

From the Dean



Sophie Luchin ('19), pictured in Trafalgar Square, externed at the International Bar Association in London this summer.

Many of our talented students are completing summer externships this month and preparing to return to FSU Law for the start of the fall semester. We are proud to have one of the nation's most extensive externship programs and to be able to provide enriching, hands-on legal experience to students through the program. During the 2017-18 academic year, which includes this summer, 172 students participated in externships at 74 different placement sites in 22 cities around the country and abroad. Students gained experience in a wide variety of substantive areas at government offices, courts, businesses and public interest entities. Eleven students participated in externships with in-house corporate counsel at Fortune 500 companies throughout the country. Thirty-two students worked full time as certified legal interns at prosecution and public defense offices. A remarkable 27 students who had just completed their first year of law school worked for judges this summer as part of our thriving 1L judicial externships program. We are delighted to be able to offer these types of experiences to our students. We are also grateful for the many alumni who have helped establish externships and who supervise our student externs in their offices.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty & Alum Profile: Seth Miller ('04)

Seth Miller is teaching Postconviction Remedies this fall. He also teaches Wrongful Convictions and has been an adjunct professor at the College of Law since 2010. Miller is the executive director of the Innocence Project of Florida (IPF). He litigates post-conviction innocence cases, supervises the IPF's internship program, and regularly lectures to students, lawyers and community groups on issues related to wrongful convictions. Miller is president of the Innocence Network, a consortium of more than 70 innocence organizations in the U.S. and abroad. He has served on the Innocence Network Executive Board since 2012 and is former chair of the steering committee for the American Bar Association Death Penalty Due Process Review Project, completing his term earlier this month. Miller's recent presentations include "Myths in Forensics," at the European Innocence Network Conference in Rome last October, "The Anatomy of a Wrongful Conviction," at the Penn State Forum Distinguished Speaker Series last December, and "The Problem with DNA Mixtures," at the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers 31st Annual Meeting in Miami Beach in June. Recent achievements include vacating the Tampa murder convictions and achieving the release from wrongful incarceration of both Dean McKee (30 years of wrongful incarceration) in January 2018, and Dwight Dubose (18 years of wrongful incarceration) in April 2018. Also, after achieving the 2016 exoneration of Jules Letemps of a 1989 Orlando rape, IPF was able to achieve his release from immigration detention in January 2018. Before joining IPF in 2006, Miller served as a project attorney with the ABA Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project in Washington, D.C., and as a staff attorney with the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee. Miller earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Penn State University and graduated from FSU Law in 2004.



"Teaching at the College of Law has afforded me the opportunity to connect with students interested in advanced criminal law topics and help them be better prepared for litigating state and federal postconviction matters or working in courts that handle those matters. It is fun to open the students' eyes to the inequities faced by criminal defendants, particularly those of color who are indigent, and challenge these students to seek careers helping people from the most marginalized parts of our society."

Alum Profile: Judge Stephen F. Dean ('71)

The Honorable Stephen F. Dean retired as an administrative law judge in 2006. He was one of the first 10 hearing officers of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings after the Florida Administrative Procedure Act was passed in 1975. During his time as an administrative hearing officer and then administrative law judge, he led the division's efforts to incorporate digital technology into its management of cases. In that role, Judge Dean helped the division become a national leader in judicial management. Before joining the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, he was an assistant county prosecutor for Leon County and an assistant attorney general. A member of the law school's third entering class, Judge Dean enrolled at the College of Law after serving four years on active duty – three as a counter intelligence agent in the U.S. Army in Germany. Judge Dean began serving in the United States Army Reserve in 1969, while he was a law student. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1992 as a lieutenant colonel, after 28 years of active and reserve service, so he could devote more time to his church. He is pictured with his wife, Patricia, on the occasion of his retirement in 2006.



"I was proud to be a part of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings from its beginning and to contribute to its achieving national recognition as an administrative forum. It is the best job in state government."

Student Profile: 2018 Grad Charles "Race" Frederick

Desired Practice Location: Orlando, Tampa or St. Petersburg areas

Specialty: Corporate and Business Law

Field of Law Sought: Would like to practice somewhere he can use his finance and real estate background



Originally from Orlando, Race Frederick earned a bachelor's degree in finance and real estate from Florida State University. When he graduated from FSU Law in May 2018, he earned the Business Law Certificate in addition to his J.D. Frederick acquired his Florida real estate sales associate license at the age of 20 and worked in commercial real estate before entering law school. During law school, Frederick was a member of the Democratic Law Students Association, where he served as secretary and treasurer. He was also treasurer of the Aviation & Space Law Society. As an undergraduate student, Frederick spent a summer working at Ausley McMullen. The summer after his 1L year, he clerked at Moyle Law Firm, where he worked alongside Jon Moyle during case preparation and trials. Frederick was responsible for research and preparing cases for trial. He assisted with depositions, administrative hearings, evidence preparation and communication with expert witnesses. Frederick has also worked as a marketing and research assistant for Realty Capital Advisors, LLC in Orlando for many years, full-time during several summers and remotely during the school year. Frederick was responsible for creating and maintaining property listings, marketing materials, databases and quarterly reports, and assisting brokers with property searches and presentations. This spring, Frederick assisted with tax preparation as a volunteer for the United Way of the Big Bend. If you are interested in hiring Frederick, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"After seven years as an FSU student, I am excited to move on to the next chapter in my life. FSU Law has allowed me to grow both as an advocate and a professional, and I am prepared for the challenges ahead. Go Noles!"

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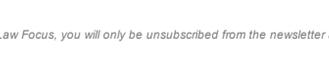
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