

## From the Dean



Many FSU Law student organizations participated in Carnival for a Cure during this fall's Wellness Week.

During the past several years, we have made it a priority to offer more wellness-related programming for students through our Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program. Today, we are wrapping up an active Wellness Week schedule with a lunchtime session, "What's Your Emotional IQ?" presented by alumna Rebecca Bandy ('05), who directs The Florida Bar's Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism. Earlier this week, students had the opportunity to attend a movement and meditation session with Professor Larry Krieger, an academic planning session with our academic dean and other professors, chair massages, a workshop on lawyering in a multicultural world, an off-campus fitness class, a panel on reducing stress and coping skills specifically for 1Ls, yoga in the Rotunda, a relaxing movie on the James Harold Thompson Green, and a wellness fair to provide information on health and wellness resources available on and off campus. Many of these sessions and additional class and study break events were hosted or co-sponsored by student organizations. On Tuesday, our Student Bar Association hosted Carnival for a Cure to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The family-friendly event featured food, a dunk tank and games. As in the past, the carnival was a nice way to strengthen our community and support a worth-while cause. Thank you to the many students and the professionals in our Student Advancement Office who helped make Wellness Week a success!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Professor Krieger Receives ABA CoLAP Award



(L-R) ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs Chair Bree Buchanan, Professor Larry Krieger, ABA CoLAP Law Student Assistance Committee Chair Janet Stearns, of Miami Law.

Lawrence S. Krieger, FSU Law clinical professor and co-director of clinical externship programs, is the recipient of the 2019 American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (CoLAP) Meritorious Service Award for Law Student Wellness. The award was presented at the National Conference for Lawyer Assistance Programs in Austin, Texas on September 26.

Krieger is internationally recognized for his research on the well-being, satisfaction, values and motivations of law students and lawyers. His publications on law student well-being and career planning have been used at more than half of the law schools in the United States, Canada and Australia.

The ABA CoLAP has a mission to assure that every judge, lawyer and law student has access to support and assistance when confronting alcoholism, substance use disorders or mental health issues. The Meritorious Service Award for Law Student Wellness was created to recognize a law student, law school, staff or faculty member who has made a significant initiative or contribution toward law mental and physical wellness through prevention, education, intervention and treatment of substance use disorders, addiction and mental illness with the law student population.

In selecting Krieger for this honor the ABA CoLAP cited his dedicated scholarship and tireless advocacy on lawyer and law student happiness, including his efforts in creating the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Balance in Legal Education. "You have made great strides to abate the impact of academic, professional, financial and personal stressors on law students and thereby improved the future quality of life for legal professionals and legal services," the ABA noted in a congratulatory letter to Krieger.

In 2016, Krieger received the AALS Section on Student Services Peter N. Kutulakis Student Services Award for his outstanding contributions in provision of service to law students.

## Alum Profile: J. Michael Shea ('69)

J. Michael Shea is of counsel at Four Rivers Law Firm in Tampa, where he concentrates on trial law. In addition to his litigation practice, Shea also is the founder and executive director of St. Michael's Legal Center (SMLC). The center provides pro bono legal advice and representation in family law and other areas that financially impact client families. Shea began SMLC in 2006 as a small teaching project to assist paralegal students in obtaining hands-on experience while assisting women and families in their effort to collect child support. SMLC now has a location at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School's Tampa Bay campus, where Shea directs the center and teaches students enrolled in the clinical offering. Shea also teaches maritime law at Cooley. In addition to practicing law and teaching, Shea serves in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He holds the rank of commander and has master (captain) and harbor pilot licenses issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.



*"Last year St. Michael's Legal Center answered legal inquiries from over 40,000 people in eight counties and gave away \$4.8 million worth of volunteer services. I am one of the luckiest lawyers in Florida as the executive director of St. Michael's because I go home every day knowing we have helped many people that day."*

## Student Profile: 3L Meaghan Maus

**Desired Practice Location:** Florida, but open to other states as well

**Expected Graduation:** May 2020

**Field of Law Sought:** Sport and entertainment law or intellectual property; also open to other areas



Originally from Tallahassee, Meaghan Maus graduated *magna cum laude* with bachelor's degrees in media communication and sport management and was a member of the FSU cheerleading team. A double 'Nole, Maus will graduate from FSU Law in May 2020. Currently, Maus is a teaching assistant for the juris master program's Regulatory Compliance course. She is also clerking at Sniffen & Spellman, P.A., where she analyzes incoming cases, conducts legal research for questions that arise in employment, education and labor litigation, and drafts memos, pleadings and deposition summaries. In addition, she has been clerking at Woodruff & Black, LLC since January 2019, where she conducts research for issues that arise in copyright and trademark law, and drafts memos and cease and desist letters. During the summer after her 2L year, Maus was an extern at International Speedway Corporation in Daytona Beach. There, she prepared sponsorship, facility rental and licensing agreements, researched topics such as data privacy, alcohol licensing compliance, trespass and intellectual property, drafted cease and desist letters, compiled an entity history and completed due diligence following NASCAR's offer to take the public entity private. The summer after her 1L year, Maus participated in the Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England. She also clerked at Butler Weihmuller Law at the University of Oxford. She drafted memos and pleadings and reviewed depositions. Maus currently is president of the FSU Law Trial Team and a member of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*. She also is a member of the Women's Law Symposium, where she served as FSU representative and then international vice president. Maus was a judge for the FSU Student Government Association Elections Commission and was a 1L team member and 2L mentor/coach for the Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Team. She also earned Book Awards in Introduction to Intellectual Property and International Trade Transactions. If you are interested in hiring Maus after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

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