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Judge Carly E. Delano, Judge Marcia Morales Howard and Judge Anne C. Conway were three of the five women judges that spoke on a panel hosted by the Law Association of Women on Jan. 27. (UF Law/ Joshua Lukman)

Managing your job search in a down economy



In this economy, the stark reality is that students are going to have to change their search strategies to find employment. Career Services brought legal recruiting consultant Ann Skalaski to speak on Wednesday about how to manage job searches in this economy. Skalaski served as the

assistant dean for career services at UF Law from 1991-1996 before starting her own company.

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Law Association of Women hosts women judges panel



On Jan. 27, the five judges seated at the front of the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom at the Levin College of Law had at least three things in common—all had been practicing lawyers, all are now judges and all are women. In an advice, honesty and laughter-rich panel discussion

sponsored by the Law Association of Women titled, "A Conversation with the Judiciary: Perspectives of Women Judges," each of the five judges discussed her unique experiences as a student, a lawyer, a judge, and as a woman.

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Student Profile: Lincoln J. Schneider



Lincoln J. Schneider (2L) was settling out-of-court disputes as early as the third grade, when the elementary-age litigator successfully petitioned the school administration after being forbidden to enter a section of the library reserved for older students. "I got to read my 'Hardy Boys' and 'To Kill a Mockingbird' even though they were in the secondary school area," Schneider said. "I guess some people are destined to go to law school."

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Faculty talk golf courses, bankruptcy and Caylee Anthony this week in the media



Professor Michael Allan Wolf was quoted in the *New York Times* discussing expensive golf communities going bankrupt and closing golf courses. The article focused on what it means for homeowners who purchased expensive homes or lots who have now lost all equity. "They didn't care how much they spent on the golf course because they were making so much money on lot sales," said Wolf.

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Upcoming Events

HLSA to discuss the DREAM Act Feb. 2

The Hispanic/Latino/a Law Student Association (HLLSA) invites you to Café Cultural discussing the DREAM Act on Monday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at La Casita (1504. W. University Ave.). The DREAM Act addresses the tragedy of young people who grew up in the United States and have graduated from U.S. high schools but whose future is circumscribed by current immigration laws. Please come and join us to discuss and learn more about the DREAM Act and its pivotal role in the life of future generations. Jean Pierre Espinoza who received his LL.M. in Comparative Law with certification in International Trade and Business Law degree from the UF Law will be discussing the issue and will be accompanied by students willing to share their personal accounts with the DREAM Act. For more information contact Ela M. Hernández Andino at ehernandez@ufl.edu.

Attention 1L's: Writing, revising, editing your paper Feb. 2

Join writing specialist Lois Randolph for "The Whole Paper-Some Tips on Drafting, Revising, Editing, and Proof Reading Your Paper" on Monday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. in HOL 360. This session will provide important information and tips for your writing assignments. Also be aware that Randolph is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-4, in the Legal Research and Writing offices for individual consultation and feedback on your assignments.

On-Campus fingerprinting Feb 3 & 4

On-Campus fingerprinting for The Florida Bar will be Feb. 3 & 4,

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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from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in HOL 348. You will need to sign up for an appointment and pay in advance. The Florida Bar will only accept fingerprints electronically from L-1 Identity Solutions. [View the instruction sheet »](#)

**Guerrilla tactics for getting the legal job of your dreams
Feb. 4**

Author and dynamic speaker Kimm Walton will share her advice on job search strategies from her books on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. in HOL 180. She will also stay after the program to answer your questions. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Career Services and BarBri.

"Law and Economics: Will Europe Ever Catch Up To The U.S.?" Feb. 4

"Law and Economics: Will Europe Ever Catch Up To The U.S.?" with Professor Ioannis Lianos, associate executive director of the Jevons Institute of Competition Law and Economics at University College London and commentary by Professor Jeffrey Harrison Stephen C. O'Connell Chair, University of Florida Levin College of Law, at Wednesday, Feb. 4, at noon in HOL 359.

**Discovering your ideal career through self-assessment
Feb. 5**

Hear speaker Dr. Martha Peters, author of Juris Types, on Thursday, Feb. 5, at noon in the faculty dining room (2Ls & 3Ls), and on Friday, Feb. 6 at noon in HOL 360 for 1Ls. This program will help students figure out their ideal careers. Many students are not sure what they want to do upon graduation, and many alumni are not happy with their jobs because they did not take the time during law school to identify their values and learn about the work environments where they would find career satisfaction. Peters will help you stop and think about what is going to make you happy, and what is going to be rewarding and fulfilling.

Family Law Society hosts Judge McDonald Feb. 6

The Family Law Society (FLS) will host Judge Ysleta W. McDonald, Circuit Judge and former administrative judge of family law for the Eighth Judicial Circuit on Friday, Feb. 6, at noon in HOL 345. Food and drinks will be served. For more information, join the Family Law Society TWEN site.

**Nelson Symposium "The Squeeze on Local Governments"
Feb. 13**

The Eighth Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium will assemble national and state experts to examine the pressures that local governments are feeling as officials seek to continue serving the public in the face of profound legal, financial, social, and political challenges. The symposium will be held on Friday, Feb. 13, at the UF Hilton Conference Center and will begin at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Barbara DeVoe at 352-273-0615.

News Briefs

Animal Law Association volunteers at animal sanctuary



by Andrew Friedman

Twelve Levin College of Law students got their hands dirty on Saturday at Rooterville Animal



Sanctuary. They helped with farm chores like repairing fences and enjoyed the sunny, blue-skied afternoon with more than a hundred animals, including pigs, chickens, turkeys and a goat. Most of the animals were rescued from factory farms, circuses and other merciless conditions. The sanctuary is located in Archer, about a half-hour southwest of campus, and is home to more than 100 animals. The event was organized by the Animal Law Association. ALA aims to educate the public about animal abuse and how litigation and other legal means can protect the lives of animals. The group is planning more events throughout the semester. For more information contact Jamie Klapholz at animallawassociation@gmail.com.

Joint degree informational meeting Feb. 5



Did you know that you can earn your law degree and a graduate degree at the same time? Did you know that pursuing both degrees at the same time can actually save you time and money? In fact, in most situations, under a joint degree program, a student can obtain both degrees in approximately two semesters less than it would take to obtain both degrees if pursued separately. The joint degree programs are credit-sharing arrangements that allow qualified students to combine their legal studies with graduate work, resulting in two degrees earned in a reduced amount of time. Joint degree programs can be established in nearly any area, such as: agribusiness, anthropology, building construction, business administration, counselor education, criminology, decision & information sciences, doctorate of medicine, educational leadership, electrical & computer engineering, environmental engineering, exercise and sport sciences, food and resource economics, forest resources & conservation, history, interdisciplinary ecology, Latin American studies, mass communications, materials science & engineering, medical sciences, pharmacy, political science, psychology, public health, real estate, sociology, urban and regional planning. If you are interested in learning about this opportunity, students are invited to attend an informational session about joint degree programs on Thursday, Feb. 5, in HOL 285C and visit at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/programs/joint/>. Assistant Dean of Students Kari Mattox, mattoxk@law.ufl.edu, will address the requirements of the program and answer questions.

ELULP informational meeting Feb. 13



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 at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in HOL 283. 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. Contact ELULP Program Assistant Lena Hinson at hinson@law.ufl.edu.

Trial Team makes semifinals at mock trial competition



The UF Trial Team sent two teams to The Florida Bar mock trial competition this year in Miami on Jan. 14 & 15. The first team included four advocates, Ranaldo Allen, Kailey Evans, Connie Jones, and Maulik Sharma (all 3Ls). They defeated Stetson and Miami in the initial round. The second team was composed of two advocates who argued both the plaintiff and defense side of the trial, 3Ls Elizabeth Manno and David Mitchell, along with witnesses played by 2Ls Allison Kirkwood and Jamie Stephens. This team defeated FSU and Barry in the initial round. Manno and Mitchell qualified for the semifinal round, but lost in a 5-4 split of the judges. The team was coached by Nick Zissimopoulos (JD 02), former UF Trial Team member who is currently a criminal defense lawyer at the Gainesville firm Rush & Glassman. Pictured from left: Elizabeth Manno, David Mitchell, Jamie Stephens, Kailey Evans and Ranaldo Allen. (Not pictured: Connie Jones, Maulik Sharma and Allison Kirkwood)

Fall 2010 Financial aid renewal reminder



For those of you who have not already done so, now is the time to apply for aid for the 2009-2010 academic year. I encourage you to apply by April 1 using FAFSA on the Web. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and follow the instructions on the site. After applying via FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the Web, you can check the status of your application and/or make corrections online. You will need to use your Federal Access Code (PIN) to complete the 2009/2010 FAFSA.

2009 Vis-Pre Competition Feb. 28



The International Law Section of the Florida Bar will bring together law students, practitioners, and scholars for the 2009 Florida Pre-Competition for the Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Orlando on Saturday, Feb. 28. Every year over 200 law schools from all over

the world gather at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria and Hong Kong, China, to

argue a case based on complex aspects of international commercial law. For many years, Florida's law schools have strongly acquitted themselves at these premiere moot events, consistently ranking among the top teams. This year, the International Law Section continues this tradition by inviting members of the bar and public to learn about and participate in the event. The 2009 Florida Pre-Competition will be held at the Florida A&M University College of Law located at 201 Beggs Ave. in downtown Orlando. The competition will begin at 9 a.m. Contact Arnie Lacayo at alacayo@astidavis.com for more information.

The Frederick W. & Grace P. Brecht Scholarship



The Frederick W. & Grace P. Brecht Scholarship (\$1,000) is available to students who meet the following criteria: Home and place of residence must be in Brevard County, Florida or must have graduated from a Brevard County high school; accepted for admission to a community college

or university in the state of Florida; enrolled as a full-time, degree seeking student in an undergraduate, graduate, or professional program; demonstrate financial need as determined by the 2009-2010 FAFSA; minimum 2.0 GPA; and good moral character and habits. The deadline to apply is May 15.

Scholarship recipients are selected annually; renewal is not automatic. To be considered for renewal you must submit a new application and complete each step listed in the procedures section of the new application instructions. Applications are available at www.sfa.ufl.edu/pub/forms.html#apps

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