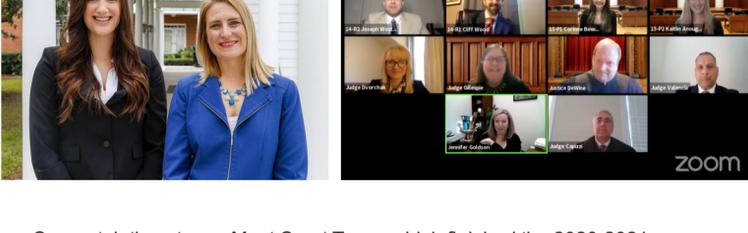


From the Dean



Congratulations to our Moot Court Team, which finished the 2020-2021 competition season with five national victories—more than any other law school in the country! Their spectacular season earned the FSU Law team a #1 ranking for national competitions won and a #8 ranking among all moot court programs in the nation. In addition, winning five national competitions set a record for FSU’s team. This feat was especially remarkable given that all of the competitions took place virtually, a space in which the students had never competed prior to COVID-19. We are in awe of our student advocates’ resilience and determination. Special congratulations are also due to Moot Court Team Advisors Nat Stern and Chris Busch, who so ably lead the team. And many thanks to the alumni, faculty members and friends who served as coaches, practice panel judges and counselors as students prepared for competitions. The team would not be nearly as successful without the guidance of a great many members of the FSU Law family.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

Public Interest Law Center Students Honored



The Public Interest Law Center honored student award winners virtually in April.

On Friday, April 23, FSU Law’s Public Interest Law Center (PILC) held its second annual awards ceremony virtually. Glass Professor of Public Interest Law Paolo Annino presented the awards and was joined by Clinical Professors Carla Laroche and Darby Scott in speaking to the students’ character and merit. Oluremi “Remi” Abiodun (’21) (pictured above, top row, center) received the Clinical Legal Education Association’s (CLEA) Outstanding Clinical Student Advocate Award, which is given to one clinical student per law school who has demonstrated excellence in class participation and client advocacy. Professor Scott said Abiodun is “a fierce advocate for social justice and for everything that’s right in the world.” Lily McLaughlin (’21) (pictured above, top row, far left) received PILC’s Advocate on the Rise Award for demonstrating growth in public interest advocacy. Professor Annino shared that McLaughlin consistently went above and beyond in serving and developing trust with PILC clients, without ever seeking acknowledgement. The students also spoke about what receiving the awards meant to them and thanked their professors and classmates for the wonderful experiences they had while participating in PILC clinics.

The ceremony also celebrated PILC’s efforts and accomplishments on behalf of their clients and ended with participants sharing about the pets, plants and companions that accompanied them through the year.

Alum Profile: Charles F. Dudley (December '93)

Charles F. Dudley is managing partner of Floridian Partners LLC, a corporate and public affairs consulting firm with offices in Tallahassee and Miami. He represents clients in areas including business and professional regulation, education, gaming, taxation, health care, financial services, insurance, employment, environment, elections, communications and utilities, and information technology. He also specializes in communications and administrative law. Dudley also owns and operates his own law firm and serves as general counsel and chief lobbyist for Florida Internet & Television, and provides daily counsel and policy recommendations regarding the interaction between communications providers and state and local governments. Dudley’s other clients include Associated Industries of Florida, the St. Joe Company, Florida Insurance Council, Florida Family Insurance Company, FCCI Insurance Group, Florida Gulf Coast University and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Dudley serves as the treasurer to Seminole Boosters, Inc. and is the proud father of Chas Dudley (FSU, B.S. Finance, 2021) and Emily Dudley (SMU, spring 2024). Dudley and his wife, Alison, have been married over 25 years and spend some of their time in Jupiter, Florida.



“My practice of law is focused around the development of Florida’s public policy at the executive and legislative branches, primarily here in Tallahassee. I enjoy working year-round with clients to understand and stay updated on their businesses and specifically how the law and various government agencies, rules and regulations impact their business operations. Advocating for changes to laws, rules and regulations that allow clients’ businesses to provide better, more efficient service offerings to customers presents many challenges, and achieving solutions to these challenges is professionally and personally rewarding. FSU College of Law provided me the legal analytical, writing and advocacy skills that I use on a regular basis in my legal and lobbying representation.”

Student Profile: 2021 Grad Zachary Wiseman

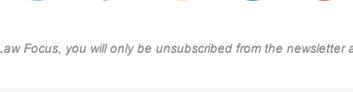
Desired Practice Location: Tallahassee, but open to relocating
Field of Law Sought: Interested in criminal law, especially public defense; also interested in practicing with a state agency



Zach Wiseman grew up in Spring Hill, Florida. He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Florida and graduated from FSU Law in April 2021. This spring, Wiseman worked as a certified legal intern at the Office of the Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit, where he managed a caseload of around 80 cases. He worked directly with clients, represented them in court, gave legal advice, performed legal research, drafted motions and even had opportunities to speak and argue on the record in contested hearings. During the summer of 2020, Wiseman participated in the FSU Public Interest Law Center (PILC) Veterans Legal Clinic. As a certified legal intern, he worked directly with clients, conducted legal writing and research, gave legal advice and drafted documents. During the fall semester of his 2L year, Wiseman externed with the Office of the Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit. He worked in the felony division, researching and working on some evidentiary issues. He spent his 1L summer and his 2L fall semester participating in the PILC Immigration and Farmworker Project. There, he worked directly with clients on various immigration cases and conducted legal writing and research. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Wiseman, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

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