

2019-2020
VIEWBOOK

**CAPITAL LOCATION.
WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES.**

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

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FSU COLLEGE OF LAW BY THE NUMBERS

No 1

According to ABA data, **Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida and #28 nationally** in terms of 2018 graduates who passed a bar examination on their first attempt.

FIRST IN FLORIDA

According to a 2018 study of law faculty scholarly impact, our faculty is **#1 in Florida** and **#29 nationally**.

48th BEST

U.S. News & World Report (2018) rates **Florida State as the 48th best law school in the nation**. Florida State's environmental law program is ranked 19th best nationally.

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According to American Bar Association data analyzed by Law.com (2019), **Florida State is the nation's 8th best** in terms of law schools with the highest percentage of graduates who obtain government and public interest jobs.

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MAJOR ADVOCACY COMPETITION
WINS SINCE 2010

Our current students represent **38 U.S. states, 22 countries and 266 colleges and universities.**

DEAN'S MESSAGE

MANY FACTORS SHOULD INFLUENCE YOUR CHOICE TO JOIN A LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



I joined this dynamic Florida State University College of Law family for many reasons that I think will resonate with you—a primary reason being the collegial, welcoming environment.

At FSU, you will be part of a collaborative community, where students and professors engage deeply both inside and outside of the classroom on a vast array of legal topics. Moreover, our students form life-long bonds, as they endeavor to study together, support one another and celebrate each other's successes.

Most law schools advertise that they provide a rich and rewarding student experience, so how should you discern which schools are truly exceptional? My advice is that you should look at the breadth and depth of alumni connection to the school. Given that money and time are both scarce resources, you will want to know whether the alumni of a school disappear after graduation or choose to give back to the institution. Florida State alumni have one of the highest giving rates in the country, and are among the top four for state universities. Because students enjoy their time at Florida State and they appreciate the support they receive from the faculty and the administration, they stay connected after they graduate. Our 9,500-plus alumni are successful in the worlds of law, business and government, and they are eager to help students. You will have access to alums who visit campus regularly, teach courses and guest lecture, and mentor students who seek to launch their legal careers in Florida and elsewhere. Florida State

boasts an alumni mentoring network of more than 1,000 lawyers around the world.

Another strength of Florida State is our location. Tallahassee, the capital of the third largest U.S. state, is home to 500-plus law firms, state and federal courts, numerous state agencies, the Governor's Office and the Florida Legislature, and most are within a short walk of the law school campus. You will have many unique opportunities to gain classroom knowledge and work experience in areas of the law that interest you while strengthening your credentials for long-term employment. These experiences translate into opportunities around the globe.

You will also have access to the fabulous professionals in our Career Services and Professional Development Office who are dedicated to helping students find desired jobs. They work with faculty, administrators, alumni and other mentors to help students best position themselves for the legal careers they wish to pursue. Because helping students advance their careers is a community-wide effort, Florida State is consistently rated one of the nation's best in terms of job placement. Everyone here will be committed to helping you launch your career.

Please come for a visit to learn more about what Florida State has to offer you, including our award-winning advocacy teams, certificate programs, extensive externship and clinical offerings, journals, and other student professional organizations. Talk to our students and our world-renowned professors. I look forward to seeing you on campus and hope you will join our vibrant FSU Law community.

Thank you,

Erin O'Connor
Dean and McKenzie Professor

"FOR ME, ONE OF THE MAIN DRAWS TO FLORIDA STATE WAS THE COMMUNITY.

This is a school that is highly ambitious, yet also extremely collegial. You don't find that mix often and that makes FSU very special. Everyone here has high aspirations, but we all collaborate to the benefit of others and not just ourselves."

Dean Erin O'Connor is a noted scholar in several areas, including conflict of laws, arbitration and the law market. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University.



Tallahassee is the **#1 MID-SIZE CITY** and **#3 OVERALL BEST CITY** in the nation for lawyers to pursue careers, according to a 2019 AdvisorySmith study. This translates into an abundance of job opportunities for law students.



CAPITAL LOCATION. WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN TALLAHASSEE

—the capital of the nation's third largest state—across the street from the Florida Supreme Court and one block from the Florida Capitol. FSU Law is also a short walk or drive from all state agencies, The Florida Bar, hundreds of law firms, multiple courts, and hundreds of statewide associations and public interest groups. Few other law schools in the nation can compete in terms of location. The unique legal opportunities that accompany being located in a state capital are invaluable. Experiences that FSU Law students have in Tallahassee and around the globe translate into careers all over the world for our graduates.

Many students are interested in state government and the political process, and our location allows us to offer highly specialized classes taught by **high-level**

officials in state politics and administrative law.

These courses include Executive Power, Legislative Power, Separation of Powers, Florida Legislative Practice: From Bill Drafting to the Governor's Desk, and Florida Legislative Practice: The Budget and Appropriations Process. Many of these classes also feature special guests who are engaged in sophisticated legal practice and policy-related work.

According to American Bar Association data, **FSU Law is the nation's eighth best in terms of law schools with the highest percentage of 2018 graduates who obtained government and public interest jobs.** Because a large percentage of FSU Law students aspire to work in government and public interest positions, we devote ourselves to making a wide variety of clinical opportunities in these areas available to students. Our location also allows students to easily work at the Capitol and participate in the Gubernatorial Fellows and Legislative Intern programs—year after year, FSU Law students comprise a majority of the fellowship and internship seats.



“NOT ONLY IS FSU LAW a prestigious academic institution, but it also allows students to experience the legal community before even having entered it. Even for those who are not looking to stay in Florida after graduation, to go to school in a state capital presents a great amount of opportunity for experience and connections. FSU Law's location is the main reason I considered going here.”

Alina Avalos ('19), who attended the University of Florida, was a member of our award-winning Trial Team.

500+

Tallahassee offers a wide variety of clerking and internship opportunities in its more than 500 law firms, numerous state and federal courts, and the legislative and executive branches of government.



“THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT HAS PROVIDED ME WITH GREAT ADVICE AND COUNTLESS STRESS-RELIEVING EVENTS.

Their staff members are some of the friendliest individuals on campus. They helped me quickly prepare my student bar application at the start of the semester and hosted tons of wellness events to help students relax. I’ve had the opportunity to attend yoga and healthy cooking classes, Painting with a Twist, and have tea and scones as an afternoon pick-me-up thanks to this amazing office.”

Alexa Castellano ('21) attended the University of Florida for undergrad

“I CHOSE FSU LAW BECAUSE I THRIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS ENCOURAGING AND UPLIFTING

with a healthy sense of competition. FSU has brilliant faculty, fantastic job placement statistics, and a large and active alumni base, and yet I think one of their biggest accomplishments is the community they have grown here. Professors are helpful and encouraging in your education, older students are quick to offer advice and support, and the alumni are proud and eager to mentor students. Additionally, I was attracted to the wide variety of employment opportunities available in the Tallahassee area and the unique extracurriculars.”

Melody Deatherage ('20), a University of Central Florida undergrad, presented an oral argument before Florida Supreme Court justices during her 1L year as part of FSU Law’s Moot Court Final Four Competition.



SPECIALIZED STUDENT SUPPORT

WHEN YOU ENROLL AT FSU LAW, you join a community where the administration places a high priority on providing individualized support to students. In addition to support from alumni and faculty members, students have personalized advising, mentoring and counseling resources through several offices on campus.

Our **Career Services and Professional Development Office** meets one-on-one with law students to help them launch their careers. The Career Services team will collaborate with you to create individualized job-search strategies, based on your specific goals and aspirations. Students receive counseling on a wide range of topics, including interviewing, drafting cover letters and resumes, and searching for jobs in desired locations and practice areas. Through advising and professional development initiatives, the Career Services team prepares students to be knowledgeable, confident and competitive in the legal market.

Our **Academic Programs Office** was created in 2017 to provide more personalized guidance to students on course selection, and to offer enhanced legal writing and other academic support. The office also is dedicated to helping students and recent graduates as they prepare for bar exams. FSU Law also has a full-time bar support professor, whose sole focus is helping students prepare for bar exams and who has a strong record of preparing test-takers for success.

The professionals in our **Student Advancement Office** are always available to assist students. One of the many ways they support students is through our Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program, which was launched in 2018 to assist students as they begin to form their professional identities. An exciting component of the program is that all third-year students may elect to have a professionalism mentor assigned to them—someone who will help them as they transition from law student to new lawyer. This new initiative will provide you with many tools to help you thrive in law practice.



"I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR FSU LAW'S CAREER SERVICES OFFICE and the resources they provide to students. Through their On-Campus Interview Program, I was able to obtain a summer associate position at Hill Ward Henderson, a full-service law firm in Tampa. The practical experience I gained encompassed different practice areas, including commercial litigation, corporate transactions and employment law."

Melina Garcia ('18), who attended the University of Florida for undergrad, worked at Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa during the summer after her 2L year. She is now an associate in the firm's Tampa office.

OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

MELANIE GRIFFIN ('06)

practices at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP in Tampa. She served as president of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division for 2013-14 and regularly returns to campus to meet with students. She mentors many Florida State law students and recent graduates, and serves as a J.D. Advisor for our Career Services Office.

FLORIDA STATE-EDUCATED LAWYERS CAN BE FOUND IN ALMOST EVERY U.S. STATE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

Our 9,500-plus alumni are extraordinarily supportive of our school and students. One measure of the level of graduate engagement is a law school's alumni giving rate—ours is among the top 5 best public schools in the nation. Alumni who are financially supportive tend to also provide support in other ways.

Our alumni provide a vital network to help our students find employment. They are generous with their time and donate countless hours to helping students perfect their job search skills and learn about practicing law. Alumni in private firms, the judiciary, government service and nontraditional legal careers regularly visit campus to talk with students about their specific fields of practice, answer students' questions and conduct mock interviews. They also host networking meetings with students in their cities. Our alumni also provide students clerking and full-time employment opportunities. In addition to visiting campus to interview students, alumni interview students via video conference.

Our engaged and helpful alumni are the principal reason why Florida State law graduates have success in the legal job market. Several of our distinguished alumni are pictured to the right.

ALUMNI GIVING RATE
AMONG THE
**NATION'S
TOP 5**
FOR PUBLIC LAW SCHOOLS


SENATOR MEL R. MARTINEZ ('73)

is a former U.S. Senator from Florida. He currently is chairman of the Southeast and Latin America for JPMorgan Chase & Co. He has visited campus on numerous occasions and has served as president of our Alumni Association.


THE HONORABLE MARY S. SCRIVEN ('87)

is a federal judge for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She has hired several graduates as law clerks.


BEN ODOM ('04)

is vice president, deputy general counsel for International Speedway Corporation. He established an externship at ISC and has supervised Florida State law students in the program.


JOHN W. FROST, II ('69)

is the founding partner of Frost Law Firm, P.A. He was the first Florida State law graduate to serve as president of The Florida Bar. He was the featured speaker during our 2013 commencement ceremony and the first donor to name a courtroom.


MARKENZY LAPOINTE ('99)

is a partner at Pillsbury in Miami, where he specializes in commercial and federal criminal litigation and high-risk product liability. He is a past president of our Alumni Association.


ALBERTO DOMINGUEZ ('97)

is customer vice president, Walmart at Kimberly-Clark in Arkansas. He has returned to Tallahassee to meet with Florida State law students and established an externship placement at Walmart for students.


JUSTICE RICKY POLSTON ('87)

was the 55th Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. He is still a justice and regularly teaches courses at the law school and participates in other law school activities.


LAUREN V. PURDY ('11)

is an associate at Gunster in Jacksonville. She visits campus to meet with students, has hosted many networking events in her city for students and alumni, and serves on our alumni board.


BENJAMIN J. GIBSON ('08)

is a partner at Shutts & Bowen in Tallahassee. He is also a member of the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission and The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors. He regularly returns to the College of Law to interact with students.


SHANNON DEPUY BREAM ('96)

anchors the prime time program *FoxNews@Night*. She also is a chief legal correspondent for the network. Prior to her career in television, she practiced corporate law in Tampa.


ROGER F. ROZANSKI ('15)

is an associate with Foley & Lardner LLP in Chicago. A former FSU Law student ambassador, he assists the Admissions Office with recruiting and shared his interviewing expertise with students during our 2017 professional development course.


BENJAMIN L. CRUMP ('95)

is founding partner at Ben Crump Law, with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Jackson, Los Angeles, Memphis, Washington, D.C., and Tallahassee. Because Crump has handled many high-profile cases, he has appeared on numerous national news programs. He often visits with students at the law school and served on our Board of Visitors.



“I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH FLORIDA STATE LAW ALUMNI at various professional networking events across Tallahassee. Every alum I have spoken with has been so kind and encouraging, and has gone out of their way to introduce me to their colleagues practicing in my area of interest. The support that I have received from Florida State Law alumni has been incredible.”

Salim Douaihy ('21) attended the University of Florida as an undergraduate

“OUR ALUMNI NETWORK spans the globe, but what makes it special is the accomplished attorneys who dedicate time to be involved at the College of Law. Alumni not only attend many networking events put on by student organizations or the Career Services Office, but they also reach out to students personally and offer additional support. I have mentors who I meet with for coffee or lunch and have gotten a glimpse into the day-to-day of practicing attorneys and learned about how to approach law school and what I want out of my law career. For example, I had a one-on-one tour of the First District Court of Appeal by my mentor, who happens to be one of the judges.”

Karina Flores ('20) attended the University of Central Florida for undergrad



9,500+

Florida State's alumni network is truly superb, evidenced by our outstanding job placement, extensive mentoring and alumni contribution rates. **Hundreds of alumni visit campus each year to meet with our students.** Many additional alumni network via video conference.



G.C. MURRAY '12

serves as deputy general counsel for the Florida Justice Association in Tallahassee. He serves on our alumni board and has been active in helping recruit top students to FSU Law.



ALEXANDRA H. PALERMO '12

is corporate counsel at Syniverse in Tampa. A former FSU Student Bar Association president, she remains engaged with the law school and recently finished a term as an elected governor on The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors.



MARK S. ELLIS '84

is executive director of the International Bar Association. Although he is based in London, he is an active member of our alumni board and a frequent visitor to campus. Ellis annually supervises Florida State externs in London.



JOSHUA E. DOYLE '06

is executive director of The Florida Bar, one of the largest bars in the country. He is an emeritus member of the FSU Law alumni board.

NETWORK OF 1,000+ ALUMNI SERVING AS CAREER MENTORS AROUND THE WORLD



“FSU LAW STUDENTS ARE AFFORDED VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES due to the law school’s unique collaboration with state government institutions. During my 3L spring semester, I was an extern at the Florida Supreme Court, where I received school credit for my time and was mentored by staff attorneys in my chambers. Not only was my externship an amazing experience, but it also prepared me for my post-graduation position at the court as a staff attorney for Justice Pariente, which I would not have secured without the help of FSU Law faculty.”

Melanie Kalmanson ('16), a Florida State University undergrad, was a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente and is now an associate at Akerman, LLP.

HANDS-ON LEGAL EXPERIENCE

OUR STUDENTS HAVE MANY

opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom in the real world. Florida State's clinical programs and location in Tallahassee provide students a plethora of options to gain the legal experience that employers desire. Few other law schools in the nation can compete in terms of location. No other law school in Florida can provide the unique legal opportunities that accompany being located in the state capital.

Our law school is within walking distance of the Capitol building, the Florida Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and many government agencies. Students have a wide variety of externships, internships, clerkships, live-client clinics and co-curricular opportunities from which to choose. Our students are not limited to work opportunities in just Tallahassee,

though. Many of our more than 100 externship placements are located outside of Tallahassee, throughout Florida and beyond. Students often utilize the law school's strong alumni network to obtain work experience and career advice.

Whether students gain experience through part-time employment, clinical programs or co-curricular organizations, the many opportunities at the law school and in Tallahassee are a tremendous advantage. During the summer, many students also work in major cities throughout Florida and the nation. Especially for those students, the College of Law offers online courses so students can still earn academic credit while working. Students gain the experience that helps them obtain permanent employment upon graduation and, in many cases, minimize the expansion of debt.

WAYS STUDENTS GET EXPERIENCE:

EXTERNSHIP: placement in an off-campus law office or court in which a student earns academic credit by working under the supervision of a practicing lawyer or judge.

LIVE-CLIENT CLINIC: placement in the law school's Public Interest Law Center or Business Law Clinic, in which a student earns academic credit by aiding in the representation of live clients under the supervision of a practicing clinical professor.

INTERNSHIP: placement in a law office for which a student does not receive academic credit. Internships can be paid or unpaid and in either the public sector or the private sector. Some internships are also referred to as "clerkships" or "fellowships."

PRO-BONO WORK: placement under the supervision of a lawyer that is specifically approved as public service that is credited toward a student's mandatory pro-bono program.

CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS: emphasize written or oral expression, often for academic credit. Opportunities include: *Florida State University Law Review*, *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, Trial Team and Moot Court Team.



Paolo Annino,
Glass Professor of Public
Interest Law and Director
of the Children's Advocacy
Clinic at the Public
Interest Law Center
Ph.D., Legal Philosophy,
Fordham University
J.D., Florida State University



Richard M. Benham,
Entrepreneur in Residence and
Director of the Business Law Clinic
J.D., Florida State University



Adria E. Quintela,
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Co-Director of Clinical
Externship Programs
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Clinical Professor and
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M.P.P., Harvard University



Jennifer Parker LaVia,
Clinical Professor and Director
of the Veterans Legal Clinic
J.D., University of Florida



Darby Kerrigan Scott,
Clinical Professor and Director
of the Immigration and
Farmworker Project
J.D., Florida State University

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN FLORIDA AND ELSEWHERE

THE LAW SCHOOL OFFERS ONE of the most extensive clinical externship programs in the United States. Students earn academic credit while working under the supervision of practicing attorneys. Our program, which has been referred to as a model for the nation, places students in more than 100 offices throughout Florida and elsewhere—far more placement options than many law schools. While many are in Tallahassee—so students can take classes and work simultaneously—we also have placements in cities including Washington, D.C., Miami, New York City, Atlanta, London and Seattle. We have a special judicial externship program for first-year students and we also have several opportunities for students to work in the legal departments of large corporations.

Many of our externships involve the practice of law, which requires students to be certified by the Florida Supreme Court. This certification is beneficial during and after law school. Since our programs provide more academic credit than those at most other law schools, students are more engaged in actual law practice and gain more valuable experience that will benefit them upon graduation.

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**1LS PARTICIPATED IN JUDICIAL
EXTERNSHIPS AROUND THE NATION
DURING THE SUMMER OF 2019.**

Available Externship Placements

APPELLATE PRACTICE

- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Criminal Appeals
- › Florida Public Defender's Office - Criminal Appeals

CIVIL – BUSINESS

BUSINESS REGULATION

- › Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Administrative Law
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Antitrust
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Consumer Protection (Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa, West Palm Beach)
- › Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- › Florida Department of Health
- › Florida Public Service Commission
- › U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (Atlanta, Miami)
- › U.S. Trustee, Department of Justice

CORPORATE COUNSEL

- › First American Title (Atlanta)
- › First Florida Integrity Bank (Naples)
- › G4S (Jupiter)
- › Harris Corporation (Melbourne)
- › HD Supply (Atlanta, Orlando)
- › International Speedway Corporation (Daytona Beach)
- › Jabil Circuit, Inc. (St. Petersburg)
- › NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
- › Office Depot (Boca Raton)
- › Paul Davis Restoration (Jacksonville)
- › SBA Communications Corporation (Boca Raton)
- › Southeast Toyota, LLC (Deerfield Beach)
- › United Soccer League (Tampa)
- › United Technologies Corporation – Climate, Controls & Security (Jupiter)
- › World Fuel Services (Miami)

COURTS

- › Circuit/County Court (Tallahassee, Nationwide locations)
- › Circuit Court/Complex Business Litigation Court (Miami, Orlando, Tampa)
- › Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- › Florida First District Court of Appeal
- › U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Tallahassee, Nationwide locations)
- › U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Nationwide locations)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

- › Florida Department of Management Services
- › Florida Department of Transportation
- › Florida Housing Finance Corporation

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL—SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESS

- › NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company (Tallahassee)
- › Pyramid Records (Miami)

Available Externship Placements continued on page 14



“EXTERNING AT THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION IN LONDON was one of the greatest opportunities FSU offered me. I was able to better my legal researching and writing abilities while learning about a variety of current international issues, all while living in one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in Europe. The externship broadened my global perspective and provided me with a wonderful group of friends and mentors from all over the world.”

Sophie Luchin ('19), pictured in Trafalgar Square, externed at the International Bar Association in London during the summer of 2018.

Available Externship Placements (continued)

TAX

- › Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
- › U.S. Department of Justice - Tax Division
- › U.S. Internal Revenue Service

CIVIL - ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE

- › City of Tampa - Environmental and Land Use (Tampa)
- › Earthjustice
- › Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- › Florida Division of Administrative Hearings - Environmental
- › Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- › Florida Public Service Commission
- › Florida Sea Grant (Gainesville)
- › Hillsborough Environmental Protection Commission
- › Humane Society of the United States (New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, D.C.)
- › NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company (Juno Beach, Tallahassee)
- › Southwest Florida Water Management District (Tampa)
- › U.S. Department of Justice - Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section (Seattle, Washington, D.C.)
- › U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Washington, D.C.)
- › U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Environmental Accountability (Atlanta)
- › U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Regional Counsel

CIVIL - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Corrections Litigation
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - State Programs
- › U.S. Senate (Washington, D.C.)

CIVIL - LABOR/EMPLOYMENT

- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Employment
- › Florida Commission on Human Relations
- › Florida Department of Corrections - Employment Litigation Section
- › Florida Public Employees Relations Commission
- › U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division (Washington, D.C.)
- › U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Miami, New York)

CIVIL - LEGAL SERVICES/OTHER PUBLIC INTEREST

- › Americans for Immigrant Justice (Miami)
- › Bay Area Legal Services
- › Bet Tzedek (Los Angeles)
- › Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida - Central Florida
- › Disability Rights Florida
- › Florida Department of Children and Families
- › Florida Justice Institute (Miami)
- › Florida Rural Legal Services (Ft. Myers)
- › Guardian Ad Litem (Orlando, Tallahassee, West Palm Beach)
- › Gulf Coast Legal Services (St. Petersburg)
- › Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (Jacksonville)
- › LatinoJustice (Orlando)
- › Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (West Palm Beach)
- › Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association (Orlando)
- › Legal Services of Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale)
- › Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (Miami)
- › Legal Services of North Florida - Foreclosure Defense
- › Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
- › Southern Poverty Law Center (Tallahassee)

CIVIL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- › Bay County Attorney's Office
- › Brevard County Attorney's Office
- › City of Clearwater Attorney's Office
- › City of Fort Lauderdale Attorney's Office
- › City of Jacksonville Attorney's Office
- › City of Jacksonville Office of the General Counsel Municipal Law Clinic
- › City of Miami Attorney's Office
- › City of Orlando Attorney's Office
- › City of Palm Bay Attorney's Office
- › City of Sarasota Attorney's Office
- › City of Tallahassee Attorney's Office
- › City of Tampa Attorney's Office
- › City of West Palm Beach Attorney's Office
- › Hillsborough County Attorney's Office
- › Hillsborough County - Environmental Protection Commission
- › Lee County Attorney's Office
- › Leon County Attorney's Office
- › Manatee County Attorney's Office
- › Monroe County Attorney's Office
- › Osceola County Attorney's Office
- › Palm Beach County Attorney's Office
- › Pinellas County Attorney's Office
- › Sarasota County Attorney's Office

CRIMINAL

- › Federal Public Defender, Capital Habeas Unit (Tallahassee)
- › Florida Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
- › Florida Public Defender/State Attorney Offices (Throughout Florida)
- › Innocence Project of Florida
- › U.S. Attorney's Office

INTERNATIONAL

- › Human Rights First (New York City)
- › International Bar Association (London)
- › International Justice Mission (Chiang Mai)
- › U.S. Immigration Court (National locations)

JUDICIAL CLERK

- › 1L Judicial Externships (Nationwide locations)
- › Circuit/County Court (Nationwide locations)
- › Circuit Court/Complex Business Litigation Court (Orlando, Miami, Tampa)
- › Florida District Courts of Appeal (Tallahassee, Other locations)
- › Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- › Florida Public Employees Relations Commission
- › Florida Supreme Court
- › U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)
- › U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)
- › U.S. Immigration Court (Orlando, Miami, Other locations)

TRANSFORMATIVE LEGAL TECHNOLOGIES

- › Padgett Law Group



“AS A LEGAL EXTERN TO CONGRESSMAN GREG STEUBE in the U.S. House of Representatives, I worked on a variety of issues addressed by the Judiciary Committee and Oversight and Reform Committee. Specifically, I conducted extensive legal research on the potential implementation of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. I researched the purpose and mission of the Census, the constitutional requirement to enumerate the population, the enactment of the Census Act, and the statutory authority of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce. I am grateful to have witnessed the legislative, executive and judicial branch coalesce to determine the legal implications of the citizenship question and address the discrepancies.”

Christina Castillo ('21), who attended Florida International University for undergrad, pictured with Congressman Greg Steube in Washington D.C. during her externship in the summer of 2019

The law school's Advocacy Center is invaluable to students preparing for externships and co-curricular advocacy competitions. The building has five courtrooms—four with jury boxes—of different sizes and configurations. It is one of the nation's finest facilities for trial and appellate advocacy training.

Students utilize the John W. Frost, II Courtroom to prepare for appellate practice.





“BEING A PART OF THE JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM was the best decision I could have made for the summer following my 1L year. I formed invaluable relationships with my judge, other district court judges, law clerks and fellow interns. This federal judicial externship provided networking and out-of-the-classroom legal experience, which will play a significant role in my future employment opportunities.”

Rachel Eilers ('19), who attended Auburn University for undergrad, externed with the Honorable Anthony Porcelli, of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, during the summer of 2017 as part of FSU Law's 1L Judicial Externship Program.

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STUDENTS


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PLACEMENTS

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CITIES

140 STUDENTS EXTERNEED AT 79 PLACEMENTS IN 30 CITIES INCLUDING ATLANTA, MIAMI, LOS ANGELES, ORLANDO, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND LONDON DURING THE 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR.

A portrait of Sheylla Aceves, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a white collared shirt. A small circular pin is visible on her left lapel. The background is a blurred indoor setting with white walls and a green vertical element.

“THROUGH EXTERNING AT A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY IN ORLANDO, I gained experience in a variety of areas of the law, including contracts, intellectual property, employment, litigation, tax and corporate securities. I gained insight into what corporate culture is like and I had the opportunity to work with some of the most successful individuals in the legal and construction industries. Not only did I learn a lot, but I also gained valuable work experience and connections that will help me procure employment post-graduation. I am beyond grateful to FSU Law’s Externship Office for giving me the opportunity to work at such a prestigious corporation. FSU Law has provided me with invaluable business connections and coming here was the best thing I ever did for myself and my career.”

Sheylla Aceves ('20), who attended the University of South Florida for undergrad, externed at HD Supply in Orlando during the summer of 2018.

A portrait of Catie Messinger, a young woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a red sleeveless top and a thin gold necklace. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a building.

“ONE OF THE REASONS I CHOSE TO ATTEND FSU LAW was the opportunity to get involved with the Public Interest Law Center. I’ve always had an interest in juvenile justice so when I learned about Professor Annino’s Children’s Advocacy Clinic, I knew I wanted to take advantage of such a unique and rewarding opportunity. Working with the clinic allowed me to get hands-on, practical experience working with children, from basic case management such as client interviews and court appearances, all the way to filing motions and writing appellate briefs. Learning from Professor Annino has been one of my greatest and most valuable law school experiences!”

Catie Messinger ('18), who attended Florida State University for undergrad, participated in the Public Interest Law Center during her 2L year and externed at the State Attorney’s Office in Jacksonville during the summer of 2017. She is now an assistant state attorney in Jacksonville.



“THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC was one of the best classes I’ve taken in law school. We received hands-on, practical law experience that prepared me for my summer associate position at a big law firm. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in transactional law.”

Matthew Stock ('16), who attended Truman State for undergrad, worked at Burr Forman in Orlando during the summer of 2015 and is now an associate at Zuckerman Law in Washington, D.C.

THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC: “IN-HOUSE” TRANSACTIONAL LAWYERING

Students in the Business Law Clinic learn transactional skills and earn academic credit by helping advise business and social entrepreneurs within the Florida State University community. The clinic teaches students basic bargaining, drafting, risk-assessment, and legal ethics skills necessary to be an effective and creative transactional lawyer. Students conduct a broad range of legal services and participate in other forms of experiential learning, such as role playing, simulations, and the keeping of transactional journals. Students help with client intake, identifying legal and business issues, and developing bargaining strategies. They also assist in choosing the appropriate type of entity and drafting organizational documents, shareholder contracts and licensing agreements. The clinic is part of the College of Law’s comprehensive program in business law, which includes a curriculum with broad offerings in business law, tax, law and economics, and finance, as well as the Business Law Certificate and business externship programs. Florida State students are able to combine traditional classroom learning with hands-on, real-world experience.

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**HOURS OF PRO BONO
LEGAL SERVICE COMPLETED
BY THE CLASS OF 2019**



THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

FOUNDED IN 1991, the Public Interest Law Center trains second- and third-year law students in legal advocacy, with an emphasis on mentoring, small group discussions and role playing. Students are certified by the Florida Supreme Court to practice under the supervision of attorneys. They interview clients, conduct discovery, draft pleadings and represent clients in a variety of legal forums.

Through its live-client clinics and projects—the Children’s Advocacy Clinic, Gender and Family Justice Clinic, Veterans Legal Clinic, Children in Prison Project, Health Care Access Project, Human Trafficking and Exploitation Law Project, and Immigration and Farmworker Project—the Public Interest Law Center provides students with practical skills training and management skills that they will continue to use as practicing attorneys. Students also gain a sense of professional responsibility and invaluable work experience.

Florida State’s program is unique among law school clinical programs because of the wide variety of legal services provided. While other law school clinics specialize in one or two types of cases, the Public Interest Law Center handles everything from family law cases to juvenile delinquency cases to immigration advocacy.

The Center’s work on children in prison has been cited by the United States Supreme Court and featured by national and international media outlets. The Center also has won numerous awards for its work on behalf of children.

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ACCESS TO RESEARCH CENTER



“I REALLY ENJOYED THE OUTREACH THAT WE DID with the women in the Gender and Family Justice Clinic. It truly made a difference, and it was reassuring when the women would communicate that they used the information we gave them. The clinic was a great experience and it pushed me to be a better lawyer-to-be and pushed me to think outside of the box, both in the legal context and in life.”

Caitlin Harden ('20), who attended Florida A&M University for undergrad, participated in the Gender and Family Justice Clinic during the spring 2019 semester.

COMPREHENSIVE COURSE LIST

First-Year Courses

- › Civil Procedure
- › Constitutional Law I
- › Contracts
- › Criminal Law
- › Legal Writing and Research I
- › Legal Writing and Research II
- › Legislation & Regulation
- › Property
- › Torts

Second- and Third-Year Courses

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW & GOVERNMENT

- › Administrative Law
- › Advanced Legal Research in Administrative Law
- › Federal Courts
- › Florida Administrative Litigation
- › Florida Alternative Dispute Resolution
- › Florida Legislative Practice: From Bill Drafting to the Governor's Desk
- › Florida Legislative Practice: The Budget and Appropriations Process
- › Gambling and Pari-Mutuel Law
- › Local Government Law
- › Space Law

CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

- › Employment Discrimination
- › Gender Justice
- › Human Trafficking
- › Sexuality, Gender, and Reproduction

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

- › Constitutional Law II
- › Contemporary Topics in Tort Law
- › Election Law
- › Florida Constitutional Law
- › Separation of Powers Seminar
- › Sexuality, Gender, and Reproduction
- › Supreme Court Role-Play

CORPORATE/BUSINESS LAW

- › Advanced Legal Research: Financial Regulation
- › Advanced Legal Research: Healthcare Regulation
- › Advanced (Topics in) Corporate Governance Seminar
- › Alternative Dispute Resolution
- › Antitrust Law
- › Bankruptcy Fundamentals
- › Behavioral Law and Economics
- › Business Ethics
- › Business Law Clinic
- › Business Legal Research
- › Business Planning
- › Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation Practice
- › Closely Held Business Organizations
- › Commercial Paper
- › Consumer Protection Law
- › Contract Drafting
- › Corporate Finance
- › Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
- › Corporations
- › Doing Deals: Due Diligence
- › Doing Deals: Mergers & Acquisitions
- › E-Discovery and Digital Evidence
- › Employment Law
- › Energy Law and Policy
- › Entertainment Law
- › Financial Statements Interpretation
- › Game Theory for Business Lawyers
- › In-House Counsel & Compliance
- › Insurance Law
- › International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- › International Business Transactions
- › International Sales & Arbitration
- › International Trade and Investment Law
- › International Trade Transactions
- › Introduction to Business, Finance, and Commercial Transactions
- › Introduction to Intellectual Property
- › Law and Economics
- › Law and Risk Management
- › Liability Among Associated Business Entities Seminar
- › Mergers and Acquisitions
- › Negotiation

- › Oil and Gas Law
- › Real Estate Finance
- › Real Estate Foundations
- › Regulatory Compliance
- › Sales and Leases
- › Secured Transactions
- › Securities Regulation
- › Sports Law
- › Taxation of Business Entities
- › Taxation Policy
- › Topics in Real Property, Torts & Commercial Law
- › White Collar Crime
- › Workers' Compensation Skills

CRIMINAL LAW

- › The American Jury
- › Capital Punishment Seminar
- › Criminal Litigation Skills
- › Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- › Criminal Procedure: Police
- › Cybersecurity Law
- › Death Penalty and the Supreme Court
- › Environmental Crimes
- › Executive Clemency in Florida
- › Federal Criminal Law
- › Felony Disenfranchisement in Florida
- › Florida Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial
- › Florida Criminal Procedure: Trial
- › Gender Justice
- › Human Trafficking
- › Juvenile Justice: Skills Practice
- › Law Enforcement and Privacy
- › Postconviction Remedies
- › Prison Law & Policy
- › Prison Reform Seminar
- › White Collar Crime

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

- › Administrative Law
- › Advanced Legal Research in Administrative Law
- › Coastal and Ocean Law
- › Condominium and Community Housing Law
- › Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- › Energy, Environmental and Land Use Law
- › Energy Law and Policy
- › Environmental Crimes
- › Environmental Law

- › Environmental Law & Policy
- › Florida Administrative Litigation
- › Land Use Regulation
- › Local Government Law
- › Natural Resources Law
- › Natural Resources Law Seminar
- › Oil and Gas Law
- › Practicing Environmental Law in Florida
- › Seminar on Climate Change
- › Water Law

FAMILY LAW

- › Children's Advocacy Clinic
- › Elder Law
- › Estate Planning
- › Family Law
- › Florida Family Law
- › Gender and Family Justice Clinic
- › Gender Justice
- › Gratuitous Transfers
- › Juvenile Justice: Skills Practice

HEALTH LAW

- › Elder Law
- › Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- › Health Care Fraud and Abuse
- › Health Insurance: Markets & Regulation Seminar
- › Health Law
- › Public Health Law

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PRIVACY & CYBERSECURITY

- › Copyright Law
- › Cybersecurity Law
- › Cybersecurity Law Seminar
- › Entertainment Law
- › Intellectual Property
- › Introduction to Intellectual Property
- › Media and the Law Seminar
- › Privacy
- › Technology for Lawyers
- › Trademarks and Unfair Competition

INTERNATIONAL LAW

- › Admiralty Law
- › Chinese Law
- › Comparative Constitutional Law
- › Comparative Law
- › Foreign Relations Law
- › Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- › Global Justice Seminar
- › Human Trafficking
- › Immigration Enforcement and Procedure
- › Immigration Law
- › International and Foreign Legal Research
- › International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- › International Business Transactions
- › International Human Rights Law
- › International Organizations
- › International Sales & Arbitration
- › International Trade and Investment Law
- › International Trade Transactions
- › Jessup International Law Moot Court Course
- › Public International Law
- › War

LITIGATION

- › Advanced Legal Research
- › Alternative Dispute Resolution
- › The American Jury
- › Appellate Advocacy
- › Appellate Practice: The Florida Solicitor General's Perspective
- › Civil Discovery & Depositions
- › Civil Pre-Trial Practice
- › Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation Practice
- › Client Interviewing and Counseling
- › Conflict of Laws
- › Effective Communication for Litigators
- › Evidence
- › Executive Power
- › Federal Courts
- › Florida Administrative Litigation
- › Florida Alternative Dispute Resolution
- › Florida Civil Practice
- › Florida Constitutional Law
- › Jury Selection
- › Negotiation
- › Scientific Evidence
- › Technology for Lawyers
- › Trial Objections
- › Trial Practice
- › Trial Strategy: Complaints, Answers and Motions

PUBLIC INTEREST

- › Appellate Clinic
- › Children's Advocacy Clinic
- › Collateral Consequences Project
- › Consumer Protection Law
- › Disability Law
- › Executive Clemency in Florida
- › Gender and Family Justice Clinic
- › Gender Justice
- › Human Trafficking
- › Immigration and Farmworker Project
- › Immigration Enforcement and Procedure
- › Immigration Law
- › International Human Rights Law
- › Surveillance and Intelligence Law
- › Veterans Legal Clinic

REAL ESTATE

- › Condominium and Community Housing Law
- › Florida Real Estate Practice: Beyond the Fundamentals
- › Land Use Regulation
- › Real Estate Finance
- › Real Estate Law Foundations

TAX LAW

- › Estate Planning
- › Tax Drafting
- › Tax Policy
- › Taxation
- › Taxation of Business Entities

OTHER

- › 20th Century American Legal History
- › Animal Law
- › Disaster Law
- › Jurisprudence
- › Professional Responsibility
- › Spanish for Lawyers
- › The Law and The Chinese Classics
- › The Law of Disaster Response
- › The Law, The Classics, and The Scriptures
- › Topics I: Florida Practice
- › Topics II: Multistate Bar Examination
- › Trusting Relationships & The Law Seminar
- › Wills & Trusts Fundamentals



"I REALLY ENJOY MY WORK IN THE AREA OF INSURANCE REGULATORY LAW. I speak around the world on the topic, so co-teaching a class on insurance regulation makes sense. As part of the class, we bring in guest speakers. It is especially gratifying to be able to introduce my students to leaders in their respective fields."

Fred Karlinsky ('92), a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, P.A. and member of our Board of Visitors, is one of many alumni who serve as adjunct professors for the law school.



“AS A STUDENT, WORKING AT INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY CORPORATION

not only taught me how to thrive in a corporate setting, but my work with ISC has also allowed me to network with some of the biggest and brightest contacts in motorsports! FSU's Business Certificate and corporate externship programs taught me to dive in and learn the ins and outs of the business, while providing me with the tools to flourish. I enjoy what I do every day and I am grateful to the programs at FSU that helped get me here.”

Kelsey Pincket ('17) clerked at International Speedway Corporation as a student through the FSU Law corporate externship program and is now corporate counsel at the company.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS OF INTEREST > BUSINESS AND TAX LAW

WE HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG BUSINESS AND TAX PROGRAM at Florida State University College of Law. We offer our students an extremely sophisticated program to prepare them to enter the worlds of business and finance at the highest possible levels. We offer a full range of doctrinal business courses and additional courses in financial accounting, law and economics, and game theory for business lawyers. We also offer a Business Law Certificate that allows students to strengthen their degree. Students apply what they learn in the classroom and increase their credentials through numerous business-related externships and our Business Law Clinic.

Core Business and Tax Law Faculty



Frederick M. Abbott,
Edward Ball Eminent Scholar
Professor of International Law
Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law, International Aspects of Intellectual Property, International Business Transactions, International Trade and Investment Law, Introduction to Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Patent and Trademark Law
LL.M., University of California, Berkeley
J.D., Yale University



Shawn J. Bayern,
Larry and Joyce Beltz
Professor of Torts and
Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs
Closely Held Business Organizations, Contracts, Torts
J.D., University of California, Berkeley



Richard M. Benham,
Entrepreneur in Residence
Business Law Clinic, Contract Drafting, Law & Entrepreneurship
J.D., Florida State University



Elissa Philip Gentry
Assistant Professor
Health Law, Law and Economics
Ph.D., Law and Economics, Vanderbilt University
J.D., Vanderbilt University



Steve R. Johnson,
Dunbar Family Professor
Administrative Law, Business Planning, International Taxation, Tax Crimes, Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities
J.D., New York University



Jeffrey H. Kahn,
Harry W. Walborsky Professor
and Associate Dean for
Business Law Programs
Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities, Torts
J.D., University of Michigan



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LL.M., Harvard University
LL.B., University of British Columbia



Tahirih V. Lee,
Associate Professor
International Business
Transactions, International
Trade Simulation
Ph.D., History, Yale University
J.D., Yale University



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Assistant Professor
Contracts, Consumer Privacy
and Data Security Seminar, Sales
& Leases
J.D., Harvard University



Justin T. Sevier,
**Charles W. Ehrhardt Professor
of Litigation**
Behavioral Law and Economics,
Closely Held Business
Organizations, Evidence
Ph.D., Psychology, Yale University,
expected 2019
J.D., Harvard University



Manuel A. Utset, Jr.,
William & Catherine
VanDercreek Professor and
Associate Dean for
Juris Master Programs
Corporations, Dodd-Frank Act,
Game Theory for Business
Lawyers, Law and Economics,
Securities Regulation
J.D., University of Michigan



Donald J. Weidner,
Dean Emeritus and Alumni
Centennial Professor
Closely Held Business
Organizations, Alternative
Dispute Resolution, Liability
Among Associated Business
Entities, Real Estate Finance
J.D., University of Texas at Austin



Kelli Alces Williams,
Matthews & Hawkins
Professor of Property
Advanced Corporate
Governance, Bankruptcy,
Corporations, Property,
Securities Regulation
J. D., University of Illinois



Hannah Wiseman,
Attorneys' Title Professor and
Associate Dean for
Environmental Programs
Emerging Issues in Energy Law:
Renewables and
Unconventional Fossil Fuels,
Energy Law & Policy, Land Use
Regulation, Oil & Gas Law, Law
and Policy of Drilling and
Fracturing for Fossil Fuels
J.D., Yale University

For more information about
our Business and Tax Law
professors, visit [law.fsu.edu/
business-law-faculty](http://law.fsu.edu/business-law-faculty).

Business Externship Opportunities

BUSINESS REGULATION

- › Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Administrative Law
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Antitrust
- › Florida Attorney General's Office - Consumer Protection (Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa, West Palm Beach)
- › Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- › Florida Department of Health
- › Florida Public Service Commission
- › U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (Atlanta, Miami)
- › U.S. Trustee, Department of Justice

CORPORATE COUNSEL

- › First American Title (Atlanta)
- › First Florida Integrity Bank (Naples)
- › G4S (Jupiter)
- › Harris Corporation (Melbourne)
- › HD Supply (Atlanta, Orlando)
- › International Speedway Corporation (Daytona Beach)
- › Jabil Circuit, Inc. (St. Petersburg)

- › NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
- › Office Depot (Boca Raton)
- › Paul Davis Restoration (Jacksonville)
- › SBA Communications Corporation (Boca Raton)
- › Southeast Toyota, LLC (Deerfield Beach)
- › United Soccer League (Tampa)
- › United Technologies Corporation - Climate, Controls & Security (Jupiter)
- › World Fuel Services (Miami)

COURTS

- › Circuit/County Court (Nationwide locations)
- › Circuit Court/Complex Business Litigation Court (Miami, Orlando, Tampa)
- › Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- › Florida First District Court of Appeal
- › U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Tallahassee, Nationwide locations)
- › U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Nationwide locations)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

- › Florida Department of Management Services
- › Florida Department of Transportation
- › Florida Housing Finance Corporation

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL— SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESS

- › NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company (Tallahassee)
- › Pyramid Records (Miami)

TAX

- › Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
- › U.S. Department of Justice - Tax Division
- › U.S. Internal Revenue Service

Business Activities

- › Business Law Society
- › *Florida State University Business Review*
- › Intellectual Property Law Society
- › Real Estate Law Society

Programs for J.D. Students

The Business Law Certificate Program allows students planning a career in business law and finance to receive specialized training in a set of core areas: publicly traded corporations, closely held business entities, corporate finance, law and economics, and taxation. The program carries additional requirements beyond those for the J.D. degree and signals to potential employers that a graduate has advanced training in these core areas. Additionally, J.D. students who are accepted to the graduate program at Florida State University's College of Business can pursue a joint graduate pathway in law and business (J.D.-M.B.A.).

LL.M. in Business Law

The LL.M. in Business Law is open to students with a J.D. degree and to foreign lawyers. It is designed to provide advanced business law and finance training to lawyers in areas of growing demand, such as regulatory compliance, in-house counsel, transactional law, complex business litigation and financial regulation. Students are matched with program faculty members who mentor them and help them tailor their course of study, based on students' interests, educational backgrounds and professional needs.



Business Courses and Seminars

COMMERCIAL LAW

- › Commercial Paper
- › Consumer Protection Law
- › Sales and Leases
- › Secured Transactions

CORPORATE LAW & FINANCE

- › Advanced (Topics in) Corporate Governance
- › Antitrust Law
- › Bankruptcy Fundamentals
- › Closely Held Business Organizations
- › Corporate Finance
- › Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
- › Corporations
- › Financial Statements Interpretation
- › In-House Counsel & Compliance
- › Insurance Law
- › Introduction to Business, Finance and Commercial Transactions
- › Liability Among Associated Business Entities
- › Mergers and Acquisitions
- › Regulatory Compliance
- › Securities Regulation

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

- › Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- › International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- › International Business Transactions
- › International Sales & Arbitration
- › International Trade and Investment Law
- › International Trade Transactions

LAW & ECONOMICS

- › Behavioral Law and Economics
- › Game Theory for Business Lawyers
- › Law and Economics

REAL ESTATE

- › Condominium and Community Housing Law
- › Florida Real Estate Practice: Beyond the Fundamentals
- › Land Use Regulation
- › Real Estate Finance
- › Real Estate Foundations

TAX LAW

- › Estate Planning
- › Tax Policy
- › Taxation
- › Taxation of Business Entities

TRANSACTIONAL & SKILLS COURSES

- › Alternative Dispute Resolution
- › Business Law Clinic
- › Business Legal Research
- › Business Planning
- › Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation Practice
- › Contract Drafting
- › Doing Deals: Due Diligence
- › Doing Deals: Mergers & Acquisitions
- › Introduction to Business, Finance and Commercial Transactions
- › Negotiation

OTHER BUSINESS COURSES

- › Business Ethics
- › Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- › Employment Law
- › Energy Law and Policy
- › Introduction to Intellectual Property
- › Oil and Gas Law
- › White Collar Crime

BUSINESS FACULTY MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY PRACTICED AT TOP FIRMS IN
NEW YORK CITY, CHICAGO AND BOSTON,
 CLERKED FOR **FEDERAL JUDGES,**
 AND WERE **HIGH-LEVEL ATTORNEYS**
 FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.



**“MUCH OF MY SUCCESS IS
OWED TO THE DEPTH AND
BREADTH OF COURSEWORK I
UNDERTOOK AT THE FLORIDA
STATE COLLEGE OF LAW.”**

John G. Maus, Jr. ('03),
senior vice president at
U.S. Trust in New York City

“THE BUSINESS PROGRAM AT FSU LAW has allowed me to gain many practical skills and experiences that will be useful in my career as an attorney.

The work I was able to do in the Business Law Clinic will be useful in whatever industry or area of law

I end up working in. The business law courses are some of my favorite courses at FSU because they have the perfect mix of theoretical discussions and practical assignments.”

Jada Roulhac ('20), who attended the University of Florida for undergrad, aspires to practice corporate law and serves as president of the FSU Black Law Students Association.





“MY EXTERNSHIP WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY’S OFFICE provided me with unique opportunities and allowed me to work with some of the most experienced trial and criminal law attorneys. My externship left me with a better understanding of federal practice, the role of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in prosecuting federal offenses, and the partnership between the U.S. Attorney’s Office with other government entities.”

Luis Then ('16), who attended University of South Florida for undergrad, externed at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Tampa during the summer of 2015. He is now a captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps.

“THE CRIMINAL LAW PROGRAM here at FSU Law offers once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. From experienced professionals to knowledgeable faculty, there is always someone available to help students with questions or career advisement.

I personally benefited from the externship program. I received real-world practice through trials, motion hearings and day-to-day courtroom procedures. I was ultimately hired by my externship site for post-graduation employment.”

Maria’h Givens ('19) now works at the Office of the State Attorney, Second Judicial Circuit after externing there as a law student.



CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS OF INTEREST >

CRIMINAL LAW

FLORIDA STATE'S STRONG CRIMINAL LAW PROGRAM offers a wide range of courses to prepare students for a career in the field. Our faculty members are nationally or internationally recognized scholars with deep expertise in the area. Our students can obtain hands-on experience through our Public Interest Law Center and an extensive array of clinical externship opportunities. Students are placed in externships throughout the state, including with state and local public defender and prosecutor offices, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Innocence Project of Florida. Students can also assist in the work of the university's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, with which the College of Law has a close relationship.

Core Criminal Law Faculty



Paolo Annino,
Glass Professor of Public Interest Law
Children's Advocacy Clinic
Ph.D., Legal Philosophy, Fordham University
J.D., Florida State University



Avlana K. Eisenberg,
Assistant Professor
Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Prison Law Reform Seminar, Professional Responsibility
J.D., Stanford University



Lawrence S. Krieger,
Clinical Professor and Co-Director of Clinical Externship Programs
Criminal Practice Clinic
J.D., University of Florida



Wayne A. Logan,
Gary & Sallyn Pajcic Professor
Capital Punishment Seminar, Controlled Substances: Law, Policy & Enforcement, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Police
J.D., University of Wisconsin



Sarah L. Swan
Assistant Professor
Criminal Law, Family Law, Contemporary Topics in Tort Law
J.S.D., Columbia University
LL.M., Columbia University
J.D., University of British Columbia



Samuel R. Wiseman,
McConaughay & Rissman Professor
Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Police, Environmental Crimes
J.D., Yale University

For more information about our Criminal Law faculty, visit law.fsu.edu/criminal-law-faculty.

Criminal Law Courses and Seminars

- › The American Jury
- › Capital Punishment Seminar
- › Criminal Litigation Skills
- › Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- › Criminal Procedure: Police
- › Cybersecurity Law
- › Death Penalty and the Supreme Court
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- › Juvenile Justice: Skills Practice
- › Law Enforcement and Privacy
- › Postconviction Remedies
- › Prison Law & Policy
- › Prison Reform Seminar
- › White Collar Crime

Criminal Law Externship Opportunities

- › Federal Public Defender, Capital Habeas Unit
- › Florida Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
- › Florida Public Defender/State Attorney Offices (Throughout Florida)
- › Innocence Project of Florida
- › U.S. Attorney's Office

Criminal Law Activities

- › Advocates For Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- › American Civil Liberties Union
- › Association for Criminal Justice
- › Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

Public Interest Law Center

Our award-winning Public Interest Law Center conducts cutting-edge juvenile justice work on children in prison. A study published by the center and its director, Paolo Annino, was cited numerous times by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 2010 landmark decision prohibiting the imposition of life without parole on a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide. Students working at the Center also provide children full legal representation in criminal cases.





Professor Wayne Logan, pictured with several law students, is one of the law school's nationally recognized criminal law experts. His work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court and he has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal and Newsweek.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS OF INTEREST >

ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY AND LAND USE LAW

FLORIDA STATE IS HOME TO ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY REGARDED ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAMS

in the country. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks our program 19th strongest in the nation in its 2019 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools. Our faculty members are among the most distinguished scholars in the fields of environmental, energy and administrative law. A wide variety of courses and a certificate program provide students a solid foundation in environmental, energy and land use law. Students also can take advantage of offerings in related areas of study at Florida State University, as well as externship opportunities in Florida and Washington, D.C.

Core Environmental Law Faculty



Shi-Ling Hsu,
D'Alemberte Professor
Climate Change,
Cost-Benefit Analysis in
Environmental Law,
Environmental Law,
Interdisciplinary
Perspectives on Climate
Change: Science, Policy
& Law, Natural
Resources Law, Property
*Ph.D., Agricultural and
Resource Economics,
University of California at
Davis*
J.D., Columbia University



David L. Markell,
Steven M. Goldstein
Professor
Administrative Law,
Current Issues in
Environmental Law and
Policy, Environmental
Law, Land Use
Regulation
J.D., University of Virginia



Erin Ryan,
Elizabeth C.
& Clyde W. Atkinson
Professor
Environmental Law,
Natural Resources Law,
Negotiation, Property
J.D., Harvard University



Mark B. Seidenfeld,
Patricia A. Dore
Professor of
Administrative Law
Administrative Law,
Legislation & Regulation
J.D., Stanford University



Hannah Wiseman,
Attorneys' Title
Professor and
Associate Dean for
Environmental
Programs
Emerging Issues in
Energy Law: Renewables
& Unconventional Fossil
Fuels, Energy Law &
Policy, Environmental
Law, Land Use
Regulation, Oil & Gas
Law, Law and Policy of
Drilling and Fracturing
for Fossil Fuels
J.D., Yale University

To learn more about our Environmental Law professors,
visit law.fsu.edu/environmental-law-faculty.



“THE FACULTY IN THE FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE OF LAW ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY AND LAND USE LAW PROGRAM

are not only brilliant scholars and professors, but also mentors and advisors for their students. They have gone above and beyond to prepare me for a career in environmental law.”

Robert Volpe ('15), an Environmental Law Certificate recipient, is an attorney at Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee. He clerked for the firm, which is a statewide leader in the area of environmental law, during his 2L year.

“THE FACULTY AND STAFF WORK INCREDIBLY HARD

not only to provide several courses with diverse environmental topics every semester, but also to help students find internships, externships and jobs. The fact that they are so involved with both the academics and the extracurriculars really speaks to their willingness to do anything they can for the success of their students.”

Jessica Melkun ('17) earned the Environmental Law Certificate and was president of Florida State's Environmental Law Society. She is now an attorney at the Florida House of Representatives.



Environmental Courses and Seminars

- › Administrative Law
- › Advanced Legal Research in Administrative Law
- › Coastal and Ocean Law
- › Condominium and Community Housing Law
- › Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- › Energy, Environmental and Land Use Law
- › Energy Law and Policy
- › Environmental Crimes
- › Environmental Law
- › Environmental Law & Policy
- › Florida Administrative Litigation
- › Land Use Regulation
- › Local Government Law
- › Natural Resources Law
- › Natural Resources Law Seminar
- › Oil and Gas Law
- › Practicing Environmental Law in Florida
- › Seminar on Climate Change
- › Water Law

Environmental Externship Opportunities

- › City of Tampa - Environmental and Land Use
- › Earthjustice
- › Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- › Florida Division of Administrative Hearings - Environmental
- › Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- › Florida Public Service Commission
- › Florida Sea Grant (Gainesville)
- › Hillsborough Environmental Protection Commission
- › Humane Society of the United States (New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, D.C.)
- › NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company (Juno Beach, Tallahassee)
- › Southwest Florida Water Management District (Tampa)
- › U.S. Department of Justice - Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section (Seattle, Washington, D.C.)
- › U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Washington, D.C.)
- › U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Environmental Accountability (Atlanta)
- › U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Regional Counsel

Environmental Activities

- › Environmental Law Society
- › Environmental Moot Court Competition
- › *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*



19th BEST | ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW PROGRAM
PER U.S. NEWS &
WORLD REPORT



Programs for J.D. Students

Upon graduation, students who successfully complete the Environmental Law Certificate Program receive a certificate along with their J.D. degree. The certificate signals to employers and others that a student has achieved special competency in the fields of environmental, energy and land use law. Students may select their courses from an extensive menu of curricular and co-curricular offerings, as well as joint-degree programs with other Florida State University departments.

A joint graduate pathway with the School of Urban and Regional Planning (J.D.-M.S.P.) enhances the law school's ability to provide comprehensive preparation for a career in environmental and land use law. The school is nationally respected and offers a wide array of fields of emphasis. The joint graduate pathway provides an excellent foundation in both the law and the policy of land use. The College of Law, along with the Department of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, also offers a joint graduate pathway in Oceanography: Law and Aquatic Environmental Science (J.D.-M.S.). The joint graduate pathway provides a competitive advantage to graduates interested in environmental science, law and policy.

LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy

The College of Law's LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy gives J.D. holders the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of environmental, land use, natural resources and energy law. Students are matched with program faculty members who mentor them and help design a curriculum that best suits their interests, educational backgrounds and professional needs.



“THE COLLEGE OF LAW is an international institution. During my tenure at Florida State, I studied at Oxford under the tutelage of their professors, traveled to Vienna (twice) to compete with thousands of law students from around the world in an international arbitration moot and discussed job opportunities overseas with our alumni abroad. For me, Tallahassee has truly been the gateway to the rest of the world.”

Michael Hoffman ('18), pictured in front of Schönbrunn Palace with Natalia Nincevic ('18) when they were in Vienna for the 2018 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition, is a federal clerk for Judge Robert C. Chambers in the Southern District of West Virginia.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS OF INTEREST > INTERNATIONAL LAW

OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE DEEP EXPERTISE IN A VARIETY OF AREAS, including international intellectual property, international trade law, the global pharmaceutical industry, international human rights, comparative law and Chinese law. Their work has helped shape legal issues all over the world. Our program includes a wide array of specialized courses that reflect the expertise of the faculty, a variety of externship opportunities—both international and domestic in location—and a certificate program for students interested in international law. In addition, Florida State offers three exchange programs and the longest-standing summer law program at Oxford University sponsored by an American law school.

Core International Law Faculty



Frederick M. Abbott,
Edward Ball Eminent Scholar
Professor of International Law
Global Health & Pharmaceutical
Law, International Aspects of
Intellectual Property,
International Business
Transactions, International Trade
and Investment Law, Introduction
to Intellectual Property, Patent
Law, Patent and Trademark Law
*LL.M., University of California at
Berkeley*
J.D., Yale University



David E. Landau,
Mason Ladd Professor and
Associate Dean for International
Programs
Comparative Constitutional Law,
Conflict of Laws, International
Litigation and Arbitration, Public
International Law
*Ph.D., Political Science, Harvard
University*
J.D., Harvard University



Tahirih V. Lee,
Associate Professor
Chinese Law, Comparative Law,
International Business
Transactions, International Trade
Simulation
Ph.D., History, Yale University
J.D., Yale University

Other Faculty Teaching International Law Courses



Terry Coonan, Executive Director
of the Center for the
Advancement of Human Rights
and Courtesy Professor of Law
Asylum and Refugee Law
J.D., University of Cincinnati

More information about our International Law faculty is available at law.fsu.edu/international-law-faculty.

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PROFESSORS SPEAK AT LEAST
ONE LANGUAGE IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH.

Programs for J.D. Students

Florida State's Certificate Program in International Law recognizes students for a concentration in the area and carries requirements beyond those for a J.D. A certificate signals to potential employers a graduate's specialization. J.D. students who are accepted to the graduate program at Florida State University's College of Social Sciences can pursue a joint graduate pathway in law and international affairs (J.D.-M.S.).

Degree Program for Foreign Lawyers

Foreign law graduates can pursue an LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers. The LL.M. allows students to gain in-depth knowledge of United States law. In recent years, Florida State has been pleased to host lawyers from countries including Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Cuba, France, Haiti, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Korea, Moldova, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Slovakia, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and Uzbekistan as candidates for our LL.M. in American Law.

LL.M. students receive personal attention and counseling from a faculty advisor to develop a curriculum to fit their specific needs and goals. They are fully integrated into the College of Law community, taking classes alongside J.D. students. This allows LL.M. students to establish professional relationships with other graduate students from around the world, as well the opportunity to work with FSU's outstanding faculty and J.D. students.

Under Florida law, students from Latin American and Caribbean countries qualify for the same relatively low tuition rates that Florida residents pay, provided they get a small scholarship. There are a number of scholarships available specifically for this purpose.

International Courses and Seminars

- › Admiralty Law
- › Chinese Law
- › Comparative Constitutional Law
- › Comparative Law
- › Foreign Relations Law
- › Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- › Global Justice Seminar
- › Human Trafficking
- › Immigration Enforcement and Procedure
- › Immigration Law
- › International and Foreign Legal Research
- › International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- › International Business Transactions
- › International Human Rights Law
- › International Organizations
- › International Sales & Arbitration
- › International Trade and Investment Law
- › International Trade Transactions
- › Jessup International Law Moot Court Course
- › Public International Law
- › War

Study Abroad

Students can participate in a summer study abroad program at the University of Oxford in England and in exchange programs with three universities:

- › Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- › Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia
- › The University of Groningen in Groningen, the Netherlands

International Law Externship Opportunities

- › Human Rights First (New York City)
- › International Bar Association (London)
- › International Justice Mission (Chiang Mai)
- › U.S. Immigration Court (National locations)

International Activities

- › Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- › Center for the Advancement of Human Rights
- › Immigration and Farmworker Project
- › International Law Students Association
- › *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*



“THE STRENGTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM was one of the main reasons why I was drawn to FSU Law. I have been able to tailor my curriculum to my interest in international law through the Oxford program, the Immigration and Farmworker Project, the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, and the variety of international courses offered. Whether it be in the area of international human rights or international business, I feel prepared to take on the world with my J.D. from FSU Law.”

Katie Mesa ('20), who attended the University of Florida for undergrad, is pursuing the International Law Certificate and served as president of the Women's Law Symposium as a 2L.

“I’VE HAD THE GREAT HONOR OF SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, of opening an office for a major law firm in Orlando, and serving on a board that settles some of the world’s most important trade disputes. These opportunities are all the result of the excellent legal education I received at Florida State.”

Jim Bacchus ('79), chair of Greenberg Traurig's Global Practice Group and former chair of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization



JURIS MASTER PROGRAM

The Florida State University College of Law Juris Master program is designed for students who want to advance in their chosen field as a non-lawyer and to understand important legal, business and regulatory issues. Students may choose from two options: a fully online program or an on-campus program. For both options, the program is flexible with few required courses—students can tailor their curriculum for their specific professional advancement goals.

Students in the part-time online program gain a strong foundation in regulatory compliance and legal risk management. You will also acquire essential legal skills, such as how to read and interpret statutes, regulations and case law, how to conduct legal research, and how to communicate findings to executives, board members and others within your organization. Based on your specific career needs and goals, you can choose one of three concentrations:

- Financial Regulation and Compliance
- Health Care Regulation
- Legal Risk Management and HR Compliance

On-campus students can earn the Juris Master degree on either a full-time, one-year schedule or on a part-time basis, with the option to take some courses online. The program's curriculum includes one course specifically designed for Juris Master students: Introduction to Legal Studies and Research, and requires at least two courses from the J.D. first-year courses. Beyond those requirements, you may select from a wide variety of course offerings and may personalize your curriculum by specializing in one of five key areas:

- Business Law
- Administrative Law and Governmental Relations
- Environmental and Land Use Law
- Criminal Law and Justice
- Employment and Human Resources Law

The Juris Master degree is not an LL.M. degree for lawyers. The degree is intended for those who do not intend to become a licensed, practicing attorney and have not completed a Juris Doctorate program. Credits earned in the J.M. program are not transferable to the J.D. program.

Key Benefits:

Economical – Competitively priced

Flexible – Can be completed fully online and on a part-time basis

Impactful – Lessons learned can be quickly applied at work

Sophisticated – Courses are taught by world-class law professors who teach J.D. courses and prominent industry experts

More information about the online Juris Master program is available at law.fsu.edu/JMonline. Additional details about the on-campus program are available at law.fsu.edu/JMoncampus.



**CONCENTRATIONS FOR ONLINE
JURIS MASTER STUDENTS**



“THE J.M. PROGRAM PROVIDES PROFESSIONALS in almost any field an opportunity to expand their education and knowledge to include law. The class selection and scheduling pace can be tailored to each student’s interests or career path and the program has part-time options for working professionals.”

Caroline Arrant (J.M. '16),
director of human resources at
Kikoda

OUR COMMUNITY

AS AN FSU LAW STUDENT, YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AMENITIES AND PROGRAMS.

FSU is a world-class research university with top programs in areas including political science and business. Being a part of this community allows you the option to participate in one of nine joint graduate pathways offered by the College of Law in collaboration with other FSU colleges and schools.

You will also have access to Florida State's recreational facility, the Leach Center—a 100,000-plus-square-foot gym featuring an indoor track overlooking a 16-lane indoor swimming pool, extensive cardio, strength and weight-lifting equipment, basketball and racquetball courts, and more. You can also take advantage of FSU's 73-acre lake front property where you can swim, canoe, kayak and picnic with friends. Tickets to all FSU sporting events are free for law students, so you can attend the events of Florida State's 18 NCAA Division I teams at no cost.

FSU law students also can utilize the University Counseling Center and Health and Wellness Center. The Counseling Center is a welcoming and confidential place to help you overcome challenges that may interfere with your academic progress and emotional well-being. Students may seek couples, group or individual counseling with no out-of-pocket expense. The on-campus Health Center's many services include general medical care, women's health services, nutrition assessments, physical therapy, psychiatry, immunizations and more.

The larger Tallahassee community also offers many opportunities for law

students. Tallahassee is a relatively small city, which makes it ideal for studying and also translates into a lower cost of living than in larger areas. Despite its size, Tallahassee offers many more unique restaurants and cultural experiences than most comparable cities. If you love being outdoors, Tallahassee and the surrounding areas have many options for hiking, biking, swimming, boating and canoeing. The closest beach is less than an hour from campus. The city also boasts a wide variety of networking and work opportunities that accompany being located in the capital of the third most populous state in the nation.



Joint Graduate Pathways:

- › Oceanography: Aquatic Environmental Science and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- › Business and Law, J.D.-M.B.A
- › Information and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- › Information Technology and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- › International Affairs and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- › Public Administration and Law, J.D.-M.P.A.
- › Social Work and Law, J.D.-M.S.W.
- › Sport Management and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- › Urban and Regional Planning and Law, J.D.-M.S.P.



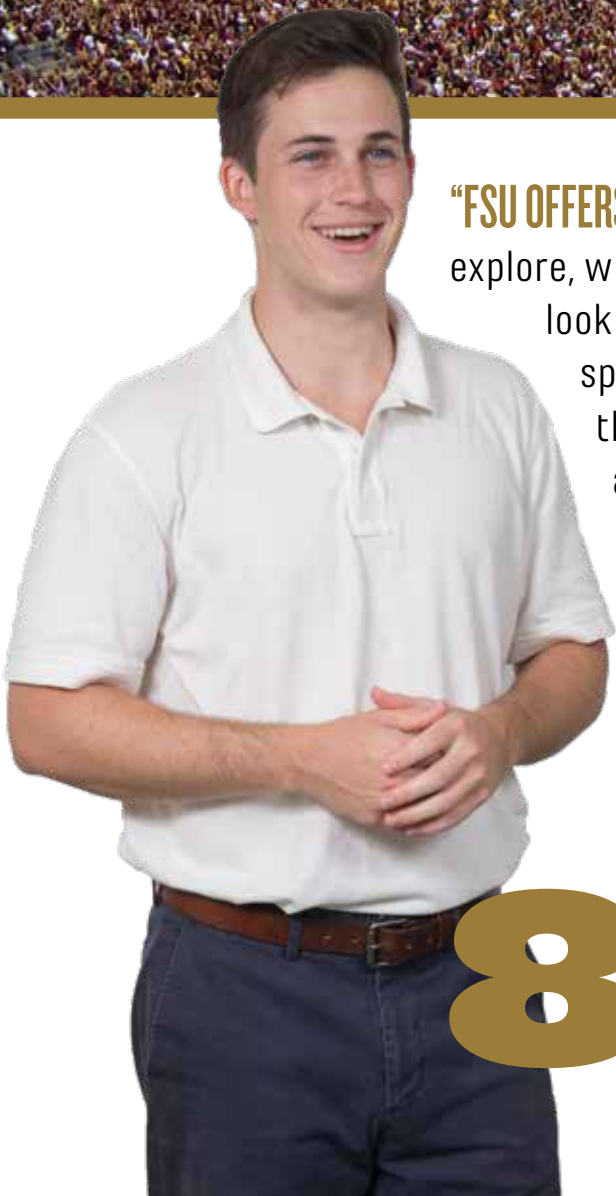
“TALLAHASSEE IS A GREAT CITY IN WHICH TO BE A LAW STUDENT because it is the capital of Florida. There are unique opportunities offered to students here that cannot be offered in other cities. For example, during legislative session, law students have the rare opportunity to be fully immersed in the legislative process with Florida’s most successful lawmakers. The opportunities are endless in Tallahassee, and it is a great place to network and build your reputation as a young lawyer. Additionally, Tallahassee is becoming very metropolitan with a lot of great restaurant options, weekend festivals and community events.”

Khari James (‘17), who attended University of Central Florida for undergrad, worked at the White House and for a federal judge during the summer after her 1L year. During the summer of 2016, she started working for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice as a human trafficking coordinator. She is now an assistant state attorney in the Second Judicial Circuit.

TALLAHASSEE IS THE NATION’S #1 CITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS AND #6 IN THE LIST FOR BEST COLLEGE TOWNS, ACCORDING TO LIVABILITY.COM.



OUR COMMUNITY



“FSU OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES for any student to explore, whether outside or inside the classroom. My classmates look forward to attending events of our school’s successful sports teams or utilizing the campus gym facilities. Inside the classroom, I chose to pursue a J.D.-M.B.A. which allowed me to further my education with the help of our business school’s amazing professors, as well as interact with students studying in other areas, broadening my academic exposure even further.”

Clayton Culler ('18), who attended Denison University, served on the executive board of the Student Bar Association during his 1L year. He was a member of the FSU Law student team that advanced to the final four at the National Championship of the 2017 Startup LawMeet Competition in California and the law school’s softball team. He now practices at DLA Piper in Washington, D.C.

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FSU Law’s Student Bar Association has been honored as the nation’s best eight times since 2008 and our Black Law Students Association has been named National Chapter of the Year four times since 2011.

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JOINT GRADUATE
PATHWAYS WITH
OTHER FSU UNITS



Southern Living (2019) ranks Tallahassee the
NATION'S 9TH BEST SOUTHERN CITY.

APPLY

The College of Law seeks to admit and enroll students who, together, bring to the law school a varied set of backgrounds, interests, personal and professional experiences and perspectives, who also have a record of academic success and a competitive LSAT score. Other factors considered include exceptional personal talents, interesting or demanding work or service experience, rigorousness of undergraduate course study, leadership potential, graduate study, maturity and the ability to communicate effectively in writing. An applicant's responses to the character and fitness questions in the application are also a significant factor in the decision-making process. Although a holistic approach is taken when reviewing applications, most admission decisions are based

on the combination of LSAT score and undergraduate academic performance.

Florida State University encourages applications for admission from qualified students regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veteran or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status in accordance with all pertinent federal, state, and local laws on non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

If you have questions about the admissions process or the Florida State University College of Law, please contact the Office of Admissions at 850.644.3787 or admissions@law.fsu.edu.

Important Dates & Deadlines for First-Time J.D. Applicants

September 1, 2019

Florida State Law begins accepting applications. Decisions are made on a rolling basis throughout the cycle.

October 1, 2019

2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications become available. FSU Law's school code is 001489.

December 15, 2019

Deadline to apply as an Early Binding Decision candidate. Please visit our website for specifics regarding applying as an Early Binding Decision candidate.

January 15, 2020

Early Binding Decision applicants notified of the decision on their application.

January 31, 2020

Early Binding Decision deposits are due.

March 15, 2020

Fall 2020 priority application deadline. Priority consideration given to the strongest applications completed by the priority deadline.

April 2-3, 2020

Preview events for admitted students.

April 15, 2020

Acceptance deadline for admits—decision statement and \$200 non-refundable seat deposit due for applicants admitted through March 31, 2020. Deadlines for applicants admitted post March 31 are on a rolling basis.

July 31, 2020

Fall 2020 application deadline.

LSAT Dates

- > 9/21/19
- > 10/28/19
- > 11/25/19
- > 1/13/20
- > 2/22/20
- > 3/20/20
- > 4/25/20

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must hold, or expect to receive, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university before beginning the study of law. Individuals who have previously attended law school are not eligible to apply as a first-time entering student.

Application Checklist

For specific details regarding the checklist items, visit Admissions & Financial Aid on our website at law.fsu.edu.

REQUIRED ITEMS

- Register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
- Online application through LSAC
- Application fee: \$30 paid online through LSAC
- Submit transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed through CAS
- Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) **OR** the Graduate Admission Test (GRE)
 - **Note regarding GRE scores:** Applicants may submit scores from either the LSAT or GRE as part of their application, but not both test scores. If an applicant has an existing reportable LSAT score, a GRE will not be considered in lieu of the existing LSAT score.
 - **Note regarding LSAT Writing portion:** Applicants must take the LSAT Writing portion, which is independently tested, **within 30 days of the date of their LSAT examination.**
- Personal Statement
- Resume

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Academic Addendum
- Diversity Statement
- Letters of Recommendation (2)

J.D. International Applicants

- Submit foreign transcripts for processing through the LSAC JD CAS.
- Submit official TOEFL or IELTS score to LSAC CAS.

The minimum TOEFL score required is a 100 on the internet-based test, 250 on the computer-based test or a 600 on the paper-based test. The LSAC TOEFL code for the JD CAS is 0058. The law school also accepts the International English Language Testing System (IELTS): The minimum score required is a 7.5 on the IELTS. Questions about the JD CAS can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001 or lsacinfo@lsac.org.

Transfer Eligibility

Florida State accepts transfer applicants from ABA-approved law schools in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Transfer applicants must be in good standing at their current law school and any previous law schools to be eligible for consideration. Academic dismissal from any law school

disqualifies a student from being considered for admission.

Transfer applicants who have only completed one full-time semester must be in the top 25 percent of their class to receive consideration. Transfer applicants who have completed two or more semesters must be in the top third of their class to receive consideration. The minimum acceptable LSAT score for transfer is a 147.

Visitor Admission

The College of Law accepts applications from students who have completed their second year of law school at another ABA-accredited institution who would like to be a visiting student at Florida State for one or two semesters of their third year. Students in their second year may be considered on a space-available basis. Preference will be given to students who have a significant professional or personal reason to attend Florida State University College of Law. Detailed application instructions are available at law.fsu.edu.

3+3 Admission

Under 3+3 programs, students who meet certain admission requirements can complete a bachelor's degree and a law degree in six years rather than the traditional seven, saving a year of time and costs. We currently have programs with Eckerd College, Florida State University, Saint Leo University, the University of Central Florida, the University of North Florida, and the University of West Florida, and expect to add agreements with additional institutions in the future. Details about requirements for each school are available at law.fsu.edu/3-plus-3.

LL.M. Admission

Florida State offers three LL.M. degrees: the LL.M. in Business Law, the LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy and the LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers. Detailed application instructions, eligibility information and application deadlines are available at law.fsu.edu/admissions/llm-procedures.

Juris Master Admission

The Florida State University College of Law Juris Master program is flexible and intended for those who possess a bachelor's degree and who want to advance their careers with legal studies and training. Details about requirements for the program and the application are available at law.fsu.edu/admissions/juris-master.

2019 J.D. ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

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STUDENTS

25% have traveled abroad to 50+ countries

40% speak at least one language in addition to English

730 YEARS combined total years of work experience

88% received a scholarship from FSU Law



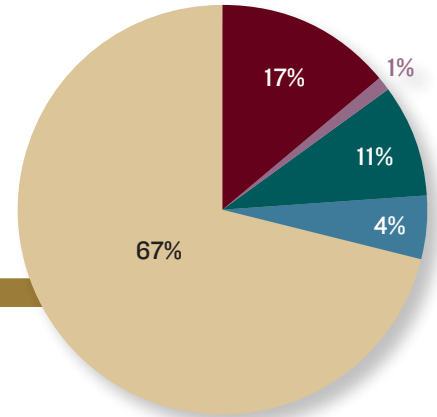
FEMALE: **54%**

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS: **70** | UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS: **54**



Military Branches Represented: **AIR FORCE, ARMY, ARMY RESERVE**

Previous Graduate or Professional Degree: **6%**



ETHNIC/RACIAL DIVERSITY:

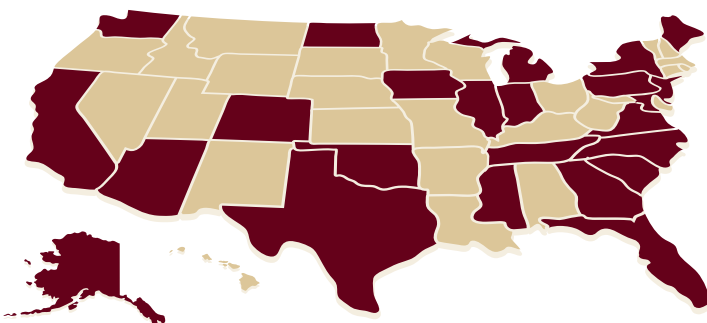
33.3%

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American

AGE RANGE: **19-42**
Average Age: **23**

First-Generation Law:

16%



Non-Florida Residents: **23.3%** from **23** states

Students also hail from Ghana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico and Nigeria.

75th LSAT/GPA: **161/3.83**

Median LSAT/GPA: **160/3.73**

25th LSAT/GPA: **155/3.50**

*As of August 19, 2019

COSTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Florida State is consistently rated one of the nation's top best value law schools by *preLaw* magazine. Tuition and fees are established by the Florida Board of Governors and the Florida Legislature and are subject to change each year.

Financial Assistance

The law school offers a program of scholarship assistance made available through the generous support of alumni and friends. Law school scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of merit and/or financial need.

Entering first-year J.D. students are considered for scholarships only after being admitted to the College of Law. Second- and third-year students may apply for a variety of scholarships each spring for the upcoming academic year. For information about financial aid in general, contact Margaret Coleman in the FSU Office of Financial Aid at 850.644.5716 or mycoleman@fsu.edu.

Most students qualify for federal funding through the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Direct Graduate PLUS Loan programs. Eligibility for federal funding is determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To ensure Florida State University College of Law receives your FAFSA report, you must include our school code (001489) in the application. Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA as close to the release date as possible for priority consideration. For 2019-2020, the release date is October 1, 2019.

2019-2020 Cost of Attendance

For fall and spring semesters

CATEGORY	FLORIDA RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT*
Tuition & Fees (30 credit hours)	\$ 20,683	\$ 40,695
Room/Board	10,000	10,000
Books/Supplies	1,500	1,500
Transportation	1,500	1,500
Personal <i>Includes estimated health insurance</i>	3,750	3,750
Laptop (for 1Ls)	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 38,933	\$ 58,945*

* OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS Most non-residents are eligible to reclassify as Florida residents for tuition purposes after the 1L year. For information about the reclassification process, contact the law school's Office of Admissions at 850.644.3787 or admissions@law.fsu.edu.

** Online program costs will vary. Visit our website for more information.

\$2 MILLION
FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2018, FSU Law launched a \$2 million campaign to raise money for student scholarships so we can better support students even before they arrive on campus.



CAMPUS	OFF-CAMPUS
A Alumni Center	★ Florida Capitol
B College of Business	⚖ Florida Supreme Court
C College of Criminology and Criminal Justice	1 Cascades Park and Capital City Amphitheater
D College of Education	2 Challenger Learning Center/IMAX
E College of Human Sciences	3 Donald L. Tucker Civic Center at FSU
F College of Medicine	4 Florida Auditor General and Agency for WorkForce Innovation
G College of Social Sciences and Public Policy	5 Florida Department of Education
H FSU Police Department	6 Florida Department of Financial Services
I Health and Wellness Center	7 Greyhound Station
J Landis Green	8 Kleman Plaza
K Leach Student Recreation Center	9 Leon County Court
L Oglesby Union	10 Leon County Public Library
M President's House	11 Railroad Square Art Park
N Stroz Library	12 StarMetro Bus Station
O University Center College of Communication and Information, College of Social Work, Financial Aid Office, Student Financial Services	13 State Library and Archives of Florida
P University Counseling Center	14 U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Q Westcott Building	

An aerial photograph of the College of Law campus. The image shows several buildings, including a large white building with columns in the foreground, a red brick building with a central dome, and a smaller red brick building. There are green lawns, trees, and parking lots with cars. Five callout boxes with brown borders and white text are overlaid on the image, each connected to a specific building by a thin brown line. The background shows a city street and other buildings.

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