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## From the Dean

### *First District Court of Appeal*



JUDGE  
STEPHANIE W. RAY



JUDGE  
THOMAS D. WINOKUR



JUDGE  
RAYMOND F. TREADWELL

This week, we were honored to welcome three judges of Florida's **First District Court of Appeal** back to the FSU College of Law Advocacy Center to hear live oral arguments in our historic courtroom with our students in attendance. **Judges Stephanie Ray ('95), Thomas "Bo" Winokur, and Raymond Treadwell** presided over the proceedings, providing this annual learning opportunity.

Following the arguments, the judges and attorneys engaged in a Q&A session exclusively for FSU Law students, offering valuable insights into appellate practice, judicial reasoning, and the dynamics of courtroom advocacy.

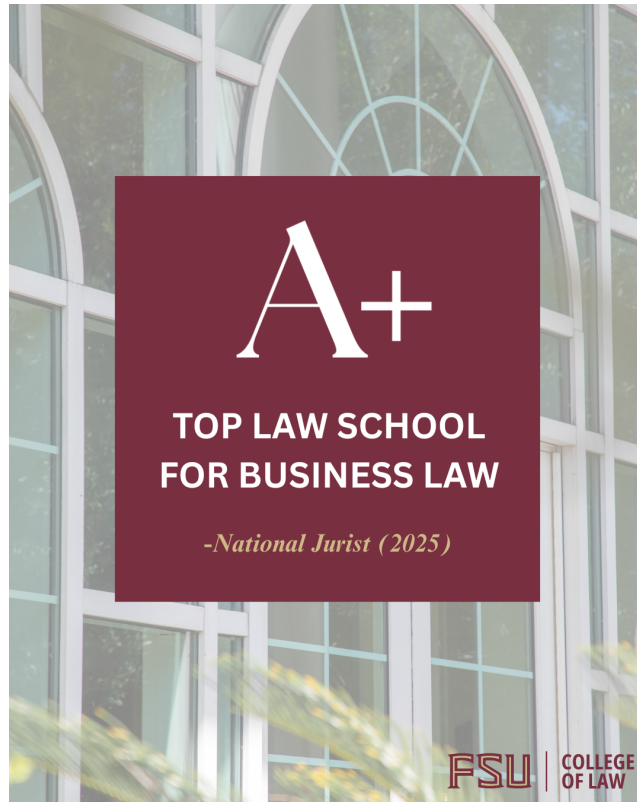
Events like this demonstrate the unmatched advantages of our location in Florida's capital city and reflect one of FSU Law's greatest strengths: our ability to connect conceptual classroom learning from nationally renowned faculty with hands-on learning experiences.

The First DCA once called our Advocacy Center home, and it's always a privilege to welcome them back to the place where so many of our students continue to learn what it truly means to practice law at a very high level.

Erin O'Connor

Dean Erin O'Connor

## FSU Law News



FSU College of Law is proud to be considered a **top school for Business Law**, earning an A+ from *The National Jurist*.

This recognition on the Business Law Honor Roll reflects our strong curriculum, exceptional faculty, and dedication to preparing future business law leaders.

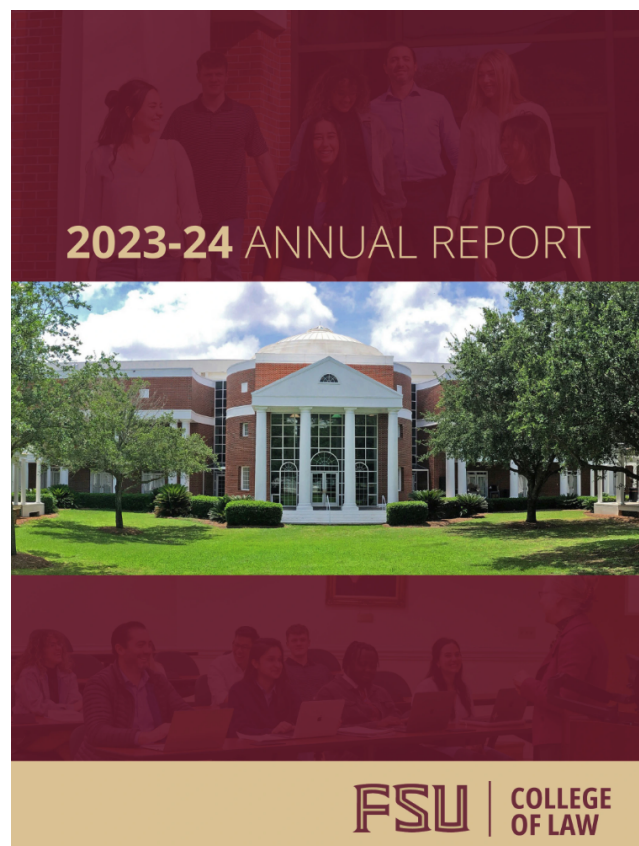
**[Click here](#)** to read the full article.

## Annual Report

Each year, Florida State University College of Law proudly 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 read the 2023-24 Annual Report.



## Distinguished Environmental Lecture: Kirsten Engel



Join us next week on October 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the D'Alemberte Rotunda for the Distinguished Environmental Lecture featuring [Professor Kirsten Engel](#) from James E. Rogers College of Law of the University of Arizona and Interim Chief of the Environmental Protection Unit in the Arizona Office of the Attorney General.

Professor Engel, a former Arizona state legislator, will present her lecture, "Environmental Law 2.0: A Former State Lawmaker's Perspective on the Remaking of American Law."

A reception will follow the lecture.

This event is free and open to the public. Virtual attendance is also available.

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## Frontiers in Law & Technology

Join us on October 24, at 12:30 p.m. for the Frontiers in Law & Technology webinar: 'Privacy Program Management: How to Actually ‘DO’ Privacy - Implementing a Practical Privacy Compliance Program at Any Company,' with prominent tech and privacy lawyers Talia Boiangin Behar and Tyler Thompson (Reed Smith LLP).



The discussion will explore how successful privacy programs are built through consistent, high-level execution of repeatable tasks aligned with legal requirements. Speakers will share strategies for structuring a privacy team, engaging outside counsel, applying privacy frameworks, tracking metrics, and documenting compliance with evolving privacy laws.

This event has been approved for 1.0 CLE credit, including 1.0 Technology credit, by the Florida Bar’s Continuing Legal Education program.

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## Student Spotlight



FSU College of Law's supportive community sets it apart, fostering a culture grounded in care, collaboration, and connection.

A recent mentorship between **3L Andrew Barrineau** and **1L Nate Birdsong** illustrates this spirit. When Birdsong received a late admission offer, he was connected with Barrineau, who had once faced a similar situation.

*“Choosing a law school is such a huge decision and knowing someone had been in my shoes made me feel like I wasn’t alone. It confirmed I was making the right choice to come here.”*

*-3L Nate Birdsong*

Their connection quickly grew into a meaningful mentorship, with Barrineau offering guidance, sharing resources, and helping Birdsong transition into law school life.

Stories like theirs highlight the community of support that defines FSU Law — the same qualities that led *The Princeton Review* to rank the College **No. 4 in the nation for Best Student Quality of Life**.

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





Watch the Interview

## FSU Law Social Spotlight



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BEST VALUE LAW SCHOOL  
IN THE NATION

-preLaw magazine (2025)

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This recognition reflects FSU Law's long-standing

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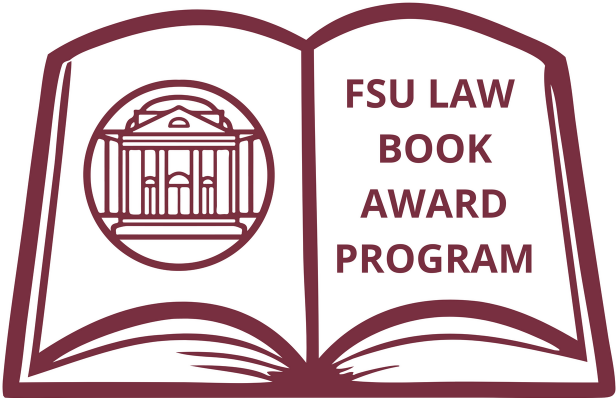
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Our most liked and shared post on Instagram ever! 📈  
Last week, we celebrated being ranked the No. 1 Best Value Law School in the nation by preLaw magazine, and the response has been incredible — over 175K views, 6.6K likes and 1.2K shares!

We’re so grateful for our amazing community who continue to share in our success and show their support.



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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