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From the Dean



Last week, four second-year students presented oral arguments at the Florida Supreme Court as part of our Moot Court Team's Final Four Competition. After an introduction by faculty advisor Nat Stern, the John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor, the students argued in front of Florida Supreme Court justices and First DCA judges. Many of our other students and faculty members walked across the street to attend the competition. It was an honor to watch our talented students and to see how prepared they were. Congratulations to 2Ls Mallory Neumann, Brenda Czekanski, Dominique Mortimer and William Homer (pictured above L-R with justices and judges) on accomplishing something that many practicing lawyers never do. Special congratulations to Neumann, who

placed first. We are all so grateful for the justices and judges who participate in this competition every year. We're also thankful for the many alumni and friends who support the Moot Court Team and our other co-curricular organizations. Last week's competition was generously sponsored by Stephen and Susan Turner.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

50-Year Anniversary: 1971



In January 1971, a “hot line” with a secret telephone number was activated by Florida Attorney General Robert Shevin to give quick legal advice to police. The 24-hour service was manned by six FSU Law students hired as research assistants. 1971 was also the year the law school moved from the Longmire Building to its current campus location. The new law library occupied part of the second and third floors and special features included reading, typing and microfilm rooms. At the College of Law's five-year anniversary in the fall of 1971, the faculty had grown from three to 23 and we had a total of 497 enrolled students.



Alum Profile: Harold A. Saul ('88)

Harold A. Saul ('88) is a shareholder and executive board member at [Kubicki Draper](#) in Tampa. He focuses his practice on defending claims involving extensive personal injuries, significant injuries to property or businesses and wrongful death. He also specializes in complex construction defect cases. Saul has tried more than 100 cases to verdict in state and federal courts. Recently, Saul made a pledge of \$25,000 to the law school to create the Harold A. Saul Endowment for Excellence. The income distributed from the endowment will be used for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives, general discretionary dollars and funding for co-curricular activities. In recognition of his commitment, the law school has named a faculty office the Harold A. Saul Faculty Office.



“Attending FSU College of Law helped prepare me for my career as a trial attorney. My pledge is a way to repay the law school for the opportunities in life I have been provided.”

Student Profile: 3L Danella Williams

Third-year student Danella Williams is originally from Chicago, but she went to high school in Orange Park, Florida, just outside of Jacksonville. Williams graduated from Florida International University with a degree in international relations and when she graduates law school in May, she will earn the International Law Certificate. Williams also studied Chinese law in Shanghai during the summer following her 1L year. Williams competed on the VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team last year and earned first place for best brief at the E. Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition. Williams is a member of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* as well as the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida. She also won a book award for international aspects of intellectual property and is a teaching assistant for the L.L.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers’ legal writing and research course. During the spring of her 2L year, Williams served as junior extern for Domi Station and last summer she clerked at Van Horn Law Group in Fort Lauderdale. Williams hopes to practice litigation and arbitration, focusing on intellectual property and other complex commercial matters. If you are interested in hiring Williams for a job after graduation, please [click here to visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



“Between undergrad and law school I had some incredible experiences that helped shape the way I view the law and the world around me,” Williams said. “From working in Times Square to volunteering in a rural town in Guatemala, I’ve had the opportunity to gain invaluable first-hand insight into many different walks of life. I hope to use those diverse experiences to be an asset to my employer from day one.”

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