

## From the Dean



FSU Law students began contacting alumni this week as part of our Fall 2018 Phonathon. Thank you to everyone who has already answered the call and made a gift to FSU Law's annual fund! Gifts to the annual fund support scholarships, student activities, faculty recruitment and much more. When you make your Phonathon gift, you can choose to support an organization or activity that matters most to you. Many alumni have also made gifts this year to our Pave the Way campaign to raise money for student scholarships. We are so grateful for your support! We hope that when our students call during the next two weeks, alumni who have not yet given to the campaign will also consider paving the way for the next generation of attorneys by making an additional gift to support scholarships. Thank you to everyone who has already given to the law school in any way this year! Your support is making a meaningful difference.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Faculty & Alum Profile: Darby Kerrigan Scott ('07)

[Darby Kerrigan Scott](#), clinical professor and director of the Immigration and Farmworker Project within the Public Interest Law Center, joined the College of Law this summer. Through the project, students assist immigrants and agricultural workers who face employment barriers such as undocumented status, lack of housing and lack of healthcare. Scott previously served as executive director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee, managing all programs, staff and development; as program director of the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, concentrating on immigration and human trafficking matters; as an associate with Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.; and as a senior law clerk to the Honorable Robert T. Benton, II, of Florida's First District Court of Appeal. Scott currently serves as a commissioner on the Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, where she chaired the Policy Committee from 2016-17. She previously served on the board of directors of PACE Center for Girls (Leon County) as secretary, on the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Section of the Tallahassee Bar Association as president, and on the board of directors of the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center. She is the recipient of the 2016 Thomas M. Ervin, Jr. Distinguished Young Lawyer Award and the 2016 Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 2 Judicial Distinguished Service Award. She also was recognized on the *Florida Trend* Legal Elite list in the area of government/non-profit attorneys in 2016 and 2017. Scott graduated from FSU College of Law in 2007 with high honors, earning a certificate in international law with high honors and admission into Order of the Coif.



*"I am grateful to the College of Law and Florida Bar Foundation for supporting and funding the Immigration and Farmworker Project, which will offer students an unparalleled opportunity to hone practical legal skills in a dynamic field while meeting the needs of critically underserved populations in North Florida. I am humbled and honored to be a part of this important effort."*

## Alum Profile: George H. Sheldon ('79)



Sheldon (left) with Professor Paolo Annino and students in the Children's Advocacy Clinic in January 2018.

George H. Sheldon passed away on August 23, 2018, at the age of 71. Before his death, Sheldon was chief executive officer of Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, a children's services agency for children in South Florida. Sheldon was a leading advocate for the welfare of children. He had a long career in public service, which included serving in the Florida House of Representatives, as secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families, as acting assistant secretary at the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and as director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. In January 2018, Sheldon visited the law school to speak with our Children's Advocacy Clinic students.

## Student Profile: 3L McKenna Mundy

**Desired Practice Location:** Florida or Southern Alabama

**Expected Graduation:** May 2019

**Specialization:** Criminal Law

Originally from Memphis, Tenn., McKenna Mundy earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and political science from the University of Alabama. She will graduate from FSU Law in May 2019. This summer, Mundy worked as a certified legal intern in the Misdemeanor Division of the Office of the State Attorney, Second Judicial Circuit. She tried misdemeanor cases in front of judge and jury, and participated in each stage of pre-trial, including arraignment, case management and jury selection. Last summer, Mundy clerked in the Felony Division of the Leon County Public Defender's Office, where she researched case law, drafted memorandums and pre-trial and post-trial motions, contacted clients and probation officers, and requested and organized discovery for multiple office attorneys. Mundy was a legal assistant for Guley Law Firm in Memphis during her undergraduate studies. She is a member of the Women's Law Symposium, the Association for Criminal Justice and the Student Bar Association. Mundy is also a student ambassador for the College of Law Admissions Office and a student liaison for the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. If you are interested in hiring Mundy, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



*"My time at FSU College of Law has provided me with a variety of opportunities to help develop my skills as a future litigator. From skills training classes to an externship as a certified legal intern, I have been fortunate enough to be able to gain real-world trial experience. I look forward to taking all that I have learned and applying it to my post-graduate career in criminal litigation."*



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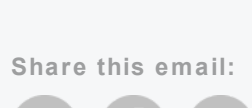
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