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Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin moderates the Constitution Day panel featuring (left to right) law Professors Juan Perea, David Hudson, Lea Johnston and Director of the UF Center for Latin American Studies, Philip Williamson, hosted by the law school on Thursday, Sept. 17. (UF Law/ Charles Roop)

## Moot Court Final Four to compete Sept. 25



UF Law students Wilbert Vancol, Olga Butkevich, Christa Diaz and David Hughes (supported by alternate Katie Watt) will argue before a panel of four federal district court judges in the 24th Annual Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe Moot Court Final Four Competition that will take place this Friday.

This year's panel will be comprised of four distinguished federal judges: The Honorable Robert Hinkle, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Florida (Tallahassee); The Honorable William Terrell Hodges, Senior U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida (Ocala); The Honorable Steven D. Merryday, U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida (Tampa); and The Honorable John H. Moore II, Senior U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville).

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## UF Constitution Day examines U.S. immigration policy



The American Dream of Constitutional rights remains elusive for undocumented immigrants, despite the courageous feats and perilous risks they have boldly faced to secure a more hopeful future for themselves and

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## Trivia Central

**CONGRATULATIONS: Matthew Huntley.** You won a golden gator pin for answering last week's trivia question correctly with **ejection**. Pick up your prize in 287 Holland Hall.

### This week's question:

Please answer in the form of a question. Example: What is [insert answer here]?

**A: A repeat criminal offender, convicted of a crime after having been previously convicted.**

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## Career Development

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their families. That is the conclusion of a panel assembled to examine the question during the 2009 University of Florida Constitution Day program, held at the UF Reitz Student Union on Sept. 17. Hosted by the Levin College of Law, the Constitution Day program, "The U.S. Constitution and Undocumented Immigrants," was inspired by the university's Common Reading Program 2009 book selection, *The Devil's Highway*, which chronicles the doomed desert border crossing of a group of 26 South and Central American immigrants.

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## Alumni Profile: Vanessa Buchko



After working for the federal government and a massive corporate law firm in Washington, D. C., Vanessa Buchko (née NesSmith) wanted to get back to one of her original interests. A little over a year ago, Buchko (JD 01) was browsing jobs on [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org) when one jumped out at her. AARP's Legal Counsel for the Elderly was looking for a full-time attorney for Project HELP, the Homebound Elderly Project. It turned out to be the perfect job for Buchko. "I knew when I was in school that I wanted to do public interest work in general, but I didn't have a very clear focus as to what type of work would be best for me," Buchko said. "Trying different jobs helped me figure out what I wanted to do with my career and brought me back to public interest."

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## UF Law welcomes new faculty and staff



UF Law would like to welcome new faculty and staff to the law school community: Rob Birrenkott, assistant director for career development, Mike Davis, online communications coordinator, and Shalini Ray, visiting legal skills professor.

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## Historic real property treatise transformed into desk reference



In 1949, Richard Powell, a Columbia law professor and expert on real property law, published the first volume of his treatise, *Powell on Real Property*. Sixty years and 17 volumes later this historic and widely used resource has been condensed into *Powell on Real Property: Michael Allan Wolf Desk Edition* (LexisNexis 2009). Wolf, the University of Florida Levin College of Law Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government and general editor of the treatise since 2000, has worked with other real property law experts, including UF law Professor Danaya Wright, to provide law professionals and real estate practitioners with a comprehensive guide to the American law of real property.

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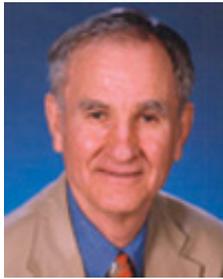
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## Faculty Scholarship and Activities



*Sept. 10, 2009, Pensacola News Journal*  
Little provides a perspective into the motivation of parents to maintain its school prayer despite court orders. This is why, despite 50 years worth of court cases and U.S. Supreme Court decisions, the argument persists, said Joe Little. "These are people who are deeply invested and deem this to be deeply important," he said in a telephone interview Thursday. "I think it's deeply

important. Maybe each little skirmish is not, but the ongoing balance is." Little said these battles bring together communities, like Pace, where residents believe their very way of life and their culture are threatened by outside forces. "There is no question that decisions such as these and disputes such as these that change long-standing practices do forever change the character and the role of the school in the community," he said.

[More faculty scholarship & activities »](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### **Volunteer Fair, Sept. 21**

Come down to the courtyard on Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. to meet representatives of local agencies interested in student volunteers, including Three Rivers Legal Services, Southern Legal Counsel, Florida Institutional Legal Services, and Alachua County Teen Court. Many hours donated at these agencies count towards your pro bono certificate. Kristen Bryant, pro bono project coordinator will also be table to answer questions.

#### **Spring 2010 Study Abroad in London - Applications due Sept. 21**

Applications for the London Law Consortium study abroad program, Jan. 11 – April 30, 2010 at Florida State University London Study Center are due to Michelle Ocepek [ocepek@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ocepek@law.ufl.edu) in Student Affairs no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21. Program booklets, which include the application and requirements, are available at the Student Affairs receptionist desk. For more information visit <http://www.law.uiowa.edu/academics/london/index.php> or <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/index.shtml>

#### **Public Interested? Learn about public interest law Sept. 22**

Speak with UF Law alumni Jorge Tormes ('07) and Patricia Antonucci ('08) from Three Rivers Legal Services and attorneys from Southern Legal Counsel on Sept. 22, at noon in HOL 345, about how to make a career of public interest work, the benefits it can offer, and the obstacles that can be encountered. Pizza will be provided by the CCD.

#### **3Ls Only! Employment Market with Dean Jerry Sept. 23**

Join Dean Jerry at 11 a.m. on Sept. 23, in HOL 180 as he gives his take on the economic conditions now present in the legal market, and what they mean to you. He will also share his thoughts on steps to take to deal with that market. Sandwiches provided by the CCD.

#### **Moot Court Final Four Sept. 25**

The Final Four competitors will showcase their oral argument skills this Friday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. in the Chesterfield Smith

Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180). All law students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend. It is expected to be a full house, so please plan to arrive early. Cell phones must be turned off or in silent mode. Come out to watch these outstanding oralists argue Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues, as well as Sixth Amendment jury impartiality issues.

### **Got Etiquette? Sept. 29**

Come enjoy a three-course meal with Catie Witherspoon, a consultant with Skalaski Consulting, on Sept. 29, at 5:45 p.m. at the Hillel House. Learn about proper etiquette during an interview or reception, breaking into an ongoing conversation, and connecting other professionals. In this economy, it is vital you set yourself apart from the rest. We can show you how! Hosted by UF FAWL and the Center for Career Development and co-sponsored by JMBA. Pick up tickets in the JMBA office for \$14.

### **Eco-Run 5K benefiting the 2010 PIEC Oct. 10**

The Eco-Run 5K is an annual run/walk fundraiser event benefiting the student-run Public Interest Environmental Conference. The Eco-Run 5K will be held at the University of Florida Levin College of Law on Oct. 10, at 8 a.m. Registrants are encouraged to sign-up in advance by completing and turning in a registration form either by mail or in person. For more information visit <http://www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/events.shtml>.

## **News Briefs**

### **Hispanic professors commemorate beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month**



Sept. 15, 2009 marked the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month. In celebration of this day the Hispanic Latino/a Law Student Association organized a faculty panel event, where Hispanic food and beverages were provided. The esteemed panel consisted of Professors Hernandez, Malavet,

Perea and Sokol. The panel discussed their experiences as Hispanic attorneys in practice and academia. Each professor addressed their personal views and experiences, which exemplified the mixed culture of Hispanic and Latinos in the United States. The panel addressed stereotypes and gave students tips on how to overcome these stereotypes. Additionally, the professors discussed the importance of speaking multiple languages and how to market yourself to employers. This event also celebrated the universities national ranking as the number eight law school in the nation for Hispanics to attend. H.L.L.S.A. would like to thank our panel for taking the time to share their experiences and wisdom with future Hispanic and Latino attorneys. Photo: (left to right) Professor Hernandez, Perea, Malavet, and Sokol.

### **Florida Bar to begin checking out applicants' Facebook pages**



The Florida Bar has signed off on a proposal to begin checking social media sites such as Facebook and MySpace as a part of their background check procedures. Applicants would not have to give bar examiners access to their



passwords and the sites would be checked on a case-by-case basis. [Read the complete story »](#)

### **Applications for spring 2010 Florida Supreme Court externship are now available**



Applications for the spring 2010 Florida Supreme Court externship are now available. The externship is five credits and you will work at the Florida Supreme Court during spring 2010. Contact Professor Tim McLendon in CGR, 230 Bruton-Geer Hall or 273-0835, for more information.

### **Research fellow opening in Center on Children & Families**



The Center on Children & Families has a research fellow position available in the area of juvenile law/juvenile justice, beginning during fall 2009 and continuing into spring 2010. The primary focus of this position will be in assisting with the preparations for the spring 2010 juvenile justice conference in February 2010, as well as the scholarship project and other projects that emerge from the conference. This is a paid research assistant position that will require approximately 10 hours per week. The student will be supervised by Professor Nancy Dowd. The application deadline is Sept. 23. Interested students should submit a letter stating your interest in juvenile law as well as any related course work or experience, and a resume. You can bring a hard copy to Debbie Willis in HOL 368A or e-mail [willisd@law.ufl.edu](mailto:willisd@law.ufl.edu).

### **The Journal of Technology Law and Policy welcomes new members**



The Journal of Technology Law and Policy congratulates and welcomes its newest members: Allan Gregory, Ashley Kellgren, Brent Capley,

Cassy O'Donnell, Christie Wang, Christina Blood, Christopher First, Eric Feld, Jamie Isicoff, Jared Beckerman, Jennifer Levine, Jon DiRico, Jonathan Werner, Katie Kellam, Lana Wilson, Leslie Owen, Marissa Holloway, Matt Hall, Michael Kassower, Megan Wantland, Miriam Cortes, Nicole Fluet, Robert Gravois, Seth Haimovitch, and Stephen Lott. Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's competition. If you have any questions about the journal, please contact Logan Gans at [legans@ufl.edu](mailto:legans@ufl.edu).

### **John Atkinson wins LexisNexis 1L book reimbursement raffle**



Congratulations to John Atkinson for being the first winner of LexisNexis' 1L \$600 book reimbursement raffle. Ten lucky 1Ls also received either an Understanding Series Study Aid or 1000 Lexis points. There will be another raffle in this semester,

and Lexis encourages all 1Ls to participate. To enter, follow these simple steps: 1. Sign onto LexisNexis at [www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool); 2. Print any Lexis Case Brief (i.e. 248 ny 339); 3. Put cover sheet with your name in the raffle entry box (located on Lexis table in cafeteria); 4. Be present for raffle drawing (date TBA). For more information, contact Bonita Young at [bonita.young@lexisnexis.com](mailto:bonita.young@lexisnexis.com) or talk to one of the Lexis representatives at the Lexis table in the law school cafeteria.

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