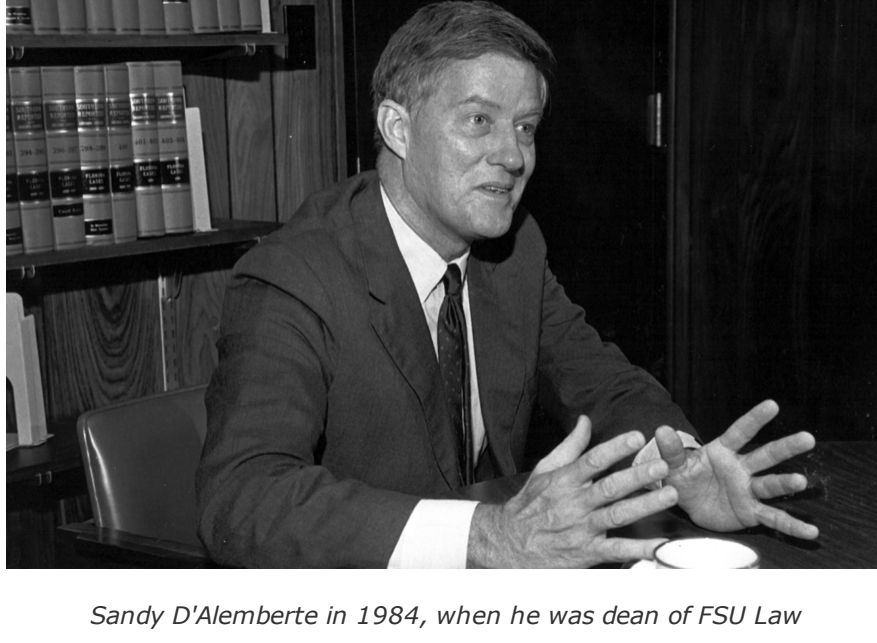


## From the Dean



*Sandy D'Alemberte in 1984, when he was dean of FSU Law*

As our community continues to mourn the loss of Sandy D'Alemberte, I want to provide details on the upcoming memorial service and visitation that are scheduled for next week. Family, friends and colleagues will celebrate Sandy's life and legacy with a visitation from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, in the College of Law's D'Alemberte Rotunda. A memorial service will be held the following day, Wednesday, June 5, at 2 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, with a reception immediately following the service. For those who are not able to attend these events, but want to share their memories with Sandy's family, we are still collecting memories and anecdotes via email at [dalembertememories@law.fsu.edu](mailto:dalembertememories@law.fsu.edu), and mail at FSU College of Law, c/o Lynn Peacock, at 425 W. Jefferson St., Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601. In addition, in lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable contributions be made to the Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte Law and Human Rights Fund at the FSU Foundation. These funds will be used to support the College of Law and the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. Gifts can be made [online through the FSU Foundation website](#).

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Ziegler Sought by Media for Expertise

[Mary Ziegler](#), the Stearns Weaver Miller Professor at FSU Law, is an expert in the legal history of reproduction, the family, sexuality and the Constitution. She has been quoted and published extensively in the national and international media this year. In May alone, she published an op-ed in *The New York Times* and was featured by *TIME* and *Newsweek* magazines, *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Daily Mail*, BBC, ABC News and twice on NPR's "All Things Considered." So far in 2019, Ziegler has authored a total of four opinion pieces for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, and has been interviewed for PBS NewsHour and PBS Frontline. She also was quoted in *Vox*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Business Insider*, *USA Today*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Fortune* and *Mother Jones*, as well as media outlets everywhere from Turkey to Australia to China. In 2018, Ziegler's book *Beyond Abortion: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Privacy* was published by Harvard University Press. Her first book, *After Roe: The Lost History of the Abortion Debate*, was published in 2015 and won the 2014 Harvard University Press Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize for best first manuscript published by the press in any discipline. Her latest project, *Abortion in America: A Legal History, Roe v. Wade to the Present*, is under contract with Cambridge University Press. Links to all of Ziegler's [media hits are on the FSU Law website](#). Ziegler is also active on Twitter at [@Mary\\_ZieglerFSU](#).



*"Both the Alabama and Georgia measures rely on the concept of 'natural law'—unchanging moral principles that have supposedly existed since before the Constitution—to support the idea that a fetus is a person. But these kinds of arguments don't have a record of judicial success."*

-excerpt from Ziegler's May 15, 2019 op-ed in *The New York Times*, "Abortion Opponents Think They're Winning. Have They Set Themselves Up to Fail?"

## Alum Profile: Abigail L. Vail ('06)

Abigail L. Vail recently was named chief of staff for the Florida Office of Financial Regulation. In her new role, she will assist the office's commissioner in fighting financial fraud, encouraging financial innovation and reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens. Vail previously served as senior external affairs specialist at the State Board of Administration, vice president of external affairs for UnitedHealth Group and senior cabinet aide at the Florida Department of Financial Services. She also was an attorney and lobbyist at Blank & Meenan. Vail earned a joint J.D./M.B.A. from FSU in 2006. She lives in Tallahassee with her two children and her husband Jason Vail ('05), who is a shareholder at Allen, Norton & Blue, PA.



## Student Profile: 2019 Grad Katherine Williams

**Desired Practice Location:** The greater Orlando area  
**Field of Law Sought:** Corporate insurance defense

Kate Williams is a May 2019 graduate of FSU Law. Originally from Charlotte, N.C., Williams holds a bachelor's degree in peace, war and defense studies with a concentration in national and international security from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. During undergrad, Williams studied abroad three times and studied four languages. While in law school, Williams externed with the United Soccer League's corporate headquarters in Tampa during the fall semester of her 3L year. She worked with in-house counsel on player contracts, vendor negotiations, trademark issues, and other topics concerning sports and entertainment law. The summer after her 2L year, Williams clerked in Tampa with the civil defense firm Banker Lopez Gassler P.A. The firm focuses primarily on insurance defense and Williams was able to gain substantial experience in personal injury law, as well as trial preparation and execution. During her 1L summer, Williams worked in Miami with in-house counsel for Homeowners Choice Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Inc., where she helped attorneys with pretrial work, interviewed insureds, attended home inspections and meetings with outside counsel, and assisted with depositions. One of Williams' favorite experiences during law school was her pro bono work at Leon County Teen Court, an opportunity for teens charged with minor work to participate in a deferred prosecution program in lieu of going through the juvenile court system. Williams says she learned so much from the program and really enjoyed helping such young defendants through a potentially scary process. During law school, Williams was a representative for the International Law Society, a subciter for the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* and a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office. She was also an active member of the Women's Law Symposium and the Student Law Association. If you are interested in hiring Williams, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



*"Desmond Tutu said, 'Don't raise your voice; improve your argument.' I went into law school believing in that sentiment and after three years, you can still find the quote taped to my fridge. As a new graduate, I am now even more committed to continuously improving my arguments, my career and myself."*



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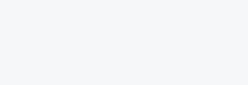
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