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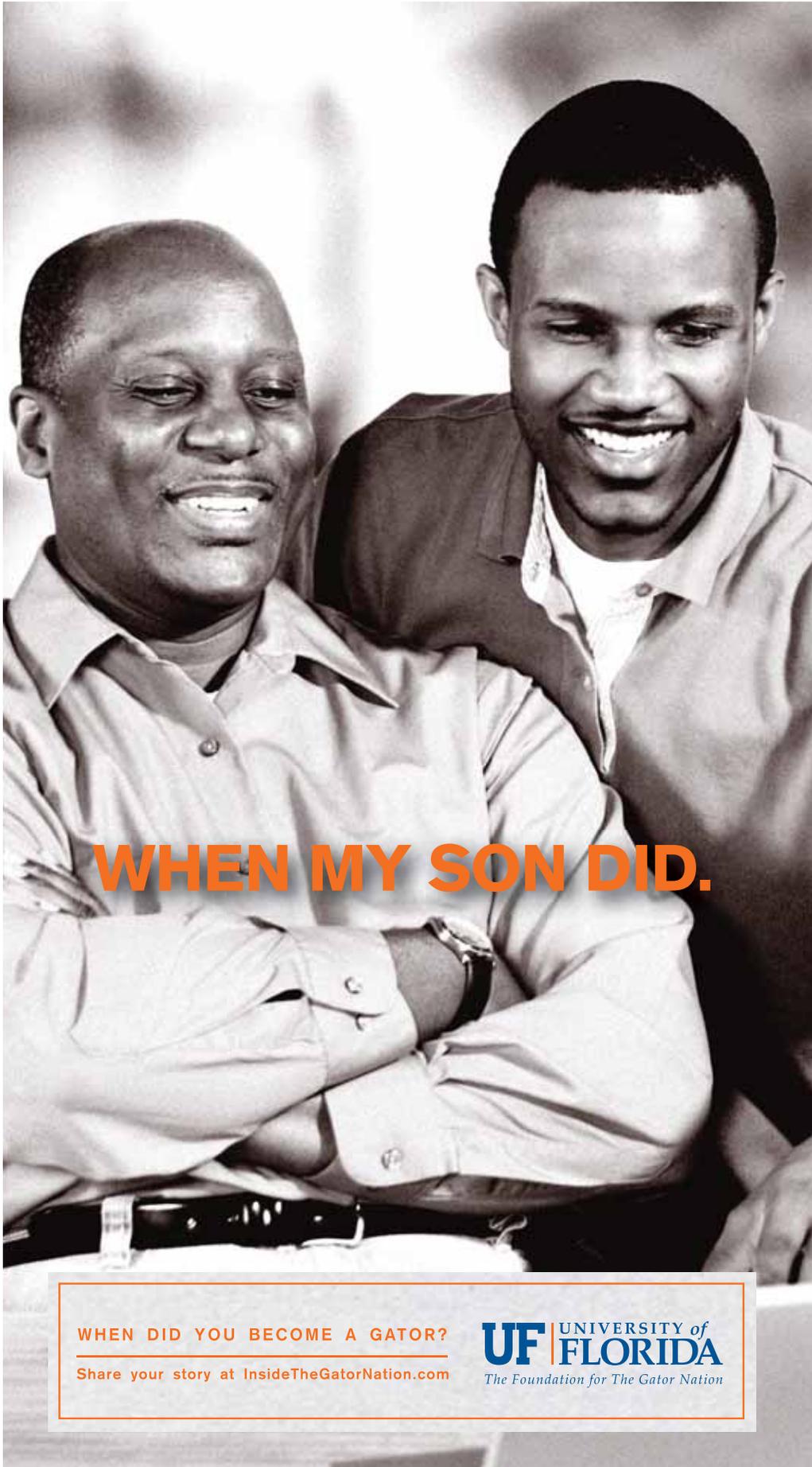
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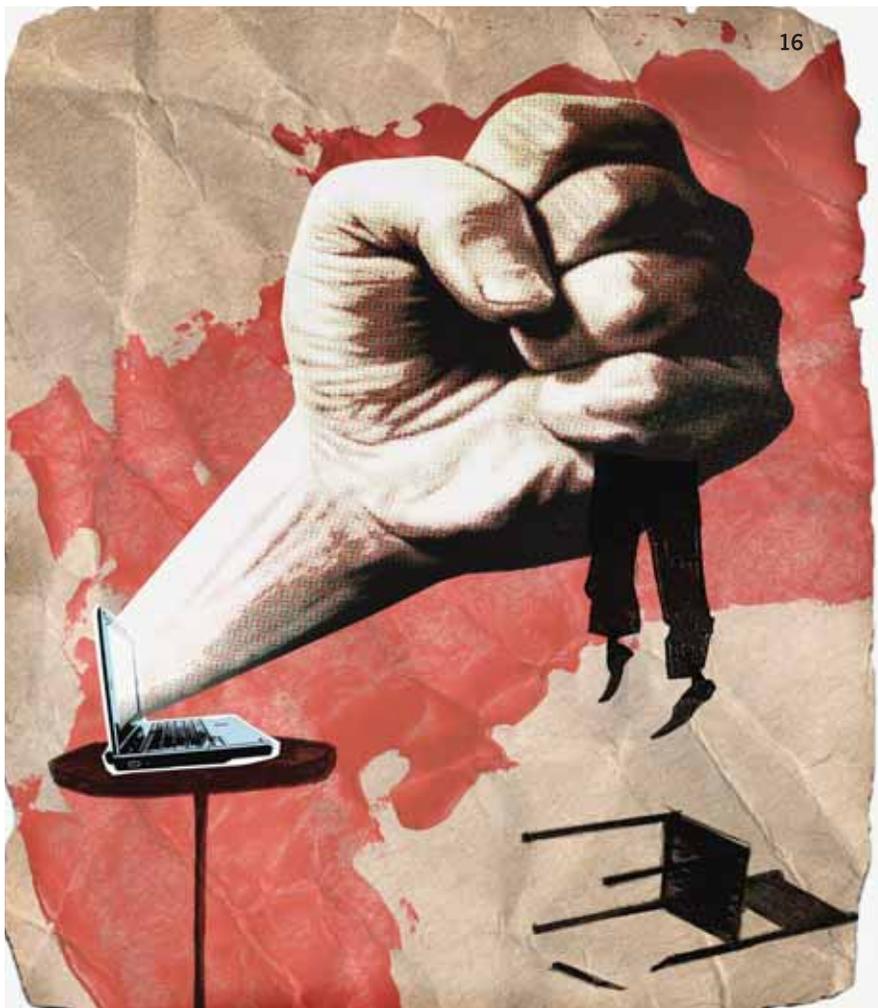
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## THREE QUESTIONS

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**Q: The University of Florida is often referred to in terms of its achievements in athletics and research. How does the Levin College of Law contribute to UF's success?**

No one enjoys cheering for the Gators more than I do, and we all benefit from the publicity and attention athletics bring to the University of Florida. We are also proud of UF's exceptional success in research and discovery, and we recognize the importance of this work, not only to UF in terms of attracting public and private funding, but to all of us in areas ranging from disease prevention to space exploration.

The role our law school plays is not as obvious, but just as important. Every great university in history that has rightfully claimed the status of a comprehensive institution of higher learning has also had a great law school, and people still drive institutional success. Like all excellent law schools, we educate leaders. We train students to think analytically, to work collaboratively in teams and within systems, and to solve problems swiftly and effectively. To the extent possible, we teach what it means to exercise good judgment, recognizing that this is one of the most difficult skills to teach in any setting. For example, it is relatively easy to teach somehow *how* to file a complaint; it is much harder to teach *whether* to file a complaint. This skill is part and parcel of the development of what is sometimes called "emotional intelligence." The skills developed from

this kind of training are what make it possible for our graduates to move into leadership positions — in the workplace, in the profession, in their communities, and in our state and nation.

The many great successes of UF Law graduates in both legal and non-legal careers was recently affirmed by the results of a ranking in *Super Lawyers* magazine, which ranked law schools based on the number of their graduates who had achieved the "Super Lawyer" designation.

Although this ranking, like all others, is imperfect, it is the first to attempt to evaluate law schools based on output, rather than inputs (such as self-reported financial and placement data), many of which are subject to manipulation and are unverifiable. Our alumni were pleased that UF Law ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation in this survey, 4<sup>th</sup> among the nation's public law schools, and 1<sup>st</sup> among the Florida law schools. The most substantial critique of the ranking was that it favored large law schools over smaller ones. It is debatable whether this critique is valid, but, assuming for the sake of argument that it is, a Chicago law professor's recalculation of the survey results by controlling for school size resulted in UF Law being ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation, which is a very lofty ranking as well. The key point, however, is when UF law graduates become great lawyers and leaders, they give back to their communities, to civic and charitable organizations in their communities, and to countless other institutions that build our quality of life — including UF.

The importance of the connections and support UF Law graduates have provided to the University of Florida during our college's 100 years of existence cannot be overstated, and they continue to be vital as we strive to educate the public on the importance of adequately funding higher education.

An easy and exciting new way for UF alums to get involved is through the Gators for Higher Education program (see page 12 or visit [gatorsforhigher.edu](http://gatorsforhigher.edu)), which helps UF alumni and supporters communicate the university's goals to elected officials. It is notable that while UF Law alums account for only about 5 percent of UF's alumni population, they represent 22 percent of those participating in this important initiative.

UF Law alumni, faculty and administrators volunteer in many other ways to help the university, from working behind the scenes on tuition devolution and funding strategies, to our current sponsorship of a universitywide strategic communications planning effort answering to the UF Board of Trustees External Relations Committee.

**Q: As a land grant institution, UF has a tri-fold mission of teaching, research and service. How does the UF Law faculty serve the people of Florida?**

Many programs, such as those in our clinics, Center for Governmental Responsibility, Family Law Program or Environmental and Land Use Law Program, actively





address legal issues in priority areas or on behalf of the underserved. Faculty members volunteer in a number of other ways as well. One of the most visible ways our faculty volunteer their time — but one most people don't consider — is to help educate the public and illuminate key legal aspects of current events by providing expert commentary. In 2009, members of the UF Law faculty have been quoted in newspapers at least 379 times, including in *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Newsday*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Miami Herald*, as well as in *Time*, *Bloomberg News*, *American Bar Journal*, *Computerworld*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Florida Bar Journal*, *Florida Trend* and AOL Latino. Faculty members also spoke or appeared at least 133 times on broadcast media, including state and national affiliates for ABC, NBC, CBS, and NPR. And this doesn't even begin to look at the impact of faculty scholarship on law reform in a wide variety of areas.

**Q: Are law students involved with public service through the college?**

Yes. We view it as our responsibility to teach the truly outstanding students who come here to earn a UF Law

degree the value of pro bono work and giving back to the community. Our students get a taste of this during their very first week at the college through Community Service Day, where new law students in small groups go into areas of great need and do everything from painting houses to cleaning out cages at the animal shelter to building toys for pre-K students. Student efforts through our Center for Career Development's pro bono and community service projects add up to thousands of hours spent in service to our local communities each year. Volunteerism and public service is also promoted through our law school's 50-plus active student organizations.

It is tremendously gratifying to witness at each law school graduation a significant indication of how well our students have embraced the philosophy of "giving back." The funds each graduating class raises as a parting gift to the next generation of UF Law students increases each year. The spring 2009 class gift of \$118,900 set a record, exceeding the closest class gift amount by more than \$40,000. The generosity of these new graduates, many facing loan repayments of their own, is inspiring. ■

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Moot Court wins first place at Florida Bar Convention

UF Law Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court executive board members Joshua Landsman, Philip Moring and Kevin Combest won first place at the Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition at the annual Florida Bar Convention last July. The team competed in three rounds, and in the final round the team prevailed over Florida Coastal before all seven justices of the Florida Supreme Court. Chief Justice Peggy Quince gave Philip Moring the Best Oral Advocate Award. The issues in the competition included the constitutionality of the qualified immunity statute for state employees and the current state of the comparative negligence statute.



Florida Supreme Court Justice Jorge Labarga (JD 79), pictured at center with UF Trial Team members, presided over the Trial Team Final Four Competition, held Oct. 15 in the Bailey Courtroom.

## 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. Book awards recognize the top performers in each class, and give alumni opportunity to support academic excellence at UF 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.



## UF Law ranks in top 10 for Hispanic students

The University of Florida Levin College of Law has again been named one of the top 10 law schools for Hispanics by *Hispanic Business Magazine*. This marks the seventh time in nine years that the college has earned this distinction for its recruitment, retention and quality education of Hispanic students. The assessment ranked UF Law eighth overall, and fifth among U.S. public schools. Berta Hernandez-Truyol, UF Levin Mabie and Levin Professor of Law and one of four tenured Hispanic faculty, said UF Law provides Hispanic students with a quality education and unique opportunities to become involved in active Hispanic organizations and programs. “The UF College of Law has a robust and diverse Latina/o faculty producing

cutting edge legal scholarship, Latina/o administrators, active Latina/o student organizations, and a sizable and diverse Latina/o student population that adds excitement to the law school community,” Hernandez-Truyol said. “We also teach numerous courses that focus on the interests of Latinas/os in the U.S. and abroad, including programs in Costa Rica and Brazil, and contacts with major universities throughout Latin America.”

## UF Law students complete summer fellowships in public service

Of the nearly 490 applicants to The Florida Bar Foundation’s 2009 Legal Services Summer Fellowship program, only 40 law students from Florida’s 10 law schools and several out-of-state schools were tapped to receive fellowships. UF Law was represented in this number by eight students. Students

chosen to receive fellowships devoted 11 weeks of their summer breaks to public service within 28 Foundation-supported legal aid programs.

UF Law students who participated in the program this summer include Danielle Dombkowski, Southern Legal Counsel Inc.; Chris Cudebec and Dustin Butler, Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.; Kimberly Thomas and Olga Shraybman, Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc.; Christie Bhageloe, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida; and, Camila Pachon and Jamie Leigh Stephens, Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.

Since its inception in 1995, the Legal Services Summer Fellowship has provided law students with hands-on education handling a variety of cases and working one-on-one with clients to experience the impact practicing public interest law can make.

## Senator Bob Graham joins FJIL Advisory Board

The *Florida Journal of International Law* is proud to announce the addition of former Sen. Bob Graham to the journal's advisory board. The editorial board of the journal extended an invitation to Graham to join its advisory board based on his unparalleled commitment to public service and his unique expertise in a variety of international issues. Graham is currently chairing the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, which has the mandate of building on the work of the 9/11 Commission to complete the critical tasks of assessing our nation's progress in preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism, and providing a roadmap to greater security with concrete recommendations for improvement.

## UF Law ranked in nation's top 10

BY DEBRA AMIRIN

The first national ranking of law schools to consider “output,” i.e. the caliber of a school's graduates, has placed the University of Florida Levin College of Law first in Florida, eighth overall in the nation and fourth among public schools.

The inaugural ranking by *Super Lawyers* magazine was based on the number of each school's graduates in the magazine's annual state and regional listings of exceptional lawyers in more than 70 areas of practice. The list was created through a rigorous multiphase selection process composed of a wide range of objective indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

“Most law school rankings look at things like bar passage rates, professor-to-student ratios and the number of books in the library, but they ignore the end product — the quality of lawyers produced,” said Bill White, publisher of *Super Lawyers* and *Law & Politics* magazines. “In the real world — the world of clients and juries and judges — no one cares about your GPA or LSAT score. All that matters is how good and ethical a lawyer you are. That's the focus of *Super Lawyers*.”

“We've been rating lawyers for nearly 20 years,” White said. “This puts us in a unique position to shed light on how well schools fulfill the ultimate mission of producing great lawyers.”

Aside from the University of Florida, the University of Miami had the only other Florida law school included in the ranking's top 50. For more information and the full ranking, go to [www.superlawyers.com/toplists/lawschools/united-states/2009/](http://www.superlawyers.com/toplists/lawschools/united-states/2009/).

“We also score well in other ranking systems in areas related to our reputation and performance in the legal community, and the feedback we receive from employers on the quality of our graduates has always been excellent,” said Levin College of Law Dean Robert Jerry. “We take great pride in the highly qualified and successful attorneys who earn their law degrees at the University of Florida. This ranking only serves to confirm what we have felt is true for a long time.”

The *Super Lawyers*' methodology used to compile the national ranking does not take class size into consideration.

“We found that class size was not as big a factor as you might think,” White said. “There were very large schools that ranked low and small schools that ranked high on our list. The quality of graduates, not the size of the school, is what ultimately determines where schools land on our list.”

For a list of UF Law alums who have self-reported their inclusion in *Super Lawyers*, view page 54. If you are a super lawyer but have not yet notified us, please e-mail [flalaw@law.ufl.edu](mailto:flalaw@law.ufl.edu) to be included in the listing in the next *UF LAW* magazine.

The logo for Super Lawyers 2009. The words "Super Lawyers" are written in a large, stylized, gold-colored font with a black outline. Below "Lawyers" is the year "2009" in a smaller, black font.

**“The quality of graduates, not the size of the school, is what ultimately determines where schools land on our list.”**



From left to right: Daniel Y. Sumner, Lindsay Roshkind and Alex Sink.

Y. Sumner for his years of dedicated public service. Sumner currently serves as deputy chief of staff for Chief Financial Officer Sink and the Florida Department of Financial Services.

Each day as the Sumner Fellow is different, Roshkind said, and may include analyzing statutes, researching public policy issues, helping draft new statutory language and reviewing cases pending against the state.

“Working as the Sumner fellow has given me the opportunity to meet and work with some of the most influential people in the state of Florida. My position has exposed me to high level policy discussions, litigation strategy sessions, and the legal challenges facing the state,” Roshkind said.

Roshkind confessed that prior to her selection as the 2009 Sumner Fellow, she was unsure of exactly what an attorney’s role in state government or public service was. Now, Roshkind is confident in her understanding that their role is of “ensuring that the laws are in the best interest of the public.”

Following her six months as the Sumner Fellow, Roshkind will work in the tax department of Atlanta, Ga., law firm King & Spalding.

## Sumner Fellowship

For Lindsay Roshkind, a job posting has turned into an invaluable learning opportunity. A 2008 graduate from the Levin College of Law JD program and a 2009 graduate of the LLM Graduate Tax Program, Roshkind is

the first fellow for the newly-created Daniel Y. Sumner Fellowship, designed to give a recent Levin College of Law graduate an opportunity to learn about and experience public interest law first-hand.

The fellowship is a six-month position within the office of Alex Sink, Florida’s chief financial officer, made to honor Daniel

## UF collaborative law training teaches innovative conflict-resolution skills

Seventy legal, mental health and financial professionals looking to provide clients with win-win solutions without the stress of a trial attended the collaborative law training conference held last August at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Sponsored by the UF Law Center on Children and Families and Institute for Dispute Resolution, this intensive two-day training provided interdisciplinary professionals with cooperative methods of practice and skills to assist their clients in resolving conflict and reaching a fair and equitable settlement when going to court.

“Collaborative law is an entirely different way of thinking, acting and talking as compared to the traditional litigation model,” said Robert J. Merlin (JD 78), a workshop participant and Coral Gables attorney experienced in collaborative law. “This training benefited those who are new to collaborative law litigation as well those of us who are experienced collaborative professionals.”

Breakout sessions provided participants the opportunity to focus on skills unique to their specialty as well as joint sessions where trainees learned how the interdisciplinary, collaborative team-model works. The curriculum covered each stage of the collaborative process and offered an interactive experience using real life case examples, demonstrations, role plays and team exercises. These interactive sessions provided non-adversarial strategies and

techniques to help clients achieve agreement in a dignified and respectful manner.

“Participants learned how to handle collaborative matters from various stages of the case,” said Robin Davis, UF legal skills professor and director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution. “While this training focused on family law problems and practice, collaborative law may be applied to any area of the law.”

“I expect all of the participants left the training with a better knowledge of the collaborative process,” said Davis. “This training provided attendees with a better understanding of why handling divorces through the collaborative process is not only better for the clients and their children, but why it is better for all of the professionals involved in the process. While this training focused on family law problems and practice, collaborative law may be applied to any area of the law.”

The UF College of Law Center on Children and Families and Institute for Dispute Resolution are committed to educating and training a new generation of practitioners across disciplines in methods of innovative and collaborative conflict resolution in furtherance of advocating for children and families, and for a more peaceable society. For more information on the CCF, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/centers/childlaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/childlaw). To learn more about IDR, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/idr](http://www.law.ufl.edu/idr).

## UF Law welcomes the Class of 2012

Last September, UF Law was pleased to welcome the Class of 2012 to campus. The 307 students in the class of 2012 were selected from 3,429 applications, and their class profile is as follows:

75th Percentile UGPA:	3.85
Median UGPA:	3.67
25th Percentile UGPA:	3.42
75th Percentile LSAT:	163
Median LSAT:	161
25th Percentile LSAT:	158
Florida residents:	86%
Minority:	24.3%

## UF moot court team wins annual FL/GA competition

The Florida-Georgia football game wasn't the only Gator victory in Jacksonville, Fla. Halloween weekend. Another important victory was the one the University of Florida Levin College of Law moot court team won in the Florida-Georgia Moot Court Competition, held Oct. 30 in the federal courthouse in Jacksonville. UF moot court team members Cary Aronowitz and Vince Galuzzo, coached by Jennifer Levine, argued for the respondent and University of Georgia moot court team members argued for the petitioner. Judging the competition was a panel of five judges from the United States district courts for the Middle District of Florida and the Southern District of Georgia. The competition is sponsored by the Jacksonville law firm of Smith, Hulsey & Busey. For several years, the school that won the moot court competition would then lose the next day's football game. We are happy to report, however, that for the past two years Florida has won in both the courtroom and on the gridiron. Go Gators!



## Virtual law connects with real world legal experts

University of Florida Levin College of Law professor Michelle Jacobs is taking her class to the edge. The cutting edge, that is.

Jacobs is one of a handful of U.S. law professors experimenting with a relatively new computer technology called Second Life.

"Second Life is a virtual world that allows users to create an avatar — an animated character or persona — to enter and network with other avatars in 3-D worlds that include everything from courtrooms to classrooms," Jacobs said.

Jacobs uses this technology to teach the course, "Criminal Law in the Virtual Context," and on Nov. 14, she used it to host the Second Life Bar Association (SLBA) Mini Conference. The mini conference, sponsored by SBLA and the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, allowed participants and legal experts in virtual-world law and social media to travel "virtually" to UF Law Gator Nation Island to speak with students and other interested participants about job opportunities in this emerging area of law.

Participants entered the UF College of Law virtual world to find a state-of-the-art classroom complete with podium, a presentation screen, seats for avatars, and the ability to access PowerPoint, YouTube, Facebook and other social-media files. They interacted with mini-conference speakers by typing their questions into an instant-messaging program or by asking their questions verbally.

J. Harlan McGuire, a third-year law student enrolled in Jacobs' Second Life class, said the learning experience coupled with the opportunity to network with prominent lawyers and experts in the field of virtual-world law make this class and conference unlike any other offered at UF.

"This course has enriched my education because it has opened my eyes to the legal questions that present themselves in virtual worlds," McGuire said. "For example, during our class we had the opportunity to interact with H. Dean Steward, the attorney who recently defended Laurie Drew, the woman accused of conspiracy and computer fraud charges in light of the Megan Meier MySpace suicide. Having the chance to interact with a lawyer from a high-profile case like this is unique and exciting for any law student."

-Scott Emerson



## UF Law student tapped as Gubernatorial Fellow

Second-year law student Ryan Todd was selected to participate in Florida's prestigious Gubernatorial Fellows program. Todd works for Florida's Department of Children and Families under general counsel Mary Ann Stiles. He works a minimum of 30 hours a week and is enrolled in two classes as a visiting student at FSU's law school.

Former Governor Jeb Bush started the Gubernatorial Fellows program in 2004 to provide students with first-hand, high-level experience and insight into how government operates. More than 160 students statewide applied for the 2009 fellowship — of those, only 14 were selected. The application process is rigorous, involving a lengthy application and two rounds of interviews, which includes a regional interview followed by an interview with the governor's staff for finalists. Todd has a political science degree from Duke and worked on the campaign for B.J. Lawson, who was running for the U.S. House of Representatives in North Carolina.

Other UF Law students have been Gubernatorial Fellows, including Staci Braswell, Nicholas Gieseler, and Camille Warren in 2005-06, and Jennifer Hartzler, who was a fellow before law school in 2006-2007.

## ICAM team competes in Austria

The UF Law ICAM team competed in the 2009 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, held last April in Vienna, Austria. This is the third year the team has travelled to Austria to compete in the international moot court competition. (In the above photo, from

left to right, Joseph Wheeler, Jad Taha, sponsor and adjunct coach Eduardo Palmer, JD 85, of Coral Gables, Fla., Jennifer Hartzler, and Todd Baker.) Hartzler, as a result of her experience at the Willem C. Vis competition, is now interning in the arbitration group of a large international law firm in London and is completing her third year of law school studying arbitration at Queen Mary University of London.

## UF Tax Law Society ADR team brings home the gold

The Tax Law Society Securities Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) team competed in the inaugural Securities ADR Triathlon at St. John's University in Manhattan the weekend of Oct. 17. Christopher Pavilonis (JD 09, LLM 10) coached the team, which included UF Law students Michael Burns, John Montague, and Jason Yoopp. The UF Law team, which defeated Harvard in the second round of the competition, placed first and was awarded a gold medal in securities mediation. St. John's University and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority co-sponsored the competition, which involved 14 teams. The UF team's participation was partially funded by the Law College Council and the Board of College Council. Among other events, the UF Tax Law Society sponsors the UF Tax Moot Court Team, which placed second in the 2009 National Tax Moot Court Competition last February.





## Leading the way for Florida Blue Key

**T**hird-year law student Stephen Liverpool was the first in his family to attend a four-year university when he came to the University of Florida as an undergraduate. On Nov. 22, he was elected president of Florida Blue Key and will serve as only the second African-American president in the organization's 87-year history.

This achievement is even more remarkable considering that less than a year ago Liverpool was struck by a car

while riding his scooter to class. The devastating injuries he suffered during that accident caused him to wonder whether he would ever return to law school. The doctors told Liverpool it would be at least 12 months before he could return to school, but Liverpool decided not to allow that prognosis to stop him.

"Anything," he declared, "can be overcome with perseverance, faith, and hard work."

After six months of therapy and recovery, Liverpool hit the ground running. He beat the odds and secured an acceptance into UF's corporate summer externship program with the Tampa-based utility company, TECO Energy. His hard work during that externship earned him multiple invitations to law journals at UF.

"I was a little concerned I was still dealing with symptoms of vertigo and headaches," he said. But unwavering resolve, along with his strong Christian faith, allowed him to persevere. "It was just one of those things that you pray about and put in the Lord's hands."

The decision to attend the Levin College of Law was much more than just a career choice for Liverpool. "I'm very passionate about education, justice, and equality," he said. "I realized while growing up that a lot of the people who made a difference in my community were attorneys."

Now that he's back at UF after the accident, Liverpool is determined to help Florida Blue Key evolve beyond its traditional roles while re-affirming its position as the pre-eminent source for Florida's next generation of political, social, and business leaders.

During his term, Liverpool seeks to fulfill Florida Blue Key's long-standing projects and implement new initiatives. His membership development goals include bringing together administrators, statewide organizations, and prominent Blue Key alumni to promote awareness and dialogue about issues that will affect the state's future.

Moreover, in the midst of the upcoming critical political cycle, Florida Blue Key will work alongside the UF's government relations and alumni association to promote the grass roots program "Gators for Higher Education." The program (see page 12) advocates on behalf of the UF community's legislative priorities.

"This is my true goal as president," stated Liverpool. "To help the current members understand Florida Blue Key's role in shaping the future of Florida." ■

# Grassroots

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

**T**ough economic times typically call for belt-tightening, but the fiduciary fall-out of Florida's \$2.6 billion budgetary shortfall last year felt less like belt-tightening and more like garroting — especially for already hard-hit sectors like higher education, in which state support has been on the wane for years.

In early 2009, as the opening of the state legislative session loomed weeks away, state revenue and budget projections were bad and the outlook for the state's universities looked even worse. The University of Florida, already reeling from more than \$69 million in budget cuts during the previous two years, found itself staring down the long barrel of another \$45- to \$90-million net cut during fiscal year 2009-10. Debilitating layoffs and wide scale program closures seemed inevitable.

Fortunately, UF's leadership had a plan and a powerful, not-so-secret weapon — the passion of the Gator Nation.

With more than 300,000 UF graduates living in 100 countries across the globe and in every state in the nation, the Gator Nation truly IS everywhere — especially in Florida. That's the strategic premise behind the University of Florida Gators for Higher Education program. Rolled out with an e-mail from UF President Bernie Machen to UF alumni and friends in February of 2009, the program is an innovative grass roots advocacy initiative that has proven

enormously successful in harnessing the passion of the Gator Nation to advocate on behalf of UF in Tallahassee.

"Since I came to UF in October of 2004, I have been approached numerous times by alumni who say to me, 'We need help in the legislature. What can I do to help?'" said Jane Adams, UF vice president for university relations. "That's what Gators for Higher Education is all about, reaching out to people who care about the university and who want to help us in the legislature."

A partnership between the university and the Alumni Association, Gators for Higher Education has, in less than one year, grown to include nearly 4,000 UF alumni and friends — a whopping 22 percent of who are UF Law graduates — who have logged on to <http://gatorsforhighered.ufl.edu> to sign-up as grassroots Gators. During the 2009 legislative session lawmakers received more than 1,000 e-mails and faxes from Gators in support of UF's legislative efforts because of the program's calls to action. This support contributed to the passage of an appropriations bill that avoided crippling cuts to higher education and a differential tuition bill that allows Florida's public universities to increase tuition in increments of 15 percent until it matches the national average. Inevitably, the budgets of the state's public universities did suffer cuts, including a \$72 million cut for UF, but the cuts were not as deep as had been expected and non-recurring



"Gators for Higher Education is all about...reaching out to people who care about the university and who want to help us in the legislature." —JANE ADAMS, UF VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

funding combined with federal stimulus money helped soften the blow for UF.

"Clearly, this downturn shows us that Florida must do a better job of attracting biotech, and in general, making the switch to a knowledge-based economy. The University of Florida is uniquely positioned to help Florida make this leap."

In addition to its nearly \$6-billion annual impact on the state's economy, which represents a return on investment of \$8 dollars for every \$1 of state money

# Gators

## Gators for Higher Education legislative advocacy program

appropriated to it, the University of Florida is the state's unrivaled graduate education and research powerhouse. Ranked No. 13 nationwide amongst all public universities and No. 19 among public and private universities in research expenditures during fiscal year 2008 by the National Science Foundation, UF is among the most productive research universities in the country. Scientific discovery and the education of a highly-skilled workforce are UF's unique potential for and significant contribution to Florida's growing innovation economy.

"It is the amount of sponsored research that differentiates us from the other state universities," said Adams. "We are uniquely equipped to generate jobs, do tech transfer and build technology incubators... all of those things that mean a lot to the state in terms of economic development."

These assets make UF a valuable partner in collaborative efforts like the Florida High Tech Corridor and the Burnham Institute for Medical Research. The Florida High Tech Corridor Council ([www.floridahightech.com](http://www.floridahightech.com)) is a collaboration of state and local governments and the universities of Florida, Central Florida and South Florida that seeks to attract and foster the growth of high-tech industries in 23 Central Florida counties. In addition, UF and UCF are academic partners with the Burnham Institute for Medical Research at Lake Nona in what the *Orlando Sentinel* recently described as, "Orlando's emerging cluster of biomedical

facilities, sometimes called 'medical city.'" The UF Academic and Research Center at Lake Nona will house the College of Pharmacy doctoral program and biomedical research laboratories that are envisioned to become a center of comprehensive drug development.

"I think the University of Florida brings tremendous financial resources and clout because of its history and ability to bring in grants and fund research, as well as support from its very successful alumni," said Frederick



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W. Leonhardt (JD 74), senior partner and chairman of the Policy Board of Directors for the Orlando, Fla., firm of GrayRobinson, PA. "The University of Florida has an important leadership role and continues to demonstrate that leadership. On the other hand, I believe the university has to reach out and form collaborative partnerships with the other major universities."

UF's effort to establish a research facility at the Burnham Institute near UCF's medical school will be a major legislative priority for the university during the 2010 legislative session, as will expanding its presence in the High Tech Corridor. Leonhardt noted growing consensus among lawmakers that dollars invested in these collaborative initiatives will have long-range impacts to the state's goal of broadening its economy to include high tech businesses.

"The legislature is becoming more aware of the importance of economic impact to our state's financial success," Leonhardt said. "I think they are interested more in economic development, financial impact, how dollars invested in higher education turn over in the economy and how they create more economic impact because of these resources being smartly and wisely used."

As a member of UF's Government Relations Advisory Committee, Leonhardt and the university's government relations team take every opportunity to advance UF's



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message of high-ROI amongst legislators and business leaders. Leonhardt also serves as a gubernatorial-appointed member of the board of directors for Enterprise Florida, a public-private partnership charged with developing new jobs and businesses in innovative, high-growth industries for the state. Leonhardt said the Enterprise Florida board of directors is comprised of business and governmental leaders with an interest in diversifying the state’s economy and an appreciation for the value of investment in higher education and the University of Florida.

“They’re aware of the University of Florida’s huge impact on the state and how things that are good for the University of Florida are good for the state’s economy,” he said. “That reciprocity is a compelling story.”

### GRASS ROOTS TO GRASS TOPS

Nonetheless, the upcoming 2010 legislative session and inevitable wrangling over scarce resources during the appropriations process remains a daunting pros-

pect for UF and higher education in general. Although there are signs of recovery, Florida’s projected revenues still fall short of what will be necessary to fully fund state government and its services, and more cuts to a UF budget already cut to the quick seem likely. Legislators, though working on behalf of the state as a whole, will be exquisitely sensitive to the needs and desires of their hometown constituents. The goal of the Gators for Higher Education program in this environment will be to ensure UF is positioned as the state’s flagship institution of higher learning and scientific discovery, rather than as “Gainesville’s university.”

“That’s the whole point of Gators for Higher Education,” said Jeff Jonasen (JD 88), a partner in the Orlando firm of Perez, Bruce & Jonasen LLP, and the president and member of the board of directors for the University of Florida Alumni Association. “What legislators need to hear from alumni in their districts, their constituents, is ‘Mr. Legislator, Ms. Legislator, the University of Florida is important to me, and if I’m important to you as a voter, as your constituent, then the University of Florida and its priorities should be important to you.’ That’s a compelling message that only alumni, only people who care about the University of Florida, can deliver to a legislator.”

Jonasen, who is a member of the UF Government Relations Advisory Committee, notes the need to engage advocates statewide, especially in the more heavily populated areas of the state with larger legislative delegations, and on many different levels.

“The idea really is two-pronged from the university’s perspective,” Jonasen said. “One is to engage the grass roots, which is Gators for Higher Education, and then also engage the ‘grass tops,’ if you will. Many of our alums are involved in the political process in their communities around the state, and, of course, there is the Gator Caucus in the legislature. So, UF has a strong grass tops

advocacy program, and the piece that has been missing, until recently, has been the grass roots piece — I think we’re going to find that the Gators for Higher Education program is going to add a lot to the strength of our advocacy program and that every legislator in the state of Florida will be familiar with Gators for Higher Education within the next five years.”

Advocates enrolled in the Gators for Higher Education program receive e-mailed updates with calls to action on specific legislation. This enables the university to carefully target and time its messages to avoid “advocacy overload,” a situation that can occur when advocacy is poorly-timed or off-point.

“You want to be careful that you don’t allow advocacy to overshadow the objective,” said Lakeland Representative Seth McKeel (B.A. 97), chairman of the Gator Caucus, chair of the State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee and die-hard Gator. “It’s a big initiative to organize those who want to advocate on behalf of the university, and it’s great for the advocates to have a Web site, a central bank of knowledge about how and when they can be the most helpful — to understand what they can say, when it’s most effective to say it, and how it will benefit the university. That’s going to be tremendously beneficial to the university in the long term.”

In the hurly-burly of the legislative session, during which thousands of pieces of legislation, moving at lightning speed, will be introduced and voted on, effective advocacy can make or break a bill — as can collaborative lobbying efforts amongst universities in support of common interests.

“Both years that I’ve been the chair of the Gator Caucus, we have had at least one joint meeting between the UF and FSU caucuses with the goal of finding what priorities are out there that are of joint interest to both universities,” said McKeel.

As examples of universities working together to achieve joint goals, McKeel

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points to the collaborative effort between the UF and FSU during the last session to pass the tuition differential bill and the UF and USF collaboration on medical school funding.

“Obviously, if you can get everybody on the same page about a joint priority, you’ve got a pretty good chance of making it happen,” he said.

### GATORS FOR HIGHER ED, 2010

Ironically, the Gators for Higher Education program, conceived as an advocacy program to benefit the University of Florida in Gainesville, has been successful in supporting higher education statewide.

“Gators for Higher Education is not just focused on the University of Florida,” said Melissa Orth, UF director of government relations and coordinator of the Gators for Higher Education program. “It’s about promoting higher education for everyone in the state of Florida — it’s about UF, it’s

about UCF, it’s about all the universities and the lack of funding, in general, for higher education in our state.”

Legislative collaborations between the state’s universities will continue to grow, Orth said, as university partnerships in the Florida High Tech Corridor, the Burnham Institute for Medical Research and other economic development initiatives flourish. In addition, she anticipates more and more Floridians will become engaged in advocating for higher ed as other Florida universities follow UF’s lead in mobilizing their alumni bases.

“We’ve had several institutions reach out to us after we launched Gators for Higher Education to ask, ‘How did you do this? When did you get started? How can we do something similar?’” said Orth. “They’ve seen the success the program had during the previous session, when the program was just launched. ... And, we feel like we have an opportunity to have such a great impact during the coming legislative session.”

To make it easy for grass roots Gators to become involved in the 2010 legislative session, scheduled to open March 2, the Gators for Higher Education Web site (<http://gatorsforhigher.ed.ufl.edu>) provides people with a finder to identify their state legislators, legislative contact information, descriptions of UF’s legislative priorities with associated bill numbers and action dates, and e-mail templates with text containing the university’s core messages. The expectation, based on the success of the program during the last session, is that advocates will use the copy provided in their own e-mailed or telephone communications with their legislators.

“Certainly, we provide advocates with all the information and written messages they can cut and paste into an e-mail, but we also want them to use their own thoughts and words,” Orth said. “We want them to speak from their hearts and say, ‘This is why the University of Florida is important to me.’” ■



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## NSF rankings of academic institutions

BY SCIENTIFIC & ENGINEERING RESEARCH EXPENDITURES, FY 2008

Rank	Institution	2008
Leading 20 institutions		
	Leading 20 institutions	15,363
1	Johns Hopkins U., The	1,681
2	U. CA, San Francisco	885
3	U. WI Madison	882
4	U. MI all campuses	876
5	U. CA, Los Angeles	871
6	U. CA, San Diego	842
7	Duke U.	767
8	U. WA	765
9	U. PA	708
10	OH State U. all campuses	703
11	PA State U. all campuses	701
12	Stanford U.	688
13	U. MN all campuses	683
14	MA Institute of Technology	660
15	Cornell U. all campuses	654
16	U. CA, Davis	643
17	U. Pittsburgh all campuses	596
18	U. CA, Berkeley	592
19	<b>U. FL</b>	<b>584</b>
20	TX A&M U.	582
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63	U. South Florida	278
78	U. Miami	242
97	Florida State U.	182
	All other institutions	35,844
	All Scientific & Engineering R&D expenditures in millions of dollars	51,909

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges: FY 2008.

## 2010 UF legislative priorities

Support for Base Budget	
Matching Gifts	
PECO/Burnham Building	
Florida High Tech Corridor Council	\$1M
IFAS Funding – (workload increase)	\$1.65M
Graduate Health Insurance	\$4M
Medical School Funding	\$8.4M



# cyberbullying

Hot air or harmful speech? Legislation grapples with preventing cyberbullying without squelching students' free speech

BY KARA CARNLEY-MURRHEE

In this post-Columbine age of zero tolerance for school bullying, school administrators take a tough stance against bullying behaviors that occur on campus. But do schools have the authority to censure the often vicious student-on-student bullying, known as “cyberbullying,” that takes place online and away from campus?

Cyberbullying, or the willful and repeated use of cell phones, computers, and other electronic communication devices to harass, intimidate and threaten others, has collided with the public school system in recent years because of the prevalence of communication technologies in today’s youth culture. Though often compared to schoolyard bullying, a key component that differentiates cyberbullying from traditional schoolyard bullying is the use of this technology to harass the victim.

“Behavioral science research shows that cyberbullying affects children in much the same ways that traditional

bullying affects them,” said Lauren G. Fasig, a University of Florida assistant in law and director of research for the Levin College of Law Center on Children and Families. “That is, victims of both types of bullying may experience a wide range of negative outcomes, including academic, personal, and social problems.”

She noted the dichotomy that exists between science and the law in terms of classifying cyberbullying behavior.

“Bullying is considered a public health problem, and the science considers cyberbullying along the same continuum of violence as traditional bullying,” Fasig said. “However, recent legal analyses treat cyberbullying as speech.”

Several instances of cyberbullying recently in the news provide insight to the demarcations between protected and unprotected speech.

School officials in Beverly Hills, Calif., became the target of a student speech lawsuit in June 2008 after sus-

pending a student, whose name has not been published, for her off-campus recording and posting of a video on YouTube that depicted a group of middle school students commenting negatively about one of their classmates. Citing cyberbullying concerns, school officials suspended the student for posting the video. The suspended student’s parents filed suit in the federal district court of Los Angeles, arguing their daughter’s free speech rights were violated when the school suspended her for off-campus speech.

In Florida, Katherine Evans received a three-day suspension from her high school for creating a Facebook page that criticized one of her teachers as the worst teacher she ever had. The page, which she created away from school, also solicited comments about the teacher. Now attending the University of Florida, Evans has sued the school principal for ordering her suspension and she is seeking to have it expunged from her record.

The tragic case involving Hope Witsell — a 13-year-old girl from Tampa, Fla., who became the victim of a “sexting” campaign — demonstrates a more notorious variation of cyberbullying that has recently become prevalent to school-aged teens. An estimated 20 percent of teens between the ages of 13 to 19 have engaged in sexting, or the sending of sexually-explicit images or messages, according to a report from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. In Hope’s case, a nude photo she sent of herself to a boy she liked were circulated to other students at school after another girl saw the picture in his phone and forwarded it

along. Anguished by the vicious taunting that followed, Hope took her own life.

In perhaps the most infamous case of cyberbullying, 13-year-old Megan Meier committed suicide after becoming the target of a MySpace hoax, in which a schoolmate’s mother, posing as a boy, used the social networking site to romantically woo and then cruelly reject her.

The case became the focus of a national anti-bullying campaign and spurred recent Congressional legislation in the form of the “Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act,” which would make cyberbullying a federal crime. The bill came before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security

on Sept. 30, where it now appears to be stalled as members struggle with how best to prevent Internet bullying without infringing on free speech.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court has addressed the issue of what constitutes student speech on many occasions, the court has yet to rule decisively on free speech issues integral to cyberbullying.

“The problem is that the U.S. Supreme Court has never addressed a case pitting the First Amendment speech rights of minors in cyberspace against the authority of public schools to punish them for online speech,” said Clay Calvert, who earned his JD from the University of the Pacific in 1991 and now researches First Amendment issues as a professor in

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“When off-campus speech negatively targets, harasses or otherwise detrimentally affects other students or teachers and school administrators, we’re seeing schools reaching beyond the proverbial schoolhouse gates to punish students for their off-campus expression,” he said.

In the void of federal legislation, many states have enacted anti-cyberbullying laws. In the last decade, 19 states, including Florida, have enacted laws that prohibit cyberbullying within state boundaries, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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then often it's a policy matter at the local level and sometimes those are much more specific."

Significantly, these statutes have made cyberbullying a matter of the school district, by requiring them to develop policies and procedures for dealing with cyberbullying speech when it comes to the attention of school administrators.

Maintaining school safety in a post-Columbine era is, indeed, a concern for school districts in light of the severe consequences that can arise from online harassing speech.

"Science would say that there are no boundaries for regulation of cyberbullying behavior, whether it takes place in

berbullying rises to the level of fighting words or something like that."

This is the crux of the cyberbullying debate and is perhaps why legislation, such as the "Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act," has not been passed.

So the question becomes, is there another way to effectively regulate harmful cyberbullying behavior without extending the authority of the school district beyond schoolhouse gates?

Bauries recommends the tort system as a better mechanism for targeting off-campus cyberbullying.

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ing. These laws have generally amended traditional bullying statutes to account for the development of technology, Bauries said.

"There were lots of anti-bullying policies on the books that would have arguably covered cyberbullying," he said. "Really the only change we are seeing is that technology terms are being added into the cyberbullying policies or statutes to make sure that cyberbullying is covered. But that's understandable because the technology didn't exist before."

"So now the technology exists, and we've adjusted to it in some states by adding terms such as 'sexting,' and 'blogging,' if there is a statute," Bauries said. "And if there isn't a statute,

the park or on a school campus," said Fasig. "Yet the law draws arbitrary lines because it has to. The difficult thing is going to be defining this line because the digital era blurs it."

The issue with these statutes is that cyberbullying often overlaps with off-campus expression, which brings up First Amendment concerns.

"The biggest issue, of course, is the First Amendment because, essentially, if you are creating ways for a school, which is a state actor, to punish a student — and the thing that the student is being punished for is expressive conduct — well then you have to justify that somehow under the First Amendment," said Bauries. "And I'm not sure it can be justified legitimately unless cy-

seems like what the victims of cyberbullying might be left with, once everything shakes out and these policies get challenged in court, is the tort system, which creates all kinds of causes of action for invasion of privacy, and many of these types of cyberbullying might fall better under the tort system."

Either way, federal legislation to control student behavior would hardly seem the way to go. It is unlikely to be effective in deterring children from engaging in cyberbullying behaviors.

"I doubt a 13-year-old girl who wants to pick on a classmate is going to say to herself, 'Hey, like maybe I shouldn't do this because, like you know, there's like a federal law or something against it,'" Calvert said. ■



Liskula Cohen and her attorney leave the New York Supreme Court building following her successful bid to compel the identity of the anonymous author of the "Skanks of NYC" blog.

# STICKS & STONES

When online anonymous speech turns ugly

BY KARA CARNLEY-MURRHEE

What's a girl to do when someone calls her nasty names?

If she's Liskula Cohen — former *Vogue* fashion model and outraged subject of anonymous, defamatory Internet blogging — she calls her lawyer.

In 2008, Cohen discovered herself to be the butt of nasty postings on a Web site called, “Skanks of NYC,” in which she was frequently pictured with captions describing her as “skank,” “skanky,” “ho,” and “a psychotic lying whore.” Fed up with the abuse, Cohen sued Google Inc., the Internet Service Provider hosting the blog, to unmask her anonymous tormentor.

Last July, a New York Civil Supreme Court ordered Google to reveal the identity of the “Skanks of NYC” blog's anonymous author, Rosemary Port. Now Port is firing back with a \$15 million suit of her own against Google, claiming the company's compliance with the court order violated her First Amendment right to speak anonymously. During a recent newspaper interview, Port's attorney promised to take the suit all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

This is a case in point of how the Internet has facilitated an explosion of instant, worldwide online communications that, in many ways, has outpaced the agility of the courts to consistently apply the law to nuances in circumstances wrought by the technology. Recent court decisions to unmask anonymous Internet speakers accused of defamatory speech demonstrate this balancing act, as courts teeter between the rights of individuals to protect and repair their reputations and the First Amendment right of citizens to speak their minds anonymously.

“The problem is like a perfect storm in a way,” said Lyrissa Lidsky, a University of Florida professor of law, UF Research Foundation Professor and expert in mass media law, Internet defamation and anonymous speech. “There is a tremendous increase in the amount of speech on the Internet; there is also a tremendous increase in anonymous speech, which is both good and bad.”

“Anonymous speech allows people to be watchdogs, to be whistleblowers and allows people to get stories out that they otherwise would not feel safe in getting out,” Lidsky said. “On the other



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Rosemary Port, the author of “Skanks of NYC,” is suing Google Inc. for revealing her identity.

hand, anonymity also provides a cloak for some people who are on a campaign of character assassination.”

Another recent suit, filed in Jacksonville, Fla., demonstrates the legal battles that can ensue when anonymity is breached during a criminal investigation through police subpoena power.



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In *Rich v. Jacksonville*, blogger Thomas Rich alleges his First Amendment rights to anonymous speech were violated by local authorities who revealed his identity after opening an investigation into his blog, “FBC Jax Watchdog.” Rich created the blog in 2007 and anonymously posted comments critical of Pastor Mac Brunson and other church leaders of mega-church Florida Baptist Church of Jacksonville. The comments questioned certain fundraising and church administration decisions and were spurred by what Rich believed was a “departure from longstanding church practice,” according to his complaint filed in the federal court for the Middle District of Florida in May.

According to Rich’s complaint, Officer Robert A. Hinson of the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, also a member of the church and of Brunson’s security detail, opened an investigation into the blog. In the investigation, the state’s attorney signed off on subpoenas compelling Google Inc. and Comcast to reveal Rich’s identity. Although the investiga-

tion was dropped after it found no criminal wrong-doing, Hinson revealed Rich’s identity to Brunson and the church, which resulted in a trespass warning being issued against Rich and his wife. After 20 years of membership, the couple and their three children were forced to find a new church home.

“Given the religious nature of the speech, privacy concerns and free speech issues raised by the blog and the investigation, a reasonable lawyer would have refused any subpoena with clear articulate facts supporting probable cause of criminal action,” according to Rich’s complaint. It also alleges the subpoena, as issued, violated long-standing federal privacy laws. The defendants contend, however, that they were acting within the scope of their “discretionary authority” as government officers when the investigation took place.

“I am interested in getting to the bottom of what happened when the church launched an investigation into the blog,” Rich said. “If they did anything wrong, let them be held accountable for it.”

Rich’s experience demonstrates some of the legal implications anonymous online speech has on individual privacy.

“Anonymity is a traditional free speech issue, yet it cuts both ways in terms of privacy,” said Jon Mills, a UF Levin College of Law professor, dean emeritus, director of the UF Center for Governmental Responsibility, and expert in privacy and First Amendment law.

“People want to be anonymous for privacy and free speech, yet anonymity can be very harmful to individuals because they can be defamed by unknown individuals more easily,” Mills said.

In addition, Lidsky points to the apparent ease with which a plaintiff can bring a defamation claim in anonymous-critic-of-public-figure scenarios as one of the main problems with Internet defamation law. This can have a chilling effect on free speech, she said.

“It is easy to sue for defamation any time you are criticized online,” Lidsky said. “If all it takes to uncover an anonymous speaker’s identity is a defamation claim — if that’s all it takes — then defamation becomes a serious infringement on the right to speak anonymously.”

She acknowledged the potential of a defamation claim to rise to the level of being a cyberSLAPP.

A “cyberSLAPP” is a “frivolous lawsuit” filed by the plaintiff to “issue a subpoena to the Web site or Internet Service Provider (ISP) involved, discover the identity of their anonymous critic, and intimidate or silence them,” according to cyberslapp.org, a Web site maintained by Public Citizen, a national not-for-profit consumer advocacy organization.

The name comes from the more well-known SLAPP acronym, which stands for Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. These suits can be brought by public figures and corporations “against regular individuals who oppose them in some way,” according to Public Citizen.

“You have plaintiffs out there who are bringing defamation claims strategically to silence their critics,” Lidsky

said. “And this is a problem because, often, if you know your identity is going to be revealed, you are going to shut up. And that’s inimical to First Amendment values.”

The involvement of the Internet also poses challenges in satisfying the elements of a tort of defamation claim. When public figures sue for defamation, they must prove actual malice, whether the defamation appeared online or offline, said Lidsky. However, actual malice can’t be proved without knowledge of the identity of the defendant, because it depends on the defendant’s knowledge or reckless disregard of falsity in publishing the allegedly defamatory statement.

Liability issues also surface when anonymous Internet critics post comments using an Internet Service Provider and then are revealed by the ISP after the plaintiff files a subpoena requesting the anonymous poster’s identifying information. For instance, in both the Co-

hen and FBC Jax Watchdog cases, the defendants have now filed suits against the ISPs, alleging that their rights to anonymous speech were violated when the ISP complied with the subpoena and handed over the anonymous critic’s identifying information.

“Given that anonymity has pluses and minuses and is protected by the First Amendment,” Lidsky said, “how do you balance the right of a person who claims her reputation has been injured by something that has been said about her online with the right of speakers to voice their opinions anonymously?”

For the most part, the courts have tried to balance the right of an individual to speak anonymously with the right of a plaintiff — whether a public or private figure, or corporation — to repair the injury suffered to his reputation. With relatively little court precedent, however, the courts are striking this balance in different ways.

Charles D. Tobin (JD 89), a partner in Holland & Knight, based in Washington, D.C., is confident the courts will continue to protect the interests of the tort plaintiffs while ensuring that free speech is not “stifled in the process.”

As a former journalist and attorney specializing in representing clients in libel and privacy lawsuits, Tobin said that there are certain types of anonymous speech that must be protected and the need for the law to allow for the continued proliferation of the Internet as a primary means of communication.

“The courts are appropriately recognizing the importance of preserving the First Amendment rights of critics and whistleblowers to remain anonymous on the Internet,” Tobin said. “It is critical that judges continue to allow the Internet to flourish by providing the legal protections that, history has shown, are always vital to a healthy American democracy.”

As the courts continue to struggle with balancing these competing interests, Lidsky offers this advice: “Once a defamation suit is filed, courts need to scrutinize the action to make sure that it is valid defamation claim — they should make sure it’s not a cyberSLAPP case designed to chill anonymous speech.”

She noted the challenge facing the courts in devising a more standardized approach.

“It’s a delicate balance; it’s very difficult. But otherwise defamation is too easy a tool to use to chill speech,” she said.

Although the courts in the Cohen case and other cases have chosen not to protect the anonymous speakers’ identities, the decisions in no way represent a settled area of the law, Mills said.

“The courts are confused and the outcomes are unpredictable,” he said. “It’s going to be a continuing factual challenge. I think that we are going to have to wait for the courts to sort it out because putting a precise definition on it is difficult and would be controversial one way or the other.”

“We want to protect anonymity, but we don’t want people to defame,” Mills said, “so we have to let it evolve.” ■

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## Historic real property treatise transformed into desk reference

BY SCOTT EMERSON

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 Law 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. The treatise is widely cited by courts throughout the nation, including the U.S. Supreme Court.



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“We followed three guiding principles in the process of condensing the main treatise,” Wolf said. “First, we selected those chapters that address the areas that are the heart of the practice and understanding of American real property law. Second, we have maintained the substance of the main treatise and retained the chapter-by-chapter and section-by-section structure, and finally, we eliminated footnotes.”

Wolf said it is gratifying to provide practitioners with a practical and easy to use reference tool.

“This desk edition is just one example among many of the strong ties between the academic world and the practice world, and I am proud that my name is now paired with Professor Powell’s on the title of this book.”

For more information on *Powell on Real Property: Michael Allan Wolf Desk Edition*, visit [www.lexisnexis.com/documents/pdf/20090810071109\\_large.pdf](http://www.lexisnexis.com/documents/pdf/20090810071109_large.pdf).

## American Law Institute inductions

Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol and Pedro Malavet were elected to membership in the American Law Institute. They are two of the 11 members of the faculty who are ALI members. According to the ALI Web site, ALI is the “leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.”



Hernández-Truyol



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JOSEPH JACKSON LEGAL SKILLS PROFESSOR

# A child's right to be loved

BY TROY HILLIER (2L)

"I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that Mr. Gill saved the lives of these children," said Joseph S. Jackson, a University of Florida Levin College of Law legal skills professor.

Jackson doesn't mince words when talking about the seriousness of the situation of Martin Gill and two boys he adopted. When Gill took the brothers into his home, one was only 4 years old and the other was a mere four months. They had been subjected to such neglect that the elder brother showed no signs of feelings or emotions and did not speak for weeks; his sole concern was changing, feeding, and caring for his infant brother — adult responsibilities he had assumed by default. With Gill, the two brothers began to flourish in a loving and caring home.

Two years later, Gill filed papers to adopt the children, both now healthy and happy. The state found that Gill was able to provide an excellent home, but his request to adopt the children was denied. The reason? Gill is gay.

Jackson found himself in the fray of the gay adoption issue after taking the lead role in authoring an amicus brief on behalf of the law school's Center on Children and Families, supporting the right of the children to be adopted by Gill.

"This was a team project of the center, and our in-house collaboration really sparked our thinking and improved our arguments," Jackson said.

In 2008, a trial judge sided with Gill, allowing the adoption. This was soon appealed to the Florida 3rd District Court of Appeals, to whom Jackson made the argument that the adoption should be affirmed on the ground that the Florida statute prohibiting adoption by gay men and lesbians violates the constitutional rights of children in need of a permanent family.

"Matters that are of fundamental significance to the individual cannot lightly be taken away, and laws that interfere with them have to pass strict scrutiny in order to be sustained," he said. "So the core argument we made was that, as decades of scientific research confirm, children truly need a permanent parent to attach to in order to develop into autonomous persons. That need is therefore something that should be treated as a fundamental right."

The state has argued that Florida does not recognize homosexual people as a suspect class, nor does it hold that adoption is a fundamental right. Because of that, the state argued that it need only show a rational basis for the law, which it described as the supposedly higher risk of psychiatric disorders in children adopted by homosexual parents. But research demonstrates that gay people and straight people make equally good parents, Jackson said, and the categorical ban can't be justified by supposed statistical differences, since adoption decisions are based on an individualized screening that ensures the prospective parent is fit to adopt.

In addition, Jackson thinks the state's rationale doesn't square with the fact that gay men and lesbians are allowed to serve as foster parents, and he said the argument is particularly hard to believe when one looks at the legislative history behind the gay adoption ban. The bill was passed in 1977 amid outrage caused by a Miami ordinance that sought to give homosexual people protection in housing and other matters — Jackson thinks that atmosphere had everything to do with the statute.

"The sponsor of the state statute said upon the bill's enactment, 'We're sending a message. We're really tired of you. We wish you'd go back into the closet.' So, I think that concerns about the best interests of children are not really what were behind the existence of this provision in the Florida statutes."

Regardless of the appellate court's pending decision, many observers, including Jackson, expect the case to come before the Florida Supreme Court. ■



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# WELCOME



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■ **MICHELLE ADORNO**

*Assistant Dean for Admissions*

Michelle Adorno joined the Levin College of Law as assistant dean for admissions last summer. She comes to the college from New York University School of Law, where she served as director of admissions since 1998 and was instrumental in establishing the school's An-Bryce Scholarship Program, which assists as many as 10 first-generation graduate students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Adorno said she wants to use her experience as director of admissions and recruitment at NYU Law to continue UF Law's tradition of attracting high-caliber students and hopes to gain the interest of applicants and admitted students who may not have considered UF Law as an option.

"I want to explore unconventional ways to reach these students," Adorno said. "I believe we can accomplish this by tapping into the talent of our law school community and exploring new ways of looking at recruitment and enrollment management."

Adorno earned both her undergraduate and Juris Doctor from Cornell University. After graduating from law school, she joined the New York offices of Kelley, Drye and Warren, where she worked as a litigation associate. From 1994-1998 she served as assistant director of admissions and later director of recruitment at St. John's University School of Law in New York.

She has served on the Law School Admissions Council's (LSAC) Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admissions Process Subcommittee, the LSAC Diversity Initiatives Committee and as the chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Pre-Legal Education and Admission to Law School.

Adorno said she has been impressed by the genuine feeling of community and cohesiveness at UF Law.

"Students, faculty and staff seem to really care about each other and are very committed to working together to contribute to a thriving and happy environment," Adorno said. "I am excited about the future of UF Law and look forward to making my contribution toward its continued success."

■ **CRAIG ANTHONY "TONY" ARNOLD**  
*Huber Hurst Visiting Eminent Scholar, Fall 2009*

C. Anthony "Tony" Arnold joined the UF Law faculty as the Huber Hurst Visiting Eminent Scholar. During the fall 2009 semester Arnold taught water law and natural resources law. Arnold came to UF from the University of Louisville School of Law where he is a professor of law and the Boehl Chair in Property and Land Use. He is also an affiliate professor for the Children, Youth and Environments Center for Research and Design at the University of Colorado.

After graduating with the highest distinction in political science and history at the University of Kansas, Arnold went on to earn his law degree from Stanford Law School. He then clerked for the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, was an associate in private practice and has served as an adjunct, visiting professor, teaching fellow, and professor at Trinity University, University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Stanford Law School, University of Wyoming College of Law, Chapman University School of Law and University of Cincinnati.

■ **JUDD F. SNEIRSON**

*Visiting Professor, Fall 2009-Spring 2010*

Judd F. Sneirson has joined the UF Law faculty as a visiting professor teaching corporations and business organizations during the fall 2009 semester and corporations, sustainability and corporate governance in spring 2010. Sneirson comes to UF from the University of Oregon School of Law, where he is an assistant professor teaching courses on business associations, corporate governance, contracts, and employment law.

After graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in political science, Sneirson went on to earn his Juris Doctor and graduated cum laude at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He then taught English in Japan, clerked for a U.S. district judge, was an associate in private practice, and a visiting professor at Willamette University College of Law.



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■ **DEBRA K. STAATS**

*Assistant Dean for Administrative Affairs*

Debra K. Staats, a certified public accountant, comes to UF by way of the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, where she was vice president for administration and finance. In that position she served as chief financial officer of the institution and provided leadership and oversight for functional areas of accounting and purchasing, budget and business services, campus operations, human resources and information technology. Before her departure from Northeastern Ohio, Staats led a comprehensive strategic planning effort for the institution where everything from the fiscal to the physical was evaluated.

"We worked with the students, faculty and staff to develop a 10-year facilities master plan," Staats said. "The year-long effort allowed us to look at every aspect of the institution. It was challenging, and very rewarding."

Staats said her first priority in her new role at UF Law is to get a handle on how the college does business. "It will take some time, but I want to make sure that we are making efficient decisions and are not bound to a process," Staats said. "We have to be vigilant and ask, 'is there a better way?'"

Staats said she is looking forward to becoming a part of the Gator Nation.

"There is so much activity on campus, you can really feel the energy," Staats said. "It's exciting."

■ **JOHN F. STINNEFORD**

*Assistant Professor*

John F. Stinneford has joined the UF Law faculty as an assistant professor of law teaching criminal procedure and federal criminal law. Prior to joining UF, he was an associate and assistant professor at the Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Fla., a visiting professor of law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minn., an assistant professor of lawyering skills at the University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, Ohio, and an assistant director of the I.J. Clinic on Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago Law School.

After graduating with highest distinction in English literature from the University of Virginia, Stinneford went on to earn a Master of Arts in English and American literature and language from Harvard University. After earning his law degree from Harvard Law School, Stinneford clerked with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois then practiced criminal law for several years, first in private practice, and then as assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

"I am excited to join the University of

Florida Levin College of Law," said Stinneford. "This is not simply an excellent law school at a world-class university; it is also a real community of scholars, where I will constantly be challenged and encouraged. I couldn't be happier."

While at UF, Stinneford's scholarship will focus on the historical underpinnings of the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishments clause. He will also examine the due process clause of the Fifth and Fourth amendments.

■ **SHALINI RAY**

*Visiting Legal Skills Professor*

Ray taught legal research & writing last semester, and is teaching appellate advocacy in this spring. Ray graduated from Harvard Law School in 2004. After law school, she worked as a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco. In 2006, Ray moved to Philadelphia, Penn., to clerk for the Hon. Anita B. Brody. After her clerkship, she joined the staff attorneys office for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, where she worked primarily on immigration, habeas corpus and civil rights matters.

■ **ROB BIRRENKOTT**

*Assistant Director for Career Development*

Birrenkott oversees career education programs and administers the 1L initiatives in the Center for Career Development, including the 1L resume tutorial and shadow program. He serves as one of the primary career counselors to first-year students. Birrenkott, who earned his B.A. in government and world affairs from the University of Tampa and his JD from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, is a member of The Florida Bar. He practiced law in Tampa with a focus on environmental (water resource), government and business law and has taught as an adjunct professor. ■

LAUREN FASIG ASSISTANT IN LAW AND DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE CENTER ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## Juveniles' life sentences are too cruel



Joe Sullivan in prison.

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As parents, teachers and coaches have long known, teens think differently than adults. So, it comes as no surprise that a substantial and growing body of science confirms that although adolescents may demonstrate cognitive abilities similar to those of adults, they are less capable of mature judgment.

For example, research in behavioral science shows that adolescents simply reason differently than adults. They are less able to control their emotions or consider alternative behaviors and are less able to consider the long-term consequences of their actions. The research also concludes that adolescents are more susceptible than adults to peer and environmental influences.

Neuroscientists have found that the prefrontal cortex of the brain, the frontal lobe area that is related to functions such as impulse control, planning and risk evaluation, is not fully developed in adolescents. Developmental psychologists also find that adolescents are less psychologically mature. During the teen and young adult years, the major psychological developmental task is forging identity. Scientific evidence indicates that these ongoing developmental processes yield adolescents who are capable of behavioral change.

One hopes these research findings were at the heart of the U.S. Supreme Court's consideration during its Nov. 9 hearing of two cases where juveniles who committed non-homicide crimes were sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. In both the *Sullivan v. Florida* and *Graham v. Florida* cases, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on whether such a sentence for juveniles is cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment.

Joe Sullivan was convicted of raping a 72-year-old woman after he and two older boys burglarized her house in Pensacola in 1989. Terrance Graham, of Jacksonville, was convicted of armed burglary, then violated his probation when he fled from police after a home invasion. Sullivan, at 13, was barely a teenager at the time of the offense. Graham was 17 when he violated his probation.

Both were tried and sentenced in adult criminal court as a result of Florida's direct file laws, which allow prosecutors to file cases in criminal court rather than juvenile court.

Some argue that the legal system has already incorporated the developmental factors that distinguish teens from adults into its consideration of juvenile crimes by creating a separate juvenile justice system. But adolescents who receive a sentence of life without parole are prosecuted and sentenced in adult criminal court. Because they are not tried in the juvenile justice system, these adolescents bypass any consideration of their developmental status that might be imbedded in that system. As criminal defendants, these youth receive no consideration of their immaturity or ongoing development.

In the 2005 *Roper v. Simmons* case, the U.S. Supreme Court held that teenage defendants should not face the death penalty because, "the susceptibility of juveniles to immature and irresponsible behavior means that their 'irresponsible conduct is not as morally reprehensible as that of an adult,'" quoting *Thompson v. Oklahoma*.

The court further reasoned that because adolescents are still forming their identities, they are capable of ceasing risky or antisocial activities.

Our new understanding of teenagers only strengthens that line of reasoning. The U.S. Supreme Court should determine that a sentence of life in prison without parole imposed on juveniles meets the definition of cruel and unusual punishment forbidden by the Constitution. ■

*Lauren Fasig, a UF assistant in law and director of research at the Center on Children and Families at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, co-edited the book, Handbook on Communicating and Disseminating Behavioral Science. The above is adapted from Fasig's op-ed published in the Nov. 3, 2009 edition of the Miami Herald.*

# MEDIA HITS



“It bodes poorly for defendants who are facing sentencing in these cases. . . . Because of the economic turmoil and the number of these cases, a lot of judges are sending the same kind of messages, which is how unacceptable and awful and harmful this behavior is. . . . As a former prosecutor, it warms my heart.”

—MICHAEL SEIGEL  
University of Florida Research  
Foundation Professor, July 1,  
2009, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*

Judges have been handing out longer sentences for white-collar crimes for a decade, but some may be even tougher now. Seigel provided insight on the sentences handed down to Madoff and other convicted Ponzi-scheme criminals. Harsh sentences are more effective deterrents on white-collar crime, which is often committed by educated, successful business people with families who “get the message” about the consequences, Seigel said.



“The reality is, nationwide, that real estate values are plummeting and it’s particularly difficult if you have a development that’s partially completed.”

—JEFFREY DAVIS, Gerald A. Sohn Professor, May 8, 2009, *Orlando Business Journal*



Davis also commented that it is not surprising that creditors of two bankrupt South Florida development companies are pursuing Wall Street lenders for recovery of billions in debt following the collapse of the housing market. Creditors in second position argued that Wall Street lenders lent billions to the two companies in “ill conceived” loans that contributed to the companies’ financial instability, and, as such, shouldn’t be awarded the bulk of valuable assets in the companies’ subsidiaries as first-position creditors during bankruptcy proceedings.

“What motivates these ostentatious displays is the unspoken, almost unconscious guilt over the way military service works now. A narrow slice of Americans serve again and again. It’s as if we’re saying, ‘We will engage in these very public displays of worship, provided you don’t ask us to serve.’”

—DIANE MAZUR,  
Gerald A. Sohn Term Professor,  
July 2, 2009, *USA Today*

Mazur provided her perspective as a legal expert and former U.S. Air Force officer on why today’s general population turns out in great numbers to celebrate troop homecomings.





JOHN STINNEFORD ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

## Punishing words

BY TROY HILLIER (2L)

**W**hat is the phrase that best sums up Levin College of Law Assistant Professor John Stinneford’s scholarship?  
“Cruel and unusual.”

Stinneford’s scholarship has centered largely on the cruel and unusual punishments clause of the Eighth Amendment, and he has focused most recently on the original meaning of the word “unusual.”

Stinneford is a recent addition to the college, having joined the faculty during the fall 2009 semester. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he gained first-hand experience with the criminal justice system as a private defense attorney and as an assistant U.S. attorney. It is partially these experiences that led to his current academic interests.

“One thing that I became acutely aware of when I was in practice,” Stinneford said, “was how very harsh the punishment system is in this country now.”

Having such an upfront view of the effects of the criminal justice system sometimes made his job as a prosecutor difficult.

“Criminal practice, as a defense lawyer and a prosecutor, showed me the human toll that the criminal justice system takes on people,” he said.

Stinneford said punishments tend to become more cruel when public opinion becomes “temporarily enflamed” against a certain group. In the 1980s, that group was drug offenders, he said, and now it is sex offenders.

“When you have an inflammation of public opinion,” he said, “the legislatures tend to react by enacting new punishments that are harsher than they were before as a way of appeasing the public.”

Stinneford views chemical castration of sex offenders as one such punishment, which has been adopted in several states — including Florida — despite the fact that castration as a punishment was eliminated from the English tradition in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and has never previously been a part of the American criminal justice tradition.

Why aren’t such punishments struck down as being cruel and unusual? As Stinneford points out, the current analytical framework for deciding these cases can make constitutional challenges an uphill battle. In 1958, the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Trop v. Dulles*, laying out the “evolving standards of decency” test, which ties the meaning of the cruel and unusual punishments clause to current majority opinion. Under this test, it is very difficult to challenge any punishment as excessively cruel, so long as it enjoys strong public support.

Harsher penalties have also been meted out to juvenile offenders during recent years, and Stinneford’s work was recently cited in an amicus brief submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court by New York University School of Law’s Center on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the case of *Graham v. Florida*. Graham was 17 when he committed armed robbery while on probation, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. The brief argued that life imprisonment without parole was cruel and unusual punishment when applied to juvenile offenders who commit non-homicide crimes.

Stinneford believes society should be concerned about the punishments that sexual offenders and other violent criminals receive, despite the repugnance of their crimes.

“The whole point of the cruel and unusual punishments clause is that even offenders who deserve serious punishment also deserve to be treated with human dignity,” he said. “So it’s never the case that we can say that someone is ‘scum of the earth’ because they’ve done something, and that there’s no limit to what we can do to them.” ■

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“A lot of these suits are not about money, but about symbolically saying, ‘This is a lie and we don’t want it said about us.’ It can be very effective from a public relations standpoint. ... There is a danger that these lawsuits could have a chilling effect on the free speech of others.”

—LYRISSA LIDSKY  
Professor of Law  
UF Research Foundation Professor  
Sept. 8, 2009, *Myrtle Beach Sun News*

Lidsky commented on lawsuits brought to combat false and defamatory claims posted on the Internet. She said although most lawsuits of this kind don’t usually result in large monetary awards, they can be used successfully as a counter voice to defamatory content posted online. Nonetheless, they can be abused when used to squelch free speech, Lidsky said, and courts are struggling to find a balance.



“I think it’s basically obscene that they are wasting taxpayers’ money on issues like this.”

—FLETCHER N. BALDWIN JR., Chesterfield Smith Professor Emeritus,  
Sept. 16, 2009, *St. Petersburg Times*



Baldwin provided his opinion that state legislators seeking to amend the Florida Constitution to block the impact of the new health care program are showboating and they would serve the state of Florida more effectively by focusing on the very real and pressing problems facing the state.

“The argument that the old house is hurting property values is not a sound one... The study was done for whole neighborhoods but has some applications to the situation you have in Stuart. Generally, we found that historic preservation increased, not decreased, surrounding property values.”

—TIMOTHY MCLENDON,  
Staff Attorney, Center for  
Governmental Responsibility  
Sept. 11, 2009,  
*Treasure Coast News*

McLendon provided insight into historic home preservation as an author of *Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in Florida*.



ELIZABETH ROWE Associate Professor of Law

## Keeping trade secrets

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

“Most trade secrets are stored on the computer, so you can copy hundreds of pages in seconds...all the while undetected and sitting at your desk at work.”

What do the Coca-Cola formula, Google’s search engine algorithm, and Kentucky Fried Chicken’s Original Recipe have in common?

All are highly guarded trade secrets — confidential, mission-critical business information that gives their owners a winning edge over the competition. But what protections can a trade secret owner expect when his secret isn’t secret anymore?

“The critical issue regarding a trade secret is that it must remain secret,” said Elizabeth A. Rowe, an associate professor at the Levin College of Law. “Once it’s publicly disclosed, it’s no longer a trade secret and its protections are lost forever.”

Rowe points out that, unlike a patent or copyright, both of which continue to enjoy legal protection even after they have been infringed, trade secrets are fair game for anyone to use once they’ve become public. She says the best course of action a business can take to preserve its trade secrets is to adequately protect the secret in advance of an information breach — no mean feat in this age of the World Wide Web.

“The Internet poses many challenges to preserving trade secrets, particularly in the employment context, which is where most of these cases arise,” Rowe said. “Most trade secrets are stored on the computer, so you can copy hundreds of pages in seconds. Not only can you copy them, you can widely distribute them — you can e-mail them or post them to a Web site — all the while undetected and sitting at your desk at work.”

It’s the human face of trade secret law that most intrigues Rowe. After earning her master’s in sociology from the University of Florida and graduating cum laude from Harvard Law School, Rowe entered private practice in Boston, focusing on intellectual property litigation and employment litigation. Her interest in trade secret law arose from her representation of corporate clients seeking to protect intellectual property from workplace theft.

“When it comes to protecting trade secrets, the weakest link for any company is its employees,” Rowe said. “It’s really the human beings in the workplace who are trusted with confidential information who are most likely to misuse or misappropriate it, whether it’s for their own personal gain, for the benefit of a competitor, or because they’re disgruntled and seeking vengeance.”

Now as an academician, Rowe’s research explores this dynamic combination of human and technological variables impacting trade secret disclosures. She’s also interested in how the law and the courts can better address emerging issues in trade secret law caused by rapidly evolving technology. Her many law review articles on the subject will soon be joined by a case book she’s writing, the first to be exclusively devoted to trade secret law.

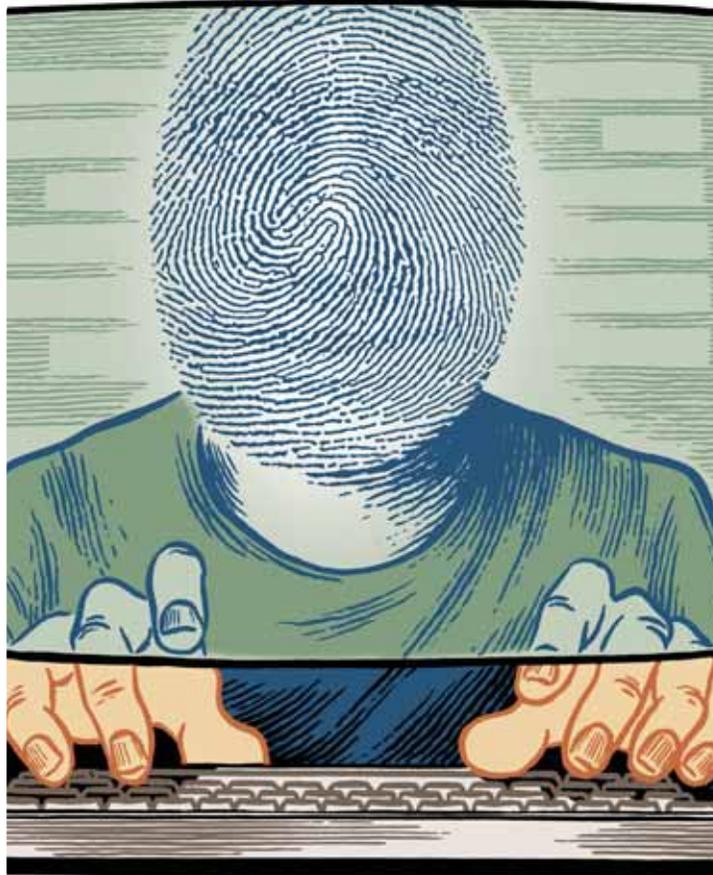
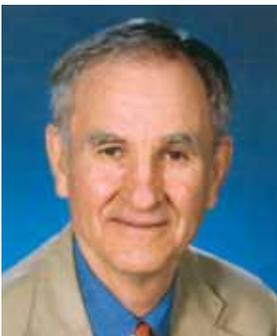
“We have these old paradigms about what intellectual property is and how we create, protect and preserve it,” Rowe said. “Now, however, we have new technology which creates its own set of unprecedented circumstances, and we find gaps when the two come together. Legal research in these areas can provide guidance to the courts on how to fill those gaps.” ■



“The facts here are unusual, as is often true in extreme cases, though I don’t think the claim itself is so unusual. If you substitute the chimp for a dangerous machine, it doesn’t seem so unlikely.”

–JOSEPH LITTLE, Professor Emeritus, Alumni Research Professor  
Oct. 15, 2009, ABC News.com

Little provided his perspective on the case regarding the \$50-million injury compensation lawsuit of a woman whose face was ripped off during an attack by a deranged, 200-pound chimp. The chimp owner counters that the victim’s civil claim should be dismissed on the grounds that compensation for her injuries should be treated as a worker’s compensation claim. Little said the argument may be successful if lawyers can prove that there was a regular employment relationship between the chimp owner and the victim, and that caring for the chimp was included in the victim’s job responsibilities.



“The amount of information collected in litigation is enormous... This is the classic horse out of the barn analogy. Once information has gone on the Web, it’s sort of gone.”

–JON MILLS, Professor; Dean Emeritus; Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility,  
Oct. 5, 2009, *Orlando Sentinel*

Mills commented on work of the Committee on Privacy and Court Records, formed by the Florida Supreme Court, to study the issue of whether more than 1,000 legislative exemptions to public records apply to open access to court records made available online.



“Some of the research does suggest there may be bias against consumers... And though the courts have been favorable to arbitration, even when it is imposed, I think you’re seeing some push-back against that now. People feel that since the courts have backed it, then you’re just going to have to change the law.”

–GEORGE DAWSON, Professor  
Oct. 6, 2009, *Orlando Sentinel*

Dawson provided insight into mandatory binding arbitration many businesses impose on their customers when legal disputes arise and the recent move to change the laws given the widespread concern that consumers may not be receiving fair mediation. This follows the state of Minnesota’s lawsuit against the National Arbitration Forum, which it accused of engaging in fraud and deceptive business practices in its consumer debt-collection arbitration. NAF ceased to conduct consumer arbitration in July of 2009, following the revelation that its parent company was a nationwide debt collection enterprise.



“The story that these folks tell is based on the idea that Obama is an illegitimate president... With midterm elections coming up, and Obama losing some momentum, this would be a perfect opportunity for the Republicans to move to the middle, or [for the GOP to] rebrand itself as the party of competence... To the extent they become obsessed with marginal, complicated issues like birth certificates, it will be more difficult for them to run strong — especially in 2012.”

—MARK FENSTER  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development, University of Florida  
Research Foundation Professor  
July 29, 2009, National Public Radio

Fenster, author of *Conspiracy Theories: Secrecy and Power in the American Culture*, commented on the insistence of “birthers” that Barack Obama is not a legitimate president because he was born in Kenya and is not a U.S. citizen. While the birthers undermine their credibility by denying clear evidence of Obama’s birth in Hawaii, White House staffers have been successful, Fenster says, in managing their own credibility as the “sane adults in the room.”



“Many people want to believe that now that we have an African American in the White House, we can get past all this race stuff.”

—KATHERYN RUSSELL-BROWN, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law; Director, Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, July 24, 2009, *USA Today* and *Miami Herald*



Russell-Brown, author of *The Color of Crime*, a book about race, crime and justice, commented on the arrest of Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates after he broke into his own home after returning from a lengthy trip. Russell-Brown said the story was a “perfect storm” of ingredients contributing to international attention regarding the question of whether the U.S. has been successful in overcoming its history of racism.

“As the old saying goes: Idle hands are the devil’s workshop... Activity is a very good thing [in prison]. ... I’ve talked to prisoners who would tell me that the only thing that kept them sane was working and having something to do.”

—GEORGE R. “BOB” DEKLE  
Senior Legal Skills Professor  
July 25, 2009, *Orlando Sentinel*

Dekle commented on the unfortunate closings, due to the poor economy, of some prison factories which provide vocational, on-the-job training to Florida’s inmates.



STUART COHN ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## Spreading the word

BY TROY HILLIER (2L)

Twelve years ago, Stuart Cohn's phone rang. Cohn, Levin College of Law associate dean for international studies, John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professor, and director of the International and Comparative Law Certificate Program, had already had a long and distinguished career in private practice and academia. Even so, he could never have guessed the subject of the call, nor the incredible path on which it would lead him. The caller's name was Swithin Munyantwali, executive director of the Uganda International Law Institute. Uganda, like many countries, was emerging from a socialist economy after the downfall of the U.S.S.R., and needed help. Munyantwali asked Cohn if he was interested in teaching a three-week program on developing a capitalist system to officials from Uganda and neighboring countries.

"So I foolishly agreed to do that," Cohn said, half-jokingly. "I had never done anything like that in my life."

The majority of Cohn's work, both in private practice and in academia, had been focused on corporate law, securities, and other commercial law.

"This was much more like finance," he said.

Despite initial misgivings, Cohn decided to dive into the endeavor, which was a significant divergence from his legal experience. He reviewed Uganda's existing regulations, and was surprised by what he saw.

"They had in place a fairly good set of laws and regulations," Cohn said. "So I began to wonder, 'What am I really doing over there?'"

But after arriving in Uganda following a long plane ride to Africa, he realized how badly they needed guidance.

"They had all these laws in place," he said, "but they had no idea how to operate, efficiently, a capital market."

To develop an efficient economic system entailed training professionals, creating investments, and creating confidence in the market.

"The laws and regulations didn't answer any of that," he said, explaining that the laws had been borrowed from the country's neighbors and Western countries.

Cohn said he drew on his personal experiences and legal knowledge to help teach the program, although he was worried after the first day that he had told program attendees all he could.

"I came home and told my wife, 'I've got two weeks and four days to go, and nothing left to say.'" Cohn said.

That turned out not to be the case, and the program was such a success that he was invited to teach the program again for the next two years. During the following year, a member of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research attended and was so impressed by the program that he invited Cohn to develop programs for the U.N. Since then, Cohn has brought similar programs to locales across the African continent, in Vietnam and other places around the world, and now also online.

Cohn describes his experiences overseas as very eye-opening, and, as associate dean for international studies, he hopes the law students whom he helps study abroad have similar experiences.

"I hope they come back seeing the importance of respecting differences, and that there are many ways of approaching legal and other problems," Cohn said.

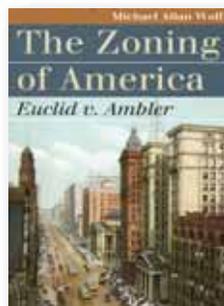
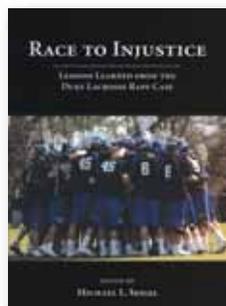
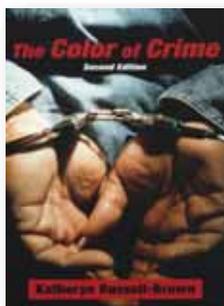
And Mr. Munyantwali, the caller who started Cohn on this journey?

"People ask me, 'Why did he call *you*?' " Cohn said, laughing. "And to this day, I still don't know why." ■



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# BOOK ROUND-UP



*The Color of Crime, 2nd Ed.*

■ **KATHERYN RUSSELL-BROWN**

Why do black and white Americans perceive police actions so differently? Is white fear of black crime justified? Do African-Americans really protect their own? Should they? These are just a few of the questions posed and examined by author and University of Florida Levin College of Law Professor Kathryn Russell-Brown in her recently released book, *The Color of Crime*, 2nd ed. (New York University Press).

*Race to Injustice*

■ **MICHAEL SEIGEL**

The Duke lacrosse rape case was a train wreck of criminal injustice, and for 13 months the public couldn't look away. The new book *Race to Injustice: Lessons Learned from the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case* examines this high-profile pile-up between

a prestigious university, an alleged rape, an unscrupulous district attorney, and a news industry ravenous for the next big scoop. In the book, author and editor Michael Seigel, a UF professor of law, assembles legal- and forensic-science experts, including fellow faculty members Sharon Rush and Michelle Jacobs, who join him in dissecting this messy clash between due process and the public's right to know. (Carolina Academic Press)

*The Zoning of America: Euclid v. Ambler*

■ **MICHAEL ALLAN WOLF**

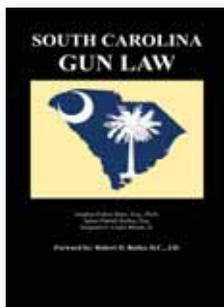
The historic case of *Euclid v. Ambler* (1926) literally changed the landscape of America. What started out as a local legal battle concerning zoning and land use in a small village in Cleveland ended in an historic Supreme Court ruling that still dictates policy for every zoning official and urban and city planner in the U.S. In his new book titled,

*The Zoning of America: Euclid v. Ambler*, author and land-use expert Michael Allan Wolf, a University of Florida Levin College of Law professor, and Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government, describes how the ordinance, and its defense, burst onto the national stage and became the focus of litigation before moving to the nation's highest court. (University Press of Kansas)

*Florida Estate Planning*

■ **JAMES G. PRESSLY JR. (JD 72) AND JOHN W. "RANDY" RANDOLPH JR. (JD 92)**

*Florida Estate Planning* provides wills and trust forms annotated with alternate clauses, practice tips, and tax considerations. Co-authors Pressly and Randolph provide a base of 89 estate planning forms in a two-volume work complete with a full-text CD. (James Publishing)



*South Carolina Gun Law*  
 ■ **STEVE SHAW (JD 96, PHD 06) AND JIM KELLEY (JD 97)**

*South Carolina Gun Law* is a complete survey and explanation of all South Carolina firearms, concealed carry, and self-defense statutes and common law written in an easy-to-read style. It is primarily targeted at the estimated 70,000+ concealed weapons permit holders in the state as well as the judiciary and state bar. With more than 250 pages, the book is the unique and premier reference on South Carolina gun law. (Self published)

*Meaning in Law: A Theory of Speech*

■ **CHARLES COLLIER**

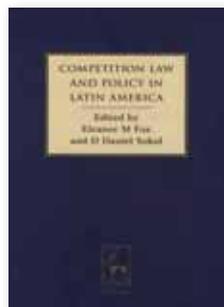
Developing a legal theory around the meaning of a single word chosen more than two centuries ago by the framers of the Constitution's First Amendment is the subject of a new book by UF Law professor and First Amendment expert Charles Collier. *Meaning in Law* is broadly interdisciplinary and employs 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. (Oxford University Press)



*Competition Law and Policy in Latin America*

■ **ELEANOR M. FOX AND D. DANIEL SOKOL**

Eleanor Fox, NYU professor of law, and Daniel Sokol, UF assistant professor of law, have teamed to author a book that offers an unparalleled analysis of the emerging law and economics of competition policy in Latin America. Nearly all Latin American countries now have competition laws and agencies to enforce them. Yet, these laws and agencies are relatively young. Fox and Sokol, with contributions from a number of U.S., European and Latin American experts, argue that the relative youth of Latin American competition agencies and the institutional and political environment in which they operate limit the ability of agencies to effectively address anti-competitive conduct. The book provides region-specific insights on using competition policy as a tool to overcome anti-market traditions in Latin America to assist in the growth of Latin American economies, their global



competitiveness, and the improved welfare of domestic consumers. (Hart Publishing, Oxford)

*Powell on Real Property: Michael Allan Wolf Desk Edition*

■ **MICHAEL ALLAN WOLF**

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. The treatise is widely cited by courts throughout the nation, including the U.S. Supreme Court. ■

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# PARTNERS



generously donated \$100,000 to create an endowment to honor her late husband, attorney Bayard “Wick” Heath (1947-2008). The new endowment, called the Bayard Wickliffe Heath Memorial Lecture Series on U.S. Antitrust Policy, will fund the inaugural Heath Lecture at the law school on Feb. 5, featuring Herb Hovencamp, professor of law and the Ben and Dorothy Willie Chair at the University of Iowa College of Law. Mr. Heath was a forensic expert in economic transactional analysis. He devoted his professional career to the investigation, analysis and prosecution of antitrust violations.

**Peter J. Genz** (JD 80) of Atlanta made a \$100,000 cash pledge for unrestricted purposes to the law school. Genz is a partner with the tax practice group of King & Spalding. He also serves as chair of the Planned Giving Committee of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta and as chair of the board of directors of the American Red Cross, Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter.

**John M. McNatt Jr.** (JD 57), of Jacksonville, Fla., has contributed another \$100,000 to add to the memorial scholarship in name of his father, the Judge John M. McNatt Memorial Scholarship. To date, nearly \$250,000 has been contributed to this fund,

## Recent gifts:

The following individuals have generously supported UF Law programs and endowments:

**Leslie J. Barnett** (JD 71) of Tampa, Fla., has documented \$100,000 in a trust to endow the Leslie J. Barnett Educational

Scholarship for students pursuing an LLM in Taxation. Barnett is a partner in the law firm Barnett, Bolt, Kirkwood, Long & McBride specializing in estates and trusts, and tax law. He is a member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and serves on the LCA Planned Giving Task Force.

In January 2009, **Inez Heath**, Ph.D.,

## WELCOME

### A new face in alumni affairs

Alumni Affairs welcomes **Lauren Lehr** to UF Law as associate director of development. Lehr will work with the Law Alumni Council, the Law Firm Giving Program, student group fundraising, and other initiatives that support mid-range annual fund gifts and event planning. Lehr comes to UF Law from the university’s for-profit radio station, WRUF, where she worked as an account executive coordinating sales calls, account prospecting, proposal presentations, promotions, sales, services, broadcast scheduling, and managing national sales. She previously worked for Universal Studios Florida as an advertising representative. Lehr was recently married to UF Law alumnus Steve Lehr (JD 98) and has a 9-year-old stepdaughter and two dogs. She enjoys spending time with her family, attending Gator sporting events and traveling. Please join us in welcoming Lauren to the law school.



primarily from McNatt, who is a retired partner of Holland and Knight.

**Peter (JD 69) and Joan Zinober** have made a \$100,000 unrestricted bequest to the college. Mr. Zinober, of Tampa, is the current chair of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and partner at Greenberg Traurig. He is the co-chair for both the firm's National Labor & Employment Practice and the Global Human Capital Solutions Practice.

## Have you considered including the law school in your estate plans?

**W**ith the current economic uncertainties, now is an excellent time to consider documenting an estate gift to the law school, regardless of your age. A documented estate gift can be changed over time as your personal circumstances change and can even be adjusted to a cash gift at a later date if you decide to fund a gift during your lifetime. You may document an outright bequest as a percentage of your assets rather than as a specific dollar amount; this can both protect your family and also provide the greatest benefit to the college as your circumstances change.

Also, if you will be age 65 by year-end 2012, your documented commitment will be counted in the current Florida Tomorrow campaign. Documenting a gift now for the campaign will help the college reach its goals, and it may inspire others to give upon the announcement of your commitment. Documenting your bequest during the campaign will also allow the university and the college to celebrate and recognize your gift during your lifetime.

For more information, please visit the UF Foundation Web site, which includes an interactive planned giving calculator at [www.uff.ufl.edu/PlannedGiving](http://www.uff.ufl.edu/PlannedGiving). If you would like to explore an estate gift to the college, please call the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (352) 273-0640.

## UF Law launches advocacy fund during Pro Bono Week

BY SCOTT EMERSON

**T**he University of Florida Levin College of Law kicked off National Pro Bono Week on Monday, Oct. 26, with the announcement of the Joseph W. Little Pro Bono Support Fund. The fund will offset out-of-pocket expenses incurred by students who volunteer for pro bono work, and was made possible by a generous donation from Philip A. (JD 73) and Phyllis S. DeLaney (BDAE 92).

The DeLanays chose to honor Little, UF Law professor emeritus, for his years of dedication to public service, his pro bono work for local causes, and his positive influence on students, including Mr. DeLaney, who is an attorney with Scruggs & Carmichael in Gainesville, Fla.

"As a first-year law student, I didn't know what to expect when I walked into Professor Little's class for the first time," DeLaney said. "It didn't take 15 minutes before I realized that he was very serious about teaching and the law. He was tough, but always willing to take time with students who wanted more information or needed counseling. It was then he became a role model for me."

Little joined the faculty at UF Law in 1967 and is a widely-known legal advocate and expert in torts, local government law, U.S. and state constitutional law and employment legislation. He said he is humbled and honored by the DeLaney's gift.

"Lucille, my wife, and I are gratified that Phyllis and Phil DeLaney have created the Joseph W. Little Pro Bono Support Fund," said Little. "A better name would be the 'Allen Y. DeLaney Pro Bono Support Fund.' Allen DeLaney, Phil's father and a physician, was committed to providing medical care to needy people in our community. I was lucky he chose me to help him in his quest."

UF College of Law Dean Robert Jerry said the fund is a fitting tribute to Little, who leads students by example in regards to advocacy work.

"Law students who volunteer for pro bono work accomplish more than fulfilling a much-needed community service," said Jerry. "They also enhance their career development and make themselves more attractive to potential employers. I am proud to say that during the course of their law school careers, last year's graduates volunteered for 8,096 pro bono hours. This fund will enhance our students' ability to serve in these advocacy roles."



Philip A. DeLaney (JD 73)

# CLASS NOTES



**SYLVIA H. WALBOLT (JD 63)**, shareholder of Carlton Fields in Tampa, Fla., and former president of The Florida Bar Foundation, has received the foundation's highest honor, the 2009 Medal of Honor Award, for her dedication to pro bono service throughout her career. Walbolt has also been the recipient of the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award, given annually by the chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court to the attorney in Florida who has given the most outstanding pro bono service.

## 1962

**J. Charles Gray**, a founder of GrayRobinson in Orlando, Fla., was honored on Oct. 15 during the *Orlando Business Journal's* 8th annual Most Influential Businessmen Awards event to recognize the top corporate players in Central Florida. Gray was awarded the night's highest honor, the Most Influential Businessmen Legacy Award. The Legacy Award recognizes the person in Central Florida who has demonstrated exemplary leadership throughout the course of his or her career in business and civic affairs.

## 1966

**J. Thomas Cardwell**, of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, PA, has been selected to serve as commissioner of the Office of Financial Regulation. As OFR commissioner, Cardwell will oversee regulation of the state's securities, banking, and other financial services industries.

## 1967

**Joseph W. DuRocher** has been appointed visiting assistant professor of law at Barry University School of Law for the 2009-2010 academic year. DuRocher has served as adjunct professor at Barry Law School since retiring from the position of elected public defender of the 9th Judicial Circuit in the Orange and Osceola counties in 2001.

**John J. Lazzara**, judge of compensation claims in Tallahassee, Fla., was inducted as a fellow of The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers and has been elected the inaugural president of the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary.

## 1968

The **Hon. Oscar H. Eaton Jr.** received the Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award, The Florida Bar Association's highest honor in criminal law, at its annual convention in Orlando, Fla.

**David Roth** of Roth & Duncan, PA, West Palm Beach, Fla., has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the area of criminal defense law for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. He is a former U.S. magistrate judge and a past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Roth's former law partners include Florida Supreme Court justices Barbara Pariente and Jorge Labarga (JD 79).

## 1973

**Jeffrey R. Garvin** was sworn in as president of the Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates during the organization's annual convention in Longboat Key, Fla.

## 1974

**Leslie J. Lott**, of Lott & Friedland, PA, was named among the top intellectual property lawyers worldwide by *Who's Who Legal*, based on an international survey of corporate general counsel and attorneys in private practice.

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# Mayanne Downs (JD 87)

## President-elect of The Florida Bar

BY IAN M. FISHER (3L)

**M**ayanne Downs (JD 87), a shareholder at King, Blackwell, Downs & Zehnder in Orlando, Fla., is a Double Gator and a dedicated Gator fan with an amazing life story.

In 2007, just as the Gator basketball team headed into the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament, Downs became ill because of a bacterial infection of the blood. Her lungs and digestive system shut down. She fell into a deep coma for days. When she awoke, her first words shocked everyone in the room.

"The first thing I asked was, 'Did the Gators win?'" Downs said.

Downs wasn't aware of how long she'd been out; last she'd known the Gators had yet to play in the second round of the regional semi-finals.

"I went to the hospital on March 19, and woke up from my coma on March 30. I thought it was the next day," she said. "It always embarrasses me a little bit because I think people would think, 'She'd ask first about her children.' But I didn't know that I'd been in a coma."

Downs' close friend, 5th District Court of Appeal Judge Jackie Griffin — also a rabid Gator fan — corroborates the tale.

"That is a true story. I was in the room. It was just so Mayanne," Griffin said. "She's been in this coma for I don't know how long and she could barely form words and there she was, just, 'How did the Gators do?'"

Downs learned the full power of friendship following her recovery. Dozens of friends and attorneys from around the state had come to the hospital to support her when word spread that she was deathly ill.

"It helped everybody appreciate how fragile our relationships are and these people that we love — how easy it is to lose them," Griffin said.

Downs met Griffin while working in the Downs family's small real estate business. On Oct. 17, 1983, at 3:30 p.m. a sheriff knocked on the business' door — the business was being sued in an antitrust case, and Downs was terrified.

"It's as if somebody has come and taken you forcibly by the shoulders and said, 'Here, I'm going to throw you in this game,'" Downs said. " 'And your life depends on the outcome. By the way, you don't know the rules, but everyone else in the game does and they all have specialized skills.' It's a very scary process, very intimidating. I was puzzled; I didn't know what it was about."

Downs' family intended to interview several lawyers before hiring one for the case, but Griffin was the first they interviewed and they hired her on the spot.

"[Griffin] said I was both a dream and a nightmare client," Downs said. "I listened closely and did what I was asked to do. On the other hand, I asked a million questions, read all the cases, understood everything instantly and was a real challenge to keep up with. Then she claims after several months of us working together I came to her and said, in essence, 'I've watched what you do. I can do this, and I really want to.'"

After attending her first Gator game in the '60s and getting her undergrad degree from UF, there was no question that UF Law was the right place for Downs. She was admitted, did well, graduated and passed the bar before the court even issued an order in the lawsuit that originally piqued her interest in law school. That lawsuit was eventually settled for a mere \$750.

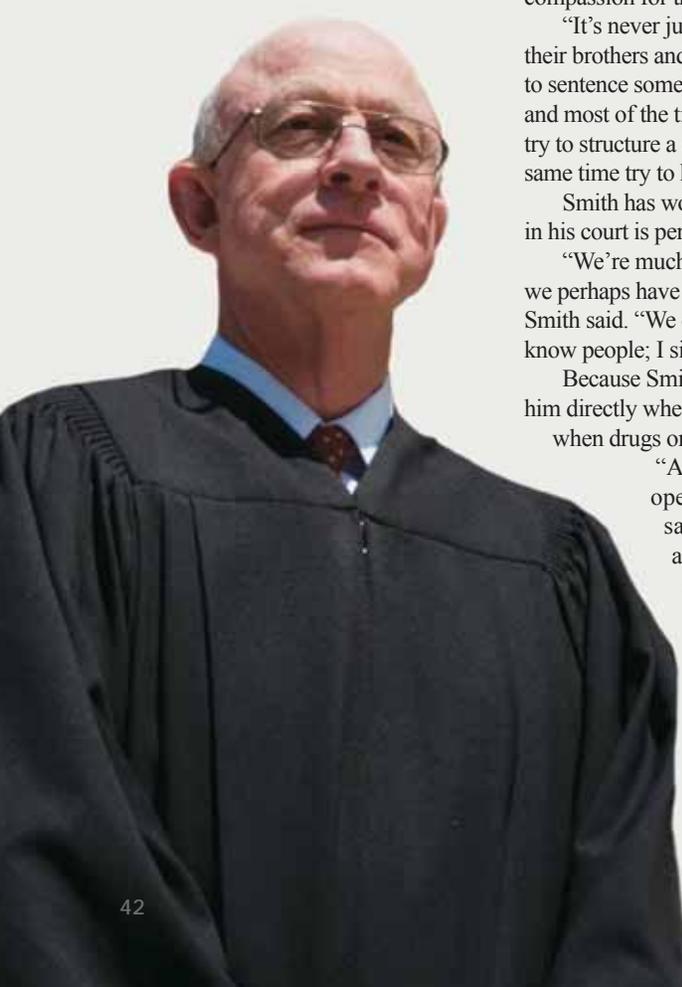
Downs is now the president-elect of The Florida Bar. When she becomes president on July 1, she'll be the first female UF Law graduate ever to serve as president, and the fourth woman president in the history of the Bar. Despite the odds, Downs has worked her way through the ranks with her signature sense of humor and a flair for the dramatic.

"I've always had this connection with the university, and that was underscored as a law student because I just don't see how you can get a better legal education," Downs said. "There are very few things in the world that I love more than the University of Florida. When I die, I dearly hope to be cremated and sprinkled over Florida Field." ■



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## Joseph E. Smith (JD 68)

### Roots run deep in Levy County courtroom

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

The Hon. Joseph Smith (JD 68), a recently retired Levy County judge in the 8th Judicial Circuit, has known a lot of people and seen a lot change in Florida’s court system during the course of his 40-year legal career.

“I graduated from law school, and when I passed the bar I was working with Clayton Duncan Johnson Clayton Quincy Ireland & Felder,” Smith said. “They hired me to manage their office here in Bronson.”

As soon as he walked through the firm’s front door on his first day at work, Smith was handed a divorce case file and told he had a hearing on it that morning in front of the judge.

“I said, ‘Wow, what on earth do I do?’ Because back when I graduated from law school, you had no internship, and as far as preparing a deed, or will, or contract, or any type of performance in court, we didn’t have any experience doing that,” Smith laughs. “So, I went before Judge Patten, who was a kind judge and he sort of walked me through it, but I was scared to death.”

Now Smith is the one behind the bench, a position he’s held since his appointment in 1993 after more than 20 years of service as Levy County’s state attorney. Smith retired in December, but he has found serving his community as a judge to be profoundly satisfying. Many of the people who came before Smith, a Levy County native, have connections with people he knows. Although Levy County is the ninth largest county in Florida in terms of land area it has a small, mostly rural population of 36,000 — nearly 20 percent of which lives below poverty level, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates. When any of these residents came before him, Smith’s hometown connections afforded him with special insight to and compassion for the broad consequences of the individual’s criminal actions.

“It’s never just that person standing before you, it’s their whole family — their mothers and fathers, their brothers and sisters, their daughters, their sons, their wives, their husbands. It is sometimes difficult to sentence somebody who you know wouldn’t be before you if they were more responsible to begin with, and most of the time they are struggling just to maintain existence,” Smith said. “That’s the challenge, to try to structure a sentence that perhaps can mete out some justice and stay within the law and yet at the same time try to help them in becoming a functioning member of society.”

Smith has worked hard to dispense justice with compassion, and his interest in the people who landed in his court is personal.

“We’re much, much smaller [than the courts in more populated counties], and because we’re smaller we perhaps have more time — our dockets are not quite as crowded, the clerk’s office is not as busy,” Smith said. “We can still be personally involved in cases and know people... you go to a ball game and you know people; I sit on juvenile court and I know these kids because I was born and raised here.”

Because Smith has such close ties to the people in his community, they are comfortable in approaching him directly when seeking help for family members who are teetering on the edge of the law, especially when drugs or alcohol are involved.

“Addiction is such a horrible thing. Drug and alcohol additions are so tangible and so open, and so much crime revolves around the illegal use of drugs and alcohol,” Smith said. “I’ve been able to bring people in and sit them down with the parents and wives and husbands and talk to them about it and I have called and made arrangements to get them into treatment centers for rehab, some with success and some not.”

Now that Smith is retired, it will be these opportunities to help change lives that he will miss, but he’ll also miss being a part of the living, breathing law.

“I will miss interacting with people. I will miss being involved in cases. I enjoy sitting on the bench,” Smith said. “If you’re going to practice law and eventually become a judge, you have to devote a lot of time to the study of the law.... The law is changing, evolving, and that’s what’s so neat about it too, that it does change with society.” ■



**WILLIAM E. "BILL" HAHN (JD 72)** of Tampa, Fla., was selected by the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates (FLABOTA) as its 2009 Trial Lawyer of the Year. Hahn was honored during FLABOTA's annual awards banquet at the Longboat Key Club & Resort on July 25. The prestigious award is bestowed each year on the individual who represents the highest standards of protecting the integrity of Florida's civil trial system.

**Michael T. Moore**, founder of the Miami-based law firm, Moore & Company, PA, has been selected to serve as chairman of the board of The International SeaKeepers Society. Moore has practiced maritime and aviation law for more than 30 years.

**Gwynn Young** was selected to serve on the executive committee of The Florida Bar for the 2009-2010 bar year.

### 1977

**Nathaniel L. Doliner (LLMT)**, managing shareholder of Carlton Fields, Tampa, Fla., is the first Florida attorney to be appointed chair of the business law section of the American Bar Association.

**Freddie L. Goode**, senior managing attorney at Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, has been selected for the 2009 Legal Aid Award by the Virginia State Bar's Access to Legal Services Committee.

**Dennis J. Wall**, of Winter Springs and Orlando, Fla., is the author of *Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith*, has co-authored an article, "Handling Construction Defect Claims," featuring "Timely and Experienced Construction

Claim Handling Tips" by Wall & Michael Latzo, General USA (Retired), published in June, 2009 online by *Claims Magazine*. He has also published an article, "An Expanding Outline for Mediation: What Defense Counsel, the Insurance Company Representative, and the Insurance Company Should Want to Know," in *The Briefs* of the Orange County Bar Association. Wall also authored "Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith," Second Edition, published by Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, 2009 Supplement by West Publishing Company, and is co-author of "CAT Claims, Insurance Coverage for Disasters," 2009 Supplement published

by West Publishing Company. Wall also has been appointed co-chair of the American Bar Association Subcommittee on Health, Life and Disability Insurance. Wall will serve a two-year term through 2011.

### 1978

**Randy Kammer** of Jacksonville, Fla., received The Out & Equal Champion Award for her support of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights. This award recognizes a non-LGBT person who has played a pivotal role in championing equal treatment of LGBT employees in the workplace and has

## Gene Moore (JD 53)

**G**ene Moore (JD 53) was one of five alumni inducted into The Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Moore, (pictured saluting at right) a major supporter of Citadel athletic programs, played on the Citadel's basketball and baseball teams and was signed by, though he never played with, the Philadelphia Phillies when he graduated in 1950. The one-time mayor of Boynton Beach and attorney for late the Ted Williams, Moore received the Southern Conference Distinguished Service Award in 2007. He has received the Boynton Beach Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Palm Beach County Excellence in Enterprise Award and was named a Legionnaire of the Year for Outstanding Service in 1992. The University of Florida Levin College of Law recognized Moore with an Outstanding Alumni Award in 2007.



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demonstrated a significant commitment to LGBT workplace rights.

**Frank E. Pierce III**, partner at Mateer Harbert PA, has been named president of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, with which he has been involved for more than 30 years.

### 1980

**Mary W. Bridgman** retired as vice president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida to work as a freelance writer. She has had many of her pieces selected for publication, including two published by the Florida Writers Association.

### 1981

**The Hon. Charlene E. Honeywell**, of Florida's 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, was nominated by President Barack Obama to be a federal judge for the Middle District of Florida.

### 1982

**Jean H. McCreary**, of Nixon Peabody LLP, New York, N.Y., was recognized by Chambers and Partners' *Chambers USA*:

*America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a leader in the field of environmental law.

**Terence J. "Terry" Delahunty Jr.**, LEED AP and shareholder in the Orlando, Fla., office of GrayRobinson, PA, will serve a second term on the national board of directors of National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. Delahunty, who is also the immediate past president of the association's Central Florida chapter, the chair of its Green Committee, and president of the association's Florida's Political Action Committee, will serve his second term from Jan. 1, 2010, through Dec. 31, 2012.

**Richard A. Jacobson**, a shareholder of the International Tax Practice Group, has been appointed vice chair-Americas for referral promotion by the TerraLex Legal Network.

**Charles W. McBurney Jr., Esq.**, a member of the Florida House of Representatives from District 16 in Jacksonville, received the Distinguished Legislative Service Award from The Florida Bar in recognition of "his outstanding leadership, statesmanship and sponsorship of legislation to significantly improve and enhance the business laws of the State of Florida."

### 1983

**Alan H. Daniels** has joined Roetzel & Andress as partner. Prior to joining Roetzel & Andress, Daniels was a partner with the law firm of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA.

**John F. Eversole III**, of the firm Mase, Lara, & Eversole, PA, in Miami, Fla., has been appointed for a third term as chairman of the aviation law certification committee of The Florida Bar.

**David H. Lillard Jr.** was elected by the Tennessee Legislature last January to serve as Tennessee State Treasurer.

### 1984

**A. Kurt Ardaman** was appointed by The Florida Bar president as chairman of The Florida Bar Eminent Domain Committee for the 2009-10 term. Ardaman is a Martindale-Hubbell AV-rated lawyer who has practiced in Florida for 25 years in the area of eminent domain, local government, real estate and development law.

**Thomas Diorio** has joined the "Global 100" law firm Nixon Peabody LLP as counsel in the firm's energy and environmental practice in New York City. He represents clients in financing, acquisition, sale, leasing and development of energy projects.

**Ronald A. Levitt** (LLMT), along with David M. Wooldridge, shareholders of Sirote & Permutt, argued a case in the U.S. tax court that led to a seminal decision in a controversy with the Internal Revenue

**LEE I. PETERS JR. (JD 84)** was awarded the 2009 Craig Barnard Award for distinguished service by the Florida Public Defender Association. Peters serves as the assistant public defender and division chief of the 3rd Judicial Circuit, and was nominated for the award by his boss, Public Defender C. Dennis Roberts (JD 83). Peters received his award during the Florida Public Defender Association meeting held in Naples on July 30.



# Cathryn A. Mitchell (JD 88)

## An eclectic blend of legal & creative pursuits

BY IAN M. FISHER (3L)

**M**any attorneys dress for work in suits. Others prefer business casual.

But for a few years, Cathryn A. Mitchell (JD 88) commonly showed up to work dressed looking more ready to play a quick tennis set than to litigate. From 1991-93 Mitchell was the in-house corporate counsel for Prince Sports, a tennis/racquet sports company in Princeton, N.J.

“Prince has tennis courts in the back, and you could wear tennis clothes to work, so that was very fun and inspirational in terms of trying to stay in shape so you don’t look ridiculous in a tennis skirt going to work as a lawyer,” said Mitchell, who grew up playing tennis in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

After Prince, Mitchell worked for a New York law firm and then started her own firm in Princeton. Mitchell focuses on corporate/business law, business litigation, worldwide brand development and intellectual property, entertainment and new media, and is developing a specialty in succession planning for entrepreneurs and family businesses as well as business and family issues for nontraditional families. Her practice is a combination of her work at Kenny Nachwalter in Miami and her in-house job at Prince with some emerging areas that reflect a change in the world in which we live. Mitchell has many international clients, including sporting goods companies, pharmaceutical companies, athletes, entertainers and authors. Mitchell strongly recommends students having a varied work experience out of law school instead of specializing right away in order to figure out what is best for them.

“It’s good to have a lot of different experiences,” Mitchell said. “I think the goal of every person professionally is to get to know themselves. And try to fit interests with skills. That’s one of the benefits of having different experiences — you learn about yourself. The goal should be to find out what environments and types of work suit you best. I think there is something to be gained everywhere.”

Mitchell came to UF Law with a degree in business from UF. She thought she might like business law as a result, but she is also a musician, so she spent several years as research assistant to Dean Emeritus E.L. Roy Hunt, who sparked her interest in intellectual property, and provided her with the chance to help him develop the curriculum for his new seminar in art law.

One of her favorite activities, along with spending time having increasingly interesting conversations with her teenage children, is writing — a bi-weekly law and business column for the *Times of Trenton*, the largest circulation newspaper in central New Jersey. To say Mitchell was persistent in landing the columnist gig about 11 years ago would be an understatement.

“I begged them,” she said. “Never underestimate the power of begging; I don’t know where I learned that. I don’t know if I learned that at Florida, but it is an important skill. I knew a very important person at the paper and about 12 years ago I started begging him to write a column. At first he did not like any of my ideas. I asked him 100 times; I really wanted to do it.”

Eventually the editor caved and let her write a “Dear Cathy” type of question-and-answer column, but there was a slight problem.

“I was asking myself some of the questions and they caught me,” Mitchell confessed. “They said, ‘Gosh, these questions look like a bunt; are you writing to yourself and asking yourself questions?’”

The editor told her she could instead write about whatever she wanted. The subject matter has loosened up over the years as her editor impressed upon her the benefit of revealing more of herself in the columns. So now Mitchell will sometimes write about Supreme Court cases and business law issues, but does not shy away from more controversial topics such as gay marriage and reproductive rights when they are in the news and an important topic of public interest.

Mitchell has written about 300 columns, and she enjoys having a creative outlet that allows people to know more about who she is as a person.

“Any time I want to see what I was thinking in 2003, usually it’s related to whatever is going on in my mind at the time,” Mitchell said. “It’s pretty scary to have a chronology of your ridiculous personal thoughts.” ■



**“I think the goal of every person professionally is to get to know themselves. And try to fit interests with skills.”**



**DAVID K. FRIEDLAND (JD 88)**, of Lott & Friedland, PA, was named among the top intellectual property lawyers worldwide by *Who's Who Legal*, based on an international survey of corporate general counsel and attorneys in private practice.

Service concerning a taxpayer's deduction for contributing a conservation easement to a land trust. The opinion by the tax court is expected to have significant, favorable implications to taxpayers who take deductions for contributions of conservation easements to qualified charities.

**1985**

**Brenna Durden**, shareholder at Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA, in Jacksonville, Fla., has been named a co-chair of Reality Check-First Coast, a seven-county visioning exercise designed to discuss, analyze and develop alternative growth scenarios for Northeast Florida for the year 2060. She also participated in the *Women in Executive Leadership Forum* presented by the Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. last May.

**Steven Ellison**, a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Broad & Cassel, has been invited to become a member of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society.

**Michael A. Hanzman** is now of counsel to the law firm of Ackerman Link & Sartory, PA.

**John E. Leighton**, of Leighton Law, PA, was re-elected co-chairman of the Inadequate Security Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice, and was re-elected for a third term as chairman of The Academy of Trial Advocacy.

**Eugene Pettis** was selected to serve on the Executive Committee of The Florida Bar for 2009-2010.

**1986**

**David P. Berg** accepted the position as executive vice president of Global Business Development and chief operating officer-international with Global Nutrition Centers Inc. He was formerly senior vice president of Best Buy Co. Inc.

**Mark A. Ossian**, a partner at Park, Ossian, Barnaky & Park, PA, in Clearwater, Fla., became board certified in marital and family law by The Florida Bar.

**1987**

**Juliet Roulhac** was selected to serve on the executive committee of The Florida Bar for 2009-2010.

**Stephen Vogelsang**, a shareholder for Gunster, Attorneys at Law in West Palm Beach, Fla., has been named to the board of directors for the South Florida Science Museum.

**1988**

**Carla M. Barrow**, senior attorney at Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, was a speaker at the 2009 Foster Advocacy Summit and has served as a citizen lobbyist and board member of RESULTS, a global nonprofit committed to ending poverty.

**R. Scott Constantino**, of Liles, Gavin, Constantino & George in Jacksonville, Fla., has been elected a fellow of the International Society of Barristers and has also become a certified member of the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Constantino was named as one of the top attorneys in Florida for 2009 by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Robert R. "Rob" Wheeler**, of Tallahassee, Fla., has been appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist as his general counsel.

**1989**

**J. Kim Wright** has been named a Legal Rebel and is amongst the American Bar Association's 50 innovators and changemakers in the profession.



Durden 85



Ellison 85



Hanzman 85



Ossian 86



Vogelsang 87



Barrow 88



Constantino 88

# Preston T. Robertson (JD 90)

## Working today for Florida's tomorrow

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

**S**uper Tuesday of 2008 was a long and hot one for Preston T. Robertson (JD 90), especially while wearing his bear suit — a Florida Black Bear suit, to be exact. Robertson donned the costume to draw voter attention to the benefits of Amendment 4 — a constitutional amendment on the Nov. 4 state ballot giving voters the chance to decide if the state should extend tax benefits to Florida land owners who place perpetual conservation easements or long-term conservation use assessments on their properties. The Florida Black Bear was the movement's mascot and star of TV and print advertisements, which featured an array of animated Florida animals endorsing private preservation of Florida's diminishing wilderness. ([www.youtube.com/user/floridabearfor4](http://www.youtube.com/user/floridabearfor4))

"That was just hot and bothersome, and I'm glad it's over," Robertson said of his bear suit experience, pictured in inset at right. "Honestly, the best part about the endeavor was the campaign. ... It was the first time in a long time that folks from the Association of Counties, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Sierra Club and everybody in between came together."

Amendment 4, Robertson's brain child, was passed with a whopping 68.4 percent of the vote and a plurality in 66 of Florida's 67 counties thanks to his efforts to bring the groups together on the issue.

"Getting 50 percent in anything in this state is a feat. Getting 60 percent is a hurdle and a half," Robertson said. "I give all praise to the Floridians who, most all of the time, support environmental protection."

As a Florida farmer who has protected his own property with a conservation easement, Robertson feels a deep affinity for land. In his professional life as the vice president for conservation and general counsel of the Florida Wildlife Federation, Robertson — a self-described "tree-hugging hunter" — works to promote ethical recreation and preservation of Florida's natural lands and wildlife through penning legislation and lobbying state legislators. Though the Florida Wildlife Federation has traditionally been seen as a hunter's organization, it takes a big picture view on the impacts of developmental pressures and emerging environmental trends on the state.

"A lot of our membership still enjoys consumptive recreation, whether it be hunting or fishing, but it's true, we've had to get into a lot of other issues that are much more complicated," Robertson said. "Growth management and water, wetlands protection and basic wildlife habitat protection. Climate change is also a huge issue with us because of the potential impact it will have on this state."

One of the organization's cooperative programs dearest to Robertson's heart is the fledgling Get Outdoors Florida! Coalition, Inc. According to its Web site ([www.getoutdoorsflorida.com](http://www.getoutdoorsflorida.com)), the organization's mission is to engage Florida "communities, families and individuals in outdoor experiences to achieve healthier lifestyles and sustain Florida's natural resources." The cooperative initiative includes the Florida Wildlife Federation, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, federal and state land managers, state health and education agencies, educators, healthcare providers, non-profit organizations and businesses.

"I got involved in environmental protection and conservation because I was out there in the woods, seeing how cool it was," Robertson said. "I'm very concerned that such a high percentage of our youth spends all their time either in a car, in a classroom or on the Internet, and they don't have a very great appreciation for the natural world upon which we depend. So this organization's goal is to get kids outside and get them excited and learning about the basic biology and functions of our waters, and our woods, and our wildlife."

"They need to see that we are part of that, not separate — so their generation will also become stewards of the environment like we're trying to be," he said. ■



**"I give all praise to the Floridians who, most all of the time, support environmental protection."**



**ROBERT J. HAUSER (JD 95), a shareholder with Beasley Hauser Kramer Leonard & Galardi, PA, in West Palm Beach, Fla., is one of seven attorneys who recently earned The Florida Bar board certification in appellate practice.**

**1991**

**Lisa Call**, an assistant federal defender in Jacksonville, Fla., recently argued *Johnson v. United States* before the U.S. Supreme Court. This case was heard on Oct. 6th, the second day of the new term with new Associate Justice Sonya Sotomayor.

**Lin M. Chery** was selected to serve as chief counsel for MySpace Inc. to manage the company's business and legal affairs in the U.S. and internationally.

**John Ghezzi**, along with Gary Gelfman, opened Gelfman & Ghezzi, PLLC, in The Woodlands, Tex. The firm specializes in business and civil litigation, construction defects and law, contracts and contract disputes, corporate law, insurance law and coverage, business formation, labor and employment law, and transportation law.

**Julio C. Jaramillo, Esq.**, has been appointed chair of the Investment Committee for The Florida Bar Foundation.

**1992**

**D. Bruce Hoffman**, was announced head of Hunton & Williams' global competition practice. Hoffman is a former deputy director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition.

**Christienne Hopkins Sherouse**, of Gaebe Mullen Antonelli, in Coral Gables, Fla., spoke on the issue of "Case Investigation" at the Dade County Florida Defense Lawyers Association and Dade County Defense Bar Association joint seminar, "Defense Practice for Young Lawyers."

**Leslie A. Wickes** was named managing partner of Volpe, Bajalia, Wickes, Rogerson & Wachs.

**1993**

**The Hon. Jonathan D. Gerber** was appointed by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist to the 4th District Court of Appeal.

**John A. Turner** has joined Arnstein & Lehr LLP in its West Palm Beach, Fla., office as a partner.

**1994**

**Jeff Bartel**, FPL Group vice president of corporate compliance, based in Juno Beach and Miami, has been named recipient of the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year Award presented by the March of Dimes Florida Chapter. The award honors individuals who exemplify genuine and meaningful leadership and whose efforts, on behalf of others, have significantly contributed to the betterment of the South Florida community.

**1995**

**Scott W. Konopka**, a shareholder with Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, PA, in Stuart, Fla., has been elected president of the Martin County Bar Association.

**Jim Matulis**, partner of Tampa, Fla., law firm Conwell Kirkpatrick, PA, has been appointed co-chair of the Hillsborough County Bar Intellectual Property Committee for 2009-2010. Matulis was among the first group of Florida attorneys to earn the distinction of being board certified in Intellectual Property by The Florida Bar in 2007.

**Jeffrey M. Taylor**, of Blank Rome LLP, has been elected vice president and program chair of the Middle Atlantic Chapter of the Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals.

**1996**

**Joy Lampley-Fortson** served as the president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys in 2008 and was selected for the Leadership



Ghezzi 91



Jaramillo 91



Hopkins Sherouse 92



Wickes 92



Turner 93

# Vanessa Buchko (JD 01)

## Providing legal aid to seniors

BY IAN M. FISHER (3L)

**A**fter 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 more than 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."

The Legal Counsel for the Elderly founded Project HELP about two years ago through a grant that was funded by the D.C. Bar Foundation. Buchko is the only full-time attorney. Now she travels around Washington, D.C. providing free legal aid to low-income senior citizens whose physical limitations make it tough to get out of their houses. Buchko helps clients with a variety of legal problems, including estate planning, landlord-tenant and mortgage issues and disputes with creditors.

At first, Buchko had to learn all of the relevant law to help her clients, but she enjoyed that process. "It was [tough]. But that's what I like about it — there's always something new," Buchko said. "Something new to learn, something that I've never done before that I have to look up. That keeps it fresh."

Buchko sometimes gets emergency calls from clients who are dying and want to execute a will, so Buchko has to get to the client as soon as possible.

Clients often have issues with their landlords and Buchko helps them try to resolve the problems.

One of Buchko's clients is in a motorized wheelchair and lives in a subsidized apartment that is not handicapped accessible, so it's too small for his wheelchair.

"He keeps accidentally running into the wall," Buchko said. "The apartment building was not constructed with the best materials, so when he runs into the wall, more often than not, it makes a hole in the wall. We've been working with him to try to get him a handicapped accessible apartment or at least help him not bear the brunt of paying for the repairs."

Buchko is in active litigation in a couple of landlord-tenant cases.

"Oftentimes our clients find it difficult to navigate government systems, especially when they are facing harsh penalties like eviction. Sometimes people can be confused by the subsidy process and inadvertently pay the wrong amount of rent, which can lead to a lawsuit and possibly eviction. Other times, landlords refuse to pay for repairs, and clients are stuck living in dilapidated apartments. In a recent case, a simple disagreement with the property manager spiraled into a landlord-tenant lawsuit, even though the alleged problems were caused not by the homebound tenant but by his guests. In these situations, we try to help the senior keep his or her housing and make sure that the housing is in proper repair."

There are parts of working with the elderly that are tough for Buchko.

"There have been a few clients who we've written wills for, especially the emergency clients, who have died pretty shortly after we visited them," Buchko said. "I also have one client who I've worked with for the past year, and she's starting to degrade a little bit. It can be really hard to see someone that you've grown to care about succumb to getting older."

Buchko also sees many people, even family members, trying to take advantage of the elderly.

"It's pretty common," she said. "Some people do such horrible things. It's surprisingly common that people prey on older members of their own family."

But overall, Buchko loves her job and would love to do similar work for the rest of her career.

"It's wonderful. The sense of satisfaction is such a reward for the work," Buchko said. ■



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**NORMA BRENNE HENNING (JD 96)**, Naples attorney and honorary consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, was awarded the Cross of Honor of the German Armed Forces in Silver during the celebration of the German National Holiday at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. The Cross of Honor is a military award reserved for outstanding service to the German armed forces. It is rarely awarded to civilians. Henning received the award for her support of the German Liaison Team to the International Coalition at the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla. Henning has served the Federal Republic of Germany as its honorary consul in Florida since 2003.



Georgia Class of 2009. Lampley-Fortson is an assistant chief counsel at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Atlanta, Ga. Prior to joining the Department of Homeland Security, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia for six years.

### 1997

**Nicole L. Goetz** lectured in Miami and Tampa in 2009 on the "Nuts and Bolts of Equitable Distribution" at a course sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Young Lawyers Division. She has been named co-chair of the Equitable Distribution Committee of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar for 2009-10, and received a 2008-09 award of merit from The Florida Bar Family Law Section recognizing her leadership, commitment and labor.

**Sherri L. Johnson** was sworn in as president of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

### 1998

**Aaron Behar** has joined the Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske law firm as partner in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., office. He will also serve as the chair of the firm's General Liability Group.

**Francis Gibbs** was promoted to chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, R-Fort Myers, Fla.

**Chuck Hobbs** is representing Deneilo Bradshaw, one of two young men accused of murdering Rachel Hoffman, an FSU student who was allegedly murdered during an undercover police sting gone bad.

**John M. Howe**, of the Law Offices of John M. Howe, has been elected to a second two-year term on the Palm Beach County Bar Association board of directors and has been named co-chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Association Diversity Task Force.

**Marilyn G. Moran**, an employment and labor attorney in the law firm of Baker Hostetler in Orlando, Fla., has been installed as the president of the Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association for the 2009-2010 term. Moran's legal expertise spans public and private sectors and includes representation of employer interests in employment litigation, with an emphasis on discrimination, retaliation, sexual harassment, and wage and hour litigation.

**Harvey E. Oyer III**, a partner at Shutts & Bowen LLP, West Palm Beach, Fla., has received the 2009 Individual Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. He was also elected to a three-year term on the board of the South Florida Science Museum.

**David M. Seifer**, a shareholder of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, PA, in Miami, Fla., has been ranked in the 2009 edition of the notable *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and has been awarded AV Peer Review Rating by *Martindale-Hubbell*.

### 1999

**Chad Cronon** is serving his second term as president of the Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival, the largest non-



Hobbs 98



Howe 98



Moran 98



Oyer 98



Rubin 99



Smith 00



Rodriguez 00



Mooney-Portale 01

2000

**Cristina Alonso**, as president of Florida Legal Services, will serve on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide non-profit organization that funds legal aid, as well as programs to improve Florida's justice system and encourage law students and young lawyers to pursue public interest careers.

**Brandon Biederman** was recently featured in the July 2009 edition of the *Florida HomeBuilder Magazine* showcasing his government affairs expertise in South Florida. This magazine was distributed statewide to more than 20,000 professionals in the development community.

**Roy J. Smith IV** has been named a partner/ shareholder with Weiss Legal Group, PA, in Maitland, Fla. He focuses on representing victims of personal injury as well as individuals in family law matters.

**Carlos M. Rodriguez** has joined MDW Insurance Group of Coral Gables, Fla., as senior vice president and head of business development.

**Christopher Vasallo** and **Jeremy Sloane** announced the formation of Vasallo Sloane, P.L. Vasallo Sloane is a boutique law firm with offices in Orlando and Miami, Fla., and caters to clients in the areas of taxation, estate planning, and corporate law.

2001

**Maggie Mooney-Portale**, attorney at Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA, has recently been named one of *Biz941 Magazine's* "Top 25 People to Watch."

juried theatre festival in the southeast. He is also president-elect of the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and serves as chapter representative to the Statewide Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

**Melissa Gross-Arnold**, shareholder with Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA, Jacksonville, Fla., participated in the "Women in Executive Leadership Forum" presented by the Jacksonville Community Council Inc. on May 7. She was also nominated to serve on the economic development advisory board for the Clay County Chamber of Commerce. The three-year term appointment was effective Oct. 1, 2009.

**Amy Tuck Farrington** of Dent & Johnson in Sarasota, Fla., was recently appointed to several committee and board positions. These include serving as chair of the Sarasota Bar Association Public Affairs Committee; vice-chair of the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota; a board member of the Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center; chair of the

Government Issues Committee for the Young Professionals Group for Sarasota Chamber of Commerce; and, she was selected for the Leadership Sarasota class of 2009-2010.

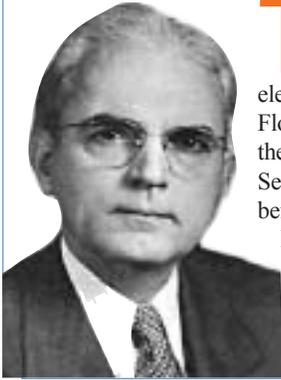
**Ken H. Haney** has been elected to partnership in the Naples office of the firm Quarles & Brady. Haney is a member of the firm's product liability group. He principally focuses his practice on the defense of product liability claims, including personal injury, for transportation companies and manufacturers, construction equipment manufacturers and industrial machine manufacturers. Ken also has extensive experience in the areas of construction law and real estate litigation.

**Stefan A. Rubin** has joined Shutts & Bowen as a partner in its Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Orlando, Fla., office. Rubin, formerly a partner at Ruden McClosky in Orlando, will continue his practice in general corporate representation, securities, mergers and acquisitions and debt and equity financing.



**MELISSA GROSS-ARNOLD (JD 99)**, a shareholder at Lewis, Longman & Walker was selected as one of the top "20 Under 40" women at the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network's National Convention. She is the only individual selected from Florida and one of 20 in the U.S. Gross-Arnold was selected based on job responsibilities, career achievements, leadership roles and affiliations within the commercial real estate industry. Award recipients are considered "women to watch" in the industry.

# Spessard L. Holland



The late Hon. Spessard L. Holland (JD 16), of Bartow, Fla., was honored by Polk County school district officials by selecting his name to be on the first elementary school to open in the Bartow since 1976. A former Florida governor, four-term U.S. senator, and namesake of the UF Holland Law Center, Holland earned a Distinguished Service Cross for his service in the Army Air Corps in France before he returned to Polk County to practice law and founded Holland & Knight. Holland served in the Florida Senate before becoming the state's governor in 1941. In 1946, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, which he served until he retired in 1971. Holland died in Bartow in 1971, at the age of 79.

## 2002

**Reuben A. Doupe'** attained board certification in marital & family law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. He was also elected president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association for 2009-2010.

## 2003

**Chris Hand** co-authored *America, The Owner's Manual*, with former U.S. Senator and Florida Gov. Bob Graham.

**Danet Rodriguez Figg**, a member of Shutts & Bowen's Litigation Department in West Palm Beach, Fla., was named to the board of directors of the United Way of Palm Beach County.

**David Rothman** was selected to serve on the executive committee of The Florida Bar for the 2009-2010 bar year.

**William A. Stetson** (LLMT) has joined Gunster, Attorneys at Law, in the firm's West Palm Beach, Fla., office as an associate.

## 2004

**Chad T. Brazzeal** has joined Morgan & Morgan, PA, in the firm's medical practice office in Ft. Myers, Fla.

**Daniel Weidenbruch**, an associate at Roetzel & Andress, in Naples, Fla., received the U.S. Green Building Council LEED Accredited Professional distinction.

## 2005

**Cathy Kamm** has joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon's Tampa, Fla., office as an associate in the Product Liability Litigation Division.

**Charles B. Jimerson** opened The Jimerson Law Group, PA, a business law, creditors' rights and construction litigation law practice. The firm is based in Jacksonville, Fla. [cjimerson@jimersonlawgroup.com](mailto:cjimerson@jimersonlawgroup.com)

## 2006

**Nathan A. Skop** was appointed to the Florida Public Service Commission by Governor Charlie Crist for a four-year term beginning January 2007. Skop currently serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Committee on Consumer Affairs and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. Prior to his appointment, Skop gained more than 13 years of engineering, manufacturing, operations, program management, and financial management experience working for Fortune 500 corporations.

## 2007

**Yelizaveta A. Batres** has joined Katzman Garfinkel Rosenbaum, in West Palm Beach, Fla., as an associate in the Community Association Law – Litigation team, specializing in commercial litigation.

**Allison Lane** has joined the law firm of Balkan & Patterson, Boca Raton, Fla., as an associate to represent personal injury and auto accident clients in South Florida.

**J. Rex Powell** has joined the law office of Burandt, Adamski, & Grossman LLP in Cape Coral, Fla. Powell is a bar member of the state of Florida and New Jersey. His areas of practice are personal injury, foreclosure defense, probate litigation, commercial litigation, general civil litigation, probate, trusts, wills and estate planning.

## 2008

**Robert Anderson** has joined the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA, as associate in the firm's Fort Myers, Fla., office.



Figg 03



Stetson 03



Kamm 05



Jimerson 05



Batres 07



Powell 07

**Graham Hill** has joined Gunster, Attorneys at Law in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Hill will be working in the firm's tax practice.

**Brent D. Kimball** recently joined Greenspoon Marder's Orlando, Fla., office as an associate in the growing commercial and civil litigation practice areas. He also practices real estate law.

**Nina Lacey** has been named an associate at Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen, Tampa, Fla.

**Chris Leon** has been welcomed as a new associate by the Orlando, Fla., firm Hill, Adams, Hall & Schieffelin, PA.

## 2009

**Crystal Espinosa Buit** and **Tim Haughee** have been welcomed as new associates by the Orlando, Fla., firm Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA.

**Jennifer Edwards** has been welcomed as a new associate by the Orlando, Fla., firm Hill, Adams, Hall and Schieffelin, PA.

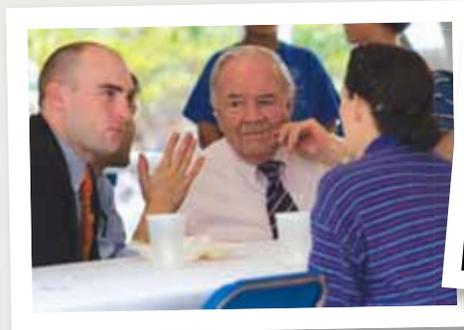
**Eric D. Nowak** has joined the Tampa, Fla., law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, PA. as an associate attorney.

**Katharine Walter Payne** (LLMT) has joined the firm Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC, as an associate in the firm's Charleston, W.Virg., office. Payne's primary areas of practice are federal taxation, estate planning and corporate law.

**David N. Torre** became a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Accredited Professional.

## '100 Years of UF Law' homecoming barbecue

**U**F Law held its Centennial Celebration during the UF Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 16, in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard. More than 300 UF Law alumni, faculty, staff and students joined in the festivities, which followed the Homecoming Parade. Hills Barbecue served delicious barbecue dinners, UF mascots Albert & Alberta thrilled the crowd with their special guest appearances, and a "When Did You Become A UF Lawyer?" video booth recorded memories of those special moments when alums became members of the Gator Nation. To view the "When Did you Become a UF Lawyer?" videos, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw).



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Kimball 08



Nowak 09



Torre 09

# Making the List

(Editor's note: The individuals below self-reported their selections to the following lists.)

## Best Lawyers in America 2010

Ron A. Adams (JD 80)  
 Andrew Prince Brigham (JD 81)  
 Toby Prince Brigham (JD 59)  
 John M. Brumbaugh (JD 70)  
 Timothy A. Bush (LLMT 84)  
 Lauren N. Camp (JD 94)  
 Linda A. Conahan (JD 77)  
 David L. Cook (JD 77)  
 Ivan M. Diamond (JD 64)  
 Brenna Malouf Durden (JD 85)  
 Wayne E. Flowers (JD 75)  
 Jeffrey R. Garvin (JD 73)  
 Alan G. Greer (JD 69)  
 Thomas M. Gunderson (JD 87)  
 William Hennessey (JD 96)  
 Robert E. Holden (JD 78)  
 W.L. "Bud" Kirk (JD 68)  
 John Elliott Leighton (JD 85)  
 Ronald A. Levitt (LLMT 84)  
 Melinda Mathews (LLMT 81)  
 Denis H. Noah (JD 80)  
 Harvey E. Oyer III (JD 98)  
 H. William Perry (JD 86)  
 Gerald F. Richman (JD 64)  
 Gerald A. Rosenthal (JD 73)  
 David L. Roth (JD 68)  
 Michael D. Simon (JD 88)  
 Andrew H. Schuster (JD 74)  
 Gregg S. Truxton (JD 80)  
 Stephen G. Vogelsang (JD 87)  
 Stephen A. Walker (JD 74)  
 John "Jay" White III (JD 83)

## South Florida Legal Guide Top Lawyers

John Elliott Leighton (JD 85)

## Florida Trend "Legal Elite" 2009

William A. Boyles (LLMT 78)  
 Daniel Gerber (JD 88)

Alan G. Greer (JD 69)  
 Nicole L. Goetz (JD 97)  
 Thomas Gunderson (JD 87)  
 Keersten Heskin Martinez (JD 95)  
 Ellen S. Morris (JD 89)  
 Stuart R. Morris (JD 89)  
 John Elliott Leighton (JD 85)  
 Steven A. Lessne (JD 96)  
 Denis Noah (JD 80)  
 Gerald F. Richman (JD 64)  
 John T. Rogerson III (JD 89)  
 Frederick S. Schriels (JD 86)  
 Steven Jon Solomon (JD 91)  
 Timothy W. Volpe (JD 82)  
 Leslie A. Wickes (JD 1992)  
 Richard M. Zabak (JD 78)  
 John "Jay" White III (JD 83)

## Florida Trend "Legal Elite Up and Comers" 2009

Matthew Belcastro (JD 97)  
 Rueben A. Doupe' (JD 02)  
 Jason Peterson (JD 99)

## 2009 Florida Super Lawyers – Rising Stars Edition

Trevor B. Arnold (JD 01)  
 Andre V. Bardos (LLMT 05)  
 Kimberley A. Belcastro (LLMT 06)  
 Benjamin B. Brown (JD 05)  
 T. Robert Bulloch (JD 02)  
 Christopher L. Carmody Jr. (JD 05)  
 V. Nicholas Dancaescu (JD 04)  
 Kenneth H. Haney (JD 99)  
 Eric Houck-Toll (LLMT 05)  
 Sherri L. Johnson (JD 97)  
 Steven A. Lessne (JD 96)  
 Kelly Lyon Davis (JD 06)  
 Brian K. Oblow (JD 99)  
 Beranton J. Whisenant Jr. (JD 04)

## 2009 Florida Super Lawyers

William H. Andrews (JD 72)  
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# FULL CIRCLE

As the Levin College of Law commemorates its centennial, it also celebrates the end of an extraordinary 10-year, \$31-million facilities expansion effort that has firmly established the Levin College of Law as a fully modern, technologically and academically state-of-the-art legal learning center.

A step through the Levin College of Law portico is a step onto gracious, oak-shaded grounds distinguished by spacious facilities built around a central courtyard. It is a place of continuous learning, where students become intimate with the law in comfortable surroundings, interact freely with faculty and classmates to exchange information, attend events featuring world-class guests, and, most importantly, make lifelong friends and colleagues.

The past 10 years has been a time of growth made possible only by the vision, dedication and support of UF Law alumni and friends like you. It has been a time of expansion that, culminating with the completion of the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center last fall, has poised UF Law for its next 100 years of growth and excellence.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Bruce H. Bokor

Despite a challenging 2008-09 fiscal term, the Law Center Association is pleased to report significant progress for UF Law during its centennial year. The first floor of the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center has been completed and the new facility hosted arguments for the 1st District Court of Appeal on Oct. 27 & 28, 2009. The new advocacy center is a beautiful enhancement of the UF Law campus, and it represents a cornerstone in the college's continuing emphasis on trial and appellate practices and clinical trial programs.

Another milestone for UF Law is the reduction in class size, which began with the 2009 entering class. Reducing the number of students admitted to 300 or so per entering class will positively impact UF Law's academic quality, both in terms of student scholarship and in greater and more personal faculty/student interactions.

State funding for UF Law and all of higher education in Florida continues to be a challenge. Although President Machen and Dean Jerry have been masterful in allocating resources to maintain the quality of UF Law's faculty, curriculum and facilities, inadequate state funding will continue to be an obstacle to the college's ambition of becoming one of the top five public law schools in the nation.

To help alleviate this funding shortfall, alumni have responded during one of the most difficult economic downturns in 70 years. Our alumni contributed more than \$724,000 to the Levin College of Law Annual Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Furthermore, the Class of

2009 pledged nearly \$119,000 to UF Law. The generosity of these new graduates — many of whom don't have jobs and face great challenges to secure jobs in the near future — should compel us all to consider how we can support the school we love. Please do your best to support the college's annual fund.

We ask our alumni and friends to also consider other gift options that can be tailored to enhance your own financial goals. For example, a bequest under your estate plan — whether it is a cash gift, a specific asset, a percentage of your retirement account or something similar — can provide tax benefits and cash payments to you right now while contributing to meeting UF Law's long-term funding needs. You may also consider an estate planning gift that extends tax benefits to your heirs while contributing toward UF Law's effort to become a "top five" law school. If you have any questions or would like to discuss gift options that complement your financial plan, please contact me at (727) 461-1818 or the development office at (352) 273-0640.

I am constantly thankful for the opportunities UF Law provided me, and I hope that you feel the same way. Please get involved with your law school — we need you.

**GO GATORS!**

BRUCE H. BOKOR (JD 72)  
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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW ALUMNI COUNCIL



Gary Lee Printy

Thanks to all who made contributions to the Levin College of Law Annual Fund. Your annual fund gifts have significantly enhanced the legal education of UF Law students, provisioning the college with critical discretionary resources used to send students to conferences and competitions, fund law journals and publications, provide scholarships and financial aid, support student organizations and provide unique enrichments to the legal education of future law alumni.

These enhancements to legal education are significant experiences for our students, and they contribute to a quality education that continues to give as these students enter the legal profession as practicing attorneys. That's why your support of the annual fund during the current economic situation was so remarkable. While our annual fund total of more than \$724,000 was slightly less than last year's record-breaking figure, it still represents the second highest total of contributions to the annual fund ever received. This is great news.

I am also very excited by the Class of 2009's class gift of nearly \$119,000. The message of giving back to our law school — one that alumni donors help reinforce through support of and involvement with the school — is not lost on the college's graduates, and this bodes well for the future of UF Law. The rest of us, especially members of the Law Alumni Council, need to step up and show the same optimism about the future of UF Law as these new graduates.

UF Law needs you. No law school can continue to improve in an era of dwindling public support simply by raising tuition. Those public law schools that are positioned, in terms of quality and prestige, where we aspire to be receive substantially more alumni support, in addition to charging higher tuition, than UF Law. We, who have benefitted from years of low tuition, have received a fantastic return on our investment in legal education and our giving should be reflective of that.

The mission of your Law Alumni Council is to broaden our base of alumni support through appeals to classmates to make gifts to the college's annual fund. There are many ways to participate, including the Law Firm Giving Program or by sponsoring a Book Award. I ask everyone who is a current member, or would like to be, of the Law Alumni Council to lead by example and make your contribution to the UF Levin College of Law Annual Fund this year.

I would also like to give special thanks to Dean Jerry and his wonderful wife, Lisa, and the great people at the Development & Alumni Affairs Office at UF Law for their commitment to make the University of Florida Levin College of Law the best it can be.

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Gifts to the law school's endowment are not spent, but instead are carefully invested to yield a dependable, stable source of income in perpetuity. Approximately 4 percent of earned interest from the market value of the endowment fund balance was transferred and spent for specific uses designated by donors and by college administrators for annual operating and administrative costs. (The additional earned interest above the 4 percent is returned to the fund balance.) The fund is managed by the University of Florida Foundation Investment Company (UFICO), which oversees investments and law school endowment income.

Year	Fund Balance	Interest Transferred
1999-2000	\$57,931,929	\$2,129,167
2000-2001	\$58,442,477	\$2,907,585
2001-2002	\$59,837,880	\$2,971,718
2002-2003	\$46,903,630	\$2,287,087
2003-2004	\$52,975,580	\$1,582,204
2004-2005	\$59,588,895	\$1,634,109
2005-2006	\$67,250,539	\$2,004,200
2006-2007	\$81,594,986	\$2,512,741
2007-2008	\$83,571,816	\$2,929,866
2008-2009	\$66,753,395	\$2,746,444

Thank you, to the many UF Law alumni and friends who, from the beginning, have made contributions of time, treasure and talent to bring us here, full circle.

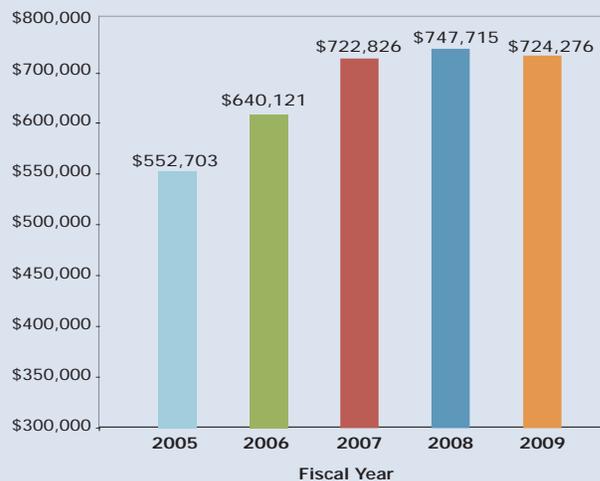
### Annual Fund Participation:

Fiscal Year	Donors	Participation
2005	1595	9.34%
2006	1623	9.51%
2007	1,439	8.21%
2008	1,315	7.5%
2009	1,066	5.99%

2008-09 Average Gift: \$679.43

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The 1909 Society commemorates the founding year of the law school and honors individuals who support the law school's annual fund program. See page 64 for more details. Annual fund gifts (contributions designated to non-endowed, non-building funds) of \$2,000-\$4,999. All current members of the 1909 Society are designated in this report by an asterisk (\*).

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UF Law alumni and friends stepped up to the plate in 2001 to raise money to fund the college's most ambitious expansion in two decades. Spurred by an American Bar Association site accreditation visit that identified facilities at UF Law as inadequate, the expansion would target new library and classroom space.

With the tireless efforts of the college's Law Center Association Board of Trustees, UF Law embarked on a fundraising effort to raise \$5 million by a deadline of Jan. 2, 2002. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, an astounding \$6.3 million was raised. With that sum, state matching funds and \$10 million contributed by the University of Florida, UF law began the three-year, \$25 million effort to expand and enhance its campus through new construction and renovation.

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Class Total:	\$1,050.00
No. in Class:	21
Participation:	5%

### Trusler Society

George C. Young

## Class of 1947

Class Total:	\$2,000.00
No. in Class:	24
Participation:	4%

### Founders Society - silver

Robert M. Ervin

## Class of 1949

Class Total:	\$615.00
No. in Class:	85
Participation:	4%

### Enrichment Society

Bart L. Cohen

John A. Jones

Al L. Schneider

## Class of 1950

Class Total:	\$480.00
No. in Class:	71
Participation:	6%

### Enrichment Society

John M. Farrell

Alex D. Littlefield, Jr.

## Class of 1951

Class Total:	\$15,301.42
No. in Class:	84
Participation:	8%

### Founders Society - gold

James D. Camp, Jr.

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### Enrichment Society

Mandell Glicksberg

G. A. Smith

Hans G. Tanzler, Jr.

Clarence M. Wood

## Class of 1952

Class Total:	\$587,457.56
No. in Class:	37
Participation:	8%

### Enrichment Society

Roy W. Caldwell

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## Class of 1954

Class Total:	\$6,100.00
No. in Class:	40
Participation:	10%

### Founders Society - gold

E. G. Boone

Robert L. Trohn

### Associates

Donald J. Forman

### Trusler Society

Stephen H. Grimes

## Class of 1955

Class Total:	\$1,400.00
No. in Class:	31
Participation:	10%

### Enrichment Society

W. Dexter Douglass

W. Ray Fortner

## Class of 1956

Class Total:	\$8,950.00
No. in Class:	36
Participation:	19%

### Founders Society - gold

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### Trusler Society

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### Enrichment Society

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## Class of 1957

Class Total:	\$55,934.38
No. in Class:	44
Participation:	11%

### Founders Society - gold

John M. McNatt, Jr.

### Founders Society - silver

A. Ward Wagner, Jr.

### Trusler Society

James E. Yonge

### Enrichment Society

James O. Driscoll

Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.

## Class of 1958

Class Total:	\$5,400.00
No. in Class:	58
Participation:	7%

### Enrichment Society

William T. Hodges

Clarence T. Johnson, Jr.

Donald J. Lunny, Sr.

## Class of 1959

Class Total:	\$1,600.00
No. in Class:	62
Participation:	6%

### Associates

Albert D. Quentel

### Enrichment Society

Robert J. Boylston

Stephen W. Sessums

Joseph Q. Tarbuck

## Class of 1960

Class Total:	\$450.00
No. in Class:	65
Participation:	3%

### Enrichment Society

Robert A. Kimbrough

L. David Shear

## Class of 1961

Class Total:	\$2,950.00
No. in Class:	71
Participation:	6%

### Trusler Society

Robert J. Carr

### Enrichment Society

Irvin A. Meyers

Raymond W. Royce

Thomas H. Thurlow, Jr.

## Class of 1962

Class Total:	\$14,375.00
No. in Class:	102
Participation:	9%

### Founders Society - silver

Ernest A. Sellers

### Trusler Society

W. George Allen

J. Charles Gray

### Enrichment Society

Byron B. Block

James H. Gilbert, Jr.

James C. Hoover

Peter C. Jones

R. Layton Mank

## Class of 1963

Class Total:	\$9,950.00
No. in Class:	93
Participation:	8%

### Associates

S. Austin Peele

### Trusler Society

W. O. Birchfield

Tad Davis

### Enrichment Society

Murray Kanetsky

Wm. Bruce Loudon

Larry S. Stewart

## Class of 1964

Class Total:	\$5,450.00
No. in Class:	131
Participation:	5%

### Founders Society - silver

Charles T. Wells

### Trusler Society

Stephen D. Gardner

Malcolm R. Kirschenbaum

### Enrichment Society

Haywood M. Ball

William H. Meeks III

## Class of 1965

Class Total:	\$70,142.00
No. in Class:	132
Participation:	6%

### Founders Society - gold

Sidney A. Stubbs, Jr.

### Founders Society - silver

Stumpy Harris

### Partners

Gerald D. Schackow

### Trusler Society

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### Enrichment Society

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## Class of 1966

Class Total:	\$7,340.00
No. in Class:	170
Participation:	6%

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**Trusler Society**

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**Enrichment Society**

L. Kinder Cannon III

Thomas C. Dunn

Rutledge R. Liles

Stewart E. Parsons

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Stephen J. Powell

**Class of 1967**

Class Total: \$22,150.00

No. in Class: 217

Participation: 7%

**Founders Society - gold**

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**Founders Society - silver**

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**Partners**

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**Trusler Society**

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**Class of 1968**

Class Total: \$19,450.00

No. in Class: 185

Participation: 8%

**Founders Society - gold**

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**Partners**

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**Trusler Society**

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**Class of 1969**

Class Total: \$114,360.20

No. in Class: 182

Participation: 7%

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**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 1970**

Class Total: \$12,285.00

No. in Class: 202

Participation: 9%

**Partners**

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**Trusler Society**

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NOTE: Class total figures include estate gifts received in the 2008-09 fiscal year. Alumni whose estate gifts were received in this fiscal year are listed elsewhere in this report.

# Class of 2009 gift sets record

The UF Law Class of 2009 set a new record with its \$118,900 class gift. The gift exceeds the closest class gift amount by more than \$40,000. Although the Class of 2009 is the largest graduating class ever, the higher numbers of students is less in proportion to the increase in the size of the gift, making the gift all the more remarkable.

Dean Robert H. Jerry earlier commended the Class of 2009 for its generosity, stating "Your gift, which is made before you have taken the bar or received your first paycheck, makes a statement to each and every one of our alumni, and to all the citizens of Florida, that you care about the future of higher education and of your law school. I will challenge future classes to exceed your record, but the fact is that you have set a very high bar that will be very difficult to exceed. Thank you, 2009 graduates."

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### Class of 1971

Class Total:	\$8,950.00
No. in Class:	219
Participation:	5%

#### Founders Society - gold

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### Class of 1972

Class Total:	\$35,382.16
No. in Class:	348
Participation:	8%

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### Class of 1973

Class Total:	\$31,126.00
No. in Class:	385
Participation:	8%

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#### Founders Society - silver

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### Class of 1974

Class Total:	\$44,870.00
No. in Class:	282
Participation:	9%

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#### Founders Society - silver

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Class Total:	\$45,951.75
No. in Class:	362
Participation:	8%

#### Founders Society - silver

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#### Barristers

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Class Total:	\$114,967.53
No. in Class:	382
Participation:	11%

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#### Founders Society - silver

Scott L. Whitaker

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No. in Class:	323
Participation:	8%

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<b>Class of 1979</b>	
Class Total:	\$61,850.00
No. in Class:	326
Participation:	10%

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<b>Class of 1980</b>	
Class Total:	\$142,807.20
No. in Class:	355
Participation:	9%

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 Jeffrey A. Rynor

Richard B. Troutman  
 C. Douglas Wingate

<b>Class of 1981</b>	
Class Total:	\$35,466.00
No. in Class:	379
Participation:	10%

**Founders Society - gold**

Casey Johnson

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<b>Class of 1982</b>	
Class Total:	\$47,572.00
No. in Class:	398
Participation:	10%

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### Class of 1983

Class Total: \$21,005.50

No. in Class: 337

Participation: 10%

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Class Total: \$11,375.00

No. in Class: 323

Participation: 6%

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Class Total: \$8,440.00

No. in Class: 364

Participation: 8%

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### Class of 1986

Class Total: \$13,085.95

No. in Class: 390

Participation: 5%

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Class Total: \$7,735.00

No. in Class: 375

Participation: 6%

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### Class of 1988

Class Total: \$9,056.70

No. in Class: 364

Participation: 6%

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Participation:	5%

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**Class of 1990**

Class Total:	\$6,225.00
No. in Class:	377
Participation:	5%

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Julie A. Moxley

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Andrew M. Pelino  
Johnathan H. Short  
Ginger E. Wald  
Stephen M. Walker

**Class of 1991**

Class Total:	\$3,385.00
No. in Class:	379
Participation:	5%

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Thomas P. Briggmann

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Raymond A. Jackson  
Jon A. Morris  
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**Class of 1992**

Class Total:	\$9,071.75
No. in Class:	365
Participation:	6%

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**Class of 1993**

Class Total:	\$13,055.00
No. in Class:	405
Participation:	5%

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**Class of 1994**

Class Total:	\$11,460.00
No. in Class:	381
Participation:	6%

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**Class of 1995**

Class Total:	\$9,330.00
No. in Class:	380
Participation:	7%

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**Class of 1996**

Class Total:	\$8,073.66
No. in Class:	373
Participation:	6%

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**Class of 1997**

Class Total:	\$7,265.00
No. in Class:	373
Participation:	5%

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Class Total:	\$7,771.00
No. in Class:	387
Participation:	6%

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Class Total:	\$10,455.00
No. in Class:	389
Participation:	6%

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### Class of 2000

Class Total:	\$4,600.00
No. in Class:	393
Participation:	5%

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Class Total:	\$1,320.00
No. in Class:	384
Participation:	3%

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Class Total:	\$4,086.00
No. in Class:	402
Participation:	6%

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Class Total:	\$7,386.67
No. in Class:	430
Participation:	8%

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### Class of 2004

Class Total:	\$7,122.00
No. in Class:	399
Participation:	11%

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Class Total:	\$17,335.00
No. in Class:	375
Participation:	14%

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Class Total: \$17,450.33  
No. in Class: 408  
Participation: 16%  
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**Class of 2007**  
Class Total: \$12,251.67  
No. in Class: 445  
Participation: 12%

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Kristeen R. Witt  
**Enrichment Society**  
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**Class of 2008**  
Class Total: \$6,450.00  
No. in Class: 303  
Participation: 7%

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**Class of 2009**  
Class Total: \$1,200.00  
No. in Class: 397  
Participation: 1%

**Enrichment Society**  
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Charles E. Roberts

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Class Total	\$2,850.00
No. in Class:	41
Participation:	12%

### Associates

Bernie A. Barton, Jr.

### Trusler Society

James B. O'Neal

### Enrichment Society

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Ronald L. Rowland

## Class of 1977

Class Total	\$88,650.00
No. in Class:	39
Participation:	10%

### Founders Society - gold

Ellen B. Gelberg

### Barristers

Hans G. Tanzler III

### Enrichment Society

John J. Collins, Jr.

## Class of 1978

Class Total	\$2,710.00
No. in Class:	67
Participation:	9%

### Associates

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### Enrichment Society

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Class Total	\$3,780.00
No. in Class:	46
Participation:	13%

### Partners

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Class Total	\$36,335.00
No. in Class:	47
Participation:	19%

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## Class of 1981

Class Total	\$4,808.00
No. in Class:	66
Participation:	17%

### Partners

Randolph J. Rush

### Enrichment Society

Richard G. Cherry

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## Class of 1982

Class Total	\$5,840.00
No. in Class:	61
Participation:	15%

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## Class of 1983

Class Total	\$9,220.00
No. in Class:	60
Participation:	15%

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### Trusler Society

Ellen R. Gershow

### Enrichment Society

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Stephen L. Cordell

Alan H. Daniels

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Robert L. Miller

James B. Wiley

## Class of 1984

Class Total	\$5,900.00
No. in Class:	73
Participation:	4%

### Associates

Mark T. Tate, Jr.

### Enrichment Society

Linda S. Griffin

James A. Lowe III

## Class of 1985

Class Total	\$7,000.00
No. in Class:	74
Participation:	8%

### Barristers

Alan B. Cohn

### Trusler Society

Guy E. Whitesman

## Enrichment Society

Tracey A. Anderson

Christopher A. Detzel

John A. Garner

Stephen R. Looney

## Class of 1986

Class Total	\$1,500.00
No. in Class:	48
Participation:	6%

### Trusler Society

J. Carter Perkins, Sr.

### Enrichment Society

David K. Cahoon

David P. Webb

## Class of 1987

Class Total	\$580.00
No. in Class:	62
Participation:	10%

### Enrichment Society

Shawn M. Flanagan

Lisa S. Odom

## Class of 1988

Class Total	\$800.00
No. in Class:	43
Participation:	7%

### Enrichment Society

Jane D. Callahan

Dirk A. Williams

## Class of 1989

Class Total	\$750.00
No. in Class:	63
Participation:	5%

### Enrichment Society

Charles L. Cooper, Jr.

James W. Forsyth

Michael R. Nelson

## Class of 1990

Class Total	\$5,300.00
No. in Class:	53
Participation:	6%

### Barristers

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### Enrichment Society

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Class Total	\$650.00
No. in Class:	63
Participation:	5%

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 1992**

Class Total	\$1,050.00
No. in Class:	60
Participation:	3%

**Associates**

Jack A. Weiss

**Class of 1993**

Class Total	\$1,099.00
No. in Class:	57
Participation:	7%

**Enrichment Society**

Rosanne M. Duane  
Jane A. Houk  
Douglas A. Smith  
William P. Zox

**Class of 1994**

Class Total	\$2,200.00
No. in Class:	63
Participation:	5%

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Donna L. Longhouse

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 1995**

Class Total	\$175.00
No. in Class:	74
Participation:	4%

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 1996**

Class Total	\$600.00
No. in Class:	74
Participation:	5%

**Enrichment Society**

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Matthew R. O'Kane  
Peter A. Rivellini

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Class Total	\$275.00
No. in Class:	53
Participation:	6%

**Enrichment Society**

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Keith M. Olivia

**Class of 1998**

Class Total	\$4,550.00
No. in Class:	69
Participation:	7%

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**Associates**

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**Trusler Society**

Cristin C. Keane

**Enrichment Society**

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Class Total	\$200.00
No. in Class:	45
Participation:	2%

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 2000**

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No. in Class:	64
Participation:	6%

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 2001**

Class Total	\$535.00
No. in Class:	64
Participation:	8%

**Enrichment Society**

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John B. Burns  
Robert T. Smith

**Class of 2002**

Class Total	\$450.00
No. in Class:	63
Participation:	5%

**Enrichment Society**

Julius B. Remmen  
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**Class of 2003**

Class Total	\$1,125.00
No. in Class:	80
Participation:	8%

**Enrichment Society**

Terrence T. Dariotis  
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**Class of 2004**

Class Total	\$1,050.00
No. in Class:	79
Participation:	5%

**Enrichment Society**

Nathan R. Adams  
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**Class of 2005**

Class Total	\$335.00
No. in Class:	77
Participation:	5%

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 2006**

Class Total	\$505.00
No. in Class:	64
Participation:	8%

**Enrichment Society**

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**Class of 2007**

Class Total	\$1,130.00
No. in Class:	78
Participation:	8%

**Enrichment Society**

James M. Bandoblu, Jr.  
Dara S. Green  
Alan K. Ragan  
Jeffrey T. Troiano  
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**Class of 2008**

Class Total	\$3,145.00
No. in Class:	77
Participation:	14%

**Trusler Society**

Kristeen R. Witt  
**Enrichment Society**  
Scott A. Bowman  
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David D. Duncan  
Daniel J. Glassman  
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**Class of 2009**

Class Total	\$100.00
No. in Class:	64
Participation:	2%

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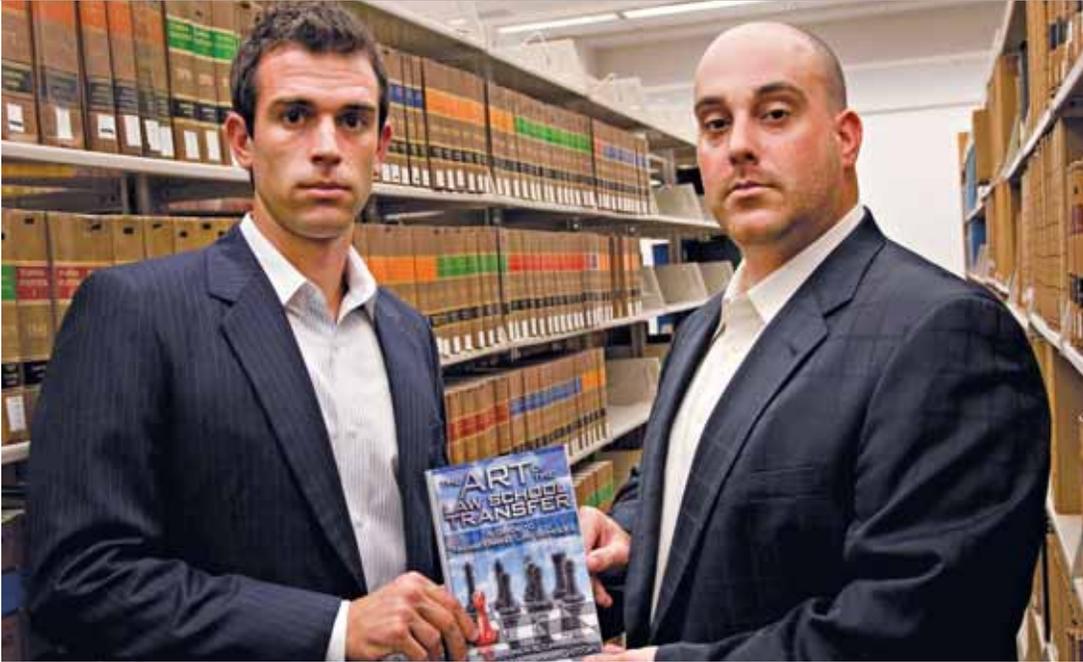
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## UF Law students write law school transfer book

BY IAN M. FISHER (3L)

As first-year law students at Florida A&M Law School, Seth Haimovitch and friend Andrew Carrabis were looking to transfer to a higher-ranked school. As Haimovitch did before applying to law school, he looked for a book for guidance on transferring.

“I wanted to read a book, so I typed into Yahoo ‘law school transfer books,’ and nothing came up. I said, ‘Wow.’”

So Haimovitch, now a 3L at UF Law, decided to write the first one. He teamed up with Carrabis, also a UF 3L, to write *The Art of the Law School Transfer*, which was published in October.

Haimovitch and Carrabis found very little information anywhere about transferring law schools for many reasons.

“Schools don’t want to lose their best students so they’re not going to give advice on how you can leave their school,” Haimovitch said. “Especially if you’re transferring from a tier four school, no one is really transferring into a tier four school, so you have no one at the school to talk to about how to do this. There was no medium to act as a big brother.”

Both Haimovitch and Carrabis went to Florida A&M with the intent to graduate from another school. Carrabis had done a lot of online research about transferring and knew plenty about the process. After Haimovitch received high marks in his first semester, Carrabis started to talk to Haimovitch more about their transfer plans.

“I went into law school at Florida A&M knowing that I wanted to transfer out and I think Seth had the same idea,” Carrabis said. “The only difference between me and him was I was more into the online searches and knowing which schools did the early transfers.”

Haimovitch also planned to end up at UF Law even after being rejected twice. At UF, Haimovitch was a student senator and graduated with honors with a master’s degree. His LSAT score was the only thing holding him back, he said.

Both Haimovitch and Carrabis played NCAA sports in college. Haimovitch was a member of the UF basketball team from 2001-2004, while Carrabis played NCAA baseball.

Although Haimovitch was planning on transferring to UF Law because of his Gator background, he didn’t know much about the process.

“When I went to FAMU, trying to get back to UF was the plan. I didn’t know how competitive everything was, though,” Haimovitch said.

For the book, Haimovitch and Carrabis spoke to admissions deans of many law schools and gathered transfer statistics for many schools. The book also contains advice about writing a transfer statement and the overall process of transferring.

“It’s answering a lot of those questions, plus our own experiences,” Haimovitch said. “We didn’t want to make something philosophical and act like we’re academics writing a text book. We kind of just wanted to guide people through the process.” ■

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### Feb. 4-5

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Speaker: Herbert Hovenkamp, Ben and Dorothy  
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