### Students Present Before International Commission on Systemic Racist Police Violence Against People of African Descent

In a unique and unprecedented case, third-year law students Nabeha Shaer and Chad Steen presented before an international commission on systemic racist police violence against people of African descent. As part of the course, students were challenged to conceptualize the role of the law and social justice advocacy through the lens of the police killings of George Floyd. Students were encouraged to imagine themselves as members of the George Floyd legal team, with the added burden of not knowing the outcome of the case. Students were also charged with the responsibility of choosing who the legal team would be comprised of.

### Profile: Vanessa Marquez

Vanessa Marquez was born and raised in the South Florida area, where she grew passionate about civil rights law and would also love the opportunity to work in immigration law or immigration law. The judge with orders, drafted legal memoranda and conducted legal research in the field of criminal law. Marquez clerked for the Innocence Project of Florida, where she conducted avenues of relief for potential clients and evaluating claims of innocence. Marquez completed nearly every criminal law course offered by the law school. Last year she continued her education from FSU Law in April. Marquez has had a long-standing commitment to her community, and is passionate about civil rights law and social justice.

### Profile: Maxwell J. Dauerman

Maxwell J. “Max” Dauerman is an executive chairman of the law firm of Dauerman Maxwell & Berman in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. As a commercial real estate and environmental attorney, Dauerman represents clients in a wide array of related litigation, including environmental and land use disputes. Dauerman has been an active leader in the Fort Lauderdale legal community, sitting on the board of directors of the Broward County Bar Association and the Broward County Bar Foundation. He is also a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association. Dauerman is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida. He served as an assistant district attorney in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and later as an associate in the law firm of Cordero, Riley & Schaefer in Gainesville, Florida. Dauerman is a dedicated civic leader and is committed to his community, currently serving on the law school’s Alumni Association Board of Directors as an officer. He has been named a “Local Leader” by the South Florida Business Journal and a “Leadership Florida” fellow.

### Article: #JusticeforGeorgeFloyd

As part of the course, third-year law students Nabeha Shaer and Chad Steen presented on the number of injured protestors and the attacks on media following the killing of Michael Brown in 2014. Steen focused on the work of international legal and media strategist for the George Floyd legal team. Rand is the founding attorney of the National Civil Rights Law Center, which represents victims of police brutality and works to improve the lives of people of color and others affected by police violence. The organization works to promote justice and equality by providing legal services and advocacy to those affected by police violence.

### Moot Court Competition

Florida State University College of Law has a long history of excellence in moot court competitions, having placed as the national runner-up in the 2020 Appellate Advocacy Competition at the Charleston School of Law National Moot Court Competition. On February 27, 2021, the winning team of Gabriela De Almeida and Hannah DuShane was announced. De Almeida and DuShane were named Second-Best Oralists for their performance in the preliminary rounds and Best Oralsists in the final round. In 2020, De Almeida and DuShane also won Second-Best Oralist for her performance in the preliminary rounds and Best Oralist in the final round. Winning team members are third-year law students Gabriela De Almeida and Hannah DuShane. In addition, third-year student Julia McDonald participated in the competition, and a team from the University of Wisconsin, which Florida State beat in the quarterfinals, placed as the National Runner-Up in the competition.