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Kara Wick (left) and Amanda Brus (center), counsel for defendant Lighter Corporation, listen carefully as Katrina Gavette, counsel for plaintiff Joe Smith, presents arguments during the Trial Team Final Four on Oct. 3.

Defense Prevails in Trial Team Final Four



The University of Florida Trial Team marked the end of its four-week selection process by holding its annual Final Four competition Oct. 3 in the Bailey Courtroom. Final Four advocates, Amanda Brus, Katrina Gavette, Joshua Lukman and Kara Wick, who were chosen from a pool of almost 100 students, presented their arguments for the fictitious civil case *Smith v. Lighter Corporation*. Brus and Wick, counsel for the defendant, were awarded the title of "Best Overall Team." Wick was also named "Best Overall Advocate."
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Weyrauch Symposium Examines Five Decades of Scholarship

UF Law Professor Emeritus Walter Weyrauch reached a remarkable, record-setting milestone this year—51 years of

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continuous teaching at a single school. Close to 150 people, including his current and former colleagues and students, attended the "Walter Weyrauch Symposium: Reflecting on the Contributions to Legal Thought of Walter Weyrauch" Sept. 29 to honor that record and examine the impact of his impressive body of work.

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Alumni Profile: Evelyn Davis Golden



From where Evelyn Davis Golden (JD 76) has been, her career path comes as no surprise. Golden is now an attorney with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Atlanta and has worked as a public servant for almost all of her career since law school. Golden's office is responsible for enforcing regulation of multifamily housing developments insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and making sure owners keep their property in decent, safe and sanitary condition for the tenants.

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Dowd and Woodhouse Participate in Family Law Conference in Vienna



Professors Dowd and Woodhouse participated in panel discussions at the International Society of Family Law's 13th World Conference in Vienna, Austria, Sept. 16-21. Dowd moderated two panel sessions and Woodhouse presented "Financing the Future: Early Childhood Policies in

Comparative Perspective" in addition to moderating a panel discussion at the conference.

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Upcoming Events

Academic Seminar "Effective Punctuation" Oct. 6

An academic success seminar, "Effective Punctuation," with Lois Randolph, legal writing specialist, will be held on Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. in room 355C. Randolph also conducts office hours Mondays and Wednesdays in the Legal Research & Writing Offices from 9-4 p.m. for individual feedback on your current assignments.

Stress Management Seminar Oct. 8

Research tells us that stress inhibits our ability to learn, which in turn aids in development of stress. While some symptoms of stress are easy to recognize, others are not as evident. During this seminar, we will discuss some of these warning signs and how to develop a stress management plan including some stress reduction techniques. Please join Keely Hope, resource counselor for the Office of Student Affairs, on Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. in room 285B as she discusses how to identify these stressors and how

At the beginning of every week, check out The CCS BUZZ for a quick synopsis of programming, recruiting, networking and 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 244 Bruton-Geer Hall.

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you can effectively manage them. For any questions or concerns, please contact Kari Mattox at mattoxk@law.ufl.edu.

Alternative Careers For J.D.s Seminar Oct. 8

Are you wondering what else you can do with your law degree besides work in a law firm? Are you thinking about alternatives to the traditional practice of law? A J.D. can open many doors to interesting and fulfilling non-traditional careers. On Wednesday, Oct. 8, at noon in room 345 (HOL) join FAWL (Florida Association for Women Lawyers) at UF, Career Services, and guest speaker, Rebecca L. O'Neill, associate general counsel for Shands HealthCare, for refreshments and a discussion about alternative career paths for J.D.s. The discussion is open to all classes.

SALSA Tailgate Oct. 11

Join SALSA as they host their annual tailgate at the LSU game Oct. 11 in celebration of the end of Hispanic Heritage Month. They will be serving latin food, enjoying music, and getting ready to cheer on the Gators. Friends and family are invited.

The Sedona Conference E-Discovery Evening Oct. 28

The Sedona Conference's first law school conference, an "E-Discovery Evening," will be held Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180) at the Levin College of Law. The evening will feature a panel and audience collaborative discussion of current e-discovery issues from the perspective of the courts, in-house counsel, retained counsel for the plaintiff and defendant addressing issues. Panelists include, The Honorable David Baker, United States Magistrate, Middle District of Florida; Ralph Losey, noted e-discovery writer and shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt; Patrick Oot, Verizon, Director of Electronic Discovery and Senior Counsel; Joseph P. Guglielmo, Whaley Drake & Kallas, plaintiff e-discovery expert; and moderator Ken Withers, The Sedona Conference, distinguished e-discovery writer and visionary. The Sedona Conference is a non-profit, non-partisan law and policy think-tank and international leader in e-discovery best practices. There is no cost to attend this event, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Bill Hamilton, Holland & Knight, william.hamilton@hklaw.com or 813-227-6480.

News Briefs

UF Law Graduate Tax Program Visits Lima, Peru



This summer, Professors Michael Friel, Lawrence Lokken, Martin McMahon and Yariv Brauner traveled to Lima, Peru, to speak at a joint UF/IFA Peru sponsored conference. The faculty represented UF Graduate Tax Program's new International Tax degree program in this two-day

event, which involved well-respected members of various Peruvian organizations, universities and private companies. Presentations on a wide range of topics of critical importance to tax professionals, structured to provide both breadth of coverage and in-depth understanding of the tax issues involved, were presented at the conference. These topics included U.S. Tax Treaty Policies, U.S. Corporate Taxation issues and Harmful Tax Practices issues. The conference was made possible by a joint partnership between the UF Graduate Tax Program and the IFA Peru organization. Enthusiastic discussions between the director

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of the Graduate Tax Program and international graduates were the impetus for organizing this event. One panel represented IFA Peru while another was comprised of Latin American graduates of the UF Graduate Tax Program. Each panelist discussed the subjects and brought forward issues inherent in U.S. tax law into agreement with the Latin American reality.

FAWL Sponsoring Accessory Drive for Underprivileged Women



In collaboration with the non-profit organization, Dress for Success, the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) at UF will be sponsoring an accessory drive throughout the month of October to help economically underprivileged women get that first interview. During October, students are encouraged to bring accessories, including jewelry, scarves and handbags/purses no

longer in use but in good condition. Students can deposit their contributions at the Career Services office in the Dress for Success drop box. Please join us and help disadvantaged women take charge of their lives.

Communications Welcomes New Webmaster Matthew Gonzalez



Matthew Gonzalez is the new online communications coordinator/Webmaster in the Communications Office. He previously worked as a Web producer at the UF Office of Web Administration helping oversee the structure and content of a variety of UF-related sites. Gonzalez is a graduate of the UF College of Journalism and Communications. His major area of study was online media, focusing in online story telling, Web design and videography. His minor areas of study were Portuguese and Latin American studies. He hopes to use his skills in communication and Web design to better broadcast online information and refine the law school's online identity.

Admissions Congratulates New Associate Director for Admissions Jake Henry



The UF Law admissions office would like to congratulate Jake Henry on his promotion to associate director of admissions. Henry graduated from Washburn University School of Law in May 2006, and The University of Southern Mississippi in 2001 with a B.S. in psychology. Before coming to UF Law, Henry worked in his law school alma mater's admissions office as an admissions representative. He looks forward to continuing to pass along his experiences in law school, both as a student and an administrator, so that prospective and current students can fully benefit from the value of their future law degree.

ILS Members Attend Luncheon With Russian Judges



On Sept. 18, UF Law students had the unique opportunity to gain



insight into the Russian legal system. Professor Cohn and the International Law Society hosted a question-and-answer luncheon with five visiting judges from Russia. Students filled the Faculty

Dining Room to ask the judges questions that covered many topics, including the differences between common law and civil law systems, Russia's current moratorium on capital punishment, the role of juries in criminal trials and the process one goes through to become a judge in Russia. The talk also included a discussion on the Soviet legacy and Russia's contemporary legal system. Students were given a broad overview of the Russian legal system as some judges recounted their experiences with criminal trials, while others described their experience with civil trials. If you are interested in future ILS events, sign up on TWEN for email updates.

Join the "One Less Car" Challenge



On Oct. 17 you can help celebrate [One Less Car Day](#) by finding a way to school without driving. Take the Challenge and sign up to join the UF Levin College of Law team. If you want to make it a semester-long project, you can log the days you don't drive to campus and earn points to help the UF Levin

College of Law team win the challenge. If you already bike or bus to school, join anyway! Going green doesn't have to be complicated. Making choices that consume less energy and create less waste like riding a bike, taking the bus, or carpooling to school and work can help you make the University of Florida and UF Law greener than ever. Bring your coffee and water in reusable mugs and bottles and use the recycle bins around campus.

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