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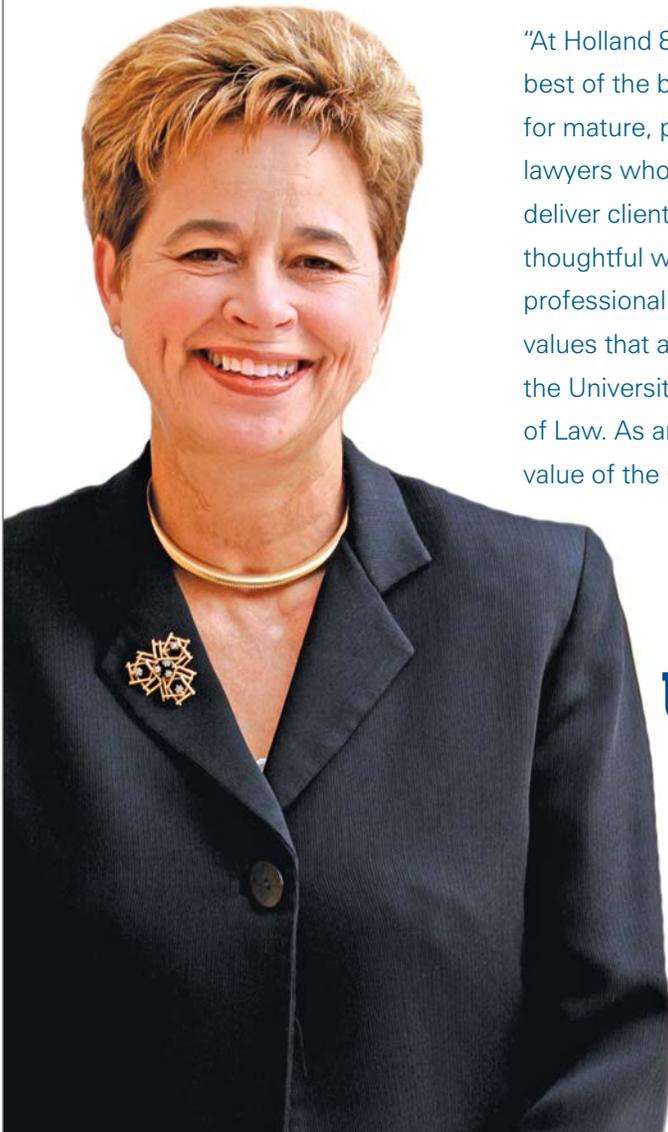
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**COVER:** Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (JD 92) and Florida Supreme Court Justice Jorge Labarga (JD 79) standing in front of the Old State Capitol in Tallahassee. PHOTO BY NICOLE SAFKER (2L)

# Toward a new UF Law mission

DEAN  
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*Levin Mabie  
& Levin  
Professor  
of Law*

**N**o one reading this column needs to be reminded that the legal profession is experiencing extraordinarily rapid change. The recession, the trend toward globalized business, the pace of technological change, and the constant evolution in how we communicate with each other and transfer knowledge are but a few of the factors forcing changes in how law is practiced and the legal profession is structured. Our ABA President Steve Zack (JD 71) has said that the legal profession will change more in the next 10 years than it has in the last 100 years, and I fully agree with this prediction.

With changes in the practice of law and the legal profession must come changes in legal education. If law schools ignore the various factors driving change in the practice and the profession, we will end up investing our time, energy and resources in preparing students to practice in a world that no longer exists. Since 2007, when the Carnegie Report was published, the faculty at the Levin College of Law, working largely through a process involving the strategic planning committee along with some others, has been engaged in a serious conversation about how the curriculum should change in light of these significant changes in the profession.

The starting point for this review was to look at the articulated “vision and mission statement” for the college. Our “vision” remains unchanged from the purposes articulated many years ago: to be a law school “dedicated to advancing human dignity, social welfare, and justice through knowledge of law.” But in November 2010, the faculty voted unanimously to amend our “mission statement.” The prior mission statement called for the college to pursue four indisputably valuable and important aspirations — “Excellence in educating professionals, advancing legal scholarship, serving the public, and fostering justice” — and these are retained in the new mis-

sion statement. But the new mission statement goes further and calls us to train our students in the “highest ideals of the legal profession,” in not only the knowledge of the substantive law, but also “the skills necessary to use that knowledge in practice” and in the “core competencies essential to begin the practice of law.”

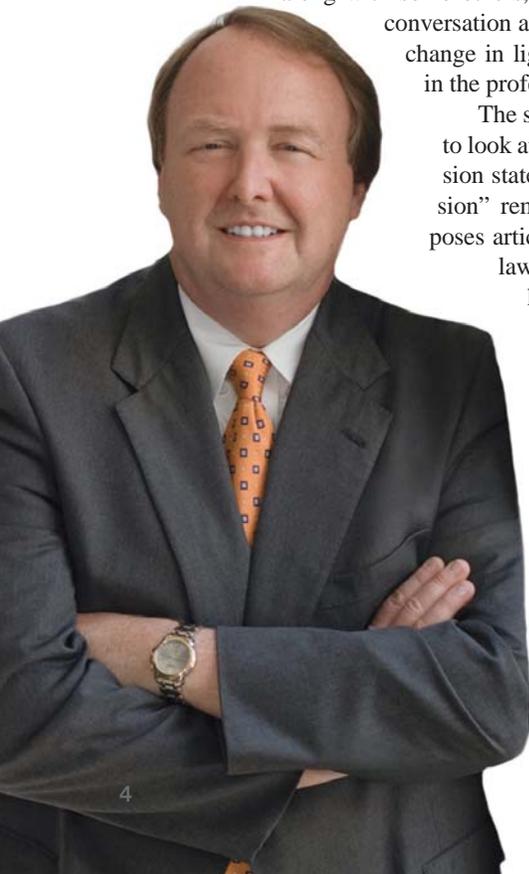
Core competencies are further defined, and include “the ability to conduct independent legal research and produce legal writings of professional quality,” “fundamentals of client services,” “interviewing and counseling skills,” “fundamentals of dispute processing and legal problem solving,” “knowledge of the shared values of the legal profession,” “the skills to create a professional identity” and “the skills to work with people from diverse backgrounds.”

This new mission statement is a compelling statement of what the faculty and I believe constitutes the essential characteristics of a 21st-century lawyer. The statement shows a recognition of the importance of melding practical skills, emotional intelligence and substantive knowledge into the pre-graduation training of a law student. What we are now doing is working on a re-design of the curriculum to achieve the goals outlined in the new mission statement. Alumni have provided input on the re-design, including through a faculty retreat held in April with alumni representatives on the Law Center Association Board of Trustees.

The path on which your law school has embarked is a far distance from the image of a law school built in an ivory tower and disconnected from the real world into which our students graduate and will practice law. Our path values the real work lawyers do, the awesome responsibilities owed to our clients and the system of justice, and the high standards of ethics and integrity that must guide our daily decisions in the practice.

As the dean of your law school, I have several hopes as we embark on this process of change. I hope you are pleased with the path we are choosing. I hope that you will share your suggestions and insights about the specific steps we should consider as we build a curriculum to fulfill the goals in our new mission statement. This being a time of great financial stress for all of us, I hope you will consider, if you are not already a contributor to your college, a gift that shows your willingness to participate in our work and communicates an endorsement of our efforts.

As always, I am grateful for your past support, and I take great pride in the honor and privilege I have to serve as the dean of your college. ■



## UF LAW ALIGNS CURRICULUM WITH PRACTICE OF LAW

BY MATT WALKER

**W**ith an eye toward changing technology, economics and expectations in the legal profession, the University of Florida Levin College of Law has adopted a new academic mission statement that will help guide the school's curriculum so students can hit the ground running in the legal world upon earning their degree.

"This is a time of great change for the legal profession, and we recognize that to better prepare students for this new world, legal education needs to adapt," said UF Law Dean Robert Jerry. "The new vision and academic mission statement sets the table for more detailed discussion of curricular changes the college will make."

In addition to establishing the goals of advancing legal scholarship, serving the public and fostering justice, the new mission statement emphasizes the importance of providing a well-rounded legal education that includes competency in five main areas. These core competencies are: legal analysis; legal research and writing; fundamentals of client services; fundamentals of dispute processing and legal problem solving; and fundamentals of professional responsibility and identity.

Jerry explained that the establishment of the fundamentals of professional identity necessary to understand what it means to be a lawyer goes beyond traditional textbook curriculum.

"Being a very good lawyer means having a sense of self-awareness; having a sense of how one projects confidence and has the substance to back it up; understanding what's involved in working collaboratively with a team and how one most effectively solves a problem. That is all connected to legal doctrine and to understanding how legal institutions work," Jerry said.

Jerry added that the mission statement also focuses the law school on preparing students for their jobs upon graduation. "Graduates should step into the profession and be ready to represent clients. Our mission is more

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### *Vision*

*A law school dedicated to advancing human dignity, social welfare, and justice through knowledge of law.*

### *Academic Mission Statement*

*The mission of the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law is to achieve excellence in educating professionals, advancing legal scholarship, serving the public, and fostering justice. We aspire to prepare lawyers to serve their clients, the justice system, and the public with a high level of accomplishment and a commitment to the highest ideals of the legal profession. We strive to provide students with a well-rounded legal education. Our curriculum is designed to teach students about the law and to help them develop the skills necessary to use that knowledge in practice. Our goal is for our graduates to possess the core competencies essential to embark on the practice of law. These core competencies include:*

- 1. Legal Analysis (including knowledge of laws and rules, the ability to apply laws and rules to different factual settings, and the ability to engage in legal argumentation);*
- 2. Legal Research and Writing (including the ability to conduct independent legal research and produce legal writings of professional quality);*
- 3. Fundamentals of Client Services (including interviewing and counseling skills);*
- 4. Fundamentals of Dispute Processing and Legal Problem Solving (including litigation, settlement, and transactions); and*
- 5. Fundamentals of Professional Responsibility and Identity (including knowledge of the shared values of the legal profession and ethical problem solving, the skills to create a professional identity, and the skills to work with people from diverse backgrounds).*

## VISION & MISSION



UF Law Professor Amy Mashburn explains the Levin College of Law's new mission statement to a group of alumni, faculty and staff during a Law Center Association Trustees-faculty retreat at the law school.

“THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT WILL PROVIDE A CONSENSUS THAT ENSURES THAT, IN OUR EFFORTS AT REFORM, WE ARE ALL PULLING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.”

- AMY MASHBURN, UF LAW PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MISSION *continued* ...

than just understanding what the law is or just understanding the process of the law's application.”

Alumni and other legal employers have echoed the need for graduates with these skills.

“It is more important than ever for law school graduates to be prepared for the legal world on both a theoretical and practical level,” said Andrew Fawbush (JD 74), a partner in the tax section of Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP in Jacksonville. “The economics have changed over the past 40 or 50 years in the legal profession and young people must be prepared for this new model.”

The new mission statement was put forth by a strategic planning committee chaired by UF Law Professor Amy Mashburn and was approved by the faculty in November.

The more detailed academic mission statement represents a commitment by the faculty to focus on providing UF Law graduates with the specific skills they need to



Mashburn

begin the practice of law, she said.

“We all want to provide our students with the best legal education we can, but we do not always agree on which methods are best or how to set institutional priorities,” Mashburn said. “The committee is hopeful that the new mission statement will

provide a consensus that ensures that, in our efforts at reform, we are all pulling in the same direction.”

Mashburn said the strategic planning committee hopes to implement the new academic mission statement by winning approval from the law school's Faculty Senate for significant curricular changes. ■

# Teamwork

## INMAN EMPLOYS TEAMWORK FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

BY MATT WALKER

As the University of Florida Levin College of Law sets forth a new academic mission statement in the spirit of better preparing students for the working world, administrators are evaluating how the Center for Career Development can best keep up with the rapidly changing legal field.

“We want to instill confidence in those using the office — primarily students and employers,” said Rachel Inman, associate dean for student affairs and interim assistant dean for career development.

Last September, when Assistant Dean for Career Development Linda Calvert-Hanson announced she was stepping down, UF Law Dean Robert Jerry chose Inman to guide the center through the transition and help assess its effectiveness. Jerry said the search for a permanent replacement was a good time to evaluate the Center for Career Development.

“Dean Inman not only understands student services functions extremely well, she also has great skill in organizing an office staff and building a team-oriented working environment,” Jerry said of the former Carson-Newman College basketball player in Jefferson City, Tenn. “I remember her once giving an explanation of how her varsity basketball playing days in college taught her the importance of teamwork, a metaphor I thought was excellent. Rachel (Inman) is the right person to help us in this transition phase.”

Inman became UF Law associate dean for student affairs in 2006. Similar to the current effort, the college was interested in revitalizing student affairs and making sure students were getting the best of what the office had to offer. She brought a wealth of student services experience from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she was an assistant dean for student affairs for 12 years.

She said students can benefit from Career Development’s services, and she wants students to know that the staff is there to help.

“I think students believe that if you’re going to have a Center for Career Development that it should be there to assist and help them with the areas they are unsure about,” she said.

Inman wants the center to assist students and employers with their needs, build relationships with employers, and increase employer participation in on-campus interviews. This will involve working more with the local legal com-



Rachel Inman, associate dean of student affairs and interim assistant dean for career development, stands in the space under renovation on the first floor of Bruton-Geer, former home to the John Marshall Bar Association and other student organizations.

munity in providing programming and mentoring services.

The center is also seeking to build and maintain relationships with UF Law faculty who have strong connections in the profession and can offer valuable feedback for the center. Inman said this path hasn’t been explored previously, partially due to the somewhat isolated location of the Center for Career Development offices.

That has changed.

In May, the Center for Career Development moved from the second floor to the first floor of Bruton-Geer Hall, former home to John Marshall Bar Association and other student organization offices.

“The reason for that was to make the office more accessible to students and employers,” Inman said. “That is a heavy traffic area at the college — certainly for students — and it’s easy to describe how to get there for employers.”

The law school is searching for the perfect candidate to fill the position of assistant dean for career development with assistance from the respected academic search firm The Spelman & Johnson Group.

Inman has been maintaining her duties as associate dean for student affairs during this time, and filling both positions has resulted in a busy year for her. The workload is worth it, she said, because it’s important for students to have the best possible resources available to them. ■

# NEWS BRIEFS



Florida Supreme Court justices stand Feb. 25 with UF Law students who are members of the Florida Moot Court team inside the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom. See the webcast of the Maguire Appellate Advocacy Competition at [www.law.ufl.edu/news/webcasts/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/news/webcasts/)

## Florida Supreme Court welcomed to UF Law

The University of Florida Levin College of Law welcomed all seven Florida Supreme Court justices for the 27th annual Maguire Appellate Advocacy Competition in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom.

The Feb. 25 exhibition allowed moot court team members to receive useful critiques regarding their oral arguments as they prepared for the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition held in April.

“I just want to say that we’ve heard some outstanding advocacy today,” said Chief Justice Charles T. Canady, following the competition. “It is obvious that the people arguing here before this court today were well prepared and are skillful advocates who have a very promising future as advocates in the law, so we want to congratulate all of you.”

The competition is named after Raymer F. Maguire Jr. (JD 15), son of the founder of Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, P.A., and managing partner of the firm. In the summer of 1998, Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, P.A. merged with the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP, which continued the tradition of sponsoring the competition.

## Former ABC News president visits UF Law

David Westin, the immediate past president of ABC News, delivered the keynote address in February at the courtroom opening celebration in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.



Westin

In his keynote speech, Westin discussed how advocacy can be used for social good. He said the media could learn from how the court system settles disputes as the media turns to ever-more rancorous commentary and opinion to generate audiences.

For example, he said the contentiousness of news programs could be moderated if hosts question political adversaries about how they agree as well as how they disagree.

As ABC News president from 1997 to 2010, Westin oversaw all editorial and business aspects of the news division, supervised coverage of President Bill Clinton’s impeachment, the 9/11 attacks, the Afghanistan and Iraq wars and the recent

economic crisis. While Westin was president, ABC News was awarded 11 George Foster Peabody Awards, 13 Alfred I. duPont Awards, five George Polk Awards, more than 40 News and Documentary Emmys and more than 40 Edward R. Murrow Awards.

## U.S. News & World Report rankings

New U.S. News & World Report rankings of the nation’s top graduate schools place the University of Florida Levin College of Law in a tie for 24th among public law schools and tie for 47th overall. The UF Law Graduate Tax Program continues to rank first among publics and was second overall this year. Its Environmental Law Program rose to sixth among publics and 13th overall. The law school’s growing strength in the area of dispute resolution was recognized with a specialty area ranking of seventh among publics and 19th overall. UF Law continues to be rated highly in terms of reputation — tying at 17th among publics and 38th overall in peer assessment, and 17th among publics and 39th overall in lawyer/judge assessment.

UF Law Dean Robert Jerry sounded a note of caution about the report.

“We are, of course, pleased with this recognition of our strong tax, environmental and dispute resolution programs, and that we continue to be ranked as a top-tier school, with a peer reputation ranking in the 30s. However, I am on record every year, regardless of how well we do, in stating my belief that rankings such as these are not a true reflection of institutional quality,” Jerry said.



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# Opening doors

## UF Law celebrates opening of Advocacy Center courtroom, welcomes Levins, Westin

**T**he law school celebrated the opening of the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom with a ceremony (See the webcast at [www.law.ufl.edu/news/webcasts/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/news/webcasts/)) that featured remarks by UF President Bernie Machen, as well as college namesake Fredric G. Levin (JD 61), his son, Martin H. Levin (JD 88), Teri Levin, who is Fredric Levin's sister-in-law and wife of the late Allen Levin, and a keynote speech by the immediate past president of ABC News, David Westin. The ceremony was held at the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom on Feb. 24.

The new Advocacy Center courtroom will serve as a key component in placing UFLaw at the forefront of legal advocacy education. The fully functional trial and appellate courtroom contains a 98-seat gallery, a bench for seven judges, a jury box, attorneys' tables, judge's chambers and a jury deliberation room.

"I hope with the facility here, the advocacy center, that it will become the go-

to place for young law students who want to become trial lawyers and they certainly have the facility to do it," said Fredric Levin, a renowned trial lawyer. "I have tried cases all over the country. I've never seen a more beautiful courtroom or a more well-equipped courtroom."

The Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center and courtroom was made possible by donors including Fredric Levin and Teri Levin. Fredric Levin contributed \$2 million to the center as the lead gift to this project and Teri Levin contributed a \$1 million gift in honor of her late husband, Allen Richard Levin. Teri Levin's contribution brought the total of Levin family gifts to the law school to almost \$30 million, including state matching funds. Other donors who helped make the Advocacy Center possible include the Baynard Trust, the late Robert M. Montgomery of West Palm Beach and Robert Kerrigan of Kerrigan, Estess, McLeod & Thompson in Pensacola. ■



## Advocacy Center wins conservation gold

**T**he Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center has been awarded the gold LEED rating for its environmentally friendly and energy efficient design.

The rating is based on features such as the use of low-flow faucets, waterless urinals, reflective building materials and designs to optimize energy performance.

According to the March 14 LEED report, 1.5 tons of construction waste were diverted from landfills during the building's construction and potable water use has been reduced by 55 percent from fittings and fixtures. Energy efficiency measures include high efficiency glazing, reduced interior lighting power density, occupancy sensors and a district chilled water system.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Rating System was designed by the U.S. Green Building Council to encourage more environmentally sustainable buildings. The rating has four levels: certified, silver, gold and platinum.

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The University of Florida community dedicates the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom on Feb. 24.

## Dedication of the Martin Levin Advocacy Center

BY MARTIN LEVIN



Feb. 24, 2011

As I stand up here today, it's obviously a great honor to have this incredible building bear my name. However, the reality is that I have done nothing to earn it. The sole reason my name is on this building is because my father gave \$2 million cash. Not only did he give the lead gift, but he approached two of his friends, Bob Kerrigan and Bob Montgomery, to each give \$300,000, and then he approached his sister-in-law Teri to give \$1 million cash in memory of her husband, Allen, the brother and closest of friends to my father and to me.

Thus, the real issue is not why my name is on this building, but why my father chose to have this building created. It's not like he needed his name on another building here at the university. The answer to why my father did it is actually quite simple, and it's the same answer as to why he provided \$1 million in property to this university in the 1980s, and \$10 million in cash to this university in the 1990s. Dad believes that a commitment to advocacy in this country could be the single most important action that assures this country's success, and certainly that guarantees justice.

Why is this? What is it about advocacy that is so important to my father? Isn't advocacy nothing more than trial law? Not to my father. My father doesn't limit advocacy to trial attorneys, or even to lawyers. Instead, Dad sees advocacy as the process of someone critically and objectively considering an issue, meticulously researching it, logically reaching a conclusion, and then having the confidence and the ability to convey that conclusion even when it's unpopular and contrary to the opinions being expressed by the vast majority of people.

Dad's concern with the importance of advocacy has become even more heightened in recent times. Why? Because in today's time everyone with a computer has the ability to disseminate opinions to millions of people in a matter of seconds even though the opinions might be baseless and meant solely to cause harm. In fact, these opinions can be highly targeted to individuals who think the same as the writer, and who are more than happy to act upon them. The dissemination of opinions no longer requires great oratory skills, physical presence and an arduously earned platform to convey them. This makes the world much more volatile and potentially hostile.

For the past 50 years of my father practicing law, he has spoken at great lengths regarding the

importance of advocacy. In fact, I vividly recall a discussion my father and I had when I was 12 years of age on this very topic, and it has stuck with me to this day. But more significantly than speaking about his beliefs, my father has lived them even when it has been to his own detriment.

As is well known, Dad has often spoken out against the majority, against the authority, against the established and against the popular. He did this without consideration or concern for the consequences. When he perceived hatred, bigotry, prejudice or any other form of injustice, he made sure he was heard, even while others who did not like his voice made sure he paid the consequences. Dad never backed down, and he wants to make sure we are training all future lawyers to do the same. My father wants to make sure we have a facility at this law school that is teaching students not to become just lawyers but to become advocates.

I would like to end my remarks with some quotes by various historical figures who have echoed my father's belief.

- Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent. – Napoleon Bonaparte
- To be neutral in a situation of injustice is to have chosen sides. – Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- To sin by silence when thou shall protest makes cowards of men. – Abraham Lincoln
- The hottest place in hell is reserved for those who in times of great moral crises maintain neutrality. – Dante's Inferno
- The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it. – Albert Einstein
- The greatest sin of our time is not the few who have destroyed, but the vast majority who have sat idly by. – Martin Luther King Jr.
- In Germany they came first for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Catholic. Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak. – The Rev. Martin Niemöller
- Speaking out and being wrong does not shame me. Failing to speak out when I know I should makes my entire existence unbearable and pointless. – Fred Levin speaking to me at the age of 12.

I would like to thank my father, Aunt Teri, Bob Kerrigan, Bob Montgomery, President Machen and Dean Jerry for everything you have done and continue to do to make this university, this law school and this facility one of the top educational institutions in the world. I also would like to thank each of you and the remainder of Gator Nation for all you have done and will continue to do to make this world a much better place to live.

Go Gators. ■

## NEWS BRIEFS *continued ...*

"We carefully track our own progress, and we know that we are very good and getting better every year in the things that matter — including class credentials, our reputation in the legal and academic communities, employment and graduate study opportunities and bar passage rates," Jerry said. "Couple that with our long history of producing national leaders, including current ABA President Stephen N. Zack (JD 71), and it's easy to see why we are widely regarded as one of the nation's best values in legal education."

## 3L wins best advocate at ABA competition

The American Bar Association says UF Law student Wilbert Vancol (3L) was the best advocate at the nation's top moot court competition.



Vancol

Vancol won the National Best Advocate Award at the ABA National Moot Court Competition in Chicago on April 8. It is the highest award given to an individual in the competition and goes to the competitor who demonstrates the strongest advocacy skills.

Vancol's award is like being named the Most Outstanding Player in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, said UF Law Professor Henry T. Wihnyk, the Florida Moot Court Team faculty adviser. That's because he was going up against the best students on the nation's best moot court teams.

"I am proud of and impressed by Wilbert's achievement. The ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition is the premier moot court event of the year. Law schools from every region of the United States participate each year," Wihnyk said.

"Wilbert's selection as the best in the nation is a testament to his talent, hard work and dedication. This highlights the excellence of the Florida Moot Court Team and the superb skills training the students receive at the University of Florida Levin College of Law," Wihnyk said.

Scores for oral arguments range from 50 to 100. Vancol said a typical average for an advocate is in the upper 80s. His average score for the competition was 95, the highest among any of the competitors on the 24 teams. Vancol comes from Miami and he transferred to UF Law from Florida A&M College of Law after his first year. ■

# CONFERENCES & LECTURES

The spring semester at the University of Florida Levin College of Law brimmed with interesting guest speakers, educational lectures and panel discussions. Lecture topics ranged from Florida coastal issues to property law and how it impacts our democratic system.

## ■ NELSON SYMPOSIUM DRAWS NATIONAL EXPERTS

National experts addressed a variety of environmental, property and governmental concerns before practitioners, professors and students at the 10th annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium on Feb. 11.

J. Peter Byrne, professor of law and director of the Environmental Law and Policy Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, and William Rodgers, Stimson Bullitt Professor of Law at University of Washington School of Law, delivered a lecture entitled "Global Warming and its Newest Challenges: Mitigation and Acidification."

Byrne, a shareholder recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, discussed ways humans can adapt to sea-level rise while also attempting to mitigate climate change's effects. He predicted that we will have to re-evaluate our existing laws to deal with climate change.

The presentations focused on sea-level rise mitigation, oil spill litigation, the drilling moratorium, ocean acidification, judicial takings and the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Stop the Beach Renourishment, Inc. v. Florida Department of Environmental Protection*.

The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section and The Florida Bar City, County, and Local Government Section co-sponsored the event.

## ■ PIEC DRAWS NATIONAL EXPERTS, FOCUSES ON 'GREEN' ENERGY

UF Law hosted the 17th annual Public Interest Environmental Conference Feb. 24-26. This year's conference was themed "It's Not Easy Being Green: Our Energy Future." The conference focused on renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, how that energy is distributed and its relationship to economic development, environmental protection and social justice.

Although energy affects everyone's daily activities, from driving a car to turning on lights, "we often don't consider the broader consequences of our daily activities," conference Co-Chair Carli Koshal said.

Panelists represented a broad range of perspectives including government agencies, public interest organizations and industry, as well as internationally known scholars. Panels addressed energy sectors including solar, wind, biofuels, nuclear and fossil fuels as well as the overlying land use, transportation and environmental justice issues.

The student-run conference in its 17th year continues to draw people from across the country. UF Law Professor Alyson Flournoy credits the conference's success to an interesting, broad agenda featuring a diverse group of speakers.

## ■ FTC COMMISSIONER DISCUSSES GLOBAL COMPETITION AT HEATH LECTURE

Federal Trade Commission Commissioner William E. Kovacic discussed global competition policy standards at the Bayard Wickliffe Heath Memorial Lecture.

The March 14 lecture, titled "From Dominance to Oligopoly: The United States

and the Future Development of Global Competition Policy Standards," was the second in the Heath Lecture series.

The United States' best opportunity to remain a major player in the field of international competition law is to develop better ideas, Kovacic said. "Dominance no longer permits the United States to set global standards, and it will have to use persuasion."

Kovacic has served as an FTC commissioner since 2006 and as chairman from March 2008 to March 2009. He was previously the FTC's general counsel.

The Heath Memorial Lecture Series was made possible by a gift from Inez Heath, Ph.D., widow of Bayard "Wick" Heath. Heath, who died in 2008, was the senior competition consultant with Info Tech, a Gainesville firm specializing in statistical and econometric consulting, expert witness testimony and antitrust law.

## ■ HARVARD'S OGLETREE DISCUSSES TODAY'S RACIAL ISSUES AT CSRRR LECTURE

See the webcast at [www.law.ufl.edu/news/webcasts/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/news/webcasts/)

Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree delivered the UF Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations' 2011 Spring Lecture. The lecture, titled "Are We in A Post-Racial Society? Race in America Today," was held on March 24 at UF Law.

Ogletree's latest book, *The Presumption of Guilt: The Arrest of Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Race, Class and Crime in America*, details the arrest of Henry Louis Gates, Jr., an African-American Harvard professor who was arrested by a white police officer while entering his own home. Ogletree served as Gates' attorney in the case.

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The case raised issues at the intersections of race and class, and the constitutionally required presumption of innocence by the justice system. Gates' situation also cast serious doubt on the notion of America as a post-racial society.

It is the validity of that assumption — that Americans are treated the same regardless of the color of their skin — that served as fodder for Ogletree's talk.

About 120 students, faculty, staff and community members gathered in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom for the lecture.

The University of Florida Levin College of Law Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations is committed to fostering communities of dialogue on race. The center creates and supports programs designed to enhance race-related curriculum development for faculty, staff and students in collegiate and professional schools.

#### ■ RENOWNED SCHOLAR DISCUSSES WALL STREET REFORM ACT AT 30TH DUNWODY LECTURE

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A handful of judges, alumni of the *Florida Law Review*, law school professors and students filled the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom to hear one of the nation's pre-eminent law and economics scholars deliver a lively and entertaining lecture on the Wall Street Reform Act.

Richard A. Epstein, the inaugural Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law at New York University Law School, spoke to more than 100 guests March 25 at the 30th Annual Florida Law Review Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law.

Although the lecture was entitled "The Constitutionality of the Wall Street Reform Act," Epstein admitted that he had not read the entire "sprawling conglomeration of multiple provisions" and proposed instead that he discuss one section of the act, a subject "dear to the hearts of everybody" — debit interchange rates.

Section 1075, commonly known as the Durbin Amendment, is the only sec-

tion of the Act that has been subject to constitutional scrutiny.

The Federal Reserve, as the agency responsible for implementing the Durbin Amendment, will require debit interchange fees to be reduced by about 75 to 90 percent. As an example, Epstein explained that for a bank like TCF Financial Corporation — Epstein is serving on the corporation's legal team that is challenging the act's constitutionality — with overall profits of \$200 million, "the loss of interchange fees is about \$80 million."

The government argues that banks can make up for the interchange loss by imposing higher fees on their retail customers, who, in theory, should be paying less for consumer items because of the transaction fee regulation. Epstein believes that this compensation is not sufficient so the action constitutes a regulatory taking.

The Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law was established by the law firms of Dunwody, White and Landon, P.A. and Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Dunwody and Cole and the U.S. Sugar Corporation in honor of Elliot and Atwood Dunwody.

#### ■ UF LAW'S MUSIC LAW CONFERENCE EXPLORES CHANGING UNIVERSE OF MUSIC INDUSTRY

Over the past decade, the music industry has transformed significantly due to a number of advances in digital technology, as well as changes in policy, law and attitudes within the industry. On March 26, UF Law's Music Law Society addressed these issues at the ninth annual Music Law Conference.

The conference, entitled "DON'T PANIC: Navigating the Changing Universe of the Music Industry," focused on the marked shift in the fundamental tenets of the music industry. The conference brought musicians, lawyers, students, academics, policymakers and entertainment professionals together for a conversation on how to handle these shifting dynamics.

The conference hosted a variety of panels and breakout sessions that were comprised of music industry experts and professionals, from entertainment attorneys

and record label owners to producers and recording artists.

Topics included online music sharing, do-it-yourself techniques versus traditional commercial avenues, contract negotiation, changes and adaptations of the copyright law, and a demo-listening panel.

#### ■ WOLF FAMILY HOSTS HARVARD PROFESSOR FOR PROPERTY LAW LECTURE

Harvard Law Professor Joseph Singer, a nationally recognized expert in property law, discussed what William the Conqueror, the subprime crisis and the Tea Party have in common before a packed audience at the fourth annual Wolf Family Lecture at UF Law.

The lecture titled, "Property Law as the Infrastructure of Democracy," explored how American property law has served as the foundation for democracy in the United States.

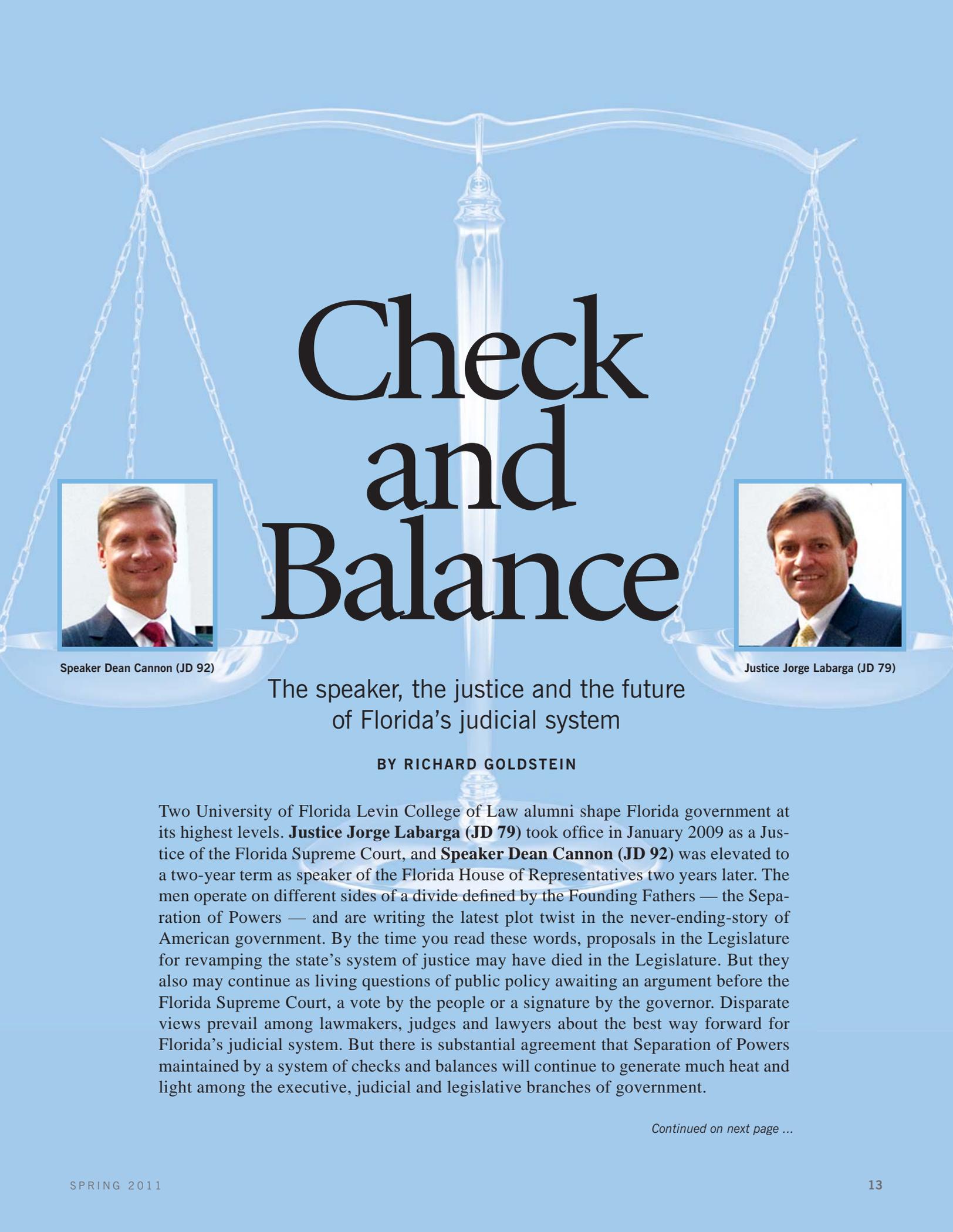
Singer finds it odd that the subprime crisis spurred the Tea Party, which believes in smaller government. Singer said the government should have had more power for oversight of the financial industry.

Singer discussed the contradiction between traditional principles of contract law and property law. "You can't have absolute freedom of contract and full ownership rights," he said.

The question we should ask ourselves, he said, is "what are the minimum standards for market and property relationships in a free and democratic society that treats each person with equal concern and respect?"

The Wolf Family Lecture in the American Law of Real Property was endowed by a gift from UF Law Professor Michael Allan Wolf and his wife, Betty. The Wolf family organized the lecture series for several reasons, Wolf said, one of which was to bring outstanding property law experts to the UF to expose them to the "excellent student body and our outstanding set of colleagues."

Singer's lecture will be published in *Powell on Real Property*, the most referenced real property treatise in the country. Wolf is the general editor of the 17-volume treatise. ■



# Check and Balance



Speaker Dean Cannon (JD 92)



Justice Jorge Labarga (JD 79)

The speaker, the justice and the future  
of Florida's judicial system

BY RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

Two University of Florida Levin College of Law alumni shape Florida government at its highest levels. **Justice Jorge Labarga (JD 79)** took office in January 2009 as a Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, and **Speaker Dean Cannon (JD 92)** was elevated to a two-year term as speaker of the Florida House of Representatives two years later. The men operate on different sides of a divide defined by the Founding Fathers — the Separation of Powers — and are writing the latest plot twist in the never-ending-story of American government. By the time you read these words, proposals in the Legislature for revamping the state's system of justice may have died in the Legislature. But they also may continue as living questions of public policy awaiting an argument before the Florida Supreme Court, a vote by the people or a signature by the governor. Disparate views prevail among lawmakers, judges and lawyers about the best way forward for Florida's judicial system. But there is substantial agreement that Separation of Powers maintained by a system of checks and balances will continue to generate much heat and light among the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government.

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“**M**r. Chief Justice, justices. May it please the court: My name is Dean Cannon, and I represent the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives.”

So began an unusual, if not unique, oral argument. On Aug. 18 Cannon, a trim, tenor-voiced Republican from Winter Park, took his case before the Florida Supreme Court while also preparing to take office as the next speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the House’s top job.

As an attorney, Cannon represented the legislative branch of government. As speaker-designate, you might say he embodied it.

Cannon grew up in Lakeland and was, he said, “That nerdy kid in high school who read *The Federalist Papers* and loved it before I ever became a real practicing lawyer.”

He was the third generation of his family to attend the University of Florida, where he earned an undergraduate degree in telecommunications. You could say Cannon had a successful run at the university. He was inducted into the UF Hall of Fame, became Florida Blue Key vice president and in his second year of law school was elected president of the UF student body.

“I had a great opportunity to both study the law from an academic perspective and also study government by winding up sitting next to Justice (Stephen H.) Grimes (LLB 54) of the Supreme Court during UF football games,” Cannon said. “It was a tremendous opportunity to get to know some of the real players in government at the same time I was studying about the Constitution, the Separation of Powers and the way government operates.”

In the fall 1991 issue of *University of Florida Lawyer*, the predecessor publication to *UF LAW*, Cannon said: “One thing that I have learned from all of this is that I don’t want to be a politician. The pursuit of politics will really wear you out.”

Cannon would embark on a legal practice focused on the intersection of law, politics and government policy, working in several Republican campaigns along the way. When the opportunity arose in 2004, Cannon proved his younger self wrong. He mobilized his contacts and won election to the House of Representatives, rising quickly to the top of the House hierarchy.



Cannon stepped before the justices in August as an AV Martindale-Hubbell rated attorney and member of The Florida Bar. He had never delivered an oral argument before the justices. But he had argued before lower appellate courts and prepared rigorously for this case, spending hours anticipating justices’ objections and studying cases that would bear on the topic.

“Basically, I moot-courted it as much as possible,” Cannon said, referring to the well-worn law school tradition of arguing

mock appellate cases to hone skills in appellate argument.

Cannon deployed legislative staff, outside lawyers, even a former state Supreme Court justice, to grill him in preparation for the oral argument.

Andy Bardos (JD 04, LLM 05 in tax) was one who helped prepare the future House speaker. Bardos worked in Tallahassee for the law firm GrayRobinson, where his job included assisting the Legislature in appellate cases. Shortly before the 2010 election, he came on as special counsel to Sen-



“It shouldn’t be up to a political super-committee, super-legislature of five justices to decide that something we’ve passed with a three-fifths majority of both the House and Senate might confuse people. That’s the underlying argument for the Separation of Powers.”

—SPEAKER DEAN CANNON (JD 92)

Speaker Dean Cannon lays out his agenda March 8 in the Florida House of Representatives on the first day of the spring session.

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ate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island. Bardos helps develop legislation and oversees the Senate Judiciary Committee.

“That was a great experience because he’s an outstanding attorney in addition to what he does in the Legislature,” Bardos said. “I was really impressed with how hard he worked and how much time he dedicated to it. We wanted him to be, and he wanted to be, ready for every possible argument and every possible question.”

Cannon figured he was just doing his duty.

“I think I briefed 70-something cases and went back to the basics and sort of put everything else on hold to prepare because as someone who respects the court and cares very deeply about the practice of law and the importance of our profession, I wanted to present the best argument that I could,” Cannon said.

#### FROM CASTRO TO BUSH V. GORE

Inside the Supreme Court, seated on the bench with six other justices, Labarga gazed down while Cannon delivered his oral argu-

ment. As a member of the Supreme Court since January 2009, Labarga was new to the high court but not to the judiciary. He has been a judge for 15 years, and in 2000 Labarga presided over one of several *Bush v. Gore* trials when the fate of a presidential election was submitted to the courts in Palm Beach County.

It was Labarga who first considered whether “hanging chads” were to be counted as votes. He ruled that the not-quite-punched-out bits of paper should be counted because they indicate voters’ in-

tentions. Labarga ruled against a revote of the presidential election in the face of claims that the election resulting in a virtual tie in Florida and the nation had been fatally flawed. He said the Constitution provided for presidential elections to be held on one day only.

Jorge Labarga Sr., believed Castro's promises that he would install an American-style democracy in the Caribbean nation. After Castro took power in 1959, he would find out otherwise. The elder Labarga turned against the new regime, and, to avoid retribution, fled the country. Justice Labarga

**“A Constitution is basically words on a piece of paper. It is what we the people do with it that make it work.”**

—JUSTICE JORGE LABARGA (JD 79)

And after court had closed for the day, the lean Cuban-American, who came to Florida as an 11-year-old when his family fled the soldiers of Fidel Castro, donned a baseball cap to go with jeans and a T-shirt. Labarga was working late during that weeklong trial and a nighttime stroll appealed to him.

An international media storm enveloped Labarga during the day. In darkness he meandered anonymously among the humming satellite trucks that lined the boulevard at West Palm Beach County Courthouse like an occupying army.

Labarga paused next to the CNN truck where up-and-coming TV news host Greta Van Susteren conducted an interview.

“I was standing right behind the person she was interviewing. She did not recognize me and she was asking questions about what I was doing. Who was I? Where did I come from? Who was this judge who was going to rule on all these cases? And this guy is going on — and he was a local guy — going on and on about me. Of course, he had his back to me. He couldn't see me. I'm standing there listening to him. And she's looking straight at me and had no clue that I was standing there listening to her.”

Labarga wanted to be a lawyer for as long as he can remember, and some of his formative experiences with the administration of justice came years before when confronted with Castro's blossoming police state.

Labarga's father had raised money for the Cuban revolution to overthrow the Fulgencio Batista regime. He said his father,

recalls that his father left his family home on a Monday. On Wednesday, the soldiers arrived.

“They would come late at night with a truck full of soldiers to instill terror among the neighborhoods, and the soldiers would surround the house and come in and ransack it, and they would eventually drag the person they were looking for out to the truck and take him away,” Labarga said. “They did that at my house, and I recall my brothers and me hiding behind my mother as they were searching my house and my grandfather, who was in his mid-80s, started protesting only to be told to shut up or be shot.”

The soldiers left and arrested his father's friends. One was soon executed. There was no check on the power of the executive branch in Castro's Cuba.

“Needless to say, I have an acute appreciation for the Fourth Amendment of our Constitution and its prohibition of illegal searches and seizure,” Labarga said. “The whole idea of police officers kicking somebody's door open and entering somebody's house and searching somebody's home illegally is obviously something that I find abhorrent. On the other hand, when it is done legally for a lawful purpose it is something that obviously needs to be done. My concern as a judge, as a lawyer, even as a prosecutor, always has been that police officers show the requisite probable cause to enter somebody's home.”

#### **RHETORICAL CONFIDENCE**

During the August oral argument in the Supreme Court on the fate of the proposed



constitutional amendment, Cannon yielded no rhetorical ground to justices. Cannon answered skeptical questions in a polite but confident tone.

JUSTICE R. FRED LEWIS: *I'm concerned that here it is the actual language that goes to the voter, not a sophisticated legislator or judicial officers. The public — what will the public think this means?*

CANNON: *The public will hopefully give the words the meaning that they give to them just like if they were voting on the right to privacy or the right to due process. We gave the words to the voters, your honor, so they would have the ability to read them themselves and choose to add them to their organic law or not.*



Florida Supreme Court Justice Jorge Labarga's attitudes toward the law were shaped by his family's victimization at the hands of the Castro regime.

NICOLE SARKER (2)

rected at the power of the Florida Supreme Court itself. Cannon contended that the state Supreme Court had no authority under the state Constitution to remove a constitutional amendment proposed by the Legislature from the ballot, since the language of the amendment itself was to be given to the voters.

In this contest between the legislative and judicial branches, the judicial branch flexed its muscles.

A 5-2 court majority that included Labarga ruled against Cannon and the state. The court threw out the ballot measure and, in doing so, reaffirmed its authority to dismiss constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature before voters could weigh in. The majority held that the ballot summary and its headline were misleading despite the fact that it repeated language of the proposed amendment.

"We hold that the ballot language setting forth the substance of Amendment 7 does not inform the voter of the true purpose and effect of the amendment on existing constitutional provisions and, further, is misleading," the court majority wrote in an unsigned opinion.

That opinion may not represent the final word.

Speaking in his Tallahassee legislative office where a parchment copy of the U.S. Constitution hangs above his desk and a book about former President Ronald Reagan stands prominently on his bookshelf, Cannon explained a fundamental disagreement with the court.

"If we propose a bad question then the *St. Pete Times* editorial board and the *Gainesville Sun* editorial board and everyone on the Internet and the blogosphere will know that it's a bad question. It shouldn't be up to a political super-committee, super-legislature of five justices to decide that something we've passed with a three-fifths majority of both the House and Senate might confuse people. That's the underlying argument for the Separation of Powers," Cannon said. "We pass something and they don't like it and it doesn't go to the voters. There's no check, there's no balance to that."

A spokeswoman said Cannon favors new checks on the Supreme Court to allow more constitutional proposals to appear before voters. And during the spring legislative session, Cannon helped push legisla-

tion through the House and the Senate that would set a timeline for legal challenges of proposed ballot summary language.

Days after Cannon spoke to *UF LAW*, he unveiled a far-reaching package of reforms to change the way Florida's system of justice operates. A constitutional proposal would make it easier for the Legislature to overturn rules regarding the practice and procedures in state courts. It would require a simple majority of the Legislature to overturn new Supreme Court rules instead of the current two-thirds majority.

Another constitutional change would divide the Supreme Court into two divisions — with one division deciding criminal cases and the other division ruling on civil cases. The proposal would add three justices, bringing the total to 10 — five in each division.

Proponents of splitting the Supreme Court into civil and criminal divisions say it would promote efficiency and decrease the backlog of cases weighing down the judicial system. Texas uses a similar system.

The ideas are stirring consternation within the legal community.

At each turn, UF Law alumni are on the frontlines confronting these questions. Mayanne Downs (JD 87), president of The Florida Bar, placed the justice-system proposals at the top of her legislative lobbying agenda during the spring and toured the state speaking about their consequences.

Meanwhile, UF Law alumnus Stephen N. Zack (JD 71), president of the American Bar Association and a past president of The Florida Bar, asserts that increasing the

state's funding of the judiciary from its current level of \$462 million would do more to clear a backlog of cases than would dividing the state Supreme Court and adding justices.

"Some people would see it as just another type of court packing," Zack said, alluding to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's bid to increase the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court. Roosevelt was incensed by the court's habit of declaring his domestic policy initiatives unconstitutional, and in 1937 he proposed adding up to six Supreme Court justices to the nine-member court who would be appointed by the president and who would presumably vote in sympathy with his agenda. Roosevelt's court-packing proposal turned into a legislative failure and a political disaster.



In Florida during the spring, a sudden decline in mortgage filing fees threatened to shut down the state courts temporarily for lack of money. However, one of the proposed constitutional changes would provide a guaranteed minimum appropriation for the courts from all revenue sources equal to 2.25 percent of General Revenue. Had the proposal been law during the 2010-2011 fiscal year the courts' budget would have received an additional 16 percent, or \$73 million, according to the Speaker's Office.



"The House proposal addresses the longstanding criticism that the courts are underfunded and judicial dockets are overcrowded by providing a minimum appropriation for the courts," Cannon said. "This proposal provides stable funding for the court, but offers flexibility to the Legislature in terms of allocating that funding each year."

But late in the legislative session, the Senate removed elements of the constitutional amendment as passed by the House, including the minimum funding provision and adding justices to the Supreme Court.

Remaining in the constitutional proposal was a change that would give the state Senate the power to accept or reject Supreme Court nominees, introducing the same system used for the federal judiciary. A separate legislative proposal that died in the Senate would have changed the makeup of Florida's nine-member judicial nominating commissions, the bodies that recommend appellate and Supreme Court nominees to the governor.

Under current law, the nine commission members are appointed by the governor, the Florida Bar and commission members themselves.

For Zack, who participated in the selection of judges as general counsel to

former Gov. Bob Graham, it would be a mistake to send the governor's nominees before the state Senate for approval. Zack said it is impossible to remove politics from judicial selections, but placing nominees before the state Senate would only make it worse.

"When I started practicing law 40 years ago, the definition of a judge was someone who was a friend of the governor. We don't want that to be the definition of a judge today," Zack said. "I never asked nor knew the political philosophy of a judge, nor did we ask their position on any issue. In a United States Senate confirmation that's exactly what happens, and I don't think that people who have watched that process think that it is one that we should bring to Florida."

#### AN UNEXPECTED COMPLICATION

Labarga is intimately familiar with the current system of nominating appellate court judges and justices in Florida. It

# The Speakers Club

BY RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

*During its 102-year history, the University of Florida Levin College of Law has supplied more than its share of graduates to sit in the cabbird seat of the Florida House of Representatives. Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (JD 92) is the eighth UF Law graduate to hold the top job in the Florida House. The other House speakers were William V. Chappell Jr. (LLB 49)\*, Mallory E. Horne (LLB 50)\*, Richard A. Pettigrew (LLB 57), Terrell Sessums (LLB 58), Donald L. Tucker (LLB 62), Jon Mills (JD 72) and Tom Gustafson (JD 74). Meet the UF Law speakers club.*



Pettigrew



Sessums



Tucker

#### Pettigrew and Sessums: 1970-1974

In the 1960s, the U.S. Supreme Court noticed that representation was out of whack in many state legislatures. In Florida, for example, representation was tilted steeply in favor of rural residents. By some estimates as few as 13 percent of the state's voters could elect a majority of the legislators.

The Supreme Court responded with the "one-man, one-vote" standard. Pettigrew and Sessums came in as part of the political sea change ushered in by that Supreme Court decision. Reapportionment meant out with rule by

the "Pork Chop Gang," conservative North Florida Democrats who opposed desegregation, and in with progressive Democrats, who tended to represent urban constituencies and whose mission it was to expand state-government capacity.

"Reapportionment brought in a whole raft of new players who were elected locally and were not being dominated by statewide associations and organizations that were doling out money," explained Pettigrew, speaker from 1971 to 1972. "We like to refer to it as Florida's Camelot."

was two months before he was scheduled to appear before the Judicial Nominating Commission as an applicant for the Supreme Court when he met an unexpected complication.

me, and I lost about 20 pounds, and I had not eaten in three days. And my last shot was two days before my interview with the Judicial Nominating Commission in Tampa. I was so skinny my suits didn't fit me.

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—ABA PRESIDENT STEPHEN N. ZACK (JD 71)



Zack

“I grew up in Palm Beach on the beaches so I was in the sun my entire young life. I found a little spot underneath my nail in my index finger, and it was diagnosed to be melanoma, and I had to have my finger amputated.

“I had to undergo a regimen of chemotherapy for 30 shots and that nearly killed

I could not fly because I would get nauseous. So my wife (Zulma) drove me to the interview from West Palm Beach to Tampa and it was at The Florida Bar office at the Tampa Airport.

“The trip itself nearly killed me so I went to bed to sleep and my wife woke me up around 4:30.”

He forced down a bagel “and somehow the adrenalin kicked in because I went in and gave an interview, and I don't remember it all, but obviously I did something right because I was able to be nominated and beat out a great number of other very qualified people.



Mills



Gustafson



Cannon

During his speakership the Legislature pushed through a corporate income tax, and judicial reforms that included distancing judicial selections from politics with judicial nominating commissions and retention votes. The Legislature instituted home rule to devolve decision-making power to cities and counties. It initiated statewide land and water management policies, including major environmental legislation based on a model law by UF Law Professor (later Dean) Sheldon Plager and UF Law Dean Frank Maloney.

Sessums focused much of his legislative effort, before and during his 1973

to 1974 speakership, on property tax relief through statutory and constitutional limits on local ad valorem taxes and education. “We found there were 33 large senior high schools where student test scores were at or below the random chance level. You could have brought in a tribe of non-English-speaking illiterates who would have done about as well. That was sort of horrifying.”

The response, Sessums said, was The Educational Accountability Act of 1971. It required statewide tests for students in a variety of academic subjects and grade levels. Finally, he secured the

enactment of the Florida Education Finance Act to equalize and increase state support of public schools.

**Tucker: 1974-1978**

In the one-term-and-out world of Florida House speakers, Tucker was unique. He was the only person to hold the position in two consecutive terms, or four sessions, of the Florida House. Tucker said part of the reason for this was that he didn't try to impose a substantive political agenda on the Legislature but acted as a facilitator.

The Tallahassee Democrat did push through procedural changes that he figures have contributed to good governance. These initiatives include requiring that spending proposals added to appropriations bills be taken from money already included in the legislation or that they be paid for with new taxes or fees.

“It's kind of like a pie. If you're going to increase, for example, the money for the highway patrol, it has to come from somewhere else,” Tucker explained. “Otherwise, you have to raise it from a tax.”

He also slowed the process to require the mandated three readings of legislation happen on three different days. This has helped keep errors out of bills that were being rushed

“I have spoken to so many of those members of that commission since and I asked them, ‘Did you not realize something about me that day?’ They said, ‘No, you looked fine to me.’ I said, ‘Well, I was dying.’”

Labarga’s cancer is now in remission and his suits fit just fine.

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

To appear on a statewide ballot, the constitutional proposals must pass both houses of the Legislature with sufficient majorities. But they also could wind up before the Florida Supreme Court before appearing on the ballot. And that would return to where this story began — the Legislature confronting the Supreme Court.

This tension between the branches, experts say, is the way of our American system of government.

Cannon agrees with the notion that Separation of Powers and an independent judiciary are important principles, but he added, “Independent does not mean un-

countable or omnipotent and it will be great to continue this debate going forward.”

Jon Mills (JD 72), director of UF Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility and UF Law dean emeritus, co-authored part of the state Constitution as a member of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission from 1996 to 1998. From 1986 to 1988 Mills held the the speaker’s job. Since then, he has taught constitutional law to hundreds of students, including Cannon, whom he remembers as a very good student.

Mills is a Democrat, but he recognizes the frustration expressed by his fellow alumnus and Republican successor in the speaker’s chair.

“That tension was designed by the drafters of our constitution and the federal Constitution. The court interprets legislative action all the time. When I was in the Legislature I agreed with it sometimes, and I didn’t agree with it other times,” Mills said. “We have to preserve the separation and even preserve the tension.”



Labarga draws another lesson from the history of his homeland and the ease with which an apparently just constitution established in the 1940s was overturned by a determined dictator.

“A Constitution is basically words on a piece of paper. It is what we the people do with it that make it work. In Cuba, the first thing Fidel did when he came to power was to get rid of the judicial branch of government creating his own, and you had military tribunals deciding cases because he wanted control. He did not want an independent body telling him — as a dictator — what you’re doing is wrong, it’s unconstitutional,” Labarga said. “So a judicial branch of government plays a crucial role in our democracy, but we need to have the liberty, the independence to make those decisions without the fear of any type of retaliation — whether political or financial.” ■

## THE SPEAKERS CLUB *continued ...*

through on the same day they were introduced, Tucker said.

Tucker’s name graces Tallahassee’s multipurpose arena — The Donald L. Tucker Center — which is home to Florida State University’s basketball teams. Tucker notes that he and E.T. York, chancellor of the State University System of Florida from 1975 to 1980, teamed up to find an unused trove of state money for that project. Tucker said the Legislature used accumulated student fees to build the Tucker Center, UF’s Stephen C. O’Connell Center arena, and the University of South Florida Sun Dome in Tampa.

### Mills and Gustafson: 1986-1990

When Mills, a Democrat from Alachua County, assumed the speakership in the 1980s, questions of growth management including wetland conservation were at the top of his to-do list. Mills, who is director of UF Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility and dean emeritus, laid the groundwork for his 1987 to 1988 term with the Sunrise Report on the future of Florida.

The House dealt with “issues ranging

from economic development to enhancing science and technology to training and education so we had a very substantial agenda and it went very well,” Mills said. “We passed a very significant amount of that.”

Mills was followed in the speaker’s chair by Gustafson, whose primary legislative focus was children and adolescents. Money was shifted into nurturing children from birth to age 4 in a bid to improve the life chances for those at risk for negative social outcomes. The Fort Lauderdale Democrat’s second major children’s initiative was moving juvenile delinquents into group homes instead of jails when their family structure breaks down. That policy died with the administration of Gov. Lawton Chiles (JD 55), who took office after Gustafson left the Legislature.

At the behest of the Senate president, Gustafson used his UF Law training to write new constitutional rules for open meetings that cover legislative leaders and the governor. “I booked Con Law at the University of Florida,” Gustafson said, referring to the law school’s book awards given to students with

the highest grades in a course. “I rewrote it in its appropriate constitutional form.”

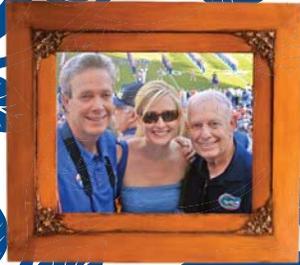
### Cannon: 2010-2012

Cannon, a Winter Park Republican, says his term as speaker will be marked by the consequences of revenue contraction brought on by the 2008 financial collapse as federal stimulus money, which softened the initial blow, fades into the background.

During an interview with *UF LAW* before the spring session, Cannon said he would like to be remembered for dealing intelligently with the budget shortfall.

“I hope among the things that I’ll be able to say when I’m finished is that I made thoughtful, careful, hard decisions during a very challenging time and helped steer the ship of state through some really rough waters,” Cannon said. “I hope that they will also say that I helped positively transform government to make it better serve the people who send us all up here and who pay all of our salaries in all three branches of government.” ■

\*Chappell of Marion County and Horne of Leon County are deceased.



# Gator Law *in the* Family

Three family trees are intertwined with  
the heritage of UF Law

BY BRANDON BRESLOW (3LAS)



(Above) Judge Elizabeth Jenkins (JD 76) and Tyler Hudson (1L); (Right) Judge Elizabeth Jenkins (JD 76) and her father Joe C. Jenkins Jr. (JD 49) stand on the steps of the Florida Supreme Court in 1984 after she is sworn in as a judge; (Below) State Rep. Joe C. Jenkins Sr. (JD 32), second from left, looks on as Florida Gov. Millard Caldwell signed the 1947 Minimum Foundation legislation.



Many UF Law alumni and students claim to bleed orange and blue. It's more unusual for the colors to course through the branches and roots of their family trees.

For them, attending the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law has become a proud tradition that has produced multiple generations of UF Law alumni.

Many also remain involved in the UF Law community as active alumni: returning to campus as guest lecturers on their field of practice, becoming members of the Law Center Association's Board of Trustees or creating an endowment at the college.

"Multiple generations of the same family attending UF Law create a very strong sense of loyalty that is evidenced in how they volunteer their time and financial support as alumni," said Kelley Frohlich, senior director of development and alumni affairs.

The tradition also helps students look to their family for guidance and support in tackling the worries, woes and workload inevitable in law school since family members have usually been in their seats, figuratively and sometimes literally.

"The shared bond among family members who can reflect over a lifetime of experiences about the law and their time at UF Law, both the good and the bad, provides a two-way street of learning," Frohlich said.

Following is a close-up of just three of these families, each with a student currently attending UF Law, each active in alumni activities, and, like many others, each proud of their tradition of Gator lawyers.

#### THE HUDSON/JENKINS FAMILY

Tyler Hudson (1L) took a long and winding road to UF Law, but ultimately genetics won out.

"My mom has always said with orange hair and blue eyes, I was marked as a Gator at birth," Hudson said. "It just took me a while to get here."

Hudson was never far away from UF Law in his heart or home. He was born into a Gainesville family with three generations of Gator lawyers: his mother, Judge Elizabeth Jenkins (JD 76), his grandfather, Joe C. Jenkins Jr. (JD 49), and his great-grandfather, Joe C. Jenkins Sr. (JD 32).

"Family was definitely a part of my decision to come here," he said, "but it really came down to wanting a change of pace and to come back home."

Hudson graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 2007 from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He began his political career in 2004 as a press intern for U.S. Sen. John Edwards' presidential primary campaign in New Hampshire. That same year, he was the youngest staff member of the Democratic National Convention, where he worked as a speechwriter for party leaders.

"I decided that it wasn't something I wanted to make a career out of," Hudson said, "but I'm tremendously grateful for the lessons I learned from the experience."

He went on to work in Florida on President Barack Obama's campaign and the gubernatorial campaign of former U.S. Rep. Jim Davis, D-Fla.

The Jenkins family is no stranger to Florida politics. Joe C. Jenkins Sr. was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1939-1948, representing Alachua County.

"My son inherited my grandfather's love for the political arena and public service," said Elizabeth Jenkins, a federal magistrate judge for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa.

After his tenure in the state Legislature, her grandfather opened the law practice of Jenkins and Jenkins with his son, Joe C. Jenkins Jr. The firm handled mainly real property cases.

“Everybody in Gainesville knew about them and their office,” Elizabeth Jenkins said. “They were leaders in the community for decades.”

When Joe C. Jenkins Sr. passed away in 1958, his son took over the law firm. Joe C. Jenkins Jr. was known for spending hours at property closings explaining to his clients the importance and responsibilities of the asset they were acquiring.

“He was one of the great attorneys in Gainesville at the time who took a higher level of care in closing matters,” Elizabeth Jenkins said.

Joe C. Jenkins Jr. also worked as a part-time municipal judge for the 8th Judicial Circuit of Florida, handling traffic citations and misdemeanors.

His passion for adjudication was inherited by his daughter Elizabeth. She served as a federal prosecutor in Orlando and then West Palm Beach after serving with the Department of Justice immediately after graduating from UF Law. She became a federal magistrate judge in 1985.

“What I learned from the judges I would argue in front of as a prosecutor is what influenced my decision to become a judge,” Elizabeth Jenkins said.

Elizabeth Jenkins has returned to UF Law on many occasions to speak about the female role in the legal community and judicial clerkships. She is also a proud member of the Law Center Association’s Board of Trustees.

“Although I never pushed him, I am proud Tyler was able to continue our family’s tradition at UF Law,” she said. “He understands the importance of good judgment and solid legal skills.”

### THE THACKER/OVERSTREET FAMILY

As graduation from Wake Forest University loomed for Celia Thacker (2L), the choice of which law school to attend weighed heavy. With three generations of graduates from UF Law preceding her, could she turn away from her chance to officially become a Gator?

“While I had several options for law school,” Thacker said, “I realized that Florida was the best choice for me.”

Thacker grew up as a Gator fan, attending her first football game at seven years old with her mother, Jo Overstreet Thacker (JD 87), an active UF alumna and member of the Law Center Association’s Board of Trustees.

“There is a tradition in my family that you must learn ‘We Are the Boys from Old Florida’ before you can attend your first football game,” Celia said.

When it came time to decide on law school, her mother and her grandfather, Murray Overstreet Jr. (LLB 53), gave Celia the opportunity to make the decision on her own.

“My family was really good about not pressuring me, but subtly dropped hints that Florida would be the best option for law school,” she said.

The same could be said for Jo, who was preceded by her father and her grandfather, Murray Overstreet Sr. (BLW 27). In the end, she made the decision based on what she wanted for her life.

“The glorious thing about our family’s tradition is that everyone decided on their own that they wanted to attend Florida for law school, independent of what the family may have wanted,” Jo said.

Celia also has family ties to UF Law on her father’s side. Her great-grandfather, O.S. Thacker (JD 29), who is also the great-grandfather of Jonathan Graessle (2L). Jonathan is a fourth generation student of UF Law as well. In addition to O.S. Thacker, preceding Jonathan are his father William Graessle (JD 85) and grandparents Lois Thacker-Graessle (LLB 41) and Albert W. Graessle (LLB 41).

Like individual bricks placed together to form a building, the Overstreet, and now Thacker, presence at UF Law stands tall, similar to the family’s presence in its hometown of Kissimmee.

Murray Overstreet Sr. opened his practice in Kissimmee immediately after his graduation in 1928. The firm handled real estate law, wills, trusts and estate planning. Murray Overstreet Jr. joined the firm when he graduated from UF Law and went on to become county attorney for Osceola County in 1960, a part-time position then.

“The glorious thing about our family’s tradition is that everyone decided on their own that they wanted to attend Florida for law school ...” —Jo OVERSTREET THACKER (JD 87)



Murray stepped down as county attorney in 1985 and again focused on the family’s private practice. Two years later, Jo joined the firm.

“Law school taught me to be prepared or suffer the consequences,” Jo said.

After 10 years in the family’s firm, Jo became county attorney in 1997, a full-time position. She held that office until last year.

(Left) Murray Overstreet Sr. (BLW 27); (Below) At Celia’s graduation from Wake Forest are, from left, Jo Overstreet Thacker (JD 87), Celia Thacker (2L), father Clarence Thacker, sister Celeste Thacker and Murray Overstreet Jr. (LLB 53).



Murray has since retired from his practice.

Through their work, the Overstreet family has influenced a lot of Kissimmee's residents, something Celia is reminded of on a regular basis.

"When I go out in Kissimmee, I have people come up to me that I don't recognize and tell me how great my family is and what (my family) has done to help them," she said.

But now it is Celia's family that gets to tell people about her accomplishments in moot court — as an active coach — and as a researcher for Professor Michael Allan Wolf, the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law.

"We are extremely proud of her ability to hit the ground running and get involved," Jo said.

### THE BOONE FAMILY

Caroline Boone (3L) remembers receiving her letter of acceptance from UF Law like it was last week.

"I ran up the driveway from the mailbox and all the feelings of uncertainty came to rest," Boone said.

In May, she became the fourth graduate in her family from UF Law, carrying on the Boone family's proudest traditions.

However, law school was not always part of her plan.

"Towards the end of my undergraduate years, I was leaning toward becoming a teacher because I wanted to help people," Boone said. "Eventually I talked to my dad about the decision and he helped me realize that lawyers can help people too."

Her father, Jeffery Boone (JD 82), was speaking from experience. Jeffery Boone, his brother, Stephen Boone (JD 83), and their father, E.G. "Dan" Boone (LLB 54), run the Venice law firm of Boone, Boone, Boone, Koda & Froom. Their practice specializes in civil litigation, business and commercial law, land use, zoning, wills, trusts and estate planning.

The office's orange and blue carpet and Gator-packed staff leave little question as to where the Boones earned their law degrees.

"I used to hire lawyers from all of the Florida law schools and out-of-state schools," said E.G. Boone, "but I started only hiring Gators when I realized the education at UF was far above the education of these other schools."

Caroline started as a law clerk at the firm last summer. She surprised the partners with her ability to apply the skills she learned at UF Law, and her personal savvy to complete the research, writing and other tasks required of her.

"I was really impressed with how quickly she would pick up on the goal of the assignments we gave her," Jeffery Boone said.

Caroline also attended City Commission meetings with family members as the firm handled zoning and land use issues in Venice.

"It was great to see the rapport that my family has with their clients and the respect that the community has for them," Caroline said. "They really do give back to their community through different service clubs and our church."

The Boone family has been prominent in the Venice community since E.G. Boone opened his firm in 1956. The firm helped establish the national banking charter for the First National Bank of Venice, now SunTrust Bank, and played a key role in implementing central water and sewage for Venice by founding the Civil Action Association.

The family never strayed from UF as they made the transition from students to alumni. E.G. Boone has served on the Law Center Association's Board of Trustees since 1987 and as a member of the President's Council. Boone's firm also sponsored the barbeque luncheon at UF Law's centennial celebration in 2009.

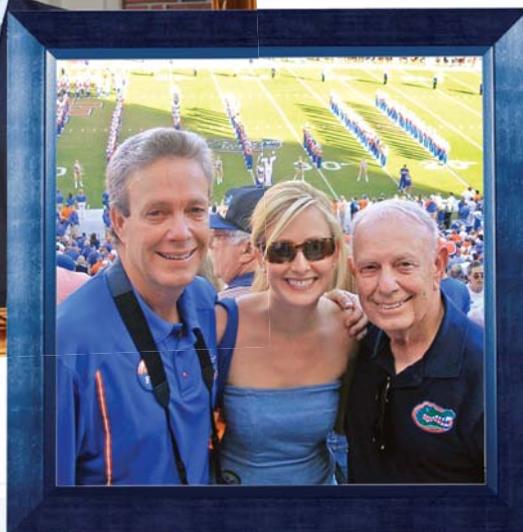
"I credit a lot of my success to what I learned at UF Law," Jeffery Boone said.

After she graduates, Caroline will begin working as a full-time attorney at her family's firm. The rest of the family is hopeful for more generations of Gator lawyers in the future.

"We definitely want a fourth generation and are optimistic for a fifth and sixth," Jeffery Boone said. ■



(Above) In front are Caroline Boone (3L) and E.G. "Dan" Boone (LLB 54), her grandfather. In the back are Caroline's grandmother, Freda Boone, father Jeffery Boone (JD 82) and uncle Stephen Boone (JD 83); (Right) From left, Jeffery, Caroline and Dan Boone pose at a UF football game.



## Tell Us Your Story

We want to know about your family's heritage at UF Law. If you have photos and a story about more than one generation who attended UF Law, send them to us and we will post them on our website. The site is linked to this story — which uses one member of each class at the Levin College of Law to explore a family heritage — in the online version of UF LAW magazine. We will post up to two photos and 300 words for each family. Send your story and photos to *UF LAW* editor Richard Goldstein, Goldstein@law.ufl.edu or Attn: Law in the Family; Communications Office; P.O. Box 117633; 244 Bruton-Geer; Gainesville, FL 32611.

# PARTNERS

## Corrections to 2009-2010 Annual Report

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### Distinguished Donors 2009-2010

#### UF Law Honor Roll Corrections

The Trusler Society description should have been:

*Annual Gifts of \$1,000-\$4,999*  
Trusler Society members receive special recognition in the annual report.

#### Donors mistakenly reported at a lower giving level

Here is the correct listing:

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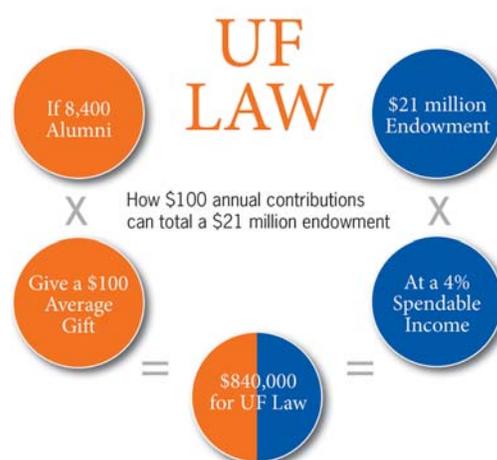
## How giving a little can add up to a lot

An appeal to give often comes with a comment to the effect that every little bit helps. This is certainly true at the UF Levin College of Law. As an example, if half of the law school alumni who do not give annually gave just \$100 a year, it would have the same impact as a new \$21 million endowment.

Here's how this works: Half of the 16,800 nondonor law alumni total 8,400. If each of these alumni gave \$100 a year the law school would receive \$840,000 a year. The university can spend 4 percent a year from an endowment so it requires \$21 million to generate the same \$840,000 annual income (see graphic).

The annual fund supports current critical needs of the law school, from providing supplemental awards to partial scholarships to providing defibrillators now accessible throughout the law school. The fund also supports the Gator TeamChild Juvenile Law Clinic, student organizations, technology upgrades, guest lecturers, student support services and much more.

This brings us to the status of the Florida Tomorrow Campaign. As of March 31, 2011, the law school had raised \$25,410,919, which is 54.1 percent of the \$47 million goal. The campaign period closes in 2012. UF overall has reached almost 86 percent of the \$1.5 billion goal, so



we have substantial ground to cover in the final phase of the campaign. UF Law relies on alumni and friends to be successful.

#### How to help UF Law reach its campaign goals:

- **Make an annual gift.** Contact Grace Northern: northern@law.ufl.edu, 352-273-0640.
- If you are already making annual gifts, consider **documenting your annual gift in a five-year pledge.** The total amount of your pledge made before June 30, 2012, counts in the campaign even if your payments continue past 2012. Also, our office will send you gift reminders annually so you don't forget to make your gift each year. Contact Grace Northern: northern@law.ufl.edu, 352-273-0640.

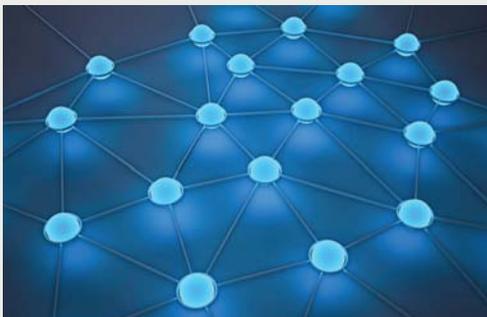
# Announcing the Student Division of the Law Alumni Council

In fall 2010 the Law Alumni Council Student Division debuted to great success. The organization was founded by the Law Alumni Council Executive Committee based on feedback from prior class gift committee members.

The council believes that involving students while they are in law school helps them feel invested in the school's success and promotes the idea of giving back. Students are invited to join by making a suggested \$20 donation to the annual fund.

Student division members receive invitations to special events, including regional alumni receptions. These events help connect student members to our large network of alumni and give them an opportunity to interact with alumni throughout the state.

More than 70 students joined immediately when the program was launched, and the members have participated in events such as a Law Alumni Council social at 2-Bits Lounge at the UF Hilton Hotel and an event in Gainesville for alumni to honor Federal District Court Judge Stephan Mickle. For more information on the Student Division, contact Jennifer Beback at 352-273-0640 or bebackjl@law.ufl.edu.



- **Sponsor a Book Award.** If you are already making generous annual gifts, you can sponsor a Book Award in a course of your choosing for just \$2,500 per year with a five-year commitment. Contact Grace Northern: northern@law.ufl.edu, 352-273-0640.
- **Document a simple bequest of any size.** If you will be age 65 or older by June 30, 2012, the full amount of your documented bequest gift counts in the campaign. Become a member of the Bequest Society by completing a simple form and allowing us to recognize your generosity during your lifetime. Or make UF Law a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan. Contact Lauren Lehr: lehr@law.ufl.edu, 352-273-0640.
- **Become a Law Firm Giving Champion** where you solicit your colleagues to participate in annual giving and receive recognition as a law firm. Go to [www.law.ufl.edu/lfg](http://www.law.ufl.edu/lfg) for more details. Contact Grace Northern: northern@law.ufl.edu, 352-273-0640.
- There are many **other creative gift vehicles** through which you can financially support your law school, which remains one of the greatest quality bargains in legal education in the world. For additional information on gift-giving options and naming opportunities contact Kelley Frohlich: frohlich@law.ufl.edu, 352-273-0640.

We list new commitments of \$25,000 or more through May 1 to the Levin College of Law. Thanks to:

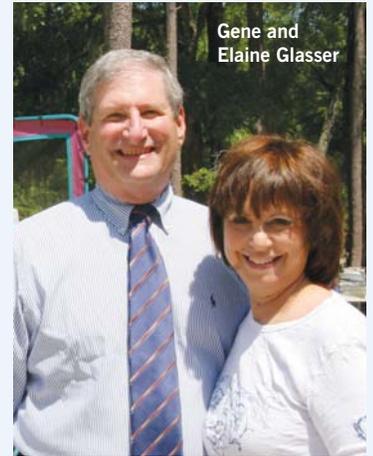
- A group of alumni who have created a \$50,000 endowment in Water Law.
- Buddy Savary (JD 56), who has established the **Johnson S. "Buddy" and Mary Savary Scholarship in Law.** Savary is retired from the former Sarasota law firm Abel Band.
- Mandell and Joyce Glicksberg, who made a \$25,000 gift to the **Law**

**Review Endowment.** Mandell is a retired UF Law professor and the Glicksbergs continue to reside in Gainesville.

- John McNatt Jr. (JD 57), who made a gift of just over \$200,000 through the cash value of insurance policies to supplement the **Judge McNatt Scholarship Endowment.** McNatt is retired from Holland & Knight in Jacksonville.
- Marti Cochran (JD 73), who made a \$25,000 pledge to the annual fund. Cochran is a partner with Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C.
- Jack Clarke, who made a \$100,000 commitment to establish the **Dean Robert H. Jerry, II Scholarship.** Clarke, a graduate of Cornell Law, is retired from Exxon Corp. and lives in Gainesville.
- Betsy Gallagher (JD 76) with Kubicki Draper in Tampa, who replaced a previously gifted \$75,000 insurance policy gift with a \$100,000 insurance policy gift.
- UF Law Dean Robert Jerry, who together with his wife Lisa, will document a \$100,000 bequest gift to establish the **Robert H., II and Lisa Nowak Jerry Dean's Discretionary Fund.**
- Edward (JD 84) and Julia Downey who made a \$100,000 gift to establish **The Downey Florida Opportunity Scholarship in Law.** Edward is a partner with Downey & Downey, P.A. in Palm Beach.
- Joseph P. Milton (JD 69), documented a \$100,000 bequest gift to establish the **Joseph P. Milton Professionalism Fund.** Milton is a partner with Milton, Leach, Whitman, D'Andrea & Milton, P.A.
- Robert E. Glennon Jr. (JD 74, LLMT 75) and his son Michael Glennon, who made a \$50,000 gift to establish the **Helen Gibel Blechman Endowment.** Robert is with Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C. ■

# Bringing UF Law together

Glasser Barbecue to beef up with additional \$50K commitment



Gene and Elaine Glasser

BY KARA CARNLEY-MURRHEE (1L)

When Gene K. Glasser (JD 72) looks back on law school, more than statute books come to mind.

“Anytime someone said ‘JMBA barbecue pit, law school, 1 p.m.,’ we all knew exactly what you were talking about,” he said.

The law school community may look forward to the barbecue with even more anticipation now that Glasser and his wife, Elaine, have increased their endowment by \$50,000 to make the event “bigger and better,” as Senior Development Director Kelley Frohlich said.

He set up the endowment as a way to promote a sense of community at the law school, and to commemorate the special relationships and experiences that he credits to UF Law.

“The endowment is not something that most would call ‘conventional,’” said Glasser, a member of the UF Law Center Association Board of Trustees. “But there are needs that are important that just cannot be budgeted.”

Each fall, the Glasser Barbecue is one of the most popularly anticipated events at UF Law, providing an opportunity for students, faculty, staff and administration to take a short break while enjoying some good food and company.

The goal is to allow the Office of Student Affairs to serve more people and be able to host events like the barbecue more than once a year.

The larger endowment may also qualify for state matching funds.

“The purpose of the additional endowment is the same as it has always been — to help fund activities that create a sense of community at the law school,” Frohlich said. “We’ve generally held the barbecue in the fall, and a smaller event, such as an ice cream social in the spring. By providing the additional funds, the Glassers hope to enhance what the fund already supports.”

Frohlich, who has been working with the Glassers on the endowment since it began in 2005, said that it’s unique to have a donor interested in contributing to the law school in this way.

“The barbecue is one of the only social events the law school offers on a regular basis that brings the entire law school community together at the same time and the same place,” she said.

Anitra Raiford (2L) attended the barbecue last year.

“It sponsors a sense of fellowship between us, allows us to take a break and communicate with each other. It reminds us that we have a great network of attorneys out there,” Raiford said.

Glasser, managing partner at Greenspoon Marder, P.A., in Ft. Lauderdale, is the second of his family to have graduated from UF Law. The first was his father-in-law, Sidney Aronovitz (JD 43), for whom the U.S. Courthouse in Key West was named in 2009. He also shares the tie with his son, Evan (JD 02), who is an associate at Greenspoon Marder, P.A. ■

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# Lawyer of the sea

Michael Moore (JD 74) has served A-list clientele and the interests of science during more than 30 years as a maritime lawyer

BY BRANDON BRESLOW (3LAS)

**M**ichael T. Moore (JD 74) was a fresh-faced graduate of the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law looking to stand out as he went in search of a job. Tax law didn't interest him and criminal law made his stomach turn. When he looked toward the ocean, he found his passion: maritime law.

For more than 30 years, Moore has practiced as a maritime lawyer, "a lawyer of the sea." He litigates and handles cases focusing on marine, aviation and art law.

"The choice was an early question of differentiating myself from other graduates and removing the subject matters that I did not like," he said. "Maritime law interested me in law school, and I was given an opportunity to try it out."

The opportunity came while serving tables at a restaurant in Cape Cod. Moore met a man who suggested that he apply as a law clerk at the maritime law firm of Burlingham, Underwood & Lord in New York. This allowed him to dive into the world of yacht owners, glamour and romance, Moore said.

Moore's love for nature and passion for litigation reinforced the choice he made to enter maritime law. He has handled cases for Donald Trump and industrialist Faisal Al Matrook, who owns engineering and natural resource companies in the United Arab Emirates.

"Maritime law takes into account international and personal injury laws," Moore said. "It's warfare, which is why I think I love it so much."

Moore owns his own 36-foot sailboat, *Island Girl*, and a wooden canoe given to him by his wife, Leslie Lott (JD 74).

"The canoe has allowed me to really get at water level with nature," Moore said.

It wasn't until 2004, after Moore moved to Miami and opened his own law firm, that he was introduced to a nonprofit organization known as The International SeaKeepers Society. The organization, comprised mainly of yacht owners, retrieves meteorological and oceanographic information through monitors attached to its members' yachts.

The information is given to a panel of scientists, who act as advisers. Government and private entities use the data, which includes air temperatures, oxygen levels, pH levels, humidity and barometric pressure, for observation and research into issues such as global warming and pollution.

"The great thing about yacht owners is that they have nowhere to go and all day to get there," Moore said. "Some of the members have even changed their courses for the sake of gathering information."

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Moore became chairman of the organization in 2008, bringing its membership from 100 members to 10,000 in just three years. But it was through a chance happening with a public relations consultant for YachtWorld, an online yacht dealer, that Moore put SeaKeepers on the map.

Moore had the opportunity to meet Jessica Muffet, founder of YachtWorld, who wanted to make SeaKeepers its first beneficiary. As beneficiary, SeaKeepers was given contributions and public relations tools to expand its work and corporate identity.

"Their website's two million discrete hits a day translated into a higher profile for SeaKeepers," Moore said. "It's a very important alliance."

As Moore continues to pull double duty as head of his law firm and chairman of SeaKeepers, he remains enamored with maritime law.

"It may be a story of being at the right place at the right time," Moore said, "but, all things considered, I know this is the law I was meant to practice." ■



# Moving On & Moving Up

Alumna replaces alumnus as 8th Circuit public defender

BY KARA CARNLEY-MURRHEE (1L)

**J**ust as one door closes, another one opens — for two UF law alumni working in the Public Defender’s Office of the 8th Judicial Circuit.

Stacy A. Scott (JD 95) took office Dec. 1 for a two-year term as the new public defender for the 8th Judicial Circuit. She succeeds C. Richard Parker (JD 72), who resigned in November to go to work overseas after winning seven elections to the Gainesville-based office.

“When Rick told me he was retiring and that he was going to recommend I be appointed to replace him, I was really honored, humbled and thrilled all at the same time,” Scott said.

Although Scott’s appointment was a gubernatorial decision, Parker said he knew he was going to recommend Scott for the position.

“I was the past and she was the future, and I was hoping that the governor would appoint someone like her, but all I could do was make the recommendation,”

Parker said. “My primary reason for recommending Stacy is that she has not only demonstrated the ability as an outstanding trial lawyer but also an excellent ability in managing people. And particularly in the Public Defender’s Office, having someone that is committed to providing high quality service to poor people is just very important.”

Scott’s professional experience since UF Law fit the bill: almost 12 years in the Public Defender’s Office, nearly two years as an assistant state attorney and a stint in private practice. She leads an office of 35 attorneys, manages a \$5 million budget and oversees nearly 22,000 cases this year.

One of the biggest challenges Scott faces in her new role as public defender is the threat of significant budget cuts. The

**Since her 1995 graduation from the UF Levin College of Law, 8th Judicial Circuit Public Defender Stacy Scott has maintained close ties with UF Law. She is an adjunct faculty member teaching trial practice and served as interim director for the Public Defender Clinic, which involved training and supervising a class of interns each semester. Scott is an instructor in the Trial Practice program and Gerald T. Bennett Prosecutor and Public Defender Trial Training Program. She led the Trial team to two national civil rights championships in 2005 and 2007.**

Public Defender’s Office handles almost three times as many cases per year than is recommended by the American Bar Association, Scott said.

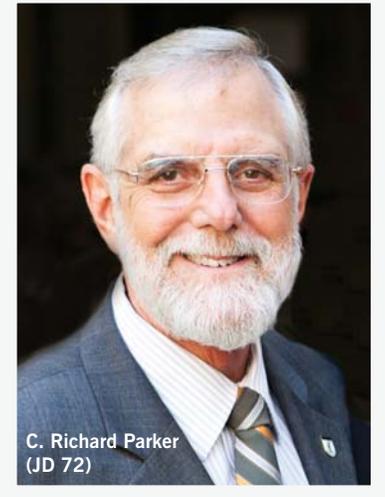
“If we followed their guidelines, we should have almost 90 lawyers, but we have only 35,” she said. “The right to counsel is a fundamental right and is what really gives meaning

to the presumption of innocence and the right to a fair trial. If there isn’t a PD who can be there to represent the client, then justice can’t be served.”

Parker reinforced that view.

“The problem is that we have already cut an organization that in my judgment couldn’t be cut and continue to provide the level of service that I prefer,” Parker said.

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—C. RICHARD PARKER (JD 72)

organization that is already operating at a minimal funding level and tell the boss that he or she has to cut it more — it’s just going to be very difficult.”

The 8th Judicial Circuit is composed of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties.

Parker started in the Public Defender’s Office in Gainesville in 1973. In 1976, he became the chief assistant, the office’s No. 2 official, and remained in that position for eight years before becoming the public

defender in 1984.

Parker is now employed by a private firm working with the U.S. State Department in Afghanistan as justice adviser to the Afghanistan Ministry of Justice.

“As advisers, our role is to provide the benefit of our knowledge and experience to Afghanistan government officials. The context might be answering questions, providing comments, offering suggestions or making recommendations,” Parker explained. “Generally, the advice is at the policy level but the range may include practice and procedure. We assist the local nationals in the performance of their duties.”

Parker retired from the 8th Judicial Circuit in November, but you would be hard pressed to call his new life “retirement.”

“It’s all new and different,” Parker said of his position in Kabul. “I worked in the Public Defender’s Office in Gainesville for 38 years so this is a second career for me. And if I can keep my employer satisfied and the people that I am working with happy — and I continue to enjoy the work — this is something that I plan to do for a while.” ■

# CLASS NOTES



TALBOT “SANDY” D’ALEMBERTE (JD 62), an attorney and president emeritus of Florida State University, has been named by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation as recipient of the 2010-11 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. D’Alemberte accepted the honor in May at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. He was honored at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative anniversary gala last year for co-founding the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative 20 years ago. D’Alemberte championed the initiative’s work during his tenure as ABA president and he serves on the Europe and Eurasia Council.

## 1957

**William L. Hendry**, retired 19th Circuit Court judge, was honored in June by the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County and the County Bar Association by naming the Historic Okeechobee Courthouse courtroom the “Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom.” A bronze plaque was placed at the courtroom entry to commemorate the event. Hendry was also the keynote speaker at the dedication of the renovated historic courthouse.

## 1961

**David L. Levy** stepped down in 2009 after 24 years as president of the Children’s Rights Council. This national organization based in Maryland works for increased emotional child support (parenting – joint custody) for children of separated, divorced and never-married parents. Since leaving CRC, Levy has finished his first environmental fantasy novel, *Revolt of the Animals*. See [www.earthhomepublishing.org](http://www.earthhomepublishing.org).

Levy’s first law school roommate was Fred Levin, for whom the law school is named.

## 1962

**J. Charles Gray**, chairman of the board and founding director of GrayRobinson, P.A., received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 33rd Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast, hosted by Purpose Orlando on Nov. 19. The annual breakfast is to honor community leaders who made significant contributions to the welfare of the community during the year. Gray received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his extensive involvement in the community.

## 1963

**Larry S. Stewart**, of the Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain law firm in Miami, received the Barney J. Masterson lifetime achievement award from the Florida Justice Association. He was also named Miami Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year for 2010 by the *Best Lawyers in America*, where he

has been listed for more than 20 years. He recently published three articles on tort law.

## 1964

**Gerald F. Richman**, president of Richman Greer, P.A. law firm, was named as the *Best Lawyers* West Palm Beach “Bet-the-Company” Litigator of the Year for 2011. He was also named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section. This section recognizes attorneys who have been in practice for at least 15 years.

## 1965

**Sidney A. Stubbs, Jr.**, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was included in the 2011 edition of the *South Florida Legal Guide* as one of just seven South Florida “Distinguished Attorneys” for 2011, calling him “a lawyer’s lawyer.” He was also named to the Top Lawyers section. This section recognizes attorneys who have been in practice for at least 15 years.

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## 1967

**Hubert Normile**, an attorney in the Melbourne office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit court mediator.

## 1968

**Alan A. Dickey**, who has been a judge in Seminole County for 34 years, will be the new chief judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit (Seminole and Brevard counties) starting July 1. He was elected by a unanimous vote of other judges in the circuit.

**O.H. Eaton Jr.** of the 18th Judicial Circuit retired last year after 24 years on the bench. Eaton is a nationally recognized expert on the death penalty.

**Donald D. Slesnick II**, mayor of Coral Gables and managing partner for the law firm Slesnick & Casey, has been appointed to serve on the American Bar Association's Commission on Civic Education in the Nation's Schools. Its stated objective is to develop young people's interest and knowledge of civics, community service, politics and government.

## 1969

**Charlie Egerton**, one of the founding shareholders at Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named in the 2010 *Who's Who Legal* for international corporate tax lawyers.

**Alan G. Greer**, a shareholder in Richman Greer, P.A., was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section. This section recognizes attorneys who have been in practice for at least 15 years.



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# Foundation for success

## Camp named UF Distinguished Alumnus

**J**ames D. Camp Jr. (JD 51), a longtime champion of the university and the Levin College of Law, was named a distinguished alumnus of the University of Florida during graduation ceremonies in May.

The University of Florida recognizes Distinguished Alumni who have excelled in their fields or who have performed outstanding service to the university.

Camp, a founder and shareholder of Camp & Camp of Fort Lauderdale, is a native of Broward County. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1949 and went on to earn his law degree from the College of Law in 1951 where he was a member of the Florida Law Review staff. Since graduating, he has served the university as a former member of the University of Florida Foundation Board of Trustees and is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Law Center Association. He served on the University of Florida Presidential Search Committee in 1985. He is a life member of the Broward County Chapter of the University of Florida Alumni Association and is an honorary member of Florida Blue Key.

Along with his wife Suzanne, Camp's contributions to the University of Florida Levin College of Law have supported the Florida Law Review Endowment. With Suzanne, his contribution to the college led to the establishment of the Camp Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning at the Levin College of Law. The Camp



Center integrates teaching, research and service in the area of estate planning and elder law, and administers the college's Certificate Program in Estates and Trust Practice.

Camp is involved in a wide variety of local public service work including a six-year stint on the Fort Lauderdale Charter Review Committee. He has been active in Florida banking as well as serving on the board of directors of SunTrust in Atlanta. His professional legal accomplishments are no less wide ranging. Camp was recognized as among the top lawyers in South Florida for his work in trusts, estates and probate by the 2006 South Florida Legal Guide. Camp is a past member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, past chairman of the Florida Bar Probate Rules Committee and a fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel. Camp is admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. ■

**Henry E. Mallue Jr.** retired from the faculty of the Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary at the end of December.

1970

**John M. Brumbaugh**, a shareholder in Richman Greer, P.A., was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section. This section recognizes attorneys who have been in practice for at least 15 years.

**John C. “Skip” Randolph**, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section.

**H. Adams Weaver** was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section.

**William E. Scheu** has been elected as a board member to the Rogers Towers, P.A. board of directors in Jacksonville.

1971

**Larry B. Alexander**, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section.

1972

**Gene K. Glasser**, managing partner specializing in tax, trusts and estates at Greenspoon Marder, P.A., was named a “Top Attorney” by *South Florida Legal Guide* 2011.

**Manuel Menendez Jr.** was elected by his colleagues to serve another two-year term as chief judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit (Hillsborough County). His sixth term of office begins July 1.

1973

**Gerald A. Rosenthal**, senior partner in Rosenthal, Levy & Simon, P.A.’s West



**ROY B. “SKIP” DALTON JR. (JD 76)**, a partner in the law firm of Dalton & Carpenter, P.A. in Orlando, has been nominated by President Barack Obama to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Palm Beach office, has been elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance. Academy members are recognized experts in Social Security, Medicare and health coverage, workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and related social assistance and private employee benefits.

1974

**Barry W. Bennett**, of Winter Haven, has been appointed to the Polk County Court by former Gov. Charlie Crist. Bennett will fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Beth Harlan to the 10th Judicial Circuit Court.

**Frederick W. Leonhardt**, a shareholder in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been appointed to the Florida Technology, Research and Scholarship Board by former Gov. Charlie Crist. Leonhardt will oversee criteria for the creation and funding of Florida’s Centers of Excellence and the 21st Century World Class Scholars awards.

1975

**Howell Melton**, a partner in Holland & Knight LLP’s Orlando office, has been elected vice chair of Enterprise Florida’s board of directors.

**Tito Smith** became a shareholder in Rogers Towers, P.A.’s St. Augustine office. He has experience in the areas of banking law, real estate, probate and estate planning.

1976

**Jerry Currington** has been named general counsel to the Florida Department of Transportation by Gov. Rick Scott. Currington was previously general counsel to the Florida Department of Children and Families. He has served as a deputy general counsel in the Executive Office of the Governor and in private practice with several Florida firms. He previously was the assistant deputy Florida attorney general, where he oversaw the work of more than 200 lawyers. He has served as deputy general counsel of the Florida House of Representatives.

**Ralph J. Humphries** was selected in February to be a judge in the Jacksonville District Compensation Claims Court.

1977

**Lauren Y. Detzel**, shareholder and chair of the Estate and Succession Planning Department at Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., was named as the Orlando *Best Lawyers* Tax Lawyer of the Year for 2011.

**Dennis J. Wall**, of Winter Springs and Orlando, spoke at the American Conference Institute’s 21st National Advanced Forum on Bad Faith Litigation at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando on Nov. 30. He spoke on the subject of “Dealing with Catastrophic Disasters: How to Properly Investigate and Handle Overwhelming Claims.”



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# Laying down the law

## UF Law alumnus and ABA Tax Section chair prepares ground for tax reform

BY MATT WALKER

**W**hen President Barack Obama announced tax reform as a major priority in his State of the Union Address in January, it meant more to Charles Egerton (JD 69) than to most of us.

You see, in addition to serving full-time as a practicing tax and corporate law attorney in Orlando, Egerton is chairman of the American Bar Association's Section on Taxation. With 24,000 members, it's the largest professional tax attorney group in the nation.

"It's almost a second job," said Egerton, a founding shareholder of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando. "When all is said and done, I will have probably at least 1,000 hours in this year — during my term — and it's something I've really enjoyed."

The prospects for tax reform received a significant boost from the report issued in December by the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which called for comprehensive tax reform as one of the central components of a plan to restore fiscal responsibility to the government. One month later, the national taxpayer advocate issued her annual report to Congress in which she listed the need for comprehensive tax reform as the No. 1 priority for the tax system this year. In addition, both the House Ways & Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee have begun hearings on tax reform.

Because of the potential for wide-ranging federal tax reform, Egerton said he has asked each of the ABA Tax Section's substantive committees — there are more than 30 — to look at their areas of responsibility

**Despite his busy schedule of tax reform and tax law practice, Charles Egerton maintains his connection to the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Egerton's firm, Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando, co-sponsored last year's holiday party at Dean Robert Jerry's house in Gainesville and sponsors a scholarship to the UF Law Graduate Tax Program.**

in the internal revenue code and prepare a paper on what is working and what isn't. The committees will examine how their areas of tax law could be reshaped to make the laws simpler, fairer and easier to administer.

"This is probably the largest project the tax section has undertaken in a good 20 or 30 years," he said.

Egerton said the ABA Tax Section is "saying if you're going to undertake tax reform, we're going to give you some nuts-and-bolts-type recommendations on how to improve the code, make it more workable."

Once the papers are in, they will be submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Senate Finance Committee.

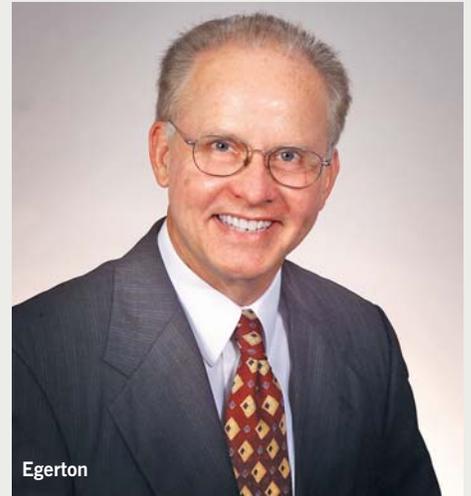
"The Finance Committee is just beginning the long process of tax reform, and Chairman (Max) Baucus places great value on input from experts and stakeholders, including the ABA," said a Finance Committee aide. "Analysis of tax reform from the ABA and other well-respected groups will certainly be taken into consideration as the process moves forward."

Michael Friel, UF Law professor, associate dean and director of the Graduate Tax Program, along with UF Law Professor and Alumni Research Scholar Dennis Calfee recently delivered a tax policy presentation with Egerton.

"Charlie is the ideal person to be leading the ABA Tax Section at a time when the possibility of fundamental tax reform is in the air," Friel said.

Friel said that since the ABA Tax Section is the leading professional tax organization in the country, its reports and recommendations will be the result of careful analysis and will receive serious attention as the tax reform debate moves ahead.

"Charlie — the tax lawyer's tax lawyer — is so highly regarded for his fairness, legal expertise and leadership skills that the Tax Section's ambitious agenda could not be in better hands," Calfee said.



Egerton

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—MICHAEL FRIEL,

UF LAW PROFESSOR, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DIRECTOR OF THE GRADUATE TAX PROGRAM

Egerton said that while the ABA Tax Section does not enter into the political debate, it will weigh in on the technical aspects of the code.

He said the rules have become so cumbersome because policymakers have stacked one change on top of another for the past 30 years. "That's something hopefully we can really make a contribution on and have an impact on the tax system."

With such a big undertaking, it begs the question of whether the task will be completed by the time Egerton's term ends in July.

"It's supposed to be; they probably won't let me leave without finishing it," Egerton said with a laugh. ■

1978

**Kendall Coffey**, the former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, who represented Al Gore in the 2000 election recount and the family of Elian Gonzalez, released a new book in October called *Spinning the Law: Trying Cases in the Court of Public Opinion* with an introduction by Alan Dershowitz.

**Robert E. Gordon**, of Gordon & Doner, P.A., was named to the AV Preeminent Legal Ability & Ethical Standards 2010, *Florida Super Lawyers* 2010 and Best Lawyers in America 2010.

**Robert E. Holden**, of Liskow & Lewis, A Professional Law Corporation in New Orleans, was named New Orleans *Best Lawyers* 2011 Environmental Lawyer of the Year.

1979

**Fred D. Franklin Jr.** has been elected chairman of the board and managing director for Rogers Towers, P.A. in Jacksonville. Franklin has more than 30 years of legal experience, with his practice primarily focused on commercial litigation.

**Michael A. Wodrich** has been elected as a board member to the Rogers Towers, P.A. board of directors in Jacksonville.

1980

**Gregory M. Keyser**, of Boca Raton, was appointed by former Gov. Charlie Crist to the Palm Beach County Court.

1981

**David E. Bowers**, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section.

**Alexander R. Christine** was appointed to the St. Johns County Court by former Gov. Charlie Crist. Christine will fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Patti Christensen (JD 82) to the 7th Circuit Court.

**Doug Cooney**, of Los Angeles, is the 2010 recipient of the Charlotte B. Chorpenning Playwright Award presented by the American Alliance for Theatre & Education in recognition of his body of work for young audiences. Cooney is the 25th playwright to be selected for this honor. His name will be engraved on the official Chorpenning Cup that resides in the archives of the Arizona State University library.

1982

**Jeffery Boone**, of Boone, Boone, Boone, Koda & Froom, P.A. in Venice, Fla., was recognized in *Scene* magazine for his community service.

**Richard Jacobson**, a shareholder in the Tampa office of Fowler White Boggs PA, has been re-elected to the board of directors of TerraLex. TerraLex is an International network of 160 leading international and U.S. law firms serving the interests of clients whose requirements transcend their state, provincial or national borders.

**Michael D. Minton**, president of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. and a member of the firm's tax department and estate and succession planning department, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Central Florida Partnership.

1983

**Adam G. "Lep" Adams III** has joined Foley & Lardner LLP's Construction and Business Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practices as a partner in its Jacksonville office.

**Stephen Boone**, of Boone, Boone, Boone, Koda & Froom, P.A. in Venice, Fla., was recognized in *Scene* magazine for his community service.

**Scott G. Hawkins**, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was named to the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers section.

**Elizabeth M. Hernandez** has joined Akerman Senterfitt's Miami office as a shareholder in the litigation practice. Hernandez has spent the last 16 years serving the city of Coral Gables as city attorney.

1984

**David R. Punzak**, the managing shareholder of Carlton Fields, P.A.'s St. Petersburg office, was honored as a Hero Among Us by the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation on Jan. 29, 2011. The Hero Among Us Award is presented annually to a local lawyer who, through volunteering their time and abilities, has made a difference in the St. Petersburg community.

**Brian D. Stokes**, a partner in the Orlando office of Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A., has been named to the 2010 *Florida Super Lawyers* in the field of personal injury medical malpractice defense.



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# A practice in the spotlight

## UF Law alumna seeks justice in high-profile cases

BY AMANDA ADAMS (3JM)

**N**atalie Jackson (JD 02) doesn't have pictures of herself on the sets of CNN, Fox News or The Today Show hanging in her office.

Instead of photos of the UF Law alumna speaking in the media about her high-profile cases, she surrounds herself with images of family, friends and clients who have become as close as family, like 7-year-old Jurnee Woodard, who she represented in a wrongful death case after a NASCAR plane crashed into her house and killed two members of her family.

The Orlando-based lawyer and Navy veteran, who specialized in satellite technology for aviation intelligence, has become something of a media star, with several highly publicized cases in the last few years, appearing on a plethora of national news networks. But she hasn't let the glamour go to her head.

"I believe in giving back to the community above all," Jackson said.

One recent case involved a homeless man, Sherman Ware, who was hit by a police officer's son in early January, according to numerous Central Florida news reports.

The man punched Ware in the head outside a Sanford bar on the night of Jan. 4, while a witness caught the incident on video. The attack left Ware with a concussion and facial injuries, including a broken nose.

They reached a settlement at the end of January that required the attacker to pay for Ward's medical bills and donate money to various nonprofit organizations, such as the Seminole County Branch of the NAACP, CrossRoads Drug Rehabilitation Center and Seminole Action Coalition Serving our Needy. In addition to the money for Ware's medical bills, he also received a confidential monetary settlement.

A case Jackson took on last year that gained national attention was of a teenage boy who was wrongly accused of abducting a child.

Perhaps the most important case for her career, however, came in 2008, when Jack-



AMANDA ADAMS (3JM)

son represented Jurnee and her father, Joe Woodard. Woodard lost his wife, Janise, and 6-month-old son Josiah in a freakish accident when a NASCAR plane crashed into their home. Janise was a paralegal who had worked with Jackson before the crash, which made the case very personal for her. Jackson even helped plan the memorial service and all media events for the family.

"It was easy working with Natalie," Woodard said. "She was like a close sister to me, and whenever I had questions, she had the answers."

Jackson had worked on wrongful death cases in the past, but she had never dealt with an airplane case. Besides researching aviation law, she hired an aviation accident reconstructionist, an economist and a media coordinator.

Her background in naval aviation aided her understanding of aviation terms and systems, she said.

Ultimately, the case settled for a confidential eight-figure sum.

And it was this case, she said, that allowed her to revamp her law firm, the Women's Trial Group. Originally opened in 2006, Jackson said that after nine years in the military, she was "tired of the male environment" and wanted to work in a female milieu for a change. But she had to close the

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—JOE WOODARD, CLIENT

firm due to insufficient profits after just one year of operation.

Jackson took a job at a friend's firm in 2007, and after the NASCAR case she reopened the Women's Trial Group, which caters to women and their families. Now on firm financial footing, the Women's Trial Group averages 200 cases per year.

"I don't think being a mother and a wife and making money have to be mutually exclusive," she said.

Jackson's firm exemplifies the idea that money isn't everything. She offers pro bono services and payment plans, and her interest in service doesn't end with her clients.

She believes more experienced firms, like hers, should help newer firms succeed by assisting with rent, education, classes, and legal or business advice.

"I kind of believe in karma," she said. ■



**JOHN L. MILLER (JD 86)**, general magistrate of Pensacola, was appointed by former Gov. Charlie Crist to the 1st Judicial Circuit Court.

**1985**

**Donald C. Dowling Jr.**, a partner at White & Case LLP in New York City, leads a team of lawyers who practice outbound international employment law (advising multinational headquarters on workforce issues that cross borders, such as global reductions-in-force, codes of conduct, whistleblower hotlines, and expatriate matters). Dowling has been recognized by *Chambers and Partners*; *The Legal 500*; *PLC Which Lawyer?*; *ABA/IBA Who's Who*; *Expert Guides*; and *Ethisphere Attorneys Who Matter*. Dowling just published an article in the ABA law review *The Labor Lawyer*, which reprinted his piece published last year in another ABA law review, *The International Lawyer*. He was recently appointed to the board of the New York University Center for Labor & Employment Law, and as vice-chair of the IBA Discrimination Law Committee. Being in New York, the only UF Law classmate Don runs into regularly is his wife, **Nancy Hill Dowling (JD 87)**. Nancy is associate general counsel heading up the advertising law function at The Dannon Company, Inc. in White Plains, N.Y.

**Eugene Pettis**, co-founder of Haliczer Pettis & Schwamm, was selected again for inclusion in the *2011 Best Lawyers in America*. He is continuously recognized by *Florida Trend's* peer-voted "Legal Elite," *Florida Super Lawyers* and *South Florida Legal Guide* as a top lawyer. Beyond the legal practice, he serves on The Florida Bar's Board of Governors holding various leadership posi-

tions and is currently on the board of trustees at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He served eight years on the University of Florida Foundation board of directors. He was keynote speaker for the UF Association of Black Alumni Weekend 2010.

**1986**

**H. William "Bill" Perry**, chairman of Gunster business law firm, has been named a Key Partner by the *South Florida Business Journal*. The Key Partners awards honors the area's top attorneys and accountants based on demonstrated success over the past year to 18 months.

**1987**

**Larry Brant**, owner of Garvey Schubert Barer Law in Portland, Ore., has been appointed chair of the Oregon State Bar's Tax Law Section for 2011-2012. Brant is the chair of Garvey Schubert Barer's tax and benefits practice group and co-chair of the firm's business practice group.

**John "Buddy" Dyer**, mayor of Orlando, was appointed as a member to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations by President Barack Obama.

**Paul Quinn**, shareholder in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been recertified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in real estate law through 2015. He was originally board certified in 1995.

**1988**

**Barry B. Ansbacher**, managing shareholder of Ansbacher & Associates, P.A. in Jacksonville, has become the first and only attorney in the state of Florida to receive board certification from The Florida Bar in both real estate and construction law.

**Kevin E. Hyde**, managing partner in Foley & Lardner LLP's Jacksonville office, has been named *Best Lawyers* 2011 Jacksonville Labor and Employment Lawyer of the Year.

**Charles J.F. Schreiber Jr.** was recently promoted to partner with the firm McConaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. Schreiber has been with the firm's Tallahassee office since 2005 practicing in the area of civil litigation defense.

**1989**

**Mark E. Stein**, a Florida Bar Board Certified intellectual property attorney with the law firm of Higer Lichter & Givner LLP, presented an intellectual property seminar to members of the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects on Feb. 12 at the Miami Dadeland Marriott. The title of the seminar was "Architectural Work and Intellectual Property: A Blueprint for IP Protection."

**J. Kim Wright** is the publisher and managing editor of CuttingEdgeLaw.com. Wright is the author of *Lawyers as Peacemakers: Practicing Holistic, Problem-Solving Law*, an American Bar Association 2010 best-seller and flagship book. In 2009, the ABA named her as one of their Legal Rebels who are "finding new ways to practice law, represent their clients, adjudicate cases and train the next generation of lawyers."



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**GRAND GUARD** Members of the University of Florida class of 1960 stand with UF Law Dean Bob Jerry, far left, and UF Law Emeritus Professor Joseph Little, far right, at the grand Guard alumni lunch Nov. 5.

**1991**

**Todd L. Bradley**, a principal in the Cummings & Lockwood LLC Naples office, chaired the Leadership Collier Class of 2011 Kick-off Reception in October. Bradley has also been appointed to the 2010-2011 Finance Committee for The Education Foundation of Collier County, Inc. and received the AV Preeminent Lawyers Rating by *LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell*. He was also named to the *FIVE STAR Professionals Wealth Managers* list for 2011.

**David Gold** and another Gator, **Sal A. Richardson (JD 01)**, have been named co-managing partners for the Florida offices of Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Jimenez.

**Mark Rosman** is a new partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and a member of the firm's antitrust practice. Rosman represents and counsels clients in connection with a variety of national and international antitrust matters, including cartel defense, criminal enforcement investigations, and merger and civil nonmerger cases. Last summer, Rosman served as assistant chief of the National Criminal Enforcement Section in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust

Division. Rosman was lead attorney for the investigation into air transportation price-fixing, which resulted in a record \$1.8 billion in fines.

**Edwin A. Scales III**, of counsel in the Key West office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been re-elected by the attorneys in Florida's 16th Judicial Circuit (Monroe County) to a fourth term on The Florida Bar's Board of Governors.

**1992**

**Heather A. Owen**, an attorney in Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP's Jacksonville office, has been promoted to equity partner.

**John W. Randolph Jr.**, of Pressly & Pressly, P.A. in West Palm Beach, was recently

admitted into the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel.

**Stephen S. Stallings**, former assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, has been hired as chair of Burns White law firm's white collar criminal defense practice group.

**1993**

**Erik P. Shuman**, an attorney in the Melbourne office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has recently been elected to the board of directors for the Space Coast Early Intervention Center. SCEIC is a nonprofit preschool organization dedicated to finding new ways of educating children with and without disabilities in their early childhood years.



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1994

**Jack R. Reiter**, a partner in Yoss LLP, received high honors in the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide*. Reiter, board certified in appellate practice and an AV-rated attorney, is chair of the firm's appellate practice department. He concentrates his practice in the areas of state, federal and administrative appeals, as well as trial support and general commercial litigation.

**Marc A. Wites** authored the 2010 edition of *Florida Causes of Action*, which is published by James Publishing, and the 2010 edition of *The Florida Litigation Guide*, which is available for free at [www.floralitigationguide.com](http://www.floralitigationguide.com). Both books are annual publications, which Wites began authoring in 2007, and 1997, respectively. Wites was also included in the 2010 *Super Lawyers* and the 2010 Legal Elite by *Florida Trend* magazine.

1995

**Jonathan M. David** was elected district attorney for Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties in North Carolina and began his new position this year.

**Michael "Mike" Murphy**, of Orlando, has been appointed as judge to the 9th Judicial Circuit Court by former Gov. Charlie Crist.

1996

**Kenneth Curtin** has joined Adams and Reese LLP as special counsel in the Litigation Practice Group in the firm's Tampa and St. Petersburg offices. He represents individual and corporate clients such as developers, interior designers, architects, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors and temporary help agencies in state and federal courts and in arbitral proceedings.

**Frank Fletcher**, general counsel at Nero AG, had his essay "Talking Travel" published in the December 2010 edition of the *ACC Docket*.

**Charles E. Hodges II** has joined Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP's Atlanta office as chair of the firm's tax controversy and litigation practice. Hodges concentrates his practice in civil and criminal federal tax controversies/litigation.

**F. Scott Westheimer**, managing partner at Syprett Meshad in Sarasota, was elected president of the Sarasota County Bar Association and was named to the 2010 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list for his work in plaintiff's personal injury.

1997

**Marve Ann Alaimo**, of the Cummings & Lockwood LLC Bonita Spring office, was named to the *FIVE STAR Professionals* Wealth Managers list for 2011.

**Juan D. Bendeck** has joined the partnership at Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP's Naples office. Bendeck focuses his practice in estate planning, estate administration and asset protection planning.

**Sherri L. Johnson** has opened the new law office of Johnson Legal of Florida, P.L. in Sarasota. Johnson will focus her practice on property tax and exemption disputes throughout Florida, as well as general commercial litigation and appeals.

**Elena Paras Ketchum**, a partner with the firm of Stichter Riedel Blain & Prosser, P.A. in Tampa, has been elected to serve as president of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association for the 2010-2011 term. Ketchum has served on the board of directors for the association since 2006.

**Tammie L. Rattray**, a partner in Ford & Harrison LLP's Tampa office, was recently voted a 2010 Florida Legal Elite Honoree by *Florida Trend* magazine.

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**Robert Kerrigan** won the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award from The Florida Bar. This is the Florida legal profession's highest public service honor. Some of Kerrigan's service includes reviving Helping Hands Legal Aid Center in 1999, a facility created and financed by his law firm, Kerrigan, Estess, Rankin, McLeod & Thompson, to provide legal services to the poor, with Kerrigan donating more than 500 hours. His firm also established a hotline for people to call with hurricane-related questions, worked with Legal Services of North Florida to resolve emergency housing and consumer needs, and Kerrigan made generous contributions to Habitat for Humanity after Hurricane Ivan.

**Cynthia F. O'Connell** has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to serve as secretary of the Florida Lottery. O'Connell is a longtime trustee at the University of Florida, has been an executive with the Lottery in the past, and has served in a number of other Florida government posts. She is the widow of the late **Stephen C. O'Connell (JD 40)**, a former UF president and chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court.



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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

U.S. District Court Judge Paul C. Huck (JD 65), center, poses Nov. 13 with UF Law students at the Minority Mentoring picnic.

**Margaret P. Zabijaka**, an attorney in Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP's Jacksonville office, has been promoted to equity partner.

### 1998

**Mary Beth Crawford**, of the Cummings & Lockwood LLC Bonita Spring office, was named to the *FIVE STAR Professionals Wealth Managers* list for 2011.

**Francis Gibbs** has been named chief of staff of the Florida Department of Transportation by Gov. Rick Scott. Gibbs advised Congressmen Ander Crenshaw and Connie Mack on transportation policy matters while serving on their staffs from 2001 through 2010. He was most recently Congressman Mack's chief of staff and chief policy adviser.

**Charles E. "Chuck" Hobbs II**, a Tallahassee trial lawyer, recently garnered first place in the 55th annual Florida Bar Media Awards. Hobbs was lauded for a series of articles in the *Tallahassee Democrat* newspaper regarding the United States Supreme Court and the Florida Supreme Court, including analyses of the *Florida v. Sullivan* and *Florida v. Gra-*

*ham* cases that overturned life sentences for certain juvenile offenders. Hobbs has been elected chair of the Leon County Public Safety Council Recidivism Committee, which will analyze methods to reduce jail overcrowding by addressing the needs of repeat offenders.

**Kevin P. Jacobs**, founding member of the litigation boutique Herron Jacobs Ortiz, P.A. in Miami, was appointed by Chief Judge Federico A. Moreno to chair the local rules committee for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. He was voted onto the executive board for the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and will be the chapter's national delegate at the Federal Bar Association's national midyear meeting. Jacobs was also named a Top Up and Comer in the 2011 edition of the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**Daniel A. Thomas** joined Leopold~Kuvin, P.A. in Palm Beach Gardens as the firm's newest partner. Thomas has experience in the areas of complex commercial and construction litigation, construction claims counseling and contract and business disputes. Prior to joining Leopold~Kuvin, Thomas was

a shareholder in the Business Litigation Practice Group of the Gunster law firm.

**Lori Vaughan** has been certified by the American Board of Certification as a business bankruptcy specialist. She is a shareholder in Trenam Kemker Attorneys and is based in the Tampa office.

### 1999

**Paul A. Giordano**, a shareholder in the Fort Myers office of Fowler White Boggs PA, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Red Cross Lee County Chapter.

**Bryan S. Gowdy**, a partner and shareholder in Creed & Gowdy in Jacksonville, and his wife, Barbara, and children (Fabrizio, age 8, and Lucrezia, age 4) welcomed a new baby girl, Graziana Gowdy, to their family on Jan. 19. Gowdy received The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the 4th Judicial Circuit (Duval, Clay and Nassau counties) on Jan. 27 for his work with poor and indigent clients. He has donated more than 350 hours of pro bono service in the last year.

**Chris Morrison**, of GrayRobinson, P.A.'s Orlando office, has been promoted to Of counsel. Morrison practices in the health care practice group and is board certified in health law by The Florida Bar.

**Ginny R. Neal** recently joined J.P. Morgan's Palm Beach office as a senior private banker. She will be responsible for advising clients



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Giordano 99

on overall investing, wealth transfer, credit and philanthropic services.

**Hoang Vu**, a partner in Andrews Kurth LLP's Houston office, was named to the 2011 *Best Lawyers in America* list for his work in public finance law.

## 2000

**Douglas A. Cherry** has been named a partner in Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP's Sarasota office. Cherry is board certified in intellectual property law. Cherry's practice focuses on intellectual property (patent,

copyright, trademark, trade secrets and unfair competition) consulting, acquisition, licensing and litigation.

**Scott M. Fischer**, of Gordon & Doner, P.A., has been named a Top Up and Comer for the last two years in the 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide*.

**Matthew C. Lucas**, a former partner at Bricklemeyer, Smolker & Bolves in Tampa, was appointed by former Gov. Charlie Crist to replace retiring Judge Raul Palomino Jr. in the Hillsborough County Court's family law section.

**Brenda Ezell** recently celebrated her growing law practice, the Ezell Law Firm, by re-branding, launching a new website ([www.EzellFirmPA.com](http://www.EzellFirmPA.com)) and opening new offices in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville.

**S. Jarret Raab** was recently elected as a member of Shaw Gussis Fishman Glantz Wolfson & Towbin LLC in Chicago. Raab is part of the firm's commercial litigation practice group focusing on complex business disputes and related litigation matters.

# Heritage of Leadership

Two UF Law grads honored at annual ceremony

BY RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

It was a night for remembering two men who helped make modern Florida.

D. Burke Kibler III (JD 49) and Warren M. Cason (JD 50) were inducted posthumously into the Heritage of Leadership Society during a ceremony April 8 at the Levin College of Law and sponsored by Florida-based Holland & Knight.

"There is no place that I'd rather be today than here, honoring two of the best lawyers to come out of the University of Florida and certainly the best lawyers to come out of Holland & Knight," Martha Barnett (JD 73), told a crowd of more than 160 in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom.

Barnett, a senior partner with Holland & Knight and a past president of the American Bar Association, recalled that the early 1970s, when she was interviewing for a job, was a time when most blue chip law firms were only beginning to think about women as lawyers. It was Burke Kibler, then the recruiting partner at the firm, who hired her.

"I always thought that Burke's hiring me was an example of the vision and courage that marked his life," she said. "He always said — with a twinkle in his eye — that it was just because he liked being around smart, pretty little girls."

Barnett noted Kibler's accomplishments in war, politics, the law and education.

"By every possible measure, Burke Kibler's life story is one of a man who lived his life to the fullest and along the way made such a difference in the lives of so many people and so many institutions: His alma mater, the University of Florida; the state of

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—MARTHA BARNETT (JD 73)

Florida; Holland & Knight; most of you in this room and certainly to me."

Doug Wright, (JD 86, LLMT 87), a tax lawyer for Holland & Knight, took to the podium and lauded Cason, his long-time friend. "Somebody observed recently that there are three types of people in the world: People who make things happen, people who watch what's happening, and people who don't know what's happening," Wright said. "Warren Cason made things happen."

Wright noted Cason's struggles growing up as he had to help



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**Charles B. Shields Jr.** was recently named a partner in Duane Morris LLP's Boca Raton office. Shields practices in the firm's estates and asset planning practice group.



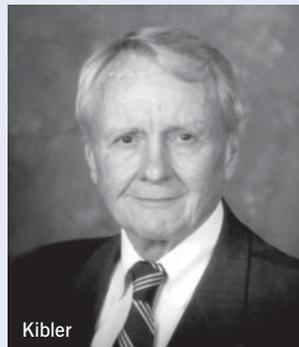
Smith IV 00

**Jeremy Sloane**, of Orlando, is now a member of Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc.'s (4C) board of directors. As a member of the 4C Board, Sloane will help the organization raise much-needed funds to support early childhood education for children and families throughout Central and Southwest Florida.

**Lisa A.G. Smith**, a senior associate attorney with Aikin Family Law Group in Winter Park, has received the highest rating of AV from *Martindale-Hubbell*.

She practices family law and is married to fellow JD 00 alumnus **Roy Smith**.

**Roy J. Smith IV**, formerly a partner with Weiss Legal Group, P.A., has formed his own law firm, The Smith Family Law Firm, P.A., which is dedicated to the representation of family law clients as well as individuals who have been injured in automobile accidents. He was selected as a Rising Star by *Florida Super Lawyers* for 2010 and received an AV rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*.



Kibler



Cason

Cason, 1924-2010, was chairman of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees, director of the UF Athletic Association and president of the UF Foundation. He was a State Road Board member, Tampa city attorney and Hillsborough County attorney.

Kibler, 1924-2009, served as second lieutenant during World War II in Europe where he was a forward artillery observer and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a tireless advocate of higher education and served as chairman of the Board of Regents, governing body for Florida's university system.

Cason and Kibler's images and a few of their most significant accomplishments are etched into glass on the second floor of Holland Hall as a permanent tribute to their contributions to the nation, the state and the university. An electronic interactive display accompanies the glass etching.

"For every person who walks by that display, and most of us do that at least once a day, it's an inspiring presentation for what we as lawyers try to accomplish for the good of others," UF Law Dean Robert Jerry said during the induction ceremony.

The Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society represents illustrious personalities in the history of the University of Florida College of Law since it was founded in 1909. Members are pre-eminent graduates and others who have been involved in the college in very significant ways. They assumed national leadership positions and distinguished themselves in legal, governmental, academic and corporate sectors. They labored to improve the administration of justice and received the highest commendations for contributions to the profession and service to education, civic, charitable and cultural causes.

Members of the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society are selected by the Heritage of Leadership Committee, which presents the slate for discussion and approval to the full membership of the University of Florida Law Center Association, Inc. Board of Trustees. ■

run his farm after his father died and then joined the Navy, performing underwater demolitions during World War II.

The adversity "created somebody who was not going to shrink from problems," Wright said.

Kibler's and Cason's families accepted plaques commemorating the induction ceremony.

Cason was a senior partner with Holland & Knight, and Kibler served as the firm's chairman from 1983 to 1995.

**Christopher R. Strohmer** became a shareholder in Rogers Towers, P.A.'s Jacksonville office this year. His practice consists of representing clients engaged in the acquisition, development, sale and finance of commercial and large-scale real estate projects.

**2001**

**Anitere Flores** was elected in November to represent Florida Senate District 38 in southwest Miami Dade County. Flores, a Republican, serves as chairwoman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Jim Paine**, of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP Atlanta's Commercial Transactions Team, was named to the partnership this year. He was also named a 2011 *Georgia Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

**Sarah P. L. Reiner**, an attorney in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A. with a focus on employment and labor law and related commercial litigation, has been named to the BETA Center board of directors executive committee. BETA Center is a private, nonprofit organization that provides parenting and educational assistance to young teenage mothers and their children.

**Sal A. Richardson** and another Gator, **David Gold (JD 91)**, have been named co-managing partners for the Florida offices of Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Jimenez.

**Jennifer A. Schwartz** was recently chosen for partnership at Jackson Lewis LLP in Miami.

**Peggy A. McGovern Stumhofer**, of Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, P.A. in West Palm Beach, was selected as a "Top Up and Comer" in civil litigation by the *South Florida Legal Guide* 2011.

**2002**

**T. Robert Bulloch**, of Quarles & Brady's Naples office, was selected as a 40 Under 40 recipient by *Gulfshore Business* magazine. Bullock practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, probate litigation and closely held business planning.

**Alexa Sherr Hartley**, president of Premier Leadership Coaching in Delray Beach, has been selected as a guest blogger for *The Miami Herald's* "The Balancing Act" column. Her post included suggestions for maintaining a work-life balance.

**LaShawnda K. Jackson** has been elected partner in Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell's Orlando office. Jackson practices in the areas of casualty defense, product liability and insurance coverage. She currently serves as a member of The Florida Bar's Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors and is the current president of the Orange County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, as well as a member of that organization's board of governors.

**Jennifer Page Killen** was recently named a partner with the firm McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. Killen has been with the firm's Ocala office since 2003 practicing workers' compensation defense.

**Kim Madison**, an associate at Adams and Reese LLP's Tampa office in the firm's Transactions and Corporate Advisory Services Practice Group, will serve as vice chair of the Hillsborough County Human Relations Board for 2011-2012. Madison has been a member of the board since 2008. The board reviews complaints filed under Hillsborough County's Human Rights Ordinance, which promotes fair treatment and equal opportunity for all of the county's residents.

**George Moraitis**, of Fort Lauderdale, has been elected as the Republican representative in the Florida House of Representatives for District 91 in Fort Lauderdale.

**David Scileppi**, a banking and financial services attorney in Gunster's Fort Lauderdale office, was appointed to shareholder.

**2003**

**Christopher Benvenuto**, an environmental and land use law attorney in Gunster's West Palm Beach office, was appointed to shareholder.

**Brian Crevasse**, an associate with Bachara Construction Law Group in Jacksonville, was recently named a Florida Rising Star by Law & Politics Publishing.

**Wojciech Jackowski** has joined Menaker & Herrmann in New York City as an associate. He was previously a senior assistant district attorney for Kings County, N.Y., where he served in the Money Laundering and Revenue Crimes Bureau and the Rackets Division.

**Beverly A. Pascoe** became a shareholder in Rogers Towers, P.A.'s Jacksonville office this year. Pascoe practices in the areas of health care law and general business law. She has also been appointed to the board of directors for Pine Castle, a Jacksonville organization dedicated to enriching the lives of adults with developmental and acquired disabilities.

**Dexter Smith** is the new dean of admissions at Campbell University's Norman A. Wiggins School of Law in Raleigh, N.C.



Strohmerger 00



Paine 01



Reiner 01



Jackson 02



Killen 02



Pascoe 03



Derr 04

2004

**V. Nicholas Dancaescu**, of GrayRobinson, P.A.'s Orlando office, has been promoted to a senior associate. Dancaescu practices eminent domain law and general litigation with GrayRobinson's eminent domain practice group.

**Christine Lynne Derr**, of the Law Office of Christine L. Derr, P.A. in Tampa, was awarded the 2010 Theodore Millison Professionalism Award given by the Tampa Family Law Inn of Court. The award recognizes an attorney who has distinguished herself professionally and is the only award given by the Tampa Family Law Inn of Court. She was also named to the 2010 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list in the area of marital and family law.

**Nelson D. Diaz**, of the Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. Coral Gables office, has been elected as a shareholder of the firm. He is an attorney in the firm's government law and lobbying practice. Diaz is also a member of the Levin College of Law Alumni Council.

**Vanessa Sisti Snyder**, having practiced as an attorney for several years in South Florida, spent a year in England as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar and earned a graduate degree at the University of Oxford. She recently completed a term as a law clerk to Chief U.S. District Judge Federico A. Moreno of the Southern District of Florida and is currently serving a term as a law clerk to Senior Circuit Judge **Peter T. Fay (JD 56)** on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Miami.

**James E. Walson**, of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed in Orlando, became a partner in January. Walson previously served as senior associate at the firm. Walson focuses his legal practice on commercial litigation, particularly real property disputes.



Husband and wife Lauren Fackender Carmody (JD 06) and Chris Carmody (JD 05) pose with a Gator banner on the Great Wall of China on Day 2 of their eight-day trip last fall.

2005

**Christopher M. Chestnut**, founder of the Chestnut Law Firm, won the inaugural 2010 Nation's Best Advocate of the Year Award: 40 Lawyers Under 40 at a special gala at the National Bar Association's 85th annual convention in New Orleans. Chestnut was voted the top African-American attorney (under 40) in the nation by his peers.

**Ben Bain-Creed**, an assistant United States attorney, received the Director's Award for Superior Performance by a Special Assistant United States Attorney for his outstanding contributions to the Department of Justice's forfeiture efforts and to ensuring that the maximum amount of restitution is paid to victims of crimes in a timely manner. Since August 2008, Bain-Creed has completed cases resulting in the forfeiture and distribution to victims of over \$25 million.

**A. Felipe Guerrero**, an associate at Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. and a member of the firm's litigation department, was named president-elect of the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida.

**Erin Houck-Toll**, an associate in Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.'s Fort Meyers office's business and tax division, has become board certified in tax law by The Florida Bar.

**Carolyn Zegeer** entered the final round of a global competition to find a new host for the travel show, "Paradise Hunter." There were over a thousand initial applicants from all over the world, and she made it to the round of 10 finalists.

2006

**Natalia Medina Burnett** was sworn in Nov. 22 as an assistant United States attorney in the District of Columbia.

**Gregory Lefkowitz** has joined as an associate of Duane Morris LLP's Boca Raton office in its intellectual property practice group. Lefkowitz concentrates his practice on patent, trademark and copyright procurement and litigation, as well as the protection of trade secrets. He holds three patents (with another inventor) from his time as a research scientist for



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Guerrero 05



Houck-Toll 05

## CLASS NOTES

a major consumer products company. He received his B.S. with high honors in chemical engineering from the University of Florida in 1999.

**William Snyder**, having practiced as an attorney for several years in South Florida and recently completed a graduate degree at University College London, is currently serving as a law clerk to **James Lawrence King (JD 53)**, senior district judge for the Southern District of Florida. In the fall, he will begin serving as a law clerk to **Peter T. Fay (JD 56)**, senior circuit judge on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

**James Stowers**, an attorney with Cobb Cole in Daytona Beach, was recently elected to the Ormond Beach City Commission. He was also recently appointed to the Volusia/Flagler YMCA Corporate Board and was named to the 2010 *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list for his work in land use/zoning and environmental law.

### 2007

**Yelizaveta “Liz” Batres Herman**, of Rosenbaum Mollengarden Janssen & Siracusa, PLLC in West Palm Beach, moderated a judicial luncheon, “Juror Misconduct in the Social Networking Age,” presented by the Palm Beach County Bar Association. The panel consisted of Judge Kenneth A. Marra, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, Judge

Dorian K. Damoorgian, 4th District Court of Appeal, and Judge Robin L. Rosenberg, 15th Judicial Circuit.

**Michael A. Nardella** has joined Burr & Forman LLP’s Orlando office as an associate in the Creditors’ Rights & Bankruptcy Practice Group.

**Steven J. Wernick**, an associate in Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP’s Land Use & Government Relations Group, was elected vice president of Miami Habitat for Humanity’s Habitat Young Professionals Group.

### 2008

**Sam Horovitz** has become an associate in Rogers Towers, P.A.’s labor and employment department.

**Samantha Alves Orender** has joined the Rogers Towers, P.A. Jacksonville office as an associate in the commercial litigation department. Her practice will focus on commercial litigation, torts and civil trial practice.

**Anthony M. Rodriguez**, of Foley & Lardner LLP, has been named to the 2010 *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Up and Comers. Rodriguez is an associate of the firm’s real estate practice, the hospitality, resort and golf industry team and the tax and individual planning and tax and employee

benefits practices.

**Tae Shin** has joined the Roetzel & Andress Orlando office as an associate attorney. Shin focuses his practice in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, business taxation, and business succession planning.

**S. Carey Villeneuve** has joined Fowler White Boggs in the Fort Lauderdale office. Villeneuve practices in the firm’s Business, Banking and Insolvency Practice Group and will concentrate his practice in all types of business litigation.

### 2009

**Kimberly E. Bevis** recently joined Quarles and Brady LLP’s Naples office’s Trusts & Estates Group.

**David N. Torre**, of The Torre Law Firm, P.L. in Winter Park, began a term as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the Seminole County Soil and Water Conservation District. Members are elected countywide and serve without party designation.

### 2010

**Cary Aronovitz** has joined the Holland & Knight LLP Miami office as an associate. Aronovitz is a member of the firm’s litigation department and focuses on commercial litigation and product liability. **Dustin Butler** has become an associate in



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The Martin Law Firm's Cape Coral office. His practice focuses on family law and civil litigation.

**Andrew B. Carrabis** has announced his campaign as a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives in House District 85, which includes part of Palm Beach County.

**Da'Morus Cohen** has joined the Holland & Knight LLP Miami office as an associate. Cohen is a member of the firm's business law department and concentrates his practice in the areas of securities, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and corporate governance.

**James C. Gavigan** has joined the Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. West Palm Beach office as an associate attorney.

**Michael V. Leeman** joined the Quarles & Brady LLP Tampa office as an attorney in the commercial litigation group.

**Susan Novak** has become an associate in Rogers Towers, P.A.'s litigation department. She will practice in the areas of commercial litigation, torts and civil trial practice.

**A. Daniel Vazquez**, an attorney with Fine, Farkash & Parlapiano, P.A. in Gainesville, was recently elected to serve on the Suwannee-St. Johns Sierra Club executive board of directors for a two-year term. He also has been selected to serve on the Levin College of Law's Oil Spill Working Group research team developing response and policy solutions to issues related to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

**Frederick N. Vinson** received the second place award in the national 2010 Tannenwald Student Writing Competition in the field of tax law.

**Ashley Williams** has become an associate in Rogers Towers, P.A.'s litigation department. Her practice will focus on commercial litigation, asset recovery and civil trial. ■

## In Memoriam

**A** practicing lawyer and academic who graduated in 1967 from the University of Florida College of Law, **E. John Wherry Jr.** passed away on March 21, 2010.

Wherry died in Southington, Conn., at the age of 67. He served as a criminal defense attorney, was a law professor at Widener University, taught trial advocacy to students and professionals through the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and served as the first dean of the Orlando College of Law.

Before taking on those jobs, Wherry was a student at UF Law where he came after graduating from Villanova in 1964. It was at UF Law that he received a D in a class with law professor Fletcher Baldwin. Nancy Baldwin (JD 93), Fletcher's wife and a lawyer in Gainesville, remembers that Wherry had a few choice words for his law professor. Wherry told him: "I'm going to take every course you've got till I get an A."

He did, and the Baldwins became lifelong friends with Wherry, Nancy Baldwin said. The Baldwins have donated a gift in Wherry's memory to UF Law.

A defense lawyer who lost part of his tongue to cancer in his 40s, Wherry was told by doctors that he would never speak again. Instead after surgery, extensive speech therapy, and sheer determination he learned to speak again and used the affliction to help mesmerize juries, Nancy Baldwin said.

Wherry was an associate professor of law from 1992 to 1995 at Widener Law School, which has campuses in Wilmington, Del., and Harrisburg, Penn. He co-founded the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

He was a collector of antique inkwells and an avid fan of the Florida Gators football team.

His wife of 38 years, Sherlene (Lang) Wherry, preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Dr. E. John Wherry III of Havertown, Pa., Christopher Lang Wherry of Southington, Conn., and Patricia Convery Wherry-Harris of West Hartford, Conn.



**J**udge **John L. "Papa" Hall Jr.** (LLB 58) passed away Sept. 15, at his home in Altamonte Springs at the age of 79. He was an accomplished Florida jurist and before that he was an accomplished intercollegiate athlete for the University of Florida.

At the university, he was a member of Florida Blue Key. He was Cadet Colonel of the Army ROTC, which is the highest ranking student member of Florida's ROTC. He served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 as a 1st lieutenant and entered UF Law after completing his military service.

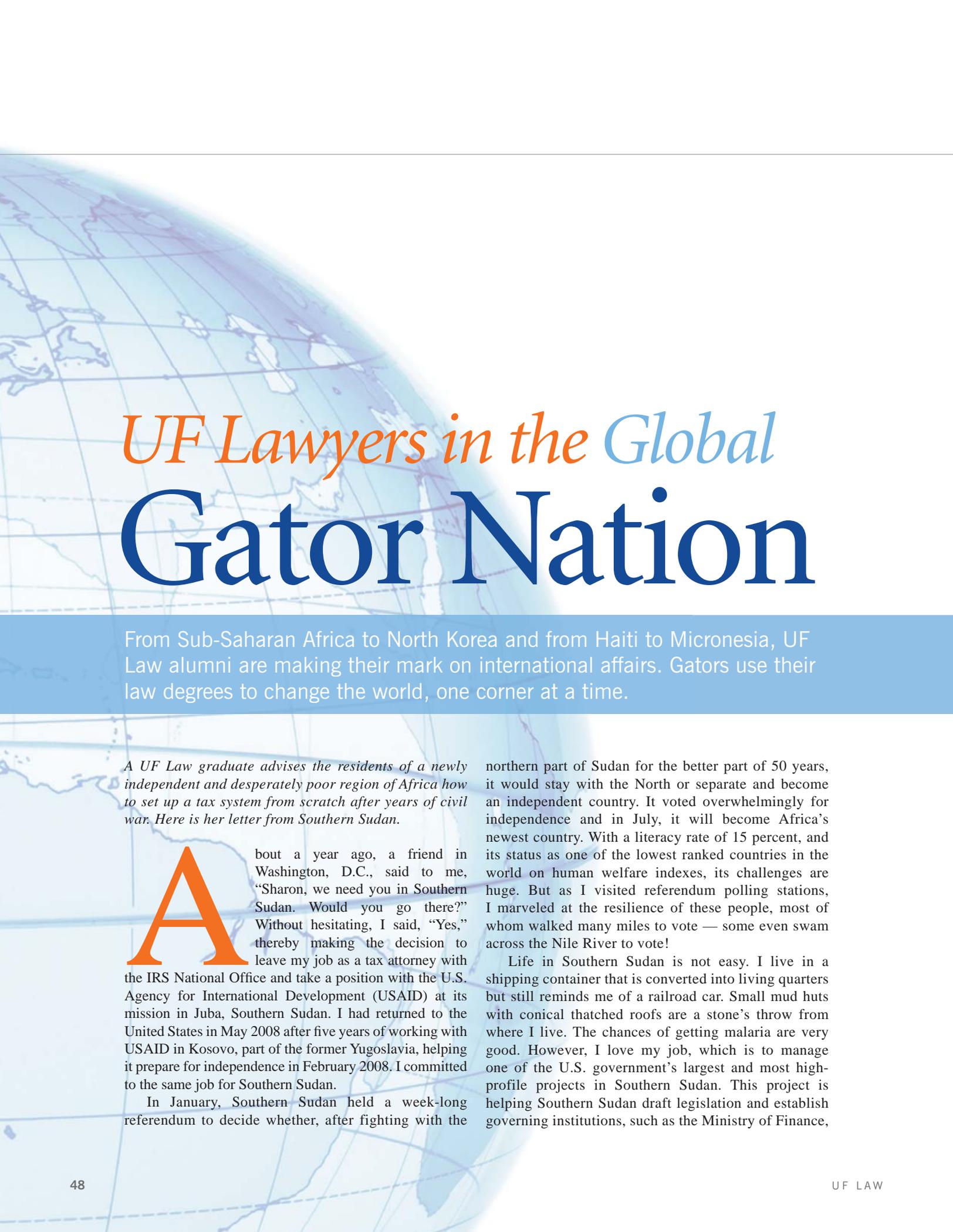
Hall became president of the Tallahassee Bar Association in 1967 and was elected circuit judge in 1980. He served two terms as chief judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit. He was chairman of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges and he served on many committees of the Florida Supreme Court to enhance the quality of justice. He was a teacher and lecturer to lawyers and judges at judicial conferences, law schools, seminars and bar association meetings.

He is a member of the University of Florida Hall of Fame and the UF Letterman's Association Hall of Fame thanks to his exploits as a punt returner and leading the Gators to their first appearance and win in a college bowl game, the Gator Bowl. Hall's high jumping skills were renowned and he won the 1951 and 1953 NCAA titles.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Rivers Hall. He is survived by his son, William Douglas Hall; a daughter, Sara Page Hall; and his brother, Thomas M. Hall, as well as his companion, Vivian Feist Garfein. ■



*For a list of alumni deaths reported to the Levin College of Law since May 2010 go to [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw/11spring/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw/11spring/)*



# *UF Lawyers in the Global* **Gator Nation**

From Sub-Saharan Africa to North Korea and from Haiti to Micronesia, UF Law alumni are making their mark on international affairs. Gators use their law degrees to change the world, one corner at a time.

*A UF Law graduate advises the residents of a newly independent and desperately poor region of Africa how to set up a tax system from scratch after years of civil war. Here is her letter from Southern Sudan.*

**A**bout a year ago, a friend in Washington, D.C., said to me, “Sharon, we need you in Southern Sudan. Would you go there?” Without hesitating, I said, “Yes,” thereby making the decision to leave my job as a tax attorney with the IRS National Office and take a position with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) at its mission in Juba, Southern Sudan. I had returned to the United States in May 2008 after five years of working with USAID in Kosovo, part of the former Yugoslavia, helping it prepare for independence in February 2008. I committed to the same job for Southern Sudan.

In January, Southern Sudan held a week-long referendum to decide whether, after fighting with the

northern part of Sudan for the better part of 50 years, it would stay with the North or separate and become an independent country. It voted overwhelmingly for independence and in July, it will become Africa’s newest country. With a literacy rate of 15 percent, and its status as one of the lowest ranked countries in the world on human welfare indexes, its challenges are huge. But as I visited referendum polling stations, I marveled at the resilience of these people, most of whom walked many miles to vote — some even swam across the Nile River to vote!

Life in Southern Sudan is not easy. I live in a shipping container that is converted into living quarters but still reminds me of a railroad car. Small mud huts with conical thatched roofs are a stone’s throw from where I live. The chances of getting malaria are very good. However, I love my job, which is to manage one of the U.S. government’s largest and most high-profile projects in Southern Sudan. This project is helping Southern Sudan draft legislation and establish governing institutions, such as the Ministry of Finance,



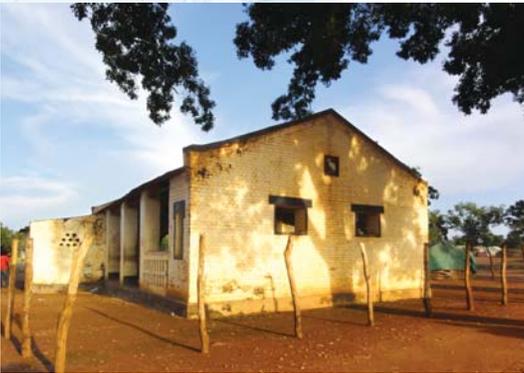
# THE SUDAN

Sharon Hester (LLMT 91) uses tax expertise to build brand-new Sub-Saharan African country



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—SHARON HESTER (LLMT 91)



CLOCKWISE: A courthouse in Lakes State in Southern Sudan; Sharon Hester (LLMT 91) stands next to a soldier at a referendum polling center; Mud huts called tukuls sit on the edge of the Nile River. People walked many miles to vote in the referendum — some even swam across the Nile; A mother shows her ink-covered finger, signifying that she voted in the referendum.

the Central Bank, the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs among others.

As in Kosovo, I am helping Southern Sudan to “stand up” its first-ever tax administration. This work also involves me in policy discussions such as what laws are needed and how a new constitution will be drafted, as well as how Southern Sudan will print and manage its own currency, manage its large oil reserves and provide health and education to the people. Having been involved in this kind of work since 1998 in several other countries, I understand how challenging this will be, especially in Southern Sudan.

While I no longer work as a lawyer, my law degree serves me well in helping developing countries establish modern and transparent laws and governing institutions. It was my LL.M in tax from the University of Florida Levin College of Law that enabled me to enter this field. In 1998, I moved to Moscow as part of a team of economists and tax experts to help Russia develop its first tax code. As I sat with the Russian Parliamentary committees, providing advice as they marked up various draft tax codes, I felt the satisfaction of helping a country improve its laws and government in order to improve the quality of life for its people. ■





# MICRONESIA

Renwick Nelson (JD 75) directs Peace Corps in South Pacific archipelago

STORIES BY ROBERTA O. ROBERTS (4JM)

**T**he Vietnam War veteran and former missile engineer landed in the Federated States of Micronesia, an archipelago of about 607 islands 500 miles east of the Philippines, on Nov. 11, 2010.

It was the same date as Veterans Day in the United States, but this was no military adventure.

Renwick Nelson (JD 75) arrived in Micronesia to oversee the development of Peace Corps programs created to teach English to Micronesian and Palauan primary school students as the Peace Corps country director in Micronesia and Palau. He will serve for 19 months with the possibility of serving another term.

"I came here with three goals in mind: to positively impact those I came to serve and serve with, to be positively impacted by the people of Micronesia and Palau, and to make the experience a joyful one for me and my

staff," he said. "I tell people and I believe this to this day: this has been the most meaningful professional experience of my life."

Nelson had already traveled to this part of the world. He taught business and law courses in Tonga, a Pacific island nation, from 2000 to 2002 as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Nelson was a successful engineer, lawyer and businessman until 1997, when he began to volunteer worldwide.

"When I retired, initially I rode my bike, I played tennis, I played basketball, I worked out at the gym," Nelson said. "After a while, that is not as satisfying as it may sound."

He prefers being part of something bigger than himself.

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps, which has been a significant contributor to peace in the world in the last 50 years," Nelson said. ■

In the past year, several Gator lawyers have made their presence felt far beyond our shores.

Renwick Nelson (JD 75), Nathalie Nozile (JD 10) and Michael Cavendish (JD 98)

show that the reach of the Gator Nation is everywhere.

# HAITI

Nathalie Nozile (JD 10) works on behalf of children as Jolie Legal Fellow

**W**hen Nathalie Nozile (JD 10) was last living in Haiti, she was sheltered in a children’s home with dreams of being a lawyer.

Years later, Hollywood superstar and philanthropist Angelina Jolie helped make Nozile’s dreams of becoming a Haitian lawyer come true.

Ten years since coming to the United States, Nozile returned Jan. 30 to her home country as the first Jolie Legal Fellow.

Sponsored by the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, this year-long fellowship places Nozile as a special assistant to the Haitian government. Her job is to ensure the rights of vulnerable Haitian children. She may also have the option to continue in the position after she completes the first year.

Nozile said “there was no time to be star-struck” when she met Jolie.

“A lot of kids are lost in the system in Haiti. Children who are in conflict with the law need representation,” Nozile said. “They need an advocate, they need a lawyer pushing through to make sure their voices are heard.”

And Nozile is prepared to be that voice.

“I am ready to go to work,” she said. ■



Michael Cavendish (JD 98) fights for justice on behalf of imprisoned American

# NORTH KOREA

**A**ijalon Gomes, an English teacher in South Korea, was arrested when he crossed the border into North Korea from China and was sentenced to eight years of hard labor and fined \$700,000.

Michael Cavendish (JD 98) knew he had to take action, even if he was more than 7,000 miles away from the scene. Cavendish began an international letter-writing campaign urging newspapers to publish his opinion pieces calling for Gomes’ freedom.

“What discouraged me the most is the way the North Koreans behaved,” Cavendish said. “My conscience was shocked. (His story) grabbed me and didn’t let go.”

According to Cavendish, the North

Korean government gave Gomes a sentence that was grossly disproportionate. They made what would have been a civil infraction in the United States (entry without a visa) a criminal offense.

Cavendish ended his almost five-month campaign when Gomes was escorted home by former President Jimmy Carter in August. He cited the U.S. military slogan “no one gets left behind” and said American civilians should receive this same depth of governmental protection as do our soldiers, since Americans abroad are increasingly subject to detention based on geopolitics.

Jon Mills, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility and UF Law dean emeritus, said that Cavendish’s efforts

“show a real commitment to higher principles and values.”

“Frequently, lawyers are in a better position or better able to be advocates for individuals and their rights,

so lawyers should take initiative and if they see something being done wrong, they should do something about it,” Mills said. “(Cavendish) is a perfect example of using skills and ability to help other people.” ■



# MEDIA HITS

“The system takes very seriously any time someone under oath is swearing that something is personal knowledge. But the law has to be careful. It matters who is complicit.”

—AMY MASHBURN,  
Professor of Law

NOV. 24, *The Palm Beach Post*, “Dormant foreclosure cases in Florida starting to trickle back into courts”

“This is the kind of case that raises the (First Amendment) issue very forcefully. ... If it’s really a guide to pedophilia, I can’t see any community anywhere thinking that’s OK.”

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

DEC. 21, AOL News, “Arrest of Author of Pedophile Book Raises Legal Issues”



“Our populist birthright — with the Declaration of Independence serving as our anti-authoritarian birth certificate — demands political struggle. It offers no guarantees that the most rational, fact-based argument wins. But it allows and encourages cries from the margins that challenge and can often renew a dysfunctional political system.”

— MARK FENSTER,  
Professor of Law

APRIL 22, *The New York Times*, “Our Populist Birthright”  
Fenster wrote an opinion piece on the continuing debate among Americans about President Barack Obama’s place of birth



“They are themselves not prone to want to go out and get help because of the consequences to themselves, so it’s almost circular.”

—BERTA HERNÁNDEZ-TRUYOL, Levin Mabie & Levin  
Professor of Law

JAN. 24, WCJB-TV 20,  
“Modern Slavery”

“I think the military is much more persuaded by output, is much more persuaded by economic efficiency.”

—DIANE MAZUR,  
Professor of Law

DEC. 21, *The New York Times*, “Colleges Rethink R.O.T.C. After ‘Don’t Ask’ Repeal”

Mazur doubts the military would reinstate ROTC at Ivy League colleges because it is expensive to operate there.



## A new direction

### Extending comparative law's global reach

BY MATT WALKER

When Veronica Musa (LLM 11) earned her law degree and master's degree in her native country of Argentina, she thought she was finished with higher education — and glad of it. As a human rights activist, she said academia was a means to an end; it wasn't what she was passionate about.

But after she came to the United States and began working at Florida Institutional Legal Services advocating on behalf of immigrant detainees in the state of Florida, she began to see the benefits of having a stronger academic and theoretical background to be more effective in her job.

After seeing how different the U.S. legal system is from her native country's, and being inspired by a University of Florida Levin College of Law intern who worked with her at legal services, Musa decided to return to school. She completed her LL.M in Comparative Law in May.

"The Comparative Law Program was designed to attract foreign lawyers to come to the University of Florida to learn about the United States and the United States' legal system," said UF Law Professor Pedro Malavet, who was named associate director of the UF Law LL.M in Comparative Law Program this year.

"I think I gained a lot of perspective," Musa said, "especially from the other attor-

neys from abroad. That's really the feature that I think is most interesting."

Malavet says those international connections make a difference.

"Our students are in the same classroom with students who already have their law degree from another country," he said. "Those are relationships that you can develop. You can meet lawyers from all over the world here during your law studies."

In May, after 15 years of teaching comparative law at UF Law, Malavet will assume his duties as the Comparative Law Program's new director.

Malavet said his first order of business as director will be to expand the Comparative Law Program and use UF Law's partners around the world to help spread the word about its increased size. The program was originally intended to be small, only admitting 15 to 20 students per year, but based on its success over the years, Malavet said it is time to let it grow. The faculty will have to officially approve the expanded program and its details since its original approval was based on a lower student limit. Once the proper approvals are secured, Malavet will be able to promote the program more aggressively.

The reasons students are attracted to the program vary because the LL.M can be applied in a wide variety of ways, Malavet said.

Some students plan to take a bar exam in the United States after graduating (some states allow foreign lawyers with an LL.M from an American law school to sit for the

bar), while others want to serve as a liaison in legal affairs between the U.S. and their home countries. Still others are legal reformers — academics, judges or prosecutors — who are comparing the U.S. legal system to their home country's for the purposes of legal reform.

For Musa, the comparative angle is something she said will serve her well when she returns to Argentina.

"The whole system is completely different," Musa said. She has been able to see benefits to the U.S. legal system — the transparency of the judicial process and administration of justice — and she also appreciates aspects of the Argentine system that she didn't realize before. For example, her country's incarceration rate is much lower than the United States'.

Musa said when she returns to Argentina her LL.M will also benefit her as she looks for employment. "I will be more marketable, more competitive with a foreign degree, especially from a university with a good reputation."

Malavet also points out that the students who participate in the program aren't the only ones who can benefit from it.

"You need an expert in foreign law sometimes and how are you going to find one? How are you going to know that they know what they're talking about?" Malavet asked. "If you met them as students here, you know that they were good enough to get into law school, that they had the credentials. I think that gives an opportunity for our law students and law graduates to have connections abroad and develop that kind of connection."

Malavet will be assuming director duties from Professor David Hudson, who will return to his full-time faculty position after serving as the director of the Comparative Law Program since 1999.

"David Hudson has served as director of the program for three-fourths of its life, providing the leadership that has delivered a high-quality educational experience to hundreds of students," said UF Law Dean Robert Jerry. "The affinity of the program's graduates for not only the college but also Professor Hudson personally is a testament to the tremendous personal attention and encouragement he gives the students, his professionalism, and his support for the graduates throughout their careers." ■

“If he never had the right to develop the property in that way ... then what the city gave him was worthless.”

—MICHAEL ALLAN WOLF, Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law

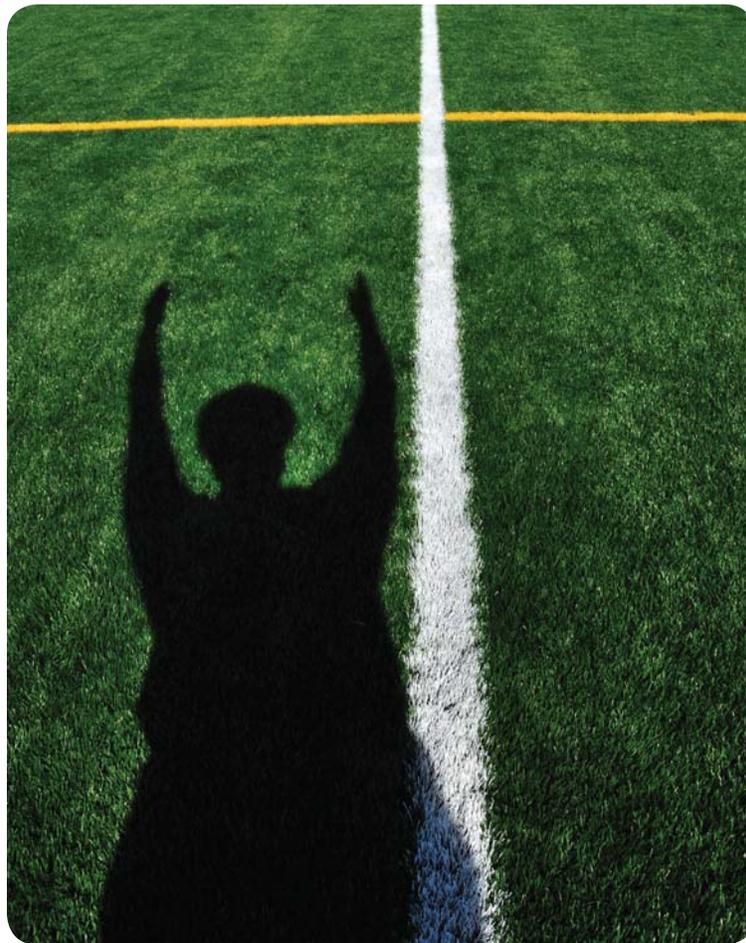
Feb. 25, *The Miami Herald*, “Air Force sues Homestead farmer, city”

Wolf was referring to the case of John Alger, who was exempted from a Homestead ordinance prohibiting him from building residential homes on his property, only to be sued by the U.S. government, which says his property is too close to Homestead Air Reserve Base to build residences.

“I would say most wrongful termination cases are settled or somehow dismissed, or given up before they actually get to a trial. So I would think that actually going through to a trial would be unusual but not unheard of.”

—JOSEPH LITTLE, Emeritus Professor

JAN. 2, *Naples Daily News*, “Former FGCU provost’s wrongful firing lawsuit moves toward trial in early 2011”



“The fact that they are even coming back is a good thing. A mediator can’t impose anything on either side.”

—THOMAS HURST, Emeritus Professor, Sam T. Dell Research Scholar

FEB. 28, *The St. Petersburg Times*, “For NFL, mediation is all about grinding forward” Hurst speaking on stalled labor negotiations between representatives of the NFL and the NFL players union.



“I’ve never seen a case of a person improving his chances by firing his lawyer. The big thing is he just doesn’t know what he’s doing. It is not a wise thing to do. It is going to be a challenge to make sure that all sorts of things don’t happen that shouldn’t happen in a courtroom.”

—GEORGE “BOB” DEKLE, Legal Skills Professor

JAN. 10, *The Tampa Tribune*, “Rape defendant to represent himself at trial”

# Defusing disputes

## UF Law dispute resolution program garners national attention

BY JARED MISNER (4JM)



**R**obin Davis (JD 88) thrives on helping others.

Now serving as the director of the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Institute for Dispute Resolution, Davis' history of doing just that includes working as a middle school English and social studies teacher, a social worker, and alternative dispute resolution director of Florida's 8th Judicial Circuit.

The UF Law Dispute Resolution Program has received a boost from *U.S. News & World Report's* 2012 rankings, which placed UF Law seventh in the field of dispute resolution among public universities and 19th overall.

UF's reputation in the field of dispute resolution, faculty members said, is due in large part to the institute's programs, including arbitration training for foreclosure mediation and collaborative law training.

Partly supported by a \$100,000 donation from Florida-based Upchurch Watson White and Max Mediation Group, UF's Institute for Dispute Resolution was the first of its kind established at a Florida law school following a trailblazing state law granting judges the broad authority to mandate mediation in civil cases.

While dispute resolution might still be classified as a "specialty area," Davis is quick to highlight its importance.

"When there's a conflict, and you let it go, it can actually become worse. It can become explosive," Davis said. Mediation "is a healthy way to resolve conflict because you encourage the parties to engage in a dialogue."

Leonard Riskin, a Chesterfield Smith professor of law, expanded on the growing importance of mediation he's seen in recent years.

"Mediation is now used in virtually every case you can imagine," he said.

Riskin also leads UF's Initiative of Mindfulness in Law and Dispute Resolution where he works to improve the resolution abilities of law students and professionals.

The program's other faculty include Associate Professor and IDR Associate Director Jonathan Cohen; Professor and Director Emeritus Don Peters; Lecturer and Affiliate Director Stephen Powell; and Lecturer and Affiliate Director and Clinical Professor Iris Burke.

The real benefit of mediation lies in creating a situation where both parties gain from the transaction. "In mediation, we like to say there can be a win-win situation," Davis said, "working together is in the interest of both parties."

Cohen, the program's associate director, added an important distinction between dispute resolution and other areas of law.

"We try to train lawyers to be effective problem solvers and not just effective litigators," he said.

Taking that idea of working together, faculty members in UF's dispute resolution program point to a new organization they hope will bring the entire UF community together.

The Conflict Resolution Initiative, started in part by the IDR student organization Gators for Alternative Dispute Resolution along with the UF Student Affairs Office, will help law students mediate actual disputes on the UF campus as they train to become certified mediators by the Florida Supreme Court.

The 27 law students trained to become part of the first class of the organization's Mediation Training Program in mid-March. They now must complete observation hours and submit applications before becoming Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court mediators.

With a waiting list already in place for the organization's help, Davis said the Conflict Resolution Initiative could help solidify the University of Florida's prominence as a national leader in dispute resolution.

"We hope the CRI can help change the landscape of the UF community to a more peaceable community," Davis said. "Conflict resolution helps educate people to be more responsible citizens." ■

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—ROBIN DAVIS (JD 88)  
UF LAW PROFESSOR

“Should the U.S. promote some form of transitional justice seriously, it would be placing itself on the right side of history.”

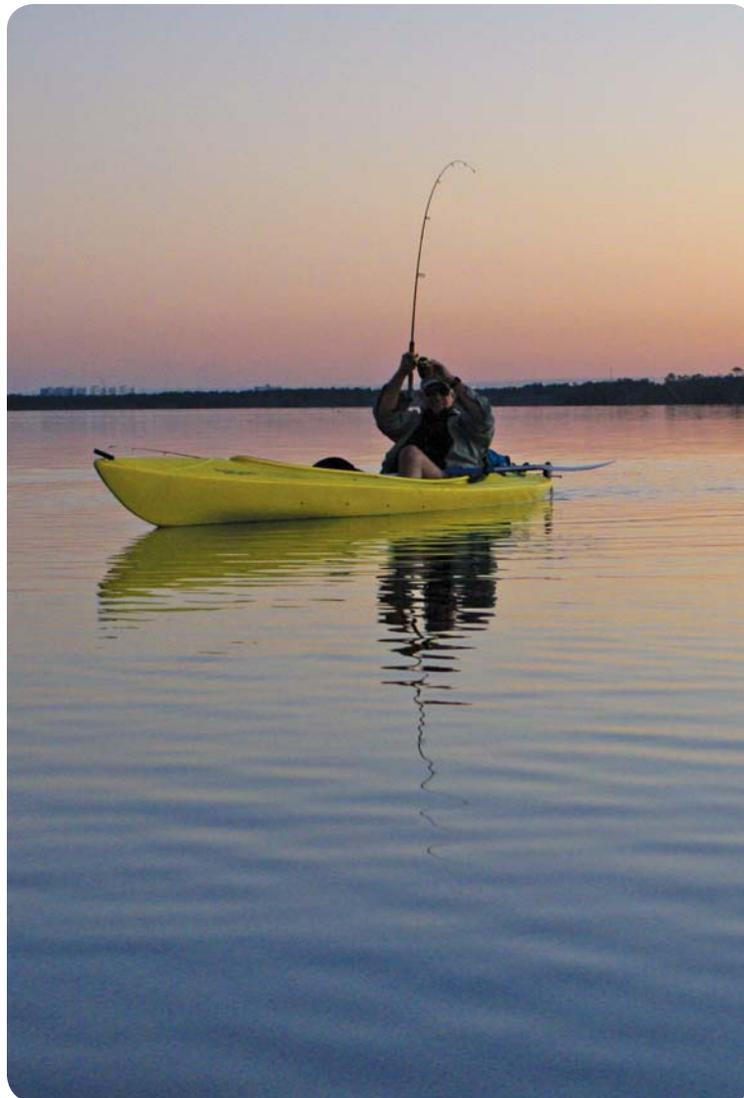
—WINSTON P. NAGAN,  
FRSA Samuel T. Dell  
Research Scholar  
Professor of Law; Affiliate  
Professor of Anthropology;  
Founding Director,  
Institute for Human Rights  
and Peace Development

JAN. 31, *The  
Gainesville Sun*, Op-  
Ed, “Transformation to  
democracy in Egypt”

“It’s not going to be possible to use the space there as you would classrooms in a school, but the concept that every judge needs his own courtroom is just not true. It’s indefensible.”

—JENNIFER ZEDALIS,  
Legal Skills Professor,  
Director of Trial Practice

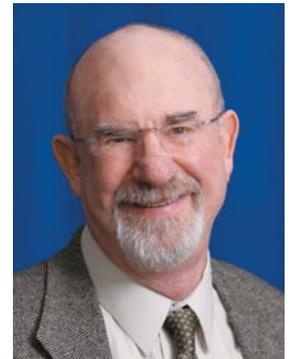
MARCH 5, *The St.  
Petersburg Times*, “Survey  
reveals Hernando County  
courtrooms not used half  
of the time”



“I think it is all part of a package (demonstrating) Georgia is cleaning up its own house in terms of water efficiency.”



— CHRISTINE KLEIN, Professor of Law  
FEB. 3, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*,  
“Neighbors cautiously eye Deal’s reservoir push”



“It doesn’t matter whether the bankruptcy has started yet. If you are insolvent, you are not supposed to be giving your money away. If you don’t pay your creditors, the people who you gave the money to have to cough it up.”

—JEFFREY DAVIS,  
Professor of Law

NOV. 5, *The Florida  
Times-Union*, “Troubled  
horses face loss of St.  
Augustine home as  
Ponzi scheme impacts  
nonprofits”



## An intellectual challenge

### New director broadens goals of IP program

BY BRANDON BRESLOW (3LAS)

For many companies, the trade secrets that make them successful are rarely discussed in public. But what happens when the United States or international governments demand the information to keep up with federal regulations?

This is one of many issues that Elizabeth Rowe helps students understand as the new director of the Levin College of Law’s Intellectual Property Law Program.

“There is a misconception that intellectual property law is for people interested in science,” said Rowe, an associate professor at UF Law. “But the field has integral relationships with pressing issues important to the economy, such as business, policy and technology.”

The college’s program provides a wide view of these relationships, requiring completion of courses such as introductory patent and copyright law and offering seminars on corporate espionage, sports law and franchising. Upon completion of the program’s requirements, students are awarded the Certificate in Intellectual Property Law at graduation.

Since accepting an appointment to the position in 2010, replacing former UF Law

Professor Thomas Cotter, Rowe began building a new student-oriented website to attract students interested in intellectual property law and provide coverage of the college’s program.

“The website is meant to be a one-stop, comprehensive resource not just for those registered for the certificate,” Rowe said. “I want to be able to reach the broader audience of students interested in (intellectual property) who aren’t in the certificate program.”

In addition to course information, the website includes resources in finding and applying for available jobs and internships. Rowe established and maintains relationships with government agencies such as the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as law firms and businesses in the private sector for the job placement of technical and nontechnical students in the intellectual property program.

“Since taking over the program,” Rowe said, “I’ve taken a more proactive approach in providing job placements for students.”

Coming directly from private practice in the area, Rowe is steeped in the practice

of intellectual property law. After receiving her juris doctor from Harvard Law School in 1996, she worked as an associate specializing in intellectual property and employment litigation at Hale & Dorr LLP in Boston, where she eventually made partner.

Since becoming an assistant professor at UF Law in 2005, Rowe has published several legal articles on issues facing the field. Her most recent article, “Striking a Balance: When Should Trade Secret Law Shield Disclosures to the Government?” was published in March in the *Iowa Law Review*. It focuses on the gap between the protection of trade secrets and government regulations that could require businesses to hand over those secrets if necessary.

The article uses the hypothetical scenario of “black boxes” of information being in the more than 8 million vehicles recalled by Toyota in 2010. Rowe addresses whether the government could seize the black boxes as part of an investigation even if Toyota argued that the boxes contained trade secrets.

“We need to be able to do the analysis in such a way that we are only protecting the information that is a trade secret,” Rowe said. “If it is a trade secret, then we need a better way to determine the government’s need for the information relative to the company’s need to keep it secret.”

William Page, senior associate dean for academic affairs, said Rowe was a natural choice for the role of director considering her experience and investment in the field.

“We’ve already seen that she makes a great counselor to the students and administrator for the program,” Page said.

While remaining immersed in the field of intellectual property, Rowe’s focus remains on developing the college’s program into one of national prominence. Her plans include conferences to discuss trends and issues facing the field and creating a board of alumni from graduates of the intellectual property program.

“I’ve conceptualized the program in such a way that it will be something broader than providing the certificate,” she said. ■

—Troy Hillier (JD 11) contributed to this story



MARATHONPHOTO

## Going the Distance

**U**F Law Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs William H. Page, wearing light blue shorts, runs among the 24,338 competitors in the Boston Marathon on April 18. In the background is the famed Newton firehouse at around mile 17, the start of the Newton hills. Page finished the 26.2-mile race in 4:02:31. The 60-year-old UF Law veteran recalls running the 1988 Boston Marathon in under three hours. Page said 23 years and a less rigorous training regimen account for his latest result.

UF Law started its own half-mile fitness trail during the spring semester (See back cover) marking the path with arrows on the pavement snaking through the campus. More details about the fitness opportunities at UF Law and at the University of Florida are available at [www.law.ufl.edu/about/fitness.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/about/fitness.shtml). ■

## Librarian Rick Donnelly retires from UF Law

**A**ssociate Director of the Legal Information Center Rick Donnelly retired in February, parting from a position he held with esteem for 25 years.

Donnelly came to the University of Florida College of Law in 1981 as head of media services. In 1986 he was appointed associate director of the Legal Information Center, where he assisted in administration and acted as a team leader in the multi-million dollar renovation of the law library in 2005.

Recently, Donnelly served two terms as a faculty senator and as the college administrator for design and construction of the Martin H. Levin Legal Advocacy Center. In March, he was awarded the 2011 University of Florida Superior Accomplishment Award.

UF Law Dean Robert Jerry praised Donnelly as a valuable member of the UF Law team.

Elizabeth Outler was appointed interim director of the library. ■

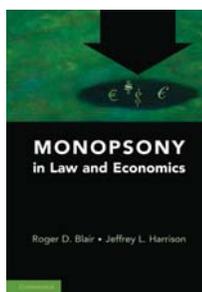


## Lindsay Segawa appointed accounting coordinator

**L**indsay Segawa joins the staff as UF Law's new accounting coordinator III and financial supervisor. Her responsibilities include reconciliation and review of budgets and fiscal transactions. Additionally, she will work closely with the Center for Governmental Responsibility on the management of its grants. Segawa, who has a bachelor of arts in business administration with a concentration in accounting, was previously an administrative officer with the University of Hawaii where she worked in many areas of fiscal management, from procurement and payables to grant management and budgeting. ■



# BOOK ROUND-UP



**JEFFREY HARRISON  
WITH ROGER BLAIR**

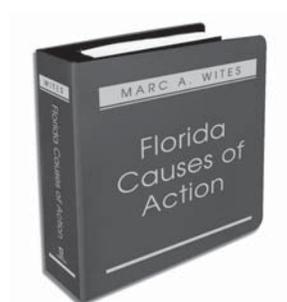
*Monopsony in Law and Economics*

Harrison, a UF Law professor and Stephen C. O'Connell Chair, and Blair, Walter J. Matherly Professor of Economics and chair of the UF Economics Department, delve deeply into the topic of monopsony — an economic relationship in which there is only one buyer of a good or service — and how the law responds to such situations. The notion that if a monopolist — only one seller of a good or service — raises prices, then a monopsonist must lower prices, is dispelled here and the harmful aspects of monopsony are examined, including how consumers can be negatively affected by monopsonies. (Cambridge University Press)

**MARC A. WITES (JD 94)**

*Florida Causes of Action*

This annual publication provides a comprehensive

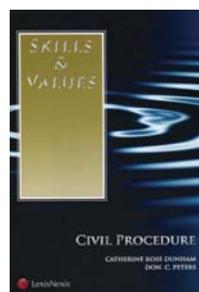


review of over 100 Florida causes of action that will assist attorneys in reviewing cases, drafting pleadings and motions, jury instructions and more. For each cause of action, the book includes case citations and excerpts from the most recent decision from each Florida District Court of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court that address the action's elements; as well as information about defenses and the applicable statute of limitations. The book comes with a CD, which contains the full text of the book in both Microsoft Word and in a searchable database. (James Publishing)

**DON PETERS AND  
CATHERINE ROSS  
DUNHAM**

*Civil Procedure:  
Skills and Values*

This textbook co-authored by Peters, a UF Law professor,

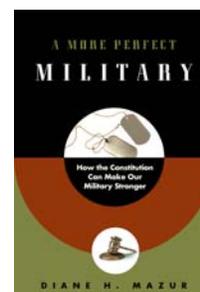


and Dunham, the associate dean for academic affairs, professor of law and director of the Trial Practice Program at Elon University School of Law, is part of the LexisNexis Skills and Values series and allows students to learn by working through exercises applying civil procedure concepts and doctrines to solve the kinds of problems that practicing lawyers face frequently. It features an extensive online teacher's manual that contains information for role plays; model document drafts; sample interactive transcripts for interviewing, counseling and deposition exercises; and student self-assessment instruments. (LexisNexis)

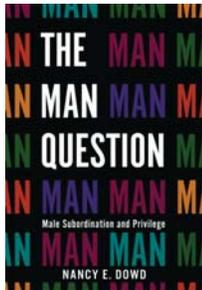
**DIANE H. MAZUR**

*A More Perfect Military:  
How the Constitution can  
Make Our Military Stronger*

*A More Perfect Military* opens a national conversation about the

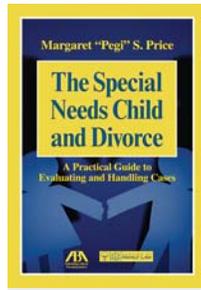


all-volunteer military and its relationship to civilian society. Mazur, a UF Law professor, examines how civil-military relations have changed since the end of the Vietnam-era draft, in no small part due to the United States Supreme Court. In a series of opinions in the 1970s and 1980s, the court chipped away at the military's professional bond to law and the Constitution. This constitutional fracture weakened our system for civilian control and contributed to many of the military's most challenging problems today: hidden troubles with military recruiting, difficult transitions to equality for women and gay service members, erosion of professional ethics and a crisis of candor in military advice. Mazur offers recommendations to return the military to its traditional constitutional foundation. (Oxford University Press)



**NANCY DOWD**  
*The Man Question: Male Subordination and Privilege*

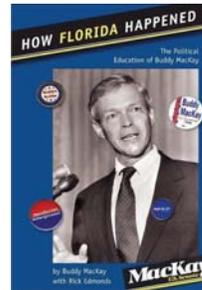
Although feminism is credited with helping our culture acknowledge that many factors contribute to a woman's identity and status, we often forget to apply the same considerations toward males. Dowd, the David H. Levin Chair in Family Law at UF Law and director of the Center on Children and Families, draws from masculinities scholarship and feminist analysis to examine issues of manhood and masculinity. She demonstrates how both subordination and privilege are constructed for men and boys. She suggests how "the man question" should be asked and then explores some examples of where this leads. Her analysis looks at boys in terms of education and juvenile justice; and looks at men in terms of fatherhood and



as adult male survivors of childhood sexual abuse. (NYU Press)

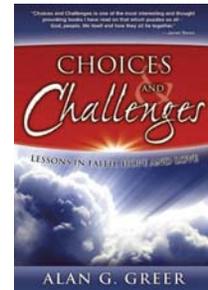
**MARGARET "PEGI" S. PRICE (JD 86)**  
*The Special Needs Child and Divorce: A Practical Guide to Evaluation and Handling Cases*

With a growing number of divorce cases involving special needs children, this book examines how special needs factor into a divorce and how lawyers can help the children and their families get through the process in the best way possible. Price also looks at how standard child support guidelines and divorce procedures can be adjusted to best meet the needs of a special needs child. Price has years of experience in family law cases involving special needs children and also has an autistic son, who was 6 years old when Price went through her own divorce. (American Bar Association)



**BUDDY MACKAY (JD 67) WITH RICK EDMONDS**  
*How Florida Happened: The Political Education of Buddy MacKay*

MacKay tells the story of the influential Florida politician over the course of his three-decade political career in the Sunshine State. MacKay served as a Florida legislator, a member of the United States Congress, Florida's lieutenant governor, and, following the unexpected death of Gov. Lawton Chiles, as Florida's governor for 23 days before Jeb Bush took office. MacKay's distinctive voice is noticeable throughout, with Edmonds — who has held various editing and publishing roles at *The St. Petersburg Times* and is currently a media business analyst for The Poynter Institute — lending editing advice along the way. The biography captures the



shifting political tides in Florida and documents a state moving into the modern era. (University Press of Florida)

**ALAN GREER (JD 69)**  
*Choices & Challenges: Lessons in Faith, Hope, and Love*  
 In his "brief before the highest court there is," Greer argues for the existence of God and how such a belief can fit into our modern society. Writing from a lawyer's perspective, he emphasizes ways in which the belief in God can enrich the human experience. He also addresses the concept that organized religion is a human construct — and therefore capable of fallibility — but that doesn't mean there aren't certain morals and beliefs that should be upheld; and as society changes over time, it makes sense for certain rules and laws to change. (Morgan James Publishing) ■



## Professor’s legacy of scholarship and teaching remembered

**R**obert C. L. Moffat, University of Florida Levin College of Law professor and affiliate professor of philosophy, sociology and criminology and law, passed away Nov. 14 in Gainesville after a long illness. He was 73 years old.

Moffat joined the law school faculty in 1966 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1968 and tenured professor in 1971. During his 44-year teaching career at UF Law, Moffat specialized in law and public policy, jurisprudence, criminal law, and law and morality.

Moffat leaves behind a lasting legacy of numerous articles, publications, speeches and presentations on a wide variety of topics, but his memory will also live on through the lives he impacted as a professor.

“Professor Moffat cared deeply about his students and took a great deal of personal satisfaction in their achievements. The depth of his love for teaching and his affection for his students were demonstrated by his reluctance to leave the classroom even in the last days of a severe and painful illness,” UF Law Dean Robert Jerry said.

His devotion also was evident toward his colleagues in the legal field and to the ongoing pursuit of knowledge.

“Bob had the respect of his colleagues as a dedicated and serious scholar. His immense knowledge of the legal philosophies of Lon Fuller and other influential theorists was of great benefit to those of us who sought refreshment from time to time on jurisprudential issues,” said Stuart R. Cohn, John H. & Mary Lou Dasburg Professor of Law and associate dean for international studies at the Levin College of Law. “At the same time his feet were firmly planted in the here and now, and he was able to bridge chronological and philosophical gaps for the benefit of his students and in his scholarly articles. He was devoted to the law school and his students and he will be sorely missed.”

After earning his B.A., M.A. and LL.B from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he was editor-in-chief of the

*Southwestern Law Journal*, Moffat went to the University of Sydney in Australia to earn his LL.M. Moffat was a Fulbright Scholar from 1962 to 1964 and earned First Class Honors when he graduated in 1966.

Among the many professional associations Moffat took part in, the longest running was the American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy. He joined the organization in 1966, served as executive director from 1987 to 1999 and was elected president of the organization for the 2003-2005 term.

Moffat consistently published scholarly works during his career. His most recent article, “Searching for Substantive Justice: Lessons from Lon Fuller’s Natural Law,” was published in the April 2010 issue of the *Iowa Journal of*

*Gender, Race & Justice*.

Moffat is survived by a son, Iain, and daughter, Kaaren.

Contributions in Robert Moffat’s memory may be made to the Professor Robert and Janette Moffat Memorial Scholarship in Law, University of Florida Foundation, Inc. Attn: Gift Processing, P.O. Box 14425, Gainesville, FL 32604. ■

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# Student makes mark on Florida, ABA

**3L Ryan Moseley serves on gubernatorial transition team. See Web-Xtras at [www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw](http://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw)**

BY MATT WALKER

**A**s the current law student liaison for the section of state and local government law at the American Bar Association, Margaret Rowell Good (2L) has found her place in the huge and sometimes overwhelming 400,000-plus member organization. And she's glad she did.

"The section of state and local government law is really supportive of law students and has a lot of opportunities for law students to get involved," Good said. "The section has given me a number of leadership roles."

Good said after she joined the ABA as a 1L, she received frequent e-mails from the organization, but because of the size and scope of the ABA, she didn't really know where to start or how to make the most of her membership. Then she saw a message about student liaison positions.

"I thought, 'This seems like a great way to find mentors and to network,'" Good said. She knew it was important to expand her reach beyond the law school walls and make the most of networking opportunities. A student liaison position seemed like a great way to make that happen.

Through her liaison position, Good has seen how attorneys who specialize in state or local government can apply their knowledge — from lobbyists to state government employees to county attorneys. She has also seen how different state and local governments deal with the same types of issues, she said.

Deciding on the state and local government law section was an easy choice for Good, mostly because of her involvement with the Florida Horse Park in Ocala. Good's interest and experience in state and local government — and one of her main motivations for going to law school — began at the Horse Park, where she was director of development for four years.

Because the nonprofit equestrian facility is on state-owned land, she interacted with state agencies and learned how state and local governments operate, Good said.

In a way, she had already made her mark on Florida state government before she even entered law school. With the help of several dedicated volunteers, Good is largely responsible for the new "Discover Florida's Horses" license plates, which benefit the Florida Agricultural Center and Horse Park Authority. Good said when she worked at the Horse Park, the idea of trying to get a special license plate made for the park had been floating around for a while, and she decided to act on it.

Good took the idea to the board of trustees for approval, helped secure financing for the project, held a contest to decide on artwork for the plate, and even made the trip to Tallahassee to try to get the plate legislation passed. The Legislature approved the plate after Good had left

the Horse Park to attend law school, but she is happy that she was able to make an impact and with the experience that she gained along the way.

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Good has also accomplished a great deal during her time as an ABA member — not the least is being chosen in a competitive appointment process as law-student liaison to all law students in the country.

One of Good's major projects with the ABA has been developing and promoting a law student resume database for her section. The

database, which can be found on the ABA website, will help connect law students and potential employers.

"The section leaders reasoned that if the section could figure out a way to connect members with law students, it would help our law student members find jobs in their area of interest," Good said. ■



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UF Law Professor Lyrissa Lidsky, students and alumni take an inaugural stroll on a new half-mile walking trail snaking through the law school campus.

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