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From the Dean

I am delighted to report that Henry Zhuhao Wang, our Tallahassee alumni professor, recently was selected as one of only two inaugural New Voices in Dispute Resolution Scholars by the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. The New Voices in Dispute Resolution Scholars Program was established to foster emerging talent in the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) field, providing a platform for scholars' growth and development. According to the AALS section, they received a diverse and competitive pool of applicants, which makes Professor Wang's selection even more impressive. As part of the program, Professor Wang will work on a scholarly project, "Shadow Effect of the Federal Rules of Evidence on ADR," for which he will receive mentorship from a renowned member of the ADR scholarly community. He will also receive a Stephen B. Goldberg ADR Scholar Award as part of the program.



"It has been conventional wisdom and general practice that the Federal Rules of Evidence (FRE) do not apply in alternative dispute resolutions," said Wang. "Yet it has also been widely recognized that the federal rules cast somewhat of a shadow over various ADR events. However, such a popular and important concept is oversimplified in theory. The jurisprudence of the shadow effect of FRE on ADR is extremely thin. My project is on how to better describe this shadow effect and how to measure its magnitude in various ADR activities."

Faculty Profile: Emmalyn Dalton

Emmalyn Dalton ('21) has joined FSU Law as a fellow and clinical professor with the Public Interest Law Center's Children's Advocacy Clinic and director of the Racial Justice Fellowship Program. Dalton mentors students in the Children's Advocacy Clinic, advocates and supervises students at all Children's Advocacy Clinic court hearings, and provides the students with case guidance. She also organizes law reform projects and facilitates student community outreach presentations. As director of the Racial Justice Fellowship Program, she collaborates with other law schools in the Florida Law Schools'



Consortium for Racial Justice and guides student fellows on local and statewide racial justice educational programs. Prior to joining FSU Law, Dalton worked as an assistant public defender with the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, representing juvenile clients. While a student at FSU Law, she participated in the Children's Advocacy Clinic and the Children in Prison Project, and she was involved in the creation of a documentary about the realities of solitary confinement for children in the adult prison system. Also while a law student, Dalton completed an internship with the FSU College of Social Work's Institute for Family Violence Studies, where she assisted in the creation of an online course for judges on intimate partner violence.

“I am thrilled to be joining the Public Interest Law Center team. My time as a student advocate with PILC was the highlight of my law school experience, as it helped me discover my passion for children's advocacy work. I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue to represent PILC's incredible clients and to guide PILC's students as they gain invaluable real-world experience.”

Alum Profile: Katherine Hupp ('22)

Katherine Hupp recently joined Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. as an associate in the West Palm Beach office. She practices in the areas of environmental and natural resources law, land use law, and Native American law. Prior to joining the firm, Hupp served as assistant general counsel at the St. Johns River Water Management District, where she provided legal advice regarding the interpretation and application of relevant law and policy to the district's permitting, water supply planning, and regulatory enforcement programs. Outside of her practice, Hupp serves as co-chair of The Florida Bar Environmental & Land Use Law Section's Social Media & Technology Committee and co-vice chair of written content for the Oceans and Coasts Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources.



“The environmental program at FSU Law provided me with opportunities to explore my passion for the areas of law I now have the good fortune to practice. As I embark on this new chapter with Lewis, Longman & Walker, I have the privilege of working with a distinguished team that is committed to producing quality work and fostering the professional development of the firm’s attorneys. I deeply value getting to work on new, exciting challenges each day alongside talented, considerate, and devoted colleagues.”

Student Profile: 3L Thomas Kelly

Desired Practice Location: Would like to be near Sarasota, but open to opportunities in any coastal Florida city

Expected Graduation: May 2024

Field of Law Sought: Business law; would like to begin his career in commercial litigation; also open to tax and bankruptcy as well as government-related opportunities which relate to business topics, such as regulatory or administrative law



Thomas "Tommy" Kelly is from Sarasota, Florida, and he earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Miami. This year, Kelly will participate in the Florida Supreme Court Fellows Program, which offers students the ability to apply acquired legal knowledge to the work of the judicial branch, and also affords the opportunity to network and learn from a multitude of state court system professionals. During the summer, Kelly served as a legal intern at the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, D.C. In this role, he performed research, drafted motions and pleadings, and received training in specialty areas such as criminal and civil tax, bankruptcy, and probate. During Kelly's 2L year, he was a member of the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Class XVIII. He rotated through the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, where he contributed to general counsel work in transactional and litigation areas. During the summer before his 2L year, Kelly worked as a judicial intern for Judge Robert Crown, of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida. There, Kelly observed various proceedings in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit and discussed proceedings privately with Judge Crown, including relevant disputes, rulings, and advocacy styles. Prior to law school, Kelly spent three years as a district manager within the ALDI Organization. He opened and remodeled six stores in addition to operating a district of five stores.

At FSU Law, Kelly is a member of the Florida State University Business Review and a student ambassador with the Office of Admissions. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Kelly after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn page](#) or email him at tfk14b@fsu.edu.

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