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Vancol and Diaz victorious in Moot Court Final Four



Moot Court Final Four competitors Wilbert Vancol, Olga Butkevich, Christa Diaz and David Hughes (supported by alternate Katie Watt) spent weeks preparing to argue before four federal judges, including federal District Judge Robert Hinkle, Senior District Judge William Terrell Hodges,

District Judge Steven D. Merryday, and Senior District Judge John H. Moore II. Coached and supported by fellow Moot Court members and faculty advisors, the final four were well-prepared to argue before the esteemed panel of judges.

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UF Law summer program in Cape Town, South Africa



UF Law will now be offering our annual South Africa program this coming summer from June 10 - July 10, 2009. This ABA-accredited six credit study abroad opportunity will consist of three two-credit courses: Law and Politics in South Africa (Prof. Nunn), Comparative Constitutional Law (Prof. Rush),

and Introduction to South African Law (Prof. Paleker & other South African professors).

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Trivia Central

CONGRATULATIONS: Andres Healy. You won a golden gator pin for answering last week's trivia question correctly with **testimony**. 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: Reference to a lawsuit in which either party or various causes of action (claims based on different legal theories) are improperly joined together in the same suit.

[E-mail my answer](#)

Career Development

UF Law First Amendment expert pens *Meaning in Law: A Theory of Speech*



Developing a legal theory around the meaning of a single word chosen more than two centuries ago by the framers of the Constitution's First Amendment is the subject of a new book by UF Law professor and First Amendment expert Charles Collier. *Meaning in Law: A Theory of Speech* (Oxford University Press) is broadly interdisciplinary and employs philosophy and linguistics to focus on symbolic speech, which

lies at the important definitional boundary between speech in the full sense and that which is not speech at all.

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Andrade addresses new democracy in Latin America



The new democracy spreading throughout Latin America is not democracy at all, according to Professor Atilla Andrade Jr. Andrade spoke Tuesday about the political climate in Latin America in an event sponsored by the International Law Society. Andrade addressed the situation in Honduras in which former president Manuel Zelaya attempted to change the Honduran Constitution to let him stay in office longer.

Earlier this year Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez got rid of term limits completely.

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Neily defends public school voucher system



Clark Neily, senior attorney with the Institute for Justice, presented his case at the Levin College of Law on Sept. 29, for why the public school system should incorporate vouchers to permit parents more latitude in school choice. Neily's presentation was followed by commentary from UF

Law professor Lyrissa Lidsky. "The unifying theme for all of this... is basically the idea that the government should stay out of people's lives as much as possible and people should have as much of a choice in how they go about their lives as they can," Neily explained.

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Malavet elected to membership in American Law Institute



Malavet was elected to membership in the American Law Institute. He is one of the 11 members of the faculty who are ALI members, according to the ALI Web site. Keep up with what faculty are writing about and saying each week in FlaLaw by reading about their scholarship and activities, as well as their

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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Upcoming Events

Call Out Against Domestic Violence Oct. 5-29

The Family Law Society (FLS) will be collecting old cell phones and their accompanying chargers for victims of domestic violence. Even though a cell phone is disconnected, it is still capable of calling 911 in case of an emergency. Since many victims do not have cell phones, your old phone may help save a life. So please "Call Out Against Domestic Violence" by bringing your old cell phones to our box in the lobby of the library from Oct. 5-29.

Law School Mentoring Project information sessions Oct. 5 & 6

The 2009-2010 Law School Mentoring Project is starting again. We need 130 law students to participate in the program this year. The student population at Caring and Sharing Learning School is growing, and so is the need for mentors who want to make a positive and lasting impact on the children there. Caring and Sharing is a charter elementary school that has been rated as an "F" school by the State of Florida in previous years. The goal of the mentoring project is to give personalized attention to each child in order to assist them with mastering curriculum concepts, and also to help them develop life skills by encouraging and inspiring them to work hard and dream big. This is an easy, fun, and very fulfilling way to make a difference and get your community service certificate. Only one hour a week is required. There will be informational sessions Monday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. in HOL 284 and Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. in HOL 283. Please e-mail any questions to Sarah Hensen at UFLawMentoringProject@gmail.com.

3L's Only: Considering Going Solo? Oct. 6

3L's, are you considering going solo? You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from attorney Karen Specie, and learn about the benefits and challenges associated with her experience going solo. Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson will also be on hand to discuss the resources available on solo practice through the CCD. Bonita Young will also speak on how Lexis Nexis can assist you in setting up a solo practice. The program will take place on Oct. 6, at noon in HOL 270. Pizza generously provided by Lexis.

UF LAW – JMBA March for Babies team kickoff Oct. 6

Come out to the UF LAW – JMBA March for Babies team kickoff on Oct. 6, at noon in HOL 382. Learn about the mission of the March of Dimes, Gators March for Babies, and what you can do to help. Everyone in attendance will be registered to win one of many giveaways, including a men's Lacoste shirt (valued at \$100), a ladies UF perfume & Brighton leather sunglass case (valued at \$100), a University of Florida Levin College of Law t-shirt from Wilbert's, and more. This year, Gators March for Babies will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. Join Coach Urban and Shelley Meyer for the 5K run/walk that will begin at Turlington Plaza. If you would like to register for the team prior to the kickoff, just go to www.marchforbabies.org/teams/uflaw and sign up today.

2L & 3Ls Cover Letter Workshop Oct. 7

A well written cover letter can be the difference between a

resume that gets attention and one that is thrown away unread. How are your letters stacking up to the competition? Join the CCD on Oct. 7, at noon in HOL 345 to discuss ways to improve your cover letters to highlight your best skills and accomplishments. The discussion will also include tips on utilizing your cover letters for targeted mailings to research opportunities in the cities you want to work.

Discovering you ideal career through self-assessment Oct. 8

Hear speaker Dr. Martha Peters, author of *Juris Types*, on Oct. 8, in HOL 345 at 11 a.m. for 2Ls & 3Ls and HOL 270 at 1 p.m. for 1Ls. This program will help students better target their career search. Many students are not sure what they would like to do, and many alumni are not happy with their jobs because during law school they did not take the time to identify their values and learn about the type of work environments in which they will thrive and find career satisfaction. Dr. Peters will help you identify what is going to make you happy and what is going to be rewarding and fulfilling for you. Dr. Peters will also have some availability to meet individually with students to talk about their MBTI and options.

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 Jabbawoockeez. 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.

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APIL fundraising for scholarships

The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) kicks off their semester fundraising for the APIL scholarship with the annual Mustache Bash and Just Games! professor auction. If you are interested in participating in the facial hair event of the century, look for APIL in the courtyard this week. Both events are designed to help students and faculty interact in a fun way, while earning money for the scholarships. All law students are eligible for the APIL scholarships, which are awarded to students in the summer for internships that are unpaid and do not earn class credits.

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.

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.