



# FSU LAW FOCUS

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## From the Dean

THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S 2024 RANKINGS

**FSU College of Law is**

**3<sup>rd</sup> | 6<sup>th</sup> | 1<sup>st</sup> | 6<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR BEST QUALITY OF LIFE**

**FOR BEST PROFESSORS**

**FOR GREATEST RESOURCES FOR WOMEN**

**FOR GREATEST RESOURCES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS**

FSU Law has been ranked the nation's third best law school for best quality of life and sixth best law school for best professors, as well as first in the country for greatest resources for women, and sixth for greatest resources for minority students! The selections for the 2024 list took into account data from surveys the Princeton Review conducted of administrators at 168 law schools as well as surveys over the past three academic years of 18,400 students enrolled at the schools. The quality of life ranking is based on student answers to survey questions about sense of community, whether differing opinions are tolerated in the classroom, school location, quality of social life, and research resources.

The best faculty ranking is based on student answers to survey questions concerning the quality of professors as teachers and professor accessibility outside of the classroom (some of these ratings are summarized below).

## The Princeton Review's 2024 Survey Ratings

**FSU LAW PROFESSORS  
ARE TIED FOR**

**3RD** *IN ACADEMIC  
EXPERIENCE*

**2ND** *FOR QUALITY  
OF TEACHING*

**2ND** *FOR ACCESSIBILITY*

*“Students often tell us that our collegial atmosphere and the quality of our professors are their favorite things about FSU Law, so it is gratifying to be ranked among the nation’s top law schools in those areas. Providing our students with a positive, inclusive, academically rigorous experience is key to their success in law school and beyond.”*



Dean Erin O'Connor

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**Faculty Profile: Rima Nathan ('19) Receives**

## AARP Florida Award

Rima Nathan ('19), FSU Law clinical professor and director of Florida State University's Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic, was recently named a "Florida Fraud Fighter" of distinction by AARP Florida at its Opening Minds Through Art event on June 21.

The Florida Fraud Fighter award honors the "dedication of individuals who are actively working to combat the scourge of scams and fraud targeting Floridians of all ages."



Clinical Professor Rima Nathan (right) receives the Florida Fraud Fighter award from Karen Murillo (left) of AARP Florida

Nathan, a 2019 graduate of FSU Law, has served as the director of the Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic since its founding in 2022. Nathan developed the clinic to help fill the gap in legal services for low-income seniors, while also educating the next generation of law students on the field of elder law. Nathan trains our law students to serve hundreds of seniors in the North Florida area on topics including basic estate planning and healthcare documents, with the goal of preventing future financial exploitation. Her team also travels to local senior and community centers to provide educational programming and on-site legal advice. Under Nathan's direction the clinic has helped eliminate nearly \$10,000 in cancellation and late fees which were assessed against older adults who were targeted by predatory solar panel installation providers; worked with the Florida Attorney General's Office to see these predatory businesses are held accountable; and obtained financial relief for fixed income seniors whose landlords charged exorbitant move-out fees and unlawfully kept clients' security deposits.

*“These cases highlight the need for civil legal aid and the importance of attorneys donating their time for pro bono services to help protect the billions of dollars lost each year due to exploitation. We cannot let companies continue to believe that they can get away with taking advantage of*

*vulnerable individuals. It is vital that we put a stop to predatory practices and give seniors a voice to fight back against exploitation.”*

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## Celebrating 2024 Grad Sarai Glaze

Recent FSU Law Grad Sarai Glaze has accepted a position as an associate in the Pensacola office of Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith! As a 3L, Glaze served as chair of the Law School Council and as a member of the FSU Law Trial Team. As a 2L, she was a Student Advisory Board member, a



Law School Council member, a Black Law Students Association Mock Trial Team member, vice president of the Black Law Students Association, and a member of the FSU Law Trial Team. During her 1L year, Glaze was a Black Law Students Association 1L representative. Glaze was a finalist in the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. National Civil Rights Trial Competition, and during her 2L year, she was a part of the team that placed third in the SRBLSA Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition and advanced to nationals. We wish Glaze all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments!

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