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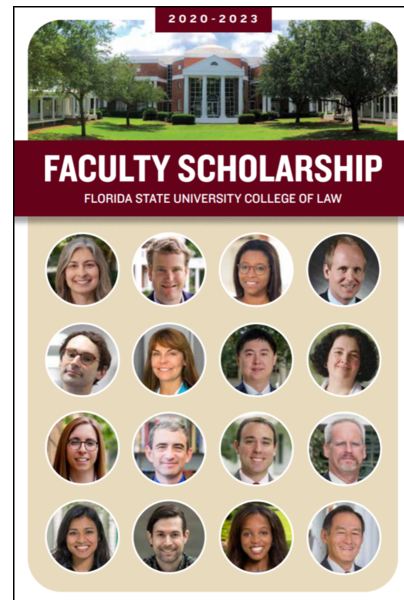
## Focus

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### From the Dean

We recently published our 2023 Faculty Scholarship Brochure, which is a compilation of the outstanding work of our prolific faculty members. The scholarly output of our faculty is impressive both in range of subject matter and quality. The brochure highlights articles published by FSU Law professors in many of the nation's top law journals, including the California Law Review, Duke Law Journal, Michigan Law Review, Notre Dame Law Review, Stanford Law Review, UC Davis Law Review, UCLA Law Review, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and Vanderbilt Law Review. You can browse the [2023 Faculty Scholarship Brochure](#) for a comprehensive list of our faculty's recent publications.



*Erin O'Connor*  
Dean Erin O'Connor

### Wellness Event Highlights Resources



*Approximately 200 students attended the 2023 Wellness Tailgate*

Last week, FSU Law's Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program held their annual Wellness Tailgate. The event focused around the nine dimensions of wellness and included opportunities to learn about wellness-related resources on campus, free flu shots for students, and food. Approximately 200 students attended the event and met with representatives from 15 legal and main campus partners, law school offices, and student organizations. We were especially excited to introduce students to Taylor Nance, FSU College of Law's part-time mental health counselor, who is joining us this semester to enhance FSU Law's wellness offerings. Nance will be at the College of Law on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, and we are glad to offer students on-campus access to a mental health professional. The law school is committed to promoting healthy living, stress management, and wellness habits that will help students during law school and beyond!

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## **Alum Profile: Terry M. Sanks ('98)**

**Terry M. Sanks** is a registered patent attorney and managing partner at Beusse Sanks in Winter Park, Florida. He has extensive experience in all areas of intellectual property (IP) law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, litigation, licensing, and other IP-related business transactions. Sanks also manages the patent portfolios and trademark portfolios for Fortune 500

companies and regional companies located around the globe. He has prepared and prosecuted patents in the U.S. and worldwide in numerous technologies, and his name is included as the patent attorney on more than 490 U.S. patents. Sanks also counsels clients on the patentability of inventions, provides patent infringement and validity opinions, and assists clients with the selection, preparation, and prosecution of trademarks. In addition to his practice, Sanks has been an adjunct professor at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University College of Law and Barry University School of Law. He also serves on the advisory committee of FSU Law's Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation and in leadership roles for many professional and community organizations.



*“Starting and growing a successful IP boutique law firm can be stressful, yet also rewarding in so many ways. For example, few can claim that from beneath the seas to outer space, they are providing IP solutions to clients. This is only possible by combining my eight years in the United States Air Force as an engineer with my invaluable FSU Law legal education. Being asked, in my 25th year of practice, to participate in FSU Law’s Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation is an experience I am enjoying, as I have been able to reconnect with former classmates and work with amazing FSU Law professors, while also getting to know and collaborate with many other outstanding FSU Law graduates.”*

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**Student Profile: 3L Melissa Gallo**

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa Bay area

**Expected Graduation:** May 2024

**Field of Law Sought:** Environmental law



Melissa Gallo is originally from Remedios, Cuba, but has lived most of her life in Naples, Florida. Gallo attended the University of Florida for her undergraduate studies, and she graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She will graduate from FSU Law this spring and will earn the Environmental Law Certificate. This fall, Gallo is externing with the Center for Biological Diversity, where her work centers around advocating for endangered species and wild places in Florida and the Caribbean. During the summer before her 3L year, Gallo externed with 1000 Friends of Florida. There, she created comprehensive reports on evolving environmental law issues, including the preparation for and response of state and local governments to natural emergencies, sprawl and smart growth in Florida, and innovative charter amendments designed to combat environmental problems. She also conducted extensive Florida administrative law research. During the spring of her 2L year, Gallo was an extern with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, where she analyzed environmental law issues and drafted memoranda explaining her findings. She also drafted legal documents, which included an authority to sue, a motion for default, interrogatories, a request for production, and a notice of violation. Additionally, she observed Florida Division of Administrative Hearings proceedings, including depositions and hearings.

At FSU Law, Gallo is president of the Environmental Law Society. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Gallo after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at [mg20gg@fsu.edu](mailto:mg20gg@fsu.edu).

*“I am very passionate about environmental law.  
Whenever I lack knowledge in an area, I work hard to  
learn as much as possible about that area.”*

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