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From the Dean



Ted Olson



David Boies

We are excited to announce that FSU Law will commemorate a pivotal moment for the country, the state, and our law school — **the 25th Anniversary of Bush v. Gore** — from February 28-March 1, 2025! This two-day event, hosted by the Election Law Center under the leadership of Professor Michael Morley and Executive Director Maureen Wagner Vinson, explores the most impactful election case in American history.

The conference will feature a keynote address from Ted Olson and David Boies, the lead counsels for each side of the landmark case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. They will provide invaluable insights into the legal arguments presented and reflect on the profound effects of the ruling over the past quarter-century. This event will also highlight the one-of-a-kind gallery opening featuring original U.S. Supreme Court copyrighted artist sketches depicting the high-profile court case.

In addition to the keynote speeches, we will delve into the implications of Bush v. Gore, assess how the federal judiciary's role in resolving election disputes has evolved since then, and examine the ongoing impact of the case's holdings. Attendees can also look forward to engaging panels featuring attorneys, judges, election law professors, and key state officials.

Mark your calendars and be part of this important dialogue. We look forward to seeing you there!

Erin O'Connor

Dean Erin O'Connor

The Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation Announces Fall Frontiers in Law & Technology Webinars

The Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation announces its fall schedule of webinars:

AI, Robots, and Intellectual Property Law

Friday, October 24 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join Law and Health Sciences Professor Ryan Abbott from the University of Surrey, a renowned expert in the intersection of law, technology and AI.

Abbott will explore key issues such as whether AI-generated works can be protected, the eligibility of AI inventions for patents, and the broader legal implications of AI in creativity and innovation.



An Introduction to DAOs

Friday, November 8 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join Drew Hinkes, a renowned crypto lawyer at Winston & Strawn in Miami, Florida, and adjunct professor at FSU Law, for an engaging webinar focused on Decentralized Autonomous

Organizations (DAOs). With extensive experience in blockchain law, cryptocurrency regulation, and smart contracts, Hinkes will provide insights into the legal status of DAOs, governance issues, and the evolving regulatory landscape.



The AI Investment Boom and Its Impact on Venture Capital

Friday, November 22 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join Lizbeth (Liz) Flores, Founding Partner of PAG Law, for a webinar on the

AI investment boom in the venture capital market. AI-centered companies are estimated to account for approximately 45% of venture capital investments in the first half of 2024, with the market expected to double in the next three years, reshaping sectors like energy, hardware and materials and changing the way investors evaluate companies in virtually every industry. This webinar will offer attorneys insights on advising clients in this evolving landscape.



You can [visit our website to register](#) for these free cutting-edge webinars and receive Florida Bar CLE credit.

3L Student Profile: Jenil Patel

Desired Practice

Location: Thomasville, Georgia
Expected Graduation: May 2025
Field of Law Sought: Tax law
also interested in Cannabis law



Born in India but raised in Thomasville, Georgia, Jenil Patel attended Valdosta State University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. As a small business owner, he has successfully managed his enterprise while pursuing his law degree, limiting his participation in extracurricular activities. However, he gained valuable experience during the summer before his 3L year, working at Whitehurst, Blackburn & Warren in Thomasville. There, he focused on research and drafting pleadings in cases involving personal injury, contract, and family law.

For connections or job opportunities, visit his LinkedIn profile or email him at jap3n@fsu.edu.

"I have spent my life immersed in business through my family's enterprises and my own self-employment. This

journey has given me deep insights into the complexities of tax law and its impact on businesses. I look forward to bringing my practical knowledge and enthusiasm to your firm."



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