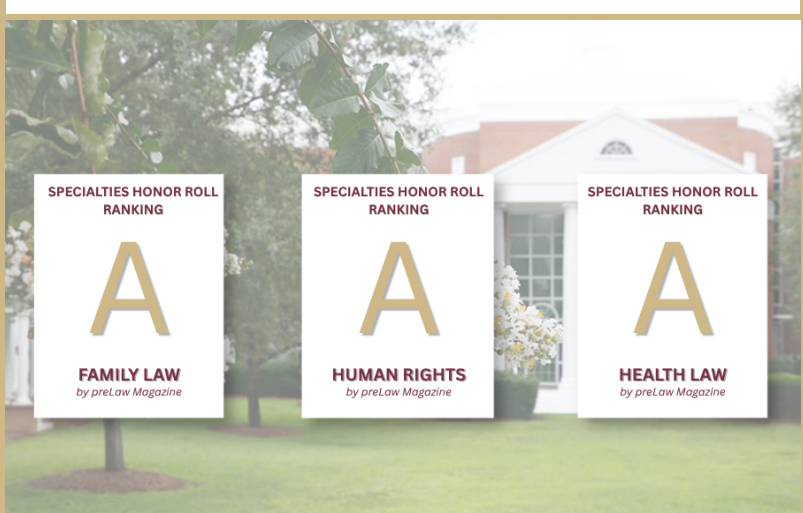




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From the Dean



The *National Jurist* has recognized FSU College of Law with "A" grades in Human Rights Law, Family Law, and Health Law as part of its Honor Roll rankings.

At FSU Law, students can build on their classroom education through fieldwork, litigation, policy research, hands-on advocacy, and partnerships that provide valuable experience before they enter practice. The rankings recognize the depth of opportunities available to students preparing to practice in these areas, including coursework, clinics and externships, student organizations, centers, journals, and other experiential learning opportunities.

And with fall underway, **ranking season is just getting started**. We expect more rankings and recognitions to be released in the coming weeks, so keep an eye on *FSU Law Focus* as we share the latest news.

[Click here](#) to read about FSU Law's A grade in Human Rights Law.

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Dean Erin O'Connor

FSU Law NIL Recap

FSU College of Law's [Stoops Center for Law and Business](#) brought together campus leaders earlier this month for a wide-ranging discussion on the future of Name, Image, and Likeness at the second annual **FSU Future of NIL Summit** held at the Herbert Wertheim College of Business. Hosted in collaboration with the Herbert Wertheim College of Business, [Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship](#), and the [Sport Management Student Association](#), the event featured FSU voices and decision-makers working in the fast-changing NIL landscape.

The interdisciplinary summit examined NIL through legal, business, athletics, and entrepreneurial lenses as the regulatory and commercial landscape of college sports continues to evolve. Panelists included coaches, business professors, academic advisers, NIL coordinators, and student-athletes. Discussions addressed revenue sharing, roster construction, transfer rules, legal uncertainty, and other forces reshaping college athletics.

[Click here](#) to see photos, watch the recording, or read the article.

FSU Law Faculty News



Michael Morley, Sheila M. McDewitt Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Election Law Center, was recently featured in a [Newsweek](#) article, "[Supreme Court Blocks Trump's Mail-Ballot Restrictions for Midterm Elections](#)." Professor Morley provided insight into the USPS's ability to implement the administration's last-minute changes before November's elections, noting that doing so would pose a substantial risk of creating new mistakes and irregularities, and delaying ballot distribution.

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

Additionally, Professor Morley recently authored an essay for the Democracy Project titled "[Non-Citizens and the 2028 Election](#)." The essay is part of the Democracy Project's [Elections 2026](#) series.

In the essay, he examines concerns surrounding non-citizen voter registration and voting, existing election safeguards, and the balance between election access, integrity, and public confidence.

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

In Case You Missed It



Professor Mark Nevitt of Emory Law joined us for the Environmental Enrichment Lecture, "[Choke Point: The Law of the Sea and the Strait of Hormuz Crisis](#)." This virtual lecture examined the legal framework governing the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical maritime choke points. The program addressed transit passage rights, naval blockades and interdiction, mining operations, and the evolving legal questions surrounding the crisis and U.S. naval responses.

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



Lynice Hannah, Christina Smiekle, and Ian Hall joined us for a [Frontiers in Law and Technology webinar](#), "[AI Governance](#)." This virtual lecture examined how artificial intelligence is transforming organizations and industries across the economy. This program brought together experts to discuss AI governance, emerging regulatory frameworks, organizational policies, and practical approaches to implementing artificial intelligence responsibly.

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

FSU Law Student Spotlight: 3L Alvaro Enrique Molina



Desired Practice Location: Fort Lauderdale, Miami, or Tampa
Expected Graduation: 2027
Field of Law Sought: Tax Law

Alvaro Enrique Molina comes from Pembroke Pines, Florida. He earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University in Utah.

At FSU Law, Molina is the President of the Hispanic Law Students Association and Vice President of the Tax Law Society. Previously, Molina served as Treasurer of the Black Law Students Association.

In his first summer and through his 2L year, Molina worked at [Coleman Law P.A.](#), handling tax controversy cases. In his second summer, Molina worked at [Anthony & Partners](#) on creditor representation in bankruptcy cases and real estate transactions.

Molina gained advocacy experience through the [Regional Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition](#), where the team placed first. He also participated in the [Florida Bar's National Tax Moot Court Competition](#), where he argued before Tax Court judges in the final rounds and placed third, solidifying his interest in tax law.

After graduation, Molina is interested in pursuing an LL.M. in Taxation. He is seeking work either in a private firm's tax group or with the IRS.

Molina brings experience in tax and bankruptcy cases and real estate transactions. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Molina after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at gem24h@fsu.edu.

"More than anything, I love FSU Law's community. I love how easy and rewarding it is to be involved, and every professor is so passionate about what they teach. My tax professors in particular have made learning the tax law gratifying."

FSU Law Social Spotlight





This week, we welcomed FSU Law alumnus Brian Byrd ('12) to the Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic, where he spoke with students about guardianship exploitation, protecting vulnerable individuals, and his office's efforts to prosecute exploitation crimes.



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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