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Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. and Senior Judge Peter T. Fay, Judge Susan H. Black and Judge Rosemary Barkett seated at the panel dais during the University of Florida Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Final Four Competition on Sept. 5. (Photo: Lukman)

## Preparation Pays Off for Final Four Petitioners



Kevin Combest, Robert Davis and Tara Nelson argued a hypothetical case in front of Roberts and three judges from the 11th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals on Friday.

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Even though they prepared for countless hours throughout the past two weeks, the Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Final Four competitors couldn't help being nervous before arguing in front of John G. Roberts, Jr., the chief justice of the United States. Cary Aronovitz,

## Jurist-In-Residence Program Announced



Dean Robert Jerry announced the Peter T. Fay Jurist-In-Residence Program during the Thursday evening reception honoring Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. and the Hon. Peter

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jurists to UF Law at least once each year for a period of several days to interact with students, providing them with unusual access to their expertise and insight in appellate advocacy.  
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## Hispanic Business Ranks UF Law 10th Among Top Law Schools for Hispanic Students



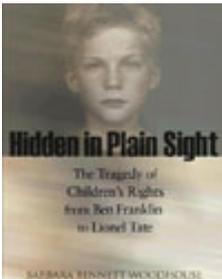
Hispanic Business recently ranked UF Law as the number 10 law school in the nation for Hispanic students and fifth among public law schools. HispanTelligence, the research arm of Hispanic Business Inc., annually assesses the nation's top law schools that offer the most to Hispanics and who are at the forefront of recruiting, retaining, and offering quality higher education. UF Law exemplified the inclusion of diversity measures on campus in the following categories: Hispanic enrollment, Hispanic faculty, Hispanic student services, Hispanic retention rate and Hispanic reputation.  
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## Career Spotlight: Jeffrey Scott Shapiro



Jeffrey Scott Shapiro (JD 05) began each week like any other UF Law student, filled with classes and studying. Come Thursday, however, he was boarding a Colorado-bound plane to work as an investigative journalist assigned to the Kobe Bryant case for CBS News' "48 Hours Investigates." Come Monday, he was sitting in his law classes once again, ready to repeat the cycle the next week.  
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## Professor Woodhouse Explores the History of Children's Rights in New Book



For one of the leaders in human rights in the world, the United States is overlooking one group that has trouble speaking for itself. In a new book, Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, David H. Levin Chair in Family Law and founding director of the Center on Children and Families at the University of Florida, argues that America has neglected the importance of children's rights. "The United States is alone in refusing to ratify the CRC (Children's Rights Convention), the most rapidly and universally accepted of all human rights charters," writes Woodhouse in *Hidden in Plain Sight: The Tragedy of Children's Rights from Ben Franklin to Lionel Tate*, which was published on April 23.  
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T. Fay, senior judge for the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. The endowed program will bring

At the beginning of every week, check out The CCS BUZZ for a quick synopsis of Programming, Recruiting, Networking, Volunteer, and "SHIP" opportunities available to you. The CCS Buzz can be found in *FlaLaw Online*, via link on your Symplicity homepage after you log in, or you can pick up a hard copy in Career Services at 244 Bruton Geer Hall.

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## This Week is Public Interest Law Week — Celebrate By Donating Your Time



Among the missions of the University of Florida Levin College of Law lies "Serving the Public." Often in the stress of class studying, interviews and other activities that fill law students time the concept of service is lost. Donating time to public service while in law school has

multiple rewards, such as, providing desperately needed legal services to organizations with limited resources, fostering law students' pride in serving their community, giving law students valuable practical experience and professional feedback, letting students meet and interact with legal practitioners in the community, instilling goodwill on behalf of the law school, its graduates, and our community and developing professional responsibility in the practice of law.

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## Hamann Discusses Land Trusts and Water Usage in *St. Petersburg Times*



Richard Hamann, assistant director for the Center for Governmental Responsibility, was quoted in an article on a land trust that brought a deed on a pond bottom and surrounding land. In Florida, people don't privately own water "unless they captured it," said University of Florida law professor Richard Hamann. The trust can't charge people for using the water, he said, though it could, in theory, limit people's access to it if

it owns enough shoreline.

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Glasser Barbecue Sept. 11**

The Levin College of Law is holding a free barbecue for all students, faculty and staff Thursday, Sept. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Schott Courtyard. The food is from Hill's Bar-B-Que in Gainesville. The event is sponsored by the Gene K. and Elaine Glasser Endowment. The Glassers, who are both UF alumni, also brought us last year's barbecue. They hope the events will sponsor a greater sense of community among people at the law school. "The law school education I received at the University of Florida has greatly influenced my professional and personal life, creating lasting memories with my friends," said Gene Glasser, a Fort Lauderdale attorney who received his law degree from UF in 1972. Please come and enjoy the food next Thursday.

#### **Fall Student Organization Fair**

\*Today is the last day to register your organization.  
Thursday, September 11, 2008  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- **>April**
  - April 14, 2008
  - April 7, 2008
- **>March**
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  - February 11, 2008
  - February 4, 2008
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Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard

**University of Florida 50th Anniversary of Integration/  
Constitution Day 2008, Sept. 17**

"Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Integration of the  
University of Florida"

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom

Film, lecture and panel discussion on the federal constitutional  
issues involved in the desegregation of legal education. All are  
invited. Contact Melissa Bamba at [bamba@law.ufl.edu](mailto:bamba@law.ufl.edu) for details.

**UF Police Department to Present "Active Shooter"  
Program Sept. 19 and 23**

Most of us have read the tragic stories of campuses and  
workplaces which have been visited by the awful event of a  
person randomly shooting. The University of Florida Police  
Department (UPD) has developed an hour-long program  
designed to inform employees about how to respond in the case  
of what is called an "active shooter" incident on campus and the  
College of Law staff members of Student Services and the  
Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center invite you to join them  
for this informative program at the following dates and times:

Friday, September 19th — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 22nd — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Both programs are identical so you may choose the best time  
and day for your schedule and both will be held in Room 180,  
The Chesterfield Smith Classroom, 1st Floor, East end of the  
College of Law Courtyard. Please join us and you may call Rick  
Donnelly (273-0703) or Rachel Inman (273-0921) if you have  
any questions about the program.

## News Briefs

### ELULP Informational Meeting



The Environmental and Land Use  
Law Program offers many  
opportunities for you to become  
involved and learn about these  
important areas of law. There will  
be an informational meeting from  
12:00 — 12:50 p.m., on  
Wednesday, September 10 in  
Room 284 Holland. At the

meeting you'll learn critical information about the ELUL program,  
including the requirements for earning a Certificate in  
Environmental and Land Use Law, and details about the  
curriculum, including the Conservation Clinic, summer  
externships, and the Summer Study Abroad in Costa Rica, and  
find out about the Environmental and Land Use Law Society, the  
Environmental Moot Court Team, the Public Interest  
Environmental Conference, and our new LL.M. in Environmental  
and Land Use Law. Students who attend will also have the  
chance to meet and talk with some of the ELULP faculty and to  
get individual advice on course selection for summer and fall and  
career development guidance. This is an excellent opportunity  
for currently enrolled certificate students to get answers to  
questions about certificate requirements, course availability, etc.

All students with an interest are encouraged to attend, but especially first and second year students – this is the ideal opportunity to get the best possible information to plan your academic program for your remaining semesters. Questions? Contact ELULP Program Assistant Lena Hinson at [hinson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:hinson@law.ufl.edu).



### **Trial Team Holding Tryouts** Get Ready to "Make an Argument"

The award-winning UF Trial Team is pleased to announce the dates for its fall 2008 tryout competition:

Sept. 11, 6:30 pm: Education Session, Room 285C  
Sept. 15, 6:30 pm: Round 1  
Sept. 22, 6:30 pm: Round 2  
Sept. 28, 9:30 am: Round 3, New Members Announced  
Oct. 3, 9:30 am: Final 4 Competition

We encourage all interested second-year students to participate as this will be the only tryout competition the Trial Team will host this school year. To learn more about the competition, receive special announcements and the trial process, please sign up for "Trial Team Fall 2008 Intramural Competition" on TWEN. Students who were unable to attend the Informational Meeting are still eligible to participate. Details from the informational meeting is available on TWEN.

### **Inn of Court Seeks Members**



The James C. Adkins, Jr. Inn of Court, Gainesville, is seeking well-qualified students interested in participating in the esteemed American Inns of Court, a legal mentoring organization that teams law students (pupils) with new lawyers (associates), seasoned practitioners (barristers), and judges and senior trial lawyers (Masters of the Bench). The Inn meets six to eight times per year. Selected students participate in regular meetings, consisting of a dinner with all members of the Inn present, followed by an educational component, at which the members of the Inn demonstrate and discuss issues, techniques, problems and ethics of trial advocacy. This is an excellent opportunity to work with and to observe outstanding trial lawyers and judges while learning trial techniques and valuable skills. Applications, available in Legal Research & Writing, are due Sept. 15. For more information, please contact Legal Skills Professor Diane Tomlinson at [tomlinso@law.ufl.edu](mailto:tomlinso@law.ufl.edu).

### **Funds Available to Student Organizations**



The [Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations](#) will make funds available during the 2008-2009 academic year to registered student organizations sponsoring programs or activities that address the Center's mission. Awards of up to \$500 available for programs or activities that substantively address issues of race, race relations and/or racism. To be considered for funding, email a brief summary, including the name of your group, date funds needed, a budget,

and the date and description of the proposed event, to Melissa Bamba [Bamba@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Bamba@law.ufl.edu) or 273-0614. Apply early as funds are limited.

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