

## From the Dean

During the month of April, we were delighted to be able to celebrate our dedicated staff members with multiple staff appreciation events.

We had a picnic lunch on the James Harold Thompson Green, closed early one Friday afternoon, treated employees to donuts and coffee from a local donut shop and gave free law school merchandise to staff members. Due to COVID-19 and the related university hiring freeze, we have been short-staffed for the entire academic year and current staff members have gone above and beyond to ensure that faculty members, students and alumni received the assistance they needed during unprecedented times. The pandemic necessitated innovative programming and support, and our employees delivered! It was a trying year, but we prevailed and, in many cases, flourished thanks in large part to our staff members. For example, our technology team helped Moot Court students master the technology in our five courtrooms so they could utilize the rooms for virtual competitions, thereby assisting the team with its record-setting season. I hope you will join me in thanking our staff members for the amazing contributions they made to our community over the past year!



-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Prof. Krieger Celebrates 30 Years with FSU

Since 1991, [Professor Larry Krieger](#) has served as a clinical professor at FSU Law. Teaching for 30 years is a remarkable accomplishment that translates into Krieger having taught hundreds of College of Law alumni. As co-director of externship programs, Krieger has supervised all criminal justice externships and has helped even more students attain valuable trial



practice skills and experience that they have carried with them into their legal careers. In addition to preparing students for the courtroom, Krieger has been instrumental in promoting wellness at FSU Law. He is internationally recognized for his research on the well-being, satisfaction, values and motivations of law students and lawyers, which has been extremely beneficial for FSU Law students. Krieger often presents to the student body on mental health and wellness topics, hosts weekly meditation sessions for students during the academic year, and makes himself available to students who may be looking for advice, inspiration or encouragement. He also serves as a mentor to many students and alumni. In April, a very small group met for lunch to celebrate Krieger's 30 years with FSU Law. In addition, many students, colleagues and friends contributed to a digital Kudoboard to provide messages of gratitude and congratulations to Krieger on his 30-year milestone.

## Alum Profile: Adrian A. Lukis ('13)

Adrian A. Lukis became chief of staff to Governor Ron DeSantis in March 2021, after serving as deputy chief of staff for more than two years. Prior to joining the Governor's Office, Lukis was a senior advisor, deputy staff director, and attorney for the Florida House of Representatives, and the deputy director of agenda development at the Republican Party of Florida. Lukis also practiced corporate and business law with Ioppolo Law Group before reentering state government. He remains engaged with FSU Law and currently serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. His proudest achievements are his two children, Elle and Lane.



*"FSU Law introduced me to my wife and gave me the opportunity to pursue my passion for public policy and politics. To say that I will always cherish my experience there is an understatement."*

## Student Profile: 2021 Grad Stefan Whiting

**Desired Practice Location:** Central or South Florida

**Field of Law Sought:** Business/corporate law

Originally from Pembroke Pines, Florida, Stefan Whiting earned his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of South Florida. When Whiting graduated from FSU Law last month, he also earned the Business Law Certificate.



The summer after Whiting's 2L year until graduation, he worked as a research assistant to Professor Jay Kesten. In this role, he conducted research on various topics concerning corporate and business law and edited academic work in preparation for submission to professional journals. He also analyzed and produced case briefs on various cases and articles dealing with master limited partnerships, initial public offerings and venture capital funding. The summer after his 1L year until November 2019, Whiting worked for the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation in Tallahassee as a paralegal specialist/law clerk. There, he served in the Division of Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes. His work primarily consisted of filing over 200 closing orders and administrative complaints dealing with unit owners and community association managers' issues. He also responded to petitions for declaratory statement and participated in cases requiring informal hearings.

During his time at FSU Law, Whiting was a member of Phi Alpha Delta, the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society, the Black Law Students Association, The Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division and the Business Law Society, where he served as vice president. Whiting was also an ambassador for Barbri Bar Review. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Whiting, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#).

*"I hope to secure a position that would allow me to practice within my specialization of corporate law or one that incorporates some elements of commercial or business law. Ideally, I would love to work as part of an in-house counsel team for an organization or company in the future."*

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