

Mediation Symposium Brings Top Practitioners to UF Law March 20

A symposium on “Mediation in Florida and Beyond” will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2-3 p.m., in the University of Florida Levin College of Law’s Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180).

Sponsored by the Institute for Dispute Resolution, the symposium features a panel of experts in the field, including:

- Robin K. Davis, Director, ADR/Mediation Services, Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida
- Hon. Ben F. Overton, Senior Justice, Supreme Court of Florida (Retired)
- Sharon Press, Director, Dispute Resolution Center, Florida Supreme Court
- John J. Upchurch, President, Upchurch Watson White & Max Mediation Group



Davis



Overton

Leonard L. Riskin, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, will moderate the discussion.

“Florida is probably the leading mediation state in the country,” Riskin said. “Mediation is part of the everyday practice of law for many lawyers.”

Florida also has one of the most sophisticated systems for providing and regulating mediation, and the symposium’s speakers have all been very important in the development of

mediation in the state, Riskin said.

The event is a good opportunity for students to learn more about career opportunities in mediation, Riskin said. The entire law school community is invited to attend, and a reception will follow the event.



Judge Rosemary Barkett Will Deliver Dunwoody Lecture

United States Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals will deliver the 2007 Dunwoody Distinguished Lecture in Law at 11 a.m. March 23 in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom at the UF Levin College of Law.

The title of Judge Barkett’s lecture is “Judicial Discretion and Judicial Deliberation.” Judge Barkett, who earned her J.D. from UF Law in 1970, was the first woman justice on the Florida Supreme Court, sitting as an associate justice from 1985 until 1992, when she was chosen by her colleagues to become the state’s first woman chief justice of that court.

The *Florida Law Review* Dunwoody Distinguished Lecture in Law series was established by U.S. Sugar Corporation and the law firms of Dunwoody, White & Landon, P.A. and Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Dunwoody & Cole in honor of UF Law graduates Elliot and Atwood Dunwoody.



‘Dunk a Dean’ Kicks Off IPTLA Month With a Big Splash

Responding to taunting from designated “dunkee” Associate Dean George Dawson, UF Law Dean Robert Jerry winds up, nails the target, and sends Dawson into the frigid waters of the tank at the March 5 ‘Dunk a Dean, Plunge a Professor’ charity event sponsored by the Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association (IPTLA). Several more events are on tap for IPTLA Month to raise donations to the United Way, March of Dimes and St. Francis Homeless Shelter. The events resume with a recipe contest and tasting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the Schott Courtyard, the “Best Logo for Levin High” t-shirt contest at 11 a.m. Monday, March 26, in the courtyard, and karaoke with Professor Jeffrey Harrison at 9 p.m. March 28 at Lillian’s in downtown Gainesville.



Estate Planning, March 22, Noon, Bailey Courtroom

Join Career Services and the Estates, Trusts, & Elder Law Society in welcoming attorney Heather Flanagan, a UF alumnus, to campus Thursday, March 22, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Flanagan will discuss careers in estate planning and share practice stories from her Gainesville law firm, focusing on estate planning and asset protection. Anyone interested in estates and trust law should join us.

2007 Summer Corps

The 2007 Summer Corps application will be available Wednesday, March 21, on the Equal Justice Works website beginning at noon. As part of the Equal Justice Works Katrina Initiative, preference will be given to projects providing legal assistance to those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. All 350 slots will be awarded primarily on a first-come, first-served basis. Demand for this opportunity is very high, so students should apply as early as possible. The application closes at 5 p.m. April 4. Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that engages law students to spend their summers serving at nonprofit public interest organizations and allows them to earn a \$1,000 AmeriCorps education award voucher upon completion of 300 hours of service. Students must secure a summer placement at a qualifying organization prior to applying for the program. For more information about the program, please visit www.equaljustice-works.org/summercorpsindex.php.

Pro Bono/Community Service Project Hours

Turn in your Pro Bono and Community Service hours to CCS by April 5 to attend the April 12 Awards Ceremony. Contact Sam Sarno (sarno@law.ufl.edu) to check on your hour tally and to confirm your participation in the end-of-the-year ceremony.

CAREER Services

Making the Big Sell: How to Market Yourself to a Small Firm

In the last issue of *FlaLaw*, we outlined

- Why you should consider small firm practice;
- The different types of small firms;
- Small firm hiring trends; and
- How to locate potential positions within a small firm.

In this issue, we'll focus on how to market yourself to a small firm.

Be the Total Package

Generally speaking, the ideal small firm candidates possess the "total package." They are well-rounded, ambitious and self-motivated individuals. They have local ties, and can work with minimum supervision while excelling in both written and verbal communication skills. They are also ready to "hit the ground running" as they start their summer or permanent position.

Show potential employers that you are well-rounded and will be able to fit in with the handful of people at their small firm. You need to show that that you can work together in a close environment. There will be no transferring to a different floor or practice group if conflict arises among co-workers. You need to show them that you can get along with others.

Gain Experience

A great way to demonstrate that you are a well-rounded individual ready for small firm practice is to gain experience as a part of your legal career. Through skills-based learning, you can demonstrate to potential employers that you have the competence and aptitude required to add value to their firm.

- An obvious way to gain experience would be to clerk for a small firm either in the summer or during one of your upper-class semesters/years. Clerking for one of these firms can be a successful means of securing a job.
- Take practical courses in law school that emphasize legal skills such as interviewing and counseling, negotiation and media-

- tion, law practice management, legal accounting and/or any skills-based clinics.
- Consider taking advantage of the law school's clinic, externship, and mentor programs.
- Participate in Moot Court or Trial Team competitions.
- Attend CLEs relevant to small firm practitioners.
- Learn about rainmaking, bringing in new clients, and about trust accounts and billing.

Recognize That You Will be in a Service Industry

A paramount consideration you should have while marketing yourself to a small firm is that lawyers are in a service industry. Good people skills and client relations will be vital to your practice. Develop and demonstrate professionalism now.

- Respect others. Respect everyone equally, not just your superiors. Treat support staff, court personnel, and opposing counsel the same way you would expect to be treated. The legal community is a small community, especially among small firm practitioners. Word gets around quickly about attorneys who are difficult or who do not treat others with respect and dignity.
- Common courtesy is paramount to small firm practice. While you might hear war stories about putting opposing counsel or hostile witnesses in their place, telling people off is not a skill small firm practitioners will value.
- Be down-to-earth and not condescending. Perhaps the most revered fictional small firm attorney is Atticus Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. He was courteous and honest, and a highly effective attorney without putting others down.
- Be approachable, not snooty or aloof. Show small firm practitioners that you won't run off their clients with a superior attitude.
- Follow through. Return phone calls and correspondence promptly. You are only as good as your word, so follow up when

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you say you will.

- Cultivate solid listening skills.

Demonstrate a Can-Do Attitude

- Be a creative problem-solver. Show employers that you can work independently, but can ask questions and seek guidance when it is needed. The best lawyer doesn't necessarily know all of the answers off the top of her head, but will sure know where to find them quickly.
- Think outside the box and provide solutions.
- If the answer to a question is "that has never been done" replace it with "I can do it."
- Convince employers that you have a passion for the practice of law.
- Show potential employers that you have a solid work ethic, and that you are loyal and responsible.
- Be willing and able to accept a great deal of responsibility. Show them that you can work efficiently and make good use of your time. Be able to do your own research, drafting, typing, and filing of documents. Have the capacity to be well-organized so you can show employers that you will have no problem keeping track of your cases.

Be Entrepreneurial

- A small firm is a small business. Know how to run a business.
- Show a willingness to become involved in your community. Community involvement is essentially client development.
- Build trust and respect among all of the clients with whom you come in contact so they will return to you when needed and will feel comfortable and safe in referring their family and friends to you.

With a better understanding of what small firm practitioners need, it will be easier for you to plot the rest of your legal education. Aim toward those classes and experiences that will be most helpful in developing the skills and qualities small firm practitioners value.

One Quick Question Goes Virtual

From the attendance at recent programs, it is clear that law students are very interested in careers that expand beyond "traditional" attorney paths. Earlier this month, Career Services sponsored two programs discussing topics related to alternative careers in law.

The first program provided students with ideas about a litany of different career areas that would benefit from having a background in legal education. Careers discussed included options in areas such as publishing, education, human resources, marketing, financial services, and entertainment industries. Students were also provided with resources to help them identify interesting and diverse career paths.

Tools for researching potential opportunities as well as a resource outlining over 150 different careers that employ individuals with Juris Doctors were provided for students.

A common theme was mirrored in the second Career Services program, discussing the path towards achieving a career in higher education. Besides teaching, positions for those with a JD are available in an academic setting in development and fund raising, legal affairs, student affairs, career services, risk management, admissions, ADA coordination, judicial affairs, and licensing. Obtaining a career in areas which sway from traditional law paths requires not only strong desire but also creativity and preparation.

Have you ever been working online and had a question for Career Services? We recognize that today's law students spend a majority of their time working remotely and online. Sometimes finding the time to stop by the Career Services Office for answers to questions is not always convenient.

To accommodate students, Career Services is proud to announce a new online messaging service. Every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon counselors will be available online to answer questions at the screen name, UFLawCareers.

This screen name is accessible to all students using AOL, Yahoo, and MSN Messenger services. Feel free to IM your questions about job postings, resume reviews, interview inquiries, and any other career or job related

As discussed by University of Florida Assistant General Counsel Imogene Cathey, students must make the decision to position him or herself on a career track early. While one's first internship or job out of law school may not be the ideal match, students should instead view their career progression as steps to an eventual goal. Every position and experience should be seen as a building block towards an end dream position.

Cathey began her career working at a firm and concentrating in Employment Law. While practicing, she never lost sight of her end goal—working for a university in a general counsel's office. When a posting at her alma mater materialized, Cathey was able to combine her two loves—the law and teaching—into a dream job in the Office of the General Counsel. Her firm experience was the tool and step she needed to obtain the position with the University of Florida.

Cathey echoed the week's earlier program, indicating that research and networking are the essential keys to achieving career satisfaction in an alternative career. If you have an idea and end goal involving an alternative career, your preparation to get on the right track can begin while in law school. Make an appointment with a Career Resource Counselor to discuss ideas for summer internships, volunteer work, networking, and contacts as you develop your own unique path towards an alternative career.

concern you feel comfortable chatting about online. We look forward to meeting you virtually online.

Also, remember that you can always stop by One Quick Question in the courtyard on Thursdays from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Prepare for Fall Recruiting

Symplicity orientations will be offered again this semester to help students prepare for Fall 2007 Recruiting. There will also be a 2007-2008 OCI Policies & Procedure Form to be signed by all students wishing to access the Symplicity database. See next week's *FlaLaw* for complete details.

CALENDAR

of Events



Tuesday MARCH 20

- **Mediation in Florida and Beyond Symposium**, 2-3:30 p.m., HOL 180
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- **UFPA presents Mama Mia!**, 7:30 p.m., Phillips Center. Repeating through Mar. 25.

Wednesday MARCH 21

- **ACS Food for Thought Lecture**, noon, BG 136
- **Jessup Moot Court Team informational sessions for students interested in being part of the 2007-2008 team**, noon, HOL 355B

Tuesday MARCH 27

- **Trial team speaker series**, noon, BG 136
- **Gator baseball vs. Bethune-Cookman**, 6:30 p.m., McKethan Stadium at Perry Field

Wednesday MARCH 28

- **CCS Program: Getting Ahead Without Losing Head**, noon, HOL 345

Monday APRIL 2

- **Lunch with the Dean**, noon, FDR
- **NCAA Men's Basketball Final**, Atlanta, GA

Tuesday APRIL 3

- **CSRRR presents speaker Ian Haney Lopez**, Berkeley law professor and author of books such as *Racism on Trial: the Chicano Fight for Justice*, noon, HOL 180, 1:30 p.m., FDR

Wednesday APRIL 4

- **CCS presentation on judicial clerkships**, 1 p.m., HOL 355



Thursday MARCH 22

- Law School Democrats Lunch & Learn with Prof. Fletcher Baldwin, 2-3:30 p.m., BG 136
- Immigration and Domestic Violence Panel, noon, HOL 180 (reception will follow)
- Jessup Moot Court Team informational session for students, 6 p.m., FDR
- CCS Program: One Quick Question, 9:45-11:15 a.m., Schott Courtyard
- CCS Program on Estate Planning, noon, Bailey Courtroom

Friday MARCH 23

- Dunwoody Distinguished Lecture feature speaker: U.S. Circuit Court Judge Rosemary Barkett, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., HOL 180

Walk with the staff of the Center for Career Services on Saturday, March 24, 7:30 a.m., in support of the March of Dimes Walkathon at Westwood Middle School. To register or for more details, call or stop by the Center for Career Services.

Thursday MARCH 29

- ACS Food for Thought lecture, noon, HOL 345

Friday MARCH 30

- Faculty enrichment luncheon, noon, FDR
- Professionalism Symposium, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dance Alive National Ballet presents Madame Butterfly, 7:30 p.m., Phillips Center



Thursday MARCH 5

- ACS Food for Thought lecture, noon, HOL 345
- Attorney's title insurance presentation, 4-7 p.m., HOL 180

Friday APRIL 6

- Graduate Tax Enrichment Speaker Series presents Len Burman, Sr. Fellow, Urban Institute and Co-Director, Tax Policy Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., HOL 180
- Gator baseball vs. South Carolina, 6:30 p.m., McKethan Stadium

If you're an artist who would like to showcase your work (painting, knitting, photography, finger painting, sculpture, etc.) in the law library, please email digital images to Eric (ecburger@gmail.com) or Cassie (arispax@gmail.com). Submissions are due by Friday, March 23.





Environmental Conference Draws Hundreds to UF Law

The annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, co-sponsored by the The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section and UF Student Government, brought over 200 people to the Levin College of Law campus for two days of panels and plenary sessions in early March.

Among the highlights, Jill Zilligen, vice president, sustainable business practices at Nau, Inc. gave a fascinating view into a start-up outdoor apparel company with a central focus on sustainability at the opening reception. At the Friday evening banquet, Ray Anderson (pictured above), founder and chairman of Interface, provided a detailed picture of how a focus on sustainability enables a company to reap significant financial benefits while minimizing the costs it externalizes on the rest of society. The facts and figures Anderson cited made it abundantly clear that a large part of sustainability is simply good business practices that should interest every business leader focused on the bottom line.

The final session featured Phyllis Harris, vice president for environmental compliance at Wal-Mart, and John Henry Hankinson, who concluded with the rousing song "Testify," written specially for the conference and performed (with harmonica) by Hankinson (with audience assistance on the refrain). Special thanks to all the ELULS Public Interest Committee members who helped in organizing and moderating the 12 very successful panels that spanned Friday and Saturday.

—ELULP Director Alyson Flournoy

BRIEFS

News & Events

Berkeley's Haney López to Deliver CSRRR's Spring Lecture

Ian F. Haney López, professor of law at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, will deliver the Center for the Study of Race & Race Relations Spring 2007 Lecture at noon April 3 in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom. The title of his lecture is "A Nation of Minorities: Race, Ethnicity, and Reactionary Colorblindness."



Haney López

A prolific writer on race relations and law, Haney López's most recent book, *Racism on Trial: The Chicano Fight for Justice* (Belknap/Harvard, 2003), uses the legal history of the Mexican-American civil rights struggle in Los Angeles to explore the relationship between legal violence and self-conceptions of racial identity. For more information, contact Melissa Bamba in CSRRR at 273-0614 or email bamba@law.ufl.edu.

Interested in Practicing Family Law or Children's Law?

If you've ever thought about practicing family law or children's law, don't miss this opportunity to find out more about this area when the Center on Children & the Law holds its semiannual Information/Orientation Meeting at 11 a.m. March 19, in the Center on Children & Families, Suite 368. Pizza will be served. Check out <http://www.law.ufl.edu/programs/ccl/>. All students are invited to attend.

Apply Online for Summer Federal Graduate Plus Loans

Summer 2007 Federal Graduate Plus loan applications are now available online at www.sfa.ufl.edu/pub/forms.html. If you are studying overseas during the summer and requested financial aid, Levin College of Law Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber will contact you by email once she receives the budget from the Study Abroad Office. She will then be able to determine the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive.

Financial Aid Reminder

For those of you who have not already done so, now is the time to apply for aid for the 2007-2008 academic year. I encourage you to apply electronically using FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the web since it can save you processing time and has a built in editing format to reduce errors. Just go to FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the web at: <http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. After applying via FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the web, you can check the status of your application and/or make corrections online. You will need to use your Federal Access Code (PIN) to complete the renewal electronically.

Immigration and Domestic Violence Panel March 22

The Florida Bar Foundation Public Interest Law Fellows in conjunction with the American Constitution Society present a panel of speakers to discuss domestic violence and its affect on immigrants. The Immigration and Domestic Violence Panel will take place Thursday, March 22, at noon in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180). Attorney J. Samantha Vacciana (UF Law '03) will talk about her EJW fellowship, which is now being funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, on this very topic. A reception will follow. The Public Interest Law Fellows are funded by a grant from The Florida Bar Foundation.

Environmental Moot Court Tryouts

Second-year students interested in environmental law and who want to hone their brief-writing and appellate advocacy skills have the opportunity to tryout for one position on the Environmental Moot Court team that will represent UF at the National Environmental Moot Court Competition in February 2008 in White Plains, NY. The application process includes a written submission (resume and argument section of your brief from Appellate Advocacy) and an oral argument tryout. Written submissions are due by 4 p.m. March 30 in HOL 319. Oral argument tryouts April 2-6. For complete details, email Lena Hinson at elulp@law.ufl.edu.

Animal Law Expanding, Drawing Students

By Charles B. King

Animal law is a burgeoning area of jurisprudence. The increase in disputes involving animals has created a demand for attorneys who specialize in the developing field of animal law. The motto of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, America's largest lawyers' animal protection group, is "we may be the only lawyers on earth whose clients are all innocent."

A variety of animal law-related issues are being considered by U.S. courts with increasing frequency. Should society treat the act of breaking a table leg the same as your dog's leg? Should the legal system allow for emotional damages when someone intentionally harms your family pet? Will an animal's property inheritance survive legal challenges? Are breed specific laws that ban dogs deemed "vicious" solely by breed and not by behavior constitutional?

Animal law entails a breadth of issues including wrongful death litigation, abusive commercial practices, such as factory farming, veterinarian medical malpractice, the protection of animal activists' constitutional rights, defense at vicious-dog hearings, products liability litigation, the competing interests of wild animals and urban, farming, and recreational land use, and transactional issues, such as drafting estates and trusts.

Three law schools now have law reviews dedicated solely to animal law, approximately 70 law schools, including the University of Florida, now offer courses and seminars in animal law, and 80

schools have animal law associations. David Hoch, who teaches the UF seminar, suggests that "we must begin a societal discussion of what moral consideration, if any, we owe to animals, and if we conclude that we are morally obliged to at least some animals, then we must determine the best ways to recognize and manifest that incumbency through law."

This semester, Harvard University will host an Animal Law Conference, with discussion on legal strategies to stop the abuse of companion animals, as well as animals abused in industries.

The University of Florida has an active Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) chapter called the Animal Law Association (ALA). For many, the idea of animal law becoming mainstream is welcome news. The reality is that there is much more to be accomplished.

David Wolfson, a partner at a major law firm who teaches and practices animal law, said, "I'm running after a train that I know I have to catch. I know that I'm running quicker than I used to. The problem seems to be that the train is going a little faster than it used to be, too."

For more information on Harvard University's upcoming Animal Law Conference or the University of Florida's Animal Law Association chapter, stop by the group's next meeting on Thursday, March 29, at noon (room to be announced) or contact Charles King at animallawassociation@gmail.com.

Annual Professionalism Symposium March 30

Prominent alumni, faculty and law students will gather at the Levin College of Law Friday, March 30, for this year's Professionalism Symposium. Sponsored by a generous gift from attorney David B. Mishael of Miami and co-hosted by the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association and UF Law, the symposium gives students the chance to discuss issues of professionalism, ethics and integrity in the law with judges and practitioners.

The event typically draws over 100 students and dozens of local attorneys, who can earn CLE credits by participating.

This year's keynote presentation will be delivered by Lawrence S. Krieger, clinical professor and director of Clinical Externship Programs at Florida State University College of Law, who earned his J.D. from UF Law in 1978.

Krieger will discuss how values and principles intersect with the qualities of an ideal professional.

Local judges, lawyers and faculty members will offer their advice on a variety of topics. The symposium begins at 9 a.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom and refreshments will be available.



Gift Supports Books Collection in LIC

Forty years ago William B. "Bill" Conner (JD 67) made a name for himself at the UF College of Law, where he excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. Shortly after graduating, cancer cut his bright future short. His brother, James F. "Jim" Conner II (pictured at center) made sure the memory of Bill and their parents, Dr. Fred and Mrs. Jo Conner, who originally created the fund in 1968, were honored by permanently endowing the William B. Conner Browsing Collection fund through his estate plans. The estimated \$300,000 gift supports a collection of nonacademic legal interest books in the Chiles Legal Information Center. Dean Robert Jerry (pictured at left) hosted a reception recently for Jim Conner and his wife, Sue (pictured at right), in the Rare Book Room, where several editions from the collection were on display.

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SCHOLARSHIP & Activities

Diane H. Mazur

Professor

- Spoke at Harvard Law School on March 3 on the subject of judicial deference to military personnel policies such as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." She was joined on the panel by Harvard Law Professor Laurence Tribe, the preeminent constitutional scholar and Supreme Court advocate.



Mazur

Christopher L. Peterson

Associate Professor of Law

- Published article "Preemption, Agency Cost Theory, and Predatory Lending by Banking Agents: Are Federal Regulators Biting Off More Than They Can Chew?" *56 American Law Review* 515 (2007).
- Participated in a Feb. 28 debate at Harvard Law School sponsored by the Predatory Lending and Foreclosure Prevention Clinic, Harvard's Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center. The topic of the debate was his forthcoming article entitled "Predatory Structured Finance." At issue was whether securitization of subprime home mortgages facilitates predatory lending by capitalizing mortgage lenders and brokers that specialize in fraud.



Peterson

Leonard L. Riskin

Chesterfield Smith Professor

- *The Journal of Dispute Resolution* published a symposium of articles based on the symposium honoring Riskin at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in October 2006. Riskin was the founding director of the center. The symposium is at 2006 *Journal of Dispute Resolution* 501.



Riskin

Michael L. Seigel

Professor

- Spoke to Phi Alpha Delta, the undergraduate legal honor society, on Tuesday, Feb. 27.



Seigel

In the News

Bill F. Chamberlin

Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar of Mass Communications; Director of the Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project; Affiliate Professor

- *Associated Press*, March 11. Quoted in a national wire story about how open-government laws often fall short.



Chamberlin

Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky

Professor; UF Research Foundation Professor

- *Creativeloafing.com*, Feb. 2007. Quoted fairly extensively in an article about a use of Florida's cyberstalking statute to get an injunction against a blog.



Lidsky

Christopher L. Peterson

Associate Professor

- *Boston Globe*, March 3. "When the CEO of HSBC, one of the world's largest banks, and legal aid attorneys who represent poverty-stricken Americans find something to agree on, it is no small event," said Peterson in an op-ed piece that encouraged leaders to rethink national credit policies. He wrote, "First, consumer protection laws not only protect borrowers, but also the economy."
- *Public Radio International*, Feb. 21. Interviewed on "Marketplace" on how state legislatures are likely to respond to a recent public relations push by a payday loan industry trade association.
- *St. Petersburg Times*, March 3. In a story on lenders filing petitions to force music promoter Lou Pearlman and Trans Continental Airlines into involuntary bankruptcy, he said: "The bankruptcy system is designed to find hidden assets. The court can go back and void transfers of property."



Peterson

Christopher Slobogin

Stephen C. O'Connell Chair

- *The New York Times*, March 8. Quoted in a story in connection with the competency issue raised in Jose Padilla case.



Slobogin