

## From the Dean

We are delighted to announce that we have surpassed the \$2 million goal for our Pave the Way fundraising campaign for student scholarships! Many thanks to everyone who gave to the campaign and who encouraged others to donate! Because of your generous support, our talented students have been able to attend FSU Law, take on less debt and pursue their passions. In many cases, lives were changed. To celebrate this achievement and the donors who invested in our students, we are hosting a Zoom reception on Wednesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. We invite Pave the Way donors and all other alumni, students, faculty members and friends to join us for the celebration. In addition to hearing about the campaign, the event will feature remarks from students who received scholarships and from campaign donors. Please RSVP to attend via the [registration link](#) and Zoom meeting details will be provided. We look forward to celebrating with you!



-Dean Erin O'Connor

## FSU Ranked Nation's #3 Law School for Best Quality of Life



In January 2020, the FSU Law Office of Student Advancement hosted a vision board party as part of their Wellness Wednesday series.

For the second year in a row, FSU has been ranked the #3 law school in the nation for best quality of life. The ranking, which is published in Princeton Review's Best Law Schools for 2021 list, is based on students' answers to survey questions, including how they rate the beauty, safety and location of their campus, campus dorms and food, ease in getting around campus and in dealing with the administration, the friendliness of fellow students and interactions among different student types on campus, and overall happiness. Princeton Review surveyed 143,000 students at 386 schools for its 2021 list.

The FSU Law community strives to provide students with a positive, yet rigorous law school experience as a key to personal, academic and career success. "While we often hear that students are appreciative of the collegial, welcoming atmosphere at FSU Law," said Dean Erin O'Connor, "it is especially gratifying to have those sentiments reflected in this ranking during a year when it is more difficult to gather in person."

According to the Princeton Review law school data, FSU Law is also ranked #7 nationally and tied for first in Florida for professor accessibility, #14 nationally and first in Florida for professor teaching quality, and #17 nationally and first in Florida for academic experience.

## Alumni Profile: Michael Ufferman ('97) and Ida Ufferman ('95)

[Michael Ufferman](#) practices at Michael Ufferman Law Firm, P.A. in Tallahassee. He is Florida Bar board certified in criminal appellate law and concentrates on state and federal criminal appeals and postconviction motions. He has handled hundreds of appellate and postconviction motions during his career. Prior to opening his firm in 2004, Ufferman practiced at the Robert Augustus Harper Law Firm and clerked for Florida Supreme Court Justice Major B. Harding. Ufferman recently published a book, *Florida Criminal Practice and Procedure* (2020 edition), which is a comprehensive guide to pretrial criminal procedure, investigation of criminal offenses and stages of trial. He is a member of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers—for which he served as president in 2015, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Bar Association and the Tallahassee Bar Association.



Ida Ufferman previously clerked for Judge Marguerite Davis, of the Florida First District Court of Appeal, before stepping back from the practice of law to raise children. Having an autistic child has allowed her to use her advocacy skills in a different setting and she has since become a certified health and nutrition coach and yoga instructor.

The Uffermans met at FSU Law in 1994 when Ida was Michael's peer advisor. They will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in 2021.

*"We are both very grateful for the role that FSU Law has played in our lives. The College of Law provided us an amazing legal education and wonderful internship opportunities. And our time at the law school was the beginning of many enduring friendships with both faculty and classmates (and of course we are most thankful that FSU Law was the beginning of our lifelong journey in and out of the practice of law)."*

## Student Profile: 3L Chad Revis

**Desired Practice Location:** Florida  
**Expected Graduation:** Spring 2021  
**Field of Law Sought:** Interested in clerking, working in state government and/or working in political and election law



Chad Revis is originally from Ocala, Florida. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Kentucky, with a major in management and a minor in political science. He will graduate from FSU Law this spring. During the summer of 2020, Revis clerked for Ben Gibson ('01), general counsel for the Republican Party of Florida. He prepared comprehensive memos regarding election laws for the general counsel and the chairman in preparation for federal election litigation. Revis also conducted legislative research in anticipation of potential election legislation. During the spring semester of his 2L year, Revis externed for Justice Carlos Muñiz at the Florida Supreme Court, where he wrote jurisdictional memos and also completed various research assignments to assist Justice Muñiz and his staff attorneys. During his 1L summer and through the fall of his 2L year, Revis was a special projects clerk for Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody. In this role, Revis served the attorney general and her staff, which included the chief deputy, the general counsel, the director of special projects and the director of communications. In addition to conducting research and preparing memos for the attorney general and her staff, Revis proposed and executed policies and initiatives that fell within the purview of the Office of the Attorney General.

During law school, Revis has served on the board of the FSU Student Bar Association (SBA) every year and is SBA president this year. He is also a member of the *Florida State University Law Review* and the FSU Law Moot Court Team, where he currently serves as a notes and comments editor and the intramural competition chair, respectively. Additionally, Revis has served in various leadership positions in the Federalist Society. Outside of law school, he is a member of the First District Appellate American Inn of Court. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Revis, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*"When I talk to prospective students, family or friends about why I love FSU Law, it boils down to one word: opportunities. In my time here, I've had the opportunity to take classes taught by Florida Supreme Court justices, the general counsel to the governor and the solicitor general of Florida. I've worked in or with all three branches of my state's government. I've met classmates and lawyers with all kinds of backgrounds and career paths. FSU Law has given me a lot, and I look forward to seeing what opportunities are ahead after graduation this spring."*

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