

From the Dean



Justice Lagoa speaks with students during FSU Law's welcome reception for Florida's newest justices.

Last week, we hosted a welcome reception at the law school for our three newest Florida Supreme Court justices: Justice Barbara Lagoa, Justice Robert J. Luck and Justice Carlos G. Muñoz. It was our honor to welcome them to Tallahassee and to FSU Law for the first time. Chief Justice Charles Canady and Justices Jorge Labarga, Alan Lawson ('87) and Ricky Polston ('87) also attended the event, where the full court mingled with our students, alumni and professors. The reception was a wonderful opportunity to make connections with our new justices. It was a special treat to see all seven justices of the Florida Supreme Court assembled together at FSU Law. Our location across the street from the Florida Supreme Court is a huge benefit for students attending FSU Law. Justices enrich our community by speaking and teaching at the law school, and attending events with our students and alumni. They also regularly hire our students and graduates for externships and clerkships. We are very much looking forward to building relationships with Florida's newest justices and having them engaged with the FSU Law community!

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Board of Visitors Members Visit FSU Law



FSU Law Board of Visitors member Wendy Wiener ('93) speaks with a student during the annual meeting.

In late February, we had the pleasure of welcoming many of our most supportive alumni and friends to the law school for our annual Board of Visitors meeting. Board members met with students and faculty members, were briefed on recent developments at FSU Law and provided valuable input on our programs. Highlights of the meeting included opportunities for board members to interact with current scholarship recipients and representatives from some of our most dynamic student organizations, and presentations by two of our newest faculty members, Carla Laroche and Michael Morley, both of whom are already helping raise the profile of FSU Law. Our **Board of Visitors** is the senior support organization of the College of Law, whose members serve in an advisory capacity on a wide range of issues. Many thanks to our members for their support and engagement!

Alum Profile: Jeanne M. Miller ('95)

Jeanne M. Miller is president and CEO of the Jacksonville Civic Council, where she works closely with Northeast Florida leaders to identify and promote solutions to the region's most complex business and public policy challenges. Immediately prior to joining the council, Miller served as general counsel and vice president of strategic initiatives at Florida State College at Jacksonville, where she oversaw the transition from community to four-year college, and was instrumental in establishing public-private partnerships to benefit students and spur economic growth. Miller's previous experience includes corporate and municipal legal practice and service as both deputy executive director and interim executive director of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission. AV-Preeminent-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and the recipient of a number of peer-reviewed honors, she is a past member, chair and vice-chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission for the First District Court of Appeal, as well as a former member and vice-chair of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. Miller is very active in her community and has served on a number of regional boards. In addition to serving as a member of the national FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Leadership Jacksonville and Leadership Florida graduate is currently treasurer of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and chair of Goodwill Industries of North Florida.



"My FSU law degree prepared me not only to practice law, but to serve as a business executive and leader. I am grateful every day for the knowledge I acquired at FSU, and delighted to have an opportunity to use my skills and relationships to promote the university's extraordinary resources as a member of the Alumni Association Board."

Student Profile: 3L Charly Banks

Desired Practice Location: Florida or Latin America

Expected Graduation: May 2019

Field of Law Sought: International business law



Charly Banks earned a B.S. in international business and a B.A. in Latin American and Caribbean studies with a minor in Spanish from the College of Charleston. Originally from Charleston, S.C., Banks earned an M.B.A. from The Citadel Graduate College. She will graduate from FSU Law in May 2019. Last summer, Banks interned at the Panamanian law firm Morgan & Morgan Group. She performed due diligence for a local financial institution and researched privacy rights as related to international tax policies. This opportunity allowed her the experience to develop her communication skills in an international and Spanish-speaking work environment. The summer after her 1L year, Banks clerked at the Manasa Law Firm, P.A. She drafted legal documents, researched and provided solutions for legal issues involving trade secrets and various real estate topics. Banks is proficient in Spanish and a member of the International Law Students Association. She is also a member of the Women's Law Symposium, the Phi Alpha Delta Terrell Chapter and the Student Bar Association. If you are interested in hiring Banks after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"FSU Law has provided me with the skills and knowledge to succeed, as well as a supportive community of professors and fellow students. I have had the opportunity to take a variety of classes which has only strengthened and confirmed my passion for international business law. I am excited to continue to use my experiences at FSU Law and my internships in my future legal career."

The Student Bar Association invites you to participate in the

FSU Law Classic

Tee Time: 11 AM, March 30, 2019
Southwood Golf Club

Students \$50 | Alumni \$60
Breakfast & lunch provided

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