Staff Profile: Nicola Perry

Nicola Perry joined FSU Law as associate chief of staff in May 2022. Perry supports the dean, provost, and other senior leadership in developing strategic initiatives, implementing business processes, and enhancing operational efficiencies. Perry previously worked as director of administrative services for the University of North Florida where she created and implemented a comprehensive set of operational policies, procedures, and practices that led to enhanced student services and increased enrollment. Perry has also served as chief of staff at the Florida Center for Transplantation where she oversaw recruitment and outreach efforts to increase organ donation from all corners of Florida. Perry earned her bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Central Florida and master’s degree in public administration from Florida State University.

"I'm delighted to be part of the College of Law in some way as the chief of staff. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and using my experiences to build upon the foundation laid before me."

Staff Profile: St. Catherine Alward

St. Catherine Alward currently serves as chief diversity officer and dean’s professor for the Florida State University College of Law. In this role, Alward is charged with overseeing all diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts across the College of Law. She is also responsible for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the law school’s educational programming and in its interactions with the broader community and legal profession. Prior to joining FSU Law, Alward served as the dean and chief diversity officer at the University of Oregon College of Law. At Oregon, she was also the founding director of the school’s Center for Racial Equity and Inclusion.

"FSU Law helped me develop two true passions—a passion for serving the public interest. FSU Law’s unique joint pathway programs allowed me to further my skills in environmental advocacy, while my time serving as a co-director of the Student Environmental Law Clinic provided me with incredible opportunities to work with compassionate students and alumni on environmental policy and law projects."

Student Profile: 3L Catherine Awasthi

During the summer of 2021, Awasthi was a law clerk for the Animal Legal Defense Fund, where she performed in-depth analyses of federal statutes and regulations regarding coastal pollution law. She also drafted memoranda offering practical recommendations to state agencies. Awasthi was a legal intern at the Public Trust Environmental Legal Institute of Florida, where she researched water quality statutes, case law, and administrative regulations related to marine pollution. Awasthi is also a member of the FSU Law Moot Court Board and is a staff member of the Florida State University Journal of Environmental and Land Use Law.

"I will work with law enforcement to forcefully deal with the kind of criminal behavior that threatens the safety and well-being of our communities, especially the safety and well-being of our children and most vulnerable."

Alumnus Justice Alan Lawson welcomed new students to the profession during orientation.

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