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Moot Court competitors Olga Butkevich and David Hughes look on as Christa Diaz presents her argument during Friday's Moot Court Final Four. Diaz and partner Wilbert Vancol, the petitioners, were declared the winning side. Hughes was named best overall competitor. (UF Law/ Charles Roop)

Federalist Society and Healthcare Law Society speaker discusses healthcare reform



Armed with a barrage of statistics, graphs, and facts, David A. Hyman, Richard and Marie L. Corman Professor of Law and professor of medicine at the University of Illinois, as well as one of the nation's premiere health law scholars, addressed an audience at the Levin College of Law on Sept. 23, regarding the much-hyped Healthcare Reform Bill. Hyman asked the ubiquitous question, posed on every news outlet nationwide regarding healthcare reform: what do we know, and where should we go from here? The answer, he said, is not a public health option.

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Student Profile: Christie Sanders



While many UF Law students had various experiences during their first law school summer, part of Christie Sanders' summer would make many other law students jealous. Sanders (3L), who was a Hollywood stunt double before law school, filmed the recently

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Trivia Central

CONGRATULATIONS: Alena Haurykava. You won a golden gator pin for answering last week's trivia question correctly with **recidivist**. 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: Oral evidence given under oath by a witness in answer to questions posed by attorneys at trial or at a deposition.

[E-mail my answer](#)

Career Development

released *A Perfect Getaway*, doubling Kiele Sanchez. She found herself in an interesting scene that many of her friends have asked about.

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Support the local community by giving to the UF Community Campaign



The Gator Nation has a long history of caring and compassion. Giving back to our community is as much a UF tradition as graduating future leaders and winning national championships. "This year more than any other, our community needs the Gator Nation's help," reported University of Florida Levin College of Law Dean Robert Jerry, UFCC General Campaign Chairman.

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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

Java with Jessie Sept. 28

Royal Park Starbucks, 3:30pm, the last Monday of every month, starting Sept. 28. Opportunity to meet with a counselor and your fellow classmates in a neutral and informal setting to share ideas for achieving career success.

International Law and the Conflicting Political Scenarios in Latin America Sept. 29

Please join the International Law Society as it welcomes Professor Atilla Andrade to speak this coming Tuesday, Sept. 29, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Professor Andrade (JSD Yale 77, LLM Yale 72) is a well-published and esteemed attorney of international and Brazilian law and is senior partner at Advocacia Attila de Souza Leao Andrade Jr., based in Sao Paulo. Professor Andrade will be discussing "International Law and the Conflicting Political Scenarios in Latin America." There will be time for questions and refreshments will be served.

Energy Law Sept. 29.

Join us on Sept. 29, at noon in HOL 345, and learn about opportunities in the expanding field of energy law. Guest speaker, Frederick M. Bryant, Esq. has 39 years of experience in this arena and is coming to campus to share his insights. Bryant is currently the general counsel for the Florida Municipal Power Agency. His experience has touched on all aspects of energy law including litigation, transactional work and lobbying.

Read the CCD BUZZ each week for a quick synopsis of programming, recruiting, networking and volunteer and "SHIP" opportunities available to you.

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Got Etiquette? Sept. 29

Come enjoy a three-course meal with Julie Fleming, 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.

"School Vouchers: The Case Against Public Schools" Sept. 30

The Federalist Society invites you to attend "School Vouchers: Destroy the Public Schools, Save America's Children" with Clark Neily, senior attorney, Institute for Justice and commentary by Professor Lyrissa Lidsky, professor of law and Stephen C. O'Connell Chair, University of Florida Levin College of Law, on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at noon in HOL 345. A Q&A session will follow. This event is open to the public. Free food will be provided.

"The History of Healthcare in America" Sept. 30

As part of The Healthcare Law Society's first annual healthcare law professional lecture series, Dean Jerry, our new faculty advisor, will present "The History of Healthcare in America." It will take place next Wednesday, Sept. 30, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom.

Extern in D.C. via University of Arizona Oct. 1

On Thursday, Oct. 1, at noon in Bailey Courtroom, Scott Knittle, Esq. of the Washington Center is coming to campus to speak to 2Ls and 3Ls about visiting student/externship opportunities in Washington, D.C. Find out how you can get a first-hand view of the policy and legal practice in the nation's capital and develop connections and experience often sought by potential employers.

View From the Bench Oct. 1

Sponsored by the North Central Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Thursday, Oct. 1, from 1-5 p.m. in the Gainesville U.S. Courthouse. Reception at 5 p.m. Ten students will be able to attend the reception, a great opportunity to meet and interact with the presenting federal judges. If interested, please send an e-mail to careers@law.ufl.edu by 3 p.m. on Sept. 29. Seminar from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Best Practices in Writing and Oral Arguments before the Court with U.S. Circuit Judge Charles R. Wilson, Senior U.S. District Judge William F. Stafford and U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones. Developments in the Northern District of Florida and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Stephan P. Mickle. Basic Appellate Practice: Tips for New Appellate Practitioners and Trial Lawyers, Steven L. Brannock, Esq. Reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the close of the seminar. Law student cost is \$20 before Sept. 28 and \$25 thereafter. Registration forms available in the CCD.

Considering Solo? Oct. 6

3Ls, are you considering going solo? You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from practitioners and learn about the benefits and challenges associated with their experiences. The program will take place on Oct. 6, at noon in HOL 270.

Benefit for Florida Bat Conservancy Oct. 9

On Oct. 9, Gainesville's Heart of Darkness Club will be holding a benefit for the Florida Bat Conservancy. All proceeds from the

night will go to helping wild bat colonies in Florida. There will be a silent auction and club night. Admission is \$5, and is limited to persons 18 and up. The event will be held at the Attic, upstairs from the Venue, 233 W. University Ave. For more information visit www.floridabats.org or <http://heartofdarknessclub.org>.

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>.

JMBA law school block at Gator Growl Oct. 16

You can sit with your law friends at the world's largest student run production featuring legendary SNL star Dana Carvey, the band O.A.R. and the winner of America's Best Dance Crew, the Jabbawockeez. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for non-students and are sold in the JMBA office until Oct. 5. Gator Growl is Friday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. For more information visit www.gatorgrowl.org or ask a JMBA section representative.

Centennial Homecoming Barbecue Oct. 16

Reconnect with your UF Law family and be our guest during the UF Law Centennial Celebration following UF's Homecoming Parade Friday, Oct. 16, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard. Enjoy barbecue chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, dinner roll and tea. Gator fans, large and small, will enjoy special appearances by Gator mascots Albert & Alberta. Barbecue dinners are free for UF Law alumni, students, faculty and staff. All food is on a first-come, first-served basis and registration in advance is necessary for complimentary meals. Walk-up and/or extra-guest dinners are \$8 each. RSVP to rsvp@law.ufl.edu. For more information contact Lindy Brounley at 352-273-0655 or brounley@law.ufl.edu.

News Briefs

ABA Section on Taxation 2009 Law Student Tax Challenge

The Young Lawyers Forum of the ABA Section on Taxation has released the problem for the 2009 Law Student Tax Challenge. An alternative to traditional moot court competitions, the Law Student Tax Challenge asks two-person teams of students to solve a cutting-edge and complex business problem that might arise in everyday tax practice. Teams competing in the Law Student Tax Challenge will be evaluated on two criteria: a memorandum to a senior partner and a letter to the client explaining the result. Based on these criteria, six teams from the J.D. division and four teams from the LL.M. division will receive a free trip (including airfare and accommodations for two nights) for the section's 2009 mid-year meeting in San Antonio, Texas, where they will defend their submissions before a panel of some of the country's top tax lawyers. In addition, the top placing teams receive cash prizes. UF can enter as many separate teams as want to participate. Each team must consist of two (2) students, and must have a faculty sponsor. The faculty sponsor may instruct the student team members on proper research techniques and provide general advice. The faculty sponsor may also comment on the proper structure of a memorandum and client letter, but may not help to draft, proofread, or edit the written work product of the student team

members. You do not need to have taken a tax class to compete, however it is recommended. For more information, including the problem and rules, visit www.abanet.org/tax/lstc/home.html

Nov. 13, 2009: Written Submissions Due

Dec. 21, 2009: Semi-Finalists Notified

Jan. 22, 2010: Oral Rounds at Section of Taxation Mid-year Meeting

Second and third year student scholarship applications available



Available scholarships for second- and third-year law students are now available and listed along with eligibility requirements on the Financial Aid Bulletin Board on the concourse and on our [Web site](#).

(Current scholarship recipients are not eligible.) Applications can be obtained from the Office of

Student Affairs, 164 Holland Hall (rack by front door) and must be returned by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9. Awards will be made by the end of the fall semester.

Lott wins FJIL case comment competition



Florida Journal of International Law (FJIL) is proud to announce Stephen Lott as the winner of its 2009-2010 Case Comment Competition. Stephen's case comment titled, "Gandara v. Bennet: Does the 11th Circuit's Decision Presage the Future of Article 36 in American Jurisprudence?" will be published in an upcoming issue of FJIL.

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.