Alum Profile: Douglas Helling (’06)

Douglas Helling is a Partner at Pfizer Legal in Seattle, Washington where he has served as the Global Intellectual Property Law and Contract Team Lead in Pfizer’s global IP and Global Contract Solutions group. Helling previously taught Drug Regulation to FSU Law J.D. students during the spring 2020 semester. He also officiates Georgia high school football as a referee, plays golf, and hangs out on the beach.

“I have had a great experience at FSU Law and am delighted to be given the opportunity to help teach an adjunct professor. I feel deeply satisfied knowing that I am helping a body of students improve their legal skills and knowledge in the United States and highly regulate. The more people who understand the laws and regulations, the better the integrity of the legal system.”

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On May 3, recent graduate Trinidad Peraza and former student Jean Darby on their much-deserved awards! Darby's selection was based on the many strong relationships she has formed during her time at FSU Law. The Blaise Gamba Outstanding Student Service Award was established in honor of 2006 graduate Blaise Gamba, who practiced at Darby & Darby in Tallahassee, and FSU Law. Peraza was recognized for her extraordinary interest in, and commitment to, public interest work and pro bono service from her first days as a student at FSU Law. She performed nearly 1800 hours of pro bono service from her first days as a student at FSU Law.

“My time at FSU Law provided me the opportunity to develop experience in a variety of fields, allowing me to become a versatile legal professional. My business-focused coursework, along with the skills I would work on in my legal job, will be beneficial to me for years to come.”

Erin Ryan, our Elizabeth C. & William A. Schnabel, Jr. Professor of Law, received the 2021-22 University Teaching Award for Community Engaged Teaching. The student seminar, which has a dynamic, interactive, and empowering structure that participation in weekly negotiation simulations that help them improve their individual negotiating skills, while also developing a framework for ongoing practice.