

BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE BUSINESS LAW SECTION ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introduction**
 - a. Chair: Christina Y. Taylor
 - b. Vice Chair: Zach Evangelista
 - c. Second Vice Chair: Luis Rivera
 - d. Judicial Chair: Hon. Karen Specie
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025, Winter Meeting**
- 3. Introduction of 2025 BLS Scholars**
- 4. Chair's Report**
 - a. Scholars Program
 - i. Mentors
 - ii. Introduction to Committees
 - b. Committee Initiatives
 - i. Expand connection with law schools through regularly scheduled virtual meetings and programs
 - ii. Recruit liaisons from the BLS to serve as ambassadors to each of the law schools
- 5. Florida Bar Standing Committee for Corporate Counsel**
- 6. Other New or Unfinished Business**
- 7. Adjournment**



MEETING MINUTES
BUSINESS LAW SECTION WINTER MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Christina Y. Taylor.
- b. Ms. Taylor introduced current Committee leadership—
 - i. Chair: Christina Y. Taylor
 - ii. Vice Chair: Zach Evangelista
 - iii. Second Vice Chair: Luis Rivera
 - iv. Judicial Chair: Hon. Karen Specie

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 30, 2024, Labor Day Retreat Meeting

On motion by Valera Angelucci, seconded by Mr. Rivera, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. BLS Membership Outreach - Mark Stein

Mr. Stein presented to the Committee on ideas for a new membership initiative focused on increasing membership. Mr. Stein emphasized that many Board Certified attorneys, including bankruptcy attorneys certified by the American Board of Certification, are not Section members.

Mr. Stein called for volunteers to assist with this initiative.

4. Chair's Report - Ms. Taylor reported on the status of the following initiatives—

- a. Scholars Program
 - i. Ms. Taylor presented a vision for growing the Scholars Program and reengaging with Florida law schools through regularly scheduled virtual meetings and programs.
 - ii. Ms. Taylor also proposed recruiting liaisons from the BLS to serve as ambassadors to each of the law schools.
 - iii. Ms. Taylor called for volunteers to assist with this initiative.

5. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Evangelista, seconded by Ms. Angelucci, meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.



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Jordan “Mackenzie” Allen
Stetson University
College of Law



Mackenzie Anderson
Jacksonville University
College of Law



Taylor Deckard
Jacksonville University
College of Law



Robert Eichelberger
Ava Maria
School of Law



Zachary Fine
Florida State University
College of Law



Emily Frick
Jacksonville University
College of Law



Theodore Fronczak
Florida State University
College of Law



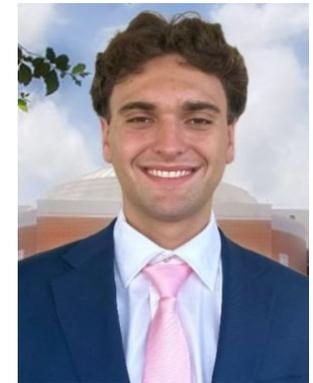
Jarredd Simpson
St. Thomas University
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Kayle Smith
St. Thomas University
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Gabriel Thomas
Florida State University
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Jordan “Mackenzie” Allen is a 3L at Stetson University College of Law, where she is enrolled in the Business Law Concentration Program. She currently serves as the Florida Bar Business Law Section Liaison for Stetson’s Business Law Society, fostering connections between students and business law professionals. Mackenzie earned her B.A. in Legal Studies with a minor in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida and is currently gaining practical experience through a legal internship focused on business and real estate law. She also completed a judicial internship with the Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida.



Mackenzie Anderson is a 2L at Jacksonville University College of Law, where she is a member of the Jacksonville University Law Review and the Moot Court practice team. She also serves as the Vice President Internal for the Student Bar Association and Vice President of the Women Law Student Association. Mackenzie obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of North Florida. She is interested in becoming involved in gaming law.



Taylor Deckard is a 2L at Jacksonville University College of Law, where she is a Junior Editor for the Jacksonville University Law Review. She is also a founding member of the Women Law Student Association and an active member of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Taylor graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and looks forward to bringing her insights into human behavior to the legal field. She is interested in corporate law, real estate law, and tax law.



Robert Eichelberger is a 3L at Ave Maria School of Law, where he serves as the Business Manager for the Ave Maria Law Review and is an active member of the Business Law Institute. He works as a law clerk at Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. in Fort Myers and previously served as a legal intern for the Florida Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution. Prior to embarking on his educational studies, Robert played minor league hockey for three years with teams in Boston, Charlotte, and Seattle. He later attended Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut, where he distinguished himself as a two-sport collegiate athlete in hockey and golf, earning Great Northeast Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year for golf. He also served as President of the Honors Program and graduated with the Laurel Award for the highest GPA in Business Management.



Zachary Fine is a 2L at Florida State University College of Law, where he is pursuing a Business Law Certificate. Zachary is a Staff Editor on the Florida State University Law Review and is the Writing & Research Editor for the Florida State University Business Review. He also serves as a Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing. This summer, Zachary clerked at Carr Allison, where he worked on matters involving contract disputes and commercial litigation. Zachary has a strong interest in corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and real estate law.



Emily Frick is a 2L at Jacksonville University College of Law, where she is an associate staff writer of the Jacksonville University Law Review and the Treasurer of the Moot Court Team. She also serves as Marketing Director for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Emily graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality as well as a Master of Science degree in Hospitality Entrepreneurship. After graduating from FSU, Emily worked for Walt Disney Parks and Resort as an attractions coordinator prior to starting law school.

Emily’s primary interests for her future legal career include corporate, hospitality, and/or sports and entertainment law.



Theodore Fronczak is a 2L at the Florida State University College of Law, where he is a Staff Editor for the Florida State University Law Review and a member of the Moot Court team. Theodore also serves as the Secretary for the Florida State University Business Review. In his free time, he enjoys working out, spending time outdoors, and meal prepping. Theodore is particularly interested in business litigation.



Jarredd Simpson is a 3L at the Benjamin L. Crump School of Law at St. Thomas University. He is a dedicated leader and is committed to advocating for underserved communities. Jarredd served as President of the Caribbean Law Students Association and the Community Outreach Chair for the Black Law Student Association for the 2024-2025 academic year. Jarredd received his bachelor’s degree in Sociology from the University of Miami with a minor in Human and Social Development. His interests range from International Law, Public Interest Law, Corporate Governance, and Transactional Law, with aspirations to work with international organizations and multinational Corporations.



Kayle Smith is a 3L at St. Thomas University, Benjamin L. Crump College of Law. She resides in Palm Beach County, Florida, where she also plans to establish her legal career. Kayle currently interns with a corporate defense firm, an opportunity that has strengthened her passion for the complexities of corporate law. Her professional interests include corporate governance, business litigation, white collar crime, and mergers and acquisitions.



Gabriel Thomas is a 3L at the Florida State University College of Law, where he is pursuing a Business Law Certificate. Gabriel is currently a Summer Associate at Jimerson Birr, a Jacksonville-based firm specializing in business litigation. Gabriel serves as the Symposium Editor of the Florida State University Business Review, where he is responsible for arranging and directing the annual Business Review Symposium. As a Business Law Section Scholar, Gabriel looks forward to supporting the Section's mission and further engaging with Florida's business law community.