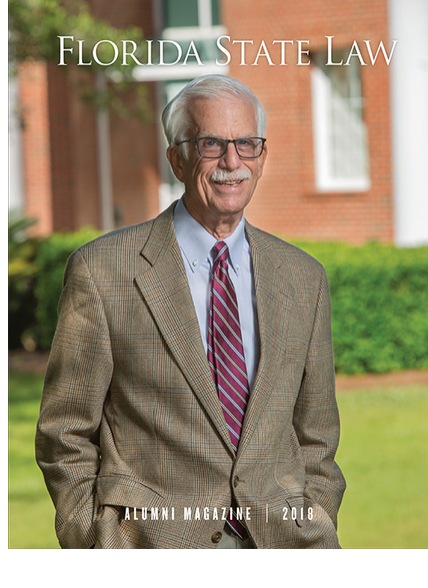


From the Dean

Last month, many of you received the 2018 issue of *Florida State Law*. The alumni magazine includes a cover story about Professor Chuck Ehrhardt and feature stories about some of our inspirational alumni. It also provides details on the accomplishments of many FSU Law community members. Reading about your successes and about many of the events that transpired over the past year reinforces my pride in being a member of this dynamic and enriching community. For those who did not receive the alumni magazine, you can [view it on our website](#). Graduates who wish to be added to the alumni distribution list for future publications may email alumni@law.fsu.edu with their name, class year and preferred mailing address. I hope everyone enjoys reading this issue of the magazine as much as we enjoy sharing it with you!



- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: David E. Landau

[David E. Landau](#), the Mason Ladd Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs, writes primarily in the area of comparative constitutional law, with a focus on Latin America. He has taught Civil Procedure, Public International Law, Conflict of Laws, Comparative Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law I, and International Litigation and Arbitration. As associate dean for international programs, Landau is in charge of the graduate LL.M. Program in American Law for Foreign Lawyers and the Certificate Program in International Law for J.D. students. He is the author of several books, book chapters, articles and essays. Landau's recent work has focused on democratic transitions and the potential risks of constitutional amendments and constitution-making for democracy, as well as on judicial activism on socioeconomic rights issues across the developing world. He is co-editor of the just-published book, *The Evolution of the Separation of Powers*, and has published in various journals, including the *Chicago Law Review*, the *Harvard International Law Journal*, and the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, where he is on the scientific advisory board and is a founding editor of *IConnect*, the blog of the journal. In 2011, Landau served as a consultant on constitutional issues for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Honduras. Landau holds an A.B. and J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard University. He also earned a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard in 2015. He has been a member of the FSU Law faculty since 2010.



“My recent scholarship seeks to examine—and combat—the wave of constitutional backsliding that threatens to engulf parts of the world.”

Alum Profile: Hala A. Sandridge ('84)

[Hala A. Sandridge](#) is co-managing shareholder of the Tampa office of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney and a member of the firm's board of directors. She is board certified in appellate practice and chairs her firm's Appellate Practice Group. Sandridge focuses on all facets of civil appeals and has handled hundreds of appeals in state and federal appellate courts. She is a frequent lecturer and author on appellate topics, and has produced many significant appellate decisions, including cases certified by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals to the Florida Supreme Court and in the United States Supreme Court. A tribute to her leadership, Sandridge is currently serving a three-year term as a gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, and is a past chair and current executive council member of The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section. In July, Sandridge began her term as president-elect of The Florida Bar Foundation. Her leadership role within the organization, which is committed to providing greater access to justice, follows Sandridge's longtime dedication to pro bono service. She has received many pro bono awards, including the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Award, The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award, the Distinguished Pro Bono Award from Bay Area Legal Services and the Have a Heart Pro Bono Service Award.



“As an attorney, we have the good fortune to help individuals recover from individual crises by offering assistance pro bono. In doing so, we help them rebuild their lives and make the whole community stronger. Pro bono work is not only good for the client; it's also good for society.”

Student Profile: 2018 Grad Jonathan Grosso

Desired Practice Location: Currently looking for opportunities in the EU, with an emphasis on the Netherlands
Specialization: International public law, took courses in international trade and investment, international business transactions and human rights; also took courses in entrepreneurial law and closely held businesses
Field of Law Sought: International law, possibly working with companies looking to create sustainability initiatives in existing business or new ideas that incorporate issues of justice and impact in for-profit enterprise



Originally from Melbourne, Fla., Jonathan Grosso holds a bachelor's degree in social work from FSU and a master's degree in social work from Fordham University. When he graduated from FSU Law in May 2018, he also earned the International Law Certificate. Grosso studied at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands on exchange with an emphasis on EU law and international relations during the fall 2017 semester. He was a member of the *Florida State University Law Review* and was the senior article selection editor for the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy (JTLP)*. His article, "Modus Vivendi; a Doctrinal Analysis of the Same-Sex Marriage vs. Religious Freedom Problem" is forthcoming in *JTLP* volume 27. Grosso reconstituted FSU Outlaw, an LGBTQ+ student organization, and received the Calvin Patterson Civil Rights Scholarship in 2016 and 2017. He clerked for Children's Legal Services, Department of Children and Families during his 1L year. During the 2016-17 legislative session, Grosso interned for the Florida House of Representatives as a member of the Government Accountability Committee. During the summers, he worked in Amsterdam for Relevance/Her Future Coalition, an international nonprofit and its sister company. In this role, Grosso managed legal issues for the socially-conscious start-up company, including incorporation in the United States and EU, paying taxes in accordance with Dutch law, collaborating with partner NGOs to expand human rights work in India and Thailand, and drafting contracts for B2B and private label agreements. During his third year of law school, Grosso worked as a legislative intern for the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, where he tracked legislation and wrote reports on public education issues. For fun, Grosso is a part-time musician and photographer, and dabbles in web design and coding. If you are interested in connecting with Grosso, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

“I am astonished by the countless opportunities and connections I have made in such a short time. FSU Law expanded my understanding of the world while introducing me to so many inspiring and passionate advocates. Above all else, I am sincerely grateful for the many mentors and friends I have made over the past three years.”



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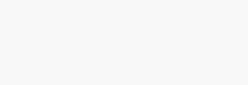
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