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From the Dean



Judge Adalberto Jordan answers student questions during a luncheon.

On Monday, September 20, we had the honor of hosting Judge Adalberto Jordan, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The judge attended several meetings with FSU Law students. He spoke to Professor Wayne Logan's Criminal Procedure – Police class and Professor Nat Stern's Constitutional Law II class, and made remarks during a luncheon with members of law school journals and the Moot Court Team. Judge Jordan also attended a special reception with students from the Cuban American Bar Association and Hispanic Law Students Association, and members of the Federal Bar Association. In addition, he met with professors serving on FSU Law's Clerkship Committee. During the luncheon with students, Judge Jordan candidly answered student questions about being the first Cuban-American to be a judge for the Eleventh Circuit, the differences in serving on the district and appellate courts, his favorite experiences on the federal bench, how he handles cases that may conflict with his personal views, qualities of a good advocate, and classes students should take if they want to obtain a federal judicial clerkship. Many thanks to our Career Services team for organizing Judge Jordan's visit, which was part of our Jurist in Residence Program. It was our pleasure to welcome the judge to the law school and to be able to provide students with opportunities to interact with a federal judge.

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Fall 2021 Fundathon



Next week, our students will begin calling alumni to ask for support during our Fall 2021 Fundathon. If you haven't already given to this year's Annual Fund, we ask you to consider making a pledge to support our students and programs. A gift in any amount makes an impact and you can designate gifts to a wide variety of causes, organizations, and programs. Gifts to support student scholarships are a top priority, as they will make a difference in the lives of current students and will help us recruit top students for the future. Other specific needs include funds to support student organizations and co-curriculars. You can make a gift when our students call or you can [donate online now](#). If you have already given, thank you very much for your support!

USC's Armour Teaching at FSU Law

Jody David Armour, the Roy P. Crocker Professor of Law at the University of Southern California, is teaching Race Ipsa Loquiter at FSU Law this semester. The new course discusses and critically evaluates topics including critical race theory, the Black Lives Matter movement, unconscious bias, and the social construction of Black criminals. It uses art and performance as a lens to analyze these and other issues. Armour is an expert on personal injury claims and claims about the relationship between racial justice, criminal justice, and the rule of law. His scholarship focuses on tort reform movements and the intersection of race and legal decision making. He has been published in many top law journals and authored a book, *Negrophobia and Reasonable Racism: The Hidden Costs of Being Black in America* (New York University Press), that addresses racial profiling, police brutality, and mass incarceration. He recently published a second book, *N*gga Theory: Race, Language, Unequal Justice, and the Law* (Los Angeles Review of Books). Armour also often appears on national television and radio programs as a legal analyst. During the fall 2020 semester, Armour served as a panelist for a Zoom session hosted by FSU Law's Black Law Students Association on the origins of police and the movement for reform.



“FSU law school produces many of the lawmakers, lawyers, and judges whose professional role and calling is to serve the ends of justice. But which of the competing conceptions of justice should legal decision makers embrace: the one rooted in retribution, retaliation, and revenge or the one rooted in restoration, redemption, and rehabilitation? I’m grateful for the opportunity to meet with some of these passionate future policymakers to critically reflect on what justice means in a multicultural nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men and women are created equal.”

Alum Profile: J. Tanner Heintz ('19)

J. Tanner Heintz is an associate at Heintz Law in Bradenton, where he practices civil litigation and personal injury law. He focuses on automobile accidents, premises liability, and both first- and third-party insurance claims. Heintz recently became a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum after recovering more than \$1 million for a client injured in a premises liability case. Membership in the forum is limited to attorneys who have won million dollar verdicts, awards, and settlements. Heintz has practiced at Heintz Law since graduating from law school. While a law student, he clerked for the Honorable Robert Farrance, of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and worked at Hinkle & Foran in Tallahassee.



“It feels amazing to be able to help such a deserving client in their time of need. I certainly have Florida State Law and many mentors to thank for showing me a path that has allowed me to be an effective advocate for my clients and obtain results like this.”

Student Profile: 3L Anne Murphy

Desired Practice Location: Open to any location but particularly interested in Miami, Tampa, Chicago, Washington D.C., Boston, New York City, or Louisville

Expected Graduation: May 2022

Specialty: International law

Field of Law Sought: Civil rights law, international law, intellectual property, antitrust, criminal law, or human rights law

Anne Murphy is from Gainesville, Florida. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications and English literature from Florida State University and will graduate from FSU Law with a certificate in International Law in May. This semester, Murphy is working as a judicial law clerk at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, where she works on a variety of tasks, primarily pertaining to death row and civil rights cases. She drafts motions, including motions to amend complaints, motions to proceed in forma pauperis, and other types of motions and memos. The summer after her 2L year, Murphy gained valuable research and writing experience while working for the International Bar Association. She worked on law and policy for various issues, including the lifting of COVID vaccine patents and amending the Paris Climate Agreement. She also worked on human rights issues, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the crisis in Myanmar. The summer after her 1L year, Murphy worked with FSU's Public Interest Law Center in the Veterans Legal Clinic. There, she worked on property, criminal, torts, and civil rights cases, drafting motions and responses to attorneys and researching complex probate cases.

At FSU Law, Murphy is a staff editor for the *Florida State University Law Review* and the *Journal of Transnational Law and Policy*. In addition, she is a student ambassador for the Admissions Office, serves on the professionalism board with the Office of Student Advancement, and is president of the Intellectual Property Law Society. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Murphy after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#).

“There are few things that I am more passionate about than the law, and it has been a privilege to study at FSU Law. I love to learn new subjects, and I am aware that, though I will be graduating from law school, my legal education has only just begun. My most significant priorities are empathy, timeliness, and professionalism, and I am profoundly grateful for the example that the FSU Law alumni have set for me!”

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