

### From the Dean



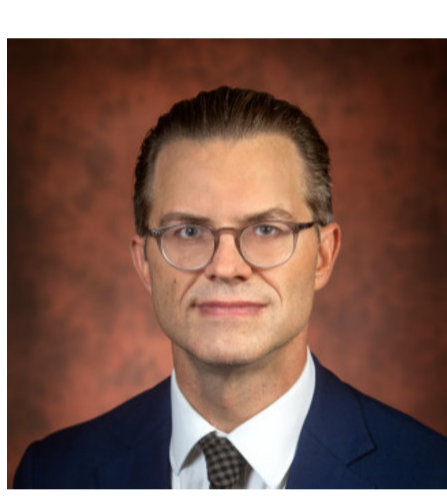
2019 Admitted Student Preview Day Reception

The College of Law is inviting all alumni to help us recruit the next class of 1Ls during an Admitted Student Preview Day Reception on Thursday, March 31, from 5-7 p.m. The event, which will be held at the Dunlap Champions Club in Tallahassee, is an opportunity for alumni to speak with admitted students about their experiences in law school, how they continue to engage with law students, the atmosphere and opportunities at FSU Law, and the advantages of attending law school in Florida's capital city. It is critical to the mission of the law school to have alumni connect with prospective and current students, both of whom will be at the event. We know from experience that alumni engagement with prospective students has a positive impact on their decisions to attend FSU Law. Alumni who would like to attend the Admitted Student Preview Day Reception should **RSVP online by March 21**.

*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

### Faculty Profile: Henry Whitaker

Henry Whitaker became the Florida Solicitor General in 2021. In this role, he handles the state's most important and complex appellate matters and generally supervises the state's appellate litigation. He previously served as principal deputy assistant attorney general, and before that as deputy assistant attorney general, for the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he advised the White House counsel and cabinet secretaries on a range of important constitutional and statutory questions. Prior to that, Whitaker worked on the appellate staff of the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. Whitaker graduated magna cum laude from both Yale College and Harvard Law School. After law school, he clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. This spring he is teaching a Law & Religion Seminar at the College of Law, which focuses on the religion clauses of the U.S. Constitution.



***"It is an honor and a privilege to be teaching here at FSU. I have enjoyed engaging with my students, especially about the rich and complex subject that is the religion clauses."***

### Alum Profile: Lauren Reynolds ('14)

**Lauren Reynolds** is an associate at Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A. in Winter Park, where she is a member of the firm's litigation and bankruptcy departments. Reynolds represents creditors in Chapter 7, Chapter 13, and Chapter 11 cases, and represents Chapter 7 trustees in complex Chapter 7 cases. Her litigation practice involves real property and commercial litigation, title defects, health care disputes, arbitrations, and appeals. Reynolds also handles contested foreclosures and defends clients against claims brought under state and federal banking and consumer protection statutes, including the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.



She has been recognized as a 2022 Best Lawyers One to Watch in several areas and a 2021 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star. Reynolds was recently elected to the board of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association and was appointed to serve as treasurer. She also serves as a board member of the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association, and is the general counsel and vice president of ATHENA Orlando Women's Leadership, Inc.

***"It is an honor to serve on the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association board and to give back to Central Florida through bar associations and other community organizations. As attorneys, in addition to being important advocates for our clients, we should always seek to improve the community in which we live and practice."***

### Student Profile: 3L Nida Imtiaz

**Desired Practice Location:** Florida, but also open to New York City and Washington, D.C.

**Expected Graduation:** May 2022

**Field of Law Sought:** Primarily interested in public or private international law, but also interested in business law, government, and public interest

Originally from Palm City, Florida, Nida Imtiaz completed a Bachelor of Science in applied physiology and kinesiology with a minor in history at the University of Florida, graduating magna cum laude, and she will graduate from FSU Law at the end of this semester. Imtiaz is currently working as a law clerk to the general counsel at the Office of the State Courts Administrator in Tallahassee. She performs legal research, writes legal memoranda, and assists with other projects, including performing bill analyses, researching state law issues, reviewing legal contracts, and archiving legal documents. In the fall of 2021, Imtiaz was a student advocate with the Farmworker & Immigrant Rights Clinic at FSU Law. There, she assisted clients in applying for lawful immigration status and completing proper employment authorization documents, conducted community outreach to educate immigrants and agricultural workers on their rights, and engaged in legal reform through legislative advocacy by writing comments to proposed administrative rules on behalf of the clinic. Imtiaz was also a teaching assistant for the FSU Law Juris Master Program's Economic Sanctions course in the fall, and for the Business Organizations course in the summer of 2021. As a teaching assistant, she helped develop students' legal analyses by providing constructive feedback on their work and assisted in providing relevant summaries of the law and hypothetical examples. In the fall of her 2L year, Imtiaz was a legal intern at the Florida House Democratic Office, where she helped edit non-partisan, in-house publications utilized by state representatives and staffers. She also worked with others in the office to research projects proposed by representatives, primarily covering police reform, with the intention of drafting legislation and developing bills. During the summer after her 1L year, Imtiaz was a student advocate with FSU's Children's Advocacy Clinic, where she represented children in foster care, health care, special education, disability, and social security cases.



At FSU Law, Imtiaz is editor-in-chief of volume 31 of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*. She was an executive editor for the journal as a 2L, receiving the Executive Editor of the Year Award, and was a staff member of the journal as a 1L. Imtiaz is also a founding member of the re-established Muslim Law Students Association and served as the organization's co-president last academic year. In addition, she is a member of FSU Law's Student Bar Association, ACLU chapter, International Law Students Association, and Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. Imtiaz is a current member of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court and served on the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee as a 2L. In the spring of her 2L year, she received a book award in the Chinese Law course. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Imtiaz after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at [ni19a@my.fsu.edu](mailto:ni19a@my.fsu.edu).

***"I am grateful for the opportunities that FSU Law and the Tallahassee community have afforded me the past three years. Attending law school has been such an eye-opening experience, and I plan to utilize everything I have learned to become a successful advocate and give back to my communities."***