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From the Dean

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to the 2021-2022 annual fund campaign. Your support has been, and continues to be, critical to the success of the law school and our students. Special thanks to all our dedicated class agents who went above and beyond in helping us have a very successful 2021-2022 campaign! And congratulations to the following classes on their leading participation rates and amounts donated.



Top 5 Classes: Participation Rate

1976: 32.73%

2021: 28.57%

1977: 28.36%

1975: 27.59%

2017: 27.44%

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1975: \$59,761.00

1991: \$29,371.00

1982: \$26,450.00

1979: \$22,475.00

1989: \$17,367.16

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PILC Students Monitor Federal Trial



(L-R): Aziza Mohamadhossen, Ash Hoyt, Larry Lynn, Professor Darby Kerrigan Scott, and Leonard McCroan

Students in the FSU Law Public Interest Law Center's summer 2022 International Human Rights Advocacy Clinic (IHRAC) spent the week of June 27 – July 1 in Miami monitoring a trial in a federal civil case. The case was brought under the Torture Victim Protection Act by family members of victims of the 1972 Trelew Massacre in Argentina represented by the Center for Justice and Accountability for extrajudicial killing, attempted extrajudicial killing, and torture. The defendant, Roberto Guillermo Bravo, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was the only officer involved in the massacre who had never faced accountability in a court of law. The jury found the defendant liable on all charges and awarded \$24.25 million in total damages to the plaintiffs.

Summer 2022 IHRAC students Aziza Mohamadhossen, Ash Hoyt, Larry Lynn, and Leonard McCroan prepared **daily reports that were translated into Spanish and published in English and Spanish online**. The reports were widely read and quoted by news outlets. Spring 2022 IHRAC students Sophia Muina, Abigail Chapman, Max Dietz, and Melody Andrews performed preliminary work on this project, paving the way for the success of the summer students.

"This was a transformative experience for the students," said Clinical Professor Darby Kerrigan Scott, who directs IHRAC. "They learned trial advocacy skills and substantive human rights law while witnessing the extraordinary power of justice and accountability."

IHRAC offers students hands-on experience representing individual human rights survivors and international non-governmental organizations engaged in human rights advocacy.

Alum Profile: Foster J. Sayers, III ('08)

Foster J. Sayers, III is now general counsel and chief evangelist at Pramata, a contract management solution provider. In his new role, Sayers helps businesses, legal departments, and law firms identify opportunities to automate contract creation and leverage a fully digital contract repository. Prior to joining Pramata in May 2022, Sayers served as corporate counsel at Vertafore, where he led the transformation of the company's contract lifecycle approach utilizing Pramata solutions. Sayers previously also was co-founder, chief executive officer, and general counsel for 121nexus, a company with QR code technology solutions that he co-invented for the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries.



"My career has been building up to this position. I'm excited to use my legal experience and passion for technology to make contract management better for legal professionals."

Celebrating 2022 Grad Taylor Lewis

Recent FSU Law graduate Taylor Lewis has accepted a post-graduate position working in the construction litigation department of Cole, Scott & Kissane in West Palm Beach, Florida! During law school, Lewis served as a student ambassador for the Admissions Office, was a member of the Tulane International Baseball Arbitration Competition Team, and was the public relations chair for the Transfer Student Organization. Additionally, she served as secretary of the Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law, and the Aviation and Space Law Societies. Lewis was also a member of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* and the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, and she earned a book award in her Lawyers as Leaders class. Congratulations to Taylor Lewis on her graduation and many achievements! We wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments.



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