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From the Dean



On Friday, December 9, we were thrilled to celebrate our fall 2022 graduates with a graduation toast reception at the law school. The event was a special opportunity to acknowledge the many accomplishments of our newest alumni and to wish them well as they embark on the next chapters of their lives. Fall 2022 graduates included 77 J.M. students, 13 J.D. students, and six LL.M. students. Manuel Utset, our William & Catherine VanDercreek professor and associate dean for juris master programs, gave an inspirational toast during the event, which also included individual photos of students being hooded, a fun photo booth for graduates and their guests, and opportunities for many of our online program graduates to finally connect in person with one another. Following the FSU Law reception, graduates were recognized at the university's commencement ceremony at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center across the street. We are extremely proud of our new alumni and excited to watch them flourish!

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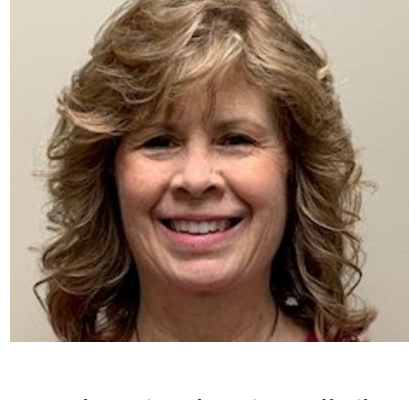
Spring Interview Program Registration Open

Registration for FSU Law's Spring 2023 Interview Program (OCI) is now open for employers. The law school can accommodate employers for in-person, on-campus interviews or remote interviews. Hard-working, ambitious FSU Law students are available to interview for full-time and part-time law clerk, intern, or associate positions. This year's spring interview program runs from Monday, January 30, through Thursday, March 9. Available spring interview sessions are limited, so employers should register now to ensure they secure their preferred interview dates. You can [see available dates and register](#) online. Employers unable to participate in the spring interview program can participate in our [resume collect option](#) or [advertise a job](#) through FSU Law. Many thanks for recruiting and hiring FSU Law students—the opportunities you provide for students to gain hands-on legal experience are tremendously helpful.



Alum Profile: Susan C. Marvin ('87)

Susan C. Marvin is the recently retired chief of alternative dispute resolution at the Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator. Her previous experience includes serving as a senior attorney at the Florida Dispute Resolution Center, a legal editor for The Florida Bar, director of the Family Visitation Program, and a mediator with the Second Judicial Circuit Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. Marvin regularly presents on alternative dispute resolution topics, and she also teaches Mediation at FSU Law as an adjunct professor. She is passionate about mediation as a means of peacefully resolving conflicts and is particularly interested in assisting families in learning communication and listening skills. Marvin coaches mediators to conduct mediations in a manner that encourages parties to engage in creative problem solving that addresses the interests underlying their positions. When not working, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing in a community steel pan band, walking, and traveling.



“I enjoyed teaching an amazing group of College of Law students this past semester. They quickly learned about mediation and how the role of a mediator differs from that of an attorney. The students benefited from individually observing a mediation conducted by a Florida Supreme Court certified family, dependency, or circuit mediator either remotely on Zoom or in person. Students confidently participated in class mock mediation exercises to practice their newly learned mediator skills. Then they were critiqued by experienced mediators as they each conducted a mock mediation with fellow students playing the parties. I am impressed by the students’ abilities to quickly put into practice newly learned skills and hopeful that they will positively influence the world by modeling respectful listening and discourse.”

Student Profile: 3L Priya Geer

Desired Practice Location: Orlando or Tampa, but open to other locations
Expected Graduation: May 2023
Field of Law Sought: Primarily interested in elder law, transactional law, compliance, and policy, but open to other fields



Originally from Orlando, Florida, Priya Geer graduated cum laude from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in health services administration, and she will graduate from FSU Law in May. This semester, Geer is participating in FSU Law's Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic. During the fall semester, she was a research assistant in the law school's Research Center, where she researched and located primary and secondary sources of law to support faculty members' research and teaching. During the summer before her 3L year, Geer was a summer law clerk with Merideth Nagel, P.A., in Clermont, Florida. In this role, she conducted legal research and presented findings to assigning attorneys, and she drafted motions and petitions. The summer prior, Geer was a legal intern with the same firm, and her work included attending client meetings, case review meetings, and will-signing ceremonies, as well as drafting petitions, warranty deeds, and estate planning and probate documents. She also cross-referenced client documents with electronic records.

At FSU Law, Geer is secretary of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and a member of the FSU Business Law Society; the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Society; the Aviation and Space Law Society; and the Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Geer after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at pjg20@fsu.edu.

“I look forward to applying the knowledge and skills I have learned at FSU Law to make a difference and to continue learning and growing throughout my career as a lawyer.”

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