



BUSINESS LAW SECTION
OF THE FLORIDA BAR

2019-2020 BLS SCHOLARS

“FACE BOOK”



Summer Branch is a 3L at FAMU Law with an interest in family and juvenile law, international law, tax, and patent law. Summer received her Bachelor of Political Science from North Carolina Central University, and was a University Honors Program Scholar. She interned at the Fifth District Court of Appeals Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel. Summer believes that we all have a global duty which exists beyond our geographical, racial, religious, and other identifiers, and that duty encompasses taking action to make the world a better place for everyone.



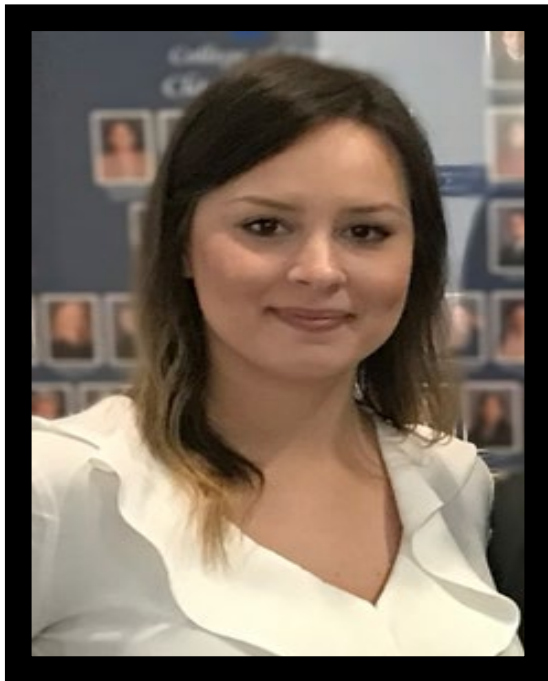
Easter L. Floyd-Clarke is a 3L at FAMU Law. Easter is a member of the 2019-2020 Executive Board of the Student Bar Association, and a student member of the American Bar Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Women's Law Caucus. She received a Doctor of Pharmacy from Hampton University and a Master of Public Health from the University of Miami. Easter is also the founder of Elizabeth & Company Charm Schools, Inc., a non-profit organization that mentors young ladies in preparing for college, career planning, and other necessary life skills. Easter completed a summer internship with the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, Fifth District. Easter enjoys traveling with family and spending time with her toddler daughter.



Simon Safir was born and raised in Dallas, TX. Prior to law school, he was a business owner of a major retail chain, which he sold in order to pursue his true calling in life, law. In a matter of 10 days in August 2018, he moved to Orlando, got married, and started his first day of law school at FAMU College of Law. Simon is a rising 2L, and has loved every part of the law school experience. At the 2019 Florida Bar Convention, Simon received the Governor of the Year award from The Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division. He is an active member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Simon is excited for what his future holds as an advocate for the helpless and the hopeless.



Andrew D. Kagan attended St. Thomas University School of Law where he finished his first year in the top 10% of his class and was recognized consistently on the Dean's List. Andrew then transferred to FIU College of Law and is currently a 3L. Originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Andrew moved to Miami in 2012 to immerse himself into South Florida's thriving culture for international business. Andrew currently works as a Law Clerk for PereGonza Law Group in Doral, assisting the firm's business and transactional attorneys. After graduation, Andrew plans on becoming an estates, trusts, and transactional attorney.



Renata Villar is a second-year law student at Florida International University College of Law. She was the 1L representative for the Federal Bar Association at FIU, and is now the Treasurer. Renata graduated from Florida International University with a major in Marketing. Currently, Renata is a Legal Intern for the Honorable Jose Rodriguez of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court. Originally from Brazil, Renata believes her background will help distinguish her in the growing market segment that services Portuguese speaking clients in South Florida.

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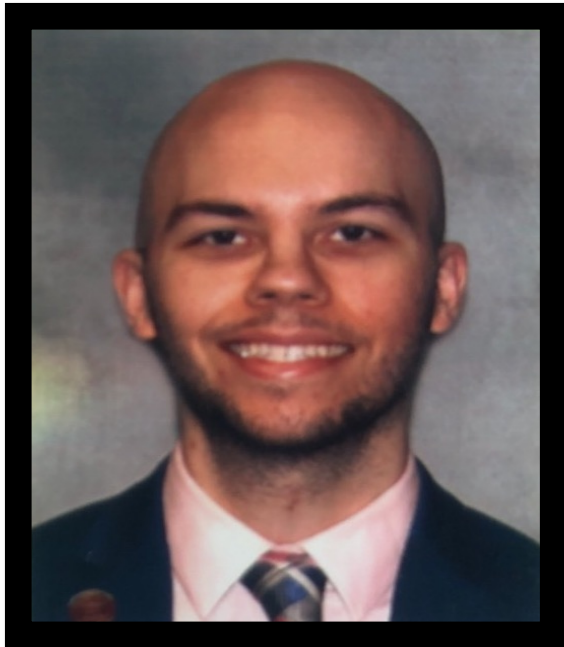
Alessandra Norat Mousinho was born in Brazil and earned her first law degree there in 2010. Since then, she has specialized in taxation. In order to gain more international experience, she joined FSU in 2017 to complete her LLM in American Law, and after graduation in 2018, she decided to complete the Juris Doctor at FSU. She intends to take the Florida Bar after her graduation in 2021. Her interest is to practice law in the business area, specifically in taxation law and with multinational corporations.



Miqolae Smith is a 3L at Florida State University College of Law. She grew up in West Palm Beach where she was a competitive dancer for 11 years. Miqolae attended Florida State University for her undergraduate career and earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics and Political Science, and a minor's certificate in Law and Society. At FSU Law, Miqolae is pursuing a Business Law Certificate. Miqolae is involved in several organizations including the Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society, the Black Law Students Association, and the Business Law Society, and is also a Staff Editor on the Law Review.



Victoria Stanisauskis was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. Victoria graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is currently a 3L at Florida State University College of Law. She is presently an Executive Editor for the Florida State University Law Review, and also serves as Executive Editor for the Florida State University Business Law Review for the 2018-2019 year.



Chad Steen is a rising 2L at Florida State University College of Law. His business law interests include Antitrust, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Taxation. Chad was recently invited to become a member of the FSU Business Review, where he will be able to help advance legal scholarship and discourse in the business law community. He is honored to represent FSU as a BLS Scholar and looks forward to meeting all of the fantastic individuals in this section at the Labor Day Retreat!

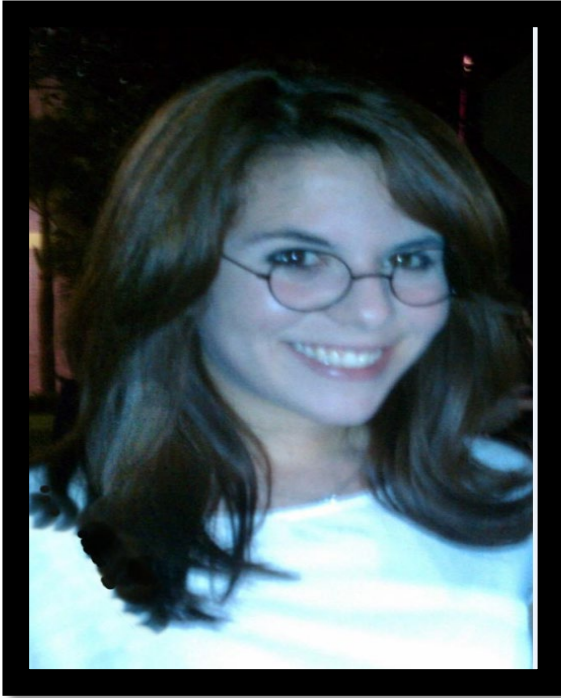
**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER**



Rachael Bond Palmer is a final year law student in the Foreign Lawyer Program at Nova Southeastern University. Rachael was admitted to the Jamaican bar in 2014. She earned a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management, both with honors, from the University of the West Indies. For summer 2019, Rachael was the Chesterfield Smith Fellow and a Law Clerk in the Community Economic Development Unit at Legal Services of Greater Miami. Prior to attending NSU, Rachael worked in Jamaica for a commercial law firm advising clients on securities and finance transactions and corporate matters. Upon graduation, she plans to practice corporate law in Fort Lauderdale or Miami.



Kevin DeMatteo is a 3L at Nova Southeastern University. He currently serves as the President of the Intellectual Property Law Society, and played an integral role in assisting with the curriculum design for the Intellectual Property, Technology and Cybersecurity Law Concentration that was recently adopted at NSU Law. He is also a skilled advocate for the NSU Trial Association and the Moot Court Society. Prior to attending law school, Kevin graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He is currently clerking with Posada, Taddeo and Dietiker, P.A. in Coral Springs. He plans to practice in Intellectual Property, Commercial Litigation, and Corporate Governance.



Marialina Gonzalez is a rising 3L at Nova Southeastern University. She will be graduating in May 2020 with her J.D and LL.M. in Intellectual property. She is currently studying to take the Fundamentals of Engineering exam in order to take the Patent Bar. Before law school, she received her bachelor's degree in Forensic Anthropology and went on to work for a variety of law firms in Tampa. She currently works at Kenner Imparato. Marialina has a wide variety of interests when it comes to her legal career. She is interested in intellectual property and patents, as well as business and contract law



Austin Nowacki is a 22 year old, 2L from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, and he intends to practice as a patent attorney. In addition to being a 2021 J.D. Candidate, he is also pursuing an MBA with a concentration in Marketing and has his BS in Biomedical Neural Engineering from the University of Florida. Go Gators! Developing strong relationships is the foundation of everything he does, both professionally and socially. Austin is a strong believer in working efficiently and effectively to achieve his goals. He enjoys golfing, basketball, and video games, but you can also find him investing in cryptocurrency or at the premiere of a Marvel movie.



Andrea Pontecorvi is a Dual-Degree Student at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. Andrea has an Italian Juris Doctorate from Roma Tre University where he graduated with honors in 2018. He is currently a 3L at Nova where he will graduate in May 2020. Andrea's interests range from International Law and Cultural Property Law to Contract and Business Law, He hopes that he will be able to pursue of all his interests by working for and with international organizations.



Alec Taylor is a 3L at NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. Alec attended FSU as an undergraduate where he majored in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, with focus areas in economics and sociology. He then worked as a business analyst at EFO Financial Group. Alec is a board member of the Moot Court Society and the NSU Trial Association. As a 2L, Alec competed in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Competition where he and his team advanced to the quarter finals. Alec also holds an Executive Board position in the Intellectual Property Law Society. His primary areas of interest are corporate, bankruptcy, securities, and intellectual property law. Alec is a licensed skydiver and has completed over 200 skydives.

**ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW**



Ashley Bruneus is a *Juris Doctor* Candidate at St. Thomas University School of Law, with a graduation date of 2021. Ashley's primary area of interest is employment law, where she intends to represent plaintiffs who were wrongfully terminated. She has gained experience in this area by working in an employment law firm where she assisted in litigating for the rights of employees. She is also interested in practicing corporate and securities law and business litigation.



Morgan J. Levine is a 3L at St. Thomas University School of Law, and is currently interning for Justice Robert Luck on the Florida Supreme Court. Previously, Morgan interned for several prominent Miami law firms, and also served as law clerk to Judge Norma S. Lindsey on the Third District Court of Appeal and judicial intern to Judge Lisa Walsh in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Upon graduation, Morgan anticipates clerking for a federal judge, or practicing in the area of bankruptcy litigation.



Sulany Perez is a 3L at St. Thomas University School of Law. During law school, she interned for the Honorable Jose M. Rodriguez in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court and for various insurance defense firms. Sulany is involved in law school organizations such as the Cuban American Student Bar Association and the Business Law Society. She is an Articles Editor of the St. Thomas Journal of Complex Litigation. Sulany also was elected as a Student Ambassador for the Association of Corporate Counsel, where she gained knowledge and networking opportunities with in-house and corporate counsel. Sulany plans to specialize in business law and employment and labor law.



Alejandro I. Velez is an FIU graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in Business. Alejandro attends St. Thomas University School of Law, and is a JD Candidate for the class of 2020. He has clerked and interned for various legal organizations, from boutique real estate law firms, to internships with the U.S. Department of Defense's office of the Judge Advocate General. Alejandro plans to focus his practice on contractual design and implementation within cross-border business transactions, real estate investments, domestic general business, bankruptcy, and business tax matters.



Shannen Walters is a 2L at St. Thomas University School of Law. Shannen is a member-candidate of the St. Thomas School of Law's Law Review and the secretary of the St. Thomas Business Law Society. She is also the Vice-President of the law school's Jewish Law Student Association. Shannen is interested in many areas of the law, including consumer rights law, products liability, securities, corporations and financial services. She also has a keen interest in novel areas of the law including internet privacy, block-chain currency, and computer technology.

**STETSON UNIVERSITY
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STETSON LAW



Chris Hedges is a 3L at Stetson Law. Prior to attending law school, Chris received his BBA in International Finance, his MBA with an emphasis in leadership, and his Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification from the University of Miami. Chris also spent time in the financial services, commercial real estate, and sports and entertainment industries. His legal interests center on White Collar Crime with an emphasis on emerging markets including cryptocurrencies and cannabis legalization. Among other things, Chris is a member of the Federal Bar Association and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society, and he is an International Programs Ambassador at Stetson.



Emeraude Lerebours received her bachelor's in criminology with a minor in Communication at UF. She interned at the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General and was a summer associate at FordHarrison LLP, an employment and labor law firm. She served as President of the International Law Society, the Programs Coordinator for the Florida Association for Women Lawyers at Stetson, and an Editor of the Stetson Journal of Advocacy and the Law. She was also a Judicial Intern for the Hon. Amanda Arnold Sansone, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. As a 3L, Emeraude will be the Editor-in-Chief of the Stetson Journal of Advocacy and the Law and will intern at the U.S. EEOC. She thrives to break down glass ceilings and open doors for the upcoming generations.



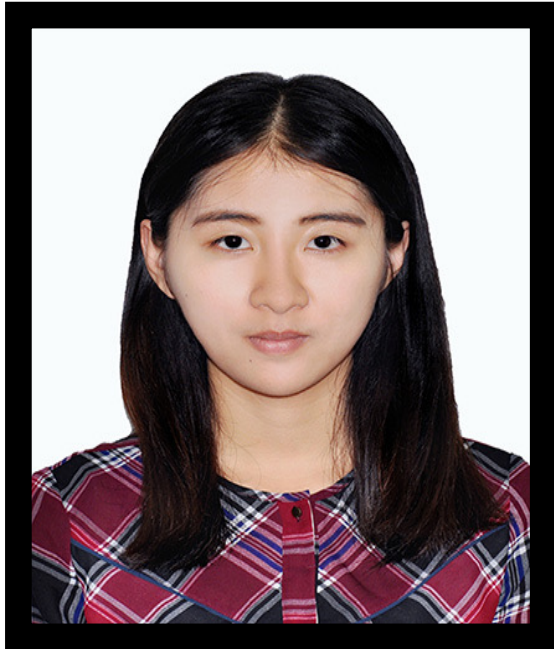
Breyon Love, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, is a second-year Dual Juris Doctor/MBA candidate at Stetson University of Law. His passion is to use his experience and coursework to explore business litigation practice areas. Breyon holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from FAMU Law. As an undergraduate, Breyon served as Student Body President and University Trustee. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., College Leadership Florida Class 11, and the Black Law Student Association. Following his undergraduate career, Breyon honed his management skills as a District Manager for Aldi Inc. He clerked this summer with the litigation firm of Vinson Law PA in Tampa. Breyon plans to continue to use his experience as a stepping stool to reach his goals as he matriculates through law school.



Bianca Lopez is a 3L at Stetson University College of Law. She is currently interning in the legal department of Tech Data Corporation. Being part of the legal team for a Fortune 500 company has helped her to understand the confluence of business and law, and the role of corporate counsel as both a legal and business advisor. Bianca is currently a member of the Business Law Section of the St. Petersburg Bar. She is pursuing a career in corporate law, specifically in the field of software and technology. Her primary interests include Compliance, Information Technology, Intellectual Property, Employment, and Board/Entity Maintenance.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW

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Huilin Bai is a third-year law student at the University of Miami School of Law. She graduated from Chinese law school and worked for one of the top 10 transactional law firms in China, where she was mainly responsible for working with publicly traded companies, including matters relating to bankruptcy, mergers and acquisitions. Her skills at math make her particularly suited for her goals of being a transactional lawyer and in-house counsel. Presently she is an intern at Moris & Associates, focusing on corporate work.



Klugy Mathurin is a 3L at UM and recently accepted a position at Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel in the Corporate Law Practice. Prior to attending law school, Klugy obtained a Bachelors in Accounting and an MBA in Finance from Fordham University, and a Masters in Accounting from FIU. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst. Klugy started his career working in Big Four Accounting in the audit practice. After obtaining an MBA, Klugy worked as an equity research analyst where he covered retail and consumer cosmetics. Klugy believes his prior experience in finance and accounting will help distinguish him in the corporate law profession.



Madelyn Peterson is a third-year law student at the University of Miami School of Law. She graduated cum laude from the University of Miami Business School with a double major in Finance and Business Management. Originally from Chicago, Madelyn worked for a private equity firm and an investment real estate firm in Chicago during her undergraduate studies. Currently, Madelyn is a Law Clerk at EPGD Business Law in Coral Gables, and plans to be a commercial litigator in Miami.

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW**



Samia Bennouna is a third-year law student at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she serves as the Senior Articles Editor for the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Prior to attending law school, Samia graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and minors in Business and Sociology. Samia is an Orlando native and a first-generation college student.



Melodie Khosrovani is a third-year law student at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Melodie graduated from the University of Florida in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Business Administration. She is the daughter of Iranian immigrants and the first in her family to attend law school. Currently, she serves as a Managing Editor for the Florida Law Review.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL, TAMPA BAY CAMPUS



Amanda Burch is a native of Roanoke, Virginia. She is currently a 3L at WMU-Cooley Law School, Tampa Bay Campus. Amanda received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. At WMU-Cooley Law School, Amanda is involved in several organizations including the Student Bar Association. Prior to law school, she worked in Risk Management and Compliance for a number of financial institutions.



A'isha Muhsin is a native of Miramar, Florida. She is a 3L at WMU, Cooley Law School-Tampa Bay Campus. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from FIU. At WMU-Cooley, she served as President of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers-Tampa Bay Campus and is currently President of the Caribbean Law Student Association. She served as a Bankruptcy law clerk intern for Judge Catherine McEwen in Tampa, and is currently a clerk at DPW Legal, Wesley Chapel, Florida. Prior to attending WMU-Cooley, A'isha was an Administrative Assistant at the Town of Davie, Florida.