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Friday, January 17, 2025

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From the Dean

We are excited to invite you to the **3rd Annual Business Law Review Symposium on Friday, January 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in classroom 208**. A reception will be held in the Rotunda following the symposium.

This year's topic is **Encapsulating Product**

Packaging Trade Dress—an in-depth examination of how businesses establish and protect rights in the visual appearance of their products, both domestically and internationally. Leading intellectual property experts will discuss how trade dress rights are formed, the challenges of infringement, and the legal and business consequences of violating those rights.



Featured Speakers:

- **Felicia Caponigri** is an American lawyer and comparative cultural heritage, art, and fashion law scholar. She is a Visiting Scholar at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, Illinois, and a Guest Scholar at the IMT School for Advanced Studies in Lucca, Italy.
- **J. Michael Keyes** is an intellectual property trial attorney at Dorsey + Whitney LLP.
- **Jake Linford** is the Loula Fuller & Dan Myers Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the Florida State University College of Law. He focuses his scholarship on trademarks, copyright, and contract law.

- **J. Janewa Osei-Tutu** is a Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law. She teaches Contract Law and Trademark Law.
- **Peter K. Yu** is a University Distinguished Professor, Regents Professor of Law and Communication, and Director of the Center for Law and Intellectual Property at Texas A&M University.

We hope you will join us for insightful discussions, sharing ideas, and networking opportunities. CLE credits are applicable for this event.

[Click here](#) to register or learn more.



Dean Erin O'Connor

January is National Mentoring Month



In honor of National Mentoring Month and FSU Law Connect's one-year anniversary, we are ramping up efforts to strengthen student and alumni connections. Research shows the multitude of benefits associated with having a mentor, from increased job satisfaction to accelerated career advancement, **with 70% of Fortune 500 executives crediting their success to having a mentor.**

FSU Law Connect allows alumni to make connections with current FSU law students and other FSU Law community members. It also helps alumni stay informed about news, activities, and events. If you aren't a member yet, sign up

on FSU Law Connect and start fostering the next generation of legal professionals.

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Alumni News: Rosalyn 'Sia' Baker-Barnes ('00)

This week, FSU alumna **Rosalyn 'Sia' Baker-Barnes ('00)**, President-elect of the Florida Bar Association, spoke to a gathering of FSU Panama City students, community members, local attorneys, and elected officials.



This "fireside chat" was facilitated by Judge John Moneyham on behalf of the college's Pre-Law Club.

Baker-Barnes will become the first Black woman president of the Florida Bar. She is a Shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., and the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Chairperson.

Alumni News: Jami Coleman ('08)



Congratulations to alumna Jami Coleman ('08), **who was sworn in as the new President of the Tallahassee Bar Association.**

Coleman is a tax and probate attorney at Coleman Law, P.A. In addition to her practice, Coleman was an adjunct tax professor at Florida A&M University School of Business, where she taught corporate and federal income tax to undergraduate students. She volunteers with Legal Services of North Florida, Legal Aid Foundation, and FSU Veterans Clinic, where she assists low-income taxpayers in resolving disputes with the IRS and other civil matters.

Student Feature: 3L James King

Desired Practice Location: Southeast

Expected Graduation: May 2025

Field of Law Sought: Business-oriented
Practice Areas

James King is a 3L from Winter Haven, Florida, who completed his undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Florida.

During his 3L year, King worked as a law clerk for Carr Allison in Tallahassee from May to July. There he researched and drafted detailed memorandums regarding various topics, including premises liability and transportation litigation. He also



drafted trial motions for both state and federal cases. During his 1L summer, he worked as a law clerk for Meenan P.A. in Tallahassee. There, he researched and drafted detailed memoranda regarding various topics, including service contract regulations, insurance regulations, and tax codes. He also assisted firm attorneys with regulatory filings and correspondence with regulators.

During his time at FSU Law, King has developed excellent research, writing, and advocacy skills. He also possesses an incredibly strong work ethic and is the first in his family to obtain not only a juris doctorate but also a bachelor's degree.

If you are interested in connecting with or hiring him after graduation, email him at jjk20a@fsu.edu.

"In my studies and work experience, I have gained a great deal of knowledge and skills. I am looking forward to continuing to grow exponentially once I become an attorney."

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