **Tuesday, September 29, at 11:30 a.m.** at the College of Law, Main Classroom Building, Room 101 for "SCOTUS Preview, First Amendment on the Docket."

Hosted by the **Institute for Governance and Civics (IGC)** and the **First Amendment Clinic**, this event will explore how the U.S. Supreme Court may decide several high-profile First Amendment cases set for this term, along with discussions of what the outcomes could mean for religious freedom and the enforcement of the Establishment Clause in America.

This panel features **Bryan Leitch**, Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia Office of the Solicitor General; **Joseph Davis**, Senior Counsel at The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty; **Andrea Picotti-Bayer**, Director at The Conscience Project; and **Patrice Elliott**, Legal Director at the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

This event is free and open to the public, with lunch provided. Virtual attendance option available.

[Register](#)



Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 13**, at the College of Law from **8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** for the **International Human Rights and the Death Penalty Symposium**.

The symposium will bring together leading voices from around the world to examine capital punishment through an international human rights lens.

Discussions will explore legal, ethical, and comparative perspectives, with programming that includes keynote addresses, panel discussions, and a screening of *The Window on Death Row*, followed by a panel discussion.

Distinguished keynote speakers include **Sister Helen Prejean**, an American Catholic Sister, author, and advocate; **Tsakhialin Eliebsodori**, former president of Mongolia.

Panelists include **Mario Marazziti**, former member of Italy's Chamber of Deputies; **Mark Oliva**, a nationally recognized death penalty litigation expert; **Professor Scottius Barnet Lugin** of the University of Richmond School of Law; **Professor William Schabas** of Middlesex University London; and **Robin Maher**, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

[View the full symposium schedule and event details.](#)

This event is free and open to the public, with breakfast and lunch provided. Virtual attendance is also available. CLE credit pending.

[Register](#)

FSU Law Social Spotlight



We asked our newest students what they're most excited about as they begin their FSU Law journey, and their answers captured the energy of starting law school.

From meeting professors and making new friends to exploring different areas of law, our 1Ls are embracing the opportunities ahead and looking forward to everything this next chapter has to offer.



FSU College of Law has produced a **60-Year Commemorative Coin** to recognize participation in supporting the law school during its 60th 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.](#)