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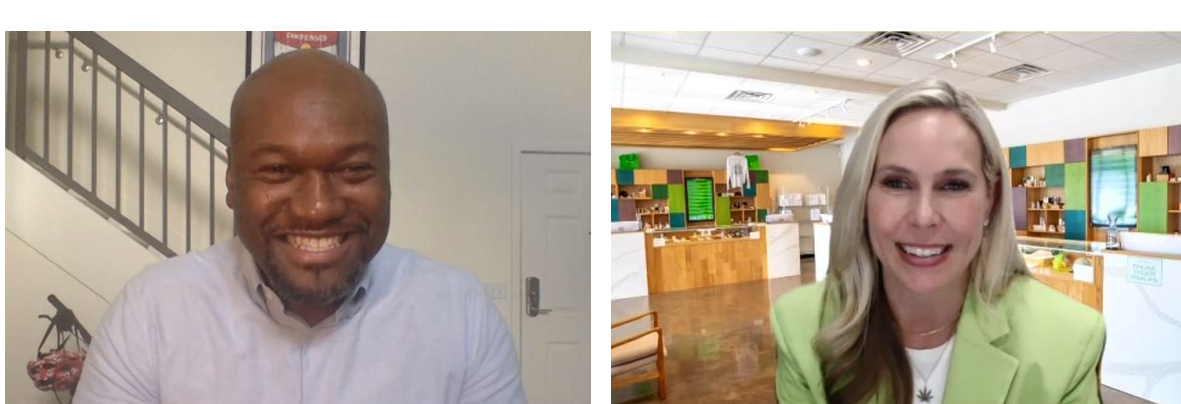


In early April, students attended a Wellness Wednesday event with therapy dogs.

During the past year, we have found innovative ways to engage with students and provide wellness programming, despite COVID-19. We are grateful to Associate Dean Nancy Benavides and the entire student advancement team for continuing to create programming that connects, educates and supports our students. This semester's wellness-themed events included a special Zoom session with Florida Bar President Dori Foster-Morales, who spoke about mental health and encouraged students to prioritize taking care of themselves. Among other events, students also attended a socially distanced vision board party to set intentions for 2021, participated in a Zoom cooking demonstration with alumnus David Varet ('12) and his canine sous chef Jackson, joined a yoga session led by a fellow law student and attended a session with therapy dogs on the James Harold Thompson Green at the end of the semester. In addition to the variety of events focused on well-being, students and other FSU Law community members were treated to the law school's first drive-in movie at the end of March. The event featured a showing of Disney Pixar's "Soul" in the Civic Center parking lot across from the law school. We were pleased to see so many students at our wellness and other events this year!

-Dean Erin O'Connor

Spring Law & Business Lecture Series



(L-R) Guest lecturers Williams and Rivers

FSU Law offers students a sophisticated program in business, finance and tax. Business law students are able to participate in the College of Law's Business Law Certificate Program, the Business Law Clinic and business externship programs. For the 2020-2021 academic year Jeffrey Kahn, the Harry M. Walborsky professor and associate dean for business law programs, created a virtual Law & Business Speaker Series for students.

This spring, the law and business speaker series welcomed FSU Law Adjunct Professor Bernard Williams, the global head of anti-money laundering governance and compliance training for eBay. He previously served as a compliance officer at Goldman Sachs Asset Management, Securities Division and as the Americas head of global compliance training at Goldman Sachs. Williams discussed his career path, always being open to new challenges, and how law and business play a role in his practice.

Kim Rivers, CEO of Trulieve Cannabis Corp., was our final guest of the speaker series. Prior to joining Trulieve, Rivers spent several years in private practice as a lawyer specializing in mergers, acquisitions and securities for multi-million dollar companies. She spoke to students about how her unique career path and experience in law are beneficial in her current role.

Alum Profile: Christopher L. Hill ('18)

Christopher L. Hill is an associate at DSK Law Group in Tampa, where he has worked since graduating from FSU Law in 2018. His practice areas include commercial and business litigation, insurance fraud defense, personal injury defense, landlord-tenant law, general civil litigation, construction law and local government law. Hill is a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association and The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, and also serves on the FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.



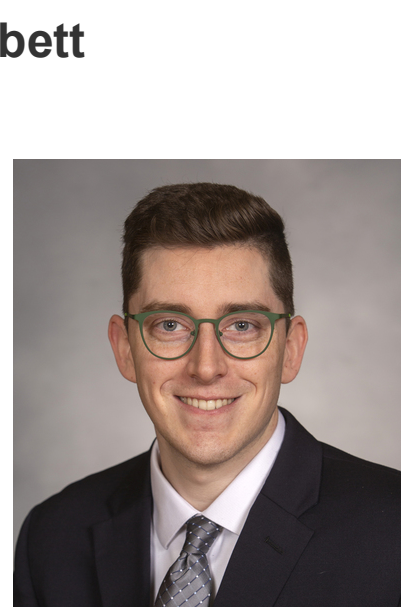
"FSU Law was absolutely critical to my passing the bar exam and finding placement at DSK Law Group after law school. From the tremendous faculty and staff, to great peers and student organizations, FSU offered numerous avenues for everyone to succeed in their own way. I continue to serve the law school because of everything it has done for me and many others—including being where my dad and numerous colleagues earned their law degrees as well."

Student Profile: 3L Daniel Corbett

Desired Practice Location: Open to any city, including outside of Florida

Expected Graduation: Spring 2021

Field of Law Sought: Privacy and data protection law; also interested in trust, estate and probate law



Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Daniel Corbett attended high school in Tampa, where his immediate family currently lives. Corbett earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science from FSU and will become a double 'Nole when he graduates from FSU Law later this month. Corbett is currently clerking with Ausley McMullen, where he has worked since the fall semester of his 2L year. He drafts and updates trusts, conducts research and drafts memos under strict time constraints on issues such as trade secrets, contested wills, lease agreements, foreclosures, procurement bid challenges and many other topics. During the fall semester of his 3L year, Corbett was also a teaching assistant for Legal Writing Professor Christopher Busch ('11). Last summer, Corbett interned with the Florida House Democratic Office, where he reviewed materials from the previous legislative session and edited statewide publications. In the second half of his 1L summer, Corbett interned with Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida. There, he drafted motions for clients seeking assistance with housing issues and various public benefit programs and communicated directly with clients and attorneys regarding clients' legal concerns. During the first half of his 1L summer, Corbett externed with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, where he researched a variety of legal topics relating to different hearings, drafted briefs and a recommended order for judicial use, and communicated directly with multiple judges on different hearings.

While in law school, Corbett was a member of the *Florida State University Law Review* and served as the law & policy editor. He was also a member of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, where his article "Any Port in a Storm: The New Safe Harbor" is forthcoming. The article discusses the implications of the recent European Court of Justice Schrems II decision on data transfers between the European Union and the United States. Corbett assisted the Moot Court Team as a brief editor, and he was also a member of the Cuban American Bar Association, International Law Students Association, and the Muslim Law Students Association. He is currently pursuing Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States certification, expected May 2021. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Corbett after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"Every day in law school allowed me to learn something new or build my legal skills. I hope that wherever my legal career begins I have the opportunity to continue to learn and grow and consistently challenge myself professionally."

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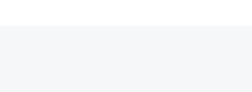
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