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## From the Dean



Professor Markell

Dean Benavides

We gathered last week to celebrate the retirement of Dave Markell, our Steven M. Goldstein Professor, who joined the FSU Law faculty in 2002 and greatly enriched the law school and lives of thousands of students during his tenure. In addition to being a member of our highly regarded environmental law faculty, Dave served as associate dean for research from 2016-2018, associate dean for environmental programs from 2012-2015, and associate dean for academic affairs from 2007-2008. He taught and researched in the areas of administrative law, environmental law and policy, and legislation and regulation, and his scholarship has been nationally recognized as some of the best in his field. Dave played a critical role in raising and maintaining the national reputation of our environmental program and keeping our faculty connected to the practicing bar. In addition, students and colleagues have been the beneficiary of Dave's unwavering kindness during his time at FSU Law, which added immensely to the collegiality of our community. His contributions to FSU Law were countless and he will be deeply missed!

On a less bittersweet note, we also learned last week that the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism selected our Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program as one of the three recipients of its 2020 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award. The committee was particularly impressed with the program's depth and innovative approach to preparing law students for a life in the law by exposing them to exceptional professional development resources and role models. The program is the creation of Associate Dean Nancy Benavides and has been implemented brilliantly by Nancy and her Student Advancement team. Please join me in congratulating them on this much-deserved honor!

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Alum Profile: Bruce D. Lamb ('80)

Bruce D. Lamb is a shareholder in the Tampa office of Gunster and also heads the firm's Health Care Practice. He concentrates in the representation of health care industry professionals and entities before regulatory bodies and in structuring commercial relationships that meet complex regulatory requirements. He also has experience in health care litigation for health care providers involved in disputes with government agencies. Lamb's clients include organizations and individuals who provide, arrange and/or pay for health care



services, including multi-state and multi-hospital systems, medical centers and specialty hospitals, long-term care facilities and community hospitals. He also represents physicians ranging from sole practitioners and small group practices, to multi-specialty groups and university-affiliated practices. Lamb has resolved thousands of health care related challenges over his four decades of practice. He is certified by The Florida Bar in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice. He also serves on the executive council of The Florida Bar Administrative Law Section and is a past chair of the Bar's Health Law Section and Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee. Lamb also has received numerous honors for his work in the area of health care, including being named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite Hall of Fame since 2013 and one of the *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of health care law since 2009.

"I continue to enjoy my practice assisting health care practitioners and facilities in navigating the complex regulatory environment of their industry. Having started my career as a government regulatory attorney, I feel that I can provide insight as well as expertise. The constantly changing regulatory provisions provide challenges, but also opportunity for growth. I greatly appreciate the education I received at Florida State and the relationships I developed there."

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Shay Beaudoin

Desired Practice Location: Prefers Florida, but open to moving anywhere Field of Law Sought: Sports/entertainment law, corporate law, labor/employment law,

intellectual property, mergers/acquisitions, transactional law, compliance Shay Beaudoin is from Sarasota, Florida. He

earned a bachelor's degree in marketing, with a minor in innovation, and a master's degree in sports management, with a specialization in sports law, from the University of Florida. He graduated *cum laude* from FSU Law in May



2020. From February 2019–May 2020, Beaudoin served as director of analytics and advanced scouting for FSU Baseball. He planned scouting reports, including graphs, tables, charts and other statistical data, and researched opposing teams using an analytics and statistical program called Synergy. From November 2018–May 2020, Beaudoin also clerked at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, where he prepared exhibits and drafted complaints, closing orders, final orders, dismissals and settlement agreements. During the summer after his 2L year, Beaudoin was an extern for the Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, where he prepared documents, conducted legal research and interviewed clients.

During law school, Beaudoin was a member of the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society. He also competed in the Tulane International Baseball Arbitration Competition in 2019 and 2020. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Beaudoin, <u>visit his LinkedIn profile</u>.

"I am very open-minded and always look forward to adapting to new circumstances. I believe it is important to have creativity in order to try new things and understand multiple viewpoints. For these reasons, I am excited to apply the skills I have learned to my career."

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Ashley Navarrete

Desired Practice Location: Fort Lauderdale/Miami/West Palm area or Tallahassee Specialization: Business law Field of Law Sought: Estate planning, real estate or land use law

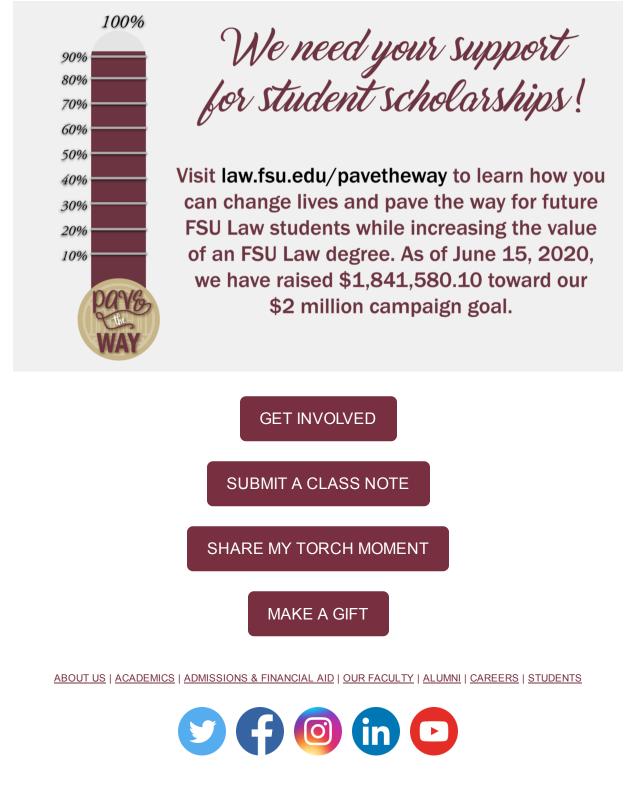
Originally from Pembroke Pines, Florida, Ashley Navarrete earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in criminology and political science from Florida State University. Navarrete became a double 'Nole when she graduated *cum laude* from FSU Law last month. During the



summer after her 2L year, Navarrete was a summer associate at Greenspoon Marder, where she wrote lease abstracts for commercial leases, observed real estate client negotiations, reviewed entertainment contracts and researched legal issues in land use, privacy, intellectual property, cannabis and commercial litigation. During the spring semester of her 2L year, Navarrete externed in the contracts department of the Florida Department of Transportation. She reviewed contracts, researched contract and land use law issues and wrote legal memoranda to assist attorneys with contract negotiations. The summer following her 1L year, Navarrete was selected for a business law in-house counsel externship in Miami working for ILG, Inc., a publicly traded timeshare exchange company. There, she was exposed to real estate and employment law. She wrote Department of Fair Employment and Housing position statements, red-lined contracts, reviewed commercial leases, drafted notices of termination and researched key legal issues in the resort and timeshare field.

During her time at FSU Law, Navarrete focused on business law. She was a member of the *Florida State University Business Review* journal and served on the board of the Business Law Society. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Navarrete, <u>visit her LinkedIn profile</u>.

"After graduation I am seeking an associate position in estate planning, real estate or land use law. I am drawn to these practice areas because I enjoy meeting one-on-one with clients and the transactional work involved."



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