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From the Dean

It's summertime in Tallahassee and our Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation, under the leadership of executive director Aaron Voloj Dessauer, is hard at work producing timely and relevant webinars through our Frontiers in Law and Technology monthly lunchtime series. On May 17 we hosted "Relaxing the Ban on Non-Lawyer Ownership: an Overview of Regulatory Sandboxes Nationwide" featuring Lucy Ricca, executive director of the Deborah L. Rhode



Lucy Ricca

Center on the Legal Profession at Stanford Law School. Ricca is a national expert on regulatory reform of the legal profession to increase innovation, market diversification and access to justice.

On Friday, June 7 at noon, we will present "Likes and Laws: Social Media Influencer Compliance, Risks, and Pitfalls." This webinar features Tyler J. Thompson and Talia Boiangin of Greenberg Traurig and Lauren Angulo, the founder of Venustus Law. Here is the registration [link](#). These are just two of many virtual events hosted by the institute this summer. Information about the institute and its previous events is available on the law school's [website](#). You can also watch [recordings](#) of past webinars (many approved for CLE credit free of charge) on the website or on the Florida Bar's Practice Resource Center's website, [Legalfuel](#). The institute is part of FSU Law's Stoops Center for Law and Business.

Faculty Profile: Alexander Tsesis

Professor Alexander Tsesis is the D'Alemberte chair in constitutional law at FSU Law. The author of six scholarly books, Tsesis is also the general editor of the Cambridge Studies on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Oxford Theoretical Foundations in Law. Tsesis' scholarship and teaching focus on a breadth of subjects, including constitutional law, civil rights, constitutional reconstruction, interpretive methodology, free speech theory, and legal history.



Tsesis has a much anticipated article that will soon be published in the Stanford Law Review. The article, titled *The Establishment of Religion in Schools*, critiques the Roberts Court's devaluation of disestablishment norms in cases involving prayer at public school events and public funding of religious education. It argues that the Court's references to history and tradition are at best oblique and at worst misleading. Recent opinions have restricted state efforts to prevent government involvement in religious rituals and teachings. The article begins with the historical antecedents of the Establishment Clause, bringing into play the views of Roger Williams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. The article next turns to disestablishment principles in Supreme Court doctrine and to the Court's increased tolerance for religious entanglement with public funding and public education. Tsesis concludes that, rather than solely engaging in formalistic strict scrutiny that heavily focuses on free exercise concerns, the Court should rely on nuanced contextual reasoning to allow students and teachers to exercise their private convictions while maintaining the separation between religious beliefs and state actions.

Alumni Profile: Roary Snider ('10)

Roary Snider is an Assistant Professor of

Management, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship at the University of Tulsa, where he teaches MBA Corporate Strategy, Strategic Management, and Business Law. In Fall 2025, he will begin offering an undergraduate course entitled "Antitrust, Innovation, & Technology," which explores how antitrust and intellectual property laws shape technological innovation by firms and entrepreneurs. His research focuses on corporate non-market strategy, including corporate political activity and the influence of antitrust law on business decision making. He recently co-authored the article *Perceptions of Political Self-Dealing? An Empirical Investigation of Market Returns Surrounding the Disclosure of Politician Stock Purchases*, which illustrates that stock trading by US Senators has an abnormal effect on stock prices. Snider also studies entrepreneurship as a policy tool for economic development and poverty alleviation. Snider earned his Ph.D. in strategic management and entrepreneurship in 2023 from the University of Arkansas. Prior to earning his doctoral degree and entering academia, Snider served as assistant deputy secretary for ecosystem restoration and as special counsel at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and as chief of staff at the Suwannee River Water Management District.



“The students are the best thing about my job. Business leaders have such an influence on our society, and I'm blessed to help foster a generation of ethical and innovative leaders. We have bright, dedicated students who I know will have an impact in the world. I especially thank Professors Nat Stern and Scott Palmer for fostering my interest in antitrust law.”

Celebrating 2024 Grad Zachary Klein

Recent FSU Law grad Zachary Klein will soon be working as an associate with Wicker Smith in Atlanta! At FSU

Law, Klein was president of the Jewish Law Students Association and previously served as the organization's treasurer and 1L representative. He was also a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions since the spring of his 1L year and served as a member of the Student Bar Association's Professionalism Committee during his 2L year. Klein was a teaching assistant for the Legal Writing & Research I and II classes for multiple semesters while at FSU Law and this past year was associate justice for the Florida State University Supreme Court. We wish Klein all the best in his new role and look forward to celebrating his future accomplishments!



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