

From the Dean



FSU Law's 2018 Homecoming Weekend festivities are scheduled for October 19-20 and we hope you will join us! Law school events begin Friday, October 19, with a reunion party at my home in Tallahassee from 6-9 p.m. for all alumni. During the reception, we will honor our Alumni Award recipients — Bob Kerrigan ('71), Carol Gregg ('74), Professor Elwin Griffith and Kris Knab ('78). On Saturday, October 20, we invite all alumni to our Alumni Board meeting and all alumni and their families to the Law Alumni Tailgate Party on the law school's James Harold Thompson Green prior to the FSU v. Wake Forest football game. Times for both events will be determined once the football game time is announced. [Additional details about these events, registration, class reunions and more are available on our website.](#) We look forward to seeing you and your families in October!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty Profile: Sarah L. Swan

Assistant Professor [Sarah L. Swan](#) joined the FSU College of Law faculty this summer. She teaches in the areas of torts, criminal law, family law and local government law. Her scholarship focuses primarily on third-party responsibility and its rise as a dominant mode for the redress and prevention of harms. Swan is particularly interested in the connections between third-party responsibility and larger social, political and cultural movements, and how third-party responsibility is leveraged in competing ways to promote social control on the one hand, and social change on the other. Her publications include articles in the *Duke Law Journal*, *UCLA Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Law Review*



and *Wisconsin Law Review*. Before joining FSU Law, Swan was a fellow and lecturer at Columbia Law School. She previously practiced as a litigation associate for several years, specializing in the areas of insurance and commercial litigation, and served as a judicial law clerk for the British Columbia Supreme Court. She holds a B.A. and J.D. from the University of British Columbia, and an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Columbia Law School.

“Litigants, advocacy groups and the state are increasingly exploring new ways to harness the capacities of third parties to ward off potential wrongdoing, and to hold third parties liable as secondary wrongdoers when harm has occurred. My scholarship interrogates the capacities, limitations and surprising implications of this rising trend of third-party responsibility. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to further engage this exciting area with the vibrant community at FSU Law.”

Alum Profile: Ashlee A. Pouncy ('11)

Ashlee A. Pouncy practices in the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office. As a member of the office's Zoning, Land Use & Environmental Section, Pouncy litigates civil enforcement actions, seeking compliance with the county's environmental and building regulations. She also initiates and defends foreclosure actions on behalf of Miami-Dade County. Pouncy previously was a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy A. Quince, and also practiced at a Miami maritime law firm. She is the immediate past president of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association (VHFCNBA). During her presidency, the organization published the second volume of its *Florida's First Black Lawyers* anthology, chronicling the history of black lawyers who were admitted to practice law in Florida from 1980-1989, and highlighting that by 1989, black lawyers amounted to less than 2% of the total members of The Florida Bar. Concurrently with her presidency of VHFCNBA, Pouncy completed a six-year term on The Florida Bar's Law Related Education Committee, serving as chair of the group in the final year of her term.



“The competitive yet collegial environment at FSU Law has truly shaped my philosophy on the practice of law. My involvement in various organizations during law school, including being a member of the Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law, president of the Black Law Students Association, being a Student Ambassador, and participating in multiple legal clinics, prepared me to craft a legal career which is enjoyable and impactful.”

Student Profile: 2018 Grad Graham O'Donnell

Desired Practice Location: South Florida
Field of Law Sought: Would like to do something transactional; regulatory compliance and environmental law are both of interest



Graham O'Donnell graduated *magna cum laude* from FSU Law in May 2018. Originally from Boca Raton, he has a bachelor's degree in political science with sociology and history minors from FSU. This year, O'Donnell was editor-in-chief of the *FSU Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*. He previously served as article and notes editor, as well as article selection editor. He won the 2016-2017 Editor of the Year Award. His article, *The Next Step in the Battle Against High Pharmaceutical Prices: Lexmark & the DSCSA Have Paved the Way for Parallel Importation*, is forthcoming in the *Florida State University Law Review Online*. O'Donnell won book awards for Global Health and Pharmaceuticals (Spring 2018), Introduction to Intellectual Property (Fall 2017) and Business Ethics (Fall 2017). He was also a member of the Student Bar Association. O'Donnell's work experience includes clerking for Allen Norton & Blue, P.A. during the spring of his 3L year. He researched and drafted legal memoranda and motions relating to various employment law issues, proposed orders for litigation matters, and assisted attorneys in preparation for labor negotiations and labor law presentations. O'Donnell also volunteered with the Florida Housing Coalition, where he researched legal issues pertaining to community land trusts and drafted memoranda on the issues. The summer after his 2L year, O'Donnell clerked for Greenspoon Marder LLP, where he researched and drafted memoranda relating to transactional and litigation matters, and researched and drafted memoranda relating to variances and demand letters. He also assisted attorneys in representing clients in various stages of land use and permitting matters. The summer after his 1L year, O'Donnell externed for JM&A Group, a subsidiary of JM Family Enterprises in Deerfield Beach. In this role, O'Donnell drafted and edited contracts and consent forms, and researched various statutes and regulations to ensure that the company's contracts and cutting-edge initiatives complied with current law. If you are interested in hiring O'Donnell, contact him at gwo11@my.fsu.edu.

“First, I'm so grateful to my family and friends who have supported me unconditionally throughout law school. What made my time at FSU law so fulfilling was the faculty. Having the opportunity to learn from and work with such experienced and open-minded individuals was life changing. I'm excited to utilize the work ethic and experience I fostered during my time at FSU Law in practice.”

The Florida State University College of Law and
Upchurch Watson White & Max present:

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION/MEDIATION CME/CLE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 - 7:30 AM-5 PM
@ THE FSU COLLEGE OF LAW

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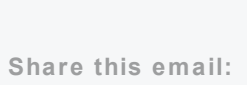
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