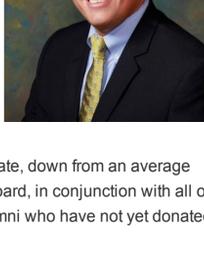


From the FSU Law Alumni Association Board

Fellow FSU Law Alumni,

On behalf of the FSU College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, I write hoping you and your loved ones are doing well and to ask for your help. Due to the safer-at-home and stay-at-home orders, which necessitated the move to a virtual finish of the 2020 spring semester and a virtual summer semester, the College of Law's Annual Fund campaign was stalled. Currently, we have a 19% alumni giving rate, down from an average between 29-30% in a typical year. The Alumni Board, in conjunction with all of the Class Agents, are currently asking fellow alumni who have not yet donated to join them in doing so.



Please take their calls or respond to their emails and take a couple moments to make a gift in **any** amount, as these dollars help to continue providing the quality education and experiences we each received from the FSU College of Law. Each and every donation counts toward these efforts. Donations do not need to be high in individual value, but a strong overall alumni participation rate does positively impact the College of Law. Please [click here](#) to donate. If you are interested in helping solicit additional classmates or fellow alumni, please reach out directly to Executive Director for Alumni Outreach & Engagement Becky Shepherd at rshepherd@law.fsu.edu.

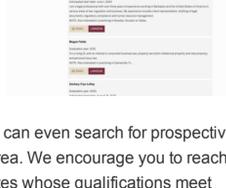
Again, on behalf of the College of Law Alumni Board, we hope you and your loved ones are doing well and staying safe.

In FSU Law Pride,

Terry Hill, President, FSU College of Law Alumni Association

From the Dean

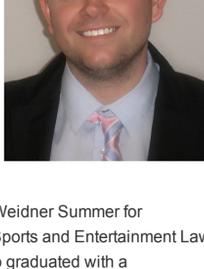
As we have reported in previous issues of the newsletter, many of our students are searching for summer and post-graduation jobs. We are grateful to the many alumni and friends who have been helping in our efforts to connect these students and recent graduates with valuable work opportunities. To help find additional experiences for our hard-working, eager students, we have created a [Hire FSU Law web page](#) for employers that showcases many of our talented, seeking students. There, you will find biographical information, LinkedIn links and short videos for many of the students. You can even search for prospective employees by desired location and practice area. We encourage you to reach out directly to any students and recent graduates whose qualifications meet your needs via the email addresses on the Hire FSU Law page or LinkedIn. If you would like more information about hiring FSU Law students or posting a job, please contact the Career Services team at careerservices@law.fsu.edu or 850.644.4495. Additionally, if you have not yet completed our [alumni employer survey](#), it is not too late. We would greatly appreciate your survey feedback!



-Dean Erin O'Connor

Alum Profile: Shane Spencer ('16) (1991-2020)

Shane Spencer, 29, passed away on June 1, 2020 as a result of a fatal car accident. Spencer was an associate at Cole, Scott & Kissane in Tampa, where he had worked since 2016. Spencer concentrated in the areas of premises liability, vehicle negligence and sex trafficking/human trafficking defense. According to the firm's site, Spencer "was one of the brightest associates and a privilege to have with the firm." He was also a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association. Spencer graduated from FSU Law in 2016 and Central Michigan University in 2013. While in law school, Spencer was a mentor for the Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program, and a member of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society and the Student Bar Association. He also graduated with a distinguished pro bono service award for his volunteer work with the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel. He loved sports and was a huge fan of Tom Brady. Spencer was born in Macomb, Michigan. A mass will be held today, Friday, June 12, 2020, at 12 p.m. at the St. Malachy Catholic Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan, followed by a celebration of life from 3-10 p.m. at the Spencer residence in Macomb, Michigan. The celebration of life will continue on Saturday, June 13, 2020, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at the Spencer residence.



"The legacy he left behind is one most people never achieve their whole lives and Shane, you did it in your short time on earth. A legacy of hard work, success, positivity, kindness, and so much love. We should all be so lucky to come anywhere close to what you accomplished." - Kelli Haralambis ('16)

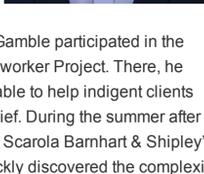
"Thank you for always being a wonderful friend, for helping all of us enjoy and get through law school, for being the best office neighbor I ever had at work, and for bringing nothing but positivity and joy into people's lives. I know you cared deeply for your entire family and my condolences go out to them." - Steffen LoCascio ('16)

"Shane embodied all that you could ever ask for in a friend and colleague. He was kind, considerate and a positive influence to everyone around him. You could not be around Shane without sharing his enthusiasm and smile. Those who were lucky enough to know Shane are better for it. It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember, and he will be truly missed."
- excerpt from the Cole, Scott & Kissane website

Student Profile: 2020 Grad Brandon Gamble

Desired Practice Location: Tallahassee; also open to Palm Beach County, Broward County or the Orlando area

Field of Law Sought: Would like to practice plaintiff's personal injury law; would also consider insurance defense work or immigration law



Originally from Loxahatchee, Florida, just west of West Palm Beach, Brandon Gamble became a double 'Nole when he graduated from FSU Law last month. He also earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies and history from FSU. During the spring semester of his 3L year, Gamble participated in the Public Interest Law Center Immigration and Farmworker Project. There, he became familiar with immigration court and was able to help indigent clients apply for and obtain humanitarian immigration relief. During the summer after his 2L year, Gamble clerked with Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley's Mass Torts Division in West Palm Beach. He quickly discovered the complexity and novelty of the mass claims system, drafted and responded to discovery and pleadings, and conducted client interviews. Gamble's work primarily focused on the 3M Combat Arms Earplug litigation. From the summer after his 1L year and through his 2L year, Gamble clerked for FasigBrooks, where he worked on discovery and pleadings in personal injury plaintiff's litigation. As a non-traditional student, Gamble's path to law school was unique. He spent a few years in the restaurant industry after undergrad. Wanting a change, he took a full-time job as a runner at a law firm, but still worked part-time at a restaurant to make ends meet. Soon, Gamble worked his way up to paralegal, assisting a lead attorney with the management of a case load of 70-100 litigation and prelitigation cases. He found the work exciting and intriguing, and he decided to take the next step and become a lawyer himself.

During law school, Gamble started an FSU section of the Florida Justice Association (FJA) and served as its president for a year and a half. The purpose of the FJA at FSU is to involve students in the FJA's mission to strengthen and uphold Florida's civil justice system and protect the rights of Florida's citizens and consumers. If you are interested in hiring Gamble, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"While in law school, I juggled my school work, a job, a newborn baby and a wife who was a theatre teacher working long evening and weekend hours. I'm currently studying for the bar while watching my now two-and-a-half-year-old, who is out of school until after the bar exam because of the pandemic. Despite the difficulties I've faced, I'm beyond excited to put down Black's and pick up a demand, a complaint or a trial notebook—anything to get started with the work of making people whole again."

Student Profile: 2020 Grad Machaella Reisman

Desired Practice Location: Raleigh, North Carolina

Field of Law Sought: Interested in privacy law



Machaella Reisman is originally from Raleigh, North Carolina. She holds bachelor's degrees in political science and marketing from Clemson University and graduated from FSU Law in May 2020. Currently, Reisman is a clerk for Young Qualls, P.A., where she has been researching and drafting memos, assisting in litigation and drafting documents—including complaints, motions and appellate briefs—since May 2019. During the spring semester of her 2L year, Reisman externed for the Leon County Attorney's Office. She attended county meetings, including those of the board of county commissioners (BCC), drafted memos to the BCC, assisted in county ordinance revisions and helped draft contracts. The summer after her 1L year, Reisman was a judicial intern for Judge Robert E. Long, Jr. of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida. She drafted legal memos, observed trials and hearings, and completed case management projects.

Reisman was a member of the Phi Delta Phi honors society and the Business Law Society, where she served as activities chair during her 2L year. She was also a member of the Moot Court Team and competed in the UCLA Cyber Crimes Competition during her 2L year. Reisman and her partner won Best Petitioner's Brief at the Gibbons Criminal Procedure Competition this spring, although the in-person competition was canceled. Reisman is interested in practicing privacy law and completed a directed independent study with Professor Jake Linford this spring. She wrote an article on higher education and student privacy, for which she is currently seeking publication. Reisman is sitting for the July 2020 administration of the North Carolina bar exam. If you are interested in hiring Reisman or helping her make connections in the Raleigh area, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"My time at FSU Law has provided me with confidence and allowed me to discover a new area of law. My tenure on the Moot Court Team allowed me to develop and gain confidence in my oral advocacy skills. Additionally, I'm incredibly thankful for the exceptional professors at FSU Law who helped me find my passion for privacy law. Growing up in an era where individuals unconsciously give away private data in exchange for convenience, privacy law is necessary and relevant in all our lives. I am grateful to have developed these skills and discovered my passion while at FSU Law and am anxious to begin my career."



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