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## From the Dean



Join us on **October 29, at 3:15 p.m., in the D'Alemberte Rotunda** for this year's **annual Lillich Lecture** as Professor Nuno Garoupa from George Mason University delivers this year's lecture on **"Comparative Judicial Activism: Conceptual and Measurement Challenges."**

This presentation addresses a key question in comparative judicial politics: whether the U.S. Supreme Court can be considered more "activist" than any Western European Constitutional Court. Professor Garoupa will explore this question along with other critical issues, such as the complexities surrounding the definition of "judicial activism" and the difficulties in comparing this concept across different courts and jurisdictions.

**[RSVP here.](#)**

## FSU Law Trial Team Wins National Competiton

Our Trial Law Team represented us at the **2024 MLK Jr. National Civil Rights Competition** this past weekend and won first place!

We are incredibly proud of our talented students (left to right): Andrew Barrineau, Lauren Locke, Daniel Cannon, and Adriana Pizarro. In the final round, defense advocates Lauren and Daniel triumphed over the UCLA plaintiff team.



In addition to the team's overall victory, Adriana was awarded Best Opener, and Andrew received Best Closer. Special thanks to the team's coaches, Andrea Diaz and Tiffany Cruz.

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## Faculty in the News: Michael T. Morley



Early voting is underway, and many are still suffering from the catastrophic impact of recent Hurricanes Milton and Helene. To learn more, check out *The Conversation's* Q&A session with FSU Election Law Professor Michael T. Morley, titled "**Florida and North Carolina are Making it Easier for People to Vote After the Hurricanes—but Some Risks Remain.**" This discussion highlights the efforts to facilitate voting while addressing the challenges faced by affected communities.

Please [click here](#) to read the full article.

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### **Reminder: The 2024 Alumni Awards Ceremony**

This is a friendly reminder about the upcoming **2024 Alumni Awards virtual presentation**, which will celebrate the recipients on **October 29 at 6 p.m.**

A live presentation will also take place on **November 22** during the [Law Alumni Reunion Reception](#) at Meenan, P.A.

This year's honorees are:

- **Justice Alan Lawson ('87)** - Distinguished Alum Award
- **Fred Karlinsky ('92)** - Alumni Association Service Award
- **Professor Emerita Donna Christie** - Class of '66 Award
- **Lolia Fernandez ('17)** - Everyday Hero Award
- **Judge Emerson Thompson ('73) and Helaine Blum ('78)** - Exemplary Public Service Career Award

To register and learn more about the recipients, [click here](#).

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