

## From the Dean



(L-R) Amelia Rea Maguire Business Law Lecture moderator Carla Harris and panelists Tiffani G. Lee, Natalia Marulanda and Jenea M. Reed

On Thursday, February 11, from 5-6:30 p.m., we will host our second annual Amelia Rea Maguire Business Law Lecture: A Panel on the Economics of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The Zoom event will feature experts who will provide multiple perspectives on the work being done to address Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (D, E and I) in law firms. Attendees will hear about the Diversity Lab's Mansfield Rule as a framework for tackling D, E and I and how law firms of different sizes are addressing these issues. Panelists will include: Tiffani G. Lee, a partner at Holland & Knight; Natalia Marulanda, a Mansfield Rule and knowledge sharing specialist with the Diversity Lab; and Jenea M. Reed, a shareholder at Stearns Weaver Miller. Event sponsor Amelia Rea Maguire ('87) will provide opening remarks and our moderator will be Carla Harris, CEO and managing director of The People Institute. You can [visit our website](#) to learn more about the event and to register. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a timely, thought-provoking discussion.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

## Professor Landau's Scholarship Cited

The scholarship of David E. Landau, Mason Ladd professor and associate dean for international programs, has been cited in two recent high court cases from around the world. In November 2020, his publication *Legal Pragmatism and Comparative Constitutional Law* was [cited by the Canadian Supreme Court](#). The case determined the "cruel and unusual punishments" clause of the Canadian constitution did not apply to corporations, but only to individuals.



Then, on December 30, 2020, [a case from the Constitutional Tribunal of Chile](#) cited a piece co-authored by Landau and Rosalind Dixon, titled *Transnational Constitutionalism and a Limited Doctrine of Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendment*. The case struck down a temporary amendment to the constitution that changed the rules for pension plans during the pandemic.

Landau has also been active in the recent news media. On January 7, Landau and Dixon co-authored an [op-ed for The New York Times](#) titled "The 25th Amendment Can Remove Trump, but We Shouldn't Stop There" and he was quoted extensively in [The Globe and Mail piece](#) titled "What Consequences Might Trump Face for Wednesday's Violence?"

"I'm honored that my work was viewed as useful by these two high courts, and that I've been able to speak some to the recent debates about impeachment," said Landau. "It is gratifying and exciting to see my scholarship have a practical impact."

## Alum Profile: Alicia Caridi ('99)

[Alicia Caridi](#) is a shareholder at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin in Tampa and co-chair of the firm's Amusements, Sports and Recreation Liability Practice Group. Caridi represents waterparks, theme parks, roller skating rinks, trampoline and climbing wall attractions, and other similar entities when claims are brought against them. She also has experience in the defense of general casualty matters. Caridi is a member of and has presented to several amusement industry groups, such as the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, on regulatory and compliance topics unique to the amusements industry, including ADA accessibility. She is also a voting member of the American Society of Testing and Measurement F24, which develops global standards for safety specific to the amusement industry. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey's Tampa office in 2020, Caridi had practiced out of the firm's Scranton, King of Prussia and Mt. Laurel offices covering the northeast regions since 2002.



*"Central Florida is well known for its theme parks and tourist attractions, so my move to Tampa is a perfect fit for my work with the firm's amusements and recreation industry clients. As I near my 20th anniversary with Marshall Dennehey, I am excited for the opportunity to grow my practice in a new city."*

## Student Profile: 3L Alessandra Norat Mousinho

**Desired Practice Location:** Open to relocate

**Expected Graduation:** Spring 2021

**Field of Law Sought:** Would like to practice in business law and international law, but open to other areas as well

Originally from Joao Pessoa, Brazil, Alessandra Norat Mousinho earned a Bachelor in Law, with a specialization in taxation from a Brazilian university. She is licensed to practice law in Brazil and worked as a lawyer there for seven years before coming to FSU for her LL.M. in American Law, which she earned in 2018.



When Norat Mousinho graduates with her J.D. this spring, she will also earn the Business Law Certificate. Norat Mousinho is currently externing at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. She has also served as a teaching assistant for the FSU Juris Master Program since January 2019 and worked part-time as an operations assistant for the FSU Testing Center since September 2017. Last fall, Norat Mousinho worked as a certified legal intern in the Public Interest Law Center (PILC) COVID-19 Veterans Legal Clinic. During the spring semester of her 2L year, she externed for the Florida Department of Management Services. During the fall semester of her 2L year, Norat Mousinho participated in the PILC Veterans Legal Clinic.

Norat Mousinho is a member of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar and the American Society of International Law. She is also a member of the FSU Cuban American Bar Association. Norat Mousinho is fluent in Portuguese, English and Spanish and completed her pro bono hours with Legal Services of North Florida as a translator. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Norat Mousinho visit [her LinkedIn profile](#).

*"I am very organized and determined to achieve my goals. I have worked in law for more than 10 years, so I have experience with case management, time management and building relationships with clients, and I am still licensed to practice law in Brazil."*

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