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IRS Chief Counsel to deliver UF Graduate Tax Program Lecture March 20



Clarissa C. Potter, acting chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service, will deliver the University of Florida Levin College of Law Graduate Tax Lecture on March 20 at 11 a.m.. The title of the lecture is "Globalization's Current Challenges to U.S. Tax Policy Makers and Administrators." The event will be held in Holland Hall 180 and is free and open to the law school community. As acting chief counsel, Potter is the lead law officer for the

IRS and assistant general counsel for the Treasury Department. Potter supervises approximately 1,500 attorneys and plays a central role in the administration of the federal tax laws. She also serves as Deputy Chief Counsel, Technical, for the Office of Chief Counsel. In that role she is responsible for overseeing all guidance interpreting the federal tax laws issued by the IRS. Before joining the IRS in 2005, Potter taught tax law and policy as an associate professor at Georgetown University Law Center where she was director of projects at the American Tax Policy Institute. Potter earned her J.D. from Yale Law School where she was the managing editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*.

Renowned constitutional law scholar to speak about Florida Supreme Court and 2000 election



One of the leading legal thinkers of our time, Yale law professor Akhil Reed Amar, will speak on "Bush, Gore, Florida and the Constitution"

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on March 24 at the Levin College of Law as the Dunwoody Distinguished Lecturer in Law. As President Bush's term ends, Amar will discuss the case that began the Bush years and will also talk about the role of the Florida Supreme Court in the case.

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Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture in Family Law to be delivered by GWU family law professor and author



Professor Naomi Cahn, a family law professor at The George Washington University Law School, will deliver the University of Florida Levin College of Law Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture in Family Law on March 23 at noon. The free lecture titled "Family Classes" is being held in Holland Hall 180. "I'm honored to be selected to give this year's Weyrauch Lecture" said Professor Cahn. "Professor Weyrauch was a distinguished teacher, scholar and intellectual role model in numerous fields, and his work in family law has inspired the topic of my lecture."

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LawLawPalooza to showcase students in talent show



Lawyers are known for their analytical skills, writing skills, public speaking skills but did you know of their other talents? LawLawPalooza, an annual event which features talented law students from the University of Florida Levin College of Law School, will be held on Thursday,

March 19, at the Backstage Lounge. The event, hosted by the Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) and the John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA), will commence at 8 p.m. and last until midnight.

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Loan Ranger to conduct workshop: "Defending Florida Residential Foreclosure"



The media has dubbed her the "Foreclosure Killer," the "Angel of Foreclosure" and the "Loan Ranger." Her clients just call her "awesome." On March 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April Charney, a renowned foreclosure defense attorney with the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Inc., will conduct a daylong workshop "Defending Residential Foreclosures" at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Land use and foreclosure

attorneys, students and legal personnel are invited to attend.

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ESPN legal analyst to deliver UF Center for Governmental Responsibility lecture



Legal Analyst Roger Cossack will deliver the annual University of Florida Levin College of Law Center for Governmental Responsibility lecture on "Media and the Law" on Friday, April 3 at 10 a.m. His speech, being held in Holland Hall 180, is free and open to the public. Cossack presently serves as the legal analyst for ESPN, reporting on how the law applies in various ways to sports. He also is distinguished practitioner in residence at

Pepperdine University School of Law, where he teaches a course on media and the law.

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Conservation Clinic helps solve boating issues in Bradenton Beach



The University of Florida Levin College of Law continues to find ways to make a positive impact on the state of Florida. With the help of Tom Ankersen (JD 86) and members of the UF Law's Conservation Clinic, the school was able to help solve an important boating issue in

Bradenton Beach, Fla. "One of the areas that were of particular concern in Bradenton Beach was the anchoring of boats next to the City Pier, which by itself is not a problem, but it often leads to abandoned and derelict vessels, illegal discharges, and safety and "land use" conflicts with shoreside neighbors." Ankersen said. "We learned a lot about this from the 2004-05 hurricanes."

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Alumni Profile: Bruce Bokor



Non-profit organizations can get lost in a sea of legal issues. Tax attorney and double Gator Bruce H. Bokor (JD 72) helps them stay on course. Bokor, a partner in the Pinellas County-based firm Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP, provides a variety of services to non-profits, including assisting new organizations to apply to the Internal Revenue Service and attain tax-exempt status. The most important legal issue faced by non-

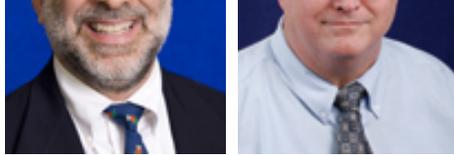
profits is the structuring of gifts, Bokor said.

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Dekle and Seigel talk about murder-for-hire crimes in *St. Petersburg Times*



Professors Dekle and Seigel talked about past experiences prosecuting murder-for-hire crimes in a recent article in the *St. Petersburg Times*. "I've



heard of people killed for as little as a carton of cigarettes," retired prosecutor Bob Dekle said

from Gainesville. He worked out of Lake City for 30 years and prosecuted Ted Bundy. He now teaches at the University of Florida's law school. "I wish I had kept a list," he said, "of all the piddling amounts people killed for." "It's based on the level of sophistication of the players involved," University of Florida law professor and former Tampa federal prosecutor Mike Seigel said. [Faculty Scholarship & Activities»](#)

Upcoming Events

Q & A forum with Career Services March 16

Questions about your resume or job search? Or just want to hear what your friends are asking? Come to this question and answer session on March 16, at noon in 359 HOL with CCS counselor, Kristen Bryant. Find answers to the questions that may be keeping you up at night. Pizza will be generously provided by Phi Alpha Delta.

Careers in International Law March 16

Come hear guest speaker Matthew Wilson, associate dean and general counsel at Temple University in Tokyo, Japan discuss traditional and non-traditional career opportunities in International Law in Florida, the United States and overseas, on March 16, at 4 p.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180).

Public Interest Week kicks off March 17

If you've ever been interested in public interest law or want to know more about it, Public Interest Week is the week for you. The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) kicks off its Annual Public Interest Week Tuesday. Throughout the week, APIL will be holding a series of events that anyone interested in public interest law or social justice should attend. [See the schedule »](#)

Pro Bono Symposium March 17

Come hear current practitioners speak and give their perspectives on why everyone should do pro bono work, on March 17 at noon in 136 BG. The panelists include, George E. "Buddy" Schulz Jr., Holland & Knight; Neil Chonin, Southern Legal Counsel, Inc.; and Marcie Green, Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

The Invisible Weight of Whiteness: The Racial Grammar of Everyday Life in America on March 18

The Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law and The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, present Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, professor of sociology at Duke University for "The Invisible Weight of Whiteness: The Racial Grammar of Everyday Life in America" on March 18, at 1:30 p.m. in Smathers Library (East) Room 1A. Contact Melissa Bamba at bamba@law.ufl.edu or 273-0614.

Alternative Careers for JDs March 18

Considering not practicing law? Interested in seeing what else is out there? Come to the alternative careers session on March 18, at noon in HOL 345, where you can brain storm with CCS counselor Jessie Howell Wallace to discover jobs outside of the traditional practice of law.

JMBA and APIL host LawLawPalooza March 19

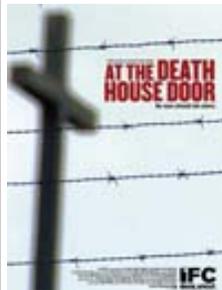
Did you train in classical piano like Rachmaninoff? Can you put on a magic show like David Copperfield? Or are you funny enough to give Dane Cook a run for his money? If so, it's time to share your secret talent with your law school family at LawLawPalooza. JMBA and APIL have teamed up to bring you a variety show on March 19, filled with bands, dancing, singing, comedy sketches, magic, martial arts, step dancing, and so much more! We simply need YOUR talent! All funds raised from ticket prices will be used to support public interest fellowships. Contact Jennifer Hartzler at jennifer.hartzler@gmail.com for more information about performing at LawLawPalooza.

Pro Bono & Community Service Options March 19

CCS counselor Kristen Bryant will explain the why & how of working for free, going over how to participate & receive certificates from the pro bono & community service projects on March 19, at 10 a.m. in HOL 345.

News Briefs

UF Documentary Institute hosts screening of death penalty film



The Documentary Institute at the University of Florida and The Florida Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment cordially invite you to a film screening of *At the Death House Door* on Friday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. in Gannett Auditorium located on the first floor of Weimer Hall. This award-winning documentary takes an intimate look at the death penalty in the state of Texas through the eyes of the Rev. Carroll Pickett, who served 15 years as chaplain for the inmates of the infamous "Walls" prison unit in Huntsville where he witnessed nearly 100 executions. The film, directed by Steve James and Peter Gilbert ("Hoop Dreams") chronicles Pickett's transformation as a death penalty supporter to staunch opponent. [READ MORE»](#)

Music Night 2009 hosted by Dean Jerry



Got a hidden musical talent? Show it off at the upcoming Music Night 2009, to be held Sunday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the home of Dean Bob Jerry and his wife Lisa. All students and faculty are invited -- but the "ticket" to attend is that you must bring a dessert and agree to perform a musical piece (play an instrument or sing a song). A piano will be available. Each participant can bring one guest. Space is limited, so sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, stop by the Dean's Office and see Doris Perron.

Former U.S. Senator and Florida Governor Bob Graham and Former Costa Rican Presidential Candidate and University of Florida Bacardi Eminent Scholar Otton Solis to lecture in Costa Rica Program



Former U.S. Senator Bob Graham who recently established the Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida will join the UF/UCR Costa Rica Program for in class and public lectures in July. Graham has been a champion of environmental policy throughout his career and during

his tenure as Governor began the effort to restore the Greater Everglades Ecosystem. He recently worked with the UF Law Conservation Clinic on a petition to UNESCO to relist Everglades National Park as an endangered World Heritage Site, in part due to climate change, a cause championed by his successor Senator Bill Nelson. Otton Solis is a former minister of planning and the Economy in Costa Rica and founded the Citizen's Action Party of Costa Rica, which rose to challenge the dominant two party system in Costa Rica. Solis lost a closely contested presidential election in 2006. In 2008 he spent a semester at the University of Florida as the Eminent Scholar in Latin American Studies where he taught a course on trade agreements. He will teach a module on trade and the environment in Costa Rica.

ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition teams dominate Boston regional



The respondent team of Dante Trevisani, Charlie Roberson and Rob Davis survived five rounds of competition in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition's Boston Regional. As a result the respondent team will advance to the NAAC Finals in Chicago this April. The respondent team,

coached by Amelia Williams, also won the fifth best brief award for the region. The petitioner's team of Jennifer Jones, Michael Friedman and Andrew Hoffman were ranked first coming out of the preliminary rounds and made it to the final round in the regional competition. The petitioner's team, coached by Ryan Eastmoore, won the second best brief award for the region. Michael Friedman won the third best advocate award and Jennifer Jones won the eighth best advocate award for the region. The issues in this year's competition included the separation of powers, standing, and the president's war powers under the Commander in Chief Clause of the U.S. Constitution. (Photo from left: Michael Friedman, Dante Trevisani, Ryan Eastmoore, Charlie Roberson, Rob Davis, and Jennifer Jones. Not pictured: Andrew Hoffman and Amelia Williams)

Time is running out to apply for financial aid



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. Just go to <http://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.

Military Justice team wins second place



The team of Lorna Cobb, Shelly Garg, Philip Moring and Gustav Schmidt won second place in the Military Justice Moot Court Competition held at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. during the last week of February. This competition focused on an emerging military justice issue and

required competitors to learn provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The team argued in front of current naval military judges, including the chief judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Overall, the competition simulated the Navy JAG experience. Aside from hosting the competition, the Navy provided competitors with the opportunity to operate a flight simulator and tour a Navy frigate ship. (Photo from left: Shelly Garg, Gustav Schmidt, Lorna Cobb, Philip Moring)

Financial aid for Florida Bar prep and exam



Are you making plans to take the Bar and wondering where you will come up with the financing necessary for these out-of-pocket expenses? There are private loan companies who will make Bar exam loans to students who are in their final year of law school.

These loans can be used for a student's living expenses while studying for the Bar, Bar prep classes and other Bar related expenses.

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1-800-984-0190
www.salliemae.com

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1-800-378-5526
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