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From the Dean



On Friday, March 24, we will be hosting a CLE conference to address the important role of municipal utilities and cooperatives as the U.S. transitions to a lower-carbon future. Experts from top law schools and CEOs from munis and co-ops around the nation will be on campus, serving as panelists for this timely energy law discussion. The event is being coordinated by our resident fracking expert, Professor Hannah Wiseman, who is often sought out by members of the national media and policy makers for her expertise in energy law. More information about the event, including a schedule and panelist bios, is

available on [our website](#). You can also [register online](#) to attend the conference. We hope to see you in March for what is sure to be an informative event!

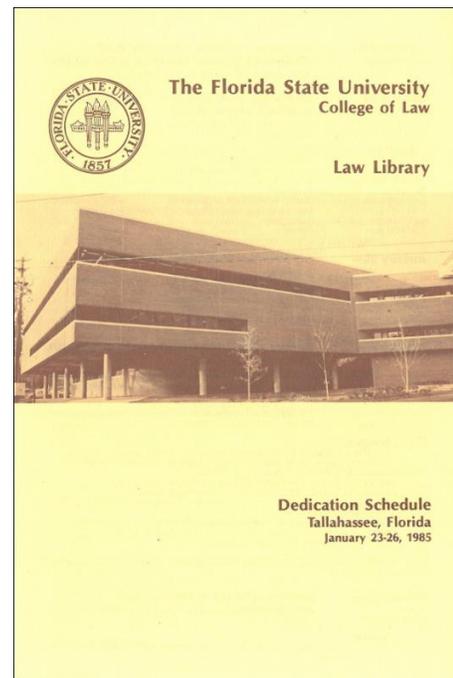
- Dean Erin O'Connor

Pictured above: During the fall of 2016, our environmental law program hosted an Environmental Law without Courts Conference.

50-Year Anniversary: Featuring 1985



In January of 1985, FSU Law dedicated the new Research Center building. The addition made way for renovation of space previously used as the library in the main classroom building. In the 1985 *User's Guide to the Law Library*, Dean D'Alemberte said, "the addition of this library space has given us room to build elsewhere—perhaps the best courtroom facility anywhere for videotaping trial and appellate proceedings, a spacious student lounge, student and faculty offices, and seminar rooms and classrooms." Also in 1985, beloved FSU professor Steven G. Gey joined the faculty. He was a nationally recognized scholar on constitutional law, focusing on freedom of speech and governmental treatment of religion under the First Amendment. Gey remained part of the FSU Law faculty until his death in 2011, after a long battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease.



Alum Profile: John G. Wood, Jr. ('77)

Winter Haven attorney John G. Wood, Jr. served for eight years in the Florida House of Representatives, finishing his final term in 2016. He is currently CEO of John Wood Enterprises, a housing and agriculture company. In 2016, Wood pledged \$30,000 to the College of Law to create the James Madison Institute Scholarship. Each year, a scholarship shall be awarded to a student at the law school who has demonstrated a

commitment to the principles espoused by the James Madison Institute, which include limited government, economic freedom, federalism and individual liberty, coupled with individual responsibility. In recognition of Wood's commitment, the law school has named a faculty office the John G. Wood, Jr. Faculty Office.



“I share the principles of the James Madison Institute and the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage students and faculty to consider this Tallahassee-based public policy advocate as a resource. Over 40 years ago, FSU law school provided the education environment that is the foundation for both my professional and political accomplishments.”

Student Profile: 3L Caroline Kamel

Caroline Kamel is from Cairo, Egypt. She moved to the U.S. in 2012 and is a permanent resident. She earned a bachelor's degree in law from Cairo University and came to FSU College of Law as a student in the LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers Program. After earning her LL.M. in 2015, she transferred into the J.D. program and spent a summer studying abroad in Oxford. During her 2L year, Kamel served as vice president for the Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights student group. Last summer, she worked for the Children's Advocacy Clinic, where she was granted an appeal for one of her clients. Currently, Kamel is clerking for the Agency for Health Care Administration General Counsel's Office. She is responsible for implementing the provisions of Chapters 119 and 120, Florida Statutes and Chapter 28, Florida Administrative Code. Kamel would like to stay in Tallahassee to work for the state and to draft contracts or



practice in the area of administrative law. If you are interested in hiring Kamel for a job after graduation, please [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

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