Faculty Profile: Valencia Dona

Valencia Dona has been teaching support writing for the Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program at FSU Law since 2014. She joined Florida State University in 2012 as a Lecturer in the Department of English, where she also teaches Legal Writing. Before coming to Florida State, Dona held positions at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Notre Dame. She has a law degree from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in rhetoric and composition from the University of Minnesota.

Dona is a member of the American Society for Legal Writing and Rhetoric, the Association of Legal Writing Directors, and the Legal Writing Institute. She has served as the editor of the International Journal of Legal Writing and is a regular contributor to the Legal Writing Institute’s blog. She has also served as a reviewer for the Journal of Professional Communication and the Journal of Business Communication.

Dona’s teaching and research interests include legal writing, legal rhetoric, and the intersection of law and popular culture. She is currently working on a research project exploring the role of law and legal language in popular culture.

Student Profile: 2016 Grad Evan Etheridge

Evan Etheridge graduated from FSU Law in 2016. He is currently working as a legal intern at the firm of Coty & Martinez in Tampa, Florida. Etheridge is a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association.

During his time at FSU Law, Etheridge was a member of the Elder Law Clinic, where he represented clients in a variety of legal matters, including guardianship and trusts. He also served as the managing editor of the Florida State Law Review and was a member of the Elder Law Clinic Advisory Board.

Etheridge’s experience in the Elder Law Clinic prepared him for his current work as a legal intern. He is currently working on a variety of cases, including guardianship, trusts, and probate matters.

Etheridge is grateful for the opportunities he had while at FSU Law and is excited to continue his legal career.

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Valencia Dona

From the Dean

Dear FSU Law alumni,

Thank you for being a part of the FSU Law family. We are truly grateful for your contributions to our community.

As you know, FSU Law offers a variety of programs and resources to help you navigate your legal career. Our alumni network is one of our greatest assets, and we are always looking for ways to strengthen our connections.

We are proud to announce the launch of the FSU Law Alumni Association. This organization will bring together alumni from all classes to network, share resources, and give back to the school.

The Alumni Association will host events throughout the year, including a virtual gathering on June 21, 2019. We hope you will join us for these events and also consider volunteering your time and expertise.

We are also excited to announce the launch of the FSU Law Alumni Mentor Program. This program will pair alumni with current law students to help them navigate their legal education and career.

Thank you again for your support of FSU Law. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards,

Dean Erin O’Connor

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Alumni Profile: Max Jordan Solomon (‘17)

Max Jordan Solomon graduated from FSU Law in 2017. He is the founder and managing attorney of Solomon Elder Law, a law firm in Tallahassee, Florida. Solomon focuses on elder law, including guardianship, probate administration, and trusts. He is a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association.

During his time at FSU Law, Solomon was a member of the Elder Law Clinic, where he represented clients in a variety of legal matters, including guardianship and trusts. He also served as the managing editor of the Florida State Law Review and was a member of the Elder Law Clinic Advisory Board.

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Max Jordan Solomon

Another enriching component of the program is presentations by law school faculty. Students will hear from professors from the Fall 2018 cohort, including Rebecca Bandy, who taught an elective course in the Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program. Davis currently works at the Supreme Court of Florida as an assistant attorney general.

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