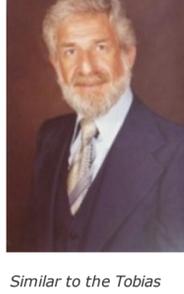


## From the Dean

We are delighted to announce that we are currently seeking nominations for our inaugural Distinguished Public Service Career Award, which will recognize alumni who have dedicated their careers to public service and who have demonstrated exceptional character, integrity, leadership, humility and professionalism, as well as the highest regard for ethics. This award is meant to honor public servants whose dedication to the profession may otherwise go unnoticed. Painted portraits of award recipients will be displayed within the College of Law. Additional considerations include:

- Length of the nominee's public service career
- Impact of the nominee's public service career (number of people served, significant legal achievements benefitting a large number of people, etc.)
- Demonstrated ability to inspire others
- Motivated by a genuine concern for others, as displayed in various facets of the nominee's personal and professional life



*Similar to the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award presented by the Florida Supreme Court, our Distinguished Public Service Career Award will recognize individuals who have dedicated themselves to serving others.*

Thank you to the following committee members who helped establish the award criteria and who will evaluate nominations: Associate Dean Nancy Benavides, Nancy Daniels ('77), Jim Douglass, Professor Larry Krieger, Darby Scott ('07) and David Varet ('12). Please send nominations to the committee at [lawdean@law.fsu.edu](mailto:lawdean@law.fsu.edu) by May 11. All nominations should include the nominee's name and an explanation of how they meet the award criteria. You may send additional documentation, including links to sources of information about the nominee. We look forward to recognizing some of our most accomplished alumni with this new award!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## FSU Hosts National Civil Mock Trial Competition



During the first weekend in March, we hosted law student teams from around the nation during our 6th Annual National Civil Mock Trial Competition. Congratulations to the team from St. John's University School of Law (pictured above) on winning the competition and Fordham University School of Law on placing second! We also welcomed students from: Brooklyn Law School, University at Buffalo School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Harvard Law School, University of Houston Law Center, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, University of South Dakota School of Law and University of Virginia School of Law. Our award-winning Trial Team once again organized the annual event, which utilized the Advocacy Center's five high-tech courtrooms, and team advisor Ruth Stone, the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice, drafted the competition problem. Thank you to alumnus Wayne Hogan ('72) and his wife Patricia Hogan for sponsoring the competition and to all of the alumni and faculty members who served as judges and jurors.

## Alum Profile: Robyn Blank Jackson ('06)

In February, Robyn Blank Jackson was selected as FSU's first chief compliance and ethics officer. Jackson, who had served as the university's associate general counsel since 2011, began her new role on March 12. Jackson is responsible for establishing, maintaining and promoting an effective compliance and ethics program designed to prevent, monitor, detect and respond to non-compliance and recommend corrective actions to meet regulatory requirements for the university. She also will work to advance an ethical university culture that supports a safe and respectful environment. Prior to joining the FSU general counsel's office, where she was the university's chief legal advisor for a variety of areas, Jackson served as the sunshine attorney and assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Financial Services, and as a staff attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida.



*"I'm always looking for ways to serve this great institution and to be selected to serve in this capacity is an incredible honor. I'm ready to get to work."*

## Student Profile: 3L Valerie Chartier-Hogancamp

**Desired Practice Location:** Open to practicing in any location  
**Graduation Date:** May 2018  
**Specialization:** Environmental law  
**Field of Law Sought:** Naturally drawn to environmental law; however, she would like to clerk for a few years prior to entering practice



Third-year student Valerie Chartier-Hogancamp grew up in Plantation, Fla. She went to school and worked in Miami and relocated to Naples after she was married. She holds a B.S. in environmental science from the University of Miami and an M.B.A. in environmental management from Florida Atlantic University. When Chartier-Hogancamp graduates with her J.D. this May, she will also earn the Environmental Law Certificate. Before law school, she was an environmental consultant for 10 years. Chartier-Hogancamp is a member of the *Florida State University Law Review* and *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*. She is also a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office. The summer after her 1L year, Chartier-Hogancamp externed with the U.S. Navy JAG Corps. During the spring semester of her 2L year, she externed for the Environmental Section of the Florida Department of Transportation. Next, Chartier-Hogancamp externed for the Honorable Mark E. Walker of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida. Chartier-Hogancamp is an FSU Goldstein Scholar, an FSU Blank Miller Scholar and a Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Scholar. She has won book awards in Civil Externship Perspectives, Admiralty Law, Emerging Issues in Energy Law, and Law & Economics. Chartier-Hogancamp accepted a two-year clerkship to begin fall 2019 with the Honorable Carlos Mendoza, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. She would like to secure a clerkship for fall 2018. If you are interested in connecting with Chartier-Hogancamp, email her at [vlc12b@my.fsu.edu](mailto:vlc12b@my.fsu.edu).

*"FSU Law allowed me to build on my previous career as an environmental consultant. In the classroom, I was able to take a wide range of environmental courses and complete the Environmental Certificate. Outside the classroom, I had the opportunity to put my previous skills to work through several externships."*

**PALM BEACH ALUMNI RECEPTION**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 18 FROM 6-7:30 PM AT THE PALM BEACH YACHT CLUB**

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