

## From the Dean

We are delighted to report that, thanks to the generous support of many alumni and friends, we have raised more than \$1 million for student scholarships through our [Pave the Way Campaign](#). Reaching this milestone puts us well on our way toward our \$2 million campaign goal. More importantly, we now have much-needed, additional funds to help recruit the best and brightest students to FSU Law! Contributions to the campaign make a significant difference for our students by reducing their burden of debt, opening opportunities to work in public interest and giving them the ability to participate in co-curricular and clinical programs. Investment in scholarships also provides legal education to students from underrepresented groups, first-generation lawyers and those with financial obstacles. Many students simply would not be able to attend FSU Law without scholarship assistance. Thank you to everyone who has given to the campaign already! If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a gift that will change lives. We invite you to [watch a short video about the campaign](#) for more information about the impact of giving to scholarships.



- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Faculty Profile: Avlana K. Eisenberg

**Professor Avlana K. Eisenberg** teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Prison Law and Policy. Eisenberg's research focuses on the law and practice of criminal punishment. Her work has been selected for the Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum and her recent publications have appeared in the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Michigan Law Review*, the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and the *Southern California Law Review*. During the 2018-19 academic year, she has also served as a visiting professor at Boston College Law School and Harvard Law School. Before joining the FSU Law faculty in 2015, Eisenberg served as the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Fellow at Harvard Law School and as a Climenko Fellow and lecturer on law. Before entering law teaching, she was a litigation associate at Jenner & Block LLP in Washington, D.C., and a pro bono fellow at the D.C. Public Defender Service. Eisenberg earned a bachelor's degree in humanities from Yale University and her law degree with distinction from Stanford Law School. She is a member of the California State Bar.



*“From the FIRST STEP Act to Florida’s Amendment 4, criminal justice reform is at the forefront of our national consciousness. It is therefore a particularly exciting time to interrogate the criminal law doctrines, policies and practices that are relevant to these and other contemporary reforms. I am thrilled to engage with, and learn from, the inspiring FSU Law community as we strive to better understand and address the most pressing legal, political and social issues of our time.”*

## Alum Profile: Cissy Proctor ('04)

Cissy Proctor recently became managing partner of the new Tallahassee office of LSN Partners, a full-service consulting firm that offers strategic advice and counsel in the areas of government affairs, government procurement, regulatory, business development and communications. Prior to joining LSN Partners, Proctor served as executive director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, where she was responsible for the successful efforts in moving Florida ahead as a top-performing economy. While at the agency as executive director and several additional leadership roles, Proctor cultivated partnerships from the national to the local level, championing pro-business policies and a competitive business environment. Proctor's previous experience also includes close to 10 years in private practice, where she focused on state and local government issues.



*“I am thrilled about joining LSN. With our newly expanded presence in Tallahassee, we can offer our current and future clients a new level of service at the Florida legislature, executive offices and cabinet. The LSN team has extensive experience, perspective and knowledge, which when combined with their political network and strategic advocacy services allows me to continue my service to Florida’s businesses and communities. The welcome I’ve received in my new role has been exceptional.”*

## Student Profile: 3L Jonathan Marcelo

**Desired Practice Location:** Florida, Washington D.C. or Atlanta  
**Expected Graduation:** May 2019  
**Field of Law Sought:** Interested in civil rights litigation, but willing to practice other areas of the law



Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Jonathan Marcelo now considers Lake Worth, Fla. his hometown. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Florida State University and will graduate from FSU Law in May 2019. Currently, Marcelo is a legislative intern with Southern Strategy Group, where he is researching proposed bills and will assist lobbyists during the 2019 Florida Legislative Session. During the summer after his 2L year and the fall of his 3L year, Marcelo clerked at the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, Felony Criminal Appeals Division, where he conducted research on post-conviction motions, pending litigation and other processes relating to criminal appeals. Last semester, Marcelo also externed for the Office of General Counsel at the Florida House of Representatives. He researched litigation and assisted in drafting motions, briefs and other court filings. During the fall of his 2L year, Marcelo externed at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tallahassee, where he assisted federal prosecutors engaged in criminal, civil and appellate practice in the federal courts. The summer after his 1L year, Marcelo was a legal intern for the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights in Washington, D.C. The conference is one of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights coalitions that represent more than 200 national organizations through advocacy and outreach on civil and human rights issues. This position consisted of drafting memoranda, tracking legislation and conducting research on major proposed legislation before Congress. During the spring of his 1L year, Marcelo interned with the Florida House of Representatives Democratic Office, where he assisted in drafting op-eds, position papers and talking points to prepare members for debate on major legislative proposals. Marcelo is a staff editor for the *Florida State University Law Review*, a pupil of the William H. Stafford Inn of Court, and former co-president and vice president of the FSU Law Student Constitution Society. Marcelo is a member of the Student Bar Association, where he served as 1L and 2L representative. He is also a member of the Raising the Bar Student Advisory Board and the Law School Council, where he previously served as treasurer. If you are interested in hiring Marcelo after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*“My time here at FSU Law has been an amazing experience. I have learned many lessons, made countless friends and feel proud to be considered a part of the FSU Law family. I am forever grateful for the tools I’ve learned during my time here and look forward to becoming an advocate in the legal community.”*



*We need your support for student scholarships!*

Visit [law.fsu.edu/pavetheway](http://law.fsu.edu/pavetheway) to learn how you can change lives and pave the way for future FSU Law students while increasing the value of an FSU Law degree. As of February 28, 2019, we have raised \$1,011,282 toward our \$2 million campaign goal.

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