

From the Dean



Professor Fred Abbott presents during the International Law Association conference in Portugal.

In June, in his capacity as co-chair of the Global Health Law Committee of the International Law Association, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of International Law Fred Abbott participated in the organization's 80th Biennial Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. On June 21, Fred chaired a panel on Global Health Law in a Deteriorating Environment. In response to tremendous challenges facing the world, including the pandemic, climate change, and the war in Europe and consequential disruption of food supplies, the panel examined the role of global health law in preparing for, addressing, and mitigating the consequences of the deterioration in the international environment. Fred also co-chaired a committee session, where he and others presented and discussed their 2022 report on global health law. Fred's work in the area of international health law is extremely important, especially considering the economic and social risks of future health emergencies, and we are proud that he continues to represent FSU Law with exceptional expertise on the global stage.

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FSU Law Alumni Association Board Welcomes New Officers and Members



The FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors recently installed new officers for 2022-2023. The following alumni (pictured above, clockwise from top left) have volunteered to lead the working board this year:

President Jason Burnett ('88)

Gray Robinson, P.A.
Jacksonville

Immediate Past President Hon. Heather Pinder Rodriguez ('98)

Ninth Judicial Circuit
Kissimmee

President Elect Lauren Purdy ('11)

Gunster
Jacksonville

Secretary Kareem J. Spratling ('06)

Bryant Miller Olive
Tampa

In addition, many alumni are returning for another year of service on the Board of Directors, and several alumni are joining the group. You can [view a full list of the board's membership on the College of Law website](#). Board members represent a vast array of class years, cities, and practice areas, and they assist FSU Law immensely with critical programs and initiatives. The law school appreciates the generosity and support of everyone who is serving on the 2022-2023 Board of Directors. Their engagement enriches the lives of FSU Law students in a wide variety of ways.

Alum Profile: Dr. Belinda G. Noah ('79)

Dr. Belinda G. Noah practices in the areas of international law, contracts, and commercial transactions at the Law Office of Dr. Belinda Noah in Tampa. She has represented clients in state and federal court in bankruptcy, banking and finance, health, and contract law matters. Noah also counsels clients in the area of intellectual property. In addition, she serves as CEO and president of Belinda Noah Productions, Inc., and has produced and hosted television shows on securities, banking, contracts, intellectual property, and health law. Currently, Noah is a candidate for Hillsborough County circuit court judge. Her experience also includes serving as an adjunct professor at the Widener University and Stetson University law schools. In addition to earning her J.D. from FSU Law, Noah earned a Doctor of Juridical Science in health law and a Master of Laws from Widener University School of Law.



“With over 39 years as a practicing attorney, I am the most experienced judicial candidate in my race and the only judicial candidate who has attained the Doctor of Juridical Science degree, which is the highest degree attainable by lawyers. As a native Floridian of African American and Native American descent, I understand the importance of electing judges who truly reflect the values and diversity of the people they serve, judges with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, because doing so promotes greater trust and confidence in our legal system. I have represented thousands of clients in state, federal, and international courts; thus, I am prepared to serve as a judge. I am committed to deciding cases based on the facts, evidence, and law applicable to each case to ensure fairness, impartiality, and justice.”

Celebrating 2022 Grad Dillon Quinn

Recent FSU Law graduate Dillon Quinn has accepted a position with the Office of the State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit! During law school, Quinn was a member of the Trial Team, treasurer of the Aviation and Space Law Society and the Student Veterans Law Symposium, and fundraising coordinator for the Association of Criminal Justice. Quinn was also an editing member and an article and notes editor for the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*. Additionally, he was a 1L representative for the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and a Barbri Bar Prep student ambassador. Congratulations to Dillon Quinn on his graduation and many achievements! We wish him all the best in his new role and look forward to celebrating his future accomplishments.

