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From the Dean



Fabrizia Wade



Emma Hirschy

Congratulations to two recent FSU Law graduates on being selected to receive the Florida Bar Association Criminal Law Section's 2024 Student Scholarship Awards! Fabrizia Wade and Emma Hirschy will receive the awards and \$2,500 cash scholarships at the upcoming Annual Florida Bar Convention on June 20. The presentation will be part of the Criminal Law Section Membership Reception & Awards Ceremony scheduled to take place 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek & Waldorf Astoria in Orlando.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a select number of Florida law students who have shown a dedication to and an interest in the criminal justice system as trial and appellate practitioners. The goal of the scholarships is to encourage academic achievement, community service, and high ethical standards among law students pursuing careers in criminal law. Factors considered also include litigation skills and faculty recommendations.

Wade, who served as president of the FSU Law Trial Team and alumni coordinator for the Association of Criminal Justice, was also a proud member of the Black Law Students Association. Last summer Wade worked at the

Department of Corrections and spent her spring semester as a certified legal intern working with the Office of the Public Defender. This summer, Wade is working with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps. She will soon begin working in the State Attorney's Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville.

Hirschy, who is a senior law clerk at Pumphrey Law, was an advocate with the FSU Law Trial Team and served as the president of the Association for Criminal Justice while at FSU Law. She was voted Best Advocate in the Wayne A. Hogan 2022 Intramural Competition and ranked as a finalist in the 2022 Summit Cup competition. Hirschy earned the title of best 2L advocate on the FSU Law Trial Team for the 2022-23 year. She also received the book award for her trial practice course during her second year of law school. Hirschy will soon be working in the State Attorney's Office for the Second Judicial Circuit in Tallahassee.

Congratulations again to Wade and Hirschy. We are very proud of you and look forward to your continued success!


Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Jacob Eisler

Professor Jacob Eisler joined FSU as the James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Corry Professor in the summer of 2023. Eisler teaches and researches in the areas of constitutional and election law, with a focus on democratic process, theories of just representation, and anti-corruption. Professor Eisler plans to spend this fall semester engaged in interdisciplinary research and dialogue as a mid-career fellow at the Baldy Center at



The State University of New York at Buffalo, one of the country's leading centers for combining legal and social science research. In particular, he plans to combine close attention to the law with rigorous application of moral philosophy and social science. He uses these disciplines to explore the social and legal roots of the perceived political polarization and conflict in the United States today.

Alumni Profile: Hon. Darlene F. Dickey ('00)

The Honorable Darlene F. Dickey is a circuit judge for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. She is currently assigned to the family law division in Santa Rosa County. Prior to being appointed to serve in the First Judicial Circuit in 2015, Dickey was a judge on the Escambia County Court from 2012 to 2015. Dickey served as a law enforcement officer and administrator at the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and attended the FBI National Academy in 2010. She has been a sole practitioner, worked in a large firm doing civil defense work, and was an assistant state attorney for the First Judicial Circuit.



Celebrating 2024 Grad Sidney Edgar

Recent FSU Grad Sidney Edgar will be working as an associate with Holland & Knight in Nashville, Tennessee! During law school, Edgar was involved with the Business Law Society, serving as the organization's 1L representative and secretary, and now as vice president. Edgar also served as a teaching assistant for the Juris Master Program for seven semesters in the Vendors and Other Third Parties, Broker-Dealer Regulation, and Contracts classes. Edgar was a member of the Florida State University Law Review, serving as a notes & comments editor. Her note, "Navigating the 'Wild West' of Cryptocurrency: Creating a Clear Path Towards Regulation," was published in the Law Review this past semester. Additionally, a paper she wrote titled "Combatting Dark Money in U.S. Elections" will be published in an upcoming issue of the Arkansas Journal of Social Change and Public Service. Edgar received a book award for Real Property



Foundations. We wish Edgar all the best and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments!



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