From the Dean

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To our FSU Law students,

We are always searching for ways to improve our student experience, and we recently conducted a student survey that aimed to identify areas of opportunity for improvement. As a result of the survey, we have developed a new scholarship program that will benefit our students. The program will provide financial assistance to students who demonstrate academic merit and are committed to pursuing a career in public service.

The scholarship program will award $30,000 in scholarships to students who meet the criteria. To apply, students must submit an application that includes transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. The application deadline is December 1, 2019.

We are excited to launch this new scholarship program and hope that it will be a success. We encourage all eligible students to apply.

Sincerely,

Dean Erin O’Connor

PS: Submissions to our new FSU Law Focus newsletter are now open! If you would like to submit a class note, please visit our website for more information.

Faculty Profile: Adria E. Quintela

Adria E. Quintela joined the FSU Law faculty as co-director of the Florida Bar Internship Program in 2019. Prior to joining FSU Law, she was the director of the Office of Attorney Regulation at The Florida Bar, where she supervised the office’s programs focused on lawyer discipline, attorney professional conduct matters, lawyer ethics, and lawyer disbarment cases. She also served as the director of The Florida Bar’s lawyer regulation department and as the agency’s chief counsel.

During her time at The Florida Bar, Quintela oversaw the handling of more than 6,000 lawyer discipline cases and more than 4,500 attorney professional conduct matters. She also supervised the agency’s cases in which it served as plaintiff in litigation against governmental entities, among others, in all of these areas. She is also board counsel for the Disciplinary Commission of the Florida Bar and supervises judicial, government, in-house and corporate, public interest and international externships. She also teaches Civil Externship and has served as a member of The Florida Bar’s Uniform Bar Exam Board of Examiners. Quintela earned her J.D. from Florida State University College of Law, where she was a member of the Florida State University Law Review and a John M. Olin Law and Economics Center Research Fellow. She was recently named to The Florida Bar’s 2019/2020 Hall of Fame.

Student Profile: J. Elizabeth Avilla

J. Elizabeth Avilla earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Central Florida in 2014. She is pursuing her juris doctor degree at Florida State University College of Law, where she is a member of the Moot Court Team and serves as an extern with the Honorable Mark Walker of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. Avilla is an executive editor of the Florida State University Law Center’s Children’s Advocacy Clinic. During the summer after her 1L year, she externed with the Honorable James L. Tabb of the 10th Judicial Circuit’s Florida Firefighter’s Retirement System of Florida. Currently, Avilla is a summer associate externing with the Honorable Mark Walker of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. She will graduate from FSU Law in May 2020.

Avilla was secretary of the Best Petitioner’s Brief and Second Place Overall Winner. Avilla was secretary of the University Law Review and authored an article selected for publication in volume 47 of the Florida State University Law Review. Avilla entered the University of Cincinnati College of Law at the August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Products Liability Moot Court Competition last year and argued before justices of the Florida Supreme Court. She will graduate from FSU Law in May 2020.

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