

From the Dean



The Florida Bar President Michelle Suskauer talks with students in the Frost Courtroom.

We were delighted to host The Florida Bar President Michelle Suskauer at FSU Law on Wednesday. Suskauer, who practices criminal defense at Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A., in West Palm Beach, met with students and toured our campus. During her inspirational presentation to students, she discussed the many Florida Bar resources available to law students and young lawyers – in areas such as mentoring, wellness, ethics, professionalism and law practice management – and encouraged students to take advantage of their free Law Student Division membership. “We’re here to make your lives easier, productive and profitable,” Suskauer told the packed courtroom of students. Suskauer also urged students to get involved in their legal communities and to be open to a variety of mentoring relationships. “Your legal career is a marathon, not a sprint,” Suskauer remarked when discussing the importance of patiently building relationships and your legal skills as a young lawyer. Having spent her entire career dedicated to service, Suskauer also encouraged students to fulfill their obligation to give back. I hope you will join me in thanking Suskauer for connecting with and providing sage advice to our students!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Environmental Law Program Hosts Distinguished Scholars



(L-R) FSU Associate Dean for Environmental Programs Shi-Ling Hsu, Wright, Webb, Gosman, Jones and Van Nostrand



2019 Environmental Law Distinguished Lecturer Richard Revesz

As one of the top 10 environmental law programs in the country, we are able to regularly host distinguished scholars in the area. On January 23, our FSU Environmental Law Program hosted a panel discussion on energy resilience. The panel was moderated by FSU Law alum Robert Scheffel “Scheff” Wright ('92), a shareholder at Gardner, Bist, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, and included Sara Rollet Gosman, University of Arkansas School of Law; Kevin B. Jones, Vermont Law School; Romany Webb, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School; and James Van Nostrand, West Virginia University College of Law.

This week, we welcomed Richard Revesz, the Lawrence King Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at New York University School of Law, as our Spring 2019 Environmental Law Distinguished Lecturer. He presented, “Institutional Pathologies in the Regulatory State: What Scott Pruitt Taught Us About Regulatory Policy.” Revesz is one of the world’s leading voices in the fields of environmental and administrative law. His work focuses on the use of cost-benefit analysis in administrative regulation, federalism and environmental regulation, and design of liability regimes for environmental protection. Revesz also co-founded the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law to advocate for regulatory reform before courts, legislatures and agencies, and to contribute original scholarly research in the environmental and health-and-safety areas. Revesz also serves as director of the American Law Institute. Revesz was a judicial clerk for Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been a member of the NYU School of Law faculty since 1985 and served as dean from 2002 to 2013.

Alum Profile: Stephanie Hayes ('12)

Stephanie Hayes is an attorney at the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, Office of Judges of Compensation Claims (OJCC). As the only attorney for the office, Hayes manages the Central Clerks Office, which has a staff of 15, including two law clerks. She also represents OJCC judges on extraordinary appellate writs and represents the OJCC in litigation and disputes. Hayes also is responsible for ensuring the lower tribunal complies with orders from the First District Court of Appeal and drafting administrative orders for the deputy chief judge of compensation claims. In addition to her legal practice, Hayes is a professional photographer and owns Stephanie Hayes Photography. She is currently serving in her fourth year as the official photographer for Tallahassee Women Lawyers, for which she also serves as public relations director and a mentor. Hayes has remained involved with the College of Law since graduating in 2012, regularly engaging with current and prospective students.



“FSU Law is not just a school, but one of the best decisions I ever made. From the moment I started law school at FSU I felt like I was home. The relationships I formed with classmates and professors still enrich my personal and professional life and inspire me to give back.”

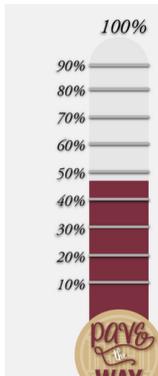
Student Profile: 3L Darrell Garvey

Desired Practice Location: Central Florida
Expected Graduation: May 2019
Field of Law Sought: Interested in contract law, real estate law and environmental law; open to other practice areas as well



Originally from Orlando, Darrell Garvey earned his bachelor’s degree in legal studies from the University of Central Florida. When he graduated from FSU Law in May 2019, he will also earn the Environmental Law Certificate and the Business Law Certificate. This semester, Garvey is a teaching assistant for Professor Fred Karlinsky ('92) and his Law & Risk semester. During the fall 2018 semester, Garvey clerked for the Election Day Operations Team for the Ron DeSantis gubernatorial campaign, where his focus was preparation for early voting and election day activities. After the election, Garvey worked on gathering information about how each county was handling the ballot recount. During the summer after his 2L year, Garvey clerked for the Florida Department of Transportation General Counsel’s Office. He worked primarily with the contracts division researching and writing memos on a variety of contract issues, including construction and maintenance issues and landlord/tenant law. Garvey also researched and wrote memos regarding land use and environmental law issues, environmental permits and bankruptcy law. During his 1L summer, Garvey participated in the Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford. Garvey is co-president of the FSU Law Chapter of the Federalist Society and a member of the American Constitution Society, the Business Law Society and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Prior to law school, he was a paralegal for six years, primarily working on commercial and residential real estate acquisitions and dispositions. If you are interested in hiring Garvey after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

“From the start, I knew FSU Law was the right school for me. My time here has only confirmed this. Between the professors, alumni, students and the many opportunities the school provides, I can’t imagine having gone anywhere else.”



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