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From right to left, Patrick Oot, Joseph Guglielmo, Ralph Losey and the Honorable David Baker sit on a panel for the Sedona Conference E-Discovery Evening. (UF Law/ Joshua Lukman)

## Distinguished panel discusses e-discovery



It's time for the legal profession to move into the 21st century and for law students to consider a new and rapidly expanding field. A distinguished group of experts spoke about the importance of electronic discovery at Tuesday's "E-Discovery Evening," which was co-sponsored by The Sedona Conference and the Levin College of Law. Noted e-discovery writer Ralph Losey stressed how different the world has become with modern technology

and how lawyers are doing a poor job adapting.

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## CSRRR holds discussion on role of race in upcoming presidential election



The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations held a discussion on Oct. 30 about the role race has played in the 2008 election. Professor Michelle S. Jacobs moderated the event, engaging the audience of about 25 on issues that have been pushed

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to the forefront with the rise of presidential candidate Barack Obama. Jacobs cited a recent CNN poll in which seven out of 10 people said race did not play any role in this election. "They're lying," responded one audience member.

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## Alumna Pekin finances legal funding in tough economy



As Americans feel the effects of economic turmoil, some can't afford to put food on the table, let alone wait years for a case to be settled. That's where Elizabeth Bialow Pekin (JD 91) comes in. Pekin is director of attorney marketing and sales at Oasis Legal Finance, a Chicago-based company that advances money to plaintiffs who are involved in personal injury cases.

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## Assistant State Attorney Drake talks on domestic violence



Assistant State Attorney Teresa Drake refers to her job as "homicide prevention." Drake, county court division chief for the Eighth Circuit, spoke at the Levin College of Law on Oct. 31 about her experiences prosecuting domestic violence cases, stressing the importance of attorneys

handling such cases with both delicate care and fierce advocacy.

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## Study abroad: Student remembers France



I remember going to the first study abroad meeting my first year of law school. Professor Cohn had spoken to us about the French experience – how we would be spending a week in Paris and then five weeks in Montpellier. He distributed pictures of the Eiffel Tower and of a blurred cluster of

bikers from the Tour de France. I was interested in the trip, as I had never studied abroad before.

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## Faculty discuss Amendment 2 as election approaches



The Levin College of Law's faculty is comprised of highly

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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accomplished scholar-teachers who bring remarkable experience and knowledge to the classroom. Keep up with what they're writing about and saying leading up to the presidential election Nov. 4 and beyond by reading about their

scholarship, activities and media appearances.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Federalist Society presents "Religious Liberty" Nov. 5**

The Federalist Society invites you to attend "Religious Liberty: Where It Comes From and What Difference Does That Make?" with Kevin Hasson, chairman and president of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and Professor Michael Wolf, Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, on Nov. 5, at noon in 359 HOL. See this article by Kevin Hasson for an overview of the topics that will be covered, <http://www.becketfund.org/files/7aeba.pdf>.

### **Manage your time, maximize your potential Nov. 5**

Please join Gatorwell on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. in 285B HOL, for a presentation on "Manage Your Time, Maximize Your Potential," where you will learn to understand realistic time constraints and current time allocation, examine strategies to find focus and priorities, consider consequences of doing too much, procrastination, and multitasking, explore techniques to help you work with your demanding schedule. The mission of GatorWell is to help create and promote a healthy campus community at the University of Florida. The prevention and educational services we offer address a variety of health issues including nutrition, stress & time management, sexual health, and alcohol, tobacco & other drug use. For any questions or concerns, contact Assistant Dean of Students Kari Mattox at [mattoxk@law.ufl.edu](mailto:mattoxk@law.ufl.edu).

### **Clinics application deadline Nov. 7**

Clinics offer the rare law school opportunity to apply classroom theory in a practice setting. Students are closely supervised by highly experienced clinical professors and practitioners. In a number of the clinics, students gain valuable experience collaborating with social workers, mental health and family counselors, environmental and land use professionals or dispute resolution experts. Clinic applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs and in the Clinics office. You may stop in the Clinics at any time to ask questions and you are encouraged to attend the clinic information session on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at noon in 180 HOL. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 7. Download the [Spring 2009 Clinics Application](#).

### **JMBA Battle of the Sections field day Nov. 7**

JMBA's "Battle of the Sections" field day will be held on Friday, Nov. 7, 4-6 p.m. on the lawn next to the law school (field at the corner of Second Ave. and Village Rd.). Events include three

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legged races, tug of wars, water balloon tosses and more. All law students are all encouraged to come out and represent their section or former section. For more information contact Kyla Tan at [kyla.tan@gmail.com](mailto:kyla.tan@gmail.com).

### **Christian Legal Society fall field day Nov. 7**

The Christian Legal Society will hold a fall field day at Caring & Sharing Elementary on Friday, Nov. 7, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Caring & Sharing is a charter school located off Waldo Road in North Gainesville. CLS will host a day of games, crafts and candy for about 75 kids, ages five to 13, who participate in the after-school program. About 20 volunteers are needed to "referee" sack races and hula hoop contests, man craft booths and distribute candy. You can use the hours toward a community service certificate. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Amy Hanna at [amyLhanna@gmail.com](mailto:amyLhanna@gmail.com) or Robby Braxton at [robert.j.braxton@gmail.com](mailto:robert.j.braxton@gmail.com).

## **News Briefs**

### **Citizens for Social Justice seek volunteers for mentoring program**



Citizens for Social Justice is currently seeking law student volunteers to participate in a rights literacy mentoring program as part of the effort to serve the Gainesville homeless community. Rights literacy mentoring is a component of CSJ's student-run residential homeless rehabilitation program, which focuses on providing a comprehensive care program to individuals who wish to pursue housing, work and medical care. Citizens for

Social Justice needs law students to assist attorneys in formulating a handbook of information regarding the myriad legal issues typically encountered by homeless individuals. Topics to be covered this semester include child support modification and sealing/expungement of criminal records. In addition to assisting in the preparation of the handbook, student volunteers may also help to instruct homeless individuals as to its use. If you are interested in working on this project with contact Jorge Tormes and Patricia Antonucci of Three Rivers Legal Services at [pblc@trls.org](mailto:pblc@trls.org).

### **Study abroad in France with UF's summer program**



The UF Law summer program in France 2009 informational meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. in 345 HOL. Students studying in the UF Law France program benefit from a dual focus in comparative and international law. American and French professors examine various

aspects of U.S. and French legal systems and European community law. Both French and American students also meet

with members of the judiciary and the legal profession. In addition, the program allows you to live in and enjoy the rich French culture. The first week of the five week program will be spent in Paris, while the last four weeks will be at the University of Montpellier in Montpellier, France. Two of the three courses offered will include International Sales Law and European Union Business Law, and a third course will be announced by the time of the informational meeting. Enrollment is limited to 30 U.S. students. In addition, a number of students from the University of Montpellier enroll in one or more of the classes. For more information visit the study abroad Web site <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/> and contact the program's director, Professor George Dawson at [dawson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:dawson@law.ufl.edu) or 352-273-0932, or Director of Student Programs Michelle Ocepek at [ocepek@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ocepek@law.ufl.edu) or 273-0629.

### **Sarasota County Bar Association scholarship deadline Dec. 1**



The Sarasota County Bar Association Diversity Scholarship Fund is intended to provide an opportunity for first through third year law students of under-represented minority backgrounds (e.g. race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical disability, or socioeconomic background), who have an interest in practicing law in Sarasota County upon graduation, to obtain summer placement in private law firms and governmental agencies in the County. During employment, the student will be assigned an attorney mentor from the Sarasota County Bar Association Diversity Committee and will attend a reception to welcome and honor the student and the employer with representatives from the Bar Association and Community Foundation. Applications can be downloaded from [www.cfsarasota.org](http://www.cfsarasota.org) (see the special interest scholarships page). The scholarship is worth at least \$5,000 and the deadline to apply for the scholarship is Dec. 1.

### **Scholarship for reproductive rights law writing contest**



Law Students for Reproductive Justice is accepting submissions for its fourth annual writing prize. The theme this year is "Seeking Reproductive Justice in All Places for All People." LSRJ is looking for fresh student scholarship that a) focuses on marginalized individuals or communities, such as people of color, immigrants, minors, poor people, prisoners, and those who identify as LGBTQI, and b) applies a reproductive justice lens in its analysis. Papers may have a domestic or international scope. Authors are encouraged to focus their research on issues or occasions of reproductive coercion or oppression: the political, social, legal, and economic forces that limit or control the reproductive options of individuals and communities. Submission deadline is March 2, 2009. For more information visit <http://lsrj.org>.

### **Entertainment law initiative legal writing contest**



Five winning articles will be published in a major law journal and the winners will be flown to Los Angeles where they are honored at the Entertainment Law Initiative luncheon in front of an audience comprised of some of the top entertainment attorneys in the country. The winners also attend Grammy week events including, the Grammy Awards telecast and the MusiCares Person of the Year Dinner. The grand prize is a \$5,000 scholarship and the deadline for submissions is Jan. 2, 2009. For more information stop by the Office of Student Affairs in 164 HOL.

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