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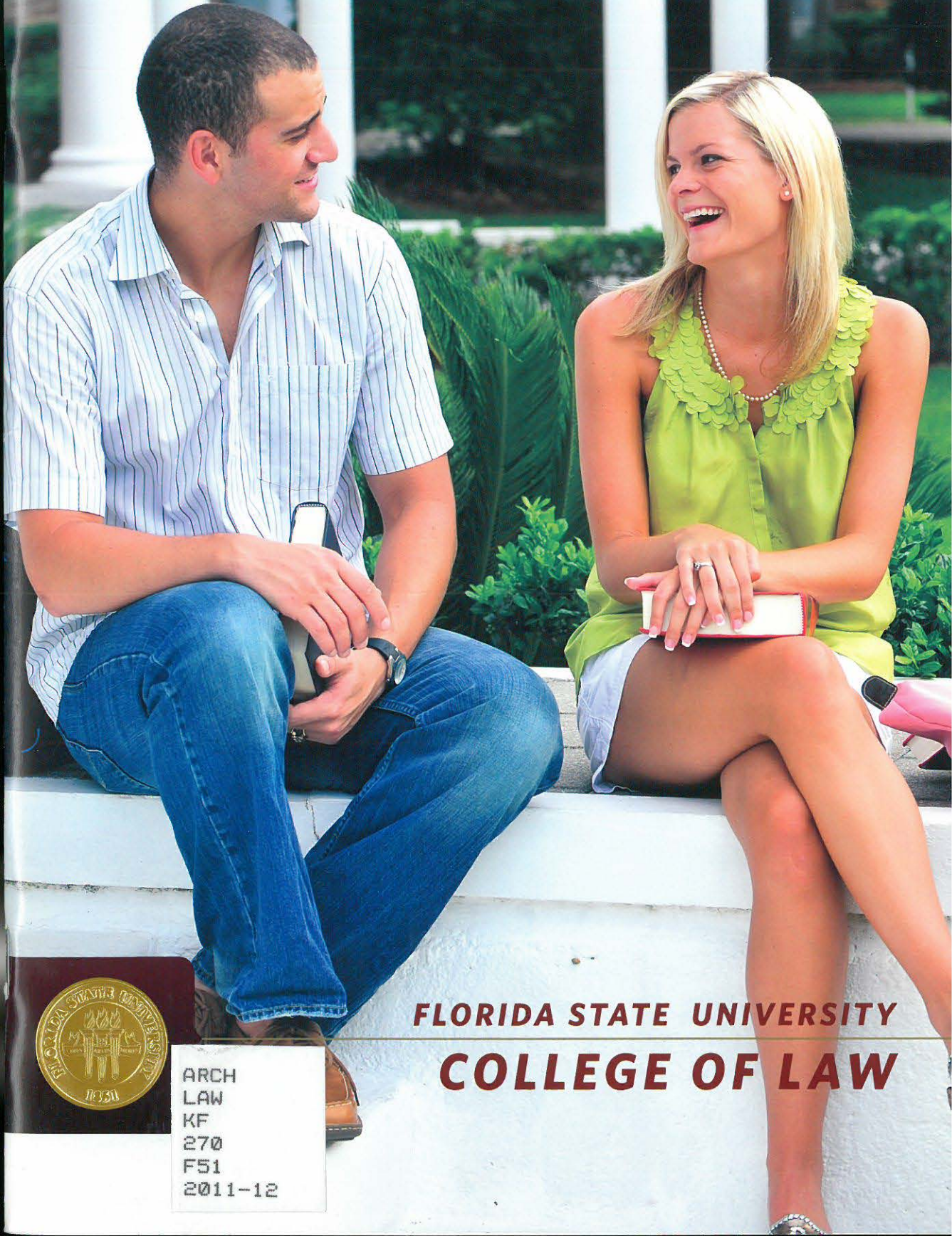
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*University College of Law:
DISCOVER THE CUTTING EDGE*

STUDENTS

Florida State University College of Law students are extraordinary. Our diverse student body comes from 32 states, 15 countries and 191 colleges and universities. The wide variety of experiences and backgrounds of our students provides for robust dialogue among students and faculty both inside and outside of the classroom.



Our students are extremely successful before law school and continue to blaze a trail for success as law students and beyond.

Since 2010, our Moot Court Team has won first place in five national competitions. Our Black Law Students Association was named National Chapter of the Year by the National Black Law Students Association in 2006 and 2011 and our Student Bar Association won national awards from the American Bar Association Law Student Division in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Our students successfully apply knowledge learned in the classroom to a wide variety of work opportunities available in Tallahassee. Since we are located in the capital of the nation's fourth most-populous state, students clerk at some of the **most sophisticated, cutting-edge law firms** in Florida - Tallahassee is home to more than 500 firms. Students also help shape and inform policy while working as lobbyists and at numerous governmental entities. Through their work at our Public Interest Law Center, students have conducted extensive research for a report that was cited repeatedly by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 2010 landmark decision on juvenile sentencing.

"Our Black Law Students Association chapter being named National Chapter of the Year by the National Black Law Students Association has been a highlight of my law school career, especially after competing with schools such as Harvard and the University of Chicago. Being a part of the BLSA family has really made Florida State feel like my home away from home."

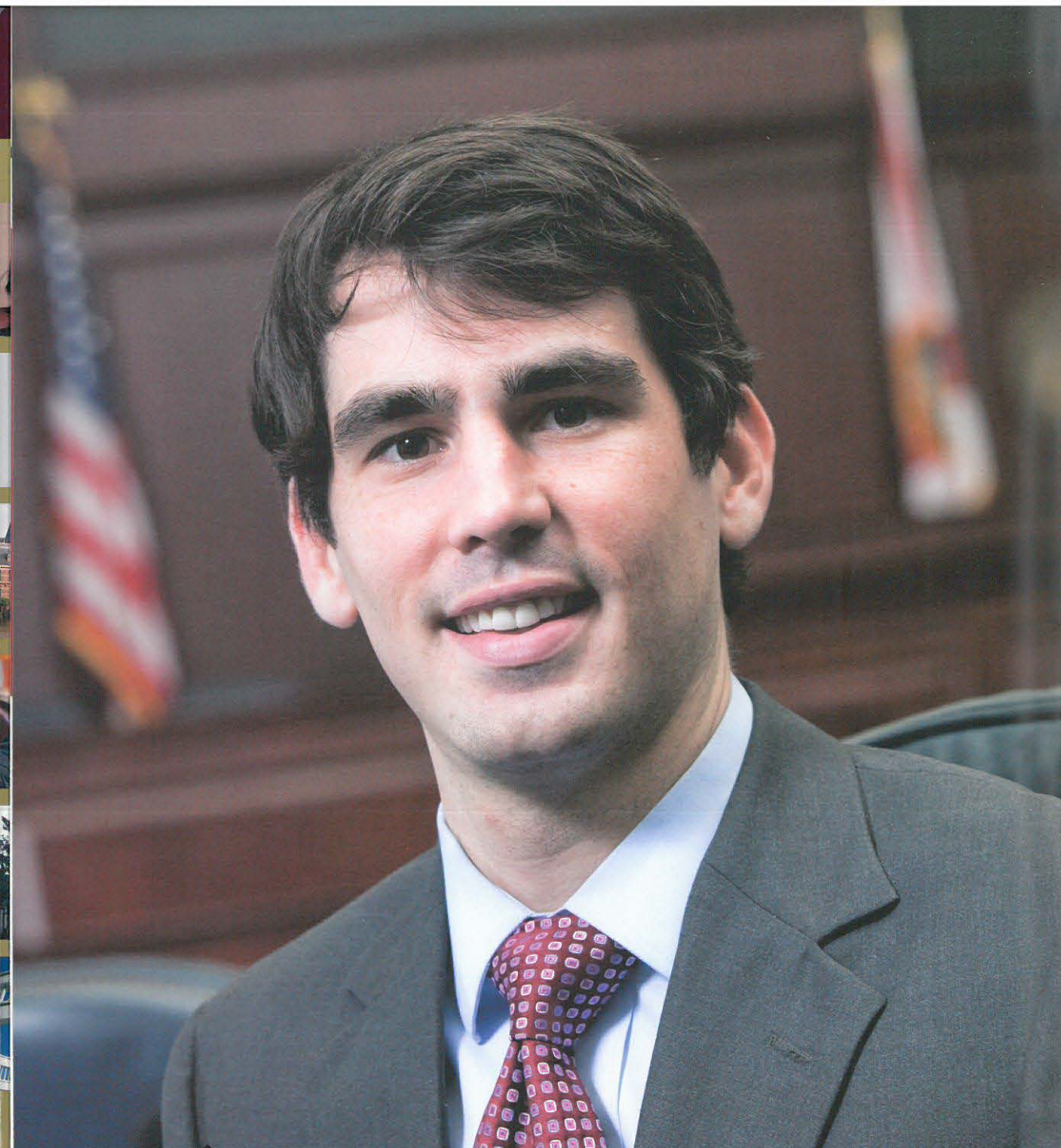
3L LORRAINE YOUNG, FLORIDA GUBERNATORIAL FELLOW FOR 2011-12 AND BLSA VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2010-11

PROFESSOR FRANITA TOLSON (PICTURED RIGHT)

HER SCHOLARSHIP FOCUSES ON THE AREAS OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, ELECTION LAW, LEGAL HISTORY AND EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

"I am constantly amazed by my students. They ask forward-thinking questions in class and are very engaged. They also embrace the many opportunities Florida State offers. It's not uncommon for me to see several of my students walking up the hill to their part-time jobs at the Capitol, courts and downtown-area firms while I'm driving to school before my morning class."





ANDREW FAY ('10)

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR AND COUNSEL FOR FLORIDA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL

"While pursuing my law degree at Florida State, our Student Bar Association won national awards from the American Bar Association Law Student Division for three consecutive years. Two of those years we were named 'SBA of the Year.' Additionally, during my time as SBA president, we received the 2010 Public Interest National Achievement Award. I believe these awards exemplify the passion and energy found within the law school's student body."

789

TOTAL POPULATION



"The diversity of our student body has really enriched my time in law school. I've taken classes with people who have different cultural backgrounds, are from all over the country and the world,

and are in various stages of their lives, so class discussions can be quite thought-provoking."

—3L KATIE KELLY, University of Georgia undergraduate who double majored in Advertising and Spanish

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AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS

51

21%

ETHNIC/RACIAL DIVERSITY

74

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS IN THE STUDENT BODY



"One of the things I really love about being a student here is how committed we are to helping each other and the community. Most of our student organizations participate in community service activities. For example, the Student Bar Association coordinates food and clothing drives every year and many students volunteered at a local middle school last year. This sense of service is just one of many ways that the College of Law is a very special and unique place to learn the law."

— 3L ALEX HADDAD, SBA President, obtained her summer clerkship at a Tampa firm through the On-Campus Interview program

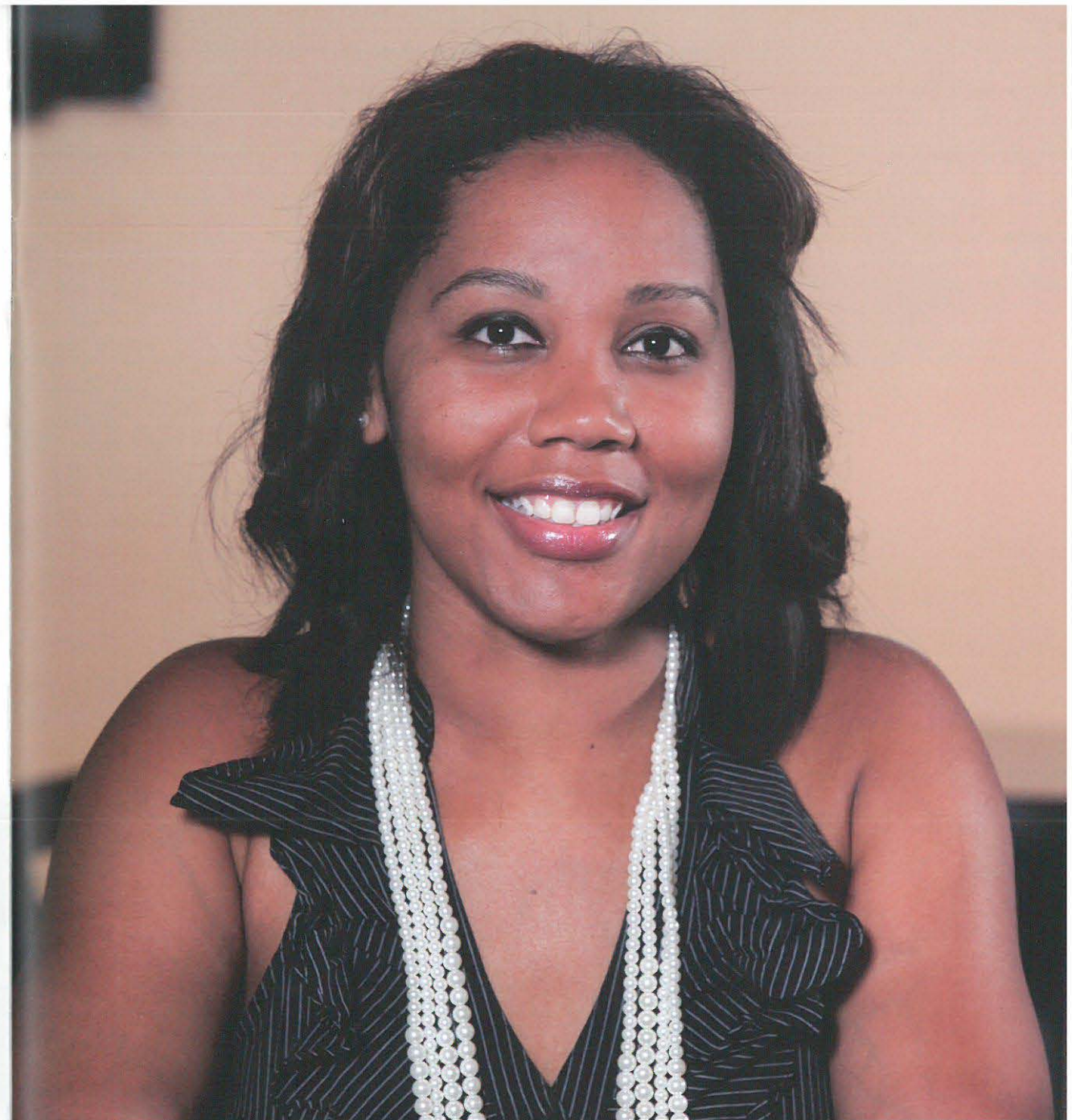
15,381

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRO BONO HOURS FOR THE CLASS OF 2011



"When my firm has an opening, the first place I look is the Florida State University College of Law. Florida State students are extremely bright and have the strong research and writing skills we need so they hit the ground running from day one."

— TERRY COLE ('70), Named Partner at Oertel, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant, P.A. in Tallahassee. His firm sponsors an annual environmental law scholarship and hires Florida State students as clerks regularly.



31 JOURDÁN D. NEAL

ARGUED BEFORE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AS PART OF A MOOT COURT COMPETITION

"Working for a state representative at the Capitol is the best experience I've had as a law student. Many of my friends have also had amazing opportunities — like being chosen for the governor's very prestigious Gubernatorial Fellows program. The reason many of us chose Florida State is because we can get such great work experience while taking classes."

ACADEMICS

Your classroom experience at the College of Law can be as unique as you desire. We offer traditional courses, but also specialized classes in a wide variety of topics taught by forward-thinking legal experts. For example, Professor Tahirih Lee — one of the nation's leading scholars on **Chinese culture and law** — teaches a class that connects our students with students at the **Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade** to simulate trade negotiations.

Our research center also trains students to produce highly sophisticated, cost-effective legal research. Through the research center, students have **24/7 access** to one of the nation's most comprehensive collections of legal materials.

Classes are taught with advanced technology by a faculty that is known for its **cutting-edge scholarship**. In 2010, *Leiter's Law School Rankings* rated the law school's dynamic faculty the nation's 23rd best in terms of per capita scholarly impact. Our students benefit daily from this, as professors use insights learned through their research in the classroom. We also have a culture that embraces faculty and student interaction, leading to an extremely liberal open-door policy. Professors make it a priority to be available for their students inside and outside of the classroom.

Because Florida State's faculty is comprised of scholars from many different fields, students can take courses in virtually any area of the law that interests them. If you are interested in Environmental Law or International Law, we have certificate programs in those areas. Our environmental program is consistently **ranked as one of the nation's best** and our international law program provides students life-changing opportunities to explore the world. Students can pursue joint degrees in nine different areas or can take graduate-level courses from other programs as electives towards their J.D. degrees.

"Before I came here, I had no idea the caliber of professors I'd be learning from. For instance, this fall I'll be taking International Trade Law with Professor Abbott - one of the world's leading experts on the global pharmaceutical industry and access to medicines. He travels all over the world to advise entities including the Indian government and the World Health Organization."

3 ELIZETE VELADO, DAN AND NATALIE SOLOWAY SCHOLAR, WORKED WITH THE IMMIGRATION UNIT AT GULFCOAST LEGAL SERVICES IN ST. PETERSBURG AS A FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION LEGAL SERVICES SUMMER FELLOW



3L CHRISTIAN BAX

EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND WORKED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEFORE LAW SCHOOL

"Everyone should take advantage of Florida State's Oxford Program. I went through the program after my 1L year and it really enriched my academic experience. The classes are taught by Oxford and Florida State law professors, so they are rigorous, but I also had a lot of fun traveling around Europe while I was there."

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COURSES



"I love coming to work every day and collaborating with my colleagues in the Environmental Law Program. We are passionate about teaching the next generation of environmental and land use practitioners and are excited about pushing the envelope in our scholarship. Students who want to learn from some of the nation's leading experts in environmental law should come to Florida State.

You can even earn a certificate in the area - which impresses employers."

— ROBIN KUNDIS CRAIG, Attorneys' Title Professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs. Craig's article, "Stationarity Is Dead" - *Long Live Transformation: Five Principles for Climate Change Adaptation Law*, 34 HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 9 (2010), was selected one of the top 10 environmental law articles for 2010.



"We have an economist on our faculty who worked at the White House; we also have scholars who have Ph.D.s in diverse areas, from philosophy to history to literature, so faculty members all bring a different set of interests and experiences to their presentation of material. Because of that, students aren't just learning straight doctrinal law, but they also are learning about the surrounding environment and creative ways to apply the law to different sorts of problems."

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— KELLI ALCES, Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Professor. Her recent scholarship focuses on the composition of boards of directors and she is currently working on an article about executive compensation.

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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY
RATIO

80

FULL-TIME AND ADJUNCT
FACULTY MEMBERS



FRED KARLINSKY ('92)

SHAREHOLDER AT COLODNY, FASS, TALENFELD, KARLINSKY & ABATE. FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, THE FIRM HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP INSURANCE REGULATORY FIRMS BY AN INTERNATIONAL REINSURANCE MAGAZINE.

"I really enjoy my work in the area of insurance regulatory law. I speak around the world on the topic so co-teaching a class on insurance regulation with Professor Dino Falaschetti makes sense. As part of the class, we bring in guest speakers. It is especially gratifying to be able to introduce my students to leaders in their respective fields."

COURSE LISTING

FIRST-YEAR COURSES

Civil Procedure
Constitutional Law I
Contracts
Criminal Law
Legal Writing and Research I
Legal Writing and Research II
Legislation & Regulation
Property
Torts

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Accounting & the Law
Agency & Partnership
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Behavioral Corporate Governance Seminar
Business Transactions: Drafting and Bargaining
China Trade Simulation
Commercial Law
Commercial Paper
Construction Law
Consumer Law
Condominium Law
Copyright & Trade Secrets
Corporate Finance
Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
Corporate Tax
Corporations
Creditors' Rights
Energy Law
Entertainment Law
Federal Security Litigation
Game Theory & Business Ethics
Intellectual Property
International Intellectual Property
International Business Transactions
International Trade Law
International Trade Simulation
Land Transfer
Mergers & Acquisitions
Patents & Trademark
Real Estate Finance
Sales & Leases
Secured Transactions
Securities Broker-Dealer Law
Securities Regulation
Sports Law
Taxation
Taxation of Mergers & Reorganization
Taxation of S-Corps & Partnerships
Tax Policy Seminar
Unincorporated Business Entities

LAW AND ECONOMICS

Behavioral Law and Economics
Finance for Lawyers
Law and Economics

Public Choice Theory
Statistics and Methods for Lawyers

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Administrative Law
Climate Change Seminar
Coastal and Ocean Law
Condominium and Community Housing Law
Endangered Ecosystems Seminar
Energy Law and Policy
Environmental Certificate Seminar
Environmental Law
Environmental Legal Research
Environmental Litigation
Florida Administrative Law/
Florida Administrative Practice
Florida Water Law
Growth Management
International Environmental Law
Land Use Regulation
Law of Renewable Energy
Law of the Sea
Legislative Practice
Local Government Law
Natural Resources Law
Public Rights in Water Law
Sustainable Development Seminar
Toxic Torts
Water Law

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Admiralty Law
Asylum and Refugee Law
China Trade Simulation
Chinese Law
Comparative Law
Comparative Constitutional Law
English Legal History (Oxford)
European Union Law (Oxford)
Foreign Relations Law
Human Rights and National Security
Immigration Law
Immigration Law Seminar
International and Foreign Legal Research
International Aspects of Intellectual Property Law
International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Human Rights Law
International Tax
International Trade Law & Policy
International Trade Simulation
Jessup International Law Moot Court Course
Law of the Sea
Laws of War

National Security Law
Public International Law
Selected Topics in International Law

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Administrative Law
Administrative Law Externship
Animal Law
Bankruptcy Policy Seminar
Economic Regulation of Business Seminar
Energy Law and Policy
Financial Regulation
Florida Administrative Practice
Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector
Health Law and Policy
International Trade Law and Policy
Land Use Regulation
Law and Economics
Legislation & Regulation
Local Government Law
Securities Regulation
Tax Policy Seminar

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Administrative Law
Administrative Law Externship
Bioethics and the Law
Capital Punishment Seminar
Civil Rights Survey
Comparative Constitutional Law
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law I
Constitutional Law II
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Election Law
Employment Discrimination
Family Law
Federal Jurisdiction
Federal Indian Law
Federal Legislative Practice
Federal Securities Litigation Seminar
First Amendment
Gambling & Pari-Mutuel Law
Immigration Law
Immigration Law Seminar
Intelligence Law
International Human Rights Law
Juvenile Justice
State Constitutional Law
Statutory Interpretation
Supreme Court Role-Play
Workers' Compensation

COURTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Administrative Law
Administrative Law Externship
Advanced Civil Procedure

Advanced Torts: Punitive Damages
Capital Punishment Seminar
Civil Law Externship
Civil Pre-Trial Practice
Civil Pre-Trial Practice: Drafting
Civil Procedure
Conflict of Laws
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure: Police
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Cyber Law
Environmental Litigation
Ervin Chair Seminar
Evidence
Evidence in Criminal Litigation
Federal Jurisdiction
Federal Securities Litigation Seminar
Florida Appellate Practice
Florida Civil Practice
International Criminal Tribunals
Judicial Opinion Writing
Jurisprudence
Juvenile Justice
Mediation
Negotiations
Postconviction Remedies
Remedies
Supreme Court Role-Play
Topics in Florida Practice
Torts
Toxic Torts

CRIMINAL LAW

Advanced Trial Practice
Capital Punishment Seminar
Client Interviewing and Counseling
Complex Civil Litigation
Criminal Law
Criminal Law Externship
Criminal Practice Clinic
Criminal Pre-Trial Drafting
Criminal Procedure: Police
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Cyber Law
Evidence
Evidence in Criminal Litigation
Florida Criminal Practice I
Florida Criminal Practice II
Human Trafficking
Intelligence Law
International Criminal Tribunals
Juvenile Justice
Law and Economics
Law and Psychology
Law and Social Science
Sentencing Law
Supreme Court Role-Play
Trial Practice
White Collar Crime

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY LAW

Copyright Law
Current Topics in Intellectual Property
Cyber Law
Law and the Arts
International Aspects of Intellectual Property
Patent Law
Technology/IP Licensing
Telecommunications Law
Trademarks and Unfair Competition

TAXATION

Business, Economics and Tax Law Research
Corporate Tax
Estate and Gift Tax
International Tax
Partnership Tax
Tax Policy Seminar
Taxation

PERSPECTIVES ON THE LAW

American Legal History 1890-Present
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing
Business, Economics and Tax Law Research
Conservative and Libertarian Legal Thought Seminar
Directed Individual Study
Environmental Legal Research
International and Foreign Legal Research
Legal Writing and Research I
Legal Writing and Research II
Law and the Arts
Law and Economics
Law and Economics of Insurance
Law and Literature Seminar
Law and Psychology
Law and Social Science
The Law, the Classics and the Scriptures
Philosophy of Private Law
Public Choice Theory
Spanish for Lawyers

PUBLIC INTEREST AND FAMILY LAW

Animal Law
Bioethics and the Law
Civil Law Externship
Civil Pre-Trial Practice
Civil Pre-Trial Practice: Drafting
Civil Rights Survey
Constitutional Law I
Constitutional Law II
Education Law

Elder Law
Election Law
Estate Planning Seminar
Estate Planning Workshop
Family Law
Elder Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
First Amendment
Florida Civil Practice
Florida Dissolution of Marriage
Gratuitous Transfers
Health Law and Policy
Juvenile Justice
Labor Law
Law and Economics
Law and Psychology
Law and Social Science
Poverty Law
Public Health Law
Public Interest Law Center Clinic
Remedies
Workers' Compensation

LAW AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Administrative Law
Animal Law
Bioethics and the Law
Current Topics in Intellectual Property
Elder Law
Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector
Health Care Financing
Health Law and Policy
Insurance Law
International Aspects of Intellectual Property
Law and Economics of Insurance
Law and Psychology
Medical Malpractice
Patent Law
Public Health Law

CLINICS, SKILLS TRAINING, ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Appellate Practice Externship
Bioethics and the Law
China Trade Simulation
Civil Law Externship
Civil Pre-Trial Practice
Civil Pre-Trial Practice: Drafting
Client Interviewing and Counseling
Contract Drafting
Criminal Defense Externship
Criminal Practice Clinic
Criminal Prosecution Externship
Criminal Pre-Trial Drafting
Environmental Litigation
Federal Legislative Practice
Florida Appellate Practice

Florida Civil Practice
Florida Criminal Practice I
Florida Criminal Practice II
Game Theory & Business Ethics Seminar
Human Trafficking
International Trade Simulation
Jessup Moot Court
Judicial Externship
Law Practice Management
Mediation
Mock Trial
Moot Court
Professional Responsibility
Public Interest Law Center Clinic - Child Advocacy
Public Interest Law Center Clinic - Family Law
Public Interest Law Center Clinic - Medical-Legal Partnership
Supreme Court Role-Play
Technology/IP Licensing
Trial Practice

JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Business and Law
Economics and Law
Family and Child Sciences and Law
Information Studies and Law
International Affairs and Law
Public Administration and Law
Social Work and Law
Sport Management and Law
Urban and Regional Planning and Law

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Exchange Program with Griffith University, Australia
Exchange Program with Erasmus University, The Netherlands
Exchange Program with The University of Groningen, The Netherlands
Exchange Program with Southwest University of Political Science and Law, China
Exchange Program with Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade, China
Summer Program in Law at Oxford

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

ABA Asia Law Initiative - Washington, D.C.
Court of Appeal of the Republic of Botswana
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. - Miami

Human Rights First - New York, N.Y.
Immigration Court
International Bar Association - London
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia - The Hague (The Chambers, Office of the Prosecutor)
The Special Court for Sierra Leone

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Environmental and Land Use Law
International Law

CO-CURRICULARS

Florida State University Law Review
Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law
Journal of Transnational Law & Policy
Mock Trial Team
Moot Court Team

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2012

Classes Begin.....Jan. 9
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday).....Jan. 16
Spring Break.....March 5-9
Classes End.....April 16
Exams Begin.....April 23
Exams End.....May 4
Graduation.....May 5

SUMMER 2012

Classes Begin.....May 7
Summer for Undergraduates.....May 21-June 14
Memorial Day (observed).....May 28
Classes End.....June 20
Exams Begin.....June 25
Exams End.....June 28

FALL 2012

Classes Begin.....August 27
Labor Day (Holiday).....Sept. 3
Veterans Day (Holiday).....Nov. 12
Thanksgiving (Holiday).....Nov. 22 - 23
Classes End.....Nov. 30
Exams Begin.....Dec. 3
Exams End.....Dec. 14

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

1L

FALL

Civil Procedure
Legal Writing
Property
Torts

SPRING

Constitutional Law
Contracts
Criminal Law
Legal Writing
Legislation
& Regulation

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3L

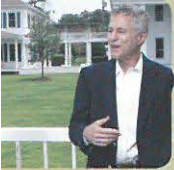
**2010
EMPLOYMENT
STATISTICS**



190 Courses



Study Abroad and International Externships



Legal Experience



On-Campus Interviews



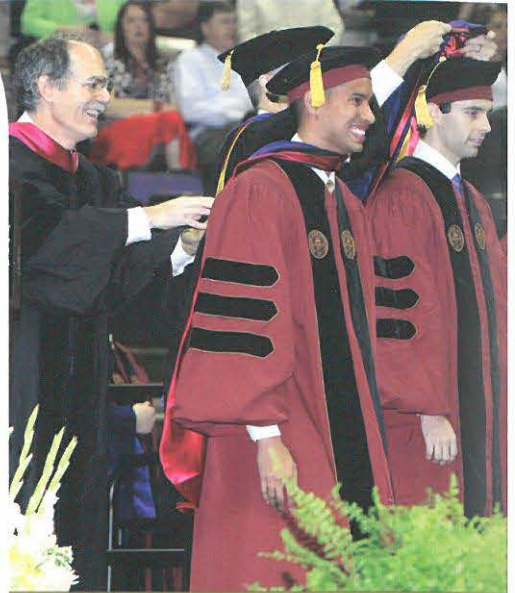
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Co-Curriculars



Certificate Programs & Joint Degrees



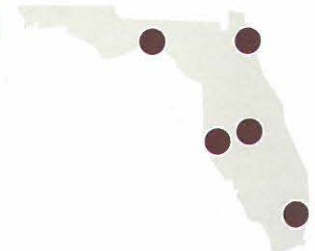
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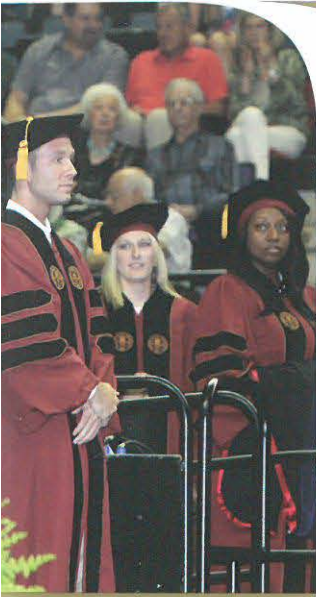


91%
Placement Rate

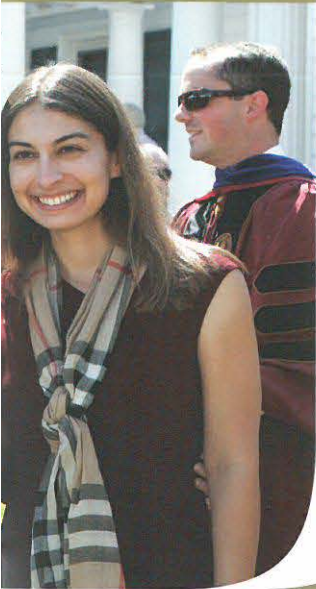
**Top Locations
in Florida**

- Jacksonville
- Orlando
- South Florida
- Tallahassee
- Tampa





ATION



Our graduates typically rank first or second among all Florida law schools on the **FLORIDA BAR EXAM.**

2010 graduates also took the bar exam in:

- Alabama
- California
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Indiana
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

Private Se

**Public Inte
Governme**

Academic

Judicial Cl

**Locations
Out of State**

17 states plus
Washington D.C.,
Canada and Puerto Rico



78%
**Bar Required
Employment**



8%
**Required
 Employment**

2%
Other Professional
 (Includes insurance
 and real estate)

2%
Non-Professional
 (No professional skills
 or training required)

OPPORTUNITIES

One of the most important factors to consider when picking a law school is the types of opportunities open to students. Florida State University College of Law students do things that students at many other schools can only imagine.

They **present in front of Florida Supreme Court justices**, advocate for legislation, extern all over the world, travel to advocacy competitions across the country and work side-by-side with renowned legal experts and practitioners. No matter your interests, you will find more opportunities at Florida State than you have time to experience.

Beginning in 2012, students interested in oral and written advocacy will have a new, state-of-the-art facility in which to practice. The law school's **50,000-square-foot Advocacy Center** includes five courtrooms equipped with multiple video cameras that will allow students to capture and study their practice arguments, as well as the reactions of simulated judges and juries. Since it will be the finest advocacy training facility in the nation, future plans for the building include hosting national mock trial and moot court competitions.

"It's been a fantastic experience to extern at the International Bar Association, especially in such a vibrant, fast-paced city like London. I have the distinct pleasure of working directly for the executive director, Mark Ellis, an alumnus of Florida State College of Law. Externing at the IBA has really opened my eyes to what I could do and where I could land with my degree."



3L DAVID LANZA, STUDIED ABROAD AT ERASMUS UNIVERSITY IN ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, AND WAS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR PROFESSOR TAHIRIH LEE





3L OAJ GILANI

EXTERNED AT A PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATION IN PAKISTAN DURING THE SUMMER OF 2011

"Through my work at the Public Interest Law Center, I was able to make a real difference in the lives of an amazing family who desperately needed legal help but probably wouldn't have received it if not for the center. Through one of the center's three clinics, I was essentially practicing law during my second year of law school. Working at PILC was very gratifying, but more than anything else, it was an amazing learning experience. It showed me what it means to be lawyer and it is an experience I will not easily forget."

100+

EXTERNSHIP SITES, PROVIDING STUDENTS ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE NATION



"My externship at the West Palm Beach State Attorney's Office was, without a doubt, the most beneficial, exciting and challenging experience of my entire law school career. In the course of just one semester, I conducted six jury trials, two non-jury trials and argued several motions."

— ANDREA ROBINSON ('10), Office of State Attorney, West Palm Beach

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GUBERNATORIAL FELLOWS
IN THE THREE MOST RECENT
FELLOW CLASSES

6

MAJOR ADVOCACY
COMPETITION WINS SINCE 2010

35+

STUDENT AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



"Supervising students at the Children's Advocacy Clinic is a wonderful job. I get to expose them to concepts and skills they will use for the rest of their careers. My students interview clients, advocate at the Florida Capitol, conduct discovery, draft pleadings and represent clients in the courtroom, in administrative hearings and in mediations. Some of them even helped me write a report that was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 2010 landmark decision on juvenile sentences."

— PAOLO ANNINO, Clinical Professor and Co-Director of the Public Interest Law Center, named a national Loren Warboys Unsung Hero for 2010 by the San Francisco-based Youth Law Center

3 CLINICS

CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY CLINIC

FAMILY LAW
CLINIC

MEDICAL-LEGAL
PARTNERSHIP

"Being on the Moot Court Team has opened my eyes to and prepared me for a career in appellate law. It has also allowed me to network with some very powerful attorneys and judges and to travel with my friends and teammates to Washington, D.C., for a space law competition, which we won! This October, we'll travel to Cape Town, South Africa, for the international competition."



— 3L LYNN GUERY (pictured center), member of the Mock Trial Team, Moot Court Team and *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*

PRACTICE

Florida State offers students much more than cutting-edge courses, top-notch co-curricular activities and a plethora of work opportunities. We believe an important part of your legal education is preparing you for life after graduation. Perhaps that is why our bar passage rate is consistently one of the best in the state and our students are extremely competitive in the legal job market.

Part of the reason job prospects for students are strong is because professors are dedicated to helping their students obtain jobs, clerkships and admittance to LL.M. programs. Many of our **8,000-plus alumni** also are eager to assist. They come to campus to talk with students, counsel them on finding employment in specific locations and practice areas and in many cases, hire our students as clerks and attorneys.

Our career placement office is committed to assisting students in all stages of law school — and beyond. In addition to traditional placement services, such as one-on-one resume advising, students can participate in many innovative placement activities. We offer **video-conference interviews**, mock interviews conducted with practitioners in a format similar to speed dating, **networking lunches** with successful alumni and **etiquette workshops**.

Our alumni live and work in **49 states and 21 countries** around the globe. They practice in prominent law firms, are leaders in business, serve as judges and teach the next generation of attorneys.

"I enjoy teaching at the College of Law because my students keep me engaged and thinking on my feet. Along with many other alumni, I am honored to serve as an adjunct professor. Dean Weidner and the faculty work hard to enhance the college's reputation by graduating excellent law students, and they do an amazing job."

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RICKY POLSTON ('87), REGULARLY TEACHES COURSES AT THE LAW SCHOOL, INCLUDING FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS AND INSURANCE LAW





31 NATASHA DORSEY

WORKING AT AUSLEY & MCMULLEN, P.A. WHILE IN LAW SCHOOL

"Our placement office goes above and beyond to help students. They quickly set up last-minute mock interviews for me and, in turn, I nailed the interview that led to my job at a top Tallahassee firm. Through the placement office, we also have access to more than 600 alumni who have volunteered to be a resource for students who have questions about practicing in a certain location or area of the law. I utilized all the resources to help me obtain my position."



PEGGY ROLANDO ('78)

PARTNER AT SHUTTS & BOWEN LLP IN MIAMI AND A NATIONAL EXPERT IN CONDOMINIUM AND REAL ESTATE FINANCE WITH EMPHASIS ON MULTI-USE PROJECTS

"I visit with students at the law school at least once a year. I enjoy talking with law students and try to answer their questions. They are a remarkable group of individuals—highly qualified, intellectually curious and eager to practice law. The law students consistently tell me how much they value the positive environment at the law school. At the same time the students study in an academically demanding setting, they enjoy the supportive culture created by Dean Weidner, the other deans, faculty and other students. FSU College of Law is a special place."

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ALUMNI SERVING AS
CAREER MENTORS

MEMBERS OF THE
CLASS OF 2011
ACCEPTED FEDERAL
CLERKSHIPS



"Everyone at Florida State was so welcoming, even before I became a law student. The friendly atmosphere and the incredible faculty were the main reasons I chose Florida State. After I became a student, so many people helped throughout my three years here. I would never have applied for a federal clerkship without the support and encouragement of Florida State's faculty, and I credit obtaining my clerkship to their support, both in the classroom and throughout the application process."

— TIFFANY RODDENBERRY ('11), former member of the *Law Review* and clerk for Judge Robert Hinkle, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee Division



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New Zealand
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Puerto Rico
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States

FSU ALUMNI AROUND THE GLOBE

COMMUNITY

Florida State University is a world-class research university nestled in a relatively small city. Tallahassee bursts with amenities and unique opportunities one would expect from a much larger city. That is due in part to the fact that Tallahassee is the capital of the fourth most populous state in the country.

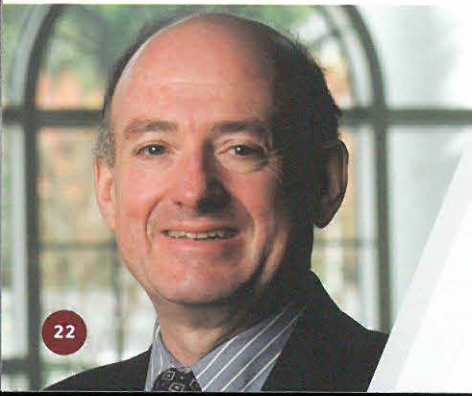
Political junkies will find Tallahassee exhilarating, foodies will have a wide variety of eclectic eateries from which to choose, arts enthusiasts can visit museums and attend concerts and plays, and nature lovers can bask in the Florida sunshine while hiking, biking, swimming, boating and canoeing in Tallahassee and the surrounding areas.

Florida State University is its own unique community within Tallahassee. The law school is not the only cutting-edge program on campus. Students can take classes offered at one of the **nation's top 10 political science and criminology graduate programs**, for example.

As a student, you will have access to the Leach Center — a 100,000-plus square-foot gym with state-of-the-art equipment, an indoor track and a 16-lane indoor swimming pool. Florida State also has its own student health and wellness center and tickets to school sporting events are free for law students. The university has **19 top athletic teams**. During the past two years, all 19 teams have advanced to the postseason.

"Tallahassee is home to a wide variety of cultural events. I've been to art exhibits, music performances, plays and museums. The university even puts on an annual performing-arts festival called Seven Days of Opening Nights. I have lived in much larger cities and I'm always pleasantly surprised by the cultural offerings here."

FERNANDO TESÓN, TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR, MEMBER OF AN ARGENTINE TANGO BAND AND FORMER DIPLOMAT FOR THE ARGENTINA FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BUENOS AIRES





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SERVES AS THE NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S SOUTHERN REGION TREASURER

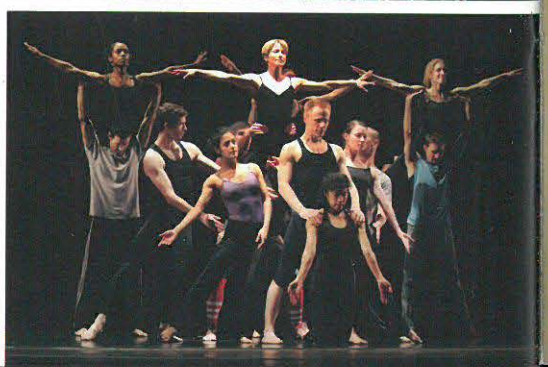
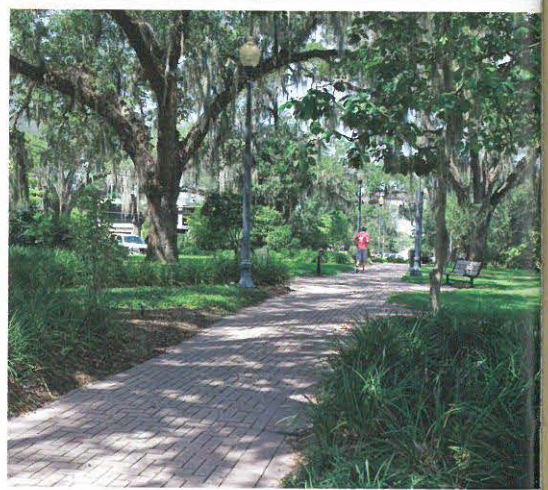
"I love to eat good food, so I was really happy after I got here and realized there are a lot of excellent restaurants that specialize in many different cuisines. 101 — which is just a couple of blocks from the law school — is by far my favorite."



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DAVID LANDAU

CO-AUTHORED A REPORT FOR THE COMMISSION ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION OF HONDURAS THAT EXAMINES THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE ACTIONS IN HONDURAS THAT RESULTED IN A 2009 MILITARY COUP

“Students who like being outdoors will love going to law school at Florida State. You can get to the beach in less than an hour, there are trails for hiking and biking throughout the area and students can walk from the law school to several parks.”



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POPULATION FOR THE TALLAHASSEE
METROPOLITAN AREA (2010)



"Downtown Getdowns are my favorite thing to do in the community. Every Friday night before a home Florida State University football game there is a big block party with good food and entertainment. It is relaxing and fun for all ages."

— ASHLEY HUGHES ('11), practices civil litigation at de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal in Tampa

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MEDIAN AGE IN
TALLAHASSEE

LAW FIRMS



"Florida State's location is ideal for law students. There are two major universities in Tallahassee, so the city really caters to students and the young professionals who stay here after graduation. In terms of cost of living, I think Tallahassee is very reasonable. The city even won a National Livability Award in 2011. And if you want to work while you are taking classes, the Florida Supreme Court, state Capitol, several courthouses and too many law firms to count are located within walking distance of the College of Law."

— BEN GIBSON ('08), Attorney, Florida House of Representatives

CUTTING EDGE?

Admissions Information

Admission decisions are based on the evaluation of each applicant's potential for success in law school and the legal profession. Applications are evaluated from October through March by the admissions committee. Most admission decisions are based on the combination of LSAT score and undergraduate grades. Decisions are made on a rolling basis and priority consideration is given to the strongest applications. Florida State University College of Law is a full-time, three-year program. First-year students start in the fall semester.

DEADLINES

Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

Priority Deadline for Merit Scholarship Consideration: January 30, 2012

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must hold, or expect to receive, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university before beginning the study of law. Individuals who have previously attended law school are not eligible to apply as a first-time entering student.

Application Requirements & Checklist

- Register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS), www.lsac.org.
- Submit transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed through CAS.
- Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
 - > The test should be taken as soon as possible but no later than the February preceding the August for which the applicant seeks admission.
 - > If the LSAT is taken more than once, the highest score will be considered.
 - > Scores older than five years will not be considered.
- Submit the application electronically through LSAC online. Detailed application instructions are available on our Web site at www.law.fsu.edu or through the LSAC Web site at www.lsac.org. Applicants need not submit additional documents or information with the application unless the applicant has character and fitness issues to address with supplemental documentation. The online application is all inclusive for employment, honors, awards and the personal essay. Letters of recommendation are not required but will be accepted.
- Pay the \$30 (U.S. dollars) non-refundable application fee. LSAC fee waivers will be accepted for the application fee only.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Submit foreign transcripts for processing through the LSAC JD CAS.
- Submit official TOEFL score to LSAC CAS: The minimum score required is a 100 on the Internet-based test, 250 on the computer-based test or a 600 on the paper-based test. The LSAC TOEFL code for the JD CAS is 0058. The law school also accepts the International English Language Testing System (IELTS): The minimum score required is a 7.5 on the IELTS.

Questions about the JD CAS can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001 or lsacinfo@lsac.org.

Transfer Admission

Florida State University College of Law accepts transfer applicants from ABA-approved law schools in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Decisions on transfer applications are made on a rolling basis and priority consideration is given to the strongest applications. Detailed application instructions are available on our Web site at www.law.fsu.edu.

DEADLINES

Spring Term: December 1, 2011

Summer Term: April 1, 2012

Fall Term: July 1, 2012

ELIGIBILITY

Florida State University College of Law accepts transfer applicants from ABA-accredited law schools. Transfer applicants must be in good standing at their current law school and any previous law schools to be eligible for consideration. Academic dismissal from any law school disqualifies a student from being considered for admission. Transfer applicants who have only completed one full-time semester must be in the top 10 percent of their class to receive consideration. Transfer applicants who have completed two or more semesters must be in the top third of their class to receive consideration.

Visitor Admission

Florida State University College of Law accepts applications from students who have completed their second year of law school at another ABA-accredited institution who would like to be a visiting student at Florida State for one or two semesters of their third year. Students in their second year may be considered on a space-available basis. Preference will be given to students who have a significant professional or personal reason to attend Florida State University College of Law. Detailed application instructions are available on our Web site at www.law.fsu.edu.

DEADLINES

Spring Term: December 1, 2011

Summer Term: April 1, 2012

Fall Term: July 1, 2012

LL.M. Admission

Florida State University College of Law offers two LL.M. degrees: the LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy and the LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers. Detailed application instructions, eligibility information and application deadlines are available on our Web site at www.law.fsu.edu.

ADMITTED STUDENTS

If admitted, all first-time, transfer, and LL.M. students are required to pay a \$200 non-refundable seat deposit to reserve their seats. The seat deposit deadline will be provided in the detailed information sent to students upon admission to the law school. This deposit will be credited to your tuition upon registration.

2011 - 2012 Cost of Attendance

Estimated costs for 9 months

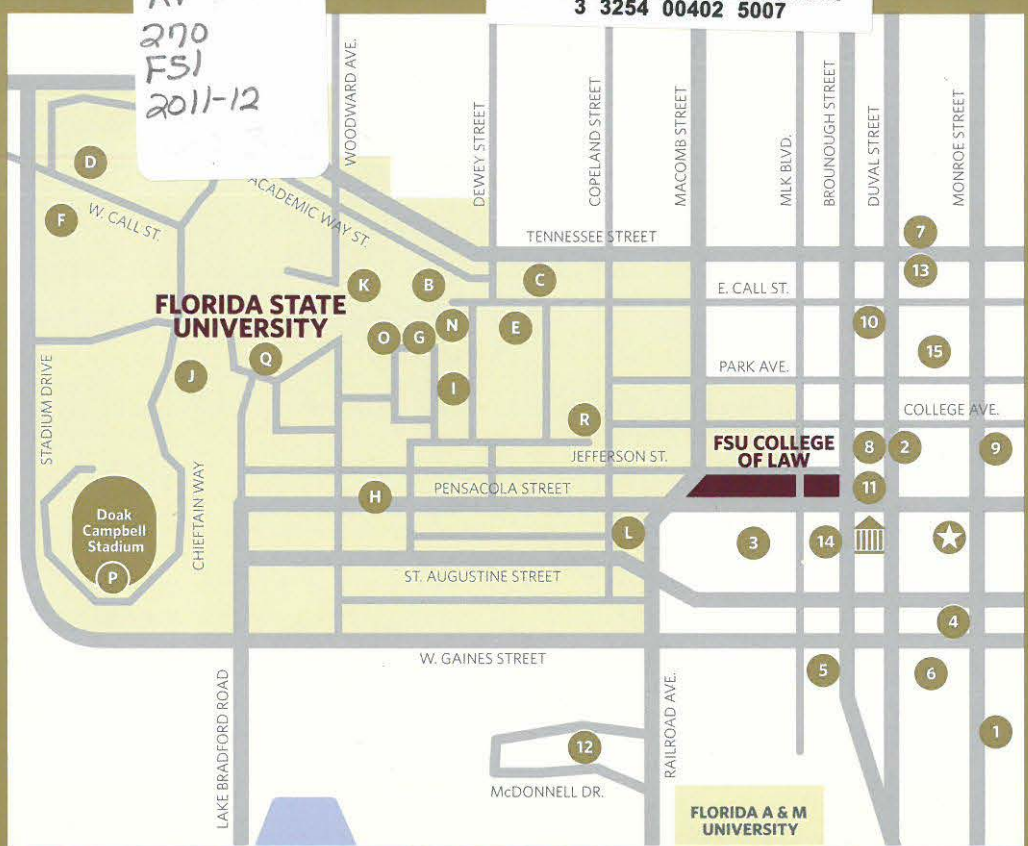
CATEGORY	FLORIDA RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Tuition & Fees (30 credit hours)	\$ 18,343	\$ 37,905
Room	5,000	5,000
Board	5,000	5,000
Books/Supplies	1,500	1,500
Transportation	1,500	1,500
Personal	2,000	2,000
Laptop	1,200	1,200
Medical	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 36,043	\$ 55,605

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

Most non-residents reclassify as Florida residents for tuition purposes after the 1L year. For information about this process, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@law.fsu.edu upon admission to the law school.

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- B College of Business
- C College of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- D College of Education
- E College of Human Sciences
- F College of Medicine
- G College of Social Sciences and Public Policy
- H FSU Police Department
- I Landis Green
- J Leach Student Recreation Center
- K Oglesby Union
- L Parking Garage V
- M President's House
- N Strozier Library
- O Thagard Health Center
- P University Center
College of Communication and Information,
College of Social Work, Financial Aid Office, Student
Financial Services, Transportation & Parking Services
- Q Wellness Center
- R Westcott Building

OFF-CAMPUS

- 🗳️ Florida Capitol
- 🏛️ Florida Supreme Court
- 1 Cascades Park
- 2 Challenger Learning Center/IMAX
- 3 Civic Center
- 4 Florida Auditor General and
Agency for Workforce Innovation
- 5 Florida Department of Education
- 6 Florida Department of Financial Services
- 7 Grey Hound Station
- 8 Klemen Plaza
- 9 Leon County Court
- 10 Leon County Public Library
- 11 Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science
- 12 Railroad Square Art Park
- 13 Star Metro
- 14 State Archives and Museum of Florida History
- 15 U.S. Bankruptcy Court