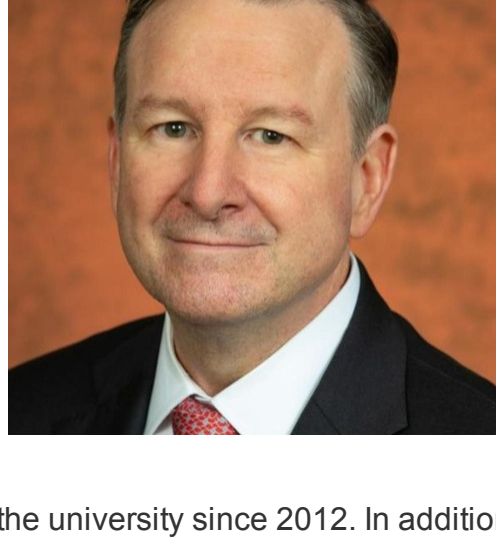


## From the Dean

In May, FSU's Board of Trustees unanimously selected Richard McCullough as the university's 16th president. Subject to Florida Board of Governors approval, McCullough will replace FSU President John Thrasher (Dec. '72), who will retire later this summer. McCullough is currently vice provost for research at Harvard University, where he has overseen the development, review and implementation of strategies, planning and executing academic research across the university since 2012. In addition, he leads a Foundation and Corporate Engagement Office and assists in the oversight of more than 25 interdisciplinary institutes, centers and initiatives at Harvard. McCullough, who is also a professor of materials science and engineering, successfully built and launched the new Harvard Data Science Initiative, a collaboration between 12 of the university's schools and more than 120 faculty, which has led to three new master's programs and the creation of many new undergraduate courses. Prior to joining Harvard, McCullough was a chemistry professor, dean and vice president for research at Carnegie-Mellon University over 22 years. McCullough also founded two companies and holds multiple patents.



We look forward to watching the university flourish under McCullough's leadership and to working with him. At the same time, we are grateful for President Thrasher's dedication to FSU and the law school and wish him well in his future endeavors!

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Faculty Members Publish in Harvard Law Review and Other Top Journals



The FSU Law faculty has placed two articles in the top-ranked *Harvard Law Review* since 2020. Most recently, Assistant Professor [Sarah L. Swan's](#) forthcoming article, "Constitutional Off-loading at the City Limits," was selected for publication in volume 135 of the *Harvard Law Review* in 2022. Swan's article demonstrates that the ability to engage in constitutional off-loading comes at a substantial cost for small localities, while the prohibition on constitutional off-loading comes with a corresponding benefit for big cities.

[Courtney Cahill](#), the Donald Hinkle Professor, published "The New Maternity" in volume 133 of the *Harvard Law Review* in 2020. The article argues that constitutional maternity warrants reform and asserts that one promising pathway of reform is family law's less regressive and more multidimensional vision of motherhood. Cahill and the article were honored with a 2021 Dukeminier Award, which annually recognizes the best articles on law and policy regarding sexuality, sexual orientation and gender identity. The article was cited as breaking "new ground in ongoing debates among legal scholars and practitioners in the LGBT community and beyond."

Several additional professors recently have published in other top law journals. Mason Ladd Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs [David E. Landau](#) co-authored an article, "The Uses and Abuses of Presidential Impeachment," that will be published in the *University of Chicago Law Review* in 2021; Associate Professor [Michael T. Morley](#) has a co-authored forthcoming article, "Interpreting Injunctions," that is slated for publication in the *Virginia Law Review* in 2021; Gary & Sallyn Pajcic Professor [Avlana K. Eisenberg](#) published "The Prisoner and the Polity" in the *New York University Law Review* in 2020; Steven M. Goldstein Professor [Wayne A. Logan](#) published "Crowdsourcing Crime Control" in the *Texas Law Review* in 2020; and Charles W. Ehrhardt Professor of Litigation [Justin T. Sevier](#) published "A [Relational] Theory of Procedure" in the *Minnesota Law Review* in 2020.

## Alum Profile: Allison Beattie ('19)

[Allison Beattie](#) recently joined Bass, Berry & Sims' Washington D.C. office and healthcare practice as an associate. In doing so, she joined the third-largest healthcare law firm in the U.S. as ranked by the American Health Law Association. Beattie provides healthcare regulatory and transactional counsel related to mergers and acquisitions, compliance, and operational matters. Beattie previously served as an assistant deputy general counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where she served as healthcare regulatory counsel to the chief legal officer at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and other senior leaders of the HHS Office of the General Counsel. During law school, Beattie was a member of the FSU Law Moot Court Team and *FSU Law Review*. She was also a Florida gubernatorial Fellow and a Florida House Legislative Intern with the Health and Human Services Committee.



*"I am so thankful to FSU Law for giving me the education and experience needed to take on challenging projects at work. The friendship and mentorship fostered by the FSU Law community is truly remarkable, and if there is ever something I can do to serve one of you, please give me a call!"*

## Student Profile: 2021 Grad Russell Monilla

**Desired Practice Location:** Orlando or Miami

**Field of Law Sought:** Personal injury or criminal defense

Russell Monilla was born in the Philippines and grew up in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He earned his bachelor's degree in in business administration from De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde in Manila, the Philippines, and graduated from FSU Law in April. During the spring 2021 semester, Monilla worked as a legal intern at Ben Crump Law and Rand Law, L.L.C., where he conducted legal research and prepared an urgent appeal to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. He also drafted a press release to fight systemic racism brought forth by a Supreme Court of Jamaica decision, which promulgated discrimination against people wearing dreadlocks and the Rastafarian community. In addition to this position, Monilla also served as a teaching assistant for the Corporate Governance, Risk Management & Compliance course during the spring semester. As a teaching assistant, he responded to students' questions and reviewed articles, new regulations, statutes and cases in preparation to grade student discussion boards and assignments. In the fall of 2020, Monilla worked as a judicial extern with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings. There, he performed legal research and drafted recommended orders for various administrative law cases, and he researched issues regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan. Before transferring to FSU Law from Golden Gate University School of Law, Monilla worked as a certified law clerk in the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office in Contra Costa County, California, during the fall of 2019. There, he served as second chair in a jury trial, represented indigent clients at arraignment hearings and pre-trial motions practice, and analyzed various discovery materials to prepare for cases, including police reports, witness statements and medical reports. He also developed case theories and strategies with attorneys by conducting legal research and drafting motions. That same semester, Monilla served as a teaching assistant for his school's Brief Writing and Motion Advocacy course, where he worked closely with the Honorable Edward Torpoco, of the Superior Court of San Francisco County, to evaluate student performance in oral exercises and written assignments.



During his time at FSU Law, Monilla was a member of the FSU Law Trial Team. He won Best Closing Argument in the 2020 In Vino Veritas National Criminal Mock Trial Competition, where his team placed second. He also represented FSU Law at the American Association for Justice's Student Trial Advocacy Competition, where his team was a semifinalist. In addition, Monilla was an associate justice at the Student Government Association Supreme Court. At his previous law school, Monilla received the Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in Trial Evidence and Advocacy and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Writing & Advocacy. At FSU Law, he received a book award in Professional Responsibility. Monilla is fluent in Tagalog. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Monilla, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#).

*"FSU Law fueled my passion for advocating, defending, and preserving rights and liberties guaranteed by the law. I believe that the intellectual and practical legal skills that I have developed through my academic and work experiences, and my commitment to fight for the marginalized, demonstrates that I can meaningfully contribute as a well-rounded attorney on day one."*

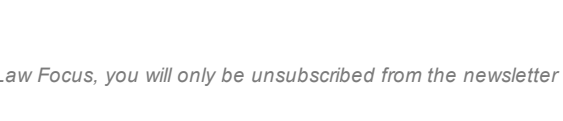
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