

## From the Dean



Thomas Merrill, the Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, presented the Spring 2018 Environmental Distinguished Lecture.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Columbia Law School's Thomas Merrill to campus. Merrill, the Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Law, is one of the nation's preeminent property law scholars and writes widely in the fields of property and administrative law. He provided the Spring 2018 Environmental Distinguished Lecture, "The Supreme Court's Regulatory Takings Doctrine: Common-Law Constitutionalism Runs Aground." Merrill spoke to students, professors and practitioners about some of the Court's most recent decisions from the perspective that constitutional law has come to resemble common law. Before entering academia, Merrill served as deputy solicitor general for the U.S. Department of Justice and practiced at Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood in Chicago. He also clerked for the Honorable David L. Bazelon, of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and for the Honorable Harry A. Blackmun, of the U.S. Supreme Court. Merrill previously taught at Northwestern Law School and Yale Law School. It was an honor to have a scholar of Merrill's caliber at the law school. If you were unable to attend the lecture, you may [view it on our website](#). Thank you to our environmental law faculty members for bringing Merrill to campus and for another excellent program!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Faculty Profile: Fernando Tesón

[Fernando Tesón](#), the Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar at FSU College of Law, is the leading authority on humanitarian intervention and the philosophy of international law. In addition, he has written on diverse topics such as immigration and political rhetoric. Originally from Buenos Aires, Tesón has dual U.S. and Argentine citizenship. He has authored several books, including *Debating Humanitarian Intervention: Should We Try to Save Strangers?* (with Bas van Der Vossen); *Justice at a Distance: Extending Freedom Globally* (with Loren Lomasky); *Rational Choice and Political Deliberation* (with Guido Pincione); and *Humanitarian Intervention: An Inquiry into Law and Morality*, considered the classic treatise in the field. He has also published dozens of articles in law, philosophy and international relations journals and collections of essays. Tesón has presented his scholarship around the world. He holds an S.J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law, an LL.M. from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium and a J.D. from Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Before joining FSU in 2002, he taught for 17 years at Arizona State University. He has served as a visiting professor at Cornell Law School, Indiana University School of Law, University of California Hastings College of Law, the Oxford-George Washington International Human Rights Program, and Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina.



*"The interest that students have in international law and jurisprudence has always exceeded my expectations. Their fresh voices in the classroom have been an inspiration for my teaching and my writing alike. This confirms my long-held view that it would be a terrible mistake to de-emphasize these theoretical offerings in the law school curriculum."*

## Alum Profile: Mary Ann Morgan ('86)

[Mary Ann Morgan](#) is the managing partner at Billings, Morgan & Boatwright, LLC, in Winter Park. Morgan practices in the areas of personal injury law and product liability, representing clients who have been seriously injured in a variety of accidents. Throughout her career, Morgan has also volunteered as a guardianship attorney for the Orange County Legal Aid Society, representing more than 50 children in this capacity. She has earned many honors and awards for her work, including being selected as a member of the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers since 2011, being inducted into the *Lawdragon 500* Leading Plaintiffs Lawyers in 2007, being recognized as a Florida Super Lawyer, and being awarded membership into The Million Dollar Advocates Forum. In 2016, Morgan was honored with the Florida Justice Association's James Mackenzie "From Day One" Award for service in defense of the Florida civil justice system. Morgan is extremely engaged in the legal profession, she is currently serving her ninth year on The Florida Bar Board of Governors, representing the Ninth Judicial Circuit. In this capacity, Morgan chaired the Bar's Disciplinary Review Committee and Communication Committee. In 2016, she received The Florida Bar President's Tony Boggs Award for disciplinary excellence. Morgan also previously served as president of the Orange County Bar Association and the Orange County Legal Aid Society. She is active with the Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association, having previously served on their board of directors. Morgan is also extremely engaged in the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, where she actively mentors young lawyers. She has been nominated this year for FAWL's Rosemary Barkett Award.



*"We are blessed to be lawyers. What other profession fights for safer products or cleaner air and water; who else gives a voice to the voiceless or protects the most vulnerable in our society? We serve with gratitude for in that service we are made rich."*

## Student Profile: 3L Isabelle Campbell

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa, Orlando or Jacksonville

**Graduation Date:** May 2018

**Field of Law Sought:** Civil litigation and business law

Isabelle Campbell earned her bachelor's degree from Rhodes College, graduating a semester early with a degree in political science. Originally from Mobile, Ala., Campbell transferred to FSU Law from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2016. While at the University of Denver, Campbell was elected 1L representative and 2L chairwoman of the Honor Board. She also competed in two Moot Court competitions and was a member of the Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS). At FSU, Campbell is the president of the IPLS and was a student ambassador for the International Trademark Association (INTA). In May 2017, Campbell represented FSU Law at the annual conference of the INTA in Barcelona. Last fall, she organized the first joint event between INTA and the IPLS, a speaker panel that featured IP law professionals from throughout the state of Florida. Campbell has also served as a student ambassador for FSU Law Admissions and secretary of the Transfer Student Organization. She is a member of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court, the Women's Law Symposium and the Student Bar Association. During her 1L summer, Campbell clerked for the legal department of ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. She also clerked with the civil litigation division of the Florida Attorney General's Office during the spring of her 2L year. Last summer, she clerked at H. Richard Bisbee P.A. in Tallahassee. During the fall of her 3L year, Campbell worked as a certified legal intern with the litigation team at the City Attorney's Office in Tallahassee. For the last two years, Campbell has also served as charity director of the Southern Federation Foundation, Inc., a Lebanese American non-profit organization devoted to providing relief to local charities within the non-profit's chapter cities. Campbell is providing relief in local charities, a classically trained soprano and the proud owner of two rescue dogs. If you are interested in hiring Campbell after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).



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