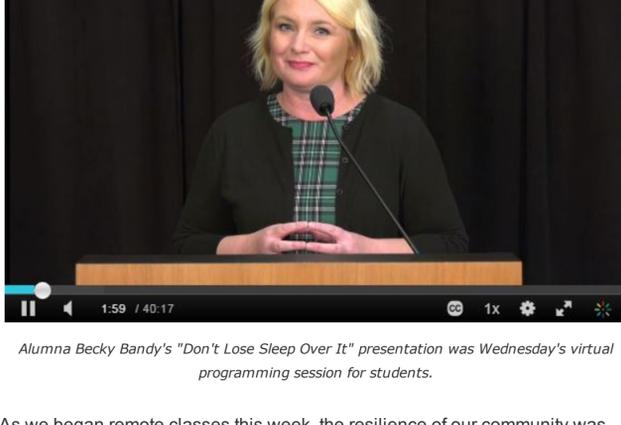


## From the Dean



Alumna Becky Bandy's "Don't Lose Sleep Over It" presentation was Wednesday's virtual programming session for students.

As we began remote classes this week, the resilience of our community was inspiring. In attempts to try to remain connected, promote wellness and provide small doses of normalcy to our students, we also began daily virtual enrichment sessions during the law school's regularly scheduled lunchtime break. On Monday, students attended a timely session led by our Technology Office on navigating remote classes via Zoom—the platform we are utilizing for online learning. On Tuesday, our Research Center facilitated a research workshop on Florida Administrative Law. On Wednesday, the Office of Student Advancement arranged for a wellness presentation by alumna Becky Bandy ('05), director of the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism at The Florida Bar, on the benefits of sleep, the appetite and food connection to sleep, and resources to help improve sleep. Students had two options on Thursday—a session coordinated by the Career Services Office on the Florida House Legislative Internship Program and open virtual office hours with Dean Roig in the Academic Programs Office. Today's Zoom session on learning how to relieve anxieties through journaling and freewriting will be presented jointly by our writing support specialist and Office of Student Advancement. Additionally, I am hosting recurring Zoom community meetings twice a week to share timely law school news and talk with students, faculty and staff about how to address any challenges we are facing. Many thanks to our faculty and administrative team for pivoting to our online environment and helping us navigate our new normal.

- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Law & Risk Management Spring Break Course Taught Virtually

Last week, during the university spring break, FSU Law offered our annual and very popular one-week Law & Risk Management course taught by FSU Law alumnus [Fred E. Karlinksy](#) ('92) (pictured), shareholder and global co-chair of the Insurance Regulatory & Transactions Practice at Greenberg Traurig, P.A. In its eighth year, the course included 30 second- and third-year law students, as well as 26 students from our Juris Master degree program. This year, due to COVID-19 precautions, the course was conducted entirely online.



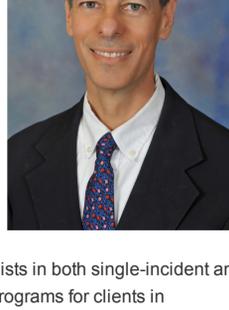
"We made the decision to transition to a virtual class four days before the class started," Karlinksy said. "It was not an easy decision because this is a large class and the class relies on class participation and guest speakers. But it was the right decision."

The course entailed 30-hours of coursework on Zoom, over four days. FSU Law Director of Technology Matt Mortimer and course teaching assistants, 2Ls Eden Marcu and Brooke Stewart, helped make the class a success. "In the end, we had nearly 30 guest speakers and class participation was fairly robust, including online chats before and after class," Karlinksy said. "Everything worked flawlessly and greatly exceeded my—and likely the students'—expectations."

The guest speakers were industry experts, including Jimmy Patronis (FSU bachelor's '96), cabinet member and chief financial officer of the state of Florida; Commissioner David Altmaier, of the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation; Michael B. Dobson ('16) (FSU bachelor's '13), policy director & special legal advisor at the Florida Department of Financial Services; Robert Henderson ('82), of USAA; Steve Johnson, Dunbar Family Professor of Law at FSU; Derek Silver (Dec '19) (FSU bachelor's '16), deputy director of government affairs at the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation; Gina G. Smith ('87), executive senior attorney at the Florida Department of Financial Services; Robin Westcott ('93) (FSU bachelor's '90), vice president and general counsel at American Association of Insurance Services; and many more.

## Alum Profile: Peter M. Kramer ('84)

[Peter M. Kramer](#) is a partner at Squire Patton Boggs (U.S.) LLP in Miami, where he primarily represents life insurance companies. Kramer's litigation practice concentrates on state and federal court insurance cases, regulatory issues including sales practices, advertising and compliance with state regulatory requirements. He has handled sales practice audits and investigations and advises clients on internal compliance, fraud and theft-related issues. Additionally, Kramer, a mediator since 1985, has developed a national settlement advocacy practice. He is often engaged by clients to handle the settlement aspect of the case and assists in both single-incident and multi-claim cases. He has designed settlement programs for clients in industries including consumer products, aviation, pharmaceuticals and financial services. He has worked with state agencies in the design and implementation of a mass catastrophic insurance mediation program, which is now a model for the resolution of disputed coverage claims resulting from natural disasters.



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## Student Profile: 3L Allison Barkett

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa, St. Pete or the Bay Area

**Expected Graduation:** May 2020

**Field of Law Sought:** Would like to either practice or work with a firm that covers a broad range of practice areas in order to gain diverse experience as a new attorney



Allison Barkett is originally from Vero Beach, Florida, although she lived in Tampa before coming to FSU Law. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Florida with a bachelor of science degree in advertising and a minor in art history. She was an account executive in an advertising agency for five years before starting law school. She developed and implemented strategic marketing solutions, and her role consisted largely of client relations, project management and strategic problem-solving. When Barkett graduates from FSU Law in May 2020, she will also earn the Environmental Law Certificate. After her 2L year, Barkett began clerking with Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, where she has continued to work throughout her 3L year. Her assignments include legal research, drafting memoranda, assisting in drafting complaints and other documents, as well as participating in litigation strategy meetings and the discovery process. Barkett has worked across several of the firm's practice areas, including Land Use and Environmental, Trusts and Estates, Probate, Family, Administrative, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Contracts, Trademarks and Appellate. During her 2L year, Barkett externed with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, where she worked with both the litigation and programs sections of the Office of the General Counsel. She completed research assignments, drafted memoranda, pleadings and discovery documents, and attended various meetings and hearings. After her 1L year, Barkett interned for the Honorable Judge Jonathan Sjaastrom, of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, where she worked with the staff attorneys to research and write memoranda and appeals summaries, reviewed and edited judicial opinions, observed civil and criminal proceedings, and aided the chief judge in case management and administrative tasks for the Second Circuit.

Barkett is an executive editor for the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, where she is publishing a paper in the journal's spring 2020 edition. She is also an article selection editor for the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*. Barkett is treasurer of the Public Interest Law Students Association, and during her time in law school has been a member of the Women's Law Symposium, the Environmental Law Society and Litigators. She was also a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office. If you are interested in hiring Barkett after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

*"Because of FSU Law's unique placement in the state capital, I have enjoyed opportunities to work in both a well-respected private law firm and for the state government at the Department of Environmental Protection. Being able to work in both the public and private sectors has given me a well-rounded knowledge of the areas in which I hope to focus my practice."*

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