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## From the Dean



On **November 22-24, FSU Law held its 2024 Homecoming festivities.**

Thank you to those who attended. It was wonderful to see you and your families.

Students and staff represented the law school in Friday's **FSU Homecoming Parade** to kick off the weekend. On Friday evening, Tim Meenan ('90) and Meenan P.A. sponsored a **Welcome Reception** for all alumni.

On Saturday, we hosted the **Alumni Board meeting**. Then, all alums and their families were invited to the **Law Alumni Tailgate Party** on the law school's James Harold Thompson Green before the FSU v. Charleston Southern game.

The weekend concluded on Sunday with a **50-Year Alumni Brunch** celebrating the Class of 1974. In addition, the classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, and 2014 celebrated reunions.

Photos from the law school events are [available online](#). To see photos from other alumni and add your own, please join [FSU Law Connect](#). Many thanks to all of the alumni and friends who made this year's Homecoming festivities so special!

## **Alumni News: Judge Augustus D. Aikens Jr. ('74)**

**Congratulations to alumnus Judge Augustus D. Aikens Jr., who celebrated 27 years of service, the longest consecutive serving judge on the Leon County Branch.**

The now 75-year-old celebrated his retirement after 50 years of active employment with his family, friends, and colleagues by his side. The retirement party also doubled as the official renaming ceremony of the Leon County Courthouse in his honor — a recommendation from his peers that left him speechless.

"Those who have worked with the judge say he has a reputation that precedes him. Aikens embodies diligence, competence, integrity, and humility," said Circuit Judge Jonathan Sjostrom, who first approached the Leon County Commission about the name change.

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



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## **Alumni News: Salesia Smith-Gordon ('92)**

**Congratulations to alumna Salesia Smith-Gordon, who was appointed president of the Sheree D. Cunningham Black Women Lawyers Association.**

In a historic first, the official swearing-in ceremony took place in September aboard a



cruise to the Grand Bahamas, marking the first time a destination installation ceremony has been held on a cruise by any Florida voluntary bar association.

As President, Smith-Gordon—a founding charter member of SDCBWLA—will spearhead initiatives that align with the organization’s mission of supporting and advancing Black women in the legal profession.

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



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