

## From the Dean

Last week, we gathered to learn more about police brutality and its effect on Black lives. Attended by more than 100 students, professors and staff members, we hosted a panel intended to help us better understand best practices for police training and mentoring, recent legal and policy reform efforts and why they have failed to protect our Black citizens, and how lawyers can work to help create positive change. Panelists included FSU Law's Gary & Sallyn Pajcic Professor Wayne A. Logan, a national expert in criminal law and procedure whose research areas include police search and seizure; FSU Chief of Police Terri Brown, who headed police training at FSU for 20 years; and attorney



Benjamin Crump speaks to the FSU Law community during a panel on police brutality.

Devon Jacob, a former police officer who focuses his civil rights practice exclusively on police brutality. As a special treat for attendees, FSU Law alumnus Benjamin Crump ('95) was also able to join the panel even though he is currently very busy representing the families of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, among others. Crump joined the Zoom call from Louisville, Kentucky, where he was with Breonna Taylor's mother. He talked about the important national work he is doing, including promoting "Breonna's Law," which was unanimously passed and prohibits no-knock warrants. This panel was the first in a series of educational panels planned to discuss issues of systemic racism present in the criminal justice system. We will be holding additional sessions throughout the summer and beyond and urge members of our FSU Law community to participate in these conversations.

As we think further about how to fortify diversity and inclusion at the law school, our faculty drafted a letter to leaders of the Florida House of Representatives advocating for the removal of B.K. Roberts' name from our main classroom building. A similar statement was unanimously passed by the FSU Faculty Senate earlier this week. Because the naming of our building was legislatively mandated in 1973, the statements are directed to the Florida House.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Alum Profile: Scott B. Smith ('98)

[Scott B. Smith](#) is managing partner at Scott Smith Injury Law in Palm Beach Gardens. He represents clients injured in a wide variety of accidents, people injured by defective products and families who have lost a loved one due to someone else's negligence. Prior to opening Scott Smith Injury Law in January 2019, Smith was a partner at Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath. He is Florida Bar board certified in civil trial law and has resolved hundreds of cases by settlement or jury verdict during his career. Smith has received numerous multimillion dollar results for clients and was honored by *Best Lawyers* in 2017 as Lawyer of the Year in Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs in West Palm Beach. He is a current member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's board of directors and a past-president of the Palm Beach County Justice Association.



*"During this difficult and challenging time, I wish the entire FSU College of Law community all the best and nothing but good health."*

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Daniel Kalter

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa Bay area; also open to Jacksonville and Orlando

**Field of Law Sought:** Employment law; also interested in general business law and civil litigation



Originally from Tampa, Daniel Kalter holds a bachelor's degree in politics and international affairs with a minor in philosophy from Wake Forest University. He graduated *cum laude* from FSU Law in May 2020 and also earned the Business Law Certificate. From the summer after his 1L year through the summer after his 2L year, Kalter clerked for Marie A. Mattox ('87), of Marie A. Mattox, P.A. He drafted complaints for employment discrimination and civil rights cases, conducted legal research and was in regular contact with clients to gather information about their cases and update them on the status of their cases.

During law school, Kalter was a member of Phi Delta Phi honor society, the Business Law Society, the Entertainment and Sports Law Society, and the Student Bar Association. If you are interested in hiring Kalter, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*"FSU Law has given me the opportunity to hit the ground running in my legal career by offering skills training courses such as Client Interviewing and Trial Strategy. The practical skills gained working at an employment law firm, along with these courses, will enable me to be an immediate contributor."*

## Student Profile: 2020 Grad Yetian Wang

**Desired Practice Location:** Tallahassee, Orlando, Miami, Jacksonville or Tampa

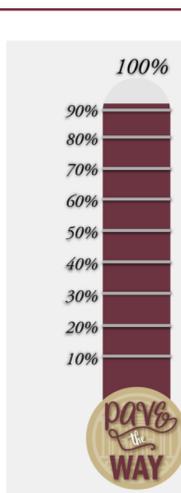
**Field of Law Sought:** Interested in corporate law, administrative law and real estate law



Yetian Wang is originally from Beijing, China, and is now a permanent Florida resident. He earned a bachelor of laws from Macau University of Science and Technology in China. He then came to FSU Law and earned an LL.M. in Business Law *magna cum laude* in 2018 and a J.D. *cum laude* in May 2020. During the spring semester of his 3L year, Wang participated in the FSU Public Interest Center Veteran's Legal Clinic, where he helped veterans with their cases involving dissolution of marriage, child support and driver's license issues. In addition to conducting legal research, he drafted various pleadings and motions for the clients' cases. During the summer after his 2L year, Wang externed at the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings. He conducted legal research and drafted memoranda and multiple orders for administrative law judges.

During his time at FSU Law, Wang was a member of the FSU International Law Students Association and a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal honor society. He was also a student member of The Florida Bar International Law Section. Wang received the Book Award in Introduction to Business, Finance and Commercial Transactions. If you are interested in hiring Wang, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*"I am a native speaker in Chinese. With the three years of legal training at FSU Law, I gained a strong foundation of legal knowledge and analytical skills. Also, with an international background, I have developed an understanding of laws and policies from a global perspective."*



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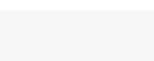
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