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### From the Dean



During the past year, the Public Interest Law Center's Farmworker & Immigration Rights Clinic (FIRC) has partnered with the International Rescue Committee, Legal Services of North Florida, and the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights to provide free legal representation and resources to Afghan refugees in the Tallahassee community. The groups formed a coalition of law students, non-profit organizations, pro bono attorneys, resettlement agencies, and local faith organizations to assist the refugees. On January 22 and March 5, the coalition hosted legal screenings at the FSU College of Law, where 20 attorney, student, and community volunteers provided free legal consultations and identified potential pathways to humanitarian immigration relief and permanent residency for approximately 80 Afghan families. On June 25 and October 8, the coalition hosted Pro Se Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Clinics at the College of Law. Clinical Professor Ashley Hamill and Legal Services of North Florida's Daniela Donoso ('20) recruited and trained more than 70 attorney, student, and community volunteers, who successfully submitted TPS and work authorization application packets on behalf of 97 Afghan refugees residing in the Tallahassee area.

"I am so proud to have participated in the FIRC TPS Clinic, which so positively impacted our community. Through the strong leadership of Professor Hamill and Daniela Donoso, the TPS Clinic brought together amazing clients, exemplary students, and a force of pro bono attorneys to work toward a common, noble goal: protecting the rights of resettled Afghan families and assisting them in forging pathways to permanent residency," said volunteer attorney Cassadra DeCoste ('18).

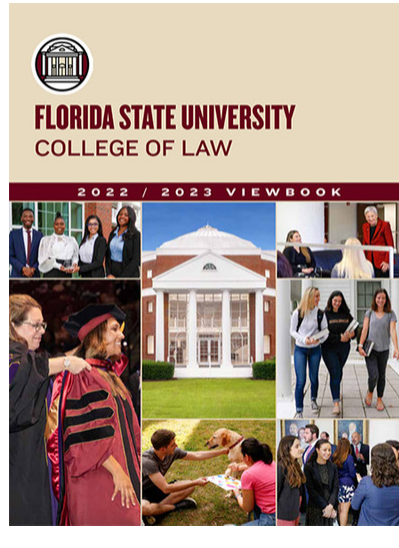
We are very proud of the efforts of our students, clinical faculty members, and alumni on this project and the many others they selflessly undertake to serve the community!

*Erin O'Connor*

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### 2022-23 Viewbook Available

The [College of Law Viewbook](#) for prospective students is now available on the FSU Law website. Undergraduate students and others interested in law school can browse the publication online and request a hard copy to be mailed to them. The viewbook provides information on academic and clinical programs at the College of Law, various types of support available to students, and the other benefits of attending FSU for law school.



The College of Law admissions team is available to answer questions that may not be addressed in the Viewbook. Interested students can [schedule tours](#) of the law school, [attend recruiting events](#) online and around the country, and [contact the admissions office](#) directly. In addition, the law school encourages alumni and friends to talk to their contacts who are interested in law school about the many opportunities available to FSU College of Law students.

### Alum Profile: Benjamin H. Dickens Jr. ('77)

**Benjamin H. Dickens Jr.** is a partner at Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, a telecommunications law firm based in Washington, D.C. Dickens is a member of the firm's telephone regulation and international telecommunications practices. He focuses his practice on non-radio common carrier issues, such as interconnection, tariff matters, complaints, and other matters concerning the regulation of common carriers. Dickens also serves as general counsel to the leading national trade association of burglar and fire alarm companies. Additionally, Dickens speaks Spanish and is active in Latin American telecommunications matters. Before joining Blooston Law in 1984, Dickens practiced in Florida, where he litigated state regulatory proceedings on telecommunications before the Florida Public Service Commission. He also represented a national association of state regulatory officials at the federal level in proceedings involving the breakup of the Bell system. Dickens remains engaged with FSU College of Law. He recently began teaching Limits on the Private Sector: Telecommunications & Marketing in the Stoops Center's new executive education program.



*"Having the opportunity to pass on some knowledge at my alma mater, after all these years, is an unexpected pleasure. Telecommunications law has become a transnational subject, and I have been fortunate enough to have spoken in some interesting places, but nothing beats returning home to FSU Law and Tallahassee. I owe many thanks to Dean O'Connor for having made it possible."*

### Student Profile: 3L Harrison Martingayle

**Desired Practice Location:** Open to any location

**Expected Graduation:** May 2023

**Field of Law Sought:** Alcohol/beverage, education, entertainment, hospitality, or sports law/administration

Harrison Martingayle is originally from Virginia Beach, Virginia. He attended Louisiana State University for his undergraduate studies, where he earned a B.S. in Sport Administration with a concentration in sport commerce and minors in Spanish and business. When Martingayle graduates from FSU Law in May, he will also earn a master's degree in sport management. Martingayle is currently a legal intern with the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA), where he began working in the summer of 2021 as a summer associate.



During his time there, Martingayle has assisted in conducting policy and legal research on the alcohol industry and the emerging cannabis industry in the United States. He compiles research comparing data from multiple control states and researches legal questions from control state members pertaining to alcohol as a regulated commodity. He also assisted in planning the annual NABCA Legal Symposium in 2021. During the summer of 2020, Martingayle was an athletic compliance intern with the University of Nevada, Reno. There, he worked on ensuring student-athlete eligibility, completed medical waivers, processed documents, and conducted compliance presentations. He created a compliance presentation which the university continues to use. Additionally, Martingayle attended Mountain West Conference meetings regarding COVID-19 information and emerging issues in NCAA compliance.

Martingayle has competed on the FSU cross country and track and field teams every year since coming to FSU. He served as vice president of the FSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee from 2020 to 2022, was an FSU ACC Student Advisory Committee representative from 2020 to 2022, and has served as president and vice president of the Burning Spear Society. Martingayle was a Golden Torch Award recipient for the 2020-2021 academic year, meaning he had the highest GPA on his athletic team. At FSU Law, Martingayle is a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions and a member of the International Law Students Association. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Martingayle after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at [hfm19@fsu.edu](mailto:hfm19@fsu.edu).

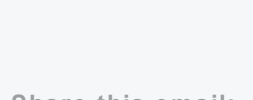
*"Balancing law school and Division I athletics gives me an unparalleled work ethic that I think uniquely positions me to excel in the legal field. With my work ethic and the skills I have learned in the classroom and from my peers, I am confident that I am equipped to successfully tackle whatever may lie ahead!"*

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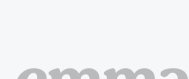
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