Alum Profile: Cecelia Bonifay ('84)

Cecelia Bonifay is a partner in the law firm of Akerman, where she represents clients in complex real estate matters. Bonifay specializes in land use development, and her practice includes representing developers in connection with obtaining approvals from local governments. After graduating from FSU Law, Bonifay clerked for the Honorable Richard R. Molsclough, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. She then moved to Orlando, where she worked for the Central Florida Regional Planning Commission. In 1989, she started her own law firm, specializing in land use development and real estate. She was named to the 500 women business leaders list in 2007 by Orlando Business Journal. Bonifay recently was named to the Women in Business list by Orlando Business Journal.

Faculty Profile: R. Scott Palmer

R. Scott Palmer is a retired partner at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Tampa, where he oversaw its complex litigation. He was also the chief prosecutor of the Division of the Florida Attorney General’s Office, responsible for antitrust enforcement and chief of complex litigation for the Tampa Division prior to retiring in 2016. Palmer joined the FSU Law faculty in 1997 and has served as the director of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. During his undergraduate years, Palmer studied law and political science and economics from the University of Michigan. He earned his B.A. in political science in 1990 and his J.D. in 1994. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the American Institute of Oppositions. Palmer also is board certified by The Florida Bar in Business Litigation.

Student Profile: 3L, Jorge E. Torres

Jorge E. Torres is a third-year law student at FSU College of Law and is involved in the College of Law’s Student Bar Association and the Student Bar Foundation. He is a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office, and is a member of the Student Bar Association. He is a student ambassador for the FSU Law in May. Torres is treasurer of both Student Bar Association. Torres was born in Puerto Rico, but he considers Lady Lake, Fla. his hometown. He earned bachelor’s degrees in political science and economics from the University of Miami during his 1L summer. Last summer, he externed for the Tampa Bay Rays in the Business Law Division of the Florida Bar.

From the Dean

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Last week, we experienced record heat. While FSU students are busy preparing for the upcoming examination period, I realize not everyone needs a break from the heat. And while we might find comfort in air conditioning, many in our community are not so fortunate. I urge you to think about others when you are using air conditioning or speak to your colleagues in the colleges and administrative units to ensure that those on our campus are being considerate of their neighbors.

The experiences and opportunities I have received in my time at FSU Law have taught me to keep an open mind when learning a new area of law and to always strive to be an expert in whatever I learn. The problem is, of course, I cannot be expert in everything. I try to impart to my students that the practice of antitrust law is very much case-by-case. Who would have thought I would have to gain expertise in such diverse industries as infant formula, industrial gases, contact lenses, and pharmaceuticals, toilet paper, airline hubs, pineapples and diverse industries as infant formula, industrial gases, contact lenses, and pharmaceuticals, toilet paper, airline hubs, pineapples and...