Our current students represent 29 U.S. states and territories, 23 countries and 151 colleges and universities.
According to The National Law Journal, Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida and #43 nationally in terms of the percentage of 2016 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term jobs that require bar passage and were not funded by the school.

Florida State’s graduates continue to excel on the Florida Bar Examination. Our combined bar passage rate for the two most recent administrations of the exam was approximately 76.3%. By contrast, the combined overall passing rate for first-time test takers was 65.7%.

The 2017 entering class had a median LSAT of 159 and a median GPA of 3.61.

Our location in a major state capital provides students many opportunities to gain valuable, real-world work experience while in law school. Tallahassee offers a wide variety of clerking and internship opportunities in its more than 500 law firms, numerous state and federal courts, and the legislative and executive branches of government.
Marianna Seiler (’17), a University of Notre Dame undergrad, earned the business law certificate and participated in Florida State’s 1L judicial externship program during the summer of 2015.

Florida State’s alumni network is truly superb, evidenced by our outstanding job placement, extensive mentoring and alumni contribution rates. Hundreds of alumni visit campus each year to meet with our students. Many additional alumni network via video conference.
“THE STUDENT BODY AT FSU LAW IS LIKE NO OTHER. I realized the level of collaborative effort when I was in a car accident my 1L year and had people I had never talked to offering me notes, outlines and well wishes. Additionally, I took comfort knowing I could go to any faculty member for help with a question or a piece of material and know their doors were, quite literally, always open.”

Lauryn Collier (’17), a Charlotte, North Carolina native, was on the student team that won first place in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition at the Southern Region Black Law Students Association Regional Convention in 2015.
Our location in Tallahassee and just steps from the Florida Capitol building is ideal for studying law and obtaining sophisticated, hands-on legal experience while you are a student. Tallahassee is home to hundreds of law firms, state and federal courts, numerous state agencies, the Governor’s Office and the Florida Legislature, and most are within a short walk of the law school.
DEAN’S MESSAGE

MANY FACTORS SHOULD INFLUENCE YOUR CHOICE TO JOIN A LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

I joined this dynamic Florida State University College of Law family for many reasons that I think will resonate with you – a primary reason being the collegial, welcoming environment. At FSU, you will be part of a collaborative community, where students and professors engage deeply both inside and outside of the classroom on a vast array of legal topics. Moreover, our students form life-long bonds, as they endeavor to study together, support one another and celebrate each other’s successes.

Most law schools advertise that they provide a rich and rewarding student experience, so how should you discern which schools are truly exceptional? My advice is that you should look at the breadth and depth of alumni connection to the school. Given that money and time are both scarce resources, you will want to know whether the alumni of a school disappear after graduation or choose to give back to the institution. Florida State alumni have one of the highest giving rates in the country, and are among the top three for state universities. Because students enjoy their time at Florida State and they appreciate the support they receive from the faculty and the administration, they stay connected after they graduate. Our 9,000-plus alumni are successful in the worlds of law, business and government, and they are eager to help students. You will have access to alums who visit campus regularly, teach courses and guest lecture, and mentor students who seek to launch their legal careers in Florida and elsewhere. Florida State boasts an alumni mentoring network of almost 1,000 lawyers around the world.

Another strength of Florida State is our status as Florida’s capital law school. Tallahassee, the capital of the third largest U.S. state, is home to 500-plus law firms, state and federal courts, numerous state agencies, the Governor’s Office and the Florida Legislature, and most are within a short walk of the law school campus. You will have many unique opportunities to gain classroom knowledge and work experience in areas of the law that interest you while strengthening your credentials for long-term employment.

You will also have access to the fabulous professionals in our Career Services and Professional Development Center who are dedicated to helping students find desired jobs. They work with faculty, administrators, alumni and other mentors to help students best position themselves for the legal careers they wish to pursue. Because helping students advance their careers is a community-wide effort, Florida State is consistently rated one of the nation’s best in terms of job placement. Everyone here will be committed to helping you launch your career.

Please come for a visit to learn more about what Florida State has to offer you, including our award-winning advocacy teams, certificate programs, extensive externship and clinical offerings, journals, and other student professional organizations. Talk to our students and our world-renowned professors. I look forward to seeing you on campus and hope you will join our vibrant FSU Law community.

Thank you,

Erin O’Connor
Dean and McKenzie Professor

“FOR ME, ONE OF THE MAIN DRAWS TO FLORIDA STATE WAS THE COMMUNITY. This is a school that is highly ambitious, yet also extremely collegial. You don’t find that mix often and that makes FSU very special. Everyone here has high aspirations, but we all collaborate to the benefit of others and not just ourselves.”

Dean Erin O’Connor is a noted scholar in several areas, including conflict of laws, arbitration and the law market. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University.
OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

FLORIDA STATE-EDUCATED LAWYERS CAN BE FOUND IN ALMOST EVERY U.S. STATE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

Our 9,000-plus alumni are extraordinarily supportive of our school and students. One measure of the level of graduate engagement is a law school’s alumni giving rate – ours is among the top 10 best in the nation. Alumni who are financially supportive tend to also provide support in other ways.

Our alumni provide a vital network to help our students find employment. They are generous with their time and donate countless hours to helping students perfect their job search skills and learn about practicing law. Alumni in private firms, the judiciary, government service and nontraditional legal careers regularly visit campus to talk with students about their specific fields of practice, answer students’ questions and conduct mock interviews. They also host networking meetings with students in their cities. Our alumni also provide students clerking and full-time employment opportunities. In addition to visiting campus to interview students, alumni interview students via video conference.

Our engaged and helpful alumni are the principal reason why Florida State law graduates have success in the legal job market. Several of our distinguished alumni are pictured to the right.

MELANIE GRIFFIN (‘06)

is a shareholder in the Tampa and Orlando offices of Dean Mead. She served as president of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division for 2013-14 and regularly returns to campus to meet with students. She also mentors Florida State law students and recent graduates.

ALUMNI GIVING RATE AMONG THE NATION’S TOP 10
SENATOR MEL R. MARTINEZ (’73)
is a former U.S. Senator from Florida. He currently is chairman of the Southeast and Latin America for JPMorgan, Chase & Co. He has visited campus on numerous occasions and has served as president of our Alumni Association.

THE HONORABLE MARY S. SCRIVEN (’87)
is a federal judge for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She hired 2010, 2011 and 2014 graduates as law clerks.

BEN ODOM (’04)
is associate general counsel and director of compliance at International Speedway Corporation. He established an externship at ISC and annually supervises Florida State law students in the program.

JOHN W. FROST, II (’69)
is the founding partner of Frost Van den Boom, P.A. He was the first Florida State law graduate to serve as president of The Florida Bar. He was the featured speaker during our 2013 commencement ceremony and the first donor to name a courtroom.

ALBERTO DOMINGUEZ (’97)
is a senior VP, general merchandise manager at Walmart in Arkansas. He has returned to Tallahassee to meet with Florida State law students and established an externship placement at Walmart for students.

MARKENZY LAPointe (’99)
is a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in Miami, where he specializes in commercial and federal criminal litigation and high-risk product liability. He is a past president of our Alumni Association.

JUSTICE RICKY POLSTON (’87)
was the 55th Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. He is still a justice and regularly teaches courses at the law school and participates in other law school activities.

LAUREN V. PURDY (’11)
is an associate at Gunster in Jacksonville. She visits campus to meet with students, has hosted many networking events in her city for students and alumni, and serves on our alumni board.

MATTHEW W. REARDEN (’01)
is senior business development officer at SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment in Orlando. He is an emeritus member of our alumni board and has visited campus to meet with students.

SHANNON DEPUY BREAM (’96)
is Fox News’ U.S. Supreme Court reporter, as well as the anchor of America’s News Headquarters. Prior to her career in television, she practiced corporate law in Tampa.

ROGER F. ROZANSKI (’15)
is an associate with Foley & Lardner LLP in Chicago. A former FSU Law student ambassador, he assists the admissions office with recruiting and shared his interviewing expertise with students during our 2017 Professional Development Course.

BENJAMIN L. CRUMP (’95)
is a partner at Ben Crump Law, with offices in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Tallahassee. Because Crump has handled many high-profile cases, he has appeared on numerous national news programs. He often visits with students at the law school and served on our Board of Visitors.
Working with the Career Services Center through their events, especially the Mach Speed Mock Interviews, really gave me the confidence to pursue a summer internship abroad. I secured an internship at the International Bar Association in London working for the executive director, an FSU College of Law alum, and loved every minute of it. I was even able to build my network of contacts in London through other FSU alumni. It’s great to see Seminoles all over the world!”

“I truly believe FSU Law provides you with two of the most important things for a successful career in the field of law: substantive courses and a network of alumni eager to assist in your development. Through networking with alumni I was able to gain practical experience as a judicial extern at the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami, Florida, and as a summer associate at White & Case, an international law firm. The business courses I took prior to starting at White & Case gave me a strong framework of fundamental concepts that enabled me to work on assignments involving multi-million dollar transactions with some of the largest corporations in the world.”

After her summer job at White & Case, Alejandra Berlioz (’15) received an offer of employment to work at the international law firm.

Margaret Spicer (’14) interned at the International Bar Association during the summer of 2013. She is now an international trade litigation attorney in Washington, D.C.
Alumni Who Met with Students Through Networking Lunches During the 2016-17 Academic Year:

- Matthew D. Bordelon ('95), Navy Litigation Office, Washington, D.C.
- Jason Burnett ('88), GrayRobinson, Jacksonville
- Jeremy Cloud ('08), InTown Suites, Atlanta
- Sean T. Desmond ('00), Law Office of Sean T. Desmond and The Florida Bar Solo and Small Firm Section, Tallahassee
- Sandra Brown Dublas ('94), David Carrie LLC, New York City
- Michael Gray ('02), U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Jacksonville
- William Hale, Jr. ('93), Georgia Pacific, Atlanta
- Nathan Hill ('11), Offices of the United States Attorneys, Orlando
- Anthony Miller ('00), Florida Lottery, Tallahassee
- Bruce Platt ('93), Akerman, Tallahassee
- Lauren V. Purdy ('11), Gunster, Jacksonville
- The Honorable Thomas Ramsberger ('87), Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, St. Petersburg
- Tom Range ('02), Akerman, Tallahassee
- Tiffany Roddenberry ('11), Holland & Knight, Tallahassee
- Colin Roopnarine ('95), Berger Singerman LLP, Tallahassee
- Lauren Ryan ('13), Deutsche Bank AG, Jacksonville
- Floyd Self ('86), Berger Singerman, Tallahassee
- Tshneka Tate ('98), NASCAR Media Group, NASCAR Productions and NASCAR Digital Media, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Joshua Toman ('01), United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina
- The Honorable Suzanne Van Wyk ('94), Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, Tallahassee
- Kyle Wallace ('12), Deutsche Bank AG, Jacksonville

G.C. Murray ('12) serves as special counsel for the Florida Justice Association in Tallahassee. He serves on our alumni board and has been active in helping recruit top students to FSU Law.

Alexandra H. Palermo ('12) is an associate at Burr & Forman LLP in Tampa. A former FSU SBA president, she remains engaged with the law school and serves as an elected governor on The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors.

Mark S. Ellis ('84) is executive director of the International Bar Association. Although he is based in London, he is an active member of our alumni board and a frequent visitor to campus. Ellis annually supervises Florida State externs in London.

Joshua E. Doyle ('06) will begin serving as executive director of The Florida Bar, one of the largest bars in the country, at the beginning of 2018. He is an emeritus member of the FSU Law alumni board.

Network of Almost 1,000 Alumni Mentors Around the World
“FSU LAW STUDENTS ARE AFFORDED VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES due to the law school’s unique collaboration with state government institutions. During my 3L spring semester, I was an extern at the Florida Supreme Court, where I received school credit for my time and was mentored by staff attorneys in my chambers. Not only was my externship an amazing experience, but it also prepared me for my post-graduation position at the court as a staff attorney for Justice Pariente, which I would not have secured without the help of FSU Law faculty.”

Melanie Kalmanson ('16), a Florida State University undergrad, is a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente.
HANDS-ON LEGAL EXPERIENCE

OUR STUDENTS HAVE MANY opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom in the real world. Florida State’s clinical programs and location in Tallahassee provide students a plethora of options to gain the legal experience that employers desire. Few other law schools in the nation can compete in terms of location. No other law school in Florida can provide the unique legal opportunities that accompany being located in the state capital.

Our law school is within walking distance of the Capitol building, the Florida Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and many government agencies. Students have a wide variety of externships, internships, clerkships, live-client clinics and co-curricular opportunities from which to choose. Our students are not limited to work opportunities in just Tallahassee, though. Many of our more than 100 externship placements are located throughout Florida and beyond. Students often utilize the law school’s strong alumni network to obtain work experience and career advice.

Whether students gain experience through part-time employment, clinical programs or co-curricular organizations, the many opportunities at the law school and in Tallahassee are a tremendous advantage. During the summer, many students also work in major cities throughout Florida and the nation. Especially for those students, the College of Law offers online courses so students can still earn academic credit while working. Students gain the experience that helps them obtain permanent employment upon graduation and, in many cases, minimize the expansion of debt.

WAYS STUDENTS GET EXPERIENCE:

EXTERNSHIP: placement in an off-campus law office or court in which a student earns academic credit by working under the supervision of a practicing lawyer or judge.

LIVE-CLIENT CLINIC: placement in the law school’s Public Interest Law Center or Business Law Clinic, in which a student earns academic credit by aiding in the representation of live clients under the supervision of a practicing clinical professor.

INTERNSHIP: placement in a law office for which a student does not receive academic credit. Internships can be paid or unpaid and in either the public sector or the private sector. Some internships are also referred to as “clerkships” or “fellowships.”

PRO-BONO WORK: placement under the supervision of a lawyer that is specifically approved as public service that is credited toward a student’s mandatory pro-bono program.

CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS: emphasize written or oral expression, often for academic credit. Opportunities include: Florida State University Law Review, Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law, Journal of Transnational Law & Policy, Trial Team and Moot Court Team.
EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN FLORIDA AND ELSEWHERE

THE LAW SCHOOL OFFERS ONE

of the most extensive clinical externship programs in the United States. Students earn academic credit while working under the supervision of practicing attorneys. Our program, which has been referred to as a model for the nation, places students in more than 100 offices throughout Florida and elsewhere – far more placement options than many law schools. While many are in Tallahassee – so students can take classes and work simultaneously – we also have placements in cities including Washington, D.C., Miami, New York City, Atlanta, London and Seattle. We have a special judicial externship program for first-year students and we also have several opportunities for students to work in the legal departments of large corporations.

Many of our externships involve the practice of law, which requires students to be certified by the Florida Supreme Court. This certification is beneficial during and after law school. Because our programs provide more academic credit than those at most other law schools, students are more engaged in actual law practice and gain more valuable experience that will benefit them upon graduation.

Available Externship Placements

APPELLATE PRACTICE
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Criminal Appeals
- Florida Public Defender’s Office - Criminal Appeals
- Florida Solicitor General’s Office - Civil Appeals

CIVIL – BUSINESS

BUSINESS REGULATION
- Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Administrative Law
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Antitrust
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Consumer Protection
  (Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa, West Palm Beach)
- Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- Florida Department of Health
- Florida Public Service Commission
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (Atlanta, Miami)
- U.S. Trustee, Department of Justice

CORPORATE COUNSEL
- G4S (Jupiter)
- Harris Corporation (Melbourne)
- HD Supply (Atlanta, Orlando)
- International Speedway Corporation (Daytona Beach)
- Jabil Circuit, Inc. (St. Petersburg)
- NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
- Office Depot (Boca Raton)
- Paul Davis Restoration (Jacksonville)
- SBA Communications Corporation (Boca Raton)
- Southeast Toyota, LLC (Deerfield Beach)
- United Technologies Corporation – Climate, Controls & Security (Jupiter)

COURTS
- Circuit Court/Complex Business Litigation Court (Miami, Orlando, Tampa)
- Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- Florida First District Court of Appeal - Workers’ Compensation Unit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Tallahassee, Tampa, Other locations)
- U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING
- Florida Department of Management Services
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Housing Finance Corporation

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL—SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESS
- Domi Station
- UberOps

TAX
- Florida Department of Revenue – Technical Assistance and Dispute Resolution
- Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service

Available Externship Placements continued on page 14
“THROUGH EXTERNING WITH INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION IN THAILAND, I gained firsthand experience in human rights, criminal and immigration law. I am grateful to have had this rich opportunity while earning academic credit through FSU College of Law.”
Available Externship Placements (continued)

CIVIL - ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE
- City of Tampa - Environmental and Land Use
- Earthjustice
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Division of Administrative Hearings - Environmental
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Florida Governor’s Office of Budget and Policy - Environmental Unit
- Florida Public Service Commission
- Hillsborough Environmental Protection Commission
- NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
- U.S. Department of Justice - Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section (Washington, D.C., Seattle)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Environmental Accountability (Atlanta)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Regional Counsel

CIVIL - GENERAL GOVERNMENT
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Corrections Litigation
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - State Programs
- U.S. Senate (Washington, D.C.)

CIVIL - LABOR/EMPLOYMENT
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Employment
- Florida Commission on Human Relations
- Florida Department of Corrections - Employment Litigation Section
- Florida Public Employees Relations Commission
- U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Miami, New York)

CIVIL - LEGAL SERVICES/OTHER PUBLIC INTEREST
- Bay Area Legal Services
- Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida - Central Florida
- Disability Rights Florida
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. (Miami)
- Florida Rural Legal Services (Ft. Myers)
- Guardian Ad Litem (Orlando, Tallahassee, West Palm Beach)
- Gulf Coast Legal Services (St. Petersburg)
- Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (Jacksonville)
- Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association (Orlando)
- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (West Palm Beach)
- Legal Services of Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale)
- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (Miami)
- Legal Services of North Florida (Panama City, Pensacola, Quincy, Tallahassee)
- Legal Services of North Florida - Foreclosure Defense
- Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
- North Florida Center for Equal Justice

CIVIL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- Brevard County Attorney’s Office
- City of Jacksonville Office of the General Counsel Municipal Law Clinic
- City of Miami Attorney’s Office
- City of Orlando Attorney’s Office
- City of Tallahassee Attorney’s Office
- City of West Palm Beach Attorney’s Office
- Leon County Attorney’s Office
- Pinellas County Attorney’s Office

CRIMINAL
- Innocence Project of Florida
- Florida Public Defender/State Attorney Offices (throughout Florida)
- Florida Regional Conflict Counsel
- U.S. Attorney’s Office

JUDICIAL CLERK
- 1L Judicial Externships (Nationwide locations)
- Circuit/County Court
- Circuit Court/Complex Business Litigation Court (Orlando, Miami, Tampa)
- Florida District Courts of Appeal (Tallahassee, Other locations)
- Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- Florida Public Employees Relations Commission
- Florida Supreme Court
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)
- U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)
- U.S. Immigration Court (Orlando, Miami, Other locations)

INTERNATIONAL
- Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. (Miami)
- Human Rights First (New York City)
- International Bar Association (London)
- International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- International Justice Mission (Chiang Mai)
- U.S. Immigration Court (Orlando, Miami, Other locations)

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The law school’s Advocacy Center is invaluable to students preparing for externships and co-curricular advocacy competitions. The building has five courtrooms – four with jury boxes – of different sizes and configurations. It is the nation’s finest facility for trial and appellate advocacy training. Students utilize the John W. Frost, II Courtroom to prepare for appellate practice.
“BEING A PART OF THE JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM was the best decision I could have made for the summer following my 1L year. I formed invaluable relationships with my judge, other district court judges, law clerks and fellow interns. This federal judicial externship provided networking and out-of-the-classroom legal experience, which will play a significant role in my future employment opportunities.”

Rachel Eilers (’19), an Auburn University undergrad, externed with the Honorable Anthony Porcelli, of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, during the summer of 2017 as part of FSU Law’s 1L Judicial Externship Program.

“I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR FSU LAW’S CAREER SERVICES OFFICE and the resources they provide to students. Through their On-Campus Interview Program, I was able to obtain a summer associate position at Hill Ward Henderson, a full-service law firm in Tampa. The practical experience I gained encompassed different practice areas including commercial litigation, corporate transactions and employment law.”

Melina Garcia (’18), who attended the University of Florida for undergrad, worked at Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa during the summer after her 2L year.
“MY EXTERNSHIP WITH NEXTERA allowed me to gain a tremendous amount of legal experience. Through this opportunity I was able to strengthen my legal researching skills, prepare memoranda, observe civil litigation proceedings and interact with lawyers from around the country.”

Valerie Little (’15), who attended University of Florida for undergrad, externed at NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company during the summer of 2014. Little also completed an externship at the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings during her 3L year.
“ONE OF THE REASONS I CHOSE TO ATTEND FSU LAW was the opportunity to get involved with the Public Interest Law Center. I’ve always had an interest in juvenile justice so when I learned about Professor Annino’s Children’s Advocacy Clinic, I knew I wanted to take advantage of such a unique and rewarding opportunity. Working with the clinic allowed me to get hands-on, practical experience working with children, from basic case management like client interviews and court appearances all the way to filing motions and writing appellate briefs. Learning from Professor Annino has been one of my greatest and most valuable law school experiences!”

Catie Deherty (’18), who attended Florida State University for undergrad, participated in the Public Interest Law Center during her 2L year and externed at the State Attorney’s Office in Jacksonville during the summer of 2017.
“THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC was one of the best classes I’ve taken in law school. We received hands-on, practical law experience that prepared me for my summer associate position at a big law firm. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in transactional law.”

Matthew Stock (’16), who attended Truman State for undergrad, worked at Burr Forman in Orlando during the summer of 2015 and is now an associate at Zuckerman Law in Washington, D.C.

THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC: “IN-HOUSE” TRANSACTIONAL LAWYERING

Students in the Business Law Clinic learn transactional skills and earn academic credit by helping advise business and social entrepreneurs within the Florida State University community. The clinic teaches students basic bargaining, drafting, risk-assessment, and legal ethics skills necessary to be an effective and creative transactional lawyer. Students conduct a broad range of legal services and participate in other forms of experiential learning, such as role playing, simulations, and the keeping of transactional journals. Students help with client intake, identifying legal and business issues, and developing bargaining strategies. They also assist in choosing the appropriate type of entity and drafting organizational documents, shareholder contracts, and licensing agreements. The clinic is part of the College of Law’s comprehensive program in business law, which includes a curriculum with broad offerings in business law, tax, law and economics, and finance, as well as the Business Law Certificate and Business Externship programs. Florida State students are able to combine traditional classroom learning with hands-on, real-world experience.
“THROUGH MY WORK AT THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER, I was able to make a real difference in the lives of an amazing family who desperately needed legal help but probably wouldn’t have received it if not for the Center. Through one of the Center’s clinics, I was essentially practicing law during my second year of law school. Working at PILC was very gratifying, but more than anything else, it was an amazing learning experience. It showed me what it means to be a lawyer and it is an experience I will not easily forget.”

Oaj Gilani (’12), assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Health
Founded in 1991, the Public Interest Law Center trains second- and third-year law students in legal advocacy, with an emphasis on mentoring, small group discussions and role playing. Students are certified by the Florida Supreme Court to practice under the supervision of attorneys. They interview clients, conduct discovery, draft pleadings and represent clients in a variety of legal forums.

Through its three live-client clinics – the Children’s Advocacy Clinic, the Family Law Clinic and the Veterans Legal Clinic – the Public Interest Law Center provides students with practical skills training and management skills that they will continue to use as practicing attorneys. Students also gain a sense of professional responsibility and invaluable work experience.

Florida State’s program is unique among law school clinical programs because of the wide variety of legal services provided. While other law school clinics specialize in one or two types of cases, the Public Interest Law Center handles everything from foster care cases to juvenile delinquency cases to dissolution of marriage cases.

The Center’s work on children in prison has been cited by the United States Supreme Court and featured by national and international media outlets.
### Comprehensive Course List

**First-Year Courses**
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Writing and Research I
- Legal Writing and Research II
- Legislation & Regulation
- Property
- Torts

**Second- and Third-Year Courses**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE LAW & GOVERNMENT
- Administrative Law
- Administrative Law Research
- Appellate Practice: The Florida Solicitor General's Perspective
- Education Law
- Federal Courts
- Florida Administrative Litigation
- Florida Administrative Practice
- Florida Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Florida Appellate Practice
- Florida Legislative Practice: From Bill Drafting to the Governor's Desk
- Gambling and Pari-Mutuel Law
- Local Government Law
- Topics in Florida Practice
- U.S. Space Law

#### CORPORATE/BUSINESS LAW
- Advanced Corporate Governance
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Anatomy of a Deal
- Antitrust Law
- Bankruptcy
- Behavioral Law and Economics
- Business Law Clinic
- Business Law Legal Research
- Business Planning
- Closely Held Business Organizations
- Commercial Paper
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions
- Communications Law
- Condominium and Community Housing Law
- Consumer Law
- Contract Drafting
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
- Corporations
- Corporations & The Constitution
- Dodd-Frank Act Seminar
- E-Discovery and Digital Evidence
- Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- Employment Law Survey
- Energy Law and Policy
- Entertainment Law
- Financial Regulation Seminar
- Financial Statements Interpretation
- Game Theory for Business Lawyers Seminar
- In-House Counsel
- Insurance Law
- Insurance Law & Economics: Theory & Applications
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- International Business Transactions
- International Sales & Arbitration
- International Trade and Investment Law
- International Trade Transactions
- Introduction to Business and Finance
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Land Transfer
- Land Use Regulation
- Law and Economics
- Law and Economics Seminar
- Law and Entrepreneurship
- Law and Risk Management
- Mergers and Acquisitions Negotiation
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Oil and Gas Law
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Finance
- Risk, Public Policy and Law
- Sales and Leases
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports and the Law
- Statistical Inference in Law
- Topics in Real Property and Contracts
- Topics in Torts, Commercial Paper & Secured Transactions
- Transactional Drafting
- White Collar Crime
- Workers' Compensation

#### CIVIL RIGHTS LAW
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Disability Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Human Trafficking
- Race and the Law
- Sexuality and the Law

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
- Constitutional Law II
- Corporations & The Constitution
- Election Law
- First Amendment
- Florida Constitutional Law
- Florida Courts and the Constitution
- Race and the Law
- Reform and Revision of the Florida Constitution
- Seminar on Constitution Revision
- Sexuality and the Law
- State Constitutional Law
- Supreme Court Role-Play

#### CRIMINAL LAW
- Advanced Criminal Law
- Asylum and Refugee Law
- Capital Punishment Seminar
- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- Controlled Substances: Law, Policy & Enforcement
- Counterterrorism Law: National, State, and Local Perspectives
- Criminal Litigation Skills
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure: Police
- Cybersecurity Law
- Environmental Crimes
- Evidence in Criminal Litigation
- Federal Crimes
- Federal Criminal Law
- Florida Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial
- Florida Criminal Procedure: Trial
- Human Trafficking
- International Criminal Law
- International Criminal Tribunals
- Juvenile Law: Florida Practice
- Nonpunitive Detention
- Postconviction Remedies

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
- Administrative Law
- Administrative Law Research
- Clean Air Act
- Climate Change
- Condominium and Community Housing Law
- Current Issues in Environmental Law and Policy
- Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Crimes
- Environmental Federalism
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Legal Research
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Law and Policy of Drilling and Fracturing for Fossil Fuels
- Local Government Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Natural Resources Law Seminar
- Ocean and Coastal Law
- Oil and Gas Law
- Practical Skills in Land Use
- Water Law

#### FAMILY LAW
- Children's Advocacy Clinic
- Disability Law
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning Workshop
- Family Law
- Family Law Clinic
- Florida Dissolution of Marriage
- Gratuitous Transfers
- Juvenile Law: Florida Practice

#### HEALTH LAW
- Disability Law
- Elder Law
- Food Law
- Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- Health Law and Policy
- Health Reform Seminar
- Medical Malpractice
- Public Health Law
I really enjoy my work in the area of insurance regulatory law. I speak around the world on the topic, so co-teaching a class on insurance regulation makes sense. As part of the class, we bring in guest speakers. It is especially gratifying to be able to introduce my students to leaders in their respective fields.”

Fred Karlinsky ('92), a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, P.A. and member of our Board of Visitors, is one of many alumni who serve as adjunct professors for the law school.
“INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY CORPORATION not only taught me how to be a successful corporate lawyer, but the company also allowed me to network with some of the biggest contacts in motorsports! My life-long dream of working in-house in the sporting industry was realized during my time with ISC and I cannot wait to see what doors this experience opens in my future as a legal professional.”

Kelsey Pincket ('17), who attended University of South Carolina for undergrad, spent the summer of 2015 in Daytona externing at International Speedway Corporation.
WE HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG BUSINESS AND TAX PROGRAM at Florida State University College of Law. We offer our students an extremely sophisticated program to prepare them to enter the worlds of business and finance at the highest possible levels. We offer a full range of doctrinal business courses and additional courses in financial accounting, law and economics, game theory for business lawyers, and statistics for lawyers. We also offer a Business Law Certificate that allows students to strengthen their degree. Students apply what they learn in the classroom and increase their credentials through numerous business-related externships and our Business Law Clinic.

Core Business and Tax Law Faculty

Frederick M. Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar
LL.M., University of California at Berkeley
J.D., Yale University

Shawn J. Bayern, Larry and Joyce Beltz Professor of Torts
Closely Held Business Organizations, Contracts, Torts
J.D., University of California, Berkeley

Richard M. Benham, Entrepreneur in Residence
Business Law Clinic, Contract Drafting, Law & Entrepreneurship
J.D., Florida State University

Steve R. Johnson, Dunbar Family Professor
Administrative Law, Business Planning, International Taxation, Tax Crimes, Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities
J.D., New York University

Jeffrey H. Kahn, Harry W. Wallborsky Professor
Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities, Torts
J.D., University of Michigan

Jay Kesten, Associate Professor
Advanced Corporate Governance, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Corporations
LL.M., Harvard University
LL.B., University of British Columbia

Tahirih V. Lee, Associate Professor
International Business Transactions, International Trade Simulation
Ph.D., History, Yale University
J.D., Yale University
Lauren Scholz, Assistant Professor
Contracts, Consumer Privacy and Data Security Seminar, Sales & Leases
J.D., Harvard University

Justin T. Sevier, Assistant Professor
Behavioral Law and Economics, Closely Held Business Organizations, Evidence
Ph.D., Psychology, Yale University, expected 2017
J.D., Harvard University

Manuel A. Utset, Jr.,
William & Catherine VanDercreek Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Corporations, Dodd-Frank Act, Game Theory for Business Lawyers, Law and Economics, Securities Regulation
J.D., University of Michigan

Donald J. Weidner, Dean Emeritus and Alumni Centennial Professor
Liability Among Associated Business Entities, Property, Real Estate Finance
J.D., University of Texas at Austin

Kelli Alces Williams, Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Professor
Advanced Corporate Governance, Bankruptcy, Corporations, Property, Securities Regulation
J.D., University of Illinois

Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys’ Title Professor
J.D., Yale University

For more information about our Business and Tax Law professors, visit law.fsu.edu/business-law-faculty.
Business Externship Opportunities

BUSINESS REGULATION
- Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Administrative Law
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Antitrust
- Florida Attorney General’s Office - Consumer Protection
  (Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa, West Palm Beach)
- Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- Florida Department of Health
- Florida Public Service Commission
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (Atlanta, Miami)
- U.S. Trustee, Department of Justice

CORPORATE COUNSEL
- G4S (Jupiter)
- Harris Corporation (Melbourne)
- HD Supply (Atlanta, Orlando)
- International Speedway Corporation (Daytona Beach)
- Jabil Circuit, Inc. (St. Petersburg)
- NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
- Office Depot (Boca Raton)
- Paul Davis Restoration (Jacksonville)
- SBA Communications Corporation (Boca Raton)
- Southeast Toyota, LLC (Deerfield Beach)
- United Technologies Corporation – Climate, Controls & Security (Jupiter)

COURTS
- Circuit Court/Complex Business Litigation Court (Miami, Orlando, Tampa)
- Florida Division of Administrative Hearings
- Florida First District Court of Appeal - Workers’ Compensation Unit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Tallahassee, Tampa, Other locations)
- U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING
- Florida Department of Management Services
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Housing Finance Corporation

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL—SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESS
- Domi Station
- UberOps

TAX
- Florida Department of Revenue – Technical Assistance and Dispute Resolution
- Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service

Business Activities
- Business Law Society
- Business Review
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- Real Estate Law Society

Degree Programs for J.D. Students

The Business Law Certificate program allows students planning a career in business law and finance to receive specialized training in a set of core areas: publicly traded corporations, closely-held business entities, corporate finance, law and economics, and taxation. The program carries additional requirements beyond those for the J.D. degree and signals to potential employers that a graduate has advanced training in these core areas. Additionally, J.D. students who are accepted to the graduate programs at Florida State University’s College of Business or Economics Department can pursue, respectively, joint degrees in law and business (J.D.-M.B.A.) or in law and economics (J.D.-M.S.).

LL.M. in Business Law

The LL.M. in Business Law is open to students with a J.D. degree and to foreign lawyers. It is designed to provide advanced business law and finance training to lawyers in areas of growing demand, such as regulatory compliance, in-house counsel, transactional law, complex business litigation and financial regulation. Students are matched with program faculty members who mentor them and help them tailor their course of study, based on students’ interests, educational backgrounds and professional needs.
BUSINESS FACULTY MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY PRACTICED AT TOP FIRMS IN NEW YORK CITY, CHICAGO AND BOSTON, CLERKED FOR FEDERAL JUDGES, AND WERE HIGH-LEVEL ATTORNEYS FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
“MUCH OF MY SUCCESS IS OWED TO THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COURSEWORK I UNDERTOOK AT THE FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE OF LAW.”

John G. Maus, Jr. (‘03),
Senior Vice President at
U.S. Trust in New York City

“My business education at FSU stretched far beyond the classroom. Practical courses, such as Anatomy of a Deal, have prepared me with invaluable skills and training that I used every day as an M&A and Global Integration Legal Intern for Schneider Electric. FSU’s business courses laid a strong foundation for my future and I look forward to utilizing all that I learned as I pursue a career in corporate transactional law.”

Trevor Ruff (‘15), who is legal counsel at Schneider Electric in Rhode Island, worked for the company while he was a law student. He obtained the position after taking a class taught by the Fortune 500 company’s vice president & lead counsel for global M&A, post-merger integration and corporate governance.
“MY EXTERNSHIP WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY’S OFFICE provided me with unique opportunities and allowed me to work with some of the most experienced trial and criminal law attorneys. My externship left me with a better understanding of federal practice, the role of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in prosecuting federal offenses, and the partnership between the U.S. Attorney’s Office with other government entities.”

Luis Then (’16), who attended University of South Florida for undergrad, externed at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Tampa during the summer of 2015. He is now a captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps.

“FLORIDA STATE OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES for both academic and real world experience in the field of criminal law. Students are able to select from a variety of courses, participate in externships for course credit, compete with the trial or moot court teams in criminal-based competitions, meet local criminal attorneys in a mentor-mentee program, and work with professors as research assistants. The opportunities for students allow us to enter the criminal field well prepared and experienced.”

MaryCatherine Crock (’16) is an assistant public defender at the Office of the Public Defender, Seventh Judicial Circuit.
CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS OF INTEREST >

CRIMINAL LAW

FLORIDA STATE’S STRONG CRIMINAL LAW PROGRAM offers a wide range of courses to prepare students for a career in the field. Our faculty members are nationally or internationally recognized scholars with deep expertise in the area. Our students can obtain hands-on experience through our Public Interest Law Center and an extensive array of clinical externship opportunities. Students are placed in externships throughout the state, including with state and local public defender and prosecutor offices, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Innocence Project of Florida. Students can also assist in the work of the university’s Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, with which the College of Law has a close relationship.

Core Criminal Law Faculty

Paolo Annino,
Glass Professor of Public Interest Law
Children’s Advocacy Clinic
Ph.D., Legal Philosophy, Fordham University
J.D., Florida State University

Avlana K. Eisenberg,
Assistant Professor
Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Prison Law Reform Seminar
J.D., Stanford University

Steve R. Johnson,
Dunbar Family Professor
Tax Crimes
J.D., New York University

Lawrence S. Krieger,
Clinical Professor and Co-Director of Clinical Externship Programs
Criminal Practice Clinic
J.D., University of Florida

Wayne A. Logan,
Gary & Sallyn Pajic Professor
Capital Punishment Seminar; Controlled Substances: Law, Policy & Enforcement, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Police
J.D., University of Wisconsin

Samuel R. Wiseman,
McConnaughhay & Rissman Professor
Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Police, Environmental Crimes
J.D., Yale University

For more information about our Criminal Law faculty, visit law.fsu.edu/criminal-law-faculty.
Criminal Law Courses and Seminars

- Advanced Criminal Law
- Asylum and Refugee Law
- Capital Punishment Seminar
- Controlled Substances: Law, Policy & Enforcement
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure: Police
- Cybersecurity Law
- Environmental Crimes
- Evidence in Criminal Litigation
- Federal Criminal Law
- Florida Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial
- Florida Criminal Procedure: Trial
- Human Trafficking
- International Criminal Law
- International Criminal Tribunals
- International Human Rights Law
- Jury Selection
- Juvenile Law: Florida Practice
- Nonpunitive Detention
- Postconviction Remedies
- Sentencing Law
- Tax Crimes
- White Collar Crime

Criminal Law Externship Opportunities

- Innocence Project of Florida
- Florida Public Defender/State Attorney Offices (throughout Florida)
- Florida Regional Conflict Counsel
- U.S. Attorney’s Office

Criminal Law Activities

- Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Association for Criminal Justice
- Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

Public Interest Law Center

Our Public Interest Law Center conducts cutting-edge juvenile justice work on children in prison. A study published by the center and its director, Paolo Annino, was cited numerous times by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 2010 landmark decision prohibiting the imposition of life without parole on a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide. Students working at the center also provide children full legal representation in criminal cases.
Professor Wayne Logan, pictured with several law students, is one of the law school's nationally recognized criminal law experts. His work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court and he has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal and Newsweek.
Florida State is home to one of the most highly regarded environmental law programs in the country. U.S. News & World Report ranks our program 14th strongest in the nation in its 2017 edition of America’s Best Graduate Schools. Our faculty members are among the most distinguished scholars in the fields of environmental, energy and administrative law. A wide variety of courses and a certificate program provide students a solid foundation in environmental, energy and land use law. Students also can take advantage of offerings in related areas of study at Florida State University, as well as externship opportunities in Florida and Washington, D.C.

Core Environmental Law Faculty

Shi-Ling Hsu, D’Alemberte Professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs
- Climate Change
- Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Law
- Environmental Law
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change: Science, Policy & Law
- Natural Resources Law, Property
- Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Davis
- J.D., Columbia University

David L. Markell, Steven M. Goldstein Professor and Associate Dean for Research
- Administrative Law
- Current Issues in Environmental Law and Policy
- Environmental Law, Land Use
- Regulation
- J.D., University of Virginia

Erin Ryan, Professor Elizabeth C. & Clyde W. Atkinson Professor
- Environmental Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Negotiation, Property
- J.D., Harvard University

Mark B. Seidenfeld, Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law
- Administrative Law
- Legislation & Regulation
- J.D., Stanford University

Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys’ Title Professor
- Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables & Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- Energy Law & Policy, Environmental Law, Land Use
- Regulation, Oil & Gas Law, Law and Policy of Drilling and Fracturing for Fossil Fuels
- J.D., Yale University

To learn more about our Environmental Law professors, visit law.fsu.edu/environmental-law-faculty.
“THE FACULTY AND STAFF WORK INCREDIBLY HARD not only to provide several courses with diverse environmental topics every semester, but also to help students find internships, externships and jobs. The fact that they are so involved with both the academics and the extracurriculars really speaks to their willingness to do anything they can for the success of their students.”

Jessica Melkun ('17) earned the environmental certificate and was president of Florida State’s Environmental Law Society.

“THE FACULTY IN THE FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE OF LAW ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY AND LAND USE LAW PROGRAM are not only brilliant scholars and professors, but also mentors and advisors for their students. They have gone above and beyond to prepare me for a career in environmental law.”

Robert Volpe ('15), an environmental certificate recipient, is an attorney at Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee. He clerked for the firm, which is a statewide leader in the area of environmental law, during his 2L year.
### Environmental Courses and Seminars

- Administrative Law
- Administrative Law Research
- Clean Air Act
- Climate Change
- Condominium and Community Housing Law
- Current Issues in Environmental Law and Policy
- Current Issues in Environmental Science*
- Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Crimes
- Environmental Federalism
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Legal Research
- Florida Administrative Litigation
- Florida Administrative Practice
- Growth Management
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Law and Policy of Drilling and Fracturing for Fossil Fuels
- Local Government Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Ocean and Coastal Law
- Oil and Gas Law
- Practical Skills in Land Use
- Principles of Oceanography*
- River Basin Planning and Management*
- Water Law

* Courses offered periodically through other graduate schools on campus

### Environmental Externship Opportunities

- City of Tampa - Environmental and Land Use
- Earthjustice
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Division of Administrative Hearings - Environmental
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Florida Governor’s Office of Budget and Policy - Environmental Unit
- Florida Public Service Commission
- Hillsborough Environmental Protection Commission
- NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
- U.S. Department of Justice - Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section (Washington, D.C., Seattle)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Environmental Accountability (Atlanta)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Regional Counsel

### Environmental Activities

- Environmental Law Society
- Environmental Moot Court Competition
- *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*
Degree Programs for J.D. Students

Upon graduation, students who successfully complete the environmental certificate program receive a certificate along with their J.D. degree. The certificate signals to employers and others that a student has achieved special competency in the fields of environmental, energy and land use law. Students may select their courses from an extensive menu of curricular and co-curricular offerings, as well as joint-degree programs with other Florida State departments.

A joint-degree program with the School of Urban and Regional Planning (J.D.-M.S.P.) enhances the law school’s ability to provide comprehensive preparation for a career in environmental and land use law. The school is nationally respected and offers a wide array of fields of emphasis. The joint degree provides an excellent foundation in both the law and the policy of land use. The College of Law, along with the Department of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, also offers a joint-degree program in Oceanography: Law and Aquatic Environmental Science (J.D.-M.S.). The joint degree provides a competitive advantage to graduates interested in environmental science, law and policy.

LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy

The College of Law’s LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy gives J.D. holders the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of environmental, land use, natural resources and energy law. Students are matched with program faculty members who mentor them and help design a curriculum that best suits their interests, educational backgrounds and professional needs.
“OBTAINING THE INTERNATIONAL LAW CERTIFICATE was a great way to focus my studies on subjects which interested me and convey that interest to potential employers. The curriculum at FSU includes a wide variety of international law courses and there are also opportunities to study abroad and get hands-on experience through international law externships.”

Danella Williams (’17), who attended Florida International University for undergrad, earned an International Law Certificate. She was a member of FSU’s Journal of Transnational Law & Policy and competed on the College of Law’s VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team during her 2L year.
OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE DEEP EXPERTISE IN A VARIETY OF AREAS, including international intellectual property, international trade law, the global pharmaceutical industry, international human rights, laws of war, international intervention law, comparative law and Chinese law. Their work has helped shape legal issues all over the world. Our program includes a wide array of specialized courses that reflect the expertise of the faculty, a variety of externship opportunities — both international and domestic in location — and a certificate program for students interested in international law. In addition, Florida State offers three exchange programs and the longest-standing summer law program at Oxford University sponsored by an American law school.

Core International Law Faculty

Frederick M. Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar
LL.M., University of California at Berkeley
J.D., Yale University

Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte, President Emeritus and Professor
Comparative Law, International Human Rights Law
J.D., University of Florida

David E. Landau, Mason Ladd Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs
Comparative Constitutional Law, Conflict of Laws, International Litigation and Arbitration, Public International Law
Ph.D., Political Science, Harvard University
J.D., magna cum laude, Harvard University

Tahirih V. Lee, Associate Professor
Chinese Law, Comparative Law, International Business Transactions, International Trade Simulation
Ph.D., History, Yale University
J.D., Yale University

Fernando Tesón, Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar
S.J.D., Northwestern University School of Law
LL.M., Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
J.D., Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Other Faculty Teaching International Law Courses

Terry Coonan, Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and Courtesy Professor of Law
Asylum and Refugee Law
J.D., University of Cincinnati

More information about our International Law faculty is available at law.fsu.edu/international-law-faculty.
Degree Programs for J.D. Students

Florida State’s Certificate Program in International Law recognizes students for a concentration in the area and carries requirements beyond those for a J.D. A certificate signals to potential employers a graduate’s specialization. J.D. students who are accepted to the graduate program at Florida State University’s College of Social Sciences can pursue a joint degree in law and international affairs (J.D.-M.S).

Degree Program for Foreign Lawyers

Foreign law graduates can pursue an LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers. The LL.M. allows students to gain in-depth knowledge of United States law. In recent years, Florida State has been pleased to host lawyers from countries including Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Cuba, France, Haiti, Iran, Jamaica, Korea, Moldova, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Slovakia, Taiwan, Turkey and Uzbekistan as candidates for our LL.M. in American Law.

LL.M. students receive personal attention and counseling from a faculty advisor to develop a curriculum to fit their specific needs and goals. They are fully integrated into the College of Law community, taking classes alongside J.D. students. This allows LL.M. students to establish professional relationships with other graduate students from around the world, as well the opportunity to work with FSU’s outstanding faculty and J.D. students.

Under Florida law, students from Latin American and Caribbean countries qualify for the same relatively low tuition rates that Florida residents pay, provided they get a small scholarship. There are a number of scholarships available specifically for this purpose.

International Courses and Seminars

- Admiralty Law
- Advanced Topics in International Law: Global Justice
- Asylum and Refugee Law
- Chinese Law
- Comparative Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Drafting Legislation for Emerging Countries
- European Court of Human Rights
- European Human Rights (Oxford)
- Foreign Relations Law
- Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- Immigration Law
- International and Foreign Legal Research
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- International Business Transactions
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Litigation and Arbitration
- International Sales & Arbitration: A VIS Moot Primer
- International Taxation
- International Trade and Investment Law
- International Trade Simulation
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Course
- Public International Law
- War

Study Abroad

Students can participate in a summer study abroad program at the University of Oxford in England and in exchange programs with three universities:

- Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia
- The University of Groningen in Groningen, The Netherlands

International Law Externship Opportunities

- Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. (Miami)
- Human Rights First (New York City)
- International Bar Association (London)
- International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- International Justice Mission (Chiang Mai)
- U.S. Immigration Court (Orlando, Miami, Other locations)

International Activities

- Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Center for the Advancement of Human Rights
- International Law Students Association
- Journal of Transnational Law & Policy
“I’VE HAD THE GREAT HONOR OF SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, of opening an office for a major law firm in Orlando, and serving on a board that settles some of the world’s most important trade disputes. These opportunities are all the result of the excellent legal education I received at Florida State.”

Jim Bacchus (’79), chair of Greenberg Traurig’s Global Practice Group and former chair of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization
The Florida State University College of Law Juris Master program is designed for students who want to advance in their chosen field as a non-lawyer and to understand important legal, business and regulatory issues. Students may choose from two options: a fully online program or an on-campus program. For both options, the program is flexible with few required courses – students can tailor their curriculum for their specific professional advancement goals.

Students in the part-time online program gain a strong foundation in regulatory compliance and legal risk management. You will also acquire essential legal skills, such as how to read and interpret statutes, regulations and case law, how to conduct legal research, and how to communicate findings to executives, board members and others within your organization. Based on your specific career needs and goals, you can choose one of three concentrations:

- Financial Regulation and Compliance
- Health Care Regulation
- Legal Risk Management and HR Compliance

On-campus students can earn the Juris Master degree on either a full-time, one-year schedule or on a part-time basis, with the option to take some courses online. The program’s curriculum includes one course specifically designed for Juris Master students: Introduction to Legal Studies and Research, and requires at least two courses from the J.D. first-year courses. Beyond those requirements, you may select from a wide variety of course offerings and may personalize your curriculum by specializing in one of five key areas:

- Business Law
- Administrative Law and Governmental Relations
- Environmental and Land Use Law
- Criminal Law and Justice
- Employment and Human Resources Law

The Juris Master degree is not an LL.M. degree for lawyers. The degree is intended for those who do not intend to become a licensed, practicing attorney and have not completed a Juris Doctorate program. Credits earned in the J.M. program are not transferable to the J.D. program.

**Key Benefits:**

- Economical – Competitively priced
- Flexible – Can be completed fully online and on a part-time basis
- Impactful – Lessons learned can be quickly applied at work
- Sophisticated – Courses are taught by world-class law professors who teach J.D. courses and prominent industry experts

More information about the online Juris Master program is available at law.fsu.edu/jmonline. Additional details about the on-campus program are available at law.fsu.edu/jmoncampus.
“THE J.M. PROGRAM PROVIDES PROFESSIONALS in almost any field an opportunity to expand their education and knowledge to include law. The class selection and scheduling pace can be tailored to each student’s interests or career path and the program has part-time options for working professionals.”

Caroline Arrant (J.M. ’16), human resources specialist at Prime Meridian Bank
OUR COMMUNITY

AS AN FSU LAW STUDENT, YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AMENITIES AND PROGRAMS.

FSU is a world-class research university with top programs in areas including political science and business. Being a part of this community allows you the option to participate in one of 11 joint-degree programs offered by the College of Law in collaboration with other FSU colleges and schools.

You will also have access to Florida State’s recreational facility, the Leach Center – a 100,000-plus-square-foot gym featuring an indoor track overlooking a 16-lane indoor swimming pool, extensive cardio, strength and weight-lifting equipment, basketball and racquetball courts, and more. You can also take advantage of FSU’s 73-acre lake front property where you can swim, canoe, kayak and picnic with friends. Tickets to all FSU sporting events are free for law students, so you can attend the events of Florida State’s 20 NCAA Division I teams at no cost.

FSU law students also can utilize the University Counseling Center and Health and Wellness Center. The Counseling Center is a welcoming and confidential place to help you overcome challenges that may interfere with your academic progress and emotional well-being. Students may seek couples, group or individual counseling with no out-of-pocket expense. The on-campus Health Center’s many services include general medical care, women’s health services, nutrition assessments, physical therapy, psychiatry, immunizations and more.

The larger Tallahassee community also offers many opportunities for law students. Tallahassee is a relatively small city, which makes it ideal for studying and also translates into a lower cost of living than in larger areas. Despite its size, Tallahassee offers many more unique restaurants and cultural experiences than most comparable cities. If you love being outdoors, Tallahassee and the surrounding areas have many options for hiking, biking, swimming, boating and canoeing. The closest beach is less than an hour from campus. The city also boasts a wide variety of networking and work opportunities that accompany being located in the capital of the third most populous state in the nation.

Joint-Degree Programs:

- Oceanography: Aquatic Environmental Science and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- Business and Law, J.D.-M.B.A
- Economics and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- Family and Child Sciences and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- Information and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- Information Technology and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- International Affairs and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- Public Administration and Law, J.D.-M.P.A.
- Social Work and Law, J.D.-M.S.W.
- Sport Management and Law, J.D.-M.S.
- Urban and Regional Planning and Law, J.D.-M.S.P.
“Tallahassee is a great city in which to be a law student” because it is the capital of Florida. There are unique opportunities offered to students here that cannot be offered in other cities. For example, during legislative session, law students have the rare opportunity to be fully immersed in the legislative process with Florida’s most successful lawmakers. The opportunities are endless in Tallahassee, and it is a great place to network and build your reputation as a young lawyer. Additionally, Tallahassee is becoming very metropolitan with a lot of great restaurant options, weekend festivals and community events.”

Khari Fischer (’17), who attended University of Central Florida for undergrad, worked at the White House and for a federal judge during the summer after her 1L year. During the summer of 2016, she started working for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice as a human trafficking coordinator.

Tallahassee is the nation’s #1 City for African Americans and #6 in the List for Best College Towns, according to Livability.com.
“FSU OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES” for any student to explore, whether outside or inside the classroom. My classmates look forward to attending events of our school’s successful sports teams or utilizing the campus gym facilities. Inside the classroom I chose to pursue a joint J.D.-M.B.A. degree which has allowed me to further my education with the help of our business school’s amazing professors, as well as interact with students studying in other areas, broadening my academic exposure even further.

Clayton Culler (’18), who attended Denison University, served on the executive board of the Student Bar Association during his 1L year. He was a member of the FSU Law student team that advanced to the final four at the National Championship of the 2017 Startup LawMeet Competition in California.
JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH OTHER FSU UNITS
ADMISSIONS

The College of Law seeks to admit and enroll students who, together, bring to the law school a varied set of backgrounds, interests, personal and professional experiences and perspectives, who also have a record of academic success and a competitive LSAT score. Other factors considered include exceptional personal talents, interesting or demanding work or service experience, rigorousness of undergraduate course study, leadership potential, graduate study, maturity and the ability to communicate effectively in writing. An applicant’s responses to the character and fitness questions in the application are also a significant factor in the decision-making process. Although a holistic approach is taken when reviewing applications, most admission decisions are based on the combination of LSAT score and undergraduate academic performance.

Florida State University encourages applications for admission from qualified students regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veteran or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status in accordance with all pertinent federal, state, and local laws on non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

If you have questions about the admissions process or the Florida State University College of Law, please contact the Office of Admissions at 850.644.3787 or admissions@law.fsu.edu.

Application Deadlines

The College of Law begins accepting applications for fall 2018 entering students on September 1, 2017. Applications are evaluated from October through July by the admissions committee. Decisions are made on a rolling basis and priority consideration is given to the strongest applications submitted by the priority deadline of March 15. Applications completed after March 15th but by the final deadline of June 30 may not receive a timely decision and limit the opportunity for scholarship consideration. Florida State University College of Law is a full-time, three-year program. First-year students start in the fall semester.

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must hold, or expect to receive, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university before beginning the study of law. Individuals who have previously attended law school are not eligible to apply as a first-time entering student.

Application Requirements & Checklist

› Application fee: $30 paid online through LSAC
› Create your applicant FSUID and obtain your FSU EMPLID which will be required as part of the law school application. Applicants who attended Florida State University should already have an FSUID and an FSU EMPLID.
› Go to https://apps.its.fsu.edu/CreateFSUID/?sponsor=ADMFSUID
› Enter your email address and follow the prompts to register for an FSUID.
› After submission of the FSUID Registration form, applicants will receive an email from profilesetup@apps.oti.fsu.edu that contains your EMPLID number.
› Click on the link to activate your FSUID.
› Write down the FSUID and EMPLID as they are both required for this application.
› Register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS), lsac.org.
› Submit transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed through CAS.
› Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The test should be taken as soon as possible but ideally no later than the February preceding the August for which the applicant seeks admission in order to meet the March 15 priority deadline. Although the June LSAT is accepted for applicants taking the LSAT for the first time or repeating the test, taking an earlier administration puts applicants in a more competitive position for admission and scholarship opportunities. All applicants, regardless of LSAT testing date, must submit an application prior to the final June 30 deadline in order to receive consideration.
If the LSAT is taken more than once, the highest score will be considered.

Submit the application electronically through LSAC online. Detailed application instructions are available on our web site at law.fsu.edu or through the LSAC web site at lsac.org. In addition to the application, applicants must submit a resume and personal statement. Outside of the required documents, applicants need not submit additional documents or information with the application unless the applicant has character and fitness issues to address with supplemental documentation. Letters of recommendation are not required but are encouraged.

**Early Binding Decision**

The Early Binding Decision process is ideal for applicants who have thoroughly researched law schools and feel confident that Florida State University College of Law is their top choice. Applicants admitted through Early Binding Decision will automatically be considered for our full range of scholarship opportunities, including our Preeminent Scholars Scholarship Award, which covers full tuition for all three years whether in-state or out-of-state, and provides a $5,000 living stipend annually. Out-of-state recipients must reclassify to in-state status for tuition purposes after the first year to continue receiving the living stipend for the second and third years.

Applicants who are admitted through Early Binding Decision are obligated to accept the offer of admission, immediately withdraw from all other schools where an application has been submitted, and cease submitting any new applications to other law schools. Applicants selecting Early Binding Decision cannot apply to any other law school simultaneously through an Early Binding Decision program. Failure to abide by these rules will result in Florida State Law revoking the offer of admission.

Early Binding Decision applications must be submitted by **December 15**. All application requirements must be received by the Office of Admissions by **January 15** in order to be considered as an Early Binding Decision applicant. If admitted through Early Binding Decision, seat deposits must be received by **January 31**.

Applicants who apply but are not accepted through Early Binding Decision will be informed either that their application has been moved to the regular applicant pool for consideration or that their application for admission has been denied. More information is available at law.fsu.edu.

**J.D. International Applicants**

- Submit foreign transcripts for processing through the LSAC JD CAS.
- Submit official TOEFL or IELTS score to LSAC CAS. The minimum TOEFL score required is a 100 on the Internet-based test, 250 on the computer-based test or a 600 on the paper-based test. The LSAC TOEFL code for the JD CAS is 0058. The law school also accepts the International English Language Testing System (IELTS): The minimum score required is a 7.5 on the IELTS. Questions about the JD CAS can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001 or lsacinfo@lsac.org.

**Transfer Admission**

Florida State accepts transfer applicants from ABA-approved law schools in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Decisions on transfer applications are made on a rolling basis and priority consideration is given to the strongest applications. Detailed application instructions are available at law.fsu.edu.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Florida State University College of Law accepts transfer applicants from ABA-accredited law schools. Transfer applicants must be in good standing at their current law school and any previous law schools to be eligible for consideration. Academic dismissal from any law school disqualifies a student from being considered for admission. Transfer applicants who have only completed one full-time semester must be in the top 25 percent of their class to receive consideration. Transfer applicants who have completed two or more semesters must be in the top third of their class to receive consideration.

**Visitor Admission**

The College of Law accepts applications from students who have completed their second year of law school at another ABA-accredited institution who would like to be a visiting student at Florida State for one or two semesters of their third year. Students in their second year may be considered on a space-available basis. Preference will be given to students who have a significant professional or personal reason to attend Florida State University College of Law. Detailed application instructions are available at law.fsu.edu.
**3+3 Admission**

Under 3+3 programs, students who meet certain admission requirements can complete a bachelor’s degree and a law degree in six years rather than the traditional seven, saving a year of time and costs. We currently have programs with Eckerd College, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida, the University of North Florida, and the University of West Florida, and expect to add agreements with additional institutions in the future. Details about requirements for each school are available at [law.fsu.edu/admissions/3-plus-3-procedures](http://law.fsu.edu/admissions/3-plus-3-procedures).

**LL.M. Admission**

Florida State offers three LL.M. degrees: the LL.M. in Business Law, the LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy and the LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers. Detailed application instructions, eligibility information and application deadlines are available at [law.fsu.edu](http://law.fsu.edu).

**Juris Master Admission**

The Florida State University College of Law Juris Master program is flexible and intended for those who possess a bachelor’s degree and who want to advance their careers with a year of legal studies and training. Details about requirements for the program and the application are available at [law.fsu.edu/admissions/juris-master](http://law.fsu.edu/admissions/juris-master).

**Admitted Students**

If admitted, all entering students are required to pay a $200 nonrefundable seat deposit to reserve a seat. The seat deposit deadline will be provided in the detailed information sent to students upon admission to the law school. This deposit will be credited to the admitted student’s tuition upon registration.

### 2017–2018 Admission Deadlines

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* *Online Juris Master program only — in-person program does not admit new students for the summer term*
COSTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Florida State is consistently rated one of the nation’s top 10 best value law schools by preLaw magazine. Tuition and fees are established by the Florida Board of Governors and the Florida Legislature and are subject to change each year.

Financial Assistance

The law school offers a program of scholarship assistance made available through the generous support of alumni and friends. Law school scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of merit and/or financial need.

Entering first-year J.D. students are considered for scholarships only after being admitted to the College of Law. Second- and third-year students may apply for a variety of scholarships each spring for the upcoming academic year. For information about financial aid in general, contact Gail McKinney-Rogers in the FSU Office of Financial Aid at 850.644.0376 or grogers@admin.fsu.edu.

Most students qualify for federal funding through the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Direct Graduate PLUS Loan programs. Eligibility for federal funding is determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To ensure Florida State University College of Law receives your FAFSA report, you must include our school code (001489) in the application. Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA as close to the release date as possible for priority consideration. For 2017-2018, the release date is October 1, 2017.

**2017 – 2018 Cost of Attendance**

For Fall and spring semesters

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* OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS: Most non-residents are eligible to reclassify as Florida residents for tuition purposes after the 1L year. Using the 2017-18 tuition & fees schedule, if a student were to reclassify and pay in-state tuition for their second and third years of law school, they would pay an average of $27,354 per year for all three years. For information about the reclassification process, contact the law school’s Office of Admissions at 850.644.3787 or admissions@law.fsu.edu.

**Online program costs will vary. Visit our website for more information.**