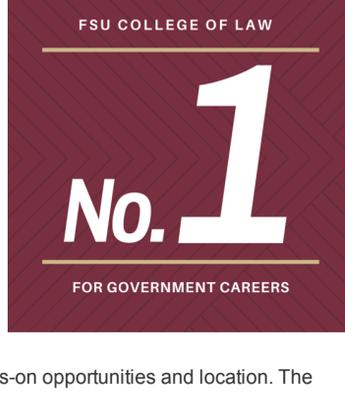


From the Dean

We are delighted to report that *preLaw* magazine has ranked FSU Law the nation's best law school for government careers! We also are ranked seventh best in the nation for public defender/prosecutor jobs and among the nation's top seven law schools for public policy. The rankings, which are published in *preLaw's* winter 2020 issue, reflect employment data, curricular offerings, and debt and loan repayment options. According to *preLaw*, Florida State is the nation's number one law school for government careers because of hands-on opportunities and location. The magazine cited that nearly 30% of graduates obtain jobs in government.



We are especially thrilled to be ranked among the nation's top law schools for government and prosecutor/public defender careers because our location in Tallahassee opens students' eyes to a variety of possibilities to make a difference in the world. We work diligently to ensure students have the opportunities and training they desire to help them reach their specific professional goals.

preLaw also graded Florida State an "A" law school for public policy, which translates into FSU Law being one of the nation's top seven schools in the area. According to a *preLaw* article, law schools graded highly for public policy consider improving society through justice endeavors a key part of their mission. Because many of our students want to make a difference, we strive to offer clinics, courses, externships and student groups that focus on public policy.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

Florida Bar President Engages with Students



Florida Bar President John Stewart answers questions from FSU Law students.

Last week, FSU Law welcomed Florida Bar President John Stewart to campus for a Q&A session with students and other law school community members. Stewart shared candid advice with students on beginning their careers and on professionalism. He encouraged students to immerse themselves in learning and not be afraid to ask questions. "Take chances and take risks," Stewart said. "Hard work is rewarded. Become very good at your craft."

Stewart, who has held bar leadership positions for more than 20 years, also discussed leadership, technology, wellness and bar resources. In addition to engaging with The Florida Bar, Stewart suggested that students become involved locally, advising them to find a local bar that suits their personality and interests. Stewart chairs the Bar's Special Committee on Technology Affecting the Practice of Law and joked he could talk about technology's impact on the profession for hours. He discussed many positive effects of technology, but cautioned students to make professional decisions when connecting with clients via texts and emails. He also urged students to make efforts to disconnect. "We have to learn to untether," Stewart said. "You're a lawyer 24/7, but you don't have to practice 24/7." In addition to serving as Florida Bar president, Stewart is a partner at Rossway Swan Tierney Barry Lacey & Oliver, PL, in Vero Beach.

Alum Profile: Glen A. McClary ('92)

Glen A. McClary is a managing shareholder at Boyd & Jenerette in Jacksonville. He also is a private equity and angel investor and sits on the board of several companies in that capacity. His law practice concentrates in the areas of workers' compensation, employment, business law and general litigation, and he represents a wide range of clients from different industries. His emphasis as a lawyer or investor is on understanding his clients' needs and business practices to facilitate solutions. In the area of workers' compensation, McClary defends insurance carriers and employers across Florida in a range of matters. He also counsels employers in risk avoidance and mitigation. McClary is a skilled litigator and strives to help his clients achieve their goals through the legal system and other avenues. He previously served as Boyd & Jenerette's sole managing shareholder from 2000-2012, leading the firm through a period of 800% growth, and continues to be a prominent member of the firm's management team.



"My time at FSU and my connection to the university since have made a profound impact on my skills in the practice of law and in growing several businesses. I see that same influence and growth in our daughter, a recent graduate, and nephew, who graduates in May."

Student Profile: 3L Evan Drake

Desired Practice Location: Florida, preference for North Florida

Expected Graduation: May 2020

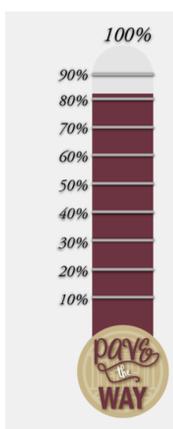
Field of Law Sought: Open to any area of law



Originally from Ocala, Florida, Evan Drake earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of Florida. During the summer after his 2L year, Drake externed at HD Supply in Orlando. He reviewed company practices for compliance with federal, state and local laws, and conducted research for a variety of statutes and regulations, ranging from employment law and federal law to tax matters. Drake also assisted in rewriting the document retention policy and retention schedule for HD Supply. During his 2L year, Drake worked remotely for the State Attorney's Office for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, where he researched and drafted legal memoranda, motions and responses. During his 1L summer, Drake served as a law clerk for the Homicide Division of the Florida State Attorney's Office for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida in Ocala. In addition to other clerk responsibilities, he prepared deposition questions for defense experts in a death penalty case.

Drake received the Book Award in Regulatory Compliance during his 2L year. He serves as an associate justice for the FSU Student Government Association and is the 3L representative to the FSU Law Student Bar Association. Drake is also a student ambassador for the FSU Admissions Office, recruitment director for the Tax Law Society and alumni outreach chair for LitiGATORS. Drake is a member of the FSU College of Law Men's Softball Team and was head coach for the LitiGATORS powderpuff football team. If you are interested in hiring Drake after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"Excellence is not an act, but a habit. At FSU Law, we develop the habits to be excellent."



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