

## From the Dean



In September 2020, alumni and First DCA Judges Rachel Nordby ('08) and Joseph Lewis ('77) spoke virtually to students during a Constitution Day event.

We are delighted to announce that the FSU Law alumni base has surpassed 10,000 members! This is an exciting milestone and our alumni network is stronger than ever, with graduates living and working in all 50 states and 25 countries around the globe. FSU Law alumni and students have a tremendous network of talented, diverse, engaged colleagues and mentors upon which they can call. I have always been in awe of the generosity of FSU Law alumni—our graduates selflessly share their time and expertise to assist members of the FSU Law family. Graduates regularly volunteer to mentor students and other alumni, to coach and judge our advocacy teams, to serve as guest speakers for classes and student organizations, and much more. Many alumni also help our students obtain valuable legal experience by hiring them for clerkships and internships. Alumni also provide monetary support that allows us to attract and retain top students and faculty members. To say that our community would not be nearly as strong without the support of alumni would be an extreme understatement. Many thanks to all of the alumni who assist the law school and our students in a wide variety of ways, large and small. We appreciate everything our 10,000+ alumni do for FSU Law and do not take it for granted!

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## New Book for Prof. Logan

Cambridge University Press recently published “Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Laws: An Empirical Evaluation,” co-edited by Steven M. Goldstein Professor [Wayne Logan](#) and University of Michigan Law Professor J.J. Prescott. The book contains chapters from Logan and the nation’s leading social science researchers on the many important empirical questions surrounding sex offender registration and community notification laws (a.k.a. “Megan’s Laws”), one of the most significant criminal justice initiatives of the last century. The American Law Institute, as part of its overhaul of the Model Penal Code’s sex offense-related provisions, has tentatively approved a slate of reforms advocating a reduced approach to registration and discontinuation of community notification, relying on the book’s findings.



Logan teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure and sentencing. He has written extensively on Megan’s Laws, including “Knowledge as Power: Criminal Registration and Community Notification Laws in America” (Stanford University Press 2009). His other books include “Florida Search and Seizure” (LexisNexis 2020 & 2021). His articles have been published in multiple journals, including the *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Texas Law Review* and *Vanderbilt Law Review*. An elected member of the American Law Institute, Logan’s research has been cited on two occasions by the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Alum Profile: Crystal Anderson ('10)

Crystal Anderson is a senior attorney for the Florida Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. She is responsible for providing counsel to committee members and other senators regarding environmental policy, particularly related to water quality and emerging issues in the state. Prior to joining the Senate in 2018, Anderson was an attorney for the Florida House of Representatives—working in House Bill Drafting and the Regulatory Affairs Committee. Before that, she worked in private practice in Tallahassee.



*“The policy work I do with the Florida Legislature is interesting, rewarding and varied. It also allows me to maintain a balance to enjoy my family and pursue other interests. I’m very grateful to FSU Law, especially the Environmental and Land Use Certificate Program, for providing me with an educational foundation for my work.”*

## Student Profile: 2021 Grad Clarke Brannon

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa Bay area  
**Field of Law Sought:** Personal injury, bankruptcy, business litigation



Originally from Walnut Grove, Georgia, Clarke Brannon received his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Georgia in 2013, and he graduated from FSU Law in April. From the summer of 2019 until May 2021, Brannon worked as a law clerk at Fasig Brooks in Tallahassee, where he drafted and responded to pleadings and discovery, met with clients to answer discovery and researched complex tort issues to prepare memoranda for partners on topics such as medical malpractice, premises liability, wrongful death and permanent injuries. Prior to law school, Brannon worked in the areas of political campaign consulting, real estate and marketing.

Brannon is open to becoming a member of the Georgia Bar in addition to Florida. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Brannon, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#).

*“I am a non-traditional student with diverse work experience and commitment to excellence. I know what it takes to work in a high-pressure environment while keeping high spirits. I am pleased to be graduating from Florida State with a wealth of knowledge, practical experience, and a drive to succeed in the legal arena.”*

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