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From the Dean

We are excited to announce the launch of FSU College of Law's **Bankruptcy Pro Bono Clinic**, a program that provides law students with invaluable hands-on experience while offering free legal services to individuals in need. Led by Professor **Michael Markham** ('88), the Clinic offers students the chance to develop essential legal skills, including client intake, issue identification, and case presentation in court.



This unique opportunity allows students to make a tangible difference in their community while fulfilling academic requirements. By blending classroom instruction with practical legal experience, the Clinic addresses the growing need for bankruptcy assistance and cultivates compassionate, skilled attorneys dedicated to public service.

The Clinic recently celebrated a milestone when 3L Britania Whyte became the first clinic student to argue a motion in Federal Bankruptcy Court. Her professionalism and impact were recognized by **Judge Karen K. Specie**, the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Florida for her professionalism and impact.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

"Participating in the bankruptcy clinic has been a remarkable opportunity. It provides a unique opportunity to gain hands-on courtroom experience, allowing me to represent clients in hearings and motions. This clinic is an invaluable resource, providing practical exposure to bankruptcy law, as well as honing essential advocacy skills."

- 3L Britania Whyte



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Frontiers in Law and Technology



Join us on **Friday, March 7 at 12:30 p.m.** for Frontiers in Law and Technology's latest webinar, **Trends and Developments in Cybersecurity**. The event will feature a panel of top legal and cybersecurity experts for a one-hour discussion on cybersecurity for critical infrastructure.

As cyber threats grow more sophisticated, organizations must navigate evolving risks, regulatory responses, and best practices to protect essential systems.

This discussion will feature:

- **Regina Farmer**, Lead Counsel for Cybersecurity & Technology at McKesson Corporation
- **Maureen McDonald**, Lead Counsel for Government Contracting at McKesson Corporation
- **Iliana Peters**, Shareholder at Polsinelli
- **Dan Ongaro**, Senior Associate for Global Regulatory at Hogan Lovells

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Faculty In The News: Lawrence Krieger



Larry Krieger, Clinical Professor and Co-Director of Clinical Externship Programs, was recently featured in The National Jurist article titled the "**Formula for Lawyer Happiness.**"

The article showcases Professor Krieger's groundbreaking research with University of Missouri's Kennon Sheldon, challenging the widely held belief that a lawyer's happiness is driven solely by high status and high pay.

In the piece, Professor Krieger sheds light on the vital role of well-being in the legal profession, emphasizing how mental health can profoundly impact both professional performance and personal fulfillment. He highlights the transformative power of mindfulness and self-care, citing successful programs within law firms that have significantly improved attorney wellness and job satisfaction.

Click here to read the full article.

Faculty In The News: Wayne Logan

Wayne Logan, Steven M. Goldstein Professor, was recently featured in a radio interview on WFLA where he discussed **House Bill 225** - Animal Cruelty Towards Domestic Animals, also known as Dexter's Law.

This important pending legislation aims to increase the sentencing multiplier for animal cruelty, giving judges the ability to impose harsher penalties for offenders.

Click here to listen to the full interview.



Alumni News: Three Alumnae Participate in Black History Month Panel

BLACK HISTORY
ROOTED ~ BRIDGING NATIONS
US-Ghana Dual Citizenship, Gender Equities & Financial Impact
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6pm EST * FEBRUARY 28, 2025 WEBINAR

SPEAKERS

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Ghana - Immigration

Atty. Belinda Noah
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USA & Ghana Law Licensed

Ottelia Ameyaw, JD [USA]
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The **Palm Beach County Sheree Davis Cunningham Black Women Lawyers Association** (SDCBWLA) is hosting a global webinar today, February 28 at 6 p.m. titled, "**Rooted ~ Bridging Nations: US-Ghana Dual Citizenship, Gender Equities & Financial Impact.**"

This panel features three **FSU Law alumnae** engaging in a rich discussion about the laws, policies, customs, opportunities, and real-life experiences shaping both the U.S. and Ghana.

The alumnae panelists include **Ottelia Ameyaw ('23), LL.M.** teaching assistant at FSU Law and a Ghana native; **Niakoaa Anan-Ankomah, ('22)** a Ghana native, and an expert in Ghana emigration/immigration law; and **Salesia Smith-Gordon, ('92)** president of the SDCBWLA.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Student Profile: 3L Karla Miret Armstrong

Desired Practice Location: Open to practicing anywhere

Expected Graduation: May 2025

Field of Law Sought: Transactional practice or litigation

Born in Miami and raised in Boynton Beach, FL, Karla Miret Armstrong earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from Florida Atlantic University. She began her law school journey at St. Thomas College of Law.



She then transferred to FSU College of Law for the spring semester of her 2L year. Before starting her 3L year, Armstrong interned at the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners General Counsel's office. During her 2L year, she interned at the Palm Beach County School Board General Counsel's office. During both internships, she gained hands-on experience working on a variety of complex issues, including personal injury, labor and employment, governance, and business operations. She also conducted legal research, reviewed contracts, and drafted memoranda with findings and motions. Additionally, during the fall semester of her 2L year at St. Thomas, Armstrong served as a research assistant, concentrating on 47 U.S.C. § 230 – Protection for Private Blocking and Screening of Offensive Material.

At FSU Law, Armstrong serves as the treasurer for OUTLaw, secretary for the Environmental Law Society, and secretary for the Transfer Student Organization. Armstrong is fluent in Spanish.

If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Armstrong after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at kma23d@fsu.edu.

"I am driven with a passion for problem-solving and continuous learning. I pride myself on delivering reliable results and always strive to make the most of every opportunity to serve and positively impact the community."



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