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From the Dean



We are deeply honored to be named as the **No. 1 Best Value Law School in the nation by *preLaw* Magazine!**

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[Click here](#) to read the *preLaw Magazine* feature story featuring FSU College of Law.

Read the *FSU News* article [here](#).

The story was also featured on [WCTV](#).

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SCOTUS: Free Speech on the Docket



Last Thursday, FSU Law's new **First Amendment Clinic**, in partnership with the **Florida Institute for Governance & Civics**, hosted its inaugural event, "**SCOTUS: Free Speech on the Docket**," before a full house that included former Florida Supreme Court Justices, community members, faculty, alumni, and students.

The discussion examined two pending **U.S. Supreme Court cases**—*Chiles v. Salazar* and *First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin*—that test the limits of government regulation of speech and association and could reshape the First Amendment landscape.

Thank you to our distinguished panelists, moderator, and attendees for making this important conversation possible.

[Click here](#) to read the story or watch the full event recording [on demand](#).

[The Florida Bar](#) also featured the story.



FSU Law Faculty News

[Professor Alexander Tsesis](#), D'Alemberte Distinguished Chair in Constitutional Law, was recently recognized on the **Legal Theory Blog**, a widely read scholarly forum curated by University of Virginia Professor **[Larry Solum](#)**.

The feature highlighted Professor Tsesis's recent article, ***["The Originalist Framing of Free Speech Doctrine,"](#)*** 173 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 1935 (2025).



In the article, Professor Tsesis explores how the U.S. Supreme Court has increasingly looked to the nation's history and the Founders' original intentions when deciding constitutional issues. He explains that, while history can help guide interpretation, relying too heavily on it can create problems, especially when it comes to modern free speech rights. Tsesis argues that if the Court strictly followed 18th- or 19th-century views, many of today's important free expression protections could be weakened.

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



Congratulations to Professor Larry Krieger, who was honored as The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division 2025 recipient for the **Michael K. Reese Quality of Life Award** at the Florida Bar Annual Convention this year. The award recognizes individuals who significantly impact young lawyers' well-being by promoting mental health, work-life balance, and healthier workplace norms.

Frontiers in Law & Technology

Join us next Friday, October 16, at 12:30 p.m. for the second Frontiers in Law & Technology webinar presented by the Election Law Center: Voting Rights and the Equal Protection Clause: Oral Arguments in *Louisiana v. Callais*.



During the virtual discussion, **Atiba Ellis**, **Ned Foley**, **Jason Torchinsky**, and **Amy Howe** dig into the U.S. Supreme Court's oral arguments in *Louisiana v. Callais* — a pivotal case balancing Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause. The discussion will highlight key moments from the justices' questions and unpack what the decision could mean for election law and constitutional doctrine.

CLE is available for this event.

Register [here](#).



And don't forget to join us this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. for the **Frontiers in Law & Technology** webinar: **From Breach to Recovery: Winning the Cybersecurity Battle**. This timely discussion will focus on privacy and security incident response with **Elimu Kajunju**, Partner at Rimon PC, and **Celeste Gaines**, Senior Counsel at McKesson.

CLE is available for this event.

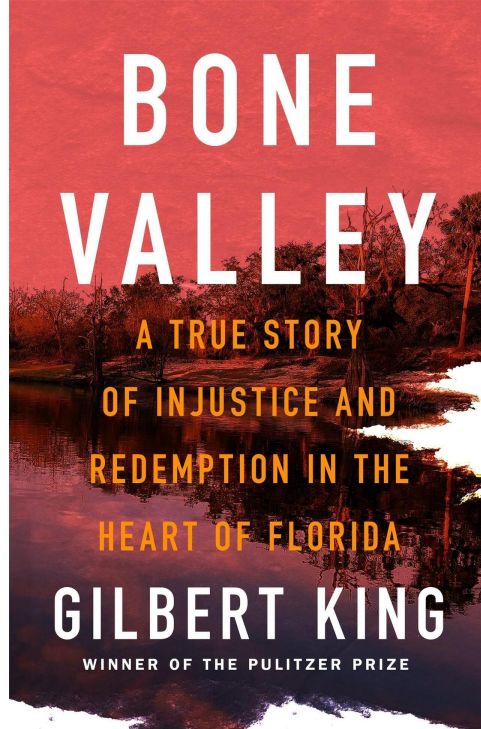
Register [here](#).

Gilbert King Book Talk & Signing

Join us next week on **October 15 at 7 p.m.** in room 101 to hear from Pulitzer Prize winning author **Gilbert King** for a special event featuring his latest work, *Bone Valley*.

The event is hosted in partnership with Midtown Reader and will feature **Professor Erika Nybor-Burch** interviewing the New York Times bestselling author. In his newest book, *Bone Valley*, King shares the true story of Leo Schofield, a man wrongfully convicted of his wife's murder and exposing layers of corruption, flawed evidence, and injustice in the criminal justice system.

RSVP [here](#).



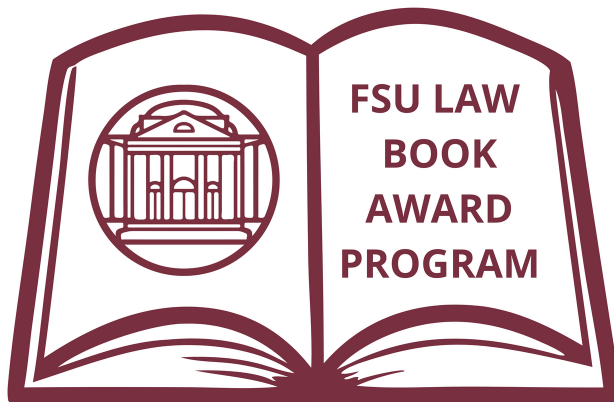
FSU Law Social Spotlight



This week, we shared the career-inspiring discussions at the round tables with incredibly confident women in law. ☐

Stay tuned as we highlight more events throughout the semester.





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