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Our job placement record is truly remarkable. Within nine months of graduation, 90.7% of Class of 2011 graduates were employed, with an additional 3.2% pursuing further graduate studies. The Wall Street Journal has reported that we are the nation's 25th best (and Florida's best) law school in terms of placing graduates in jobs that require law degrees.

For eight of the last 13 administrations of the Florida Bar Examination, our bar passage rate was either first or second among Florida's 11 law schools.

Our current students represent 31 states, 19 countries, and 164 colleges and universities. The 2012 entering class had a median LSAT of 160 and a median GPA of 3.53.

A 2012 update of Leiter's Law School Rankings rates our faculty the nation's 33rd best in terms of per capita scholarly impact.

Our location in a major state capital provides students many opportunities to gain valuable, real-world work experience while in law school. Tallahassee offers a wide variety of clerking and internship opportunities in its more than 500 law firms, numerous state and federal courts, and legislative and executive branches of government.

Since Florida Moot Team first place in nine national competitions and internships, programs online at www.law.fsu.edu. Look through the following pages. Watch the various videos describing our members via e-mail. Visit the campus. Once you've taken a closer look, we believe you will share in our excitement.
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Since 2010, Florida State's Moot Court Team has won first place in nine national competitions and in one international competition.

Hispanic Business magazine (2011) ranks Florida State the nation's 3rd best law school for Hispanic students.

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As you weigh the costs and benefits of a legal education, you have probably realized that some schools add more value than others. Our faculty adds value by delivering a sophisticated program of study that prepares students to enter the worlds of law, business or government at the highest possible level.

Many entering law students hope to learn more about a wide variety of practice areas. We try to provide all students with an extremely broad menu of classroom and externship experiences. We also have especially strong programs in business law, environmental law, and international law. In each of these areas, we offer courses and experiences that go far beyond the basics. In addition, we offer certificate programs in all three specialties and an LL.M. program in environmental law. Finally, we offer an LL.M. in American Law for lawyers from around the world.

Our business program goes well beyond traditional law courses in Business Organizations and Securities Regulation. We offer advanced courses such as Corporate Finance, Dodd-Frank, Empirical Methods for Lawyers, Game Theory, and Law and Economics. Our business faculty members are engaged scholars with experience at some of the nation’s top corporate law firms.

Everyone rates our environmental program as one of the best in the nation. Our environmental faculty are national and international figures. Here again, we don't stop at the basics. In addition to traditional environmental law courses, we offer a wealth of specialized courses, such as Climate Change: Science, Policy & Law, Coastal & Ocean Law, Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Law, Energy Law & Policy, and Risk, Public Policy & Law.

Our international program also goes beyond the basic courses in Public International Law and International Business Transactions. We offer specialized courses such as China Trade Simulation, Comparative Constitutional Law, Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector, International Aspects of Intellectual Property, and International Tax.

Our faculty members are actively involved with the work of our students. We believe collaboration outside of the classroom is as important as the classroom experience. Many of our faculty members work with students on their law review articles, moot court and mock trial competitions, business plans, or directed independent studies. Our clinical professors work closely with students in a rich array of externship programs and “live-client” clinics. Internship and externship experiences supplement the traditional classroom experience and often help our students with job placement upon graduation.

Our students love going to law school in Tallahassee. Florida’s capital city offers them the chance to try on for size many different legal roles while taking classes. Many of our students find part-time employment or internships in one of Tallahassee’s 500-plus law firms, courts, the Governor’s Office, the Florida Legislature or one of Tallahassee’s many state agencies.

Our Advocacy Center is a 50,000-square-foot building devoted to using the third year of law school to better prepare students for immediate entry into the legal profession. It houses five courtrooms for advocacy training, suites of offices for our business faculty and environmental faculty, and offices for the faculty and students serving clients in our Public Interest Law Center.

I strongly recommend that you visit any law school you are thinking of attending. Visit during Monday through Thursday, when most classes are in session and most professors are in their offices. Sit in on classes and talk with students and faculty. If you visit Florida State, I am confident you will discover our extraordinarily collegial environment. Our students like their experiences at our law school and the careers we help them launch. Begin with the end in mind.

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Don Weidner
Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

Our Advocacy Center includes five courtrooms for advocacy training—four with jury boxes.

Many students work part-time at the Florida Capitol, which is just steps away from the law school.

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CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS OF EMPHASIS

OVERVIEW

Our three-year curriculum is deep and diverse. It begins with traditional courses and expands to include the latest in theoretical and interdisciplinary analyses. The first-year curriculum provides the foundation in history, doctrine, process and analysis that students need to fully appreciate more specialized courses offered later in law school.

In the second and third years of law school, our program is almost entirely elective. It includes a wide range of courses and approaches. Some of our classes are purely theoretical and doctrinal. Some focus on particular industries, such as health, pharmaceuticals, and entertainment and sports law. We also offer many opportunities for experiential learning and other courses designed to enable students to be sophisticated entrants into the worlds of business, government and law practice.

In addition to our especially strong programs in business, environmental law and international law, we have one of the best criminal law programs in the region. Our J.D. students can also take advantage of one of nine joint-degree programs which we offer in cooperation with other college of arts and sciences and departments at Florida State University.

The most popular of these is our joint J.D.-M.B.A. program. Others include programs in International Affairs, Public Administration, Social Work, and Sport Management.

We have three “live-client” clinics, in family law and medicine. We also have extensive co-curricular programs in Florida and elsewhere.

Finally, our co-curricular organizations prepare students to be trial and appellate lawyers, international law attorneys, and business consultants and stockbrokers.

Our student-run scholarly journals give students a chance to hone their research and writing skills.
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Finally, our co-curricular organizations provide students a wealth of ways to earn credit for "hands-on" legal activities. Our Mock Trial and Moot Court programs prepare students to be trial and appellate advocates, and our three student-run scholarly journals give students additional opportunity to hone their research and writing skills.
Florida State University College of Law offers students an extremely sophisticated program in business. We start with basic law and business courses, such as Closely Held Business Organizations and Corporations, and then add more advanced business law courses. We also offer a wide range of courses in economics and tax. Additionally, students may strengthen their degree by earning a certificate in the area. Very few schools offer a more sophisticated mix of courses to launch students into the world of business.

U.S. News & World Report (2012) ranks our tax law program the nation's 23rd best (tied with Duke) and our tax faculty is one of the nation's 15 most downloaded on the Social Science Research Network.

Our business faculty members have experience practicing at some of the nation's most sophisticated corporate law firms. In addition, the faculty has published in traditional legal journals, including the nation's top law reviews, and in leading economics and finance journals.
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Core Business and Tax Law Faculty

Kelli A. Alces, Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Professor
Bankruptcy, Corporations, Property, Securities Regulation
Professor Alces' scholarship focuses on corporate governance. She has written about corporate governance in bankruptcy, corporate fiduciary duties and issues in shareholder representation. Her recent scholarship has particularly focused on the composition of the board of directors and she is currently working on an article about executive compensation. She was an associate in the Corporate Restructuring and Financial Institutions practice group at the Chicago law firm of Gardner, Carton & Douglas before starting her teaching career.

Joseph M. Dodge, Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor
Estate and Gift Tax, Gift Taxation, International Taxation, Taxation
One of the nation’s leading experts on tax law, Professor Dodge has authored several influential books, including The Logic of Tax, Federal Income Taxation: Doctrine, Structure & Policy (co-author) and Federal Taxes on Gift and Estate Transfers: Law and Planning (co-author). He is an academic fellow of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel and has been chair of both the Tax Section and the Donative Transfers Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

Steve R. Johnson, University Professor
Administrative Law, Business Planning, International Taxation, Statutory Interpretation
A nationally recognized scholar on tax litigation and procedure, including legislative and administrative law topics in tax, Professor Johnson’s publications include three co-authored books, A Practical Guide to Corporate Taxation, Civil Tax Procedure and Tax Crimes. He also has written numerous articles on tax procedure and tax law, is a columnist for State Tax Notes and is an associate editor of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation NewsQuarterly. He practiced tax law in New York City, after which he served as a senior attorney with the IRS Chief Counsel’s Office and a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

Jeffrey H. Kahn, Larson Professor
Corporate Tax, Taxation, Torts
Professor Kahn’s scholarship focuses on the federal tax area. He is the author of several treatises including, Federal Income Tax (co-author) and Principles of Corporate Income Taxation (co-author). He also has published numerous articles in both general law reviews and tax journals. Before entering academia, Professor Kahn worked for three years as a tax associate in the Chicago office of McDermott, Will & Emery.
BUSINESS EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Bankruptcy Court
Federal District Court
Florida Attorney General - Antitrust
Florida Attorney General - Economic Crimes
Florida Attorney General - Tort Litigation
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Florida First District Court of Appeal - Workers Compensation Unit
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
Florida Office of Financial Regulation - Division of Legal Services
Florida Power and Light Company (Juno Beach)
Florida Public Service Commission
North Florida Center for Equal Justice
Office Depot (West Palm Beach)

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES
Business Law Society
Business Review
Intellectual Property Law Society
Real Estate Law Society

BUSINESS & TAX LAW
Core Business & Tax Law Faculty continued
Jay Kesten,
Assistant Professor Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Corporations
Professor Kesten's research concentrates on both theoretical and empirical aspects of corporate governance. Before entering law teaching, Professor Kesten practiced for several years in Boston, most recently at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, where he focused primarily on corporate and securities litigation. After graduation from law school in Canada, he clerked for the British Columbia Supreme Court.

Donald J. Weidner,
Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor
Agency and Partnership, Property, Real Estate Finance
A recognized authority on partnerships, fiduciary duties and real estate finance, Dean Weidner is co-author of The Revised Uniform Partnership Act (West Group 2012). He also has written on the taxation of real estate transactions and on the use of special purpose entities by large corporations to keep debt off their books. Prior to entering law teaching, Dean Weidner worked at the New York firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher.

Manuel A. Utset, Jr.,
Charles W. Ehhardt Professor
Behavioral Corporate Governance, Corporations, Financial Regulation, Game Theory and Business Ethics, Law and Economics, Securities Regulation
Professor Utset is a leading scholar on applying behavioral law and economics to issues in corporate law, with recent emphasis on the implications of self-control problems on managerial misconduct and incomplete corporate contracting. Professor Utset has taught and written on corporate governance and venture capital finance, and is a fellow of the International Institute for Corporate Governance. Prior to entering law teaching, he practiced law with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City.

Other Law Faculty Teaching Business Courses
Frederick M. Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar
Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector, International Business Transactions, International Trade, Law and Policy, Patents and Trademark

Shawn J. Bayem, Assistant Professor
Contracts, Corporations, Torts

Curtis Bridgeman, James Edmund & Margaret Elizabeth Heinessey Corry Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Commercial Law, Contracts, Corporations, Jurisprudence, Philosophy of Private Law, Secured Transactions

Tahirih V. Lee, Associate Professor
China Trade Simulation, International Business Transactions, International Trade Simulation

Degree Programs for J.D. Students
The Business Law Certificate Program allows students to receive specialized training in a set of core areas: corporate finance, law and economics, and tax for the J.D. degree and signals to potential employers. Additionally, J.D. students who are accepted to Business or Economics Department can pursue an M.S. in law and economics (J.D.-M.S.).

BUSINESS COURSES AND SEMINARS
BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW COURSES
Accounting and the Law
Agency and Partnership
Antitrust Law
Banking Law
Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy Policy Seminar
Behavioral Corporate Governance Seminar
Closely Held Business Organizations
Commercial Law
Commercial Paper
Corporate Finance
Corporate Governance
Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
Corporations
Energy Law
Federal Securities Litigation Seminar
Financial Regulation
Health Care Financing
Insurance Law
Mergers and Acquisitions
Sales and Leases
Secured Transactions
Securities Broker-Dealer Law
Securities Regulation
White Collar Crime
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COURSES WITH SPECIAL ECONOMICS EMPHASIS
- Economic Regulation of Business Seminar
- Empirical Methods for Lawyers Seminar
- Game Theory and Business Ethics Seminar
- Law and Economics in Business Simulation
- Law and Economics in International Trade Simulation

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BUSINESS COURSES AND SEMINARS

**BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL LAW COURSES**
- Accounting and the Law
- Agency and Partnership
- Antitrust Law
- Banking Law
- Bankruptcy
- Bankruptcy Policy Seminar
- Behavioral Corporate Governance Seminar
- Closely Held Business Organizations
- Commercial Law
- Commercial Paper
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
- Corporations
- Energy Law
- Federal Securities Litigation Seminar
- Financial Regulation
- Health Care Financing
- Insurance Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Sales and Leases
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Broker-Dealer Law
- Securities Regulation
- White Collar Crime

**TRANSACTIONAL AND SKILLS COURSES**
- Business, Economics and Tax Law Research
- Business Transactions: Drafting and Negotiating
- Contract Drafting
- Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
- Negotiations
- Technology/IP Licensing

**TAX LAW COURSES**
- Corporate Tax
- Estate and Gift Tax
- International Taxation
- Partnership Tax
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Taxation

**REAL ESTATE COURSES**
- Condominium and Community
- Housing Law
- Construction Law
- Land Transfer
- Real Estate Finance

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COURSES**
- China Trade Simulation
- Global Regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade Law and Policy
- International Trade Simulation

**BUSINESS & TAX LAW DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR J.D. STUDENTS**

The Business Law Certificate Program allows students planning a career in business law and finance to receive specialized training in a set of core areas: publicly traded corporations, closely-held business entities, corporate finance, law and economics, and taxation. The program requires additional requirements beyond those for the J.D. degree and signals to potential employers that a graduate has advanced training in these core areas. Additionally, J.D. students who are accepted to the graduate programs at Florida State University's College of Business or Economics Department can pursue, respectively, joint degrees in law and business (J.D.-M.B.A.) or in law and economics (J.D.-M.S.).
CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS OF EMPHASIS

ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, LAND USE LAW

Florida State Law is home to one of the most highly regarded environmental law programs in the country. U.S. News & World Report ranks our program 8th strongest in the nation in its 2012 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools. Our faculty members are among the most distinguished scholars in the fields of environmental, energy and administrative law.

A wide variety of courses and a certificate program provide students a solid foundation in environmental, energy and land use law. Students also can take advantage of offerings in related areas of study at Florida State University as well as externship opportunities in Florida and Washington, D.C.

Core Environmental Law Faculty

Donna R. Christie, Elizabeth C. & Clyde W. Atkinson Professor
Coastal and Ocean Law, International Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation, Law of the Sea, Natural Resources Law

A driving force in the development of Florida State Law's environmental program, Professor Christie is a top authority on legal issues surrounding ocean and coastal management. She is co-author of Coastal and Ocean Law and Coastal and Ocean Management Law in a Nutshell, two of the leading student books in the field.

Shi-Ling Hsu, Professor
Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Law, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change: Science, Policy & Law, Property

Professor Hsu is an expert in the areas of environmental and natural resource law, climate change, law and economics, and property. He has published in a wide variety of legal journals and recently published a book, The Case for a Carbon Tax: Getting Past our Hang-ups to Effective Climate Policy. Prior to entering academia, Hsu was a senior attorney and economist for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.
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Highly regarded environmental law

Report ranks our program 8th in America's Best Graduate Schools, listing distinguished scholars in the fields of law. This program provides students a strong foundation in environmental law and land use law. Students also can study at Florida State University and Washington, D.C.

Professors like Associate Dean for Environmental Programs Dave Markell (left), the Steven M. Goldstein Professor and an expert in environmental law and administrative law, help make Florida State's environmental law program 8th best in the nation.

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David L. Markell, Steven M. Goldstein Professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs

Administrative Law, Climate Change Policy & Strategies, Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation Widely recognized as a scholar on the enforcement of environmental laws, among other topics, Professor Markell is co-author of a leading casbook, Environmental Protection: Law and Policy. His book Reinventing Environmental Enforcement and the State/Federal Relationship (co-author), has been called "the most significant work... on EPA's enforcement relationship with the states since the early 1900s." He has held posts with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice—Natural Resources Division.

From its vantage in the hub of our state's regulatory system to the depth of its course offerings, Florida State is a fitting place to examine the laws that shape a complex and evolving framework of environmental and land use policy. As a recent graduate, my exposure to these subjects at the College of Law has helped inform my initial approach to the challenges and opportunities facing the clients I serve.

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Core Environmental Law Faculty

Garrick Pursley, Assistant Professor

Federal Jurisdiction, Legislation & Regulation

Professor Pursley's research is on issues in constitutional law and legal theory and their application to open questions in constitutional law, federal courts, administrative law, energy law and other contexts. He has served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Royce C. Lambeth, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for Judge Timothy B. Dyk, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Thomas R. Philpot, Associate at Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee, Florida

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ENVIRONMENTAL EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1000 Friends of Florida
Earthjustice
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Division of Administrative Hearings – Environmental
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Humane Society of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice – Environmental and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Office of General Counsel

ENVIRONMENTAL COURSES AND SEMINARS

Administrative Law
Climate Change Policy & Strategies
Coastal & Ocean Law
Condominium and Community Housing Law
Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Law
Current Issues in Environmental Science*
Dispute Resolution*
Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
Energy Law
Environmental Interface of Land & Sea Transactions
Environmental Law
Environmental Legal Research
Florida Administrative Law/Florida Administrative Practice
Florida Environmental Law
Florida Water Law
Growth Management
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change: Science, Policy & Law
International Environmental Law Seminar
Introduction to Historic Preservation*
Land Use Regulation
Legislative Practice
Local Government Law
Natural Resources Law
Planned Communities
Principles of Oceanography*
Risk, Public Policy & Law
River Basin Planning & Management*
Urban and Regional Planning*
Water Law

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Environmental Law Society
Environmental Moot Court Competition
Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law

Our faculty members are among the most distinguished scholars in the fields of environmental, energy and administrative law.
Y AND LAND USE LAW

Hannah Wiseman, Assistant Professor
Energy Law, Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation

A rising star in the area of environmental law, Professor Wiseman’s research explores the role of regulation in protecting the character of living spaces and environmental quality, from the sublocal to the national level. As a law student, she was a managing editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation* and received the Israel H. Peres prize for the best student note or comment appearing in the *Yale Law Journal* in 2007. She previously clerked for the Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

AND SEMINARS
Florida Environmental Law
Florida Water Law
Growth Management
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change: Science, Policy & Law
International Environmental Law Seminar
Introduction to Historic Preservation*
Land Use Regulation
Legislative Practice
Local Government Law
Natural Resources Law
Planned Communities
Principles of Oceanography*
Risk, Public Policy & Law
River Basin Planning & Management*
Urban and Regional Planning*
Water Law

*Courses offered through other graduate schools on campus.

DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR J.D. STUDENTS

Upon graduation, students who successfully complete the environmental certificate program receive a certificate along with their J.D. degree. The certificate signals to employers and others that students have achieved special competency in the fields of environmental, energy and land use law. Students may select their courses from an extensive menu of curricular and co-curricular offerings, as well as joint-degree programs with other Florida State departments.

A joint-degree program with the School of Urban and Regional Planning enhances the law school’s ability to provide comprehensive preparation for a career in environmental and land use law. The school is nationally respected and offers a wide array of fields of emphasis. When combined with the J.D. degree, particularly with the Certificate in Environmental, Energy and Land Use Law, the joint degree provides an excellent foundation in both the law and the policy of land use.

LL.M. IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

The College of Law’s LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy gives J.D. holders the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of environmental, land use, natural resources and energy law. Students are matched with program faculty members who will mentor them and help design a curriculum that best suits their interests, educational backgrounds and professional needs.

Our faculty members are among the most distinguished scholars in the fields of environmental, energy and administrative law.
Our international law faculty members have deep expertise in a variety of areas, including international intellectual property, international trade law, the global pharmaceutical industry, international human rights, laws of war, international intervention law, Chinese law, law of the sea and international environmental law. Their work has helped shape legal issues from Africa to China to Eastern Europe to South America and the Caribbean.

Our program includes a wide array of specialized courses that reflect the expertise of the faculty, a variety of externship opportunities — both international and domestic in location — and a certificate program for students interested in international law. In addition, Florida State offers five exchange programs and the longest-standing summer law program at Oxford University sponsored by an American law school.
We deep expertise in a variety of property, international trade law, international human rights, laws of sea, law of the sea and has helped shape legal issues in South America and the specialized courses that reflect the opportunities — both a certificate program for Faddition, Florida State offers an exciting summer law program at an law school.

Core International Law Faculty

Frederick M. Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar

Professor Abbott is recognized nationally and internationally for his scholarship and professional activities in international intellectual property rights and global economic issues. He is one of the world's leading figures on issues concerning the pharmaceutical industry and access to medicines. He is Rapporteur for the Committee on International Trade Law of the International Law Association and a consultant to the UNCTAD-ICTSD Project on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, to the World Health Organization, and to the World Bank. He is active as a dispute settlement panelist for the World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Center. In addition to serving on the editorial board of the Journal of International Economic Law (Oxford), Professor Abbott is the author of numerous books and articles, including his latest book, International Intellectual Property in an Integrated World Economy (co-author). His book on treaty-making, Parliamentary Participation in the Making and Operation of Treaties (edited with Stefan Riesenfeld), was awarded the American Society of International Law Certificate of Merit.

Donna R. Christie, Elizabeth C. & Clyde W. Atkinson Professor
International Environmental Law, Law of the Sea

A leading authority on international legal issues surrounding ocean and coastal management, Professor Christie has contributed to the development of coastal and ocean policy and governance in the United States, the Caribbean and Australia. She developed the Certificate Program in International Law and the LLM Program in American Law for Foreign Lawyers.

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Stefano Grace ('06), General Counsel at East Capital Explorer AB — a listed investment company offering exposure to listed and unlisted growth companies in Eastern Europe — Stockholm, Sweden
STUDY ABROAD

Students can participate in a summer study abroad program at the University of Oxford in England and in exchange programs with five universities:

- Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia
- The Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade in Shanghai, China
- The Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China
- The University of Groningen in Groningen, The Netherlands

INTERNATIONAL LAW EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ABA Asia Law Initiative - Washington, D.C.
Court of Appeal, Republic of Botswana
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. - Miami
Human Rights First - New York City
Immigration Court
International Bar Association - London
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia - The Hague
The Special Court for Sierra Leone

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Center for the Advancement of Human Rights
International Law Students Association
Journal of Transnational Law & Policy

Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte, President Emeritus and Professor International Human Rights Law

Professor D’Alemberte has won numerous awards for his contributions to international law, including the International Bar Association’s 2006 Rule of Law Award. He is a former president of the American Bar Association and, in that capacity, was cofounder of the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative, which reached out to those countries to assist in development of their new democracies at the end of the Cold War. He also served as president of Florida State University from 1993 to 2003. He served as president of the American Judicature Society and was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1972.

David E. Landau, Assistant Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs

Professor Landau joined the Florida State law faculty after serving as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School. His areas of specialization include Latin American comparative constitutional law and politics, judicial politics, and constitutional theory and design. Fluent in Spanish, his Harvard Ph.D. dissertation focused on the Colombian Constitutional Court in comparative perspective.

Tahih V. Lee, Associate Professor China Trade Simulation, Chinese Law, Comparative Law, International Business Transactions, International Trade Simulation

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Fernando Tésón, Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar Foreign Relations Law, International Human Rights Law, Public International Law

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Other Faculty Teaching International Law Courses

Terry Coonan, Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and Professor of Law

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Our students have many opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom in the real world. Florida State’s clinical programs and location in Tallahassee provide students a plethora of options to gain the legal experience that employers desire. Our law school is within walking distance of the state Capitol, the Florida Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and a number of government agencies. Students have a wide variety of externships, internships, clerkships, live-client clinics and co-curricular opportunities from which to choose.

The law school’s 50,000-square-foot Advocacy Center is invaluable to students preparing for externships and co-curricular advocacy competitions. The building houses five courtrooms—four with jury boxes—configurations. It is the nation’s finest facility for training.

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CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS:
Florida State University
Law Review
Journal of Land Use &
Environmental Law
Journal of Transnational
Law & Policy
Mock Trial Team
Moot Court Team

Natasha Dorsey ('12)
clerked at Ausley & McMullen
in Tallahassee while in law school.

Students utilize the Historic
Appeal Courtroom in the law
school's Advocacy Center for
mock court preparation.
Available Externship Placements:

- Administrative
- Appellate
- Business
- Civil
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental
- Government
- International
- Judicial
- Labor/Employment
- Legal Services
- Transactional

Externship Opportunities in Florida and Elsewhere

The law school offers one of the most extensive externship programs in the United States. Students earn academic credit while working under the supervision of practicing attorneys. Our clinical externship program, which has been referred to as a model for the nation, places students in more than 100 offices throughout Florida and elsewhere—far more placement options than many law schools. Students may even select international externships in locations around the world including London, The Hague and Botswana.

Many of our externships involve the practice of law, which requires students to be certified by the Florida Supreme Court. This certification is beneficial during and after law school. Because our programs provide more academic credit than those at most other law schools, students are more engaged in actual law practice and gain more valuable experience that will benefit them upon graduation.

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Florida State Law's program is unique among law school clinical programs because of the wide variety of legal services provided. While other law school clinics specialize in one or two types of cases, the Public Interest Law Center handles everything from foster care cases to juvenile delinquency cases to immigration cases.

The Center's work on children in prison has been cited by the United States Supreme Court in a 2010 landmark decision and featured by national and international media.
Florida State-educated lawyers can be found in almost every state and around the world. Our 8,000-plus alumni are extraordinarily supportive of our school and students. One measure of the level of graduate engagement is a law school's alumni giving rate—ours is tenth best in the nation. Alumni who are financially supportive tend to provide support in other ways. Our alumni provide a vital network to help our students find employment. They are generous with their time and donate countless hours to helping students perfect their job search skills and learn about practicing law. Alumni in private firms, the judiciary, government service and nontraditional legal careers regularly visit campus to talk with students about their specific fields of practice, answer students' questions and conduct mock interviews. They also host networking meetings with students in their cities. Our alumni also provide students clerking and full-time employment opportunities. In addition to visiting campus to interview students, alumni also interview students via videoconference.

Our engaged and helpful alumni are the principal reason why, as reported in the Wall Street Journal, we are the nation's 25th best law school in terms of placing new graduates in jobs that require law degrees.

Several of our distinguished alumni are pictured below and to the right. Each of them has returned to campus to meet with our students.

C Senator Mel R. Martinez ('73) is a former U.S. Senator from Florida. He currently is chairman of Chase Bank's Florida market and its operations in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. He has visited campus on numerous occasions and has served as President of our Alumni Association.

C Justice Ricky Polston ('87) is Florida's 58th Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. He regularly teaches courses at the law school and participates in other law school activities.

C Peggy Rolando ('78), a partner at Shutts & Bowen in Miami, is a national expert in condominium and real estate finance with emphasis on multifamily projects. She is a member of our Board of Visitors who returns to the law school at least once a year to visit with law students.

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C Miami attorney Eugene Stearns ('72) is chairman Stearns Weaver Miller Weiss Alhadeff & Sitterson. Stearns is one of the state's most effective litigators. He co-founded Tallahassee to teach our short courses on trial and evidence presentation techniques. He also serves on our Board of Visitors.

C Fred E. Karlinsky ('92) is a shareholder of Colodny, Famino, Talenfeld, Karlinsky, Abate, a top insurance defense firm. He is a member of the school's Board of Visitors and his firm has sponsored short courses on Trial and Evidence.

C Representative Katherine Castor ('91) is a U.S. Representative. She is currently in her third term representing Florida's 11th Congressional district. She was the keynote speaker during our Fall 2020 graduation ceremony.
Having successful alumni who are excited about the law school and eager to open doors for students is a huge benefit to attending FSU Law. Sometimes just the mention of attending FSU Law has led to introductions to alumni who are now partners or judges. The FSU network really makes a difference in making contacts in the legal community.”

— Amber Drummond, clerked for United States District Judge John Antoon, II ('71) in Orlando during the summer of 2012

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C James L. Bacchus ('79) chairs Greenberg Traurig's Global Practice Group. He formerly served in the U.S. House of Representatives and was chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization. Throughout his career, he has remained engaged with the law school.

C Sheila M. McDevitt ('78) is of counsel with Akerman Senterfitt LLP's corporate practice. A member of our Board of Visitors, she previously served as senior vice president general counsel and chief legal officer for TECO Energy, Inc.

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C Shannon Depuy Bream ('96) is Fox News' U.S. Supreme Court reporter, as well as the anchor of America's News Headquarters. Prior to her career in television, she practiced corporate law in Tampa.
COSTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Florida State is consistently rated one of the nation’s top 10 best value law schools by preLaw magazine and a “good value” by U.S. News & World Report. Tuition and fees are established by the Board of Governors and the Florida Legislature and are subject to change at any time.

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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 law school's Office of Admissions at 850.644.3787 or admissions@law.fsu.edu.

2012 – 2013 Cost of Attendance
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- 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. In addition to the application, applicants must submit a resume and personal statement. Outside of the required documents, applicants need not submit additional documents or information with the application unless the applicant has character and fitness issues to address with supplemental documentation. 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 lawinfo@lsac.org.

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DEADLINES
Spring Term: December 1, 2012
Summer Term: April 15, 2013
Fall Term: July 15, 2013

ELIGIBILITY
Florida State 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 25 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
The 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.

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LL.M. ADMISSION
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Spring Term: November 1, 2012 (Environmental LL.M. only)
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