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### From the Dean

Our FSU Law Stoops Center of Law & Business recently launched its first executive education courses for business executives. The Stoops Center now offers courses in the areas of Employment & Human Resources Law and Privacy Law & Policy. We are asking all alumni and friends to share this email with their client and colleague networks and encourage them to visit [StoopsColab.com](https://StoopsColab.com) for more information. The first six-week session starts October 24, and many of the courses are taught by FSU Law alumni whose legal practices involve highly regulated industries. If you have not already joined the Colab community, you can [visit the website](#) to learn about this collaborative online space for lawyers, business executives, and students.



*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

### Fall 2022 Distinguished Environmental Lecture



Last week, FSU Law was honored to host Elizabeth Kronk Warner, dean and professor of law at the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law, for the Fall 2022 Distinguished Environmental Lecture. During her presentation, "From Consultation to Consent: Beyond Box Checking," Kronk Warner discussed federal Indian law and the existing consultation provisions—including implications for Florida—and recommendations to improve the status quo. You can [watch a recording of the engaging lecture online](#). Kronk Warner is a nationally recognized expert in the intersection of environmental and Indian law. She has taught courses in property, Indian, environmental, and natural resources law. Kronk Warner has co-authored several books on environmental issues and Native Americans, and has published more than 40 articles and book chapters. She is also a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Additionally, she has served as an appellate judge for the tribe and as a district judge for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe.

### Alum Profile: Richard D. Rivera ('13)

**Richard D. Rivera** is a partner in the Jacksonville office of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. Rivera is a member of the Litigation and Intellectual Property Practice Groups. He focuses on commercial litigation, with a special emphasis in defending actions brought under consumer protection statutes. In the area of intellectual property, Rivera advises clients in matters involving intellectual property (trademark and copyright), compliance with state and federal laws governing sweepstakes and other promotional activities, software and internet technology, marketing, and licensing issues. He also prosecutes trademark and copyright registrations. He was recently selected for inclusion on the 2022-2023 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* list in the category of Commercial Litigation, Jacksonville. In August, Rivera began a one-year term as the managing director for administration for the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (YLD). In this role, he is part of the senior leadership team, handling many aspects of the YLD's administrative functions and serving as a manager of other YLD directors and as a member of the YLD's cabinet. Rivera also sits on the Council for the ABA Section of Litigation.



*"I am honored and privileged to serve as managing director for the Young Lawyers Division this year. I look forward to working with our teams to ensure that the YLD continues its great work in areas such as practical skills training, professional development, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and civic engagement."*

### Student Profile: 3L Caroline Dike

**Desired Practice Location:** Open to any location in the U.S.

**Expected Graduation:** May 2023

**Field of Law Sought:** Environmental and land use law, specifically working in appellate law

Caroline Dike, from Orlando, Florida, attended the University of Florida for undergraduate studies, where she received a B.A. in political science. She will graduate from FSU Law in May and will also earn the law school's Environmental Law Certificate. During the summer before her 3L year, Dike was a legal intern with The Public Trust Environmental Legal Institute of Florida in Jacksonville. During her time there, Dike completed a litigation manual on the Endangered Species Act, researched Florida septic pollution law, and drafted proposed state statutes and regulations. From February to July of 2022, Dike was a legal intern with the Florida Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee, where she worked with the Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation to liquidate insolvent insurance companies. Her responsibilities included drafting and editing motions and proposed orders for litigation, as well as researching insurance law and regulation for Florida. Dike was also a legal intern with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during the summer before her 2L year. There, she conducted legal research on wildlife permitting and on regulations and rule challenges on animal and boating law. She also drafted appellate briefs and performed research on the Endangered Species Act and Florida animal laws.



Dike is editor in chief of FSU's *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law*. She served as executive editor for the journal as a 2L and as an articles & notes editor as a 1L. She has also served as a staff editor for the *Florida State University Law Review* during her 2L and 3L years. During her 1L year, Dike reinstated OUTlaw, the College of Law's LGBTQ+ student organization. She served as president of the organization during her 1L and 2L years, working to enhance discussion on legal issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community and to develop a space on campus for LGBTQ+ individuals. In Dike's free time, she has participated in LGBTQ+ advocacy across the state with non-profit organizations to work toward equality. Additionally, Dike was a board member for FSU Law's Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program during her 1L and 2L years, and as a 1L, she worked as a student caller for Fundathon. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Dike after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at [cdike@fsu.edu](mailto:cdike@fsu.edu).

*"During my time at FSU Law, I have been able to develop my interest in environmental and land use law, while learning to become a better advocate for future clients. I am excited to continue learning and growing in this field after graduation."*

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