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Law Review Members had breakfast with U.S. District Court Judge Brian Davis of the Middle District of Florida in Jacksonville and discussed his legal career as well as tips for soon-to-be graduates.

## An Update from Your *Law Review*

This spring semester was very exciting for the *Florida State University Law Review*. From the many write-on submissions received from students eager to join our membership, *Law Review* extended seven membership invitations over winter break. The semester was filled with training, subciting, editing, and late nights in Ausley, as our members prepared sixteen pieces for publication in our spring volumes. Additionally, we are proud to announce the Volume 45 Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Board. They are already hard at work recruiting new members, devising new ideas to improve the journal, and selecting articles for publication.

However, it has not been all work and no play for our members. This semester *Law Review* members sat down with two judges, U.S. District Court Judge Brian Davis and U.S. Magistrate Judge Julie Sneed of the Middle District of Florida. We also held a number of happy hours around town, editor and member socials, and breakfasts in Ausley.

## A Note from Volume 45 Editor-In-Chief Danny Buchholz

My name is Danny Buchholz, and I am the incoming Editor-in-Chief for Volume 45 of the *Florida State University Law Review*. We have a lot of exciting plans for this upcoming year. First, we are excited to announce the inaugural issue of our online publication. Thanks to the work of Volumes 43 and 44, Volume 45 will be publishing *Law Review's* first online issue. The inaugural issue will be dedicated to the friends and family of *Law Review*, and will feature articles authored by Melanie Kalmanson ('16) and Judge John G. Van Laningham ('88). The new online publication will also be accompanied by a new website, which will feature a piece by Professor Sandy D'Alemberte discussing the history of *Law Review*, as well commentary by members of the past 44 volumes. Additionally, we have a wide variety of articles featured in Volume 45, from pieces on prosecuting members of ISIS for the destruction of cultural property, to pieces on the rights of people with severe brain injuries. Finally, *Law Review* will be hosting an alumni reunion reception during next month's Annual Florida Bar Convention in Boca Raton. We hope all of our *Law Review* alumni attending the Convention will stop by for some complimentary food and drinks.

### *Law Review* Alumni Spotlight: Floyd R. Self



Mr. Self graduated from FSU College of Law in 1986 with honors. When serving on the *FSU Law Review* as an Executive Editor, Mr. Self initiated a fledgling branch of the *Review*: the Legislative Edition. Published for roughly a decade, this edition served primarily to assist the legislative community by providing articles on hot topics related to government processes and issues facing the state. Currently Mr. Self works at Berger Singerman, where he continues his interest in the lawmaking process, practicing in state and federal government and administrative work. He focuses on a diverse array of sectors including energy, telecommunications, water, and technologies. To this day, Mr. Self remains an active alumnus of the *Law Review*, frequently contributing time, talent, and treasure.



### Member Spotlight: Nate Carlson

During his 3L year, Nate served as a Notes & Comments Editor for the Vol. 44 Board of the *Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief of the *Business Review*, and a pupil member of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court. While participating in these on- and off-campus activities, Nate also served as a law clerk at Coppins Monroe Adkins & Dincman, P.A., where he helped with the civil defense of municipalities and private business in North Florida. After graduation, Nate and his fiancé moved to Jacksonville where he hopes to expand his business legal experience as an associate in-house counsel or in a civil litigation firm with corporate or municipal clients.

### Alumni Events

In recent years, the *Law Review* has hosted events aimed at connect our Alumni and Members. Last summer, we hosted happy hours for our alumni across the state. A number of alumni also attended the annual *Law Review* Banquet in May. The Banquet, celebrating the hard work of our members, featured U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Stampelos as the keynote speaker.

Continuing our outreach efforts this year, Volume 45 is currently organizing a *Law Review* Reunion in Boca Raton during the week of the annual Florida Bar Convention. We are also excited about several events for this upcoming year including our annual alumni tailgate during football season and banquet next spring. Keep an eye on your inbox for invitations!

*Congratulations Class of 2017!*  
**Are our Graduating Members Heading to a Town Near You?**

<b>Britton Alexander</b>	U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida	Orlando, FL	Judicial Clerk, Judge John Antoon
<b>Patrick Bailey</b>	Florida Atlantic University Honors College	Boca Raton, FL	Student, Pre-medical, Post-Baccalaureate Program
<b>John Baker</b>	Ernst & Young	New York City, NY	International Tax Attorney
<b>Jonathan Bonello</b>	Quarles & Brady	Naples, FL	Associate, Business Law Group
<b>Lindsey Davis</b>	State Attorney's Office, 10 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	Bartow, FL	Assistant State Attorney
<b>Lolia Fernandez</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Circuit Public Defender's Office	Tallahassee, FL	Assistant Public Defender
<b>Patrick Fitzgerald</b>	U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia	Augusta, GA	Judicial Clerk, Judge Dudley Bowen
<b>Riley Fredrick</b>	Fidelity National Financial	Jacksonville, FL	Associate
<b>Bailey Howard</b>	Florida Supreme Court	Tallahassee, FL	Staff Attorney, Chief Justice Jorge Labarga
<b>Sarah Parrow</b>	Gray Robinson	Tampa, FL	Associate
<b>Michael Piccolo</b>	Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed	Orlando, FL	Associate
<b>Kelsey Pincket</b>	Fidelity National Financial	Jacksonville, FL	Associate
<b>Yameel Mercado Robles</b>	BakerHostetler LLP	Orlando, FL	Associate
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<b>Don Thompson</b>	Georgetown Law	Washington, D.C.	LL.M. Student, Securities & Financial Regulation
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<b>Elisa Walker</b>	Ernst & Young	Miami, FL	Transfer Pricing Attorney
<b>Jacqueline Van Laningham</b>	Holland & Knight	Jacksonville, FL	Associate



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## A Few Thoughts from our Graduating Members

The last three years have flown by. My time at FSU Law was marked by rewarding and enriching experiences. Being a member of the *Law Review* supplemented what I learned in the classroom and exposed me to new and emerging areas of the law. Through the *Law Review* I was able to work closely with Prof. Sandy D'Alemberte and write a Note on the selection process for Florida judges. This summer I will be sitting for the Florida Bar and would like to practice either business or environmental law. I'm proud to have been a member of an organization where I was surrounded by the best and brightest of my law school colleagues.

- Stephen Varnell

My highlight of 3L year was serving as a judicial extern for Chief Justice Labarga at the Florida Supreme Court in the fall.

- Jon Bonello

I enjoyed my time at FSU Law; it provided me with a first-rate legal education and excellent career opportunities. Go Noles!

- Michael Piccolo

My favorite experience on *Law Review* has been getting my student note published. After so many rounds of subciting, it was nice to be on the author side of editing!

- Riley Fredrick

This past year I served as a Notes and Comments Editor on the *Law Review* editorial board. It has been such a pleasure getting to know everyone on *Law Review* these past two years. While the work was strenuous, the people that make up *Law Review* completely make all the time spent editing worth it!

- Lauren Thompson

My favorite part about *Law Review* this year was having more social events with current members and alumni. The addition of these events has provided current and past *Law Review* members the opportunity to network with each other and learn about the history and current goings-on of the *Law Review*.

- Marianna Seiler

My experience on *Law Review* was great; I gained a lot of valuable skills and made some really great friends.

- Rick Rowe

*Law Review* helped me be more attentive to details.

- Lolia Fernandez

*Law Review* helped me hone my legal research and Bluebooking skills. As an Executive Editor, I was able to collaborate with fellow EEs and the Editor-in-Chief to coordinate training and the editing calendar as well as matters involving the membership. My position also put me in direct contact with authors, most of whom were distinguished legal scholars, as the representative of the Journal. As a member of the online journal committee and a special editor for the Florida Style Manual, I was able to work with leaders in the community to improve the Journal.

- Patrick Bailey

Being a member and an N&C on *Law Review* afforded me the unique experience of developing one-on-one academic advisory relationships with my peers regarding legal writing. The shared writing techniques, note structures, research strategies, and citation advise have made me a better legal writer and, more importantly, teammate in the legal setting.

- Nate Carlson

My experience at FSU Law was amazing. I could not imagine having gone to another law school.

- Yameel Mercado Robles

*The FSU Law Review* gave me more opportunities than I could have ever expected. Not only did I become a self-proclaimed editing and research guru, but I also gained valuable friendships, forged during down-to-the-wire deadlines and late nights in Ausley, that will last me a lifetime.

- Britton Alexander

My experience on *Law Review* taught me many things, but the one I reflect on most often is that Volume 44 is a fantastic example of what wonderful things we can achieve when everyone steps up and pulls together. Even as a group of hyper-talented individuals, our best work is done as a community, and I'm proud to have been a part of it.

- Bailey Howard

*Law Review* was my most rewarding experience in law school. I was not only lucky enough to hold a high editing position, but was also able to fulfill a leadership role on the journal.

- Christy Strasser

*The FSU Law Review* not only enabled new friendships to flourish, but also gave me an opportunity to aid authors to speak their most profound voices through the pieces that we publish. I will forever be grateful to this aspect of the Law School that exposed me to some of the greatest relationships, between professors and classmates, and afforded me access to communicate with some of the most outstanding legal minds in the nation.

- Sarah Parrow

Serving as the Editor-in-Chief for the *Review* this year has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Professionally, it was an honor to guide the *Review* into the future. I am particularly proud of our alumni outreach efforts, our new online publication, and our revisions to the editing calendar to speed the editorial process. Personally, it was a great pleasure working with my talented and dedicated classmates and friends. Now, I am excited to join them and our distinguished alums in practice!

- Elisa Walker

*Law Review* provided me with a small community within our law school. Although I may not miss the late nights spent in the Ausley house, I will certainly miss all the familiar faces!

- Kelsey Pincket

From divisive arguments at Ausley over comma placement, see, e.g., O'Connor v. Oakhurst Dairy, 851 F.3d 69 (1st Cir. 2017), to in-depth discussions with legal scholars on complex tax doctrines, *Law Review* gave me the ideas to mold thought, the tools to craft scholarship, and the wisdom to change practice

*Law Review* has taught me the definition of hard work and seeing that work pay off when the finished product is published. Looking back on it all, I would absolutely do it all over again! I have met some incredible people who are going to be working all over the country!

- Lindsey Davis