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From the Dean

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the prestigious 2024 TLTF Summit in Miami alongside several FSU law faculty. This highly anticipated three-day event brought together leading legal tech innovators from around the world, all focused on shaping the future of legal technology and its impact on the legal profession.



I participated in a thought-provoking panel on the future of legal education, sharing insights into how FSU Law is evolving to meet the demands of this rapidly changing legal landscape.

We are committed to ensuring that our students are well-versed in traditional legal principles and prepared to navigate this new era of legal technology and innovation. Our curriculum continuously evolves, incorporating cutting-edge technologies and practical training opportunities to ensure that our students are equipped with the skills needed to succeed.

Dean Erin O'Connor

Spring 2025 OCI Registration is Open

Now is the time to register for FSU Law's Spring 2025 Interview Program (OCI). Interviews this spring will be **virtual only**. The Spring Interview Program runs from **Tuesday, February 4, through Friday, March 28**.

We hope your organization plans to include Florida State University College of Law in its spring recruiting efforts.

[Click here](#) to register.

Now Accepting Applications for 2025 Summer Undergraduate Program



FSU Law is now accepting applications for the [2025 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program](#). The award-winning program brings rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors from throughout the country together for a month-long immersion into legal study. The largest and oldest of its kind, the primary goals of the program are to acquaint students with the study of law and to assist them in acquiring skills that will benefit their undergraduate and future law school studies.

If you know an undergraduate student who may be interested in law school, please encourage them to apply for the 2025 summer program.

FSU Law in the News: AI and Law Research



FSU Law's latest article featured on FSU News, "FSU College of Law Pioneering AI and Law Research," showcases how faculty are at the forefront of groundbreaking research that explores the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and law, addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by these emerging technologies.

By integrating AI research into the curriculum, FSU Law equips students to meet these challenges head-on and empowers them to thrive in the evolving world of legal practice.

"The research conducted by our faculty not only contributes to the broader discourse on AI and law but also enriches the educational experience, equipping students with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in a complex, technology-driven world." - Dean Erin O'Hara O'Connor

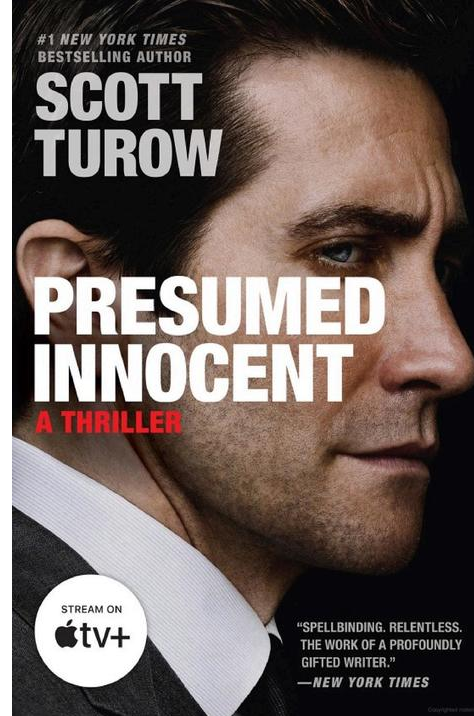
[Click here](#) to read the full article.

Author and Lawyer Scott Turow to Visit FSU

Bestselling author of Presumed Innocent, **Scott Turow**, is coming to FSU on **January 18 at 7 p.m. at Opperman Music Hall**. Turow will be signing copies of his book and participating in an hour-long discussion.

Presumed Innocent is Turow's 1987 bestseller about a prosecutor accused of murdering a colleague, which was made into a movie in 1990 starring Harrison Ford. It was recently remade as an eight-part miniseries by Apple TV, starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

[Click here](#) to learn more or purchase tickets.



Faculty in the News: Wayne Logan



[Wayne Logan](#), FSU Law's Steven M. Goldstein Professor, was featured on an NPR segment titled "**Internet sleuths are trying to solve the New York CEO killing.**"

The piece discusses the fatal shooting of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson in Manhattan, which has set internet sleuths off on their own investigations into finding the killer and his motive after the suspect seemingly disappeared from one of the most surveilled cities in the U.S. In past high-profile cases, online sleuths have successfully tracked down suspects that have eluded the authorities.

Alumni News: Ben Gibson ('08)

Congratulations to alumnus Ben Gibson, **who was recently elected to a three-year term on the Republican National Lawyers Association Board of Governors and appointed general counsel of the national organization.**

Gibson is a managing partner of Shutts & Bowen LLP's Tallahassee office, where he is a member of the Governmental Law practice group.



Student Profile: 3L James Blount

Desired Practice Location:

Birmingham, AL

Expected Graduation: May 2025

Field of Law Sought: Criminal or International Law

James Blount is a 3L from Trussville, Alabama, and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama. During his 3L year, Blount was a certified legal intern with the Colorado Office of



the State Public Defender. While there, Blount worked on over 30 client cases, gaining courtroom and motion practice experience. In his 1L summer, Blount worked two jobs. During his time as a clerk for Judge Robert Wheeler of Florida's Judicial Circuit, Blount assisted with the family law cases assigned to Judge Wheeler, helping deliberate over motions and shadowing at court. He also worked for the Florida Department of Financial Services Department of Rehabilitation and Liquidation, where he prepared policy memos and legal advice in preparation for rehabilitating or liquidating insurance companies.

During his time at FSU Law, Blount has served as the Vice President of the Student Bar Association during his 3L year and was the 2L Representative for SBA last year. He is also the American Bar Association Representative for FSU Law and is a member of the Journal of Transnational Law and Policy. Blount has also competed for the FSU Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Team for the past two years.

If you are interested in connecting with or hiring him after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at jb22bl@fsu.edu.

"I want to work to better the community around me, and that was a driving force for my attending law school in the first place. I am eager to use the knowledge and experiences gained here to contribute positively wherever I go next."



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