



COLLEGE OF LAW

FSU LAW FOCUS

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From the Dean



On November 14, our [Mock Trial Team won first place in the 2016 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition!](#) This is one of the biggest national invitationals in the country and FSU went undefeated throughout the entire competition. Thirty-six law schools participated in the competition, including teams from Fordham University, Northwestern University, University of California – Davis, University of Georgia, University of Houston, University of Illinois, University of

Alum Profile: Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes ('00)

Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes is a shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. in West Palm Beach, where she represents victims in personal injury, medical negligence and product liability cases. She has achieved many multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements and also is very active in the legal profession. Baker-Barnes is president-elect of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, a member of the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, a former member of the board of directors of the Florida Justice Association and an active member of the National Bar Association. In September, she was included on *Black Enterprise's* list of the "Top 10 Black Female Attorneys You Should Know."



"Baker-Barnes' greatest accomplishments as a lawyer have come from cases where she was blessed to have a role in helping to improve the lives of her clients." – excerpt from the "Top 10 Black Female Attorneys You Should Know" feature on Baker-Barnes

Student Profile: 3L Rico Lively

Rico Lively is a third-year student from Naples, Florida, who will be graduating this December. He attended the University of Tampa and earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. Lively is a Mock Trial Team member and part of the winning team at the October 2015 Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament. He is also a member of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* and the *Florida State University Business Review*. Lively's law school career includes a judicial internship with Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich, U.S. District Court for Middle District of Florida in Tampa. He also clerked with Bodiford Law, P.A. in Tallahassee and externed for Judge Timothy J. Thomason, Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix, Arizona. Lively is excited for the future—he would like to focus on developing his trial practice skills and work in civil



litigation. He is interested in staying in Florida, ideally the South Florida area. If you are interested in hiring Lively for a job after graduation, please [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"Law school has taught me a lot, but I know that life has more to teach me."

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