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From the Dean



Alum Manuel Farach teaches a Spear the Bar session in June.

Next week, our recent graduates will sit for bar exams around the nation. We know they have been studying and working hard this summer, and we believe in them as they prepare to tackle the test. Since May, many of our grads who will be taking the Florida Bar Examination have attended our supplemental bar preparation sessions, in person and virtually. We encourage our graduates taking the bar exam to reach out to us if they could use some extra support in their final days of preparation. In addition, some members of our administrative team will be in Tampa next week for the Florida exam, and we encourage students to stop by the FSU Law area for lunch and to see some friendly faces. Good luck to all of our graduates who are taking bar exams next week—we know you are going to Spear the Bar!

Dean Erin O'Connor

Oxford Program Celebrates 50 Years



This summer, FSU Law's Summer Program in Law at Oxford celebrates its 50th year! Fourteen FSU Law students are participating in this year's program, which runs from June 26 to August 3. The program is the oldest ongoing program in Oxford sponsored by a U.S. law school, and it provides a unique opportunity for students to study comparative law and the history of the common law in its original setting. Tenured law faculty from the University of Oxford and Florida State University teach courses for the program, which include An Introduction to English Public Law, English Legal History, Lawyers as Leaders, and Public International Law. Program participants stay at St. Edmund Hall, a University of Oxford college which dates back to the 13th century, and in addition to attending classes, they go on program outings to London and Stratford-upon-Avon. Many also choose to travel independently or with classmates to nearby cities and countries on the weekends. Numerous students who have attended the Oxford program in past years note that it is a highlight of their law school experience.

"Getting to study at Oxford University under both FSU Law and Oxford Law professors has truly been a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said current participant and rising 2L Savannah Bass,who is pictured above at Oxford. "This program has allowed me to study English law in a unique setting, while also having the chance to explore surrounding cities and countries in Europe with my fellow classmates. I've really come to appreciate the history of the common law system and am already planning my next trip back!"

Alum Profile: Donald M. Hinkle ('80)



Donald M. Hinkle is the sole practitioner at Hinkle.Law in Tallahassee, where he focuses on catastrophic injury and death cases. Hinkle is board certified in civil trial practice by The Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He has obtained verdicts of more than a million dollars in medical malpractice, personal injury, product liability, automobile crash, premises liability, liquor liability, and civil rights cases. Earlier this year, The National Trial Lawyers selected Hinkle for inclusion in its Top 25 Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers Association. The honor is given to select lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications, and membership is limited to the top 25 attorneys in each state or region who have demonstrated excellence and have achieved outstanding results in their careers. Hinkle said he was honored by the recognition, "medical malpractice cases are extraordinarily difficult, complex and expensive; I'm crazy to do this but love the work and my clients." Hinkle is a past president of the Tallahassee Bar Association, Capital City Justice Association, and Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He endowed the Donald Hinkle Professor of Law at Florida State University and remains a committed alumnus.

Profile: Celebrating 2023 Grad Briana Bedoya



2023 FSU Law graduate Briana Bedoya has accepted a position as an associate in the Orlando office of Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo, Cohen & Peterfriend! During law school, Bedoya was a founding president of the Hispanic Law Students Association, a member of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court, vice chair of the Law School Council, a member of the Raising the Bar Professionalism+ Program's Student Advisory Board, and secretary of the Trafficking in America Task Force. She also served as a student representative with the Public Interest Law Center's Farmworker & Immigration Rights Clinic, and she graduated with a Distinguished Pro Bono Service recognition for her work there. Additionally, Bedoya was a teaching assistant for FSU Law's 1L orientation in 2022. We wish Bedoya all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments!

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