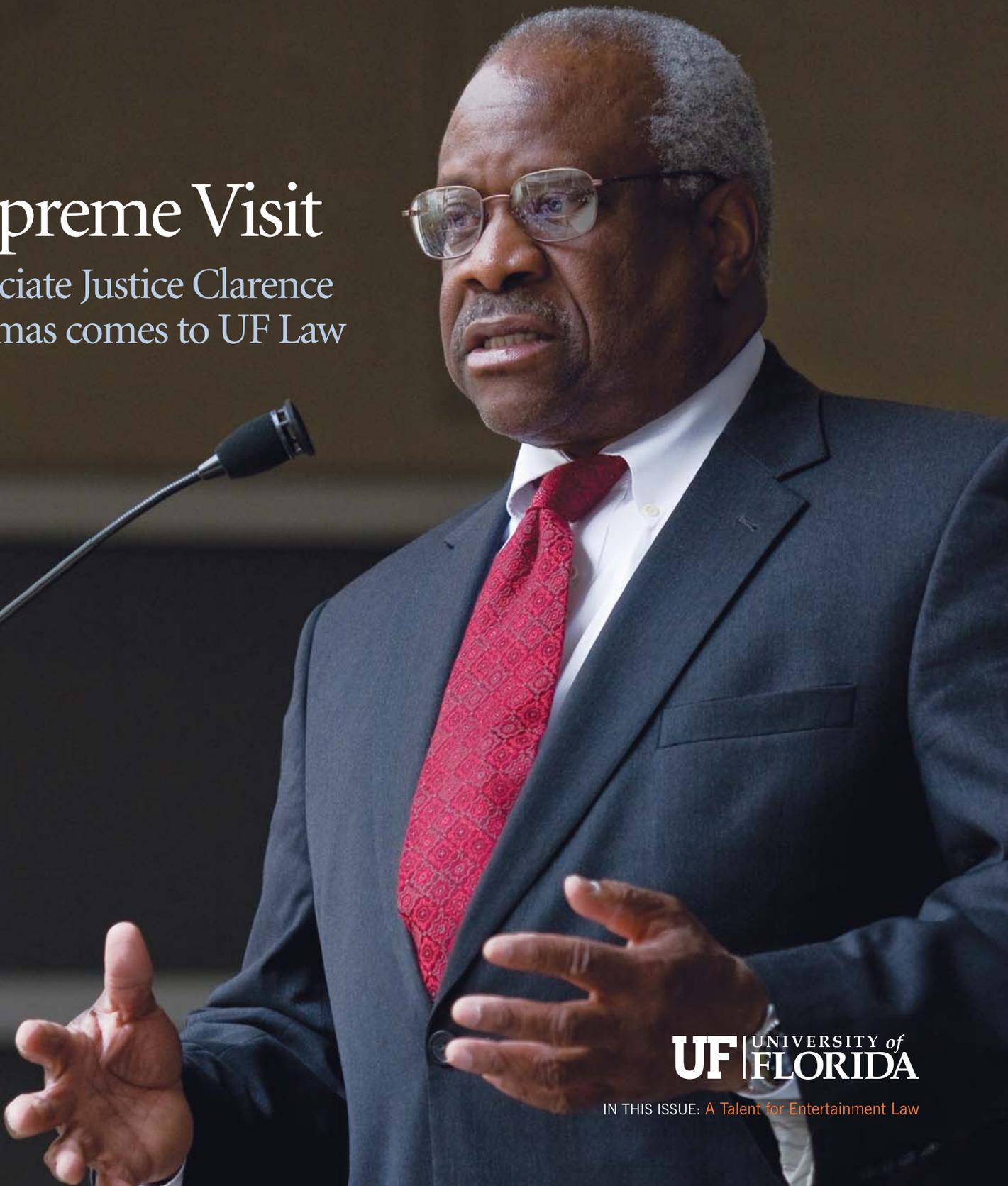


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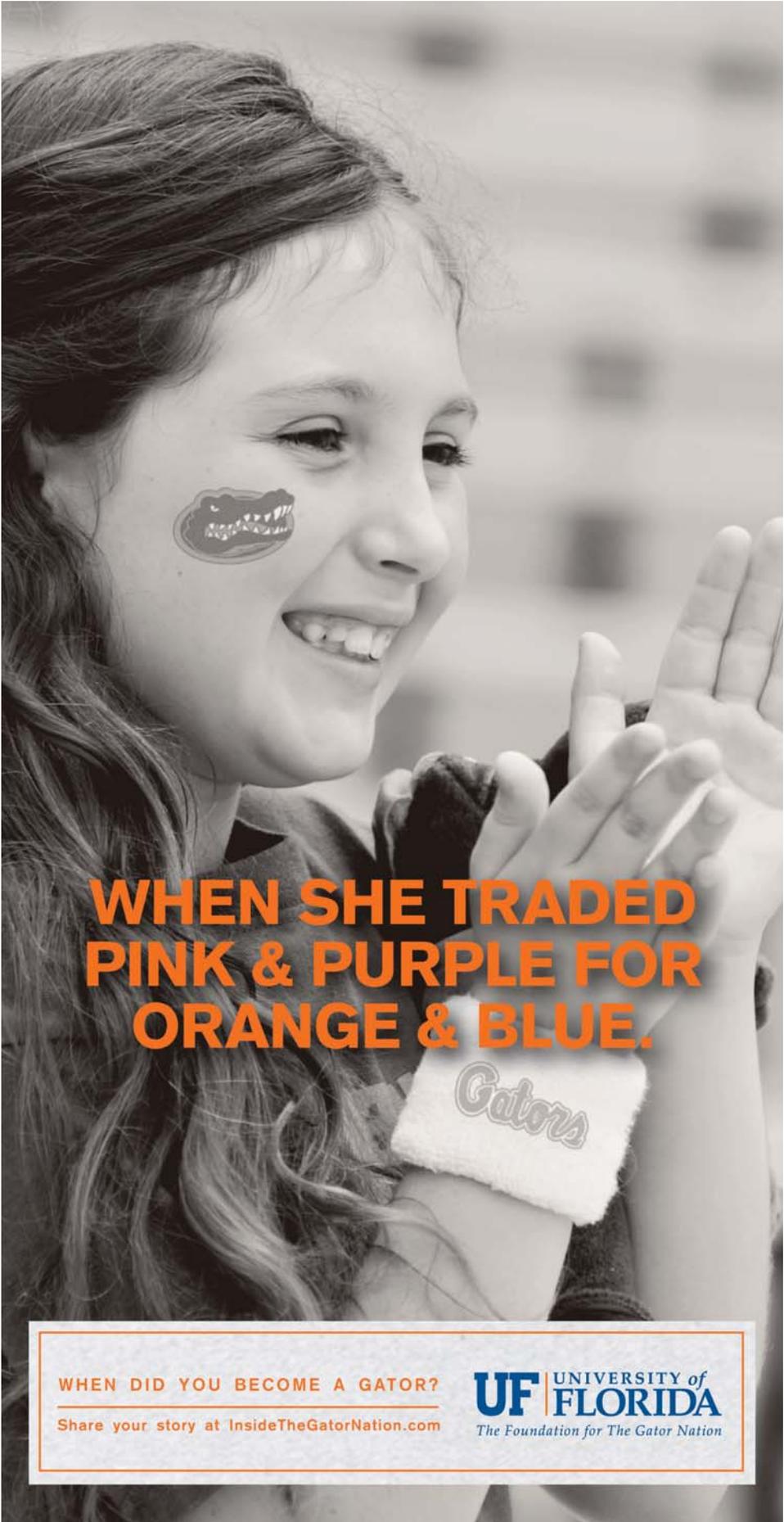
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## FOUR QUESTIONS

DEAN  
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*Levin Mabie  
& Levin  
Professor  
of Law*

**Q: *U.S. News & World Report* recently ranked the University of Florida Levin College of Law as the state's only top 50 law school, and in a related article you referred to how the school has improved over time. Can you elaborate on that?**

**A:** The *U.S. News* ranking methodology suffers from several severe flaws, and there is no ranking system that accurately assesses true institutional quality. The reality, however, is that we ignore the rankings at our peril. And some aspects of the various rankings can give us a rough guide in evaluating certain aspects of our progress over the years. In the *U.S. News* rankings just released, for example, we improved in every category except one, and we continue to rate especially high in reputation for quality.

Of course, we don't need a news magazine to tell us how we're doing with our student body quality. We have steadily improved in this measure during the last decade. The rankings do not measure improvements we have made in our curriculum, changes in our facilities, increased out-of-class educational opportunities for our students through symposia, lectures, jurist-in-residence programs, and visits

by practitioners, or the strength of our alumni support, but we are better in all of these areas as well. And, of course, the quality of our school is demonstrated by the large number of our graduates who are members of the federal and state judiciaries, not to mention the dominance of our graduates in the *Super Lawyers* rankings, both state and nationwide.

The bottom line is this: Despite the limitations of state support, we are an excellent law school, and we are working hard to get better every year.

**Q: What's next?**

**A:** The legal profession is undergoing great change, and the impact of that change on legal education will be profound. For example, e-discovery didn't exist 30 years ago, but we now offer an e-discovery course twice during the academic year and once during the summer. We have a new course on law and entrepreneurship, which explores the common legal and economic issues faced by innovative start-up companies and those who fund them. The law of intellectual property is evolving quickly, as are laws related to the Internet and our digital world. We have even had a course taught on the Second Life platform — a virtual world within which we have constructed a virtual UF Law on "Gator Island." Given the emergence of virtual law firms practicing law without buildings or offices, the idea of legal education occurring in virtual space is no longer futuristic. We also feature courses taught online. I don't believe this format will ever replace the residential model in legal education, but we are exploring innovative applications of online delivery in some subject areas.

**Q: What changes do you think might emerge from the college's strategic planning process?**

**A:** We have had two faculty committees this past year looking at how our skills curriculum should be improved, and in the fall the work of these committees will be merged into the agenda of our strategic planning committee. This committee is discussing curricular innovations, such as how a course on the values and culture of the legal profession could be incorporated into our first-year curriculum.

One of the ideas that has emerged in this process and will be implemented during the next year involves extending our orientation program for first-year students beyond the first few days of law school. The restructured orientation program will include expanded information that links academic advising to long-term professional goals, plus more programs on the legal profession and the practice of law. Some of this time will be used to discuss what is commonly described as "emotional intelligence" — matters of judgment, personal presence, and good sense — in an effort to deepen our students' understandings of these critical aspects of being effective lawyers.



**Q: What do you think will be different about UF Law 10 years from now?**

**A:** I believe we will have enhanced our skills program, and we will have further developed our already substantial program of using practitioners to teach niche, substantive courses as adjuncts and to otherwise help us with skills instruction, which requires small class sizes.

Technology is changing faster than most of us can imagine, so it is difficult to predict how this will impact us, but the one certainty is that it will. For alumni from the 1970s and earlier, who would have thought reading a case would involve, not going to the library and taking a reporter off the shelf, but typing a cite into a keyboard and reading the case online — or printing the case out of a machine on one's desk? And who would have thought many courts would have paperless filing systems? UF

Law will continue to evolve in ways that prepares our students for this rapidly changing world.

Just as we have seen the retirements over the past decade of several faculty members important to the history of this college, the faculty's composition will continue to evolve. This natural state of change will be guided by our continued focus on the recruitment of high-quality new faculty members. These future additions to the faculty will contribute to the UF Law lore future graduates will share at alumni gatherings, similar to the stories I hear from our current alumni about how important their teachers were to their own careers and professional development.

One shared characteristic between today's alumni and the graduates of tomorrow that I feel confident in predicting with absolute certainty is they will join a long and illustrious line of very proud Gator lawyers. ■

# NEWS BRIEFS



UF Trial Team brings home the Florida Bar Chester Bedell memorial cup.

## UF Trial Team wins Florida Bar competition

The University of Florida Levin College of Law Trial Team won first place — which amounts to the state championship — at the highly-competitive Florida Bar Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition Jan. 20-21 in Orlando. This marks the sixth time UF Law has won the prestigious competition.

Members of the winning team include Dana DiSano (awarded Best Advocate), Dan Hogan, Kevin Sharbaugh and Melissa Welch. Also competing from the team were Wayne Atkinson, Allison Kirkwood, Jamie Stephens and Kara Wick. Others integral to the team's success were James Baley, Rhett Parker, Tania Alavi and Nick Zissimopoulos.

"This truly was a team effort. Since late October, we spent nearly every free moment preparing for this competition," DiSano said. "We all appreciate the dedication of our two coaches, Nick Zissimopoulos and Tania Alavi, who spent countless hours helping us improve our advocacy skills in the months leading up to this competition."

## UF Law again ranked as Florida's only top tier law school

*U.S. News & World Report* rankings of the nation's top graduate schools released in April once again place the University of Florida Levin College of Law as Florida's only top tier law school.\* UF Law is 47th overall, and 24th among all public law schools. Its Graduate Tax Program is third overall and continues to rank first among publics. Its Environmental Law Program is tied for seventh among public universities and 16th overall.

Peer and lawyer/judge assessment scores place UF Law in the top 40 on both counts: 38th overall and 17th among publics in peer assessment, and 39th overall and 18th among publics in lawyer/judge assessment. Assessment scores are often regarded as the most accurate rankings categories, since they do not rely on self-reported financial and placement data that may be subject to manipulation and are unverifiable.



"Compared to last year, the college rose in both assessment scores and our internal calculations showed improvement in every category but one covered by the *U.S. News* rankings formula," said UF Law Dean Robert Jerry. "I emphasize, however, that any improvements are due to our ongoing efforts to become an even better law school, and not in response to external rankings."

"I reiterate each year my concerns about the validity of rankings, but I have also always said we ignore them at our peril," Jerry said. "I am pleased that the *U.S. News* ranking reflects our longstanding status as the state's premier law school."

The University of Florida Levin College of Law was also ranked first in Florida, eighth overall and fourth among public schools by *Super Lawyers* in 2009 in the first national ranking of law schools to consider "output," i.e. the caliber of a school's graduates.

"Our school has been preparing its graduates for significant leadership roles for more than 100 years," Jerry said. "Our 18,000-plus alumni include numerous

leaders in law, business, government, public service and education at the state and national level. No other law school has produced as many presidents of the American Bar Association in the past four decades — five including 2010-11 President Steve Zack.”

UF Law graduates also are represented by the majority of The Florida Bar presidents, including its immediate past president, John G. White III, and president-elect, Mayanne Downs; four governors of Florida; and hundreds of state senators and representatives and Florida Cabinet members. Nine graduates became college presidents, including at UF. More than a dozen have served as deans of law schools. It ranks fourth among public law schools in 2010 (eighth overall) in the number of its graduates serving as federal district and circuit court judges; more than 250 graduates serve as state appellate and trial judges in Florida, and many serve in those roles in other states as well.

The school also boasts an impressive list of distinguished visitors to campus, including five U. S. Supreme Court justices in the last five years. A series of major renovation and new construction projects in recent years has transformed the college’s physical space and placed it at the forefront of major law schools providing students with state-of-the-art facilities.

A \$25 million expansion and renovation project that concluded in 2005 made the UF Law library the largest in the Southeast and among the top 20 in the country, and added two “towers” with state-of-the-art classroom space. The first phase of construction on the 20,000 square-foot Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center was completed in time to host the October 2009 oral arguments for the First District Court of Appeal. The facility houses a fully functional trial and appellate courtroom with a 100-seat gallery, bench for seven judges, judge’s chambers, jury box, deliberation room and attorney’s tables. Construction on the second floor is expected to begin in fall 2010, with completion expected in spring 2011.

*\*The top tier has traditionally been defined as the top 50, second tier 51-100, and so on. This year, on the U.S. News website, the two top tiers are listed together as the top 100, and “Tier 3” begins with 101.*

—Debra Amirin

## UF law school first to open all-inclusive domestic violence clinic

BY SCOTT EMERSON

A \$449,785 U.S. Department of Justice grant to the University of Florida Levin College of Law will fund a unique collaborative effort to assist low-income domestic violence victims with comprehensive legal, medical, mental and social services in one location.

The new Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic is a partnership between the UF College of Law Center on Children and Families and Virgil D. Hawkins Civil Legal Clinics, UF’s College of Medicine, Shands HealthCare, and Gainesville’s nonprofit Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network. The innovative clinic will be staffed by UF law students certified to work with survivors of domestic violence and by social and mental health workers from Shands at the University of Florida and Peaceful Paths. The clinic, which opened in May, will be located in the obstetrics, gynecology and pediatrics clinic at Shands at UF in Gainesville. The location was chosen due to the number of abuse victims treated in the clinics.

“Currently, those experiencing domestic violence may have to set up several appointments to seek help through numerous providers, which can be very difficult for these victims,” said Teresa Drake, director of the clinic, a nationally recognized educator on domestic violence and a former assistant state attorney with the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Florida where she served as division chief for the domestic violence unit. “The staff at the clinic will conduct comprehensive needs assessments to determine what services are required and guide them through each process. The services provided by the clinic will include medical treatment, mental health and housing counseling, and legal consultations regarding protective injunctions, child support and court proceedings.” ■

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Clinic Director Teresa Drake (right) confers with a social worker and clinic health care provider.

## Florida Bar President Jesse H. Diner visits UF Law

UF Law students were offered a rare glimpse into their own futures as members of The Florida Bar during the Feb. 23 visit of Jesse H. Diner, president of The Florida Bar. In what has become an annual event at UF Law — which has hosted three Bar presidents in as many years — Diner, who was accompanied by Alvin Alsobrook, a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors, spoke eloquently on the Bar’s efforts in support of the state’s legal practitioners.

In the intimate setting of a small classroom, about 25 students enjoyed Diner’s brief presentation followed by a 40-minute question and answer session. Diner, a shareholder of the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., firm Atkinson, Diner, Stone, Mankuta & Ploucha, P.A., spoke on a variety of subjects, but lingered on the Florida Legislature’s responsibility to properly fund the state’s judicial system.

“Court funding is a new and extremely important initiative of The Florida Bar. The state’s judicial system is being treated like a state agency,” Diner said. “Everyone recognizes our three-branch system of government and the separation of powers, yet everywhere we turn we run into a brick wall in terms of funding.”

The Florida Bar and the Florida Supreme Court have been working to raise public and legislative awareness of the negative effects of under-funding on the state’s judicial system, which Diner said suffered a 10 percent



Jesse Diner (left) and Alvin Alsobrook.

cut in funding last year. The reduced funding resulted in layoffs and reduced court services during a time of skyrocketing foreclosure actions, which has restricted citizens’ access to the courts.

“People have a difficult time getting their disputes resolved in a timely manner,” he said. “The courts are absolutely clogged.”

Though the dramatic increase in foreclosure filings provided an unexpected boost to the courts’ income through filing fees, Diner said he expects the legislature to raid that money from the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund to pay for other state budget items that are not related to the judiciary — even as the courts remain overwhelmed and courthouse buildings and paper-based filing systems grow more archaic.

During the Q&A session, one law student asked what responsibility the Bar has in assisting its members in job searches, especially as it applies to young lawyers.

“I think it is The Florida Bar’s responsibility to help young lawyers find jobs whenever and wherever,” Diner said. “The Bar’s Career Center website to help young

lawyers connect with employers debuted in October, and we offer discounted business services as member benefits. ... I remember when I graduated from law school, how hard it was to get that first job, and you feel, ‘If I could just get that first interview, I could get that job.’ ”

Once young lawyers have that first job, Diner recommends they go the distance to prepare for every case, to put themselves into the shoes of their opponents to understand every angle and every argument that could be used against them. During his 37 years of practice, he said he’s never found a short cut for preparation.

“Don’t ever become satisfied with being good. Don’t ever stop digging deeper to be better,” he said. “When they tell you the law is a jealous mistress, they’re not kidding.”

—Lindy McCollum-Brounley

### UF LAW SEMINAR

## The promises, pitfalls & perils of social media

Social media is fun, free and easy, and more people each day use it for business as well as for pleasure. But what are the liabilities and legal pitfalls of using Facebook, Twitter and other social media? Are there special concerns related to client confidentiality or public institutions operating under the Sunshine Law? The Levin College of Law and University of Florida Strategic Communications Planning Committee presented a seminar on the safe and effective use of social media on Jan. 22 in the Ches-terfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom.

The seminar is available as a free web-cast at <http://strategiccommunications.law>.



### Jurist-in-Residence

Former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court Charles T. Wells served as the Peter T. Fay jurist-in-residence this January. On the final day of his residency, Justice Wells spoke to students in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center, and said, “As I leave the law school, I feel very enthusiastic about the talent of these students, and what they will bring to the profession. I have really enjoyed my visit in the jurist program.”

ufl.edu/, and includes presentations from Jon L. Mills, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, professor of law, and UF Law dean emeritus, who provided an overview of the inherent conflict between social media and information disclosure in public institutions; Stephen C. O'Connell Chair and Professor of Law Lyrrisa Lidsky, who spoke on laws and topics related to the Internet and social media, libel, public forums, free speech and academic freedom; UF Chief Privacy Officer Susan Blair, who spoke on confidentiality, and offered case studies, recent developments, and resources; UF Associate Vice President and First Deputy General Counsel Barbara Wingo, who provided an overview of social media legal and policy considerations specific to UF, including public records, Sunshine Law, Acceptable Use Policy, and student disciplinary issues; UF Human Resource Services Vice President Paula Fussell, who reviewed employment-related issues; and, University Relations Vice President Jane Adams, who spoke on the networking power and potential of social media.

## Center for Governmental Responsibility fellows make a difference with public service

The Center for Governmental Responsibility Public Interest Law Fellowship program is a cooperative effort between The Florida Bar Foundation and the center, which began in the mid-1980s and provides low-income and indigent citizens with valuable legal assistance. The fellowships are financed by the foundation from Interest on Trust Accounts (IOTA) and more than \$700,000 has been provided to help pay for the practical legal education of selected third-year law students. Students, supervised by licensed attorneys, gain hands-on experience as advocates for the poor and serve non-profit and government agencies such as Florida Institutional Legal Services, Southern Legal Counsel, Three Rivers Legal Services, the State's Guardian ad



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Carlton



Michel



Sirica



Warfield

## Five law students inducted into UF Hall of Fame

Five UF Law students were inducted into the UF Hall of Fame in April for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the University of Florida. Since 1921, the University of Florida Hall of Fame has recognized seniors and graduate students who have consistently demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving UF through campus and community involvement, participation in organized campus activities, and scholastic achievement. It is one of the most prestigious honors awarded to students by the Division of Student Affairs at the University of Florida.

Please join us in congratulating these exceptional law students on their dedication to the university:

**Michael Brevda** (3L) received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida where he was active in student government, serving as treasurer of the Gator Party, an executive cabinet member, treasurer of Students Taking Action Against Racism (STAAR), a Florida Blue Key member, the director of federal lobbying, and social chair of his fraternity, Theta Chi. At UF Law he served as defense counsel for the Honor Court, and as a UF Supreme Court Justice. After graduation, Brevda will join Wicker Smith in West Palm Beach.

**Clay Carlton** (3L) received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Florida. Carlton is a member of Florida Blue Key, a justice on UF's Supreme Court, and a member of the historically African-American fraternity, Iota Phi Theta, Inc. Carlton has interned with Chief Judge David M. Gersten of Florida's Third District Court of Appeal and for the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court, and he was a summer associate for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Miami in 2009.

**Matthew Michel** (1L) earned master's degrees in history and international business. He is currently president of the Graduate Student Council and a graduate assistant for the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies. He holds the national record for Dance Marathon after dancing seven years to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and Shands Children's Hospital. Michel is also involved in the John Marshall Bar Association, Law College Council, and Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau.

**Allison Sirica** (3L) is a member of Florida Blue Key, a first-year tutor, and a teaching assistant. She has interned with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the New York Office of the Attorney General. Sirica was also a summer associate at Holland & Knight, LLP in Fort Lauderdale.

**Samuel Warfield** (2L) graduated magna cum laude from the Warrington College of Business in finance with a minor in real estate. He has previously served as president of his fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, vice president of alumni affairs for Florida Blue Key, and founded the Ehren Murburg Veterans Memorial Scholarship. During his first summer of law school, Warfield interned at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. ■



Cary Aronovitz delivers his oral argument before the Moot Court panel.

chief justices of the Florida Supreme Court in the 26th Annual Maguire Appellate Advocacy Competition held in the UF Law Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center on March 5.

The distinguished panel of retired chief justices, all of whom are UF Law alumni, included the Hon. Harry Lee Anstead (JD 63), Hon. Stephen H. Grimes (JD 78), Hon. Parker Lee McDonald (JD 50), Hon. Ben F. Overton (JD 67), and Hon. Charles T. Wells (JD 64).

“Today, we recognize not only the great legal minds that comprise this distinguished panel of judges, but also their strong ethic and unwavering professionalism,” said Rob Davis, president of the Florida Moot Court Team, after welcoming the guests to the competition. “As we embark on our legal careers, these are traits that all of us, I am confident, will emulate with pride.”

The purpose of the Maguire competition is to provide competitors with useful critiques regarding their oral arguments before going on to compete against other moot court teams from across the nation in the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Together, Moring and Aronovitz won the competition for the respondent. Justice Overton announced the winners and also gave Moring the award for Best Oralist. Justice Anstead followed by congratulating the competitors.

—Jessica Miles (3L)

Litem program and the Eighth Circuit public defender’s office. Included as part of the students’ nine-month commitment are projects to promote to the law school and greater community awareness of poverty issues and public interest, and a required course in poverty law. Visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw) to read The Florida Bar Foundation Public Interest Law Fellows’ articles to learn more about their experiences.

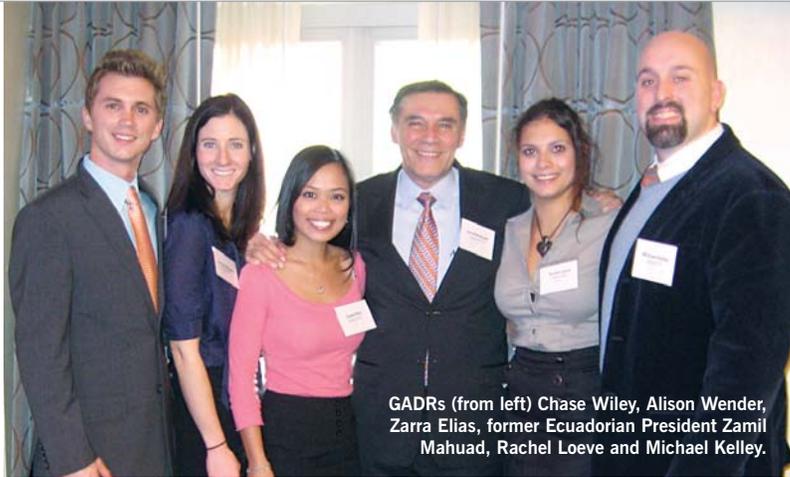
## Moring and Aronovitz prevail in Maguire Appellate Advocacy Competition

**F**lorida Moot Court Team members David Hughes, C. Andrew Roy, Philip Moring, and Cary Aronovitz (supported by alternates Kevin Combest and Shelly Garg) argued before a panel of five retired

## SALSA and HLLSA merge to form new Latino/a Law School Association

**U**F Law’s two Hispanic organizations, the Hispanic Latino/a Law Student Association and the Spanish American Law Student Association, have merged to create a new organization named the Latino/a Law School Association (LLSA). The new executive board, along with faculty advisor Professor Berta Hernandez-Truyol, hope the result will be a stronger organization with the purpose of reaching out to and including all Latino/a law students. “I am very excited about the merger and want to offer our members a great first year by providing them with the opportunity to attend academic events, participate in community service, and socials where they can have fun in a friendly, relaxing environment,” said President Carmen Tankersley. The executive board includes, from left: Gabriel Alonso, treasurer; Carmen Tankersley, president; Benjamin Goodman, vice president; and, Mirelis Torres, secretary.





GADRs (from left) Chase Wiley, Alison Wender, Zarra Elias, former Ecuadorian President Zamil Mahuad, Rachel Loeve and Michael Kelley.

## UF law students attend ADR conference in Washington, D.C.

During spring break in March, five UF Law Gators for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GADR) members represented the University of Florida at the Mediators Beyond Borders Third Annual Congress in Washington, D.C. Attendees were Zarra Elias (3L, senior president), Chase Wiley (2L, vice president), Alison Wender (1L), Michael Kelley (1L), and Rachel Loeve (exchange student from the Netherlands).

The theme of the annual conference was, "Preparing to Serve," and its main purpose was to bring the leaders and members of the organization together to exchange ideas and learn various skills to promote and spread various conflict resolution programs and initiatives. More than 140 members from all over the world attended the conference, including renowned author Bernard Mayer, United States Ambassador John W. McDonald and President Jamil Mahuad, president of Ecuador from 1998-2000. Attendees also included student representatives from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, University of Winnipeg Faculty of Law in Canada, and University of Maryland School of Law.

The five law school representatives from GADR proudly repre-

sented UF Law at the conference. The students learned practical mediation skills from professionals as well as various ways for students to participate in mediation missions in local and foreign communities.

—Chase Wiley (2L)

## Congratulations to the UF Jessup International Law Moot Court Team

In February, the Jessup team competed in the 51st Annual Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the world's largest moot court competition with participants from more than 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. The Jessup team placed sixth out of 24 teams competing in the U.S. Southeast Super Regional round, reaching the quarterfinals for the first time in school history. The participants were 2Ls Matthew Kozyra, Jason Taylor, Steven Blickensderfer, Lindsey Franco, and Jennifer Shepard. The team also took home the title of fifth best brief out of the 24 teams that competed. Individually, Steven Blickensderfer was named 15th best oralist out of all individual oralists at the Southeast Super Regional round. UF Jessup competes annually in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, which focuses on public international law and humanitarian law. ■

## UF Law names professor and student of the year



Tritt



Davis

BY IAN FISHER (3L)

When Rob Davis learned he was going to argue in front of Chief Justice John Roberts last year he said he was surprised and thought someone was pranking him. He was surprised again this semester when he was named student of the year by the John Marshall Bar Association, or JMBA.

"There were five people who were finalists and they're great people, so that's a question I had. Why me?" Davis said. "But it's certainly an honor."

Davis won student of the year while Professor Lee-ford Tritt won professor of the year for the second consecutive year.

"I'm very humbled by the honor of being named professor of the year," Tritt said. "And I feel so unworthy of this recognition when I reflect upon the great depth of wonderful professors that the law school is blessed to have. My colleagues daily inspire me and guide me. In reality, the students are prepared and trained so well by the professors who teach first year courses that teaching 2Ls and 3Ls is an effortless pleasure."

Davis, who will work at Holland & Knight in Orlando after graduation, had a great experience at UF Law and congratulated the finalists for student of the year: Clay Carlton, Jon Philipson, Jennifer White and James Tyger. The highlight of law school for him was arguing in front of Chief Justice Roberts for the Moot Court Final Four.

Tritt, who taught Estates and Trusts, Estate Planning and Fiduciary Administration this year, thanked his students for pushing him to improve, but said he knows there is still more room for improvement.

"There is really nothing more important to me than striving to be a good teacher," Tritt said. "This award means that I will continue to strive to be a better teacher so that I can be worthy of this honor." ■

# PERSP

## SCOTUS Associate Justice Clarence Thomas

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

The early February visit of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Clarence Thomas was an enlightening experience for the students, faculty and staff of the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

For many of us, our only base of knowledge of Justice Thomas before his visit was that he is, arguably, one of the more conservative justices on the Supreme Court. He is known for saying little during arguments and for speaking volumes in his written opinions. He eschews the Washington social scene, and he is a very private man.

Justice Thomas' visit to UF Law as the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecturer revealed an intellectual, engaging, and curious person. During the two days of his visit, Justice Thomas good-naturedly shook hundreds of hands and posed for hundreds of pictures with members of the Federal Bar Association, law students, faculty, staff, and even caterers and food servers. His interest in each and every person he met was genuine and warm, regardless of how many people he'd already met or how long his day had been. When asked tough questions, he answered thoughtfully, candidly and often humorously, and he sought to find common ground with his audiences that transcended political affiliations or perspectives.

We at UF Law were privileged to meet Justice Thomas and to learn, in a very personal way, that he is a man of great integrity, deep conviction, and of generous spirit. What a gift that understanding is, especially for those of us, this writer included, who may have otherwise only viewed Justice Thomas and his work on the Supreme Court of the United States through the singular lens of personal political convictions.

What follows are excerpts of Justice Thomas' responses to questions posed by four UF Law students before of a primarily law-student audience of more than 300 during the Feb. 4, second annual Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture Series, generously established in 2007 by Lewis Schott (JD 46) in honor of his friend and fellow UF Law alumnus, Marshall M. Criser (JD 49). A video of the lecture is available for viewing online at [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw).

Let me begin by speaking on the court. I have been there for some time, and last night [during the Feb. 3 Federal Bar Association Reception] I was somewhat interested in one of the questions... there were quite a few questions from some of the lawyers here in the Federal Bar Association. One question had to do with whether or not the public's view of the court is undermined by some of the things that are written about our opinions, on the reactions to the opinions, many of which, I think, border on being irresponsible.

The idea of assigning ulterior motives to the opinions of the court that people don't agree with — rather than saying, simply, 'the court doesn't agree with my argu-

ment' — I think we do run the risk in our society of undermining institutions that we will need to preserve our liberties.

You are in law school now, and one of the things you learn in law school is that things aren't always as they appear, that there are factual differences that you may have overlooked, there are legal arguments on both sides, or maybe three sides. There are different approaches because we start with different assumptions or we look at things differently, from different perspectives. That is the wonderful idea behind having a multi-judge appellate court. I think law schools should encourage the idea that these differences are acceptable in our legal system, and in the end it is what strengthens

and informs our legal system. It is how we change. It is the reason why *Plessy* eventually ends with *Brown*, because the system has to, over time, absorb it, understand it and see when it is wrong.

One of the things I love about my colleagues, we can disagree. I've sat for decades in conferences between justices Souter and Ginsberg. Now, we do not normally agree on cases, but they are my friends. I respect them.

Let's just start with our default should always be, the institutions must be respected and preserved. Criticize within bounds, but don't undermine. You're going to need them one day, and you will not be able to preserve the liberties that you enjoy now if you don't have



# EFFECTIVE



Associate Justice Clarence Thomas answered questions posed by UF Law students (from left) Dwayne Robinson, Joshua Mize, Leah Edelman and Jon Philipson.

these institutions. So, you change them. You make them grow. You strengthen them, but you don't undermine them.

**Jon Philipson (3L) asked about the significance of a bust in Thomas' chambers of his grandfather with the quote, "Old man can't is dead. I helped bury him."**

That informed my entire life — that it's worth the effort, it's worth being here. My grandfather, I can hear him now, he's haunting me. I refer to him as 'that brooding omnipresence.' During law school, he was always there, 'You can't quit.'

**In response to Leah Edelman's (2L) question regarding the court keeping pace with changes in technology.**

It's changed the way we work — I mean, I have my Blackberry (to laughter). ... But it's also changed some of the issues. It's changed a lot of the intellectual property issues, it's changed the issues involving search and seizure, it's going to change some privacy issues, it's going to change the regulatory structures.

It used to be that telecommunications involved telephones. TV was separate. Look how those worlds now have merged. It's absolutely fascinating. So, as they merge, the issues that come before us get, not only more complicated, they also get almost unpredictable. I think you all are in for some interesting things because there used to be these zones of privacy, these zones when private information caught up much more slowly with public information. Now look how they're merged. You put something on your Facebook and it's there on somebody's hard drive forever. What are the implications of that?

We also see it with respect to how the government can obtain information in the criminal justice context. The issue is they don't actually have to come onto your property now to look into your private affairs. They can seize it online. The wiretapping cases used to be interesting in the Fourth Amendment area, just think what's going to happen in the future when we're talking about the Internet providers cooperating with the government,



or being able to tap into your over the air or wireless transmissions. All those things are changing and they're changing very rapidly.

So it's exciting, but also, it makes you a little bit apprehensive. I think you all are in for the Brave New World of technology in a way that we, of course, couldn't have anticipated.

**Joshua Mize (3L) asked, "What role do you think our Declaration of Independence should have in our civil society and what is its impact on the law?"**

My view of the Declaration is that it informs the Constitution. This is the only country, I think — or one of the few — that starts with the notion that we are inherently equal and can only be governed by our consent. As a result of that, the government has to be limited, so you have separation of powers and some of the other enumerated powers that prevent the government from becoming our ruler. I don't know if that's happened already, but the whole notion is that there is a reason that we have the structure of the Constitution that we have. So you will see from time to time, that I would write extensively on the commerce clause and one of the reasons for that is simply that we have to contain the powers of government if we are to preserve our liberties.

It's a wonderful document. I think what bothers me sometimes

is we get cynical about it. How can you really believe in something that you're cynical about?... Many of you are passionate about your Florida Gators, but how passionate are we about the principles that underlie our country? That's where the real action is, and it's in this document. Is it perfect? No. What human institution is perfect? The Gators aren't perfect or they would have won the National Championship, but you are still passionate about it. It's perfectable in your lifetime, so you assume it's worth saving. It's worth perfecting.

If this Constitution, this form of government, had not worked, then I certainly would not be here. I think it's fascinating, this is my circuit, the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and it's fascinating that in my lifetime, I could not go to college in my circuit, or law school in my circuit, and now, I'm a circuit justice. The people who perfected and applied this wonderful document are the reasons why I'm here. But if you didn't have as a starting point, the Declaration of Independence — just as Dr. Martin Luther King said, it was the promissory note to which we all were heirs — and if we didn't have that informing the Constitution, there's no way I could be here. Is it perfect? No. Has everything been equalized? No. But what we should ask ourselves is have we used this document to solve these problems, or are we content with whining and complain-

ing? Are we content with throwing stones or using the stones to build something? I think this document gives us the cement, gives us the building blocks to do that.

**Dwayne Robinson (2L) noted that Thomas' opinions are thought to be contextualist interpretations of the Constitution, interpreting the Constitution as it was written. Robinson asked how different Thomas thought our society would be today if the court had consistently taken contextualism as the majority point of view.**

Well, that's a good question, Dwayne. I think that segregation would never have occurred. I think the approach I would have taken, and one that I try to take, is the one of the first Justice Harlan. ... He was the lone dissent in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, and if you look at what he said, 'Look, here are my prejudices. Here are my biases,' and he said in the opinion — you don't have to agree with it, I don't particularly agree with him — but he said in his view the white race would be superior for all time. But, then he goes on to say, 'But, this document, this Constitution, knows no caste and knows no color.'

When you try to apply this broad, all encompassing Constitution, you try to go back and look at the intent of the people who drafted it, and the words they used and try to understand it. That is an

awesome undertaking sometimes. It's enormously difficult, but what I try to do, Dwayne, is to separate my own views, just as Justice Harlan did, from what the framers said. ... I'm not into worshipping methodologies, textualism, originalism, call it whatever you want. My approach is simply to find a way to be true to the intent of the drafters of our Constitution.

**Jon Philipson asked about a story in Thomas' book, *My Grandfather's Son*, where he relates the experience of finding a wallet stuffed with hundreds of dollars, more than his monthly pay, during a time in his life of extreme hardship.**

What occurs to you is, 'It's not mine. It's not mine.' That informs the way I do my work. ... It's the same attitude that I had toward that wallet that I have toward your Constitution and your laws. 'It's not mine.' It's our Constitution and we [the justices of the Supreme Court] have been given a special trust to interpret and to guard and to safeguard your Constitution and your laws. It's not mine to play around with, to insert my opinions, to override what's already there. It's like Harlan; I can have my opinions, but they are not to displace your Constitution and your laws. So yes, we can talk about the wrongs in the legal profession. It has problems. But we can also talk about its perfectability by you all. You're going to have your turn. You're going to have your issues when you get out, we all do. When I went to law school, they told us, 'You are going to be the future leaders,' and I went, 'Yeah, right! I'm from Savannah, Ga., what am I going to lead?' But less than two decades later, you're there and you look around when you show up on that court and you say, 'Here we are.'

Lincoln had this wonderful, wonderful quote, at least it was attributed to Lincoln — that's good enough for me because I like Lincoln and I like the quote (to laughter) — and the quote was, "I will prepare myself and when the time comes, I will be ready." And your turn is coming. So you can spend your time worrying about what's wrong, or you can get ready to correct it when you have your turn, when you're the governor, when you're the legislator, when you're the president. ... Your turn is coming, so use your time to focus on the wrongs and prepare to make them right when it's your turn. ■

## FROM A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY MICHAEL KELLEY (2L)

Looking up from your notes to find that a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States has just walked into your classroom is quite a shocking experience. "Shocked" adequately describes the reaction of most of us as Justice Clarence Thomas made a surprise visit to our civil procedure class with Professor Amy Mashburn last semester. Regardless of individual political or ideological positions, everyone seemed genuinely interested and open to what Justice Thomas was there to say.

What made the experience outstanding for me, a first-year law student, was the opportunity to engage Justice Thomas one-on-one in a discussion regarding an apparent discrepancy in two of his opinions. It started off great. I expressed gratitude for his thorough summary of commerce clause jurisprudence in one highly important case, *United States v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. 549 (1995), which was very helpful in explaining the evolution and scope of Congress' commerce power. He remembered this case in detail and graciously nodded his head in appreciation of affirmation he likely did not require from me.

My opportunity to ask a meaningful question headed for disaster when I attempted to invoke his ability for instant-recall by comparing his opinion in *Lopez* with that of the slightly less momentous decision of *Pierce County, WA v. Guillen*, 537 U.S. 129 (2003). Partly because our casebook had edited this opinion in such a way as to make it seem more about the commerce clause than it actually was — and partly due to the fact that, to paraphrase the justice's own words, he deals with thousands of cases — he didn't remember the case and incredulously asked, with more than a little humor, how I expected him to remember minor details of just one case without advance notice. He said he could not believe I was calling him out in front of the class like this. This response sent the class into an uproar of laughter as I backtracked to try to rearticulate my question.

I quickly explained that in *Guillen* he seemed to concede a point that he had not otherwise been willing to concede in any other opinion before or since. I asked him if it was because of political pressure, or if the concession was necessary to garner a unanimous opinion, or if, in context, there was not a discrepancy at all. He suggested the latter was likely the case but admitted that my question stumped him and promised to get back to me with an answer. He took down my name and e-mail address and then turned his attention to the rest of the class to explain his view on the rule of law in our country. He enthusiastically explained how we could improve upon what has been laid before us and challenged us to be the change that we wanted to see.

During his address to the entire law school on the following day, Justice Thomas made note to me in the audience that he had my answer, and he responded to me via e-mail to ensure he had adequately answered my question. I told him that he had.

Justice Thomas' generosity with his time, candor in responding to our questions, enthusiasm about how we could effectuate true change through the practice of law, and encouragement to tune out skepticism and cynicism was refreshing and inspiring. It revitalized my commitment to the pursuit of the law, and my interaction with Justice Thomas was truly a memory I will keep with me for many years to come. ■



*A Talent for*  
**Entertainment  
Law**

BY KARA CARNLEY-MURRHEE

UF Lawyers Win on the Sports Fields, on the  
Red Carpet and in the Court of Law

## What do Bill Cosby, Tiger Woods, Bobby Knight, Stan Lynch and a host of other celebrities, athletes, coaches and entertainers have in common?

**T**hey are just a few of the high-profile clients of some of the most talented sports, music and entertainment lawyers to graduate from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. UF Law alumni have built successful careers navigating the maze of media issues that athletes, musicians or celebrity clients confront on a daily basis. Because of the close relationships they've forged with their clients, these attorneys often provide advice and counsel that extend beyond legalities into the realm of private and personal. Their expertise encompasses broad areas of the law, ranging from negotiating legal contracts, managing personality brands, structuring business partnerships, to handling any privacy, trademark or copyright disputes.

Entertainment law has been profoundly impacted by the Digital Age, where computers and mobile devices provide instant and constant connection to the Internet. The resulting digitalization of content has transformed the way performers reach their audiences and compels them to be proactive in managing their online "brands." By combining legal know-how with online marketing and social networking skills, UF sports, music and entertainment law practitioners are plotting their own courses through emerging terrain.

Pioneering the new relationship between the music industry and social networking

is MySpace Music, an online platform that allows artists and record labels to distribute, promote and sell their content online. As executive vice president and general counsel for MySpace, a social networking site owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, **Lin Cherry (JD 91)** played a critical role in negotiating the joint venture agreements between MySpace and the four major record labels — Sony, Warner, Universal and EMI, plus agreements with numerous indie labels — that led to the creation of the platform.

Cherry manages a team of more than 15 lawyers headquartered in the company's Beverly Hills, California, office, and in several international satellite offices. Although she and her team generally handle all legal issues relating to the operation of the social networking giant — one of the world's largest, with more than 100 million users worldwide — Cherry broke new ground with the September 2008 launch of MySpace Music.

"We are providing a scalable and innovative platform to allow artists and labels to monetize their content," Cherry said. "That's hugely powerful, especially now when the music industry is looking for alternative business models."

With features such as free streaming of audio and video content from a wide range of artists, playlisting, artist profile pages, analytics dashboards, charts and a new music homepage, MySpace Music provides



**Lin Cherry  
(JD 91)**

robust social tools for the searching, sharing and sales of music and other content online. Not surprisingly, Cherry believes MySpace is uniquely positioned to influence the way people consume content across the Web.

“MySpace is a one-of-a-kind social platform offering users free access to one of the most comprehensive catalogues of audio and video for unlimited streaming and playlisting,” Cherry said.

With the decline of music sales in traditional retail outlets and the surge in the number of songs sold online, record labels were more open to jumping on-board at the time MySpace Music was established. MySpace Music has been a tremendous success — within its first year, MySpace Music experienced a whopping 1,017 percent increase in year-to-year traffic, further cementing the site’s status as an “entertainment destination.”

“The agreements for MySpace Music were pioneering deals in many ways,” Cherry said. “We were in uncharted territory and trying to do something really powerful — we didn’t necessarily know how or whether it would work going into it, but we knew that we, MySpace and the

music companies, needed each other.”

The process of getting clearance for the enormous volume of music rights before the platform could go live contributed to the complexity of the deal negotiations because of the number of individuals and variables involved, Cherry said.

“The music industry is very challenging from a variety of perspectives, including from a rights perspective, and there are certainly benefits in having the labels on-board,” Cherry said. “One of our advantages in setting up the joint venture was that we had a history of being a good copyright actor. This is something that was dictated at the highest levels of News Corp and helped us to earn the trust of the labels.”

Trust is key to the relationships that **Paul J. Healy (JD 88)** builds with

his clients. As a seasoned sports agent and solo practitioner at Pro First Sports Management in Jacksonville, Florida, Healy negotiates contracts between athletes and NFL teams. But sports-agent contracts are only a sliver of the work an agent handles for a client. Healy credits his legal education at UF with giving him the solid foundation and resources to tackle the myriad of legal issues sports athletes encounter.

“Contracts are really the tip of the iceberg, but 90 percent of the iceberg is below the water,” Healy said. “With a player, there are so many matters that need to be handled off the field year round, including negotiating sponsorships, financial planning, managing public relations and dealing with all business and personal legal matters.”

“The best thing to do is to get work with an NFL team or with someone who is already in the business so you can learn the ropes.”



## “Licensing is also changing ... people don’t only want to use an athlete’s name and likeness for TV commercials but also for social media, such as Twitter and Facebook.”

Besides being a sports agent, Healy enjoys sharing his knowledge of the sports business with aspiring agents through speaking at conferences such as the 2010 UF Sports Law Symposium, one of only a few sports law symposia hosted across the nation, and by teaching at Florida Coastal School of Law.

Healy got his start by teaming up with his former partner, established agent Gene Burrough, in the mid-1990s. Although the two represented more than a dozen NFL athletes at one point, he now works only with an exclusive handful of players — the most prominent of which is Oakland Raiders’ star placekicker, Sebastian Janikowski. Healy’s persistence and industry knowledge in getting the best deals for his clients resulted in an unprecedented four-year, \$16-million contract being signed between Janikowski and the Raiders in February, guaranteeing Janikowski \$9 million in the first two years. The deal made Janikowski the highest-paid kicker in National Football League history.

With the addition of a new business partner and an impressive list of clients, Healy said his company, Pro First Sports, is poised for growth. He plans to recruit new athletes to take his company to new heights. With more than 1,000 certified NFL agents pursuing the 250 drafted players each year, however, the odds of establishing a successful agency are tough. So how does one launch a career in athlete representation?

“The best thing to do is to get work with an NFL team or with someone who is already in the business so you can learn the ropes,” Healy said. “You do the math. To start on your own, you would have to be very fortunate or get lucky.”

Recent UFLaw graduate **Darren Heitner (JD 10)** perhaps knows this all too well, but he has given himself the best possible start. He founded his own full-service sports agency, Dynasty Athlete Representation, even before attending law school. The agency boasts a roster of nearly 50 clients in both the sports and entertainment worlds. To capitalize on an

otherwise spirited sports-agent business, Heitner uses his knowledge of online technologies to build a competitive edge.

“I provide my clients with the gamut of online promotion tools and networking opportunities,” Heitner said. “It’s necessary to compete, or the player will find another agency who offers him more for less.”

Heitner’s role as sports agent, combined with his legal skill, has helped him recognize the areas of the law, such as licensing, that are being impacted by new media.

“In many ways, licensing is the same as it’s always been,” Heitner said. “The company wants a spokesman for a product, to gain trust from the general audience and hopefully to increase the number of consumers. But licensing is also changing in that people don’t only want to use an athlete’s name and likeness for TV commercials but also for social media, such as Twitter and Facebook.”

Consequently, Heitner envisions greater emphasis being placed on the use of social networking and other outlets for fostering an interaction between athletes and their fans.

“You might see an athlete blogging on a particular platform or posting certain things about a sponsor on their Facebook page. Even though it’s not as measurable as TV, I think we’re going to see more of that because companies may view it as having a large image impact on their target demographics,” Heitner said.

But greater use of the celebrities’ image to promote the company’s brand also underscores the importance of a morals clause in licensing contracts, Heitner said. The number of celebrity mishaps caught in the limelight, such as the recent incidents involving Tiger Woods and Gilbert Arenas, make it imperative that a company using a celebrity’s name and likeness include provisions regarding the prohibition of



**Darren Heitner  
(JD 10)**

certain behavior in a person’s private life.

“I think now you’ll find even more so that the player is tied to their brand,” Heitner said. “Companies have a lot to gain by associating with athletes, but they also have a lot to lose. That’s why a morals clause is really non-negotiable.”

On the other hand, cases involving the improper use of the celebrities’ names and likenesses also emphasize the importance of including a quality control clause in the licensing contract to protect the athlete.

“As an advocate for the athlete, I want the quality control clause to be as broad as possible,” Heitner said. “It ensures that the company doesn’t have free rein to do anything that they want with the athlete’s likeness. It’s all about quality control measures in considering the longevity of the brand.”

Building a brand is **Nick Nanton's** (JD 04) forte. As the co-founder of the Celebrity Branding Agency, he helps his clients gain credibility and recognition in the industry by using his knowledge of law and entertainment as it applies it to the business world.

"I teach my clients how to become the best-known expert in their industry by using the principles that entertainers use to lock out their competition and be in demand," he said. Reality television series such as "The Apprentice" and "American Idol," through which private individuals can become

very public in a short time, highlight the importance of having a clear and concise message to gain approval and recognition from the crowd. While not all of Nanton's clients have appeared on a reality TV show or own an *Inc. 500* company — like clients Bill Rancic, winner of the "The Apprentice" season one or founder and CEO of Ali International, Ali Brown — Nanton assists them in the development of their brands by helping his clients create their own TV shows, magazines and websites, to setting up their Twitter accounts or helping them get on Facebook and engage with fans.

After graduating from law school, Nanton formed a partnership with his longtime mentor, J.W. Dicks, to create the Celebrity Branding Agency. Nanton and two other partners now operate out of the agency's Winter Park, Florida, office.

"My job is to create enough buzz about my clients through the creation and distribution of content, that the media comes to us," Nanton said.

One of the first things Nanton does for his clients is help them determine their key message to solidify their position in the marketplace. For financial expert Mitch Levin, this included carving out an unoccupied niche in the financial management market. As the "Financial Physician," Levin draws on knowledge from his former career as an eye surgeon to help other physicians manage their money for maximum return on investment.

"In this new economy, I tell my clients they've got to be in the media business — you've got to be creating your own media so that you can control the message," Nanton said. "So that's what we do by helping them create their own content, much like Oprah or Dr. Phil, and then pushing that content through various outlets both online and offline."

No amount of preparation, however, can prevent crises from occurring, especially when the notorious lifestyles of some athletes, entertainers or musicians are involved. When all else fails, the pros call **Mark NeJame (JD 84)**, leading defense and trial attorney and senior partner in the Orlando-based firm, NeJame, LaFay, Jancha, Ahmed, Barker & Joshi, PA. For 25 years, NeJame has defended and represented celebrities and regular Joe's against prosecutions and accusations as

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**Nick Nanton  
(JD 04)**

well as bringing claims against alleged wrongdoers. Though the majority of his clients are private figures, NeJame's knowledge of the media and reputation as a winning attorney makes him a clear choice for high-stakes cases and high-profile clients seeking legal counsel. Those who have retained him include many politicians and superstar athletes such as Tiger Woods, Shaquille O'Neal, and the grandparents of Caylee Anthony, whose mother, Casey, is facing trial for her murder. Not afraid to take on celebrities or the powerful, he has brought claims against Charles Barkley and others for their bad behavior.

NeJame grapples with any number of issues on behalf of his clients — including criminal investigations and prosecutions, civil suits and litigation-related matters, media relations, and business and investment advice.

"My role is often one of a consigliere, being available to advise, assist and provide counsel on a plethora of matters," NeJame said. "Having a criminal division, a civil/commercial litigation division, an immigration division and a personal injury division certainly helps when matters and issues need to be evaluated."

The attention given to the sometimes salacious details associated with criminal charges can have a huge impact on the public's perception and the outcome of the case. Thus, knowing how to manage the media and respond to their questions has become an essential element of NeJame's professional services.

"We are a media-driven culture and public opinion is often gauged by the public's response to media reports," NeJame said. "If people see you or read about you in the media then you have the ability to impact them and to help your client against the onslaught of criticism, speculation and attention that typically attaches to them."

The public's appetite for sensational gossip — exemplified by the amount of media attention the Casey Anthony trial has drawn — can be difficult when attempting to communicate a specific message about a client's case or trial. NeJame said this is why it is especially critical that an attorney in a high-profile case know when, and when not, to speak.

"I find too many lawyers are intimidated and fearful of the media or they are simply



**Mark NeJame  
(JD 84)**

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ignorant as to what is involved and blow it on behalf of their clients when dealing with the media," NeJame said. "Not knowing when to go off the record or how to go off the record; not understanding the dynamics of a newsroom; not having or cultivating media contacts; and not knowing how to respond in short but effective statements on behalf of your client are but a very few of the dangers and pitfalls that the attorney for a celebrity client or high profile case can encounter when dealing with the media."

NeJame said understanding media and learning how to manage it is just one

weapon a top lawyer should have in his arsenal. In an industry influenced so heavily by the media's message, it is important that a good lawyer be increasingly creative and flexible in approaching the client's cause, NeJame said.

"Be proactive and anticipatory, not simply reactive and complacent. Ascertain what the client's needs are and set out a strategy," NeJame said. "Like a master chess player, a strong attorney must be several moves ahead of his or her opponent so that if a scenario or crisis erupts it has already been anticipated and a plan of action is in place." ■

# NOTA BENE



**KATHLEEN PRICE**, associate dean for library and technology, Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law, has been selected by the American Association of Law Libraries as its 2010 recipient of the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship. The Hicks Award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship through continued efforts to improve academic law librarianship and the award presentation will be made at the association's annual meeting this July in Denver.

**ELIZABETH DALE**

*Affiliate Associate Professor; Associate Professor of History*  
Dale was appointed to another five-year term on the editorial board of *Law and History Review*. According to the publisher's website, *Law and History Review* is America's leading legal history journal, encompassing American, European, and ancient legal history issues. The journal's purpose is to further research in the fields of the social history of law and the history of legal ideas and institutions. The journal features articles, essays, commentaries by international authorities, and reviews of important books on legal history.

**CHRISTINE KLEIN**

*Professor*  
Klein has been appointed to a committee of the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, to study sustainable water and environmental management in the California Bay-Delta. According to the National Research Council

website, the committee of independent experts was convened at the request of Congress and the departments of the Interior and Commerce to review the scientific basis of actions that have been and could be taken to simultaneously achieve both an environmentally sustainable Bay-Delta and a reliable water supply. It is expected the committee will issue a report by November of 2011 on how to most effectively incorporate science and adaptive management concepts into holistic programs for management and restoration of the Bay-Delta.

**STEVEN POWELL**

*Senior Lecturer in Law and Director, International Trade Law Program*  
Powell was promoted to senior lecturer. Powell is an affiliate lecturer in the UF Department of Food and Resource Economics, affiliate faculty member in the UF Center for Latin American Studies, and on the faculty of the International Agricultural Trade & Public Policy Center.

**WELCOME**

**TERESA DRAKE**

*Director, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic (IPVAC)*

Drake is the director of the UF Law Center on Children and Families Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic. The clinic, which opened in May and which is the first of its kind in the nation, is a partnership between the UF College of Law Center on Children and Families and Virgil D. Hawkins Civil Legal Clinics, UF's College of Medicine, Shands HealthCare, and Gainesville's nonprofit Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network. The innovative clinic will be staffed by UF law students who have been trained and certified to work with survivors of domestic-violence and by social and mental health workers from Shands at the University of Florida and Peaceful Paths. Drake comes to UF Law from her position as assistant state attorney and division chief of the Office of the State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit. As assistant state attorney, Drake has served as the criminal intern clinic director, division chief of the Domestic Violence Unit, and has worked in Child Welfare Legal Services. Drake earned her bachelor's from Drexel University College of Media Arts & Design in 1980, and her Juris Doctor from the UF Levin College of Law, with honors, in 1994.



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## IN MEMORIAM

## Francis T. 'Frank' McCoy

BY IAN FISHER (3L)

Professor Frank McCoy passed away May 22, 2009, at the age of 86, to little fanfare or recognition within the legal community. As he was in life, so he was in death — modest and unassuming. Yet his was a life packed full of adventure, intrigue and accomplishment.

One might never know that McCoy had traveled the world, knew at least a dozen languages, was trained as a paratrooper, or worked as an operative in China for a top secret government organization that preceded the CIA, serving with Chinese forces to defeat the Japanese during World War II. Later, he worked for the United States Foreign Service, parlaying his eloquence in various languages into successful missions in Shanghai, Tokyo and Madagascar — holding his ground as the Chinese Nationalists fled to Taiwan to escape the advancing Chinese Communist troops. McCoy's unassuming demeanor and gentle personality rarely revealed the adventures of his youth.

"He would never talk about himself or his accomplishments," said Dennis Calfee, a UF professor of law and Alumni Research Scholar. "The only way that we were able to [learn anything] was that we worked with him for years and picked up details along the way."

McCoy served in the United States Army after earning his undergraduate degree at UF and served in the Office of Strategic Services (now the CIA) during World War II in China. Following his service, McCoy returned to UF and earned a master's degree in geography, writing his thesis on Miami International Airport. For research, he worked for Pan American Airways as a flight attendant, flying to Cuba, South America and Central America, said Joe Little, an emeritus professor of law and Alumni Research Scholar. Little and Calfee also found a Pan Am advertisement encouraging travel to Guatemala in which McCoy was featured.

"Of course we wondered what else he was doing," Calfee said. "We'll leave that to speculation whether he was working for the government at that time."

After earning his master's, McCoy joined the United States Foreign Service but returned to Gainesville for law school, graduating with his law degree in 1955. He began his more than 40-year career at UF Law in 1956, first as a law librarian, then as a tenured member of the law school's teaching faculty. He married Mary Watson McCoy, who was a UF librarian and also a WWII "China hand." Mary predeceased McCoy, leaving no children or immediate relatives.

Though McCoy retired in 1998, he continued to teach until 2003 and maintained his office at the law school until his death. When he died, UF Law lost a one-of-a-kind wealth of knowledge, Little and Calfee said. McCoy was the only UF Law professor teaching admiralty law, but also taught family law and legal history.

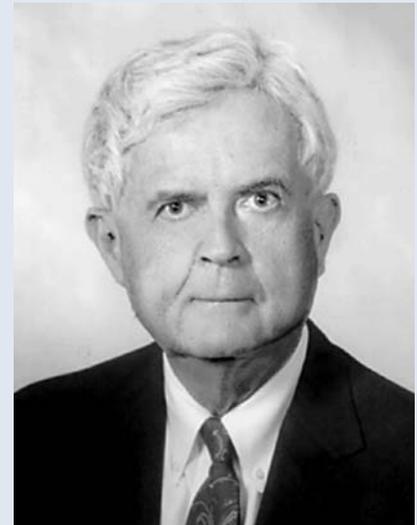
"He was an absolutely incredible resource," Calfee said. "It didn't matter what you asked him, he could come up with something."

At McCoy's funeral, Little met someone who served with McCoy in his Gainesville reserve unit.

"He said to me, 'When I first met Frank and he came to Gainesville and joined our unit, I thought he was joshing us on some of these things — going to China and all that,'" Little said. "Then this guy told me a story, he said 'We were in Washington on our two-week duty one time. We went into this Chinese restaurant. Frank disappeared and after a while, he came back with the proprietor of this place speaking Chinese. He had known this guy in China when he was over there. And everything else that I found out about Frank later was exactly the way he had told us.'"

Little and Calfee said McCoy was as good a friend and confidant as a person could have.

"We miss him," Calfee said. "We dearly miss him." ■



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*McCoy may be remembered by donations to the reserve collection of the University of Florida College of Law Library, Law Center Association, Inc, 2500 SW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32611.*



**DIANE MAZUR** Professor

## Dishonorable discharge for ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

**D**on’t ask, don’t tell” is a light-hearted name for a heavy-handed federal law prohibiting gay people from serving in the military. Since the law was enacted in 1993, more than 13,500 service men and women have been discharged from the armed services for being gay.

“‘Don’t ask, don’t tell’ is not exactly what most people think it is,” said Diane Mazur, a University of Florida professor of law and Gerald A. Sohn Research Scholar. “It has a cute name that sounds innocuous and fair. The problem is that the nickname has almost no relation to the actual law.”

“Don’t ask, don’t tell” dictates that people will be summarily discharged from military service if it becomes known that they are gay. That’s bad news for the 65,000 gay men and women the Urban Institute estimates to be in active-duty military service, the National Guard, or the Reserves. Losing valuable servicemen and women also is bad news for an all-volunteer military stretched to its limits after 10 years of fighting on two fronts.

Many Americans — 75 percent, according to a recent ABC News/*Washington Post* poll — believe the policy should be scrapped. Even the military’s top brass have had a change of heart, with Colin Powell, who in the past had been the policy’s most ardent defender, now calling for its end and both Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen testifying before Congress in February that the policy should be repealed.

During that Congressional hearing, two legal memos regarding suspension of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy were central in the exchange between members of Congress and Pentagon officials. The first memo outlined the president’s “stop loss” authority to suspend “don’t ask, don’t tell.” The second outlined several legal options available to the secretary of defense to moderate the impact of “don’t ask, don’t tell” on military separations until Congress decides whether or not to repeal the law.

Mazur authored the memos in her role as the legal co-director of the Palm Center, a research subdivision of the University of California at Santa Barbara and the leading research organization on “don’t ask, don’t tell” issues. Her areas of legal research, which include civil-military relations under the Constitution, civilian control of the military, military law, and military service issues, are informed by her own service as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

So far, the president has not exerted his authority to suspend “don’t ask, don’t tell,” but Gates announced on March 26 that the Pentagon would implement variations of several of the options listed in Mazur’s memos as means to ameliorate military discharges under the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

Under the new regulations, ‘credible’ reports must be direct observations of a violation, not speculation based on hearsay or on what ‘looks gay.’ Also, the military will no longer rely on reports from people considered ‘unreliable,’ including those who have suspect motives or who are opposed to the service of gay people generally.

“What it means in practical terms is that more openly gay people will be serving in the military,” Mazur said. “When the military requires that someone as senior as a general or an admiral approve any action under the policy, it means the military believes that enforcement is interfering with military effectiveness.”

“These are big steps toward eventual repeal.” ■

To read Professor Mazur’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” memos, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw)

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# MEDIA HITS



“Historically, the civil rights movement has sought out white allies, says Kenneth Nunn, a law professor at the University of Florida who teaches a course in African-American history and the law. ‘We have all understood that nothing is going to change in America unless the majority feels it is the right thing to do,’ says Professor Nunn. One reason the Oregon group can undertake this initiative, he says, is because they are a private group. ‘When you are talking about public institutions, it’s very difficult to do anything that is racially targeted,’ he says.”

—KENNETH NUNN,  
Professor of Law

Feb. 9, *Christian Science Monitor*, “Oregon Civil Rights Group Offers Scholarships to White Students”



“Case law may be on the jails’ side, said John F. Stinneford, assistant professor of law at the University of Florida. Stinneford said courts have found similar jail restrictions Constitutional if they represent a legitimate government interest. ‘Obviously, there are certain types of communication the prisoners won’t be able to receive via postcard,’ Stinneford said. ‘But I’m not sure that is going to be a big enough of a problem to overcome.’”



—JOHN STINNEFORD, Assistant Professor

March 1, Fox News/Associated Press/  
*Boston Herald/Lakeland Ledger/NW Florida Daily News/Gainesville Sun, News Press, Ocala Star Banner*, “Florida Jails Limit Inmate Mail to Postcards Only”

“‘Apologizing is a humbling step that gives the people you’ve offended some power over you,’ says Jonathan Cohen, a law professor at University of Florida who studies the legal aspects of apologies. ‘There’s a particular drama that comes when it’s very powerful people who are taking that step in the public eye. ‘The biggest mistake people typically make is waiting too long to apologize, meaning they do it reactively once the issue has broken out, almost like a type of damage control,’ Cohen says. ‘The best way when corporations discover a problem is to proactively accept responsibility for the problem.’”

—JONATHAN COHEN,  
Professor; Associate Director,  
Institute for Dispute Resolution

March 3, *TheStreet.com*, “Toyota, Tiger – Here’s How to Apologize”





“The Supreme Court largely cast out the window all previous concerns about corporate dominance in the political arena.”

**MICHAEL SIEBECKER** Associate Professor

## Expanding the role of shareholders in the wake of *Citizens United*

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

The U.S. Supreme Court’s Jan. 21 ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* was a landmark decision that unraveled 100 years of campaign finance restrictions on corporate speech and gutted the McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

“*Citizens United* significantly lifts many of the restrictions on corporate speech. That change, for some of us, represents a tectonic shift in the ability of corporations to play an increasingly dominant role in all aspects of social, economic and political life,” said Michael Siebecker, a Levin College of Law associate professor who has written extensively on the intersection of law and political theory in the areas of securities regulation, business organizations and corporate social responsibility.

“Now, corporations have basically the same rights as individuals with respect to political speech — the Supreme Court largely cast out the window all previous concerns about corporate dominance in the political arena,” he said.

Siebecker explores how this new dynamic will affect the nature of the corporation, its role in society, and its relationships with investors, consumers, and other stakeholders the corporation serves in his article, “A New Discourse Theory of the Firm: Promoting Efficient Shareholder Suffrage After *Citizens United*.” Set to be published in *George Washington Law Review* in early fall 2010, Siebecker’s article outlines his ‘discourse theory’ of the corporation that borrows from theories of political justice to reshape some of the basic tenets of corporate law.

“If we think of corporations as profit-maximizing entities, their motivation for getting into the debate is simply to make money, not to do what is morally good or desirable for society. Those who own the corporation — the shareholders — have very little role in shaping these practices and projects of the corporation,” Siebecker said. “Because corporations increasingly dominate the political field, it seems that we should give greater say to shareholders, stakeholders, consumers, and members of the communities that the corporations inhabit to determine the direction that corporations take.”

Siebecker, who earned two law degrees and a doctorate in political philosophy from Columbia University, has written extensively on this idea of evolving corporate democratization and social responsibility. He believes shareholders will have greater influence on the corporation when they can nominate their own slate of directors on the corporate proxy, an idea the Securities and Exchange Commission is considering as a new rule. He said this would be especially effective in promoting corporate social responsibility when voting is done in aggregate by intermediary institutional investors, like huge retirement funds or hedge funds that have specific expectations of corporate behavior. Siebecker said investments using socially responsible screening criteria currently exceed \$14 trillion worldwide.

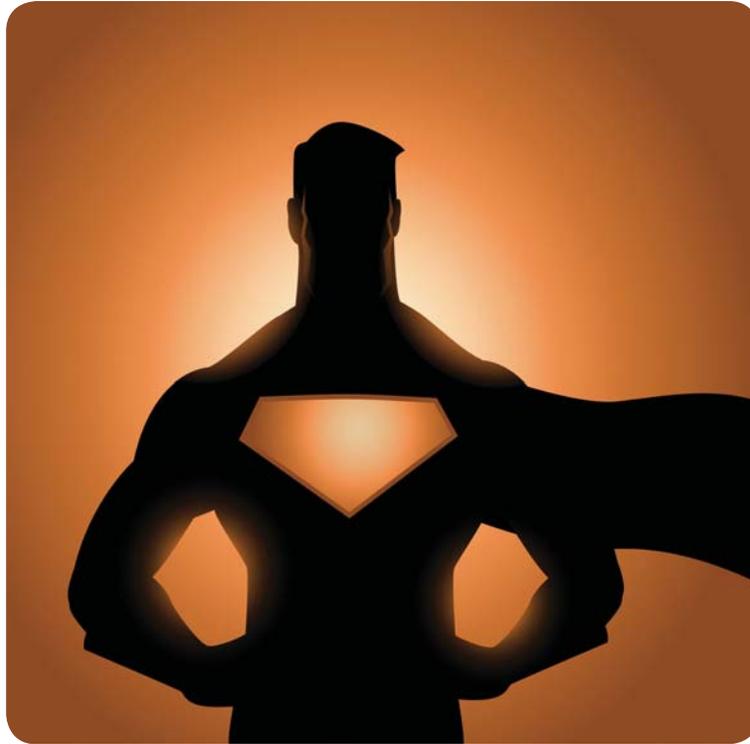
“I think *Citizens United* makes it clear that a re-conceptualization of the firm is necessary and should focus on speech and in bringing people into the discourse about the direction that corporations take and the role they play in society,” Siebecker said. “A discourse theory of justice rests on the notion that full, fair and adequate discourse will result in just rules for society, and I think the same is true for the corporate realm.” ■



“Getting better, though, doesn’t mean good enough, said Jon Mills, a University of Florida law school dean who helped file a lawsuit in November that charges Florida with violating the state constitution by not providing high-quality schools. ‘We may be one of the most improved in the country,’ said Mills, a former Democratic speaker of the House. ‘But if we move from No. 50 to No. 40, that still isn’t high quality.’”

—JON MILLS, Professor; Director of Center for Governmental Responsibility; Dean Emeritus

Jan. 14, *St. Pete Times*, “Florida Schools Rated Eighth”



“This looks like a ‘fix-it-first’ attempt to avoid any appearance that there’s price collusion going on. That’s what the concern would be if I were an antitrust enforcer,’ said William Page, a senior associate dean at the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law and a former attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice’s antitrust division. The Marvel licensing contract, Page noted, creates ‘a direct avenue of potential communication between competitors in the theme-park market.’”

—WILLIAM PAGE, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Marshall M. Criser Eminent Scholar in Electronic Communications and Administrative Law; Professor

Feb. 1, *Orlando Sentinel*, “Marvel Superheroes Could Pose Antitrust Risk for Disney, Universal” Page provided his perspective regarding possible antitrust violations as Marvel superheros are integrated into Disney and Universal



“As conspiracy theories get more complex, and particularly for people who are more actively engaged in it, it is an intellectual enterprise which requires a good amount of reading and concentration skills,’ says Mark Fenster, a law professor at the University of Florida and the author of *Conspiracy Theories: Secrecy and Power in American Culture*. ‘You see a lot of people who have received high levels of institutional education. For this reason, conspiracy theorists may well be of somewhat higher than average income level and wealth.’”

—MARK FENSTER, Associate Dean for Faculty Development; UF Research Foundation Professor

Jan. 30, *AlterNet*, “Jesse Ventura Takes the Soaring Interest in Conspiracy Theory to TV — And Viewers are Flocking to It”

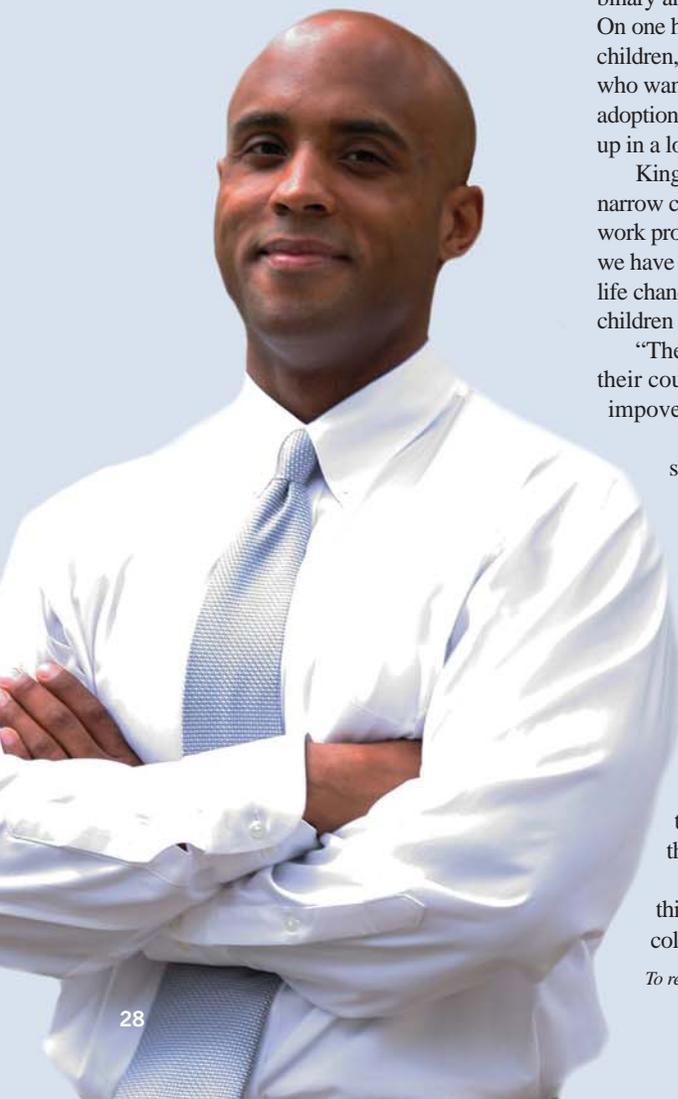


**SHANI KING** Assistant Professor

## Is international adoption always best?

BY TROY HILLIER (2L)

“There are children who clearly would have a bleak life and few opportunities in their countries, but legal scholars tend to describe all sending countries as poor ... when the reality is more nuanced than that.”



The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti on Jan. 12 killed more than 200,000 people and displaced millions more. Rescuers poured into the country in the chaotic aftermath of the disaster, but the imprisonment of 10 American missionaries caught leaving the country with 33 children — many of whom had surviving parents in Haiti — shocked the world.

News coverage of the adoption scandal and the tens of thousands of Haitian children orphaned or abandoned because of the earthquake opened an interesting dialog about international adoption: What is best for these orphaned or abandoned children, why, and who should decide?

Shani King, a University of Florida assistant professor of law ponders these questions in his recent article published in the *Michigan Journal of International Law* titled, “Challenging Mono Humanism: An argument for changing the way we think about intercountry adoption.”

King, who serves as the co-director for UF Law’s Center on Children and Families, doesn’t presume to give final answers to these questions, but instead attempts to broaden discourse on the issue.

“I wrote the article because I wanted to contribute to and expand a debate that often seems binary and underinclusive,” King said. “That debate has recently become particularly polarized. On one hand, there is the argument that international adoption violates the human rights of children, sometimes the rights of their birth parents, and wrongly protects the rights of adults who want to become parents. The other view, much more widely accepted, is that international adoption protects the rights of children and provides them the only chance they will have to grow up in a loving home with a family that cares for them.”

King aims to broaden this debate by identifying narratives in legal scholarship that reflect a narrow conception of children that often fails to reflect their family, community, and culture. His work provides possible counter-narratives designed to make society rethink the conversations we have about international adoption. For example, King identified what he calls the “improved life chances” narrative, which suggests that the United States provides better opportunities for children from developing countries.

“There are children who clearly would have a bleak life and few opportunities in their countries,” he said, “but legal scholars tend to describe all sending countries as poor, impoverished and bereft of opportunity, when the reality is more nuanced than that.”

King said these dominant narratives reflect only one side of the story, and his scholarship seeks to contribute to the creation of a healthier and better-balanced discourse.

“I’m not saying that there’s no truth to these narratives,” King said. “But while there is some truth to them, we should have a more nuanced conversation about international adoption if we are to protect all children, including those who may have a legitimate option of being raised by their birth parents or other caregivers in the context of their culture.”

The importance of this discussion is not just a mere scholarly conversation for King. Hanging in the balance of this question is the future of thousands of children, and King said his main goal is to give them a voice and to assure their rights are protected.

“I think it’s only through a nuanced and more accurate discourse that we’ll meet our true responsibilities under international law to protect the international human rights of these kids,” King said.

“It’s important that when we think about and talk about international adoption, we think about the concept of societal responsibility,” he said, “and whether we’re meeting our collective responsibility to these children.” ■

To read Professor King’s journal article, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw)

“Even if Gov. Charlie Crist vetoes the recent abortion bill that would require women seeking an abortion to view an ultrasound and listen to a description of the fetus, the issue could still continue to come up in the Legislature. The final fate of the law could also end up resting with Anthony Kennedy in the U.S. Supreme Court, who frequently makes the deciding vote. ‘I think it’s unconstitutional,’ said Fletcher Baldwin, a constitutional law expert and professor emeritus at the University of Florida. Baldwin said he believes the bill is an effort to get the Supreme Court to reconsider *Roe vs. Wade*, the landmark case that established abortion rights. Still, Baldwin said that even if Crist vetoes the bill, he expects to see it come back in the Legislature.”

—FLETCHER BALDWIN, Emeritus Professor and past recipient of the Chesterfield Smith Professorship; Director of UF Center for International Financial Crimes Studies; Honorary Fellow, Society for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

May 9, *The Florida Times-Union*, “Abortion Debate Could Continue, Even With Crist’s Decision”



“The Northern District of Florida, which stretches from Pensacola to Gainesville, covers a heavily Republican region peppered with active and retired military members. And the court has a conservative bent, points out Mike Seigel, a law professor at the University of Florida and a former federal prosecutor. ‘They could have brought it anywhere,’ Seigel said. ‘I assume they decided the best shot was in a district where the judges have been around awhile and have been appointed by a conservative president.’”

—MICHAEL SEIGEL, Professor, UF Research Foundation Professor

March 24, *Pensacola News Journal*, “Why Did Attorneys General File Health Care Lawsuit in Pensacola?”



“The five states known to be part of the inquiry accounted for almost 39%, or \$31 billion, of U.S. corn and soybeans last year, based on U.S. Department of Agriculture data. A state-level investigation, on top of the federal one, ‘can lengthen the lawsuit and potential settlements, and it can increase uncertainty and costs for Monsanto,’ said Daniel Sokol, a law professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville who edits a blog on antitrust and competition policy.”

—DANIEL SOKOL, Assistant Professor

March 10, *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, “Monsanto 7-state probe threatens profit from 93% soybean share”



“I think most people put Social Security and Medicare in a different category because they contributed to it, and they feel they are entitled to it.”

PATRICIA DILLEY Professor

## Through the donut hole

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

**T**he legislative drama surrounding the recently passed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ignited a furious national debate on the role of government.

Many Americans on the left say affordable health care is a fundamental human right and that government has an obligation to address disparities in access to health insurance and affordable care. Others on the right reject government sponsored health insurance and federal tinkering in the private insurance markets as un-American redistributions of wealth.

“It’s always struck me as ironic — and in fact, it’s instructive — but the language used by various politicians in the debate over Social Security in the ’30s, over Medicare in the ’60s and the debate this past year over health care are identical,” said Patricia Dilley, a University of Florida Levin College of Law professor law specializing in federal income tax, deferred compensation, tax policy and elder law. “Identical things were said, ‘Social Security is socialism,’ yet it’s now part of the fabric of our society.”

Dilley has special insight on the Social Security program due to her work as a legislative analyst for the Social Security Administration and as the staff director for the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security. As staff director for the Subcommittee on Social Security, she played a significant role in developing the legislative language for the refinancing of Social Security and other amendments to the program, including raising the retirement age, in the 1980s.

She said that Americans view Social Security and Medicare as pseudo annuities — you get out what you paid in. In actuality, both programs are redistributive because they give somewhat higher benefits to lower paid workers, and because anyone who can demonstrate he or she worked and paid into the system for the requisite quarters of coverage is entitled to the benefit, regardless of how much they or their employers paid into the programs.

“I think most people put Social Security and Medicare in a different category because they contributed to it, and they feel they are entitled to it because they worked,” Dilley said. “It’s their program in a way that other government programs don’t seem to be. They don’t think that’s socialism... That’s something different.”

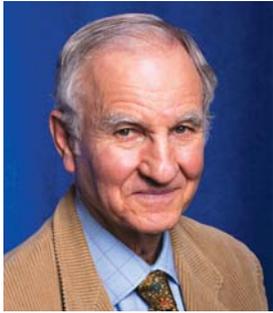
Dilley explores this schism in public perceptions and the long-term funding of Social Security in her article, “Through the Donut Hole: Reimagining the Social Security Contribution and Benefit Base Limit,” printed in the May issue of *Administrative Law Review*. The article also analyzes how Social Security may be transformed by attempts to control spending.

“The next big thing coming is the president’s newly-appointed Deficit Commission. Many of the people he appointed are deficit hawks who have made careers out of wanting to cut or privatize Social Security,” Dilley said. “In the article, I talk about President Obama’s campaign proposal to address long term deficits in Social Security by applying the Social Security payroll tax just to people who earn over \$250,000 a year, thereby creating a gap in the current base, which is \$106,800, hence the ‘Donut Hole’ name.”

Any talk of implementing the donut hole tax base for Social Security is likely to result in a firestorm of protest from those who object to wealth redistribution policies, but Dilley said the wealthy will benefit from the donut hole in ways they may not realize.

“Social Security was explicitly intended by its founders to serve as a social stabilizing mechanism, to provide a modest retirement income those who had worked all their lives and contributed to society could count on,” she said. “I think that gets to the philosophic heart of the program, because it’s not something you’re paying for, it’s something you’re earning.” ■

To read Professor Dilley’s journal article, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw)



“The Florida Senate’s Committee on Education Pre K-12 approved a constitutional amendment that would repeal a ban on public funding of religious organizations. Joseph Little commented on the constitutionality of such an amendment if it were to become a law. ‘The position of the people of the United States since 1790 is, ‘We don’t want to have state religion, we don’t want government involved in religion,’” said Little, a constitutional law professor at the University of Florida.’ ”

—JOSEPH LITTLE,  
Emeritus Professor

April 7, *The Miami Herald*, “Ban on Public Funding of Religious Organizations Nears an End,” April 22, *The Washington Post*, The Answer Sheet blog



“John Doe No. 1 v. Reed is one of the final cases retiring U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens will hear. Doe is a First Amendment challenge to the Washington Public Records law, which requires disclosure, upon request, of the identity of signers of a petition for a statewide referendum. The petition here called for a referendum challenging a 2009 state law expanding the rights of registered domestic partners.

‘On the one hand, there’s this question of access to government and transparency in government, and on the other side is protection of anonymous speech, a very important and still emerging doctrine,’ she said. ‘The Supreme Court has demanded a real showing of the possibility of intimidation before being willing to compromise transparency values. But anonymity is a big issue right now and privacy too because of the Internet.’ ”



—LYRISSA LIDSKY,  
Stephen C. O’Connell Chair;  
Professor

April 26, *The National Law Review*, “High Court Faces Blockbuster Cases as Stevens’ Retirement Nears”; April 27, GavelGrab.org

“The nomination of Elena Kagan as U.S. Supreme Court justice allows for the possibility of three female justices on the court. As the role of women has grown at the UF Law school, so has women’s influence in law in general. ... When Sharon Rush graduated from Cornell University Law School in 1980, one woman was on the faculty there. No women were on the U.S. Supreme Court. ... ‘The classes are almost 50-50 now at most law schools,’ Rush said. ‘It doesn’t even compare.’ ”

—SHARON E. RUSH,  
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on Children and Families

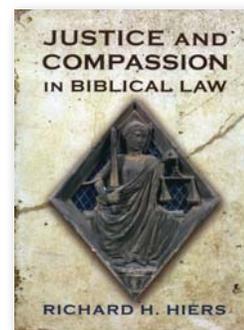
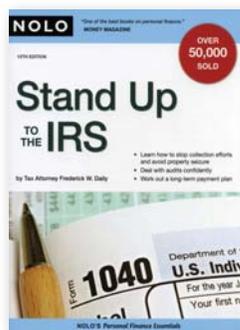
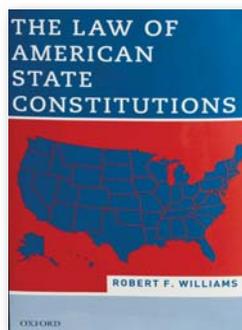
May 11, *The Gainesville Sun*, “UF law school reflects growing role of women”



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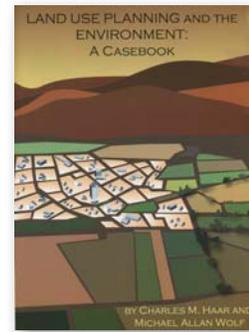
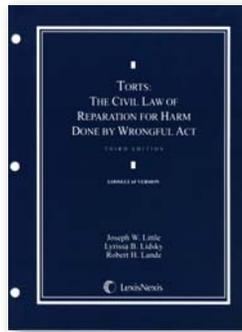
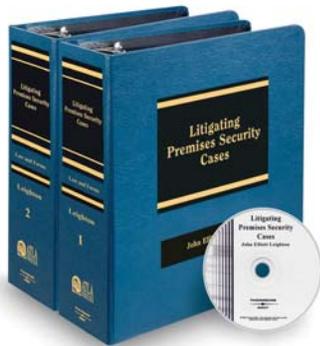
The theory and praxis of biblical law in the historical and contem-

porary landscape of American law and culture is contentious and controversial. Richard H. Hiers, University of Florida professor emeritus of religion, and affiliate professor of law, provides a new consideration of the subject with an emphasis upon the underlying justice and compassion implicit within. Special consideration is given to matters of civil law, the death penalty, and due process. The book draws on, and in turn relates to three areas of scholarship and concern: biblical studies, social ethics, and jurisprudence.

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■ **JOHN ELLIOTT LEIGHTON (JD 85)**

This two-volume publication covers all aspects of a premises security case, helping plaintiff attorneys achieve full compensation for innocent victims injured when business proprietors and property owners fail to protect them against fore-



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*Torts: The Civil Law of Reparation for Harm Done by Wrongful Act, 3rd Ed.*

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This casebook concentrates on negligence as the primary vehicle for teaching tort law. It provides the historical background for each negligence principle so that students understand how current tort law developed. An introductory chapter presents the primary ideas of negligence law, and subsequent chapters develop the law of negligence in detail, including defenses, comparative fault, damages, and multi-party

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*Lawyers Crossing Lines, 2nd Ed.*

■ **MICHAEL L. SEIGEL AND JAMES L. KELLEY**

*Lawyers Crossing Lines* (Carolina Academic Press) is a collection of true stories about lawyers from all segments of the legal profession. The authors, Michael L. Seigel, University of Florida Research Foundation Professor and professor of law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law and former first assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and James L. Kelley, who prior to his death practiced law for more than 30 years and taught professional responsibility at Georgetown University Law Center, chronicle those who have transgressed ethical boundaries in a big way. Primarily designed as a supplemental text for U.S. law students enrolled in

professional responsibility courses, the book can also be used as the foundation for advanced seminars in ethics. A teacher's manual is also available.

*Land Use Planning and the Environment*

■ **MICHAEL ALLAN WOLF, WITH CHARLES M. HAAR**

Exploring the intersections between land use planning and environmental law is the focus of *Land Use Planning and the Environment: A Casebook* (ELI Press). Designed primarily for the classroom, the book takes a comprehensive approach to the instruction of planning and zoning law, regulatory takings, and environmental topics. The casebook is authored by Charles M. Haar, Louis D. Brandeis Professor of Law, emeritus, Harvard University and visiting member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, and Michael Allan Wolf, Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law and general editor of *Powell on Real Property*, the leading treatise on real property. ■

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If you have not already thought about how you might maximize your contribution to the Florida Tomorrow campaign, please call me at (352) 273-0640 or e-mail at [frohlich@law.ufl.edu](mailto:frohlich@law.ufl.edu) to discuss.

*Kelley Frohlich*

Senior Director of Development

## New Gifts

- Andy (JD 74) and Lin Fawbush made a gift of \$250,000 as a portion of a life insurance policy to establish the Andrew and Melinda Fawbush Law Endowment.
- Scott (JD 83) and Lisa Hawkins pledged \$100,000 to establish the Scott G. and Lisa V. Hawkins Character and Leadership Scholarship Endowment.
- Teri Levin made a gift of \$1 million to complete the Teri and Allen Levin second floor space in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center.
- Joe Milton (JD 69) gave a gift of \$30,000 in unrestricted funds.
- Clifford Schulman (JD 72) made a \$50,000 bequest to establish the C.A. and M.W. Schulman Tuition Scholarship.
- Shook, Hardy & Bacon Foundation made a \$30,000 pledge to fund the first Florida Opportunity Scholars for Law.

## Class of 2010 Gift



**C**ongratulations to the Class of 2010 for raising \$79,072 in pledges and 35 percent participation toward the class gift (as of May 10). A special thank you to the class gift co-chairs for 2010, Rob Davis, Blake Harris and Sara Younger. For a complete listing of donors to the 2010 class gift, please read further in the online edition of UF Law magazine at [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw)

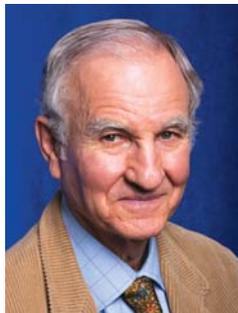
## Joseph W. Little Pro Bono Support Fund challenge

**E**stablished by Philip A. (JD 73) and Phyllis S. DeLaney (BDAE 92), the Joseph W. Little Pro Bono Support Fund offsets out-of-pocket expenses incurred by students who volunteer for pro bono work.

“Professor Little has represented indigent clients in many cases of local public interest over the past four decades, frequently paying costs out of his own pocket,” DeLaney said. “When I heard of his pending retirement — and despite the horrible economy for a real estate closing practice attorney such as myself — I decided to start the endowment of a fund to pay costs for the student law clinic’s indigent clients and to fund indigent legal assistance by students in areas impacted by natural disasters to recognize Professor Little’s decades of public service.”

To date, and with the DeLanays’ founding gift, the endowment has received gifts from UF Law professors Lyrissa Lidsky, Dennis Calfee and from Joe Little himself.

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. His pro bono ethic is mirrored in the strength of UF Law student advocacy efforts, which fulfill a much-needed community service and contribute to student career development, honing legal skills that increase the value of new graduates to potential employers. The Class of 2010 completed 9,204 pro bono hours, and it is anticipated the fund will increase opportunities for students to serve in these advocacy roles.



“The professor of my first class at UF Law in 1971 was Joe Little and I learned what a law professor was and what was expected of me in the first 15 minutes of the class. All of us who took classes with Professor Little will remember that he does not waste words,” DeLaney said. “I challenge you, his former students, to contribute to the endowment in recognition of Professor Little’s impact on your career, so that a sufficient corpus will be built up to properly fund the needs of UF Law’s indigent clients.”

To make a contribution to the Little fund, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (352) 273-0640. ■



## Gift of \$1 million will complete second floor of advocacy center

**A** \$1 million gift will complete the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law’s Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center and bring the total of Levin family gifts to the law school to nearly \$30 million, including state matching funds. The gift from Teri Levin, Fredric G. Levin’s sister-in-law, honors her late husband, Allen Richard Levin, and will fund the construction of classrooms, offices and meeting spaces on the second floor of the center.

Allen R. Levin, a University of Florida graduate and a well-known property developer and philanthropist in Pensacola, died in January 2007 at the age of 62. A proud family man, he was widely respected for his vision regarding development and beautification of the Gulf Coast area.

“Allen was a humble man and a great leader who loved all of his brothers and was particularly close to his nephew, Martin H. Levin, a UF Law graduate and namesake of the new advocacy center,” Teri Levin said. “We thought naming the mezzanine level of the new advocacy center would be a fitting tribute to Allen and a way to keep his memory and legacy alive.”

Fredric G. Levin (JD 61), a prominent Pensacola attorney and UF Law alumnus and the college’s namesake, donated \$2 million dollars as the lead gift to build the advocacy center, named for his son, Martin H. Levin (JD 88), who graduated first in his class at UF Law.

The first phase of construction on the 20,000 square-foot Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center was completed in time to host the October 2009 oral arguments for the First District Court of Appeal. The facility houses a fully functional trial and appellate courtroom with a 100-seat gallery, bench for seven judges, jury box and attorney’s tables. The main floor also includes judge’s chambers and a deliberation room. Construction on the second floor is set to begin in fall 2010, with completion expected in spring 2011.

“I feel really good about this donation because I know it would have made Allen very happy to have his name on the building with his brother Fred and nephew Martin,” Teri Levin said. “This is a great tribute to a great man.” ■



# In the Eye of the Storm

Protecting Floridians by strengthening reinsurers

BY LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

## Kevin McCarty (JD 86)

**K**evin McCarty (JD 86) stepped into the Office of Insurance Regulation as Gov. Jeb Bush's appointee for insurance commissioner in 2003.

One year later, all hell broke loose.

"In 2004 and 2005, we had eight named storms that made landfall within 16 months, reaching \$36 billion in insured losses," McCarty said. "All but one or two counties in the state, at one point or another, were declared a disaster area; so it was a very trying time for the office, not only to the effect of ensuring that policy holders were being paid for claims but also working collaboratively with various government agencies to provide storm relief to people who were beset by the tragedy."

Fortunately for Florida, McCarty was already a pro at managing volatile insurance markets caused by hurricane devastation. Following his early work at the Florida Department of Labor & Employment Security, McCarty joined the Florida Department of Insurance in 1991 as a strategic private market expert. He is credited with implementing strategies to strengthen the private insurance marketplace following the \$26 billion in damages caused by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

"Insurance is the keystone for rebuilding in a community after a disaster," McCarty said. "You have federal money, but the bulk of the money that comes in after a disaster is insurance money. Making sure that people had money to rebuild their homes, return to their jobs, and return the economy to a more stable environment was very important for Florida."

Following the devastating hurricanes in 2004, McCarty mobilized the Office of Insurance Regulation's 300 employees, 29 of whom are attorneys, to assure policyholders had the basic essentials to rebuild their lives and communities. McCarty — who was recently elected vice president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners — said the Office of Insurance Regulation works hard to strike a balance between protecting consumers and promoting a robust insurance marketplace for the state's \$100 billion insurance industry.

"Regulation of insurance is very different from most other government agencies, because most other agencies are either charged with administration of a program or for policing a particular area of concern," McCarty said. "With insurance, you have to wear two hats. On the one hand, you are the first line of consumer protection for the people of Florida; and on the other hand, you are also the person responsible for building sound financial markets in your state, and for building a vibrant marketplace where goods and



services are available to consumers — because a vibrant market is also a consumer protection."

Skyrocketing insurance rates in 2006 following the back-to-back devastation of the 2004-05 hurricanes made fostering a vibrant marketplace somewhat of a challenge for McCarty. Global reinsurers, the companies that sell insurance to insurance companies to dilute risk by spreading it worldwide, reacted to the anticipation of yet a third devastating hurricane season by dramati-

cally increasing their rates for reinsurance, sometimes by as much as 60 percent. The burden of that extra expense was passed onto Florida consumers and insurance premiums ballooned.

"In the aftermath of rate increases in 2006, the Florida Legislature, particularly the Florida Senate, wanted the Office of Insurance Regulation and its own office to discover whether or not there was price fixing, whether there was collusion, and whether there were any violations of Florida law," McCarty said.

Toward that end, the Office of Insurance Regulation opened investigations into the state's major carriers' rate increases, and document requests were made. Allstate Insurance defied the order, claiming the documents to be privileged, trade secret information. McCarty's office sued for the records, was sustained in court, and, in January 2008, suspended Allstate from doing business in the state until the documents were produced. Allstate appealed the suspension, but it was upheld in district court, leaving Allstate no choice but to finally capitulate, after months of brinksmanship, and hand over the requested documents. The company also paid a \$5 million fine and agreed to write another 100,000 policies in the state.

"I think that was a success story where the Office of Insurance Regulation stood up to big insurance and big insurance blinked," McCarty said.

Though McCarty and the Office of Insurance Regulation have been instrumental in helping the state and its insurance marketplace recover their sea legs following the severe hurricane seasons of 2004-05, the office has enjoyed other achievements in which McCarty takes great satisfaction. These include the Senior Protection Act of 2008 aimed at protecting seniors from fraud when purchasing annuities, and success on gaining "freedom to travel," which prevents life insurance companies from denying coverage for or raising rates on policyholders based on their country of origin or intent to travel to foreign countries. McCarty's office has also been successful in decreasing workers' compensation rates by more than 60 percent over the last seven years, and assisted with the passage of House Bill 1A in 2007 to expand the role of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

"When I was in law school, I never thought I would end up in insurance," McCarty said. "But I do think, in terms of working in public service, this is the kind of work that is really cut out for attorneys, because every day when you go to work, you are doing something to protect those people who are unable to protect themselves during financially vulnerable times. It is very rewarding work." ■

## 2010 Young Alumnus Awards

The University of Florida Alumni Association, Inc. has established the Outstanding Young Alumni Award to recognize alumni who are 35 years of age or younger and have distinguished themselves in their profession and community. The Levin College of Law is proud to announce two UF Law graduates recognized this year as Outstanding Young Alumni.



**J. GRIER PRESSLY III** (JD 99), who was recently recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine, is a litigation and trusts and estates attorney with his family's West Palm Beach firm, Pressly & Pressly, P.A. Pressly, his father, James G. Pressly Jr. (JD 72), and his uncle, David Pressly (JD 79), are all double Gators and long-time supporters of the University of Florida and the Levin College of Law.

Pressly graduated with honors from UF Law and was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1999. Among his many accomplishments during his college career at UF, Pressly was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Florida Blue Key (and a producer of Gator Growl in 1997), and he was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame, which is the highest honor bestowed on undergraduate students.

Pressly continues to serve his profession, community and the University of Florida. He has served as a member of the University of Florida Law Alumni Council, and currently serves on the Gator Boosters Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and is a past-president of the association's Young Lawyers Section. Pressly also is a member of The Florida Bar, is a director on the board of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, and is a director on the board of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County.

Pressly co-authored updates to *Florida Estates Practice Guide* (LexisNexis), and the chapter, "Removal of the Personal Representative and Surcharge," in *Litigation Under the Florida Probate Code*, 2000. He also co-authored the journal article, "Payment of the Student Athletes: Legal and Practical Obstacles," *Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*, 2000.

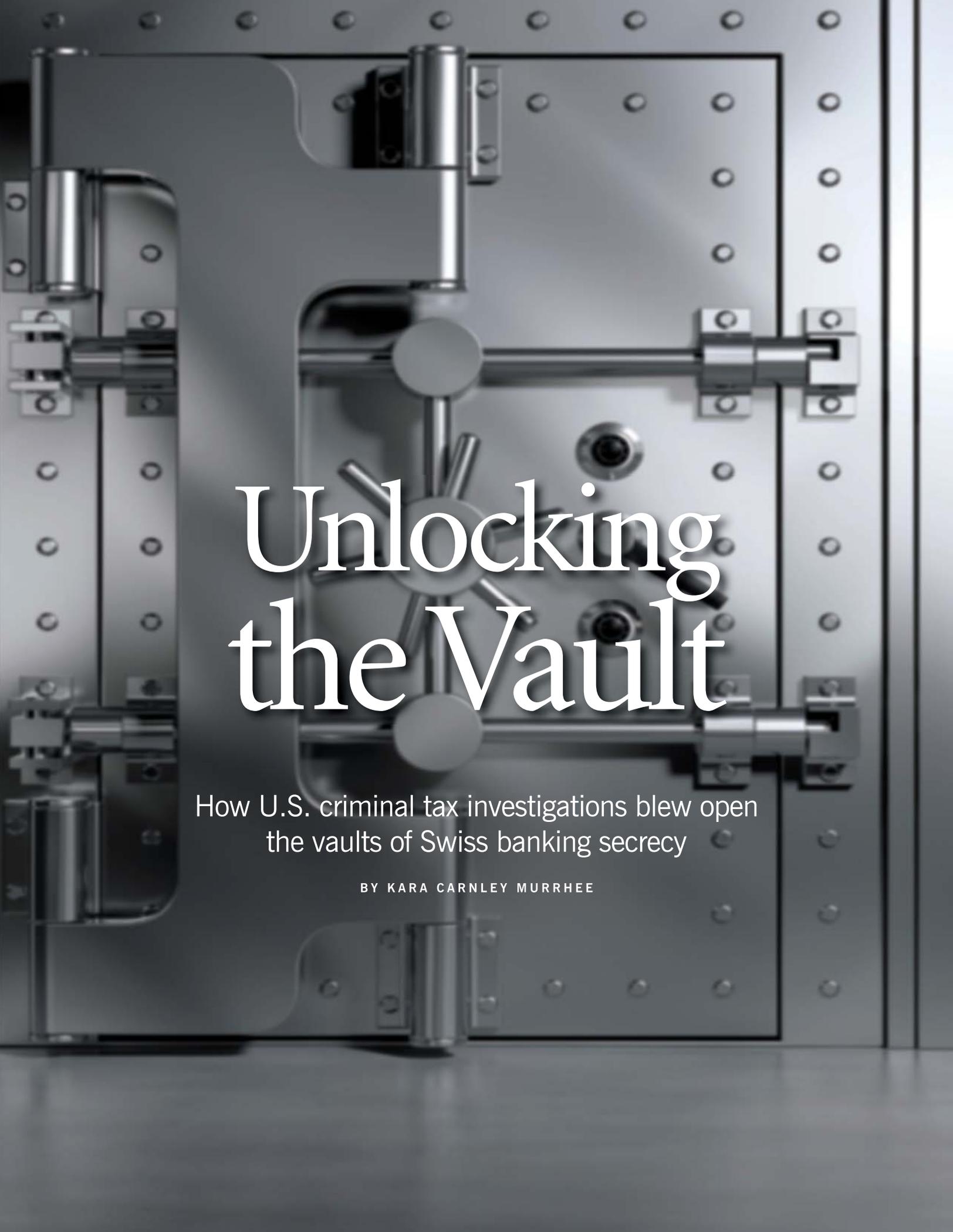


**GREGORY S. WEISS** (JD 98) is a partner at the Palm Beach Gardens firm, Leopold-Kuvin, P.A. He focuses his practice on business, antitrust, commercial and corporate litigation, as well as select product defect, automotive crashworthiness and personal injury litigation.

Weiss is a double Gator who completed the Army R.O.T.C. program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army following earning his undergraduate degree in 1995. During law school, Weiss served as the chairman of the Justice Campbell Thornal National Moot Court Board and was selected to the Order of the Barristers.

Following graduation from law school, Weiss served as an officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps at the 82d Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, U.S. Army Forces Command, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, and the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California. In addition, Weiss completed a one-year deployment to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, serving as the Chief of Military Justice for the 13th COSCOM in central Iraq. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Iraq.

Before joining Leopold-Kuvin, Weiss practiced for several years as a commercial litigator, focusing on complex commercial and intellectual property litigation in both state and federal courts. He is a member of The Florida Bar, the California Bar, and the bars of the U.S. district courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern districts of Florida. Weiss is the chairman of the Martin County Bar Association Litigation Committee, is president-elect of the University of Florida Law Alumni Council and is an active member of the American Inns of Court. ■



# Unlocking the Vault

How U.S. criminal tax investigations blew open  
the vaults of Swiss banking secrecy

BY KARA CARNLEY MURREE

## Jeffrey A. Neiman (JD 01)

Jeffrey A. Neiman (JD 01) has what he considers the best job a lawyer can have. “Getting to stand up in court and say, ‘Jeffrey Neiman, on behalf of the United States,’ it doesn’t get much better than that.”

His position as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida placed him at the epicenter in 2008 of one of the largest financial crime investigations the United States has ever seen — one that involved charges against Swiss mega-bank, UBS, which, for decades, had concealed its banking practices from criminal tax investigations behind a shroud of secrecy.

It was a case Neiman could not have imagined for himself when he joined the Department of Justice through the Attorney General’s Honors program after graduating from law school. Neiman cut his teeth for nearly four years in the department’s tax division, investigating and prosecuting criminal tax cases across the nation, primarily in Las Vegas and South Florida.

“It was litigating out of a suitcase,” Neiman said.

He then spent more than two years with the Department of Justice’s criminal division in Washington, D.C., litigating corporate securities, health care fraud and other types of white collar crimes before returning to his own South Florida backyard to join the United States Attorney’s Office in 2008.

“One day, I got a phone call from one of my old colleagues, Kevin Downing, at the tax division in D.C.,” Neiman said. “He called me up and said, ‘Hey, we’ve got a case and have venue in your district. Do you have any interest in working with us?’ And I said, ‘Of course, let’s go.’”

With that call, Neiman plunged head-first into the UBS case. He and his team devoted the next 18 months to interviewing and investigating UBS bankers, managers, clients and executives. With sufficient evidence, they indicted former UBS banker Bradley Birkenfeld for helping an American client conceal \$200 million from the Internal Revenue Service.

Neiman’s team also obtained the indictment of Raoul Weil, the No. 3 executive at UBS and overseer of the global wealth management unit. Weil was charged in the South-



ern District of Florida for conspiring to help approximately 19,000 wealthy Americans hide as much as \$20 billion of taxable income from the IRS.

But the revelations didn’t end there. Neiman and his team discovered that in one year, UBS sent bankers to the U.S. on more than 3,800 occasions to wine and dine potential clients at events such as the annual NASDAQ tennis tournament on Key Biscayne and Art Basel on Miami Beach, he said. These bankers were trained to maintain a specific *modus operandi* to avoid detection while in the U.S.

“Dress as a tourist when you get off the airplane, indicate that you are not here for work purposes when you fill out the immigration paperwork, don’t stay in a hotel for more than one night, don’t bring any documents with you and delete any client files from your computers before you go back to the airport,” Neiman said. “Those were some pretty amazing steps being taken by a huge financial institution, one of the largest banks in the world, to help Americans evade taxes,” Neiman said.

Soon after, the bank entered into a deferred prosecution agreement to avoid criminal indictment, which Neiman helped negotiate. In the settlement, the bank agreed to pay \$780 million in restitution to the U.S. government and to refuse to provide banking services to U.S. clients unless they agreed to disclose the accounts to the IRS. Neiman said that the most groundbreaking element of the investigation, however, was that for the first time in the history of Swiss secrecy, the Swiss bank doors were open for the public to see.

“It has made banks around the world — in Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore or wherever they may be — more cognizant of

the fact that they have a problem if they are helping Americans cheat on their taxes,” Neiman said.

Although there have already been nine guilty pleas of U.S. citizens to various tax crimes, Neiman expects others will follow. The success of the investigations has also opened up a floodgate of 14,000 U.S. taxpayers who have made voluntary disclosures of their tax sins, resulting in an influx of leads for investigating offshore accounts in other tax havens and banks, he said.

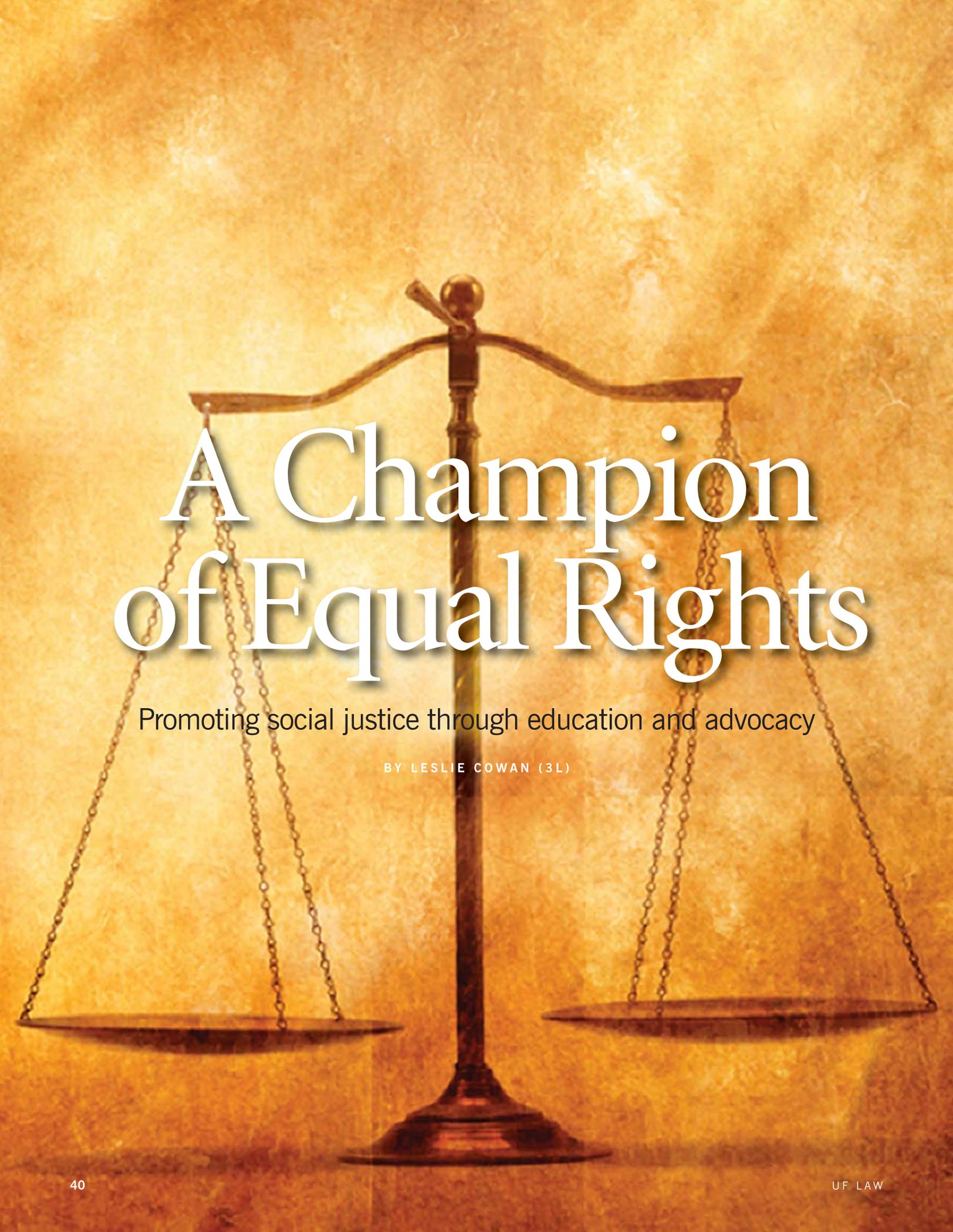
Jeffrey H. Sloman, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and Neiman’s ultimate supervisor, said the results of the deferred prosecution agreement with UBS are unprecedented.

“Neiman brings energy and commitment to his work, which reflects positively on the U.S. Attorney’s Office,” Sloman said. “The case has changed the landscape of offshore banking.”

The investigation has also caused Switzerland and other countries to enter into new treaties with the U.S., which provides for broader disclosure of information in banking procedures, Neiman said.

For their hard work, Neiman and his team were awarded the John Marshall Award, the highest award presented to an attorney for contributions and excellence in legal performance, at the 57th annual Attorney General Awards Ceremony in the nation’s capitol. He hopes the investigations will be a priority of the government for years to come.

“There’s always going to be somewhere to hide the money, but we have to make it as difficult as possible for people to do so,” he said. ■



# A Champion of Equal Rights

Promoting social justice through education and advocacy

BY LESLIE COWAN (3L)

## Evan J. Yegelwel (JD 80)

“Always surround yourself with people of the highest ethical and moral character.” That’s the philosophy by which Evan J. Yegelwel (JD 80) lives life and practices law.

If his success as a board certified personal injury attorney with Jacksonville firm Terrell Hogan Ellis Yegelwel P.A. is any indication, Yegelwel’s philosophy must be an effective one — that, and his devotion to the law, which has been an interest of his since childhood.

“I was influenced by lawyers and their role in society. I was moved by efforts lawyers had undertaken in representing the people who had less influence in society, such as immigrants and minorities,” Yegelwel said. “I thought the profession of a lawyer was a very noble one and had a significant impact in sustaining our country as a democracy.”

For decades, Yegelwel has been a member of the Anti-Defamation League’s Florida Board of Directors, and he notes that the ADL is the preeminent organization in the United States that fights anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious bigotry, racism, and extremism.

“I am personally very concerned about extreme elements in this country, both on the right and on the left, as they challenge and jeopardize our freedom,” Yegelwel said. “When extremists percolate and go unchallenged, history shows the horrors that can occur.”

In 2000, Yegelwel combined his desire to give back to the law school with his interest in promoting social justice. He founded the Evan J. Yegelwel Fellowship at UF Law, which places University of Florida law students in legal internships with the ADL. The fellowship enables one second-year law student each summer to spend 8-10 weeks working for the ADL regional office in Boca Raton, Fla. Yegelwel said he has been impressed with the caliber of students the fellowship has benefited and called the feedback he has received from the students heartwarming.

In recognition of his devotion to social justice, Yegelwel was presented



with the 2009 Anti-Defamation League Jurisprudence Award in December. The award is given each year to an outstanding lawyer who believes in and adheres to the tenets of the ADL.

“He’s a tremendously well-respected community leader. He believes very strongly in making this country safe for everyone and in giving everybody an equal opportunity to succeed in this country,” said Andy Rozencrantz, ADL Florida regional director. “I know in the Jacksonville legal community, he is very well respected — not only as a lawyer, but as somebody who believes in giving back to the city.”

In addition to crediting his education at the University of Florida College of Law, Yegelwel also credits his success to the support of his family and his partner and mentor for the past 26 years, Wayne

Hogan. Hogan is a past president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

“My association with Wayne has probably been my most valued career achievement, even more important than some unique jury results,” Yegelwel said. “I cannot emphasize how important it is to have a proper mentor.”

Of the value of mentorship, Yegelwel said humbly, “I really believe that no person is an island and we are really just the sum of our life’s experiences and the influences of the people we’ve encountered along the way. While on our life’s journey, we must never forget those people and institutions that contributed to our personal successes.”

“I am always proud to be a member of the legal profession, and I am always grateful I received my legal education at the University of Florida,” he said. ■

# CLASS NOTES



**RAY FERRERO JR. (JD 60)** Has been named chancellor of Nova Southeastern University. Ferrero served as president and CEO of Nova Southeastern from 1998 through 2009 and became chancellor and CEO on Jan. 1.

**Barry S. Sinoff** has been recognized as by *Super Lawyers* since 2008, *Best Lawyers in America* since 1995, has been Martindale Hubbell AV rated since 1983, and included in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers since 1999.

## 1968

**Kirk N. Kirkconnell** became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Kirkconnell is a partner in the Winter Park criminal defense firm of Kirkconnell, Lindsey, Snure, Yates & Ponall, PA. He is board certified by The Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Attorneys as a criminal trial advocate.

## 1969

**Alan G. Greer**, a shareholder of the firm Richman Greer, PA, was named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**Tom Sherrard**, of the Nashville firm Sherrard & Roe, PLC, is among Tennessee's Best 150 Lawyers on the annual list compiled by *BusinessTN* magazine. He is cited for his corporate law practice.

## 1960

**Sydney Beaver** recently published his first novel entitled, *The Catalyst*. He lives with his wife Juliette Brelle in the woods north-west of Houston, Texas, near the small town of Magnolia. Presently, he is working on the second novel in a planned Bankston County trilogy.

**Charles "Bud" R. Stack** of the High Stack Gordon Law Firm has been a member of Super Lawyers since 2006.

## 1964

**Ivan M. Diamond** was named the Louisville *Best Lawyers* Corporate Lawyer of the Year. Diamond works in the Louisville office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC and is a member of the Corporate and Commercial Practice Group. He is the Banking and Financial Companies Team co-chair and the Securities Team co-chair.

The Hon. **Robert M. Johnson** received appointment from the Senate Ethics Committee as a trustee for New College of Florida in Sarasota.

**Gerald F. Richman**, president of the law firm of Richman Greer, PA, in West Palm Beach, was appointed to the executive committee of the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission. He was also named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

## 1967

**William A. "Bill" Hamilton III** has become a founding partner of the newly-established Tampa office of Quarles & Brady LLP. Hamilton is board certified in business litigation and intellectual property by The Florida Bar. Hamilton currently teaches electronic discovery and digital evidence as an adjunct professor at the Levin College of Law.

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# Ava Parker (JD 87)

## Newest chair of the Florida Board of Governors gives back to community

BY MATT WALKER

**A**s an undergraduate student in the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, double Gator Ava Parker (JD 87) hadn't considered a career in the field of law until she went to court... kind of.

"I had an opportunity to work at traffic court," Parker said, "and eventually I served as chief justice."

Parker, who was recently elected as the chair of the Florida Board of Governors, said her experiences in student government at UF opened her mind to new possibilities, which eventually led to her enrollment in UF Law. That open-mindedness, and a desire to help those who are less fortunate, has resulted in a diverse range of projects for Parker.

"What I love most is that I have a unique opportunity to help people and to develop public policy that impacts the community," she said. "I have several goals that I would like to achieve with my service: one, ensure that the interests of underserved and economically challenged groups are represented and protected; two, encourage and support economic growth and development; and third, as a personal goal, develop positive relationships."

These themes are evident in much of Parker's work, and she somehow manages to juggle an impressive number of activities.

Parker is the chair of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, she serves on the judicial nominating commission of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida and on the advisory board for Broadband for America, and she is the president of Linking Solutions, Inc., a consulting company. She's also a practicing attorney and partner at Lawrence and Parker, P.A., in Jacksonville, and Parker and her husband, Rep. Joseph "Joe" Gibbons, are the proud parents of two nine-month-old twins, Parker Joseph and Bailey Mildred.

Parker said she sees her position as chair of the board of governors as a wonderful

chance to serve the state.

The board of governors serves to guide and advance the university system in Florida. Parker said as chair of the board, she is involved with issues such as budgets, tuition programs, funding new buildings and encouraging the promotion of programs, like the New Florida program.

"New Florida's effect will be significant on the State University System and on the state of Florida," Parker said. The program will promote education in the areas of science, technology, math and engineering, increasing jobs and economic benefits throughout the state.

The program calls for an additional 25,000 graduates per year by 2015, which means that Florida's university system will send 100,000 new college graduates into the state economy on an annual basis, she said.

"That's a huge injection of talent every year and that's how to build a new sector of the Florida economy; one based on knowledge, research and innovation."

The board is also moving forward on other fronts, recently dropping a lawsuit against the state Legislature over who has the authority to govern the state university system.

"We decided we would try a new approach, and we began a series of long conversations with legislative leaders. The question was, could we resolve these issues of university governance in a friendly fashion? We discovered that, yes, we could."

Parker's other activities' goals aren't much different from her actions on the board — they often revolve around a sense of cooperation, giving back and educating.

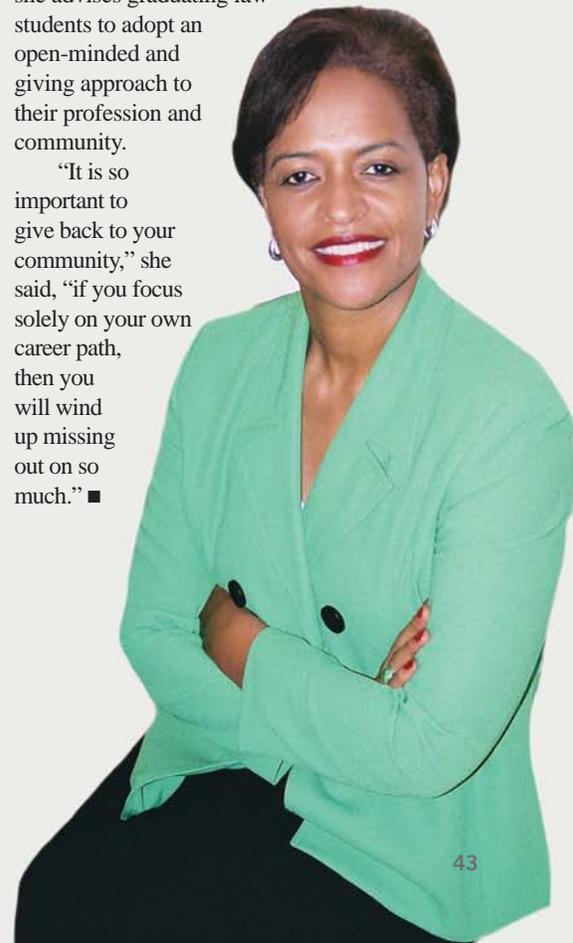
As an attorney, Parker primarily practices in two areas; public finance, where she serves as a part of bond transactions for school boards and local governments; and representing churches, like the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which she also attends.

Parker said her work with churches provides the synergy that binds together all of her other activities. It enables her to connect with underserved communities via projects like her consulting company.

Through Linking Solutions, Inc., Parker said she coordinates and organizes education and outreach activities for telecommunications programs for underserved communities. This is accomplished by working closely with the Public Service Commission's Office of Public Information and Florida's Office of Public Counsel. Similarly, with her involvement with Broadband for America, the goal is to create accessible broadband Internet access for all sectors of society.

Parker said she has always tried to be open to new experiences in her career and she advises graduating law students to adopt an open-minded and giving approach to their profession and community.

"It is so important to give back to your community," she said, "if you focus solely on your own career path, then you will wind up missing out on so much." ■





## Ian Lis & Sarah Springer (JD 09)

### Gator love

BY IAN M. FISHER (3L)

After nine years together without a ring, Ian Lis felt he had to come up with a spectacular marriage proposal to girlfriend, Sarah Springer. The two graduated from UF Law in 2009, are double Gators, and had been sweethearts since high school. In his quest for Springer’s hand, Lis decided to enlist Tim Tebow — one of the most famous Gators ever — to make the proposal memorable.

Lis’ audacious plan unfolded during a Tebow autograph signing, held in Palm Beach on March 27. As the couple approached Tebow, the Gator gridiron-great shook Springer’s hand and said, “Sarah, I think Ian has a question for you.” Tebow then pulled out a ring while Lis dropped into position on one knee. A YouTube video of the ensuing engagement ring hand-off and Springer’s tearful “Yes!” may be one of Tebow’s most memorable plays and has been viewed more than 300,000 times.

“I had been thinking of an original proposal idea for quite a while,” Lis said. “But it wasn’t reality until we graduated from law school and I could actually afford to go buy a ring.”

Lis discovered that Tebow would be signing autographs in the area under contract with Palm Beach Autographs. It happened that Lis’ sister had a friend at the company to whom she pitched the proposal idea — he thought it would be a go, right from the start.

“He said he thought Tebow would enjoy it and would agree to go along with it,” Lis said. “I was actually pretty confident the whole time that he would do it just because I think we all know what Tebow’s demeanor is when it comes to doing things like this, and he’s not standoffish when it comes to helping the public out.”

Lis, now an associate with Tripp Scott in Ft. Lauderdale, got the final go-ahead the night before the signing. His proposal caught Springer completely by surprise.

“We had just looked at wedding rings for the first time two months ago,” said Springer, now an associate at Waldman, Trigoboff, Hildebrandt, Marx & Calnan in Weston. “We looked at some just to kind of figure out what I liked, so I had no idea it was coming.”

She can hardly remember what was going through her head when the ring flashed before her eyes or what Tebow said afterwards.

“Immediate shock,” she said. “I was too shocked to really have anything significant going through my mind. If anything, it was probably, ‘I can’t believe this is happening here.’ ... I barely remember what he was saying on the stage. I was just in such shock. I hugged him [Tebow] three times because I figured this was my opportunity.”

Afterward, Tebow texted his agent asking for an invitation to the couple’s wedding, which they said they will gladly extend. But the big question for many is why Springer didn’t say ‘yes’ to Tebow instead?

“Despite Tebow’s many attributes, he’s not the man for me,” Springer said. “Ian is.”  
Now, that’s true love. ■

To view a video of the engagement, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw)

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LESLIE J. LOTT, of Lott & Friedland, was named “Lawyer of the Year” in intellectual property for the Miami area in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Lott was also named by *Best Lawyers* in the categories of alternative dispute resolution and intellectual property law. She has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for the past 15 years. She was also named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

## 1970

**John M. Brumbaugh**, a shareholder of the firm Richman Greer, PA, was named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

## 1971

**Larry B. Alexander** of the West Palm Beach firm, Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, PA, was named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**Darryl M. Bloodworth**, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean Mead, has been named “Orlando *Best Lawyers* Best-Company Litigator of the Year” for 2010. Bloodworth is board certified in civil trial law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit civil mediator.

**Stephen N. Zack**, administrative partner of the Miami firm, Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP, was named “Gran Caimán” by the University of Florida Association of Hispanic Alumni. The award was presented to Zack during the Gator Guayabera Guateque, an annual fundraiser benefitting Hispanic

student scholarships and the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures at UF, held May 7 in Doral, Florida.

## 1972

**William H. Andrews** was named Jacksonville’s 2010 Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers*.

**Bruce Bokor** was recognized as the “Tampa Area Best Lawyers Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year” for 2010 by *Best Lawyers*.

**John M. Dart**, partner of Adams and Reese LLP, has been named partner in charge of the firm’s Sarasota office. Dart is responsible for the overall administration of the Sarasota office, which includes 10 attorneys and 27 total staff. Dart is board certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar.

## 1973

**Paul W. A. Courtneil Jr.**, a shareholder in the West Palm Beach office of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, PA, has been named a Leader in Their Field: Leisure & Hospitality by Chambers and Partners, a UK-based legal directory.

**Jeffrey R. Garvin**, of Garvin Law Firm in Fort Myers, was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers during the organization’s spring meeting, held in Palm Springs, California. The ACTL is an invitation-only organization dedicated to improving the standards of trial practice and the administration of justice.

**Gerald A. Rosenthal**, founding partner of the West Palm Beach firm, Rosenthal, Levy & Simon, now celebrating its 25-year anniversary, has been voted treasurer-elect of the Workers Injury Law & Advocacy Group. He has been recognized as best in class in both ethical standards and quality of legal work by Martindale-Hubbell, marking 20 years of his receiving AV rating. In addition, Rosenthal, for 25 years, has been named to South Florida’s Best Lawyers.

## 1974

**Andrew J. Fawbush**, of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, was recently named partner in the firm’s Jacksonville office. In addition to his inclusion in the Florida and New York *Super Lawyers* lists for employee benefits and ERISA, Fawbush was selected as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* for employee benefits and as one of the Top Employee Benefits Lawyers by the International Bar Association.

**Frederick W. Leonhardt**, senior partner for government affairs at GrayRobinson, PA, has been appointed the new chairman of the Presidents Council, Commercial Real Estate Forum of Central Florida.



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# Distinguished Alumnus Awards

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”*

—JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



Zack

The University of Florida recognizes Distinguished Alumni as graduates who have excelled in his/her chosen field or have performed outstanding service for the university. It is gratifying to note that nearly 30 percent of all UF’s Distinguished Alumni honored since the inception of the program have been Levin College of Law graduates. We are extremely proud to honor and recognize three UF Law alumni with 2010 University of Florida Distinguished Alumni Awards.

**STEPHEN N. ZACK, 2010 UF Law Commencement Speaker**

When University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Stephen N. Zack (JD 71) takes office as president of the American Bar Association this August, he won’t be the first Gator to hold the prestigious office, but his election will still be one for the record books.

Zack, an administrative partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, will be the first Hispanic-American president of the ABA in the organization’s 130-year history. Following his installation as ABA president, Zack will lead the organization’s 410,000 members and nearly \$100 million budget, and he has already hit the ground running in promoting his agenda as ABA president to provide appropriate financial support of the judiciary and improving civic education.

Zack has a long history of leadership and achievement. During law school, he was an active member of the University of Florida student body and served as president of Florida Blue Key. In addition to the long list of professional leadership roles he has held in the ABA, The Florida Bar, his local bar association and in his community, Zack is also a founding member of the Cuban-American Bar Association and was the first Hispanic-American — and youngest — president of The Florida Bar. His career is marked by outstanding service to Florida’s citizens as general counsel to Gov. Bob Graham, as chair of the state’s Ethics Commission, as an appointee of Gov. Lawton Chiles to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, and, most historically, as trial counsel for Presidential Candidate Al Gore during *Bush v. Gore*.

In a career spanning nearly four decades, Zack has always been a tireless participant in and advocate for

the rule of law. His passionate belief in the civic responsibility of those who are governed to participate in their governance is a cornerstone of his agenda as ABA president, as is his devotion to the judiciary and its role in guaranteeing the Constitutional rights of every citizen. Zack holds dear the responsibility of the legal profession to uphold the laws of the country — a devotion to the rule of law that his family’s experience fleeing Cuba and Fidel Castro’s repressive regime in 1961 helped hone.

“In 1961 the first indication of the loss of liberty in Cuba was the attacks on the judiciary. It went downhill from there,” Zack said. “All constitutions are only words unless there is a commitment by the citizens to accept and defend those rights.”

**STEPHEN H. “STEVE” GRIMES**

Double Gator, Florida Supreme Court Justice-emeritus, and UF Distinguished Alumnus Stephen H. Grimes (JD 54) is a jurist known for his dedication to the law, to public service and for his work ethic, intellect, and personal integrity. At UF, Grimes was president of his social fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, served as editor-in-chief of the *Florida Law Review* and was a member of Florida Blue Key, Phi Delta Phi legal honor society, and the Order of the Coif. Grimes served his country in the U.S. Navy between 1951 and 1953, and, following his graduation from UF Law in 1954, he joined Holland & Knight, becoming head of the firm’s litigation department. He served as president of the 10th Judicial Circuit Bar Association in 1966 and became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1971. In 1973, Grimes was appointed to his first judicial position on the Florida Second District Court of Appeal, where he served until 1987 and as chief judge from 1978 to 1980. Gov. Bob Martinez appointed Grimes to the Florida Supreme Court in 1987, and he served as chief justice of the court between 1994 and 1996. After his retirement from the court in 1996, Grimes returned to Holland & Knight as partner and the firm’s “Senior Statesman,” where he continues to mentor young lawyers. He has been recognized as a Florida Super Lawyer, and is among the “Best Lawyers in America” for white collar criminal defense, appellate law and commercial litigation.



Grimes



MacKay

**KENNETH HOOD “BUDDY” MACKAY JR.**

During his nearly 30-years in public service, double Gator and UF Distinguished Alumnus Kenneth Hood “Buddy” MacKay Jr. (JD 61) has focused on improving the quality of life for Floridians, preserving and protecting Florida’s environment, and ensuring the fiscal responsibility of government. As a UF undergrad, MacKay was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame. Following his graduation from UF with his bachelor’s in 1954, MacKay served in the U.S. Air Force between 1955 and 1958, achieving the rank of captain. He then returned to UF to earn his law degree, graduating in 1961 and settling down in Daytona Beach to practice law. In 1968, MacKay was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. He was subsequently elected to the Florida Senate in 1975, and later to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served from 1983 to 1989. In 1988, MacKay ran for the U.S. Senate but lost in a very close race to Connie Mack III. In 1990, MacKay was elected lieutenant governor on the ticket headed by Gov. Lawton Chiles, and they served two terms. With term limits preventing Gov. Chiles from running again, MacKay ran for governor but lost the election to Jeb Bush. Tragically, MacKay became the state’s 42nd governor due to the untimely death of Gov. Chiles 23 days before the end of his term. Following his retirement from public office after his term as governor, MacKay continued to serve his country as a special envoy to the Americas, appointed by President Bill Clinton, between 1999 and 2001. He remains devoted to Florida, and, as a certified mediator, established a project in the 5th Judicial Circuit of Florida to use mediation to resolve child-protection dependency cases. The mediation program has now been adopted by 19 of Florida’s 20 circuits. ■

**1977**

**Charles Modell** was listed among the Minnesota *Super Lawyers*, and was named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*. He has also been included in the *International Who’s Who of Franchise Lawyers*.

**Dennis J. Wall** hosted a webinar on “Insurance Rescission vs. Post-Claim Underwriting;” led the Insurance Law Committee Seminar of the Orange County Bar Association; authored “The Florida Standard Jury Instructions Committee Alters Florida Insurer Bad Faith Law with Proposed Jury Instructions;” published in the *Insurance Litigation Reporter*; co-authored the article “Construction-Defect Claims, A Step-By-Step Guide for Handling a Typical Loss;” and was elected to the American Law Institute.

**1978**

**C. David Brown II** of Windermere, chairman of the Broad & Cassel law firm, has been appointed to the University of Florida Board of Trustees by Gov. Charlie Crist. Brown, who has previously served as a UF trustee, succeeds Earl Powell and will serve a term set to expire Jan. 6, 2015.

**Robert J. Merlin** of Robert J. Merlin, PA, located in Coral Gables, has been elected to the board of The Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Merlin is a board-certified marital and family lawyer.

**1979**

**Virginia Bogue**, an attorney in the bankruptcy practice group at Howick, Westfall, McBryan, & Kaplan, LLP, served as a featured speaker at the Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education’s 2010 Real



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Property Foreclosure Seminar in April. Bogue gave an update on bankruptcy and motions to strip junior liens in bankruptcy cases.

**Neisen Kasdin**, shareholder and chair of Akerman Senterfitt’s land use and entitlements practice, was named “Humanitarian of the Year” at the eighth annual Building Our Community Awards luncheon of the March of Dimes Florida chapter. Kasdin also currently serves as vice chair of the Board of Directors for the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

**David M. Layman**, of Greenberg Traurig, PA, was recently recognized as “Lawyer of the Year for Real Estate in West Palm Beach,” *Best Lawyers in America*, 2010.

**Larry Sandefer** was named to the Martindale-Hubbell Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

**John J. Scroggin** (LLMT) was named a Georgia *Super Lawyer* in 2009 and 2010.

**1980**

**Jonathan C. Hollingshead**, of the Orlando firm, Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap, PA, was accepted into to the American Board of Trial Advocates. Hollingshead, a shareholder practicing in the areas of commercial, construction and employment litigation, is chairman of Fisher Rushmer’s executive committee. He is a Florida Bar board-certified civil trial lawyer.

Introducing MILO PHILLIPS (Class of 2030?), grandson of Randy Meg Kammer (JD 78) and Jon Phillips (JD 79).





**GLENN J. WALDMAN (JD 83)** was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District for a four-year term commencing March 2010. Waldman is the founder of Waldman Trigoboff Hildebrandt Marx & Calnan, P.A., a South Florida-based complex commercial litigation firm. He is also a certified arbitrator, and a circuit and federal court mediator.

**Lewis F. Murphy** was listed in Chambers USA for commercial litigation 2007-2009; as a Super Lawyer for litigation every year since 2006; in *Best Lawyers* since 2005 in multiple categories and was selected as *Best Lawyer's* Miami Lawyer of the Year for "Bet the Company Litigation" 2009; and, in the *South Florida Legal Guide* since 2003.

**Gregg S. Truxton** of Bolanos Truxton, PA, has achieved his 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive Martindale-Hubbell AV rating, the highest possible Peer Review Rating of legal ability and ethical standards.

1981

**Kimberly Leach Johnson**, co-managing partner of Quarles & Brady and member of the firm's executive committee, was awarded the "FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager" distinction for 2010 by *Gulfshore Life* magazine.

1982

**Terence "Terry" J. Delahunty Jr.**, LEED AP, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Gray-Robinson, PA, has been elected to the University of Florida Real Estate Advisory Board (REAB). In addition, Delahunty was recently awarded the Central Florida Commercial

Association of Realtors "Community Service Award" for Orange County.

**Julia L. Frey**, attorney with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor, & Reed, PA, has been re-elected as a trustee to the board of WMFE, a group of Orlando-area, non-profit public broadcasting stations, for an additional three-year term.

**Richard A. Jacobson**, a shareholder in the International Practice Group of Fowler White Boggs PA, in Tampa, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of TerraLex, an international network of 160 foreign and U.S. law firms in more than 100 countries. Jacobson provides international tax and corporate assistance to U.S. and foreign clients doing cross border business.

**Gary B. Leuchtman**, of the Pensacola firm Beggs & Lane RLLP, has been named a Super Lawyer and currently serves as the chairperson of the Wills, Trusts and Estates Certification Committee of The Florida Bar and on the Board of Governors of United Way of Florida.

**Joel D. Rosen**, partner at High Swartz LLP in Norristown, PA, has been named a 2010 Legal Eagle by *Franchise Times Magazine*.

A member of the American Bar Association's Forum on Franchising, Rosen focuses his practice on franchise law, business and commercial law, employment law and trademark/copyright law. Prior to joining High Swartz in 2007, he was the owner of the Law Offices of Joel Rosen; previously he was the vice president/general counsel of NutriSystem, Inc.

1983

**Kenneth J. Bush**, of Kenneth J. Bush, PA, was named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**John 'Jay' G. White III**, a shareholder with Richman Greer, PA, in West Palm Beach, received the 2010 Professionalism Award from the Palm Beach County Bar Association. White was recognized for demonstrating professionalism, the highest of ethics and service to the legal community.

1984

**Mark Alexander**, who is listed in the 2010 *Best Lawyers in America* guide, recently left the national law firm of Holland & Knight in Jacksonville to open a boutique firm, Alexander DeGance



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Delahunty 82



Frey 82



Jacobson 82



Rosen 82



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# Heritage of Leadership

*“The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on.”*

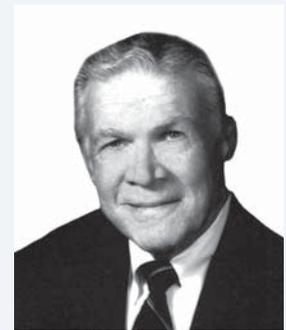
—WALTER LIPPMANN

The Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society inducted two outstanding UF Law graduates on April 9. The Class of 2010 included James J. Freeland and Raymer F. Maguire Jr. Both men made significant contributions to the state and university. Established by the Law Center Association Board of Trustees, nominations to the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society are made by a selection committee to be permanently honored on the Levin College of Law Heritage of Leadership Wall.

## CLASS OF 2010

### **JAMES J. FREELAND** Class of 1954

University of Florida Professor of Law (1957-95); Co-founder and Director, UF College of Law Graduate Tax Program (1977-82); UF Distinguished Faculty Award (1968); UF Distinguished Service Professor (1982); The Florida Bar Tax Section’s inaugural Outstanding Tax Attorney (1982).



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### **RAYMER F. MAGUIRE JR.** Class of 1948

Partner, Maguire Voorhis & Wells; President, Florida Blue Key (1947-48); President, UF Alumni Association (1959-60); Director, UF Foundation Board of Directors (1959-70, 1972-81); Founding Chairman (1967-72) and Trustee, Valencia Community College Board of Trustees (1967-86); UF Distinguished Alumnus (1975).



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For complete biographies and a photo album of the ceremony, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw).



Deeno Kitchen (JD 67), at left, whose generous gift sponsored the installation of the Heritage of Leadership Display, and Dean Robert Jerry.

# Making the List

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

## Best Lawyers in America 2010

Wendy L. Aiken (JD 78)  
 Larry B. Alexander (JD 71)  
 Mark Alexander (JD 84)  
 Bruce H. Bokor (JD 72)  
 Charles H. Carver (JD 88)  
 Robert J. Dickman (JD 70)  
 Manuel Epelbaum (JD 80)  
 David A. Friedland (JD 88)  
 Jeffrey R. Garvin (JD 73)  
 Gordon H. "Stumpy" Harris (JD 65)  
 William "Bud" Kirk (JD 68)  
 David M. Layman (JD 79)  
 Leslie J. Lott (JD 74)  
 G. Carson McEachern (JD 72)  
 David S. Nelson (JD 87)  
 Eugene K. Pettis (JD 85)  
 Gerald A. Rosenthal (JD 73)  
 Barry S. Sinoff (JD 67)  
 Mark E. Stein (JD 89)

## Florida Super Lawyers 2009

Kenneth J. Bush (JD 83)  
 Frederick C. Craig (JD 81)  
 David Friedland (JD 88)  
 Roland Gomez (JD 63)  
 Leonard E. Ireland Jr. (JD 60)  
 Leslie J. Lott (JD 74)  
 Dennis Michael McClelland (JD 96)  
 David S. Nelson (JD 87)  
 John B. Neukamm (JD 84)  
 Larry Sandefer (JD 79)  
 Thomas C. Saunders (JD 80)  
 Barry S. Sinoff (JD 67)  
 Mark Stein (JD 89)  
 Brian D. Stokes (JD 84)

## Florida Super Lawyer 2010

Larry B. Alexander (JD 71)  
 Roland Gomez (JD 63)  
 Linda S. Griffin (JD 84)  
 Leonard E. Ireland Jr. (JD 60)  
 Gary B. Leuchtman (LLMT 82)  
 G. Carson McEachern (JD 72)  
 John B. Neukamm (JD 84)  
 Michael Posner (JD 85)  
 Gerald A. Rosenthal (JD 73)  
 Thomas C. Saunders (JD 80)  
 Barry S. Sinoff (JD 67)  
 Brian D. Stokes (JD 84)

## Florida Super Lawyer – Rising Stars 2009

Debra P. Klauber (JD 95)  
 Bret Jones (JD 04)  
 Kathryn F. Whittington (JD 00)  
 Tad A. Yates (JD 04)

## Florida Trend Legal Elite 2010

Charles H. Carver (JD 88)  
 Jeffrey R. Garvin (JD 73)

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 David Friedland (JD 88)  
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 Dennis Michael McClelland (JD 96)  
 Eugene K. Pettis (JD 85)  
 Mark Stein (JD 89)  
 Tad A. Yates (JD 04)

## Top Lawyers, South Florida Legal Guide

Eugene K. Pettis (JD 85)

Barnett. The firm is one of Jacksonville's only free-standing practices representing management in labor and employment law.

**Linda S. Griffin** (LLMT), a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, recently spoke on disclaimers to the Pinellas County Estate Planning Council; moderated the First Annual Pinellas County Professionals Seminar for attorneys and CPAs; spoke for The Florida Bar on "The New Frontier – Conversions from IRAs to Roth;" and spoke in Fort Lauderdale and Tampa on "Initial Estate Administration" on behalf of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Section.

**Jeffrey Sandler** was recently promoted to partner of the Atlanta-based real estate closing firm Morris, Hardwick, Schneider. Sandler manages the firm's Florida operations.

## 1985

**Brenna Malouf Durden**, of Lewis, Longman & Walker, spoke at the 2010 "Going Green, \$ave\$ Green" forum, in Jacksonville on Jan. 28. The forum was hosted by the Jacksonville Community Council, Inc.

**Mark P. Gross**, a founding partner of the California firm Brot & Gross, LLP, was named a Southern California Super Lawyer.

**Mark W. Klingensmith** was elected mayor of Sewall's Point, Florida. Klingensmith is an attorney and shareholder in the law firm of Sonneborn Rutter Cooney & Klingensmith PA, West Palm Beach, and is chairman of the Martin County Republican Party.



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# Manisha Singh (JD 94)

## From D.C. to Seattle, shaping foreign policy in both Washingtons

BY MATT WALKER

**A**s a political appointee in the U.S. State Department, Manisha Singh (JD 94) provided leadership and created policy as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs. Now, as the first executive director of the Barer Institute for Law and Global Human Services at the University of Washington School of Law, she is still crafting policy, but this time in an academic setting.

“The goal of the Barer Institute is to utilize lawyers as leaders in providing advice and solutions to accomplish humanitarian aid objectives,” said Singh. “Because I would be the first person to serve as director, I thought it was a neat opportunity to shape and define a brand new institute.”

Using U.S. foreign assistance as an example of problems the institute will address, Singh said there has been no good tracking mechanism in place to monitor how effectively U.S. aid has been used in other countries. Less than one percent of the U.S. federal budget goes to humanitarian aid and this money should be more effectively targeted than it is now, she said.

“If a country is receiving money to build hospitals, do they have the capacity to do so, and later do they have the resources, like doctors and nurses to staff such hospitals? If not, then we should insure that our aid packages have an infrastructure and training component as well,” Singh said. “Isn’t that better than just, ‘Here’s X amount of money for hospitals?’”

Lawyers can play an important role in these areas because how the aid programs are implemented is based on legislation, whether it is executive branch or legislative branch action, she said. Within this framework, the institution will focus on health care, education and economic development; providing legal roadmaps, advising policy decisions and creating viable solutions with long-term benefits.

Although this is Singh’s first position in an academic institution, her background in the legal field and in government made her a prime candidate for the job as executive director. In addition to working at the State Department, Singh has served as deputy chief counsel to the Republican staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.); a position where she drafted legislation, wrote statements for senators and was even asked to sit in with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during a meeting with the president of Panama.

“The times I assisted Secretary Rice were just amazing, she’s one of the smartest people you’ll ever meet,” Singh said. “Just to see her in action with these heads of state — wow. She can more than hold her own with any head of state.”

Although Singh spent a lot of time working in Washington, D.C., and now lives in Seattle, she still appreciates coming home to visit her family in Lake Alfred, where her father is a UF faculty member at the IFAS extension.

“The nice thing about having parents in Florida is that the weather is always better than wherever I am,” Singh said.

Singh is also appreciative of her education at the UF Levin College of Law.

“For any UF grads who want to work in Washington or work in the foreign policy field, I very much encourage them,” she said. “I think the University of Florida has a good name, a good reputation. That’s where my training is; that’s where I learned to be a lawyer and I’ve made my career based on my training at UF.” ■



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Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army MIKE FERGUSON (JD 89) led a delegation of civilian aides at Arlington National Cemetery on March 23 to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The event was particularly significant for Ferguson as his own Father, PFC Lloyd G. Ferguson of Pensacola, Florida, was killed in action during the 8th Infantry Division's march on the Cologne-Aachen area in WWII and is buried in the National Cemetery at Henri St. Chapelle, Belgium.

**Eugene K. Pettis**, a co-founder and managing partner of Haliczzer Pettis & Schwamm, was named a Best Lawyer in medical malpractice and personal injury litigation in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*; named a finalist in 2009 in the "Law: Litigation" category of the *South Florida Business Journal's* "Key Partners" awards; named to the list of Florida Super Lawyers from 2006 to 2009 as selected by *Law & Politics* magazine; named to the *South Florida Legal Guide* "Top Lawyers" list in South Florida for 2008, 2009 and 2010; and named to *Florida Trend's* peer-voted "Legal Elite" 2008 and 2009 lists.

### 1986

**Lynne Borsuk** was named as a Georgia Super Lawyer and among *Georgia Trend's* Legal Elite in 2009.

### 1987

**James Etscorn**, Baker & Hostetler LLP, has been appointed managing partner in the firm's Orlando office. Etscorn has served as Litigation Group coordinator for the Orlando office and as chair of the firm's national Product Liability and Toxic Tort Practice. He will manage the

58-attorney office while maintaining his significant litigation practice.

**Patrick J. McNamara**, a partner with the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, PA, has been appointed to the executive committee of Prevent Blindness Florida, a non-profit organization that promotes healthy vision through advocacy, education, screening and research. pmcnamara@dgfirm.com

### 1988

**David A. Friedland**, of Lott & Friedland, was named among the Top Attorneys of South Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

### 1989

**Brian Feldman** was made partner at Allison and Partners. Feldman is the first non-founder to become a partner in the nine years since the firm began, and he manages two of the firm's eight national offices, Atlanta and Washington, D.C., where he leads the agency's healthcare and public affairs practices.

**Mark E. Stein**, a shareholder with the Intellectual Property Law Firm, Lott

& Friedland, PA, in Coral Gables was named as a Best Lawyer in Intellectual Property by the 2010 *The Best Lawyers in America*, and as a Top Lawyer by the *South Florida Legal Guide* 2010.

### 1990

**Joseph L. Amos Jr.**, of Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap, PA, was accepted into the American Board of Trial Advocates and spoke at the Council of Litigation Management's annual conference in Ponte Vedra Beach. Amos currently serves on the Florida Supreme Court Civil Jury Instructions Committee, and is a contributing member of The Florida Bar Trial Practice Committee, as well as the Defense Research Institute and Florida Defense Lawyer's Association.

**Yolanda Cash Jackson**, shareholder of Becker & Poliakoff, PA, was elected to the firm's management committee, as one of the first of two women ever elected to the committee. Jackson heads the Tallahassee lobbying practice with a proficiency in state government funding and appropriations. She is an active member of the Orange Bowl Committee, The Carrie Meek Foundation, the Greater Miami Chapter of the Links, Inc. and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

**Lance M. McKinney**, certified elder law attorney and partner of Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, PA, was appointed president of the board of directors of the Lee County Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness. McKinney also celebrated 20 years of business with his law firm in January.



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# John Leighton (JD 85)

## A remedy for injustice

BY IAN M. FISHER (3L)

**Y**ou’ve likely seen them while vacationing at the beach —boats towing massive parasails hundreds of feet in the sky. The people strapped in look like they’re having the time of their lives, but the rides can be deadly.

In August 2007, sisters Amber May and Crystal White, 15 and 17 respectively, went on vacation in South Florida. They took advantage of the parasailing adventure offered through the Wyndham Resort they were staying at on Pompano Beach. The weather turned during their ride and heavy winds pushed the boat too close to shore and snapped the rope tethering the Whites’ parasail. Riding the wind, the parasail crashed into a building. Crystal suffered major head trauma, but Amber May’s neck was broken and she died two days later.

The family turned to experienced trial lawyer, John Leighton (BA 82, JD 85), an expert in resort torts — the emerging area of law that deals with vacation-related injuries caused by negligence. The Amber May White case is now settled, but Leighton hasn’t finished fighting for her. He is advocating for legislation to regulate the currently unregulated industry and crack down on rogue operators whose rides are dangerous. Leighton said he’s served as counsel in several parasailing cases, but Amber May White’s was the most tragic.

“This is the most outrageous and unfortunately it takes terrible tragedy and outrage before we make any changes and even have a bill,” Leighton said. “Here we have a bill but we don’t yet have a law.”

The bill, which would regulate the industry and install mandatory safety standards, failed due to intense lobbying by the resort industry, Leighton said.

The legislation would make industry minimum standards outlined by the Professional Association of Parasail Operators, or PAPO, into law and would enforce codes of conduct recommended by the organization, which is in favor of legislation to improve industry safety.

“You have to be a certain number of feet offshore, you have to have a spotter on the boat, you can’t go up too high, you can’t go up in certain winds — common sense things,” Leighton said. “But right now, nothing prevents anyone from going into the parasailing business. There’s nothing that says I can’t take you up in 40-knot winds.”

Leighton is an expert on resort torts and premises security litigation, which is the area of law addressing criminal injury on private property that should have been better secured. Leighton speaks nationally about both, and has written a two-volume treatise on premises security litigation, *Litigating Premises Security Cases* (Thomson-West).

In addition, representing victims of violent crimes is a passion of his, and he has chaired the Inadequate Security Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice since 1996. Leighton knew he wanted to be a trial lawyer since he joined his high school debate team and began thinking of law school.

“I’ve always thought that there needed to be a remedy for people who were injured because of someone else’s negligence or intentional acts,” Leighton said. “Just in terms of basic equities, I’ve always thought that the civil justice system was critical to keeping a society in balance. It’s just something I’ve always liked to do.” ■



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W. WESLEY MARSTON'S (LLMT 92) photograph of a lightning strike over the Downing Bridge in Tappahannock, Virginia, was the winning alumni entry in the University of Florida Science of Elegance Art Competition. Marston shares his photography skills with students in grades four through 12 at Gainesville's A. Quinn Jones Center, and was recognized as the school's 2009 Teacher of the Year.

**Edward M. Mullins**, shareholder of Miami-based Astigarraga Davis, has been elected to the American Law Institute. Mullins is a member of the American Bar Association, serving as co-chair of the International Litigation Committee and chair-elect of The Florida Bar International Law Section.

### 1991

**Christopher W. Boyett**, a partner in Holland & Knight's Miami office, has, over the past several years, been amongst the Best Lawyers in America, *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite, and Florida Super Lawyers.

**Julio C. Jaramillo** has been named adjunct professor of pretrial litigation skills at the University of Miami School of Law. He will be teaching students essential pretrial skills in addition to maintaining his active trial practice.

**John V. Tucker**, founding shareholder of Tucker & Ludin, PA, in Clearwater, was appointed vice-chair of the American Bar Association's Health and Disability Insurance Law Committee for 2009-

2010 and was a speaker at the ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section Annual Midwinter Symposium on Issues and Litigation Relating to Life, Health and Disability Litigation.

### 1993

**W. Lee Dobbins**, of Dean, Mead, Minton & Zwemer, was recently elected a shareholder in the firm's Ft. Pierce office. Dobbins practices in the areas of zoning, land use and commercial real estate transactions.

**Mary Anthony Merchant**, partner of Atlanta firm, Ballard Spahr, in the property and litigation departments, was named to the 2010 *Law360* Intellectual Property Editorial Advisory Board. She is the leader of the biotechnology team in the patents group and a member of the intellectual property litigation, life sciences/technology, trademarks, and copyright groups.

### 1994

**Jack R. Reiter**, a partner in Adorno & Yoss LLP, was named among the Top Attorneys of South

Florida for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**Paul J. Scheck**, Shutts & Bowen LLP partner in the firm's Orlando office, has been elected secretary of the Orange County Bar Association and re-appointed for a second term to the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association. Scheck is a partner in the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group.

**Richard "Chip" Thompson II** has left the firm, Troutman Sanders, to start his own firm, Mercer Thompson LLC.

**Marc A. Wites**, a shareholder of Wites & Kapetan, PA, authored the 2009 edition of *Florida Causes of Action* and the 2009 edition of *The Florida Litigation Guide*.

### 1995

**Daniel T. O'Keefe**, partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen, has been reappointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to a



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## Bruce Lasky (JD 91) A long and winding road

BY JIM HELLEGAARD

**B**ruce Lasky (JD 91) was on a journey, but he didn't know where he was going. So, he did what any smart young man would do. He called his mom.

His call home came after a year of backpacking and volunteering through Southeast Asia. In Pembroke Pines, Florida, a world away from Bangkok, Thailand, that autumn of 2000, his mother, Sylvia, answered his call with a request — one that would help point him in the right direction.

“She asked if I could find two underprivileged kids for her to sponsor,” Lasky said. “She didn't care where they were, but she wanted me to find a family and maybe give money directly to that family, not an organization.”

Sylvia Lasky soon received an envelope with photos of 65 children. “I called her and she's like, ‘I've got 65 photos. I asked for two kids.’ So, I said, ‘All right, we just need to find more sponsors.’”

From the meager \$800 he raised through e-mails to family and friends, Lasky started a village development and educational project that grew into Sustainable Cambodia. The organization reflected his mother's idea of guaranteeing donors that 100 percent of their gifts would be spent on children and communities, rather than on international administrative fees.

After a long battle, Sylvia became seriously ill with cancer and Lasky returned to the U.S. to be with her. She passed away not long after his return.

While at home, Lasky met David Pred and Carol Mosley. The three began an independent organization named Bridges Across Borders, a sister organization to Sustainable Cambodia that became a grassroots international organization focusing on the belief that peace, sustainable development and human rights are interdependent and interrelated.

Lasky helps oversee the work of Sustainable Cambodia and is the director of Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEA CLE). As an adjunct professor of law at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, Lasky assists in strengthening the university's Clinical Legal Education program, which BABSEA CLE supports. Lasky said BABSEA CLE and Sustainable Cambodia take holistic approaches based upon the understanding that bringing sustainability and justice to communities requires tackling a variety of problems and issues.

BABSEA CLE aims to empower vulnerable and under-served communities by creating and strengthening sustainable legal and human rights education and access to justice programs worldwide. This is accomplished by working globally to connect people, organizations, and resources through social justice focused community and clinical legal education programs.

In honor of his mother's idea of helping children, Sustainable Cambodia established The Sylvia Lasky School in Pursat, Cambodia, offering instruction in math, science, computers, history, geography, English and human rights. Job skills training, micro-credit small business loans, alternative agriculture initiatives and an animal husbandry program are also provided. The organization also helps to develop water wells in Pursat, where residents previously relied on water collected in cisterns during the rainy season. The wells are used to irrigate the alternative agriculture systems the organization has set up in the village.

A decade has passed since Lasky left Gainesville and set out on his journey. He thinks his mother would be proud of his work.

“That's a driving force. And I think that's really important,” Lasky said. “It's not, in that sense, losing her — you know, if she were still alive she probably would be telling me to get a more traditional job at this point, because she was a Jewish mother.”

“But I believe that she would be happy to know that we're out there doing what we're doing,” he said. ■

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Above: Villagers from Pursat, Cambodia, with Bruce Lasky (center with Khmer scarf), legal fellow intern Adela Scotkova (in beanie and red blouse) from the Czech Republic where she is now a judge, and David Pred (in light blue shirt), the executive director of BAB-Cambodia.



CAPT. FRANK G. MACKOUL II (JD 97) was named Naval Aviation Schools Command's Pilot Instructor of the Year. As a flight instructor teaching both basic and advanced aerodynamics, Mackoul managed the training schedule for 1,503 flight students from 11 different countries during 10,458 hours of student training. He has flown combat missions during two tours in Iraq. He will retire from the U.S. Marine Corps in July and plans to return to his hometown of Jacksonville to practice aviation law.

two-year term on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

1996

**D. Fernando Bobadilla** has left the Miami firm formerly known as Lipscomb, Brady & Bobadilla, PL, to continue his boutique national business litigation and intellectual property practice as The Bobadilla Law Firm. Bobadilla is a bilingual business litigator and board-certified intellectual property lawyer in Miami.

**Michael V. Kruljac** accepted the position of chief patent counsel for Georgia-Pacific. He was formerly senior intellectual property counsel for Imerys.

**Isabelle Lopez**, of Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA, has been elected to serve as vice-chair of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission for the 2010 term. Lopez is board certified in city, county and local government law, is a member of the Statewide Board Certification Committee, and is a certified county and circuit mediator.

**Dennis Michael McClelland** has been listed as a Florida Super Lawyer, in *Florida Trend* Legal Elite, and in *Best Lawyers in America* for the past several years, including 2009.

1997

**Peter A. Schoemann** (LLMT), a partner in the firm Broad and Cassel's Orlando office, was appointed chair of the Board of Directors for the Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc. Schoemann has served on the organization's board since July 2005, and also currently serves as chair of its Finance Committee.

1998

**Rick Ellsley** recently opened Ellsley Sobol in Plantation. Ellsley was formerly a partner with Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Liberman & McKee, PA in Fort Lauderdale. His new law firm specializes in personal injury and wrongful death matters.

**Craig D. Feiser** is now of counsel to the Jacksonville firm Volpe, Bajalia, Wickes, Rogerson & Wachs, and will practice in business litigation.

**Jay M. Sakalo**, partner and practice group leader in the Restructuring & Bankruptcy Group at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP in Miami was selected by *Law360* as one of 10 "Rising Stars" in the bankruptcy practice area, nationwide. He was recognized by the publication for his experience in securing critical deals in some of the largest and highest profile cases filed in the country. Sakalo has been recognized for his accomplishments in bankruptcy matters in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA*, *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, and *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**Gregory S. Weiss**, of Leopold~Kuvin, PA, was made partner in the firm's Palm Beach Gardens office. He was recognized by the Levin College of Law as a 2010 Outstanding Young Alumnus.



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# Fred Catfish Abbott (JD 78)

## One field leads to another

BY IAN FISHER (3L)

If Fred Catfish Abbott (JD 78), a plaintiff’s attorney in Jacksonville, had a dollar for every time he’s heard it, he wouldn’t have to practice law — but when he introduces himself, the inevitable question is, “Where did you get a name like Catfish?”

“More of my friends call me ‘Catfish’ or ‘Fish’ than they do my legal name,” Abbot said. “I’ve always wanted to change my name, and three years ago I legally changed it.”

Abbott’s country-boy roots earned him the nickname during his freshman year on UF’s football team in 1968. He’d fallen in love with Gator football as a boy, and spent his high school football years dreaming of being a Gator and training hard to be worthy of a football scholarship to UF. As a senior, he’d been told the team would offer him a scholarship on signing day.

“A week comes and goes — I don’t hear from them. Two weeks come and go — I don’t hear from them,” Abbott said. “So I literally called the athletic department and spoke to the coach that was recruiting me and he hemmed and hawed and said, ‘Well we just misplaced your scholarship, but it’s here on my desk. We’ll come down there this weekend and sign you.’ I said, ‘No you, won’t.’ He said, ‘Why not?’ And I said, ‘Because I’m driving up there tomorrow and signing,’ and I did.”

Eventually, Abbott was drafted and played for three years in the National Football League and the U.S. Football League. During the offseason, he returned to Gainesville to take graduate classes. He lifted weights with Bill DeCarlis (JD 72), a local attorney, and became interested in being a trial lawyer. After Abbott re-injured his knee, it was clear his football career was over.

“When I got hurt, I tore all four ligaments and both cartilages in my knee,” Abbott said. “DeCarlis walks into the hospital room with an LSAT application and said, ‘Catfish, it’s time for a career change.’ I signed the LSAT application, went to Gainesville about seven or eight weeks later, took the LSAT, got into law school, and the rest is history.”

After law school, Abbott practiced in Gainesville for a short time before getting married and moving to Jacksonville, where he started his own firm. He said his secretary made more money than he did, at first — but he eventually built up his practice to the successful practice it is today.

Besides football, Abbott’s first love is trial work and he credits the Jacksonville Justice Association, a non-profit organization of civil trial attorneys that works to protect and ensure justice for North East Florida, for helping him as a young trial lawyer in town. He is now the president of the JJA and he is passionate about the role of trial lawyers in society to hold businesses and people accountable for the harm caused by their negligence or malfeasance. After more than three decades practicing law, stepping into court still gives Abbott a thrill.

“It’s like playing football except you get to play every position on the field ... When you start a trial, it is that same adrenaline rush,” Abbott said. “The good news is you don’t physically get hurt.” ■



“It’s like playing football except you get to play every position on the field.”

**JOHN M. HOWE (JD 98)**, founding attorney of the Law Offices of John M. Howe, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and was named president-elect of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is the first African-American to have been elected president-elect in the association's history.



1999

**Joe Jacquot**, deputy attorney general for Florida and chief of staff for Attorney General Bill McCollum, argued the case, *Florida v. Powell*, before the U.S. Supreme Court. joe.jacquot@myfloridalegal.com

**Michael J. Wilson**, shareholder of Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, was recently elected to the firm's management committee and is the youngest attorney ever to have served on the committee.

2000

**James O. "Joby" Birr III**, has been named a shareholder for Gunster, Attorneys at Law in Jacksonville. Birr, who joined the firm in 2008, concentrates his areas of practice in construction law and commercial litigation. Birr is board certified in construction law and was named a Florida *Super Lawyer's* Rising Star in 2009. He is a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association and is on the Board of Directors for the Jacksonville Public Library.

**William R. Ponall** was recently named partner at the law firm of Kirkconnell, Lindsey, Snure, Yates & Ponall, PA, in Winter Park. He continues to represent clients in state and federal criminal appeals and post-conviction matters.

**Craig M. Stephens (LLMT)**, of Sirote & Permutt, recently co-authored and published the third edition of *J.K. Lasser's New Rules for Estate and Tax Planning*. Stephens is co-chair of the firm's Estates, Wills, and Trusts practice group. His practice focuses on representing individuals in the estate planning process, with a focus on tax minimization strategies.

2001

**Bradley R. Gould** has been elected shareholder in the law firm of Dean, Mead, Minton & Zwemer. Gould practices in the areas of federal income, estate, and gift tax law; family business succession planning; and probate and trust administration.

**Cindy Krauss**, of Porter & Hedges, was elected partner in the firm's Houston, Texas, office. Krauss practices in the commercial, industrial, residential and energy-related real estate areas, where she represents purchasers, sellers, lenders, developers, landlords and tenants in acquisition, disposition, financing, development and leasing transactions.

**Maggie D. Mooney-Portale**, of Lewis, Longman, & Walker, PA, was elected a shareholder of the firm. Mooney-Portale's practice focuses on environmental, governmental, special taxing districts, administrative law, and litigation.

**Caren Skversky** joined the law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP, as an associate in the firm's Tampa office, focusing on employment law litigation.

2002

**John Palmerini** recently joined the Orange County School Board as associate general counsel for Litigation and Employment Law.

**Karen Richman**, formerly of the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, joined Dykema as an associate in the firm's Dallas, Texas, office. Her practice focuses on litigation, with an emphasis on business and commercial matters.

**Vanessa Zamora Newton** has joined the Law Office of Maggie Jo Hilliard, PA, in Atlantic Beach. On March 27, she exchanged wedding vows with fellow UF alumnus Paul Newton at the University Auditorium.

2003

**Donna M. Bailer (LLMT)** has become a shareholder in the law firm of Feld, Hyde, Wertheimer, Bryant & Stone, in Birmingham, Ala.

**Melissa Fernandez**, an associate at the firm Richman Greer, PA, was named a "Top Up and Comer" for 2010 by the *South Florida Legal Guide*.



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Bailer 03



Fernandez 03



Sheppard 03

**Whalen Kuller**, former associate in Jones Day's Atlanta office, announced the opening of Kuller Law Group LLC, in the greater Atlanta metropolitan area.

**Hale Sheppard** (LLMT), of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, was promoted to equity shareholder within the firm's Atlanta practice. Sheppard has recently been ranked in the 2010 *Chambers USA* guide to the top attorneys in the nation, and has published more than 60 articles, including pieces in the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal* and the *Columbia Law Review*.

## 2004

**Sharon Ellis** recently joined the Miami office of Howard Ecker + Company as managing director. Ellis specializes in representing corporate tenants in commercial office lease transactions, corporate build to suit projects and purchase/sale negotiations.

**Bret Jones** was named as one of the *Orlando Business Journal's* 2009 "Top 40 Under 40."

**Kevin Jacobs**, Ropes & Gray LLP, Washington, D.C., was recently the recipient of an American Bar Association 2010 Nolan Fellowship. Nolan Fellows are young tax lawyers who are actively involved in the section and have demonstrated leadership qualities.

## 2005

**Diana Lourdes Dick** announced the formation of her firm, the Florida Finance Law Firm, in Miami.

**Michael J. Faehner** (LLMT) has opened his own office, M. Faehner LLC, in Clearwater. He will continue his practice in estate/

trust planning, tax, corporate, charitable planning and trustee work involving unique assets. mfaehner@mfaehner.com

## 2006

**Oshia S. Gainer** has joined the firm of Clarke, Silvergate & Campbell, PA, as an associate attorney.

**Joshua H. Huber**, an assistant attorney general for the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, recently prosecuted and won two murder trials.

**Steven E. Martin**, of Martin Law Firm PL, has become an agent of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, through Attorney's Title Fund Services, LLC.

**Brikena Isai Tomasic** of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA, has recently been appointed to serve as chair of the Professional Education Committee for the National Association of Women in Construction (NA-WIC), Greater Orlando Chapter.

## 2007

**Ian M. Alperstein** and **Lauren M. Marks** (JD 08) were married on Feb. 20 in Ft. Lauderdale. Ian is an associate at Rubinton and Laufer PA in Hollywood, and Lauren is an associate at Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP, also in Hollywood.

**Jonathan P. Huels**, an associate with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA, in Orlando, was recently appointed to the Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge & Education Center as an executive board member.

**Summer LePree** (LLMT), of Holland & Knight LLP, Miami, was recently the recipient of an American Bar Association 2010 Nolan

Fellowship. Nolan Fellows are young tax lawyers who are actively involved in the section and have demonstrated leadership qualities.

## 2008

**Nina Lacevic** joined Fee & Jeffries, PA, in its business litigation group and will focus her practice on intellectual property and business disputes.

## 2009

**Marshall P. Bender** recently joined the commercial litigation group at Quarles & Brady in the firm's Naples office.

**Crystal Espinosa Buit**, of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA, was invited to co-present a law review seminar titled "Where Do We Go From Here? Law in the Instant Media Age," at Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando. The presentation focused on the burgeoning laws of e-discovery and technology.

**Philip M. Bresson** recently joined the corporate services group at Quarles & Brady in the firm's Naples office.

**Tristan K. Harper** has joined the Pensacola firm Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, PA, and will practice in the areas of community association law, environmental law, real estate law and litigation.

**Lyndie M. James**, recently joined Baker & Hostetler LLP as an associate in the firm's Orlando office.

**David N. Torre** received the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) designation for New Construction and Major Renovations. ■



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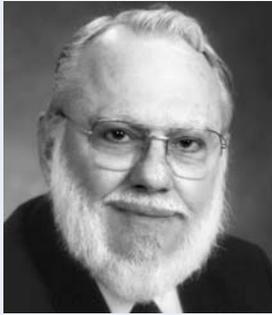


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## In Memoriam



Beckham

**Robert "Bob" J. Beckham** (JD 55), passed away on Sept. 14, 2009, at the age of 79. Beckham was a partner in the Jacksonville office of Holland & Knight, and was a prominent trial lawyer specializing in personal injury litigation and professional malpractice law.

Beckham's friend and law partner since 1976, Bobby Schultz, was quoted in *The Florida Times Union* as saying Beckham "was called upon to represent those who occupied the highest positions in our community as well as the weak and the poor. Irrespective of their status in life, Bob labored tirelessly for them." Indeed, Beckham volunteered his enormous legal expertise to the Innocence Project, and in one 2007 case, used DNA evidence to exonerate and free a man convicted for the 1994 stabbing death of his pregnant sister-in-law.

Beckham served as chairman of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar, as chairman of the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission, vice chairman of the Florida Tort Litigation Review Commission, was a member of many professional associations, and was a fellow in both the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Beckham is survived by his wife, Emily A. Beckham; two sons Gene and John Beckham, both practicing attorneys; a brother, Walter H. Beckham Jr.; and three grandchildren.



Dittmar

**C. Harris "Ditt" Dittmar** (JD 52) passed away Sept. 13, 2009 at the age of 83. Considered one of the nation's best criminal attorneys while in active practice, Dittmar practiced law at the Jacksonville firm Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Cox, P.A. He first came to the firm, working as a law clerk, in 1951 when the firm was named Bedell & Bedell of Jacksonville. Two of his more notable cases include the successful defense in 1974 of U.S. Sen. Edward Gurney, a member of the Watergate Investigating Committee accused of conspiracy, perjury and bribery in illegal fundraising, and, in 1987, he won a \$38-million verdict on behalf of businessman F. Browne Gregg in a civil fraud case.

Dittmar earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida, where he served as editor in chief of the *Florida Law Review* and from which he graduated with high honors. He went on to serve as a trustee of the Law Center Association, was a member of the President's Council, and served on the Florida Board of Governors. He was also active in professional organizations, serving in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, on the Board of Regents of the American College of Trial



Fulton Fox

Lawyers, and was a fellow in both the International Association of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers.

Dittmar is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anice; a son, Charles Harris Dittmar Jr. (JD 85); a daughter, Christine Dittmar Cushman; two brothers, Rabun H. Dittmar and Bennett H. Dittmar; and four grandchildren.

On Aug. 9, 2009, **Roberta Fulton Fox** (JD 67) passed away at the age of 65 after a long battle with breast cancer. Her death quieted an outspoken and colorful voice championing women's and children's rights in Florida.

One of only four women in the UF Law Class of 1967, Fox was an ardent double Gator. She served in the Florida House of Representatives between 1972 and 1982. Her legislative achievements include the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, which was passed into law in 1977, background checks of adults seeking employment working with children, changes to the evidence code enabling child victims of abuse to testify via video, and an equal educational opportunity act in Florida. According to the *Miami Herald*, Fox's greatest legislative disappointment came in 1982 when the Equal Rights Amendment failed to pass in the Florida Senate following Fox's successful campaign to pass it in the House.

Following her service in the state Legislature, Fox returned to private practice at her firm Roberta Fulton Fox, P.A., in Coral Gables. According to the book *Beyond Julia's Daughters*, which profiles 300 prominent Miami-Dade women, Fox accepted cases that "led to the implementation of the food stamp programs in rural Florida and on civil litigation regarding desegregation of structures and schools in the Central Florida farm belt."

Fox is survived by her law partner and husband of 36 years, Mike Gold, and stepdaughter, Shari Rosenblatt.

**D. Burke Kibler III** (JD 49), chairman emeritus of the law firm Holland & Knight, passed away Dec. 13, 2009 at the age of 85.

Kibler's distinguished career as a leader began during World War II when he served as an artillery forward observer in the European Theatre and was awarded the Bronze Star for Valour and the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. Following his service in the military, Kibler attended UF on the GI Bill, earning both his undergraduate and law degrees. He was inducted into Florida Blue Key, and was a member of Phi Delta Phi and Alpha Tau Omega. As an attorney, Kibler served on the President's Council, on the UF Foundation board of directors, served as president of the UF Alumni Association, was recognized with a UF Distinguished Alumnus

Award, and was a member of the University of Florida Law Center Association, which recognized his efforts with the Law Center Association Trustees Award.

In addition to serving on the boards of many businesses and banking interests, Kibler served as general counsel for the Florida Citrus Commission, the Florida Phosphate Council, Inc., the Florida World's Fair Authority, and the Florida House. Dedicated to economic growth and education in the state of Florida, Kibler also served on the Board of Regents of the Florida State University System, the Council of 100 Task Force on Higher Education, the Governor's Commission for Government by the People, and the Florida Postsecondary Education Commission, among others. He was a member of the American Law Institute and the American Judicature Society.

Preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Nell Bryant Kibler, Kibler is survived by wife Carolyn Ewing Kibler; four children, David B. Kibler IV, Thomas Bryant Kibler, Jacquelyn Thompson and Nancy Dew Ross; and six grandchildren.

**Stanley B. Levin** (JD 63) passed away on April 10, 2009 at the age of 70 years. A partner in the Pensacola firm Levin, Warfield, Middlebrooks, Mabie, Thomas, Mayes & Mitchell with his brothers David (JD 52) and Fredric (JD 61), Levin was an estates and trusts attorney known for his personal integrity, honesty and selflessness.

Divorced in the early 1980s, Levin was granted custody of his young son, Sherrod, and managed to juggle his career with being a devoted single parent. He set aside one day each week to leave his busy law practice to serve as a teacher's aide in his son's school, and kept his son busy with extracurricular activities.

Though an excellent attorney, Levin's lifetime devotion was to the sport of boxing. Though he represented many boxers over the course of several decades, he is credited with discovering, mentoring and managing boxing great, Roy Jones Jr. According to a report by [www.thesweetscience.com](http://www.thesweetscience.com), a website for boxing aficionados, Levin first met Jones at the Pensacola boxing gym where Levin's son also boxed, and Jones became like a second son to Levin. Jones called Levin "Stan the Man," and with Levin at his back, Jones went on to

represent the U.S. in the 1988 Olympics, winning silver, and embarked on a hugely successful boxing career spanning more than two decades. Levin was recognized by the Boxing Writers Association of America with the Rocky Marciano Manager of the Year Award in 1994, and, with his brother Fredric, the Co-Manager of the Year Award in 1995.

Levin is survived by his son, Sherrod Levin, and his brother, Fredric Levin.

**John Alan Walker** (JD 96) passed away on Dec. 14, 2009, from colon cancer at the age of 44. Considered a young, up and coming attorney, Walker was the chief legal officer and vice president for human resources at Barry University in Miami.

Walker served in the U.S. Air Force, and, following his separation from the Air Force in 1992, pursued law school at UF. He was awarded the UF Law Claude Pepper Award for Outstanding Law Student of the Year in 1995, was elected student body president of UF Law, and was inducted into Florida Blue Key.

Before joining Barry University as the institution's first in-house general counsel, Walker represented the university for 10 years as a partner in the firm Jones Walker, LLP, specializing in labor and employment law. Prior to that, Walker was an associate at Jorden Burt, LLP and Muller Mintz, P.A. He was a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys editorial board, the Labor & Employment Law and Business sections of The Florida Bar, and was a member of The Florida Bar's Education Law Committee.

Walker was a dedicated athlete, and qualified to represent the United States in the International Triathlon Union's World Duathlon Championships held in Rimini, Italy in 2008. He served as the legal counsel for the United States Adventure Racing Association National Executive Board, and as the organization's general counsel.

Walker is survived by his wife, Vanessa Costigan Walker; his father and stepmother, John and Terry Walker; his mother and stepfather, Bari and Vince Reali; his brother Michael Kwiatkowski; and his sisters, Wendy Bennett, Jody Walker and Kristie Walker. ■



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For a complete listing of UF Law alumni passings since May 2009, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw).

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## Eight law students to become judicial clerks

**A** judicial clerkship provides a rich learning environment and professional development opportunity, whether obtained immediately upon graduation or one to two years after practicing law. The Center for Career Development has many resources available to assist both UF Law students and alumni seeking judicial clerkships.

Eight law students have been selected by federal and state judges to serve as clerks upon graduation from UF Law. Congratulations to the following May 2010/2011 graduates who will begin their legal careers as federal and Florida Supreme Court judicial law clerks:

- Ryan Eastmoore, Senior Judge Susan Bucklew, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- Jeffrey Fabian, Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Jenkins, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- Andres Healy, Circuit Judge Richard Tallman, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Anne McAdams, Chief Judge Anne C. Conway, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- Jon Philipson, Chief Judge Anne C. Conway, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- Jessica Swann, Senior Judge G. Kendall Sharp, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida



Judicial clerks of 2010/2011.

- Erica Tate, Judge Charles R. Wilson, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Jay Yagoda, Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Florida Supreme Court

## UF Law students recognized for community service

**T**he Class of 2010 dedicated a total of 2,763 hours to community service — nearly three times that of the previous class. They also accrued 9,204 hours of pro bono work, compared with 8,096 from last year. The combined volunteer hours for the class totaled 11,967.

Christopher First was recognized as student of the year for leading the class with the most pro bono hours by working with the

12th Circuit Public Defender's Office. Penny Taylor-Miller received student of the year honors for the most community service hours through her work with Fort White Elementary School and the Girl Scouts.

Certificates of recognition were awarded to 100 students within the Class of 2010, and were divided into three categories: the first was for 35-69 hours of volunteer time in either community service or pro bono work; a certificate of excellence was awarded to students with 70-104 hours; and the certificate of outstanding achievement was given to those who volunteered 105 hours or more.

## Calling all Gator Lawyers

**D**oes your firm have a job opening? Want to get the word out to other Gator lawyers? Send us your job postings and project-based or contract positions for inclusion in the UF Law Center for Career Development's Symplicity job bank, we'll help spread the word. The Center for Career Development is also ready and willing to assist your firm with all aspects of recruiting for vacancies, listing job openings, coordinating resume collections and hosting on-campus interviews. Contact the center at 352-273-0860, or visit [www.law.ufl.edu/career/employers/index.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/career/employers/index.shtml) for more information. ■

### Fall 2010 On-Campus Interviews

Early Interview Week: August 17-20

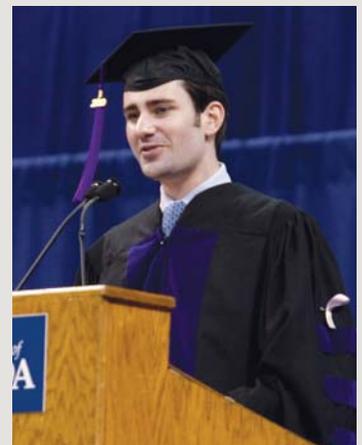
Phase 1: September 2, 3, 10

Phase 2: September 23, 24

Phase 3: October 7, 8, 14

Phase 4: November 12, 18, 19

For more information, contact the Center for Career Development at 352-273-0860, or visit [www.law.ufl.edu/career](http://www.law.ufl.edu/career)



## SPRING COMMENCEMENT

On May 14, UF Law graduated 344 new lawyers and conferred LLM degrees on 40 graduate students. Steve Zack (upper right), a member of the class of 1971 — and, when he takes office in August, the fifth UF Law graduate to become president of the American Bar Association — served as the key-note speaker for the ceremony. Zack also was recognized, along with Stephen Grimes (JD 54) and Kenneth Hood “Buddy” MacKay Jr. (JD 61), as a University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus during the ceremony.

To view the complete photogallery of commencement pictures, including Distinguished Alumnus Awards, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw).

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## CALENDAR 2010 UF LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**The Florida Bar Annual UF Law Alumni Reception**  
June 24  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Boca Raton Resort & Club,  
Grand Ballroom C  
Boca Raton, Fla.  
For more information,  
e-mail [khendrixson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:khendrixson@law.ufl.edu)

**Collaborative Law Training**  
July 9 & 10  
Levin College of Law  
Gainesville, Fla.  
For more information,  
e-mail [devoe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:devoe@law.ufl.edu)

**The Art of Ethical & Effective Mediation**  
Oct. 22  
8:50 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Levin College of Law,  
Gainesville, Fla.  
For more information,  
e-mail [davisr@law.ufl.edu](mailto:davisr@law.ufl.edu)

**Beat the Bulldogs Law Alumni Reception**  
Oct. 28  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Jacksonville River Club,  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
For more information,  
e-mail [khendrixson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:khendrixson@law.ufl.edu)