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Students fight it out during a tug of war at JMBA's "Battle of the Sections" on Friday. (UF Law/ Joshua Lukman)



Classes at the law school are cancelled tomorrow, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day and will resume a normal schedule on Wednesday.

Former ACLU president stresses civil rights activism with future lawyers



Nadine Strossen, former president of the American Civil Liberties Union, urged students to get involved in fighting for civil rights on Tuesday. Strossen, brought to the UF Levin College of Law by the American Constitution Society, spoke to a crowd of about 50 in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial

Classroom. Strossen served as the president of the ACLU from 1991 until this October.

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Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center receives "green" rating



It's green under the bricks and mortar of the Lawton Chiles Legal

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Information Center (LIC). The new addition and renovations to the LIC, classrooms and law library were recently certified as a "green" building by the U.S. Green Building Council. The certification is part of the USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

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Hasson and Wolf debate religious liberty and the separation of church and state



Instead of separating church and state, Kevin J. Hasson argued that the state should endorse all forms of church. Hasson spoke Wednesday with Professor Michael Wolf about religious freedom. The event was sponsored by the Federalist Society. While Hasson said the establishment clause of the First Amendment should be weakened to allow more religion to be public, Wolf argued that it should be strengthened. Cities should not display Christmas trees or menorahs because it waters down religion, Wolf said.

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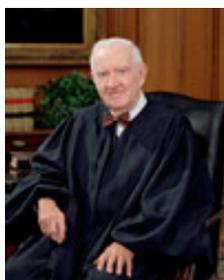
Cole emphasizes networking for success of young lawyers



The one word that Jewel White Cole (JD 95) uses to describe herself is "dynamic"—characterized by energy or effective action. It seems that there could be no more fitting a description for a woman who has launched such an impressively fast-paced, ever-evolving career. Since graduating from the College of Law, Cole has held the titles of assistant Pinellas County attorney, president of the Clearwater Bar, and is now the president of the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division and managing assistant Pinellas County attorney.

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Justice Stevens and Judge Gonzalez Speak at Inaugural Marshall Criser Distinguished Lecture Nov. 17



Mark you calendar — one week from today U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens and U.S. District Court Judge Jose A. Gonzalez Jr. will engage in a "conversation" with UF Law students, faculty and staff at 10 a. m. in UF's Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Stevens will be the fourth Supreme Court Justice to visit the Gainesville

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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campus in three years.

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Professors cover a wide range of topics from land use to libel



Lidsky commented in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel on the new wave of libel suits cropping up due to Web reviews. "These (law)suits are extremely common and starting to make their way through the courts," said Lidsky. "Courts are starting to develop balancing tests to guarantee it's a legitimate

libel suit before they uncover the poster's identity."

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Upcoming Events

Career opportunities with the state attorney and public defenders offices Nov. 12

A discussion will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at noon in 345 HOL. Come hear Gator attorneys from the offices of the 8th Judicial Circuit State Attorney Stacey Steinberg (JD 03) and Public Defender John Maguire share their perspectives and experiences practicing law.

Exam preparation: Writing to succeed Nov. 12

Law school exams differ in format from most exams you have taken. This seminar aims to provide you with the insight into applying what you have learned throughout the semester with your critical thinking and problem solving skills into writing articulate answers that address the question(s). Join Professor Elizabeth Rowe on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. in the Bailey Courtroom. If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact Assistant Dean of Students Kari Mattox at mattoxk@law.ufl.edu.

ExamSoft orientation sessions Nov. 13 and 19

The Technology Services group will provide orientation sessions on Nov. 13 and Nov. 19, at noon in 180 HOL to allow students to sign up, pay, register and help ensure the software will work properly. The College of Law uses ExamSoft for computerized exams, but not all professors choose to give exams on computers. Currently, this is voluntary by professor and student. The professors who choose to use the examination software will inform their students. The cost is \$25 per student per academic year and covers all computerized exams. A list of frequently asked questions regarding ExamSoft can be found at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/services/faq/exams.shtml>.

Modern day slavery: The plight of farm workers in Florida Nov. 19

Recently, farm bosses in Southwest Florida plead guilty to enslaving the people who worked on their farms. Farm workers face a host of legal, social, economic and environmental obstacles. Come join a panel discussion with distinguished

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lawyers, academics and activists who deal with these issues. The Public Service Fellows of the Center for Government Responsibility, sponsored by the Florida Bar Foundation, will present a discussion about the modern-day issues affecting farm workers in Florida. Speakers will include lawyers from Legal Services of North Florida, as well as members of the Student Farmworkers Alliance, and others. This event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. in 382 HOL. Food will be provided.

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Tritt wins kickball game for second consecutive year



Professor Lee-ford Tritt's Master Probaters edged Professor Stuart Cohn's Cohn Dogs 6-5 in Friday's Sixth Annual Estates and Trusts – Corporations challenge. It was the second consecutive victory for Tritt's squad. Tritt was fired up about the game all week, encouraging his students to take it

seriously. On a day leading up to the game, he brought a trash-talking note into Professor Cohn's Corporations class. Associate Dean for Students Rachel Inman officiated the game. Both Tritt and Cohn yelled and argued with her on many close calls. Professor Tritt has made challenging a corporations class to a game a yearly tradition. Both teams celebrated the game together after.

Five Torts and Captain Negligence perform skit on Halloween



Professor Lyrissa Lidsky's students performed a skit on torts in class on Halloween. Captain Negligence, performed by Guichard St. Surin, presided over the five elements and made up a song about them. The five elements were played by Emily Nogues (duty), Miredys Gonzalez (breach), Débora Ayoub

(cause in fact), Fernanda Brandão (proximate cause) and Anna Lee (damages).

Christian Legal Society holds fall festival



The Christian Legal Society at UF held its fall community service project at Caring & Sharing Elementary this past Friday, Nov. 7. Volunteers from the organization supervised students from the charter school in arts and crafts, sack races and flag football games. Approximately 15 law students and our own Lexis

representative, Bonita Young, had a great time making pine cone turkeys and playing around with the kids. Lots of candy was given out at the end of the day and, needless to say, it was the kids' favorite part. It was a beautiful afternoon for a fall festival and it helped everyone get into the holiday spirit. If you would like more information about the Christian Legal Society, contact Robby Braxton at Robert.j.braxton@gmail.com or Amy Hanna at amyLhanna@gmail.com.

CSRRR Summer 2009 Yegelwel Fellowship



The UF-Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) is sponsoring the 2009 Yegelwel Fellowship. For students who are interested in issues of anti-Semitism and bigotry, the fellowship provides a wonderful opportunity to work at the Anti-Defamation League in Florida. The

8-10 week fellowship is for Summer 2009 and comes with a \$4000 stipend. Students who have completed their first year and constitutional law courses (by the time of the fellowship) and are in good academic standing, are eligible to apply. For further information on the application process, please contact Melissa Bamba, CSRRR Asst. Director at bamba@law.ufl.edu or 273-0614. The deadline for applications is Monday, Dec. 1.

Remembering Catherine Barclift and Eric Gold



Last week marked the one-year anniversary of the passing of Catherine Barclift, class of 2010. On the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 5, one year from the day of the tragic accident, nine close friends and classmates honored Catherine by running the route that she had been running in

preparation for a marathon. They ended at the intersection of 34th Street and Radio Road, and joined by two others, had a small memorial. The students placed a flowered cross and had a moment of silence for Catherine. Later that evening, seven students returned with Professor Teresa Rambo, and painted the wall to read "Forever in our Hearts, Catherine Barclift 1985-2007."

"She inspired us. In her life and her death she brought us together," close friend Donna Vincent said. "And I know she lives on through us. Remembering her is honoring her, and we will never forget."

Also, Randy Gold honored his son Eric Gold, a class of 2009 law student, who passed away on Jan. 20 this year. Last year Randy Gold participated in the "Hustle Up the Hancock" in Chicago, climbing all 94 flights of the Hancock Building. Eric Gold had participated in 2005-2007. This is a fundraiser for the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, a group dedicated to raising money for respiratory disease research and treatment. He will participate again on Feb. 25, 2009. For anyone interested in more information or donating to this cause, visit [Randy Gold's personal fundraising Web site](#).

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