



## COLLEGE OF LAW

# FSU LAW FOCUS

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### From the Dean

Thank you to all of the alums and students who are engaged with the College of Law on social media! We enjoy sharing good news with you and were thrilled by the response to posts during our recent 50-year anniversary campaign. This week, we are launching another community-wide campaign to celebrate our past, present and future – but one that allows us to focus more on you and that will allow you to show your school spirit! Alums: we will have complimentary #IAmFSULaw t-shirts available for you to pick up tomorrow at our Homecoming tailgate. In addition, we'll have instructions on how to help us with the campaign. Ultimately, we want you to post photos of yourself wearing your t-shirt and use #IAmFSULaw in your posts. We look forward to seeing your #IAmFSULaw photos on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

- Dean Erin O'Connor



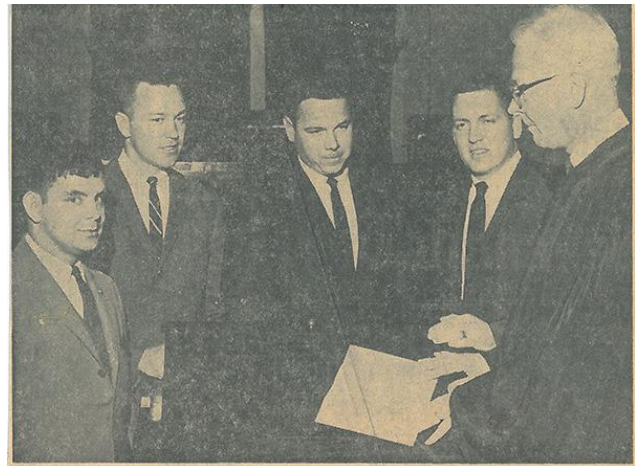
Student ambassadors  
Robert Sylvester and  
Melina Garcia

### 50-Year Anniversary: 1968



The FSU College of Law entered the State Moot Court arguments for the first time in 1968. The FSU team is now one of the nation's

leading moot court teams. Since 2010 the team has placed first in 11 national competitions and one international competition. 1968-69 also marked the first academic year the law school had full enrollment with 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls all in attendance. The number of faculty members increased to 13 and the total number of students was about 350. One of the four new full-time faculty members arriving in 1968 was John Yetter, who retired from FSU Law almost 40 years later in 2007. We also received preliminary accreditation from the ABA in 1968.



FSU STUDENTS IN (MOOT) COURT — Four Freshmen in Florida State University's College of Law argued an insurance claim case in the school's first Moot Court session Monday night. They are, from left, Robert Bickel, Charles Truleck, James Barclay, and Howard Horowitz. Florida Supreme Court Justice Campbell Thornall (right), head of a panel of three that heard the case, said the law students' arguments were "as impressive as senior students I have heard in state Moot Court final competition." The arguments, scheduled each Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. through June 2, are open to the public. (Democrat Photo by Ellis Finch)

Newspaper clipping about the Moot Court Team

## Alum Profile: Gabe Jiménez ('97)

After graduating from the College of Law in 1997, Gabriel F. "Gabe" Jiménez practiced in Miami for two years as an insurance defense attorney before moving to North Carolina to join one of the state's largest plaintiff firms. He now has his own firm, Jiménez Law Offices, in Raleigh, North Carolina, which is dedicated to the statewide representation of people injured in motor vehicle and workplace accidents. Jiménez has spent several semesters as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law teaching a course on client representation. He previously served on the North Carolina Bar Association Board of Governors and on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. On October 17, Jiménez, along with fellow alum Kevin O'Brien ('01), will be helping the College of Law with recruiting by attending an event for prospective law students at Duke University.



*"The collaborative environment of the FSU Law community prepared me to be a leader amongst my peers and work together with my clients to better serve them. I am proud to be a Seminole and continue to strive to best represent the Unconquered spirit."*

## Student Profile: 3L Tabitha Herrera

Graduating this December is 3L student Tabitha Herrera. She is a native of El Paso, Texas and graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso with a degree in criminal justice. After graduation, Herrera would like to practice criminal law, government compliance, oil and gas law, government contracts and/or entertainment law in either Florida or Texas. During her accomplished law school career, Herrera served as president of the Business Law Society and was a Business Law Section Scholar. As a student ambassador for the FSU Law admissions office, she helps with recruitment, meets with prospective students when they visit campus and gives campus tours. Herrera also has a wide range of work experience, including serving as a certified legal intern for the Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney this past summer. She has also interned for the El Paso Office of the Public Defender and externed for the Florida Department of Transportation. If you are interested in hiring Herrera for a job after graduation, please [click here to visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



*"My dream legal position would challenge me constantly and enable me to learn and be part of a team."*

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