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On Wednesday, Oct. 7, the UF Jewish Law Student Association (JLSA) hosted "Sukkah in the Courtyard" to celebrate the week long Jewish holiday Sukkot. Rabbi Berl Goldman (left) from the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center helps Florida kicker and 1L Jonathan Phillips (right) say a blessing over the Four Kinds (an "etrog," a "lulav," three myrtle branches, and two willow branches).

## Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture in Family Law this Wednesday



The Center for Children and Families is delighted to sponsor the 4th annual Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture in Family Law on Oct. 14, at noon in HOL 382. Professor Sanford Katz of Boston College will deliver the lecture titled, "The Family Law World of Walter Weyrauch." Professor Katz describes his talk at length in the abstract attached to this message, but briefly, he will focus on the changes in family law from the beginning of

Walter's career to the end, an era of enormous remarkable change that is still ongoing. As many of you know, Professor Katz was a member of this faculty before moving on to BC, and he and Walter Weyrauch were longtime friends as well as family law colleagues. We hope you will attend the lecture and the reception following in the faculty dining room. On the morning of the lecture Professor Katz will also be our special guest at tea time.

## Trial Team Final Four Thursday, Oct. 15



The University of Florida Trial Team invites all students, faculty, and alumni in the area to attend

## Upcoming Events

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## Trivia Central

**CONGRATULATIONS: Jennifer White.** You won a golden gator pin for answering last week's trivia question correctly with **multifarious**. 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: The crime of intentionally lying after being duly sworn by a notary public, court clerk or other official.**

[E-mail my answer](#)

## Career Development

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

CCD BUZZ



the annual Trial Team Final Four Competition on Thursday, Oct. 15. The trial of *Elliot Farnsworth v. Serenity Caskets Inc.* will be argued by Vanessa Goodwin and

Robert Hogan for the Plaintiff and Jessica Kennedy and Michael Quintero for the Defense. Justice Jorge Labarga will be presiding. The Final Four Competition will begin at 2 p.m. in Bailey Courtroom.

## Veronica Musa argues for immigration detention center reform



A packed Bailey Courtroom silently stared at the projector screen as tears flowed down June Everett's face. In the video, Everett was trying to keep herself composed as she detailed to the House Subcommittee on Immigration how her sister died while being detained by Immigrations and

Customs Enforcement, or ICE. "She died because the American system failed her," Everett said in a strained voice. "A system that failed her. A system that needs fixing. Now."

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## Tax judge gives view from the bench to Graduate Tax program



"Imagine, if you will, a court packed with people, waiting for the judge to come in. Some are dressed in suits, others are in various states, and I mean various states of undress. Disputes range from a Fortune 100 company with implications of over \$1 million to income tax disputes of less than

\$1,000. Welcome to Tax Court." It was with these words that tax Judge Paige Marvel began her address on Friday to the Graduate Tax program. Marvel, who was invited to speak as part of the Enrichment Speaker Series, spent the morning giving the view from the bench of what she described as "really, a people's court."

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## Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Summer 2010 Yegelwel Fellowship



The Fellowship provides a \$4,000 stipend to a UF Law student to participate in a Summer Fellowship Program at the Anti-Defamation League, Florida Regional Office in Boca Raton. A generous gift from UF Law alumnus Evan Yegelwel, who graduated in 1980, has made this Fellowship possible. Mr.

Yegelwel is a partner in the Jacksonville, Florida law firm of Brown, Terrell, Hogan, Ellis, McClamma, and Yegelwel.

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## Was *Lawrence v. Texas* the worst Supreme Court decision of all time?



Considering the thousands of cases the Supreme Court has decided, it would be nearly impossible to decide one was the worst opinion ever. But Nelson Lund, Patrick Henry Professor of Constitutional Law and the Second Amendment George Mason University School of Law, argued on Wednesday that it might be *Lawrence v. Texas*, in which the court struck down a statute prohibiting consensual homosexual sex.

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## Libraries to hold activities to support Open Access Week, Oct. 19-23



The George A. Smathers Libraries is planning a week of activities in support of Open Access (OA). Open Access is a growing international movement that uses the Internet to throw open the locked doors that once hid knowledge. It encourages the unrestricted sharing of research results with everyone, everywhere, for the advancement and enjoyment of science and society. All programs are free and open to the public. [READ MORE»](#)

## Dowd comments on same-sex legal rights



*Oct. 6, 2009, Sarasota Herald Tribune and Tampa Tribune*

Dowd provided her legal opinion on the difficulties of seeking assets based on same sex partnership. Read broadly, that could undermine legal claims for palimony, said University of Florida law professor and family law expert Nancy Dowd. Same-sex legal claims are especially vulnerable because "Florida has been pretty antagonistic to recognizing rights for same-sex couples," Dowd said. "If there is a business relationship, it wouldn't matter the sexual orientation of the partners," Dowd added.

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## Upcoming Events

### L.A.W. "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Oct. 12 & 24

The Law Association for Women (L.A.W.) is putting together a team for the American Cancer Society walk, "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." This walk raises awareness and money for research to help find a cure for breast cancer. The walk takes place on Oct. 24. If you would like to be a part of the walk, or if you would like to be part of the fund raising effort, join our team

by going to our [Web site](#). Also, join the cause by eating ice cream! Come to Sweet Dreams on Monday, Oct. 12, and the proceeds will go to support breast cancer research.

#### **Clinic informational meeting Oct. 14**

Interested in counseling clients, advising government agencies regarding policies, or even doing a jury trial? You should look closely at one of the law school's excellent clinic programs. Clinics offer the rare law school opportunity to apply classroom theory in a practice setting while learning valuable lawyering skills. Students are closely supervised by one of our highly experienced clinical professors/ practitioners. In a number of the clinics, students gain valuable experience collaborating with social workers, mental health and family counselors, environmental and land use professionals or dispute resolution experts. For more details about the clinics please read the attached "[Clinics in a Nutshell](#)" following the application. Please note that the Child Welfare Clinic will not be offered as a clinic during Spring 2010. Child Welfare will be offered as an Externship. There will be a Clinic Information meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Clinic offers will be emailed on Oct. 30, by 5 p.m., and you will be requested to respond within 48 hours if you intend to accept the offer. Upon acceptance, you will be automatically registered. The final stop will be to go to the Clinics and complete your CLI application paperwork by Nov. 13.

#### **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.

#### **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](mailto:rsvp@law.ufl.edu). For more information contact Lindy Brounley at 352-273-0655 or [brounley@law.ufl.edu](mailto:brounley@law.ufl.edu).

#### **Death Penalty Talk at Law School Oct. 24**

Christopher Hill, State Strategies Coordinator with the ACLU's Capital Punishment Project, will give a talk titled, "Strange Fruit, Exonerations, and Innocence: Florida and the Death Penalty" on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7 pm in Room 270. Free food and prizes will be given away. The talk is sponsored by the ACLU and Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

#### **First District Court Appeals in session at law school Oct. 27-28**

A panel of the First District Court of Appeal will be sitting in session here at the law school on Oct. 27-28. The panel will hear oral arguments each morning from 9 until noon. Students and faculty are encouraged to observe the arguments.

### **Library holding student appreciation prize drawing on Oct. 29**

The library will have a student appreciation prize drawing on Oct. 29. Many students who have taken an "official" tour or who have used the library this semester have been entered in the raffle. Many strange and fun prizes will be given away. Students who want to enter the drawing can come to the reference desk and ask for a library tour and an entry card. If you've been using the library to do research for a class, for a paper, for law review or a journal, for a job, or any other reason, you've earned an entry card -- come to see Patti Morgan, Jessica de Perio Wittman, or Elizabeth Outler, and tell them how you've been using the library and sign up for the drawing.

### **Glasser Barbecue Nov. 3**

The Levin College of Law is holding a free barbecue for all students, faculty and staff on Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Schott Courtyard. The food is from Hill's Bar-B-Que in Gainesville. The event is sponsored by the Gene K. And Elaine Glasser Endowment. The Glassers, who are both UF alumni, also brought us last year's barbecue. They hope the events will sponsor a greater sense of community at the law school. "The law school education I received at the University of Florida has greatly influenced my professional and personal life, creating lasting memories with my friends," said Gene Glasser, a Fort Lauderdale attorney who received his Juris Doctor from UF in 1972. Please come and enjoy the food on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

## **News Briefs**

### **Students receive book awards for academic excellence**



Students, faculty and friends of the law school gathered in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom Oct. 9, to honor book award recipients for the spring semester. Presented every semester, book awards recognize the top performers in each class, and give alumni a chance to

support academic excellence at the UF Levin College of Law. More than 100 students were honored for their performance in classes in the spring. Multiple award winners included William Bagwell, Tiffany Converse, Crystal Espinosa, Christopher First, McCabe Harrison, Andres Healy, Ashley Kellgren, Steven McGinley, Kristina Mobley, Dwayne Robinson, Matthew Schroeder, Richard Sharbaugh, Rafal Strzalkowski, and Nickisha Webb.

• [See full list of winners](#)

### **Reward offered for information on hit-and-run near law school**

Anyone with information on a hit-and-run accident near the law school are being asked to contact UF police at 392-1111. The victims, a UF graduate student and his wife, are offering a cash reward for details that provide positive identification of the vehicle's driver. According to the UF police report and a related article in the *Gainesville Sun*, the accident occurred at about 9 p. m. Friday, Sept. 25, in the area of Woodlawn Street and Fraternity Row as men in a blue-gray, four-door Hyundai SUV turned right onto Woodlawn Street. The men heckled the woman, who turned around on her bicycle to confront them, then the SUV accelerated and drove off, catching the bicycle and dragging her

along with it. The SUV then hit her husband's bicycle as he was coming back through the crosswalk to help her. The 32-year-old woman is several months' pregnant and had to be examined to make sure she and her baby were all right.

#### **New members of UF Supreme Court**

Congratulations to 2L David Nigliazzo, who was selected by Student Body President Jordan Johnson to serve as an associate justice on the Supreme Court of the student body. Nigliazzo was selected from a candidate pool of well over 50 upper-class law students and he will serve through his date of graduation. Congratulations are also due to 1L Daniel Cardenal, who was selected by the current members of the court to serve as the clerk of the court for the 2009-2010 term. Cardenal was selected from a candidate pool of over 20 first year law students. He will assist the members of the court in their duties and in reaching their decisions.

#### **Trial Team congratulates new members**

The UF Trial Team congratulates its newest members: James Baley, Vanessa Goodwin, Erik Gruber, Robert Hogan, Jessica Kennedy, Jennifer Leitner, Rhett Parker, Jason Parnell, Michael Quintero, Henrique Ramos, Dillon Roberts, Brian Rush, Guichard St. Surin, Jennifer White, and Brian Wolf. Also, congratulations to the final four competitors: Vanessa Goodwin and Robert Hogan for the plaintiff and Jessica Kennedy and Michael Quintero for the defendant.