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Thanks to support from Levin College of Law alumni and friends, UF Law faculty, staff and students will soon enjoy the Martin H. Levin Legal Advocacy Center, a \$6 million construction project, expected to be completed this summer, that will expand legal advocacy education and provide state-of-the-art trial facilities for the college. (UF Law/ Lauren Jannelle) [View photo gallery»](#)

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Nelson Symposium offers CLEs, solutions and resources for local government, real estate, land use planning and environmental attorneys



The University of Florida Levin College of Law will host the Eighth Annual Nelson Symposium Friday Feb. 13 at the UF Hilton Conference Center. The symposium invites attorneys specializing in local government, real estate, land-use planning, environmental law and others

interested in those topics to attend, and will offer insights on how local governments can address the profound legal, financial and political changes affecting today's economy. [READ MORE»](#)

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Music Law Conference serves entertainment and legal professions



One wouldn't immediately think of musicians and lawyers as having much in common. However, when it comes to navigating a course through the high-stakes terrain of the music industry, two

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professional heads are definitely better than one. Finding common ground between music and the law is the goal of "From the Suits to the Stage," the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Seventh Annual Music Law Conference, to be held Feb. 20 – 21.
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New jurist-in-residence program offers students unique legal insights



Students at the University of Florida Levin College of Law will have a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into the inner workings of the legal system from a judicial expert thanks to the new Peter T. Fay Jurist-in-Residence Program Feb. 18-20. The first jurist-in-residence will be the program's namesake, Peter T. Fay, a senior judge of the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and a 1956 College of Law graduate.
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Guerrilla tactics for getting the legal job of your dreams



With each interview a battle, each rejection a defeat, and the victory of being hired feeling more and more elusive, any law student can understand how the post-law school job hunt may seem like a war. On Feb. 4, Kimm Walton, author of *Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams*, visited the Levin College of Law to share with students some creative suggestions for getting their own dream jobs.
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Alumni Profile: Vee Leonard



Vee Leonard (JD 99) didn't travel down the path most would call a typical road to law school. She got off the highway and waited a bit before getting back on. At the age of 37, Leonard went back to school to finish her bachelor's degree at the University of Central Florida. She got a degree in legal studies and said her professor continuously tried to get her to attend law school. "I had no plans to go to law school," said Leonard, who never had aspirations as a child to be a lawyer.
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Family Law Society hosts Judge Ysleta McDonald



The Family Law Society hosted a discussion with Judge Ysleta W.

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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McDonald (JD 83) in 345 Holland Hall on Friday. McDonald, who has served as an administrative judge in the family law division of the 8th Judicial Circuit, has dealt with aspects of family law including

divorce, domestic violence, dependency, child support, mental health and delinquency.

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Faculty Scholarship and Activities



The UF law faculty is comprised of highly accomplished scholar-teachers who bring remarkable experience and knowledge to the classroom. Keep up with what they're writing about and saying each week in FlaLaw by reading about their scholarship and activities, as well as their media

appearances.

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Upcoming Events

Attention 1L's: Sentence grammar seminar Feb. 9

Join writing specialist Lois Randolph for the sentence grammar seminar on Monday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m. in HOL 360. This session will provide important information and tips for writing well. Law school emphasizes content in your writing, however it is important to remember that the mechanics of your writing assignments are as equally important so as not to distract your reader from grammar mistakes that may undermine the reader's belief in your abilities. Also be aware that Randolph is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., in the Legal Research and Writing offices for individual consultation and feedback on your assignments. For any questions or concerns, contact Assistant Dean of Students Kari Mattox at mattoxk@law.ufl.edu

Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations open house Feb. 9

Come to the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations annual open house Monday, Feb. 9, from 12:30-2 p.m. in HOL 370D. Meet the research fellows, learn about upcoming events and find out how you can get involved with CSRRR. No RSVP required. Refreshments will be served.

Small Firm Information Meeting Feb. 11

Members of the General Practice Solo & Small Firm Section of The Florida Bar will be here to speak on and answer questions about the Small Firm Interview Program & practicing in small firms over the summer and after graduation on Feb. 11, at noon in HOL 345.

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.

Dress for Success Feb. 13

Macy's will speak on Friday, Feb. 13, at noon in HOL 345 for "Dress for Success." They will be showing both men's and women's "do's and don'ts" for interview wear, as well as cosmetic tips. Come find your interview style.

How Do You Find Anything When You Have A Billion Emails? The Future of Information Retrieval in Electronic Discovery Feb. 26

Jason R. Baron, director of the Litigation, National Archives and Records Administration, will speak on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 4 p. m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180). Baron is an internationally recognized speaker and author on the preservation and retrieval of electronic records. Find out what happens when White House e-mails are at the center of litigation, learn how to get what you're looking for with your discovery request and learn about the latest research in information science and litigation.

News Briefs

Center on Children and Families 2009 Youth Summit



The Center on Children and Families is seeking volunteers to participate in its annual Youth Summit. There will be an information meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12, and Monday, Feb. 16, at noon in HOL 359. The Youth Summit is designed to engage high school students in discussion about matters concerning law and policy and how each affects them. This year the summit will be on March 20, and will focus on youth involvement in the Juvenile Justice System. The program will address topics ranging from what activities could be illegal or result in suspension or expulsion from school to the consequences of involvement in the juvenile justice system. While volunteering, you will have the opportunity to interact with over 400 high school students to inform them of their legal rights, as well as inspire them to be focused and to live a productive life. For more information contact Debbie Willis, program at kelley@law.ufl.edu or Kristianna Rodriguez, Youth Summit project assistant at querod@ufl.edu. If you are a member of Facebook, the event and information is listed there as well.

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.

Real Property Law Association welcomes new officers, develops local connections



The UF branch of the Real Property Law Association (RPLA) was pleased to recently celebrate its second anniversary as a UF Levin College of Law organization. As part of the celebration, the RPLA inaugurated a new crew of officers. The inauguration was immediately followed by networking events at recent North Florida Area Real Estate Attorney (NFAREA) meetings hosted by the law firms of Salter, Feiber, Murphy, Hutson & Menet and Scruggs and Carmichael. The NFAREA welcomed Tiffany Kimball as the RPLA's new President, along with fellow officers Jamie Barwig, Zea McDonnough, Derren Kales and Lauren Kirkpatrick. Barwig was offered and accepted the position of NFAREA secretary and is now responsible for both assisting the NFAREA chairperson and keeping the minutes for the organization. Outgoing president Brent Kimball was pleased to present a new initiative to the NFAREA designed to help local real property attorneys locate and communicate with University of Florida students interested in practicing in the field of real property. The RPLA will continue to work with Florida's real property law community at the upcoming executive council meeting this spring, where they plan to attend several training seminars, volunteer their services for pro bono projects, and rub elbows with the elite of Florida's real property community. (Photo from left: Tiffany Kimball, Lauren Kirkpatrick, Derren Kales and Zea McDonnough)

Research Assistant Needed



Professor Jonathan Cohen seeks a research assistant for this spring and summer concerning a project addressing one family's response to a case of medical error. Interested students should have both excellent research and typing skills, as some of the work will involve transcribing interviews. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and undergraduate and law school transcripts (unofficial copies fine) to Betty Donaldson, HOL 340, by Wednesday, Feb. 18

Introduction to Law School and the Profession 2009 Ambassador Program



Student Affairs is looking for ambassadors. Ambassadors are current students who are selected for their interest in helping new students prior to, during, and even after the ILSP. If you are interested in being a part of the ambassador team, now is the time to apply. The deadline to apply is

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at noon. An information sheet and application is available on the orientation Web site www.law.ufl.edu/students/orientation/. When you turn in your application and resume to the Office of Student Affairs, you will sign up for an interview. If you wish to be considered for a coordinator position, an additional application is required. Contact Michelle Ocepek at ocepek@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0620 for more information.

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