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Speare the Bar Summer 2024: The Bar Exam Success Program at FSU Law

The Bar Success Team (l-r) (Deans Nancy Benavides and Karusha Sharpe, Professors Laura Dennis and Cecelia Smith) are working hard to provide a comprehensive summer bar success program with a holistic and supportive approach to assist our graduates in their bar exam preparation. The program includes:

- (1) Speare the Bar weekly supplemental lectures presented virtually and in-person by experienced attorneys, professors and former bar graders with comprehensive coverage of highly tested subjects, exam strategies, and practice questions;
- (2) Speare the Bar canvas page with bar-related resources for graduates including lecture recordings, wellness and mental health information, study tips and techniques, and more;
- (3) Free tutoring for at-risk examinees and recent repeat examinees from third-party tutoring vendors;
- (4) Bar progress tracking and communications including emails and phone calls to first-time takers;
- (5) A two-day simulated exam to provide real-life, timed practice and exposure to Florida and Uniform Bar Exam questions;
- (6) Free Adaptibar Supplemental MBE program for recent graduates and repeat takers to reinforce understanding and enhance exam performance with practice questions;
- (7)

“What’s Up Wednesdays?” virtual drop-in office hours; and (8) A Bar Review Bistro that operates as the law school’s new food pantry, dedicated to providing nutritious food to graduates preparing for the bar exam. This free resource provides fresh produce, canned goods, ingredients to make home-cooked meals, and more.

We're working hard to help our graduates succeed!

Erin O'Connor

Dean Erin O'Connor

Alum's Special Honor: Leron E. Rogers ('99)

On June 9, 2024, FSU Law alum Leron E. Rogers, a partner at Fox Rothschild, along with the firm’s associate John Rose, received the Powerhouse Award for their contributions to the world of music by Black Music Moguls. The recognition took place at an exclusive, invite-only brunch in Atlanta honoring legends in the black music community, including icons TLC, Tip “T.I.” Harris and Amina Diop. Rogers was recognized as a trusted legal adviser and powerhouse dealmaker who secured major content, sponsorship, licensing and live performance deals for top artists including Rick Ross. Rogers was also presented with a proclamation by the Mayor of Atlanta.



Named on Billboard’s Top Music Lawyers list for five consecutive years, Rogers works with the full spectrum of music industry professionals, including multiplatinum recording artists, producers, songwriters, record labels, publishing and management companies, and music industry trade organizations. Beyond his practice, he serves as Chairman of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association and Co-Chair of the Music Industry Relations Collective for the National Museum of African American Music. Rogers also serves on the advisory committee for our Stoops Center for Law and Business.

Faculty Profile: Henry Zhuhao Wang

Professor Henry Zhuhao Wang joined the FSU Law faculty as the Tallahassee alumni professor in the summer of 2023. His research focuses on evidence and juridical proof, exploring evidence law outside the jury context, primarily in bench trials, arbitration, and administrative proceedings. He served as a visiting professor at Indiana University Maurer School of Law during the 2022-2023 academic year and was a professor at China University of Political Science and Law from 2012 to 2022.



Wang has co-authored a book titled “Proof in Modern Litigation: Evidence Law & Forensic Science Perspectives” (Barr Smith Press 2017), and published numerous articles in U.S., Chinese, and international legal journals, including the UC Irvine Law Review and the International Journal of Evidence & Proof. He previously worked as an international associate at Locke Lord LLP in Dallas, Texas, and a visiting researcher at the University of Adelaide Law School in Adelaide, Australia. He taught Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Alternative Dispute Resolution during the 2023-2024 academic year.

This summer, Professor Wang has been awarded a Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorship at Northumbria University (Newcastle, UK). The award is used by UK institutions “to invite an eminent researcher from overseas for an extended stay in the UK to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution.” This honor also includes several faculty seminars at Northumbria Law School.

This hybrid event is open to the academic community and the public via teams. To learn more about the series, and to register to view the lectures, visit [here](#).

In Memoriam: Alum Rosemary O'Shea ('81)

Rosemary O'Shea, 77, of Goldenrod, FL,

passed away on April 25, 2024, after battling cancer. She was born Rosemary Salario in Tampa, Florida. Rosemary received her master and bachelor degrees in education from the University of Florida. Rosemary's passion for teaching and mentoring students and young lawyers was evident throughout her entire career. She worked as a teacher for eight years at North Marion High School in Sparr, Florida, Seminole High School in Sanford and Lake



Howell in Winter Park. She later attended FSU Law where she graduated with honors in 1981. She then attended Harvard Law School and obtained a Master of Law degree. Rosemary joined her beloved law firm, BakerHostetler, in 1982 and became a partner in 1991. Demonstrating expertise and engagement in the diverse practice areas of real estate and labor & employment law, Rosemary regularly advised clients on Fair Housing and ADA issues and hospitality industry matters. She served for many years as Labor & Employment Counsel to the American Resort Development Association (ARDA), the timeshare trade association.

Rosemary was well known for her creatively messy office and her dislike of computers. She retired in 2019 and filled her days with adventurous travels to China, Africa, Canada, Alaska, the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Italy, and exploring Florida. Rosemary adored time spent with family and friends and loved to share meals and a drink or two at a wide range of restaurants and obscure new locales. Rosemary was extremely generous in the giving of her time, financial resources, and service on various boards and in support of countless philanthropic and charitable causes, as well as education and funding for students and artists. She will always be remembered for her incredible humor and wit, her flair for style, fashion and colorful accessories, jewelry and sunglasses, her love of animals, and her tireless advocacy for women's rights.

- Tribute written by FSU Law alumnus Robin Suarez ('89)



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