**Student Profile: 3L Jemma Takx**

Jemma Takx is a third-year law student at Florida State University College of Law. She has been actively involved in various legal and extracurricular activities throughout her academic career. Takx participated in the Black Law Students Association Mock Trial competition during her first year, where her team won a pre-moot held in Atlanta and competed in Vienna, Austria. During her second year, she served as the executive article selection editor for the Florida State University Law Review and interned with Watson, LLP in Orlando. In her third year, she is interested in the field of environmental law and has worked on legal memos related to international law. She is also a member of the Law School Council and a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office.

Jemma Takx attended the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, where she earned her bachelor's degree in political science and public administration. She is currently pursuing her law degree at Florida State University and will graduate this May. After graduation, she plans to specialize in environmental law and international law. Takx is passionate about promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and has served as a student representative on the Women in Law Committee. She is also involved in student-led initiatives aimed at expanding access to legal education and improving the legal landscape for underrepresented groups.

Takx has been acknowledged for her dedication to community service and has received numerous awards and recognitions, including being named one of the Outstanding 50 Black Law Students in the nation and receiving the Florida Bar's Minority Leadership Award. She has also been recognized for her leadership in student organizations and her commitment to social justice.

**Alum Profile: Major Ambar “Raju” Vyas ('09)**

Major Ambar “Raju” Vyas is a graduate of Florida State University's College of Law and currently serves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army. He has a background in political science and public administration, which has helped him develop a strong foundation in legal problem-solving and critical thinking. Vyas is a world traveler and has lived and worked in various countries, including the Netherlands.

After graduating from Florida State University, Vyas entered the Army and was stationed in the Netherlands. He has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and has served in the Air Force and the Army. His service has included overseeing the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in Dallas. His areas of expertise include military personnel law and homeland security.

Major Vyas is proud of his service to his country and has received numerous awards and decorations for his service, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He has also been recognized for his leadership and commitment to community service.

**Environmental, Energy & Land Use Law Symposium**

The Florida State University College of Law hosted the Environmental, Energy & Land Use Law Symposium on February 21. The event was co-sponsored by the College of Law and the Environmental and Land Use Law Program. The keynote address was delivered by Richard Briffault, the Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation at Columbia Law School. The symposium also featured speakers from across the nation, including Richard Briffault, John Nolon, and Sarah Swan.

The symposium focused on the rapid energy transition and the impact of climate change on the legal landscape. The speakers discussed the legal challenges and opportunities associated with the transition to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power. They also addressed the impacts of hydraulic fracturing and the need for innovative solutions to reduce the negative effects of extractive industries.

The symposium was judged by the Honorable Lisa Margaret Smith, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the Honorable Jane Branstetter Stranch, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. It is an annual event that brings together legal professionals and students to explore current legal issues and challenges.