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Spring Offers Busy Calendar of Events at UF Law



The Spring 2008 semester will be a busy one for events at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. The law school's Seventh Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium on Feb. 15 will bring together experts from law and related fields to explore the implications of a wide range of efforts on the local, state and national levels designed to encourage and require Green Building practices. **The 14th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference (PIEC)** will be held Feb. 28-Mar. 1 at the law school. The theme of this year's conference is "Reducing Florida's Footprint: Stepping Up to the Global Challenge." The conference will focus on Florida's role in global issues on energy, land use, biodiversity, and water. The 14th Annual PIEC will take place in conjunction with the **1st Annual University of Florida Water Symposium** - "Sustainable Water Resources: Florida Challenges, Global Solutions." **The 6th Annual UF Music Law Conference** on Feb. 15-16 connects musicians, lawyers, students, academics, policy makers and entertainment professionals. The theme of this year's conference is "Mixed Media," which will center around the music business as it relates to everything from film, television, and commercial markets; to new distribution, and changing technologies. Read more about these and other UF Law events in future issues of *FlaLaw Online*.

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Career Services: The Numbers are In for the Fall 2007 On-Campus Interviews Program



The numbers are in for the Fall 2007 On-Campus Interviews Program. Who interviewed? Legal employers selected and interviewed 450 different law students during fall OCI. Over 46 percent of the students eligible to participate (second semester and above) interviewed during Fall 2007 OCI. Here are the numbers: 126 students had one interview; 68 students had two interviews; 256 students had three or more interviews; 2,715 total interviews were conducted.

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Career Spotlight: Douglas Hendriksen



Mingling with astronauts and hanging out at Kennedy Space Center's launch pads are merely dreams for many people, but for Douglas Hendriksen (JD 66), those experiences have been part of just another day at the office for more than 40 years. Hendriksen, whose main responsibilities include giving government procurement law advice and serving on source evaluation and mishap boards,

was recently awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. His career at NASA, an organization that was in its very early stages while Hendriksen was in law school, has been an unexpected experience.

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UF Law Student Balances Demands of Classes and Raising Three Children On Her Own



While most law students are focused on just making it through the semester without failing a class, Kelley Kaye Hasson Abramowich (pictured left) is worried about trying to make a better life for herself and her three children. The 28-year-old single mom and UF Law student spends her day juggling the needs of her children and her studies. Abramowich lives in a 668-square-foot on-campus apartment with her three children, eight-year-old Katherine, five-year-old Elizabeth and three-year-old Arthur.

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Get Involved Through Pro Bono Opportunities for UF Law Students at Three Rivers Legal Services



Looking for legal work to boost your resume? Want to make a difference in your community? Working towards your Pro Bono Certificate? Three Rivers Legal Services offers volunteer opportunities for UF Law students who want to learn the practical aspects of a legal career. "Our volunteers get to work one-on-one with clients, apply their legal knowledge to everyday issues, and empower low-income communities," Whitney Untiedt (JD 05, pictured above), an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Attorney with Three Rivers, said. "The students are motivated to help solve our clients' issues, and in turn the clients are grateful to meet people who are willing to stand up for them. It is definitely a win-win situation." Student volunteers are supervised by experienced attorneys while earning pro bono credit in a clinical, client-based setting. "I absolutely plan on volunteering with Three Rivers this semester, and even into my third year of law school," Natalie Peters, a 2L who volunteered with Three Rivers last semester, said. "Three Rivers has given me amazing hands-on experience – something that employers and other members of the legal field find to be very beneficial."

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Klein Publishes Op-Ed on Measures Drought-Stricken Southern States Can Take to Help Themselves



The day before the governors of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia met in Tallahassee to discuss the allocation of the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers (ACF) among the three states, UF Law Professor Christine Klein (pictured left) published an **op-ed** in the *Orlando Sentinel* on what measures the drought-stricken states can take to help themselves. First, Klein wrote, the states can adopt detailed water plans. "As any canoeist knows, one carefully planned paddle stroke now will do more than 10 frantic strokes just before the canoe crashes into an obstacle. Planning is just as important for state water officials," Klein wrote. "Georgia lacks a comprehensive, modern water code." Read what Klein and other UF Law professors are saying in the media and writing about in scholarly publications in *FlaLaw Online's* weekly updates on Faculty Scholarship & Activities.

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Summer Fellowship Available with Anti-Defamation League



The Summer 2008 Yegelwel Fellowship provides a \$4,000 stipend to a UF Law student to participate in a Summer Fellowship Program at the Anti-Defamation League, Florida Regional Office in Boca Raton. A generous gift from UF Law alumnus Evan Yegelwel, who graduated in 1980, has made this fellowship possible. Yegelwel is a partner

in the Jacksonville law firm of Brown, Terrell, Hogan, Ellis, McClamma, & Yegelwel. The fellowship will last eight weeks, with the student committing to a minimum of 35 hours per week. The fellow will be supervised by the ADL Southern Area Counsel and will conduct research on hate crimes, housing discrimination, education, bullying, or other bias-related topics. The Yegelwel Fellowship is limited to UF Law students who have completed the first-year required curriculum and Constitutional Law prior to the fellowship summer and who at the time of application are in good academic standing. The student must also pass a background check. To apply, please submit the following: a personal statement of 500 words or less outlining any past experiences or qualifications that indicate your interest in and commitment to public service; a resume; two references (including names, addresses and phone numbers); an official transcript; and a letter verifying good academic standing. Please submit a hard copy of these items to Patricia Hancock in 340 Holland Hall. Fellowship applications are due Friday, Jan. 18. If you have any questions, please contact Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Assistant Director Melissa Bamba at (352) 273-0614 or bamba@law.ufl.edu.

New Issue of *Journal of Law & Public Policy* Dedicated to Professor Chamberlin



The December 2007 issue of the *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy* is available for subscribers and single issue requests. This issue is dedicated to Bill F. Chamberlin, Ph.D. (pictured left), who retires this year from 20 years of service as advisor to the *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and contains an appreciate reflection of Chamberlin's substantial contribution to the *Journal*. Erwin Chemerinsky, esteemed legal scholar, author, attorney, and dean of the new University of California Irvine School of Law, wrote the forward for this issue, which contains several articles discussing

constitutional law concerns. The *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy* is a student-run organization with the primary purpose of publishing scholarly articles on contemporary domestic legal and social issues facing public policy decisionmakers. Members include law students and graduate students attending the University of Florida. Members are responsible for article selection, researching, editing, and preparing each volume for publication. The journal currently publishes three times per year. The 2008 subscription rate is \$40 domestic and \$45 international. For individual copies or subscription information, contact staff editor Victoria A. Redd at reddva@law.ufl.edu or (352) 273-0906.

Call for Student Recruitment Team Applicants



The Office of Admissions is seeking students, regardless of year, to help bring the nation's top candidates to the Levin College of Law. Members of the team conduct campus tours, participate in panel discussions, discuss their law school experiences with prospective law students and travel to cities around the state and nation-wide for recruitment purposes. As a member of the Student Recruitment Team, you will be



trained to answer inquiries from prospective law students in regards to the admissions process as well as UF Law. Two hours per week is the minimum time commitment for the program. If you are interested in becoming part of the Student Recruitment Team, contact the Office of Admissions for an application form. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 18. For more information contact N. Castro, castro@law.ufl.edu.

Externships the Focus of Meetings Jan. 7 and 23

Students participating in externships this spring or who are interested in participating in a summer or fall externship are reminded of two upcoming meetings. The first is a mandatory orientation meeting for Spring 2008 externs at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, in 270 Holland Hall. This meeting is required for all students who have accepted externships for spring semester. At noon on Wednesday, Jan. 23, in 180 Holland Hall there will be an externship informational meeting for students who wish to apply for Summer and Fall 2008 externship opportunities. Applications and placement descriptions will be available at this meeting. Placement descriptions will also be available in the Dean's office and on the web after the meeting. For more information regarding externships, please go to <http://www.law.ufl.edu/programs/externships.shtml>.

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