The College of Law campus consists of four major buildings, four historic houses around a green and five parking lots. It occupies two full city blocks and is directly across the street from the Florida Supreme Court and one block from the Florida Legislature.
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Business Insider (2014) ranks Florida State as Florida’s #1 law school, and 32nd best nationally.

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 80.9%. By contrast, the combined overall passing rate for first-time test takers was 70.1%.

According to U.S. News & World Report (2015), Florida State is Florida’s #1 law school, and the nation’s 26th best, in terms of job placement.

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.

“This is a great law school. The camaraderie among the faculty and the students here is really wonderful.”
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.

The National Jurist magazine (2014) ranks Florida State the nation’s #10 “Best Value” law school.

HispanicBusiness (2014) ranks Florida State the nation’s #2 best law school for Hispanic students.

Our current students represent 33 U.S. states and territories, 25 countries and 143 colleges and universities. The 2015 entering class had a median LSAT of 158 and a median GPA of 3.52.

— R. Mark Williamson (’91), a partner and chair of Alston & Bird’s Wealth Planning and Exempt Organizations Group, has championed the hiring of Florida State Law alumni in his firm’s Atlanta office. In November 2011, three of our alumni who practice at the international firm were named partner — representing the largest number of new partners from a single school.
The Florida State University College of Law is consistently rated one of the nation’s best in terms of job placement. From incoming orientation through graduation and beyond, we strategize your job search process with you because preparing our graduates to succeed in their careers is the most important thing we do.

The College of Law alumni network is a primary reason why our graduates fare so well in the legal job market. Our alumni are extremely engaged in helping to connect students with job opportunities. From practicing attorneys to business and government leaders, alumni frequently appear as guest lecturers or adjunct professors. Many participate in “networking noshes,” coming to campus or engaging by videoconference technology. Many host placement receptions in their communities to help students network. Nearly 950 alumni have specifically volunteered to serve as Placement Mentors, helping our students with job placement in Florida and around the world.

Florida State’s location in Tallahassee also gives students an advantage in the job market. Tallahassee is home to 500-plus law firms, state and federal courts, numerous state agencies, the Governor’s Office and the Florida Legislature. Access to these employers for part-time work gives our students many opportunities to gain experience in areas of the law that interest them and to increase their credentials.

As a Florida State law student, you will have access to extensive clinical offerings. Our externship program offers students more than 100 placements, providing externship opportunities in a wide variety of substantive areas and locations. Many of these placements allow students to work alongside attorneys in cities far from Tallahassee. Because we understand the value of these remote externships, we offer online courses so our students can still earn academic credit while working. Students also can gain valuable legal experience at one of the law school’s three “live-client” clinics – the Business Law Clinic, the Children’s Advocacy Clinic and the Family Law Clinic.

As a Florida State law student, you also will have access to our outstanding faculty and the fabulous professionals in our Placement Office
who are dedicated to helping students find jobs. Many of our professors have worked at prestigious national law firms or for the nation’s most influential judges. We have a faculty that is very much at “the cutting edge.” They are productive and successful, and want you to be, too.

I strongly recommend that you visit any law school you are thinking of attending. Visit during Monday through Thursday, when most classes are in session and most professors are in their offices. Sit in on classes and talk with students and faculty. If you visit Florida State, I am confident you will discover our extraordinarily collegial environment. Our students like their experiences at our law school and the careers we help them launch. Begin with the end in mind.

Thank you,

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Don Weidner
Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

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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 below and to the right. Each of them has returned to campus to meet with our students.

Sen. 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.

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.

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.

Benjamin L. Crump (’95) is a partner with the Tallahassee firm of Parks & Crump, LLC. Because Crump has handled several high-profile cases, he has appeared on numerous national news programs. He often visits with students at the law school and serves on our Board of Visitors.
**NETWORK**

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**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.

**Representative Katherine Castor** (’91) is a U.S. Representative. She is currently serving her fifth term and represents Florida’s 14th congressional district. She was the featured speaker during our fall 2008 graduation ceremony.

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**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 – a post he held from 1996-97. He was the featured speaker during our spring 2013 commencement ceremony and the first donor to name a courtroom in the Advocacy Center.
“Working with the Placement Office 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!”

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 members of the law school’s Board of Visitors meet annually at the law school. They engage with students in small groups and also one-on-one through Mach Speed Mock Interviews (pictured above).
Alumni Network:

Matthew Beville (‘09), WilmerHale, Washington, D.C.
Edward L. Birk (‘95), Marks Gray, P.A., Jacksonville
James Brady (‘73), Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Fort Lauderdale
Jason Breth (‘07), Bryant Miller Olive, Tallahassee
Alexander Czebiniak (‘10), Office of the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, West Palm Beach
Sean Desmond (‘00), Law Office of Sean T. Desmond, Tallahassee
Angelina Gonzalez (‘12), Florida Department of Children & Families, Tallahassee
Marquita Green (‘09), Florida Department of Children & Families, Tallahassee
Sara Huff (‘12), GrayRobinson, Orlando
Clemente Inclan (‘91), Saalfeld, Shad, Stokes, Inclan, Stoudemire & Stone, P.A., Jacksonville
Mary Hope Keating (‘93), Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Tallahassee
Frederick H. Kent, Ill (‘81), Marks Gray, P.A., Jacksonville
Colonel Peter R. Marksteiner (‘92), U.S. Air Force JAG, Washington, D.C.
Justin Marshall (‘10), GrayRobinson, Orlando
Glen McClary (‘92), Boyd & Jenerette, Jacksonville
Ben Odom (‘04), International Speedway Corporation, Daytona
Andrea Ortega (‘11), Florida Rural Legal Services, Fort Myers
Russell Petersen (‘73), G. Russell Petersen, P.A., Vero Beach
Kim Picazio (‘95), Law Office of Kim L. Picazio, P.A., Fort Lauderdale
Kenneth Pratt (‘99), Florida Bankers Association, Tallahassee
The Honorable George S. Reynolds, Ill (‘74), Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, Tallahassee
Brett “Ben” Rogers (‘91), Rogers & Hardin, LLP, Atlanta
Bill Smith (‘79), CBIZ, Bethesda, Maryland
Susan Spradley (‘89), GrayRobinson, Orlando
Wendy Stein (‘00), Keller Landsberg, Fort Lauderdale
J. Cameron Thurber (‘01), Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.
John Tomasin (‘97), Florida Supreme Court, Tallahassee
Jo Wilensky (‘11), Office of the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, West Palm Beach

“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.
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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

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 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, Mock Trial Team and Moot Court Team.*
The law school’s Advocacy Center is invaluable to students preparing for externships and co-curricular advocacy competitions. The building houses 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.

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Especially for students who are interning outside of Tallahassee, the College of Law offers online courses so students can still earn academic credit.

“My externship at the Supreme Court of Florida was an invaluable opportunity to gain practical experience and work alongside Justices and attorneys who play an essential role in the state’s judicial system. This unique perspective will undoubtedly assist me in my future legal career and was a highlight of my time in law school.”

Kendra McCan (’13), who is an associate at de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP in Tampa, worked for Justice Charles Canady at the Florida Supreme Court through an externship during the spring of her 3L year.
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
Harris Corporation (Melbourne)
HD Supply (Atlanta, Orlando)
International Speedway Corporation (Daytona Beach)
Jabil Circuit, Inc. (St. Petersburg)
NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light Company
SBA Communications Corporation (Boca Raton)
Southeast Toyota, LLC (Deerfield Beach)

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
U.S. District Court (Tallahassee, Other locations)

Government Contracting
Florida Department of Management Services
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Tax
Legal Services of North Florida Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
U.S. Internal Revenue Service

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.)
"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."

Courtney McCowen (’14), who is with the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps, externed in Thailand during the summer of 2013.

Brittnie Baker (’15), who attended University of Florida for undergrad, spent the summer of 2014 in Washington D.C., externing at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Chelsea Nelson (’16), who attended University of Florida for undergrad, had an externship at Jabil Circuit, Inc. in St. Petersburg during the summer of 2015.

Stefan Barber (’16), who attended Ohio University for undergrad, externed at the Innocence Project of Florida during the spring 2015 semester.

“Working as a judicial extern gave me a glimpse into the inner workings of the federal court system. I attended hearings, honed my legal research and writing skills, and had the opportunity to discuss legal issues with the judge and his law clerks. Most importantly, I fostered relationships that I hope to rely on throughout my career.”

Through the law school’s 1L Judicial Externship program, Lazaro Fields (’17), who attended Florida State University for undergrad, externed with the Honorable Mark Walker, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, during the summer of 2015.

Lawrence S. Krieger, Clinical Professor and Director of Clinical Externship Programs, coordinates the law school’s criminal justice externships. He also is nationally recognized for his work in the area of law student and lawyer health and satisfaction.
HANDS-ON LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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 Low-Income Tax Clinic (Quincy)
North Florida Center for Equal Justice

CIVIL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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 Tampa Attorney’s Office
Leon County Attorney’s Office
Pinellas County Attorney’s Office

CRIMINAL
Innocence Project of Florida
Florida Public Defender/State Attorney Offices
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)

“Working as an extern at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida was an amazing experience. Although I still had a lot to learn when I started working there, the business law courses I took prior to the externship allowed for a very smooth transition from school to work.”

Byron Wright (‘15), who attended University of Central Florida for undergrad, externed with a judge at a federal bankruptcy court during the summer of 2014.

Chancey Smith (‘16), who attended Valdosta State University for undergrad, externed at the Constitutional Court of Korea - Seoul during the summer of 2014 and at the Public Defender’s Office in Jacksonville during the summer of 2015.
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 therefore are able to combine traditional classroom learning with hands-on, real-world experience.

**The Business Law Clinic: “In-House” Transactional Lawyering**

“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.

“Through on-campus interviews at FSU, I secured an internship with Bankers Financial Corporation, a financial services firm specializing in insurance. Working in the General Counsel’s office at Bankers, I identified and researched legal issues in contracts, employment law, and insurance regulations so that I could recommend the best legal position for the company. I also observed contract negotiations and drafted contractual agreements and legal correspondence.”

Kamryn Deegan (’16), who attended University of Florida for undergrad, worked at Bankers Financial Corporation during the summer after her 1L year. Deegan has secured a prestigious federal clerkship to begin after she graduates.

“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.

Amanda Qadri (’17), who attended Florida International University for undergrad, worked with the Honorable Stacey Schulman in Broward County as part of the 1L Judicial Externship Program.

Justin Schneider (’16), who attended University of Florida for undergrad, completed a summer 2015 externship at the State Attorney’s Office in Ft. Lauderdale.
“Participating in the clinical programs was the best experience I had in law school. The clinical programs allowed me to gain very valuable experience while helping people in need in our community and throughout the state. In addition to gaining valuable experience working with clients, I got the chance to work meaningfully on a resentencing hearing, briefs to the District Court of Appeal, a bill at the legislature, and a federal class action.”

Haley Van Erem (’13), who is working at the U.S. Department of Justice beginning in the fall of 2015, was a federal law clerk for an FSU law alumnus after she graduated.

The Public Interest Law Center

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 two live-client clinics — the Children’s Advocacy Clinic and the Family Law 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.

Clinical Professor Ruth Stone directs the Family Law Clinic and is faculty advisor to our Mock Trial Team.

“The Public Interest Law Center’s Children’s Advocacy Clinic provides a unique opportunity to learn about an area of law while practicing it hands on, under the guidance of a very skilled professor. Every day I was able expand my legal education while helping the children in our area. This program is truly beneficial on so many levels to the student, the school and our state.”

Harrison DuBosar (’17) participated in the Public Interest Law Center during the summer of 2015.
“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 lawyer and it is an experience I will not easily forget.”

Oaj Gilani (*12), assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Health
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. We also go beyond that by offering 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.

Manuel A. Utset, the William & Catherine VanDercreek Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, works with other faculty members to ensure that Florida State’s business curriculum is revised regularly to reflect changes in financial and securities regulations and in the ways in which companies raise capital and deal with market risks.
Core Business and Tax Law Faculty

Frederick M. Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar

A former partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, Professor Abbott is a leading figure on international intellectual property rights and global economic issues. In particular, he is one of the world's leading experts on the global pharmaceutical industry and access to medicines. He is the author of numerous books and articles in the fields of international economic law, international intellectual property rights law and public international law. He also is Rapporteur for the Committee on International Trade Law of the International Law Association and has served as a consultant and panelist for many international organizations, including the World Bank.

Richard M. Benham, Entrepreneur in Residence
Business Law Clinic, Contract Drafting, Law & Entrepreneurship

Professor Benham leads and teaches in the Business Law Clinic. Students enrolled in the clinic earn academic credit for advising business and social entrepreneurs at Florida State University. Prior to earning his law degree, Professor Benham had extensive experience in the information technology field and co-founded a software development consulting company where he served as chief executive for seven years. He has counseled many small businesses in areas including entity formation, capital acquisition, business planning, and startup business operations.

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

Professor Bayern’s research focuses on common-law issues, primarily in contracts, torts, and corporate law. He has recently written articles criticizing formalism and economic simplifications of the law. He also has authored a book, Closely Held Organizations (Carolina Academic Press 2014). He previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable Harris Hartz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, for the Office of the Solicitor General, and at the appellate staff of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. Before his legal career, Professor Bayern worked in computing research.

Steve R. Johnson, University Professor
Administrative Law, Business Planning, International Taxation, Tax Crimes, Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities

A nationally recognized scholar on tax litigation and procedure, including legislative and administrative law topics in tax, Professor Johnson’s publications include three co-authored books: A Practical Guide to Corporate Taxation, Civil Tax Procedure and Tax Crimes. He also has written numerous articles on tax procedure and tax law, is a columnist for State Tax Notes and is an associate editor of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation NewsQuarterly. He practiced tax law in New York City, after which he served as a senior attorney with the IRS Chief Counsel’s Office and a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

Nicolas Tevez (’14), who interned at Universal Music Latin America while he was a law student, practices entertainment law at The Hachar Law Firm in Miami. 
Jeffrey H. Kahn,  
Harry W. Walborsky  
Professor  
**Taxation, Taxation of Business Entities, Torts**  
Professor Kahn’s scholarship focuses on the federal tax area. He is the author of several treatises, including *Federal Income Tax* (co-author) and *Principles of Corporate Income Taxation* (co-author). He also has published numerous articles in both general law reviews and tax journals. Before entering academia, Professor Kahn worked for three years as a tax associate in the Chicago office of McDermott, Will & Emery.

Jay Kesten,  
Assistant Professor  
**Advanced Corporate Governance, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Corporations**  
Professor Kesten’s research concentrates on both theoretical and empirical aspects of corporate governance. Before entering law teaching, Professor Kesten practiced for several years in Boston, most recently at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, where he focused primarily on corporate and securities litigation. After graduation from law school in Canada, he clerked for the British Columbia Supreme Court.

Tahirih V. Lee,  
Associate Professor  
**International Business Transactions, International Trade Simulation**  
The holder of a Ph.D. from Yale University in Chinese History, Professor Lee's research and relationships in China have led to our International Trade Simulation course. This innovative course connects Florida State students with students at the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade. The semester-long “live” simulation of international trade negotiations introduces Florida State students to the culture of Chinese business and to trade law issues.

Murat C. Mungan,  
D’Alemberte Professor  
**Antitrust Law, Corporations, Introduction to Business and Finance, Law and Economics**  
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Justin T. Sevier,  
Assistant Professor  
**Behavioral Law and Economics, Closely Held Business Organizations, Evidence**  
Professor Sevier’s teaching and research interests include the law of evidence, corporate decision making, and the role of behavioral science in the legal system. He has published in top law journals including the *Georgetown Law Journal* and the *Maryland Law Review*. Prior to joining the Florida State law faculty in 2015, he taught at Yale Law School and at the University of Illinois College of Law, clerked for Judge Carlos T. Bea of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and practiced in the area of corporate litigation in New York City. He also expects to earn a Ph.D. in Psychology from Yale University in 2015.
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

Professor Utset is a leading scholar on applying behavioral law and economics to issues in corporate law and has recently written a number of articles on the financial meltdown. He has taught and written on corporate governance and venture capital finance, and is a fellow of the International Institute for Corporate Governance. Prior to entering law teaching, he practiced law with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City.

Donald J. Weidner, Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

Property, Real Estate Finance

A recognized authority on partnerships, fiduciary duties and real estate finance, Dean Weidner is co-author of The Revised Uniform Partnership Act (Thomson Reuters 2015). He also has written on the taxation of real estate transactions and on the use of special purpose entities by large corporations to keep debt off their books. Prior to entering law teaching, Dean Weidner worked at the New York firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher.

Keli Alces Williams, Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Professor

Advanced Corporate Governance, Bankruptcy, Corporations, Property, Securities Regulation

Professor Williams’ scholarship focuses on corporate governance. She has written about corporate governance in bankruptcy, corporate fiduciary duties and issues in shareholder representation. Her recent scholarship has focused on the composition of the board of directors and executive compensation. She was an associate in the Corporate Restructuring and Financial Institutions practice group at the Chicago law firm of Gardner, Carton & Douglas before starting her teaching career.

Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys’ Title Professor


Professor Wiseman’s areas of scholarship include oil and gas law and she is regarded as a national expert on hydraulic fracturing. She clerked for the Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit before entering law teaching. She has published in some of the nation’s top law journals, including the New York University Law Review, Boston University Law Review and Emory Law Journal.

“International Speedway Corporation has not only taught me how to be a successful corporate lawyer, but the company also has allowed me to network with some of the biggest contacts in motorsports! My life-long dream of working in-house in the sporting industry has been 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.
“My business education at FSU stretches 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 have laid a strong foundation for my future and I look forward to utilizing all that I have learned as I pursue a career in corporate transactional law.”

Trevor Ruff ('15) worked at Schneider Electric in Rhode Island during the summer of 2014. 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.

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.).

Business Courses and Seminars

CORPORATE LAW AND FINANCE
- Accounting and the Law
- Advanced Corporate Governance
- Antitrust Law
- Bankruptcy
- Closely Held Business Organizations
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Law and Finance
- Corporations
- Dodd-Frank Act
- Financial Statements Interpretation
- In-House Corporate Counsel
- Insurance Law
- Introduction to Business and Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Securities Regulation

COMMERCIAL LAW
- Commercial Law
- Commercial Paper
- Consumer Law
- Sales and Leases
- Secured Transactions

TRANSACTIONAL AND SKILLS COURSES
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Anatomy of a Deal
- Business Law Clinic
- Business Law Legal Research
- Business Planning
- Contract Drafting
- Introduction to Business and Finance
- Law and Entrepreneurship
- Negotiation
- Transactional Drafting

LAW & ECONOMICS
- Behavioral Law & Economics
- Economic Regulation of Business
- Game Theory for Business Lawyers
- Insurance Law & Economics:
  - Theory & Applications
  - Law and Economics
  - Law and Economics Seminar
  - Risk, Public Policy, and Law
  - Statistical Inference in Law

TAX LAW
- Estate and Gift Tax
- International Taxation
- Tax Crimes
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Tax Procedure
- Taxation
- Taxation of Business Entities

REAL ESTATE
- Condominium and Community Housing Law
- Land Transfer
- Land Use Regulation
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Finance Practicum

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
- Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- International Business Transactions
- International Sales & Arbitration
- International Trade and Investment
- International Trade Simulation

OTHER BUSINESS COURSES
- Communications Law
- Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- Employment Law
- Energy Law & Policy
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Oil and Gas Law
- Products Liability
- White Collar Crime
Erika B. Engelson (’02), vice president and counsel of litigation and regulatory investigations at Deutsche Bank in New York City, met with students virtually during the fall of 2013. She shared details about her career path and provided tips for obtaining an in-house counsel position.

“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

“Florida State Law gives students the background to be sophisticated business lawyers. The law school’s program helps them understand the world of business, finance and transactions, and not simply the letter of the law.”

Jeff Stoops (’84), President and Chief Executive Officer of SBA Communications Corporation
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 17th strongest in the nation in its 2015 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.
**ENERGY AND**

**Core Environmental Law Faculty**

**Shi-Ling Hsu, John W. Larson 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*

Professor Hsu is an expert in the areas of environmental and natural resource law, climate change, law and economics, and property. He has published in a wide variety of legal journals and published a book, *The Case for a Carbon Tax: Getting Past our Hang-ups to Effective Climate Policy* (Island Press 2011).

Prior to entering academia, Hsu was a senior attorney and economist for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

**Garrick Pursley, Assistant Professor**

*Environmental Federalism, Federal Courts, Legislation & Regulation*

Professor Pursley’s research is on issues in constitutional and legal theory and their application to open questions in constitutional law, federal courts, administrative law, energy law and other contexts. He has served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for Judge Timothy B. Dyk, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

**David L. Markell, Steven M. Goldstein Professor**

*Administrative Law, Current Issues in Environmental Law and Policy, Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation*

Widely recognized as a scholar on the enforcement of environmental laws, among other topics, Professor Markell is co-author of a leading casebook, *Environmental Protection: Law and Policy.* His book *Reinventing Environmental Enforcement and the State/Federal Relationship* (co-author), has been called “the most significant work … on EPA’s enforcement relationship with the states since the early 1900s.” He has held posts with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice – Natural Resources Division.

**Erin Ryan, Professor**

*Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Negotiation, Property*

Professor Ryan teaches in the areas of environmental and natural resources law, property and land use, water law, negotiation, and federalism. She has presented widely in the United States, Europe, and Asia, and has consulted with multiple institutions on developing sustainability programs. She is the author of many scholarly works, including a book, *Federalism and the Tug of War Within.* Prior to her career in academia, she clerked for Judge James R. Browning, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and practiced environmental, land use, and local government law in San Francisco.

**Robert Volpe ('15), an environmental certificate recipient, clerked at Hopping Green & Sams during his 2L year and also at the Gunster law firm during his 3L year. Both firms are statewide leaders in the area of environmental law.**

“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.”

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**Curriculum and Program of Emphasis**

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Core Environmental Law Faculty continued

Mark B. Seidenfeld, Patricia A. Dore
Professor of Administrative Law and Associate Dean for Research

Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys’ Title Professor

A rising star in the area of environmental law, Professor Wiseman’s research explores the role of regulation in protecting the character of living spaces and environmental quality, from the sublocal to the national level. As a law student, she was a managing editor of the Yale Journal on Regulation and received the Israel H. Peres prize for the best student note or comment appearing in the Yale Law Journal in 2007. She previously clerked for the Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Environmental Courses and Seminars

- Administrative Law
- 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 & 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 & Management
Water Law

*Courses offered periodically through other graduate schools on campus
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 Law and Aquatic Environmental Science (J.D.-M.A.E.S.).

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 will mentor them and help design a curriculum that best suits their interests, educational backgrounds and professional needs.

“One of my biggest motivators for coming to Florida State University College of Law was the certificate in environmental, energy and land use law. Participating students are able to focus on land use, energy, and various other subsets of environmental law that interest them. The certificate program also offers enrichment lunches with guest speakers from around the country who are specialists in their fields. There are volunteer and internship opportunities with private firms and government agencies right here in Tallahassee.”

SIMONE SAVINO (’15), who attended Florida State University for undergrad, earned the environmental law certificate when she graduated.

“A successful environmental law practice requires both technical competence and strong working relationships with environmental regulatory agencies. FSU provides students with excellent opportunities for focused course work in various areas of environmental law. Additionally, by being in the state capital, students have access to externship opportunities with environmental regulatory agencies and the legislature.”

ROBYN D. NEELY (’87), a partner in Akerman Senterfitt’s Orlando office, focuses on a wide range of environmental matters.
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**  

Professor Abbott is recognized nationally and internationally for his scholarship and professional activities in international intellectual property rights and global economic issues. He is one of the world’s leading figures on issues concerning the pharmaceutical industry and access to medicines. He is Rapporteur for the Committee on International Trade Law of the International Law Association and a consultant to the UNCTAD-ICTSD Project on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, to the World Health Organization, and to the World Bank. He is active as a dispute settlement panelist for the World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Center. Professor Abbott is the author of numerous books and articles, including his latest book, *Emerging Markets and the World Patent Order* (co-author).

**Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte, President Emeritus and Professor**  
*Comparative Law, International Human Rights Law*

President Emeritus D’Alemberte has won numerous awards for his contributions to international law, including the International Bar Association’s 2006 Rule of Law Award. He is a former president of the American Bar Association and, in that capacity, was cofounder of the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative, which reached out to those countries to assist in development of their new democracies at the end of the Cold War. He also served as president of Florida State University from 1993 to 2003. He served as president of the American Judicature Society and was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1972.

**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*

Professor Landau writes primarily about the field of comparative constitutional law, with a focus on Latin America. His recent work has focused on democratic transitions and the potential risks of constitutional amendment and constitution-making for democracy, as well as on judicial

“The faculty at Florida State University College of Law provided a strong toolbox of skills needed for my current role which extends beyond being a technician in the law. In addition to providing a solid base for building legal expertise in emerging company transactions, M&A and securities matters, the faculty also instilled tools of issues management, problem-solving and levelheadedness which are essential in the business world.”

Stefano Grace (’06), senior advisor at East Capital AB — a listed investment company offering exposure to listed and unlisted growth companies in Eastern Europe — Estonia.
The International Law Certificate program gives students the opportunity to study with renowned international law scholars, not only in Tallahassee but also in locations like England, China, and the Netherlands. Each year, Florida State participates in the world’s largest moot court competition. That competition provided me with valuable training and taught me the unique style of international appellate advocacy. The law school also hosts the executive director of the International Bar Association yearly, and during the last few years, law students have participated in the development of IBA’s app for human rights defenders. In these ways – and many more – FSU provides students with an amazing learning experience.

Amy Parker (‘15), who attended University of North Florida for undergrad, graduated with a certificate in international law.
**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.

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
- Comparative Contract Law (Oxford)
- English Legal History (Oxford)
- European Union Law (Oxford)
- Foreign Relations Law
- Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector
- 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

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Jim Bacchus ('79), chair of Greenberg Traurig’s Global Practice Group and former chair of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization
Florida State’s strong criminal law program offers a wide range of courses to prepare students for a career in the field. Our faculty 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 our 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.

Professor Wayne Logan, pictured with several law students, is one of the law school’s nationally recognized criminal law experts. Recently, his work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court and he has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal and Newsweek.
Core Criminal Law Faculty

**Paolo Annino, Glass Professor of Public Interest Law**

Children’s Advocacy Clinic

An internationally recognized expert on juvenile incarceration, Professor Annino directs the Public Interest Law Center’s Children’s Advocacy Clinic. He supervises students as they represent real clients in juvenile delinquency, criminal law, foster care, health care, special education, disability and social security cases. A study he directed on children in prison has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in a landmark decision and featured by national and international media. His work has earned him numerous awards, including national honors from the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Youth Law Center in San Francisco. Professor Annino has a Ph.D. in legal philosophy from Fordham University.

**Avlana K. Eisenberg, Assistant Professor**

Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Prison Law Reform Seminar

Professor Eisenberg’s scholarship addresses the law and practice of criminal punishment and has been published, or is forthcoming, in some of the nation’s top law journals. Before entering law teaching, she was a litigation associate at Jenner & Block LLP in Washington, D.C., and a pro bono fellow at the D.C. Public Defender Service. She earned her law degree with distinction from Stanford Law School, where she was an editor on the Stanford Law Review.

**Steve R. Johnson, University Professor**

Tax Crimes

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**Lawrence S. Krieger, Clinical Professor and Director of Clinical Externship Programs**

Criminal Practice Clinic

A national expert on lawyer and law student health and satisfaction, Professor Krieger directs the law school’s clinical externship programs. As coordinator of all criminal justice externships, he works directly with students pursuing those opportunities and teaches the course that prepares them to advocate for live clients. Professor Krieger was recognized as one of the nation’s 25 best law teachers in a 2013 Harvard University Press book, *What the Best Law Teachers Do*. He previously served as an assistant state attorney, corporate counsel to an independent health care provider, and chief trial counsel to the Florida Comptroller.
Wayne A. Logan, Gary & Sallyn Pajcic Professor
Capital Punishment Seminar, Controlled Substances: Law, Policy & Enforcement, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Police

A national expert on criminal law, Professor Logan has published widely on a variety of issues, including capital punishment, police search and seizure, sex offender registration and community notification, and the interplay among state, federal and local criminal justice systems. His work has appeared in top journals including the Pennsylvania Law Review, the Michigan Law Review, the Georgetown Law Journal, the Vanderbilt Law Review and the Minnesota Law Review. His most recent book, Knowledge as Power: Criminal Registration and Community Notification Laws in America (Stanford University Press 2009), was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in United States v. Kebodeaux (2013).

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Samuel R. Wiseman, McConnaughhay and Rissman Professor
Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Police, Environmental Crimes

Professor Wiseman’s research focuses on pre- and post-trial issues in criminal procedure, including the use of DNA evidence, post-conviction litigation, and the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition against excessive bail. He has published articles in prestigious journals including the Yale Law Journal, George Washington Law Review and Boston College Law Review. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson of the Supreme Court of Texas and to Judge Fortunato P. Benavides of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He also was a Fellow in the Texas Solicitor General’s Office, focusing on post-conviction litigation before the Fifth Circuit.

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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.
“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 externship programs for course credit, compete with the mock trial or moot court teams in criminal-based competitions, join the Association for Criminal Justice, meet local criminal attorneys in a mentor-mentee program, and work with professors as research assistants. The opportunities the criminal law program brings students allow us to enter the criminal field well prepared and experienced.”

MaryCatherine Crock ('16), who attended Florida State University for undergrad, plans to pursue a career in criminal law upon graduation.

CRIMINAL LAW

“Florida State law professors taught me that an appellate decision in a criminal case goes beyond the words on the page. You must analyze the facts, how bad a person the client is, and did he get a fair trial regardless of the mistakes. This is practical knowledge beyond the academics — the kind of practical knowledge other law schools do not teach. My son, recent grad Peter Tragos, learned this and he is truly exceeding expectations as the newest partner in our firm. He was prepared out of the box for the real world practice of law.”

George E. Tragos ('74) is the managing partner at the Law Offices of Tragos, Sartes & Tragos, P.L., in Clearwater.

Abby Altman ('17), who attended University of Wisconsin-Madison for undergrad, completed a summer 2015 externship with the State Attorney’s Office in Tallahassee.

Anika Boyce ('16), who attended Florida A&M University for undergrad, externed at the Public Defender’s Office in Tallahassee during the summer of 2015.
Meet Our Admissions and Financial Aid Professionals

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. The following team members are happy to answer your questions.

Jennifer Kessinger
Director of Admissions

Deborah Gautier
Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment

Lydia Florence
Data Analyst

Ralph Keiffer
Admissions Officer & Recruitment Specialist

Ricalya Mast
Academic Support Assistant

Rachel Russell
Academic Support Assistant

If you have questions about scholarships or financial aid, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 850.644.7338 or saffairs@law.fsu.edu. The following scholarship and financial aid experts are available to assist you.

Nancy Benavides
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Janelia Daniels Ingram
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Admissions

The admissions committee admits students with strong academic records and competitive LSAT scores. Other factors considered include exceptional personal talents, interesting or demanding work or service experience, rigorosity of undergraduate course study, leadership potential, graduate study, maturity and the ability to communicate effectively.

Applications are evaluated from October through July by the admissions committee. Most admission decisions are based on the combination of LSAT score and undergraduate grades. Decisions are made on a rolling basis and priority consideration is given to the strongest applications. Florida State University College of Law is a full-time, three-year program. First-year students start in the fall semester.

Application Deadline
May 15, 2016

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

■ Register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS), www.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. June test scores may be considered by the committee upon written request.
■ If the LSAT is taken more than once, the highest score will be considered.
■ Scores older than five years will not be considered.
■ Submit the application electronically through LSAC online. Detailed application instructions are available on our web site at www.law.fsu.edu or through the LSAC web site at www.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.
■ Pay the $30 (U.S. dollars) non-refundable application fee. LSAC fee waivers will be accepted for the application fee only.

Joint-Degree Programs:

Aquatic Environmental Sciences and Law, J.D.-M.A.E.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 Studies 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.
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 on our web site at www.law.fsu.edu.

DEADLINES

Spring Term: December 1, 2015
Summer Term: April 15, 2016
Fall Term: July 31, 2016

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 on our web site at www.law.fsu.edu.

DEADLINES

Spring Term: December 1, 2015
Summer Term: April 15, 2016
Fall Term: July 31, 2016

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 we expect to add agreements with additional institutions in the future. Details about requirements for each school are available on our web site at www.law.fsu.edu/admissions/3-plus-3-procedures.

LL.M. Admission

Florida State offers two LL.M. degrees: 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 on our web site at www.law.fsu.edu.

FALL TERM DEADLINES

LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy: June 15, 2016
LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers: May 15, 2016

Juris Master Admission

The Florida State University College of Law Juris Master degree program is designed for a workforce that is increasingly interested in legal training. The program is intended for those who possess a bachelor’s degree and who want to advance their careers with a year of legal studies and training. The program is flexible with few required courses – students can tailor their curriculum for their specific professional advancement goals. Details about requirements for the program are available on our web site at www.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.

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.

Admission of students to Florida State University is within the jurisdiction of the University, but subject to minimum standards adopted by the Florida Board of Governors. Preference for admission for any term will be given to those applicants whose credentials indicate the greatest promise of academic success in their chosen program of study.
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 more information about College of Law scholarship opportunities or financial aid in general, contact the law school’s Student Affairs Office at 850.644.7338 or saffairs@law.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 January 1 as possible for priority consideration.

### 2015 – 2016 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 2015-16 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.
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