

From the Dean



The Career Services Student Advisory Board provides input and suggestions to our Career Services Office.

Our Career Services and Professional Development team relies on valuable input from alumni and other employers about our career services efforts. Feedback and suggestions are critical to our mission of offering law students and graduates a collaborative approach to professional development and employment search strategies. As many of you [interview our students](#) this spring – either through our currently open [On-Campus Interview Program](#), through advertising with a [“Job Posting”](#) or through a [“Resume Collect”](#) – we hope you will tell us where we are succeeding and how we can better assist you in considering and hiring our students. To integrate much-needed student perspectives, we have introduced a Career Services Student Advisory Board. Just as we welcome alumni feedback, we believe student viewpoints are equally as important to developing our programming, employer outreach and career advising strategies. Thank you to everyone who is advising us as we help launch careers! Please note that the fall On-Campus Interview season will commence August 5 and we hope to see many of you in Tallahassee to meet our students.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Faculty & Alum Profile: Brittany Woodruff ('10)

Brittany Woodruff is an adjunct professor teaching Contract Drafting this semester. She serves as chief operating officer and general counsel at Nova Technologies in Tallahassee, a leading provider of a full-spectrum of engineering services and systems to the Department of Defense. Woodruff leads Nova Technologies' corporate teams and is responsible for the company's legal affairs, including litigation management, counseling the board of directors, company policy and regulatory compliance, as well as all operational matters facing a growing engineering company. She specializes in administrative law, focusing on export compliance and federal acquisition regulations. As a part of Nova's senior management team, Woodruff also drives the company's strategic planning efforts. She is also a founding partner of Woodruff & Black, LLC, a boutique intellectual property law firm. Woodruff earned a bachelor's degree in physical science with a minor in physics, and a Master of Science in business management, both from the University of Florida. She graduated *cum laude* from the FSU College of Law in 2010.



“Teaching at the College of Law is the highlight of my week. I truly enjoy preparing the next generation of lawyers for sophisticated transactional practice.”

Alum Profile: Melanie R. Leitman ('11)

[Melanie R. Leitman](#) recently joined the Tallahassee office of Stearns Weaver Miller. She is a member of the Labor & Employment and Administrative Law groups, and represents clients in all aspects of employment defense litigation and human resources compliance, consultation and training. Leitman represents management-side clients in various employment-related claims, including Chapter 760, Title VII, ADA, FMLA, FLSA, whistleblower retaliation claims, contractual matters and constitutional claims arising out of employment disputes. She also advises public and private entities in administrative litigation and regulatory compliance, including in professional and facility licensure, compliance and discipline, and government contracts and procurement. Leitman is active in Florida Bar activities and is a member of several local legal organizations. She served on The Florida Bar's Student Education and Admission to the Bar Committee from 2013-2019.



“The classes and co-curricular experiences in which I enrolled while I was a student at FSU College of Law served as a very solid foundation for me as my legal career has progressed—the professors I had and friends I made left a lasting impression on me. I am excited to now be part of a statewide firm, Stearns Weaver Miller (with many FSU Law alumni); it gives me the opportunity to further develop upon this excellent foundation and to continue to grow as a professional. Additionally, I enjoy forming mentoring relationships with current law students to help them also get the most out of their time at FSU Law!”

Student Profile: 3L Asia Lewis

Desired Practice Location: Would love to start her career in Jacksonville; also interested in the Philadelphia and Houston areas
Expected Graduation: May 2019
Specialization: Business law, sports law and entertainment law
Field of Law Sought: Would like to work with contracts, anything from negotiating to drafting and defending them in court, or arbitration



Originally from Lawnside, N.J., Asia Lewis earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in psychology from Florida State University. She will graduate from FSU Law in May 2019. Since last September, Lewis has been clerking for the Florida Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division. She reviews and summarizes proposed class action settlements to aid the assistant attorney general in the approval process. She also researches a variety of issues in state and federal law, including civil procedure and the Bankruptcy Code. Last summer, Lewis clerked for the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration, where she reviewed documents regarding discovery requests and redacted when necessary. During the spring of her 2L year, Lewis was a research assistant for Dean Emeritus Donald J. Weidner. Throughout law school, Lewis has also worked as a teacher's aide at Epiphany Preschool, where she teaches children ages three to five. If you are interested in hiring Lewis after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

“I am eternally grateful for my FSU Law family for helping me grow, both personally and professionally. I proudly embrace the challenge of using all that I've learned to leave a legacy to be proud of and inspire those who come after me.”

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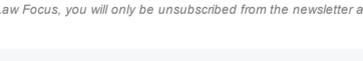
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