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The study of law should be an extraordinary experience.

The study of law should enrich the rest of your life as well as the lives of those you touch. The educational opportunities offered at the Fredric G. Levin College of Law will provide that experience and prepare you for a lifetime of legal excellence in just about any setting, in any part of the world. Whether fostering collaboration among accomplished students, professors and practitioners in the classroom or nurturing a strong alumni network in the workplace, the school has an enduring tradition of developing talent, leadership and public service. There are many reasons the Levin College of Law is poised to take its place among the top public law schools in the nation. We invite you to learn more... to join us...to have an extraordinary law school experience.



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Consider some key facts when deciding which law school to attend.

- Internationally recognized faculty known for excellence in teaching and scholarship
- A diverse curriculum with a broad range of opportunities for study
- Newly expanded facilities and technology are state-of-the-art, yet comfortable and designed around a central courtyard to foster personal connections
- New legal information center is the largest in the Southeast and among the top 20 in the country
- One of only five law schools in the country to house an academic research and resource center devoted to the study of race and race relations
- Graduate Tax Program is ranked No. 2
- Children and Family Law program considered among nation's best
- Ranks No. 12 in Environmental Law
- Ranks No. 13 in Trial Advocacy in 2005
- "Top 10 Law Schools for Hispanic Students," by *Hispanic Business Magazine*
- Oldest and most prestigious law school in Florida with 17,000 dedicated alumni
- One of the best values in the country

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Most likely you now are conducting an extensive review of prominent law schools before making the ultimate decision about where you will spend the next few years of your life. If you are not, you should be. It is a fundamental decision that will affect many aspects of your life for decades to come. I encourage you to evaluate a variety of factors, including the talent and energy of faculty and fellow students, the opportunities to learn and grow, the college's collaboration across the world, the success and prominence of alumni, and the overall law school experience.

At the Levin College of Law, you will find a stimulating intellectual environment that nurtures who you are now and the type of professional you want to become. You will acquire the foundation you need to practice at the highest level of competency, and you will begin to tackle fundamental questions related to justice, service and the rule of law. I constantly speak to alumni from around the country — a great many of whom have reached the highest levels of professional accomplishment and have exemplary records of leadership and service — and I can assure you they deeply value their law degrees from the University of Florida.

Come meet us and talk about your interests. Explore our website. Talk to our alumni. We want you to make the right decision.

— Robert Jerry
Dean, and Levin, Mabie &
Levin Professor of Law



DEAN ROBERT JERRY is a respected scholar and widely published in the areas of insurance law. His close interaction with law students — which includes teaching an insurance law course and hosting events such as the twice-monthly "Breakfast with the Dean" — resulted in his selection by UF Student Government leaders as the recipient of an award that honors one of the 2,800 faculty members on campus for outstanding commitment to students.

Decision

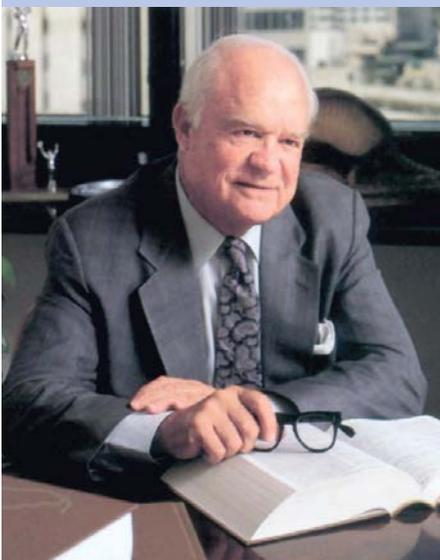


When the UF law school was founded in 1909 only 38 students were enrolled.

Tuition, room and board were \$165 a year. It was the first public law program in Florida. Today the Levin College of Law has a total enrollment of more than 1,300 students and is recognized as one of the nation's most comprehensive, highly regarded public law schools as well as one of the best values available. *U.S. News and World Report* consistently ranks UF in the top quarter of public and private law schools in the country. The Graduate Tax Program ranks in the nation's top two, and environmental law is ranked No. 12. What has never changed is the journey of talented, passionate individuals who come for a legal education and depart as ethical professionals with skills to improve the lives of those they serve.



Tradition



CHESTERFIELD SMITH

The late Chesterfield Smith founded one of the largest law firms in the country, Holland & Knight. As the firm's chairman for almost three decades, he led the way in hiring women and minorities and encouraging pro bono work. In 1973, he served as president of the American Bar Association and challenged President Richard Nixon during the Watergate investigations by declaring "No man is above the law." U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visited the UF law school in the fall of 2006 to dedicate a ceremonial classroom in his honor.

NOTABLE GRADUATES

UF law graduates develop their power to lead. Alumni of the college are leaders in law, business, government, public service and education at the state, national and international levels, and each year are cited as the nation's best in publications such as *The National Law Journal* and *Best Lawyers in America*.

- Since 1973, UF's law school has produced four American Bar Association presidents — more than any other law school during this period.
- At least 34 graduates are currently serving as federal judges in U.S. federal courts.
- Eighteen UF law alumni have served or are serving on the Florida Supreme Court, and 17 of the 18 have been chief justice.
- Four graduates have served as governors of Florida. Hundreds more have served as state senators and representatives (including in the role of Speaker of the House and President of the Senate) and in the Florida Cabinet.
- Nine graduates became presidents of Florida colleges, including UF, and one was president of two.
- Ten graduates have served as deans of law schools, including three who led their alma mater.
- Since its creation in 1950, The Florida Bar has had 56 presidents. The majority, including the first four, were UF law graduates.

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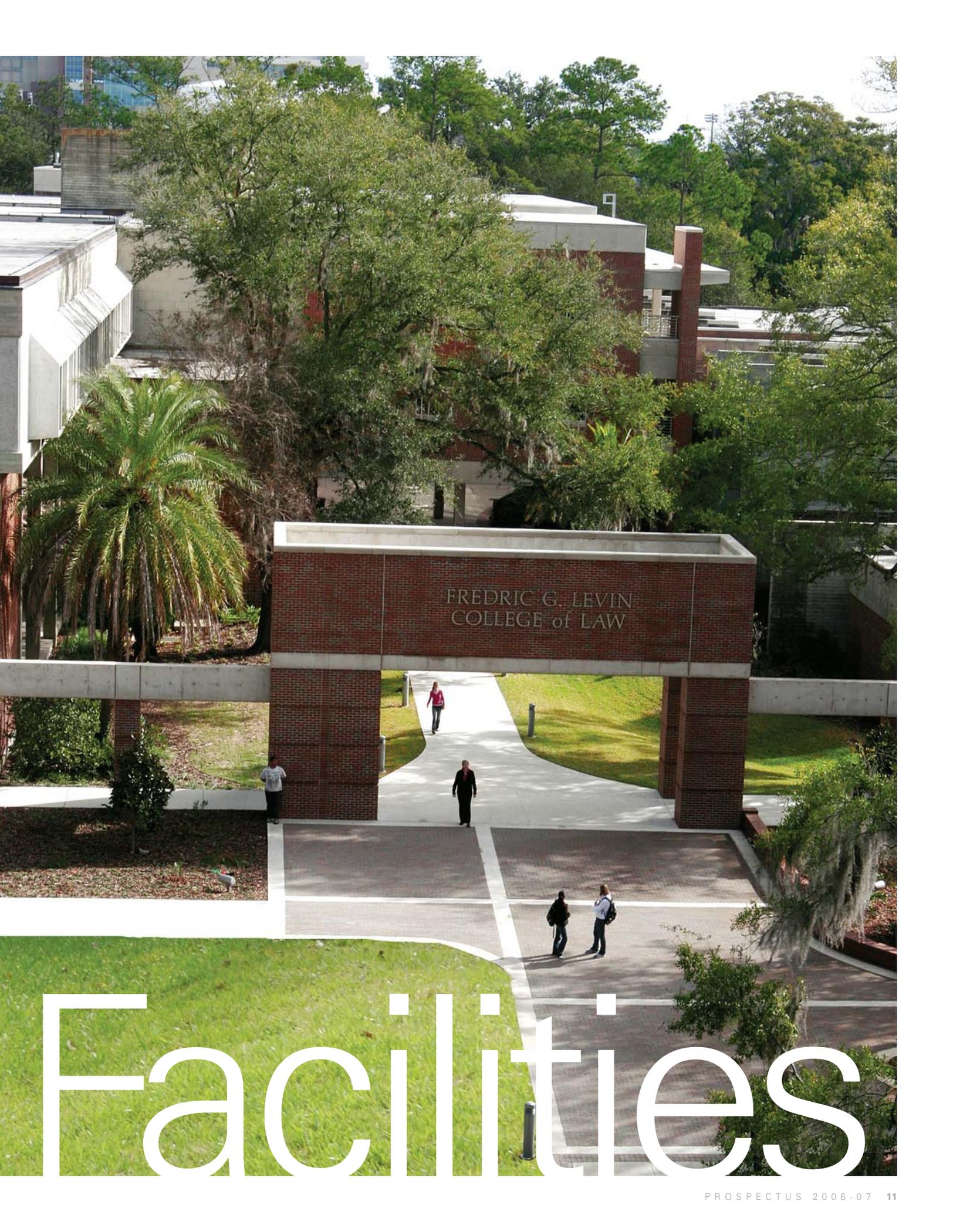
“The education I received at the University of Florida opened the doors to my future and provided the tools I needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive world. Not only did I have an excellent academic experience, but as important, I met lifelong friends, mentors and colleagues who have enriched my life in countless ways. Thanks to the University of Florida, I have been able to be a partner in one of the nation’s great law firms, to travel the world and to give back to my profession and community.”

MARTHA W. BARNETT (J.D. 73)
Holland & Knight LLP Partner and
Chair of Directors Committee
American Bar Association
President 2000 - 2001



A \$25 million expansion provides one of the finest legal learning centers.

Located on the wooded border of the UF campus, the state-of-the-art law facilities include a greatly expanded library, two new education towers with modern classrooms, and a ceremonial classroom that seats up to 160 for conferences, receptions and special sessions. Most classrooms offer advanced technology such as wireless Internet access, outlets for laptop computers, and “smart podia” for Web-based or multi-media instruction. All facilities are built around the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard, the social heart of the school where students meet daily to exchange information, attend college-wide events such as barbeques and ice cream socials, and, most importantly, get to know their classmates.



FREDRIC G. LEVIN
COLLEGE of LAW

Facilities



JUSTICE O'CONNOR

UF law students had the opportunity to attend a private lecture with former U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor during her visit to campus in September 2005. She was the featured speaker at the dedication ceremony for the expanded law school facilities.

THE LIBRARY

Designed to blend the tradition of the past with the technology of the future, the library offers rare books and historic displays alongside high-speed data ports and ergonomic study areas. The foyer replicates the entrance to Bryan Hall, home to the UF law school from 1914 to 1969, and opens up to spacious rooms with leather arm chairs and floor-to-ceiling views of azaleas and moss-draped oak trees.

As the laboratory of the law school, the information center houses more than 600,000 volumes in open stack displays. Students also have access to 3.5 million-plus volumes in other UF libraries and 43 million titles held by libraries throughout the world as well as databases that provide federal and state laws, periodicals, news articles and background materials.

The library is headed by Kathleen Price, former Law Librarian of Congress and director of law libraries at New York, Duke and Minnesota universities and now the Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Library & Technology at UF.

Other features of the 100,000 square-foot library include:

- An open reserve area to give students direct access to exams and study aids.
- More than 300 individual study carrels equipped for wireless computer usage, with playback carrels available for review of taped classes, negotiations and trial skills. Seating for another 300 students is provided throughout.
- Thirteen conference rooms that hold up to a dozen students for team study and research.
- The Richard B. Stephens Tax Research Center, named for the co-founder and first director of the school's nationally prominent Graduate Tax Program.
- Almost 70 carrels for tax LL.M. students are provided on the second floor, as well as a graduate lounge, meeting room and offices for the *Florida Tax Review*.

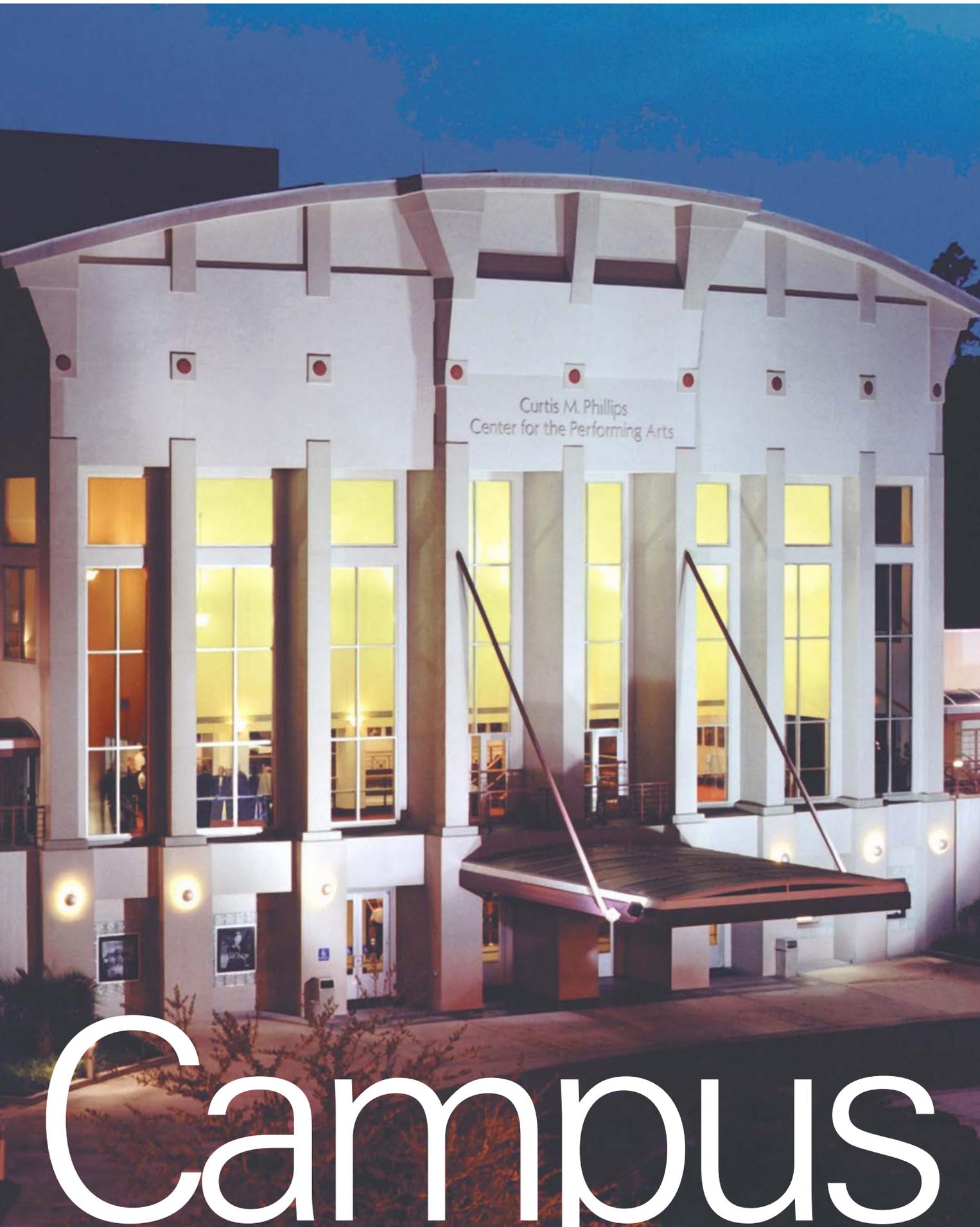
Facilities





The UF campus offers many learning and cultural benefits.

As the fourth-largest public university in the United States, the University of Florida offers more programs on a single campus than all but a few U.S. universities. As one of only 17 public, land-grant universities belonging to the Association of American Universities (the prestigious organization comprised of the top public and private higher education institutions in North America), the university draws a diverse group of students from more than 100 countries and every U.S. state. Students enjoy a variety of social and extracurricular activities, ranging from world-class performers and guest speakers to famous art exhibits and athletic programs.



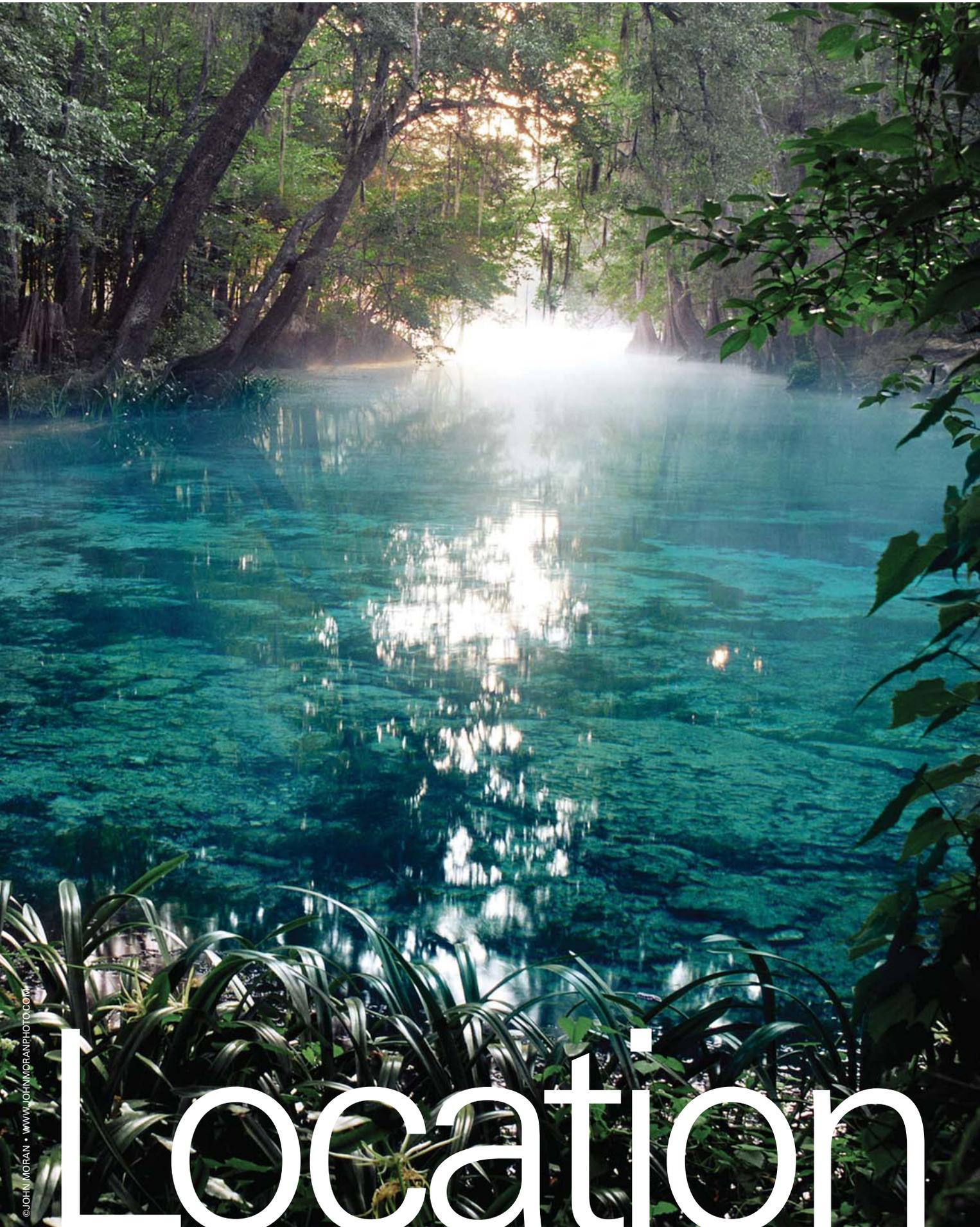
Curtis M. Phillips
Center for the Performing Arts

Campus



Gainesville is a big college town with big city activities.

Gainesville consistently ranks as one of the best values and best places to live in the nation, thanks to a dynamic art community, lush natural environment and the ongoing benefits from a major university. From the numerous festivals and performing arts to the nearby freshwater rivers and sandy beaches, there are always energizing pursuits nearby. Gainesville, with a population of about 120,000, is located midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico and is a two-hour car ride to several nearby cities. Year-round moderate temperatures – with summer highs averaging in the 90s and winter lows in the 40s – enable residents to enjoy the outdoors year-round.



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Location

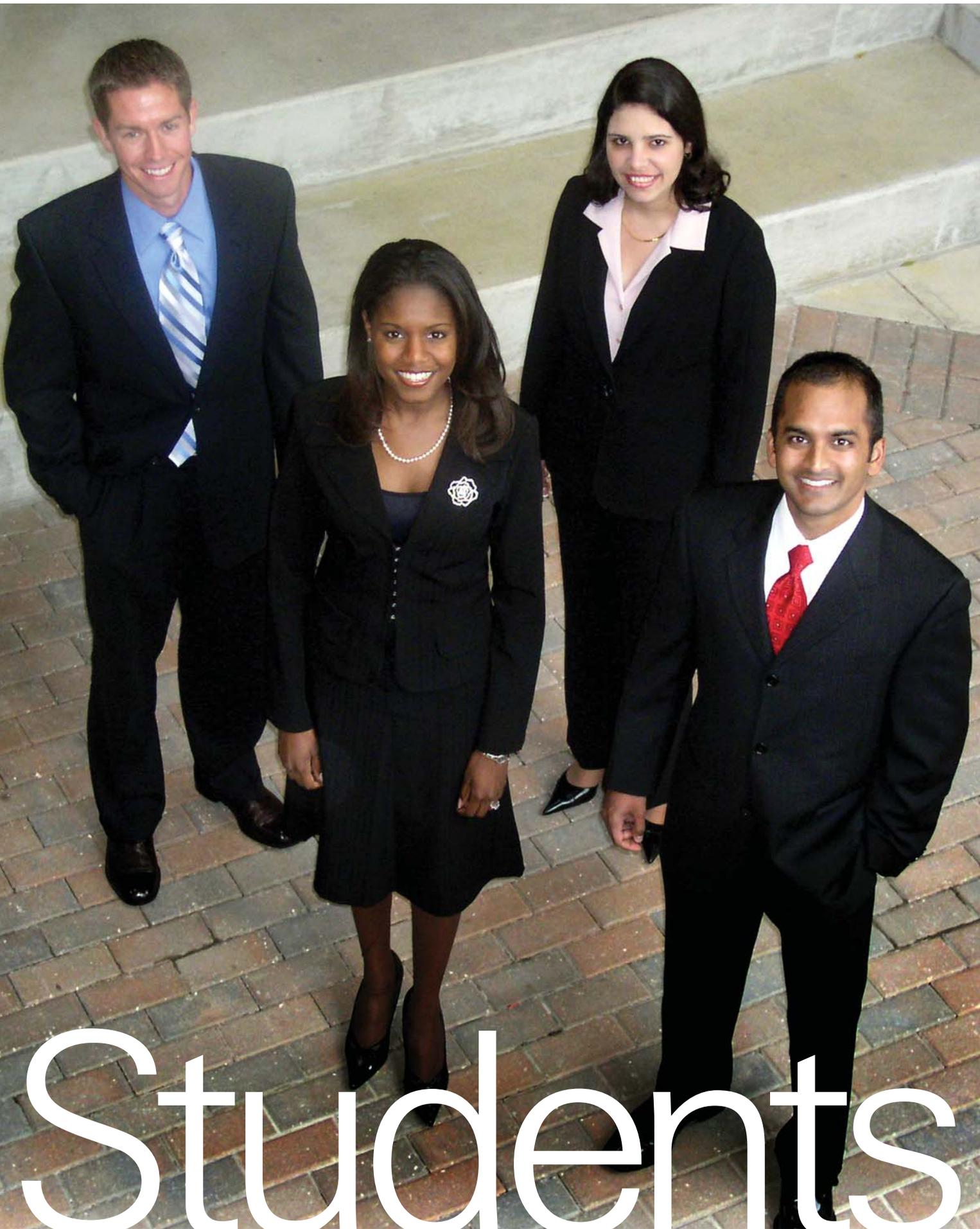


A rich diversity creates a collaborative setting where friendships flourish.

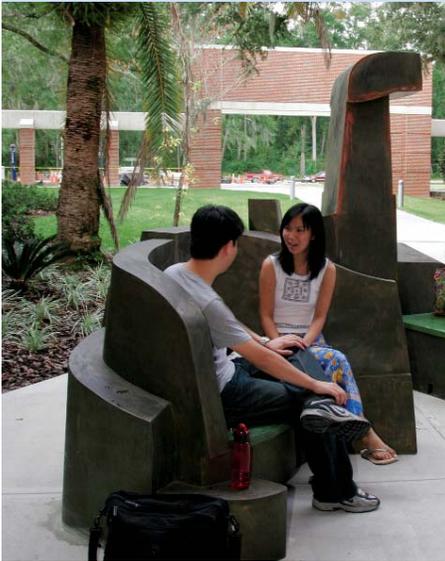
The UF law school draws students of all ages from across the nation and world who have first-rate qualifications, varied backgrounds and diverse life experiences. Every effort is made to enroll men and women who will contribute valuable dialogue in an increasingly global world and bring diversity to the legal profession. Many will form personal and professional relationships that last a lifetime. Here are some key facts related to 2005-06* J.D. students:

- Of the 3,696 applicants, about 26 percent were admitted
- 1,156 full-time J.D. students; 53 Joint J.D./Master's or Ph.D. students
- 3.59 median UGPA; 75th percentile at 3.77 UGPA
- 159 median LSAT score

*ABA data above is for matriculants between Oct. 1, 2004 and Sept. 30, 2005. Median GPA and LSAT scores for Fall 2005 matriculants were 3.66 and 161, respectively.



Students



FLORIDA BAR EXAM

Year in and year out, UF has the most consistent, sustained record of successful bar exam results in Florida. February 2006 and July 2005 bar results combined placed UF first, as it has been for the last two years and five of the last seven years. UF also was first on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, with a pass percentage of 93.1, against an overall pass rate of 80.9 percent.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Student Affairs is a supportive resource for providing assistance with almost every area of student life, including orientation, financial aid, registration, academic and educational counseling, and even personal matters. The office promotes the development of the whole person, not simply the intellectual aspects.

One key offering is "Introduction to Law School & the Profession," a two-day orientation program that provides an introduction to legal education, basic legal structures, professional responsibilities of lawyers-to-be, and University of Florida information. Important business is taken care of, such as completing matriculation and learning about the various services available at the Levin College of Law.

The "Academic Success Program" provides ongoing tutoring, individual counseling and workshops on topics such as exam preparation, time and stress management, communication skills and study methods.

DIVERSITY

Diversity is an essential element in the school's commitment to excellence and exposure to a wide range of experiences and viewpoints. Approximately 22 percent of the law school's 1,156 J.D. students and 53 Joint J.D./Master's or Ph.D. students are minorities, with female enrollment at 45 percent.

The school offers a highly supportive environment to help minorities excel. Special counseling programs offer guidance with academics, while other practical support is available in the form of minority internships and clerkship programs, student organizations and mentoring with students, faculty and practicing attorneys. *Hispanic Business Magazine* consistently ranks UF in the "Top 10 Law Schools for Hispanic Students."

Many of these programs are overseen by the school's assistant dean for diversity and community relations, who is responsible for extending comprehensive services that familiarize students with the campus and faculty and then nurturing them throughout their legal schooling.

Another indicator of diversity is the wide representation of colleges and universities attended by UF Law students. More than 90 institutions have been represented at UF recently, including Bucharest (Romania), Chicago, Cornell, Emory, Florida A&M, Georgetown, Grambling State, Harvard, Ibadala (Nigeria), Oxford, New York University, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Princeton, Rutgers, Stetson, The Citadel, Utah and Yale.

The J.D. enrolled student body in 2005-2006 included the following minorities:

- 76 African Americans
- 57 Asian/Pacific Islanders
- 115 Hispanics
- 3 Native Americans/Alaskans

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“I couldn’t imagine getting my law degree anywhere else. Learning here is not just about the education, but about the social environment and about yourself. People say you grow up during college, but this is a totally different experience. I’m not the same person that I was coming into law school. I enjoy the laid-back nature of the law school. Don’t be surprised if you see shorts and flip flops. It’s a high-stress environment, so it’s nice to take the edge off with that sort of comfort.”

MELANIE THOMPSON (2L)

HOMETOWN: Dumfries, Va.

UNDERGRADUATE: Morgan State University, Political Science

ALSO APPLIED TO: Georgetown University, George Washington University, Seton Hall University, Emory University

INTEREST: Music

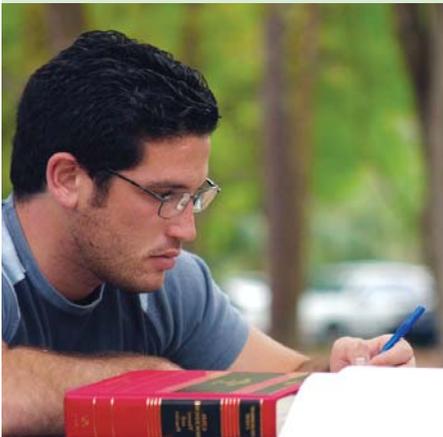


Students benefit from strong fundamentals and numerous options and specializations.

The Levin College of Law offers students the best of two worlds in academic preparation — strong fundamentals and a fertile offering of specializations and interdisciplinary options. The law school provides courses of study leading to the Juris Doctor degree, including certificate programs in Environmental and Land Use Law, Estates and Trusts Practice, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, and International and Comparative Law. Students can earn a joint degree by combining a J.D. with either a master's or doctorate degree in a variety of disciplines. The college also offers one of the top Taxation programs in the United States — leading to an LL.M. in Taxation, LL.M. in International Taxation or S.J.D. in Taxation — as well as an LL.M. in Comparative Law for foreign law students.



Academics



Required courses develop and refine students' writing abilities, while clinical programs (simulated and live) allow students to develop skills in the context of real cases. Seminars and advanced courses provide individualized research opportunities and close interaction with faculty.

J.D. PROGRAM

Florida's comprehensive Juris Doctor curriculum enables students to tailor their studies to specific interests and career plans — whether traditional or non-traditional. The three-year program is carefully designed to develop students' analytical abilities, practical knowledge, communications skills and understanding of the codes of responsibility and ethics central to the practice of law. Students also may enroll in certificate programs offered in several popular practice areas.

Students benefit from a variety of teaching methods, including the traditional "case" and "Socratic" methods, as well as simulations, videotaping, computer-assisted instruction and role-playing.

The required first-year curriculum places an emphasis on practical lawyering by teaching students to read and analyze cases, research points of law efficiently and express those points clearly. Second- and third-year students can tailor studies to specific interests and career plans through more than 100 elective courses, advanced courses, seminars, certificate programs, joint degrees and study abroad opportunities.

CURRENT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Current degree requirements are:

- Completion with a passing grade of courses totaling at least 88 semester credit hours, of which at least 59 must have been completed through the College of Law. No more than four of those credits can be earned through co-curricular activities. With permission of the associate dean for students, upon good cause shown, work up to 29 semester hours taken at another ABA-accredited law school may be counted toward this requirement. (Note: Grades in transferred courses will not be figured into the student's GPA.)
- Completion with a grade of "S" or better for Legal Research and Writing (LAW 5792) and Appellate Advocacy (LAW 5793).
- Completion with a passing grade for Professional Responsibility and the Legal Profession (LAW 6750) and Legal Drafting (LAW 6955).
- Achievement of 2.0 cumulative GPA on all graded work attempted.
- Fulfillment of prescribed course requirements.
- Completion of a seminar or advanced course.
- Satisfaction of the Advanced Writing Requirement.

These requirements must be fulfilled within 24-84 months of matriculation as a law student.

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“After working with lawyers day in and day out at the patent office in D.C., I realized I wanted to be on the other side. Once my family and I decided to move to Florida, deciding among the schools was a no-brainer. I enjoy the openness and communication between faculty and students immensely. I haven’t seen that at any other university. Similarly, people have a real interest in helping each other, not just stepping on one another to get ahead.”

VANESSA PEREZ (1L)

(with daughter, Andrea Colon)

HOMETOWN: Rincon, Puerto Rico

UNDERGRADUATE: University of Puerto Rico, Chemical Engineering

ALSO APPLIED TO: George Mason University, Barry University, Florida State University, George Washington University

INTEREST: Full-time mom



REQUIRED COURSE PROGRESSION

Contracts (4 credits)

Criminal Law (3)

Torts (4)

Legal Research & Writing (2)

Professional Responsibility (3)

Civil Procedure (4)

Constitutional Law (4)

Property (4)

Appellate Advocacy (2)

Estates and Trusts* (3)

Evidence* (4)

Legal Drafting (2)

Corporations* (3)

Trial Practice* (4)

* Not required but recommended.

ADVANCED WRITING REQUIREMENT

All J.D. candidates must complete — under close faculty supervision — a major finished product that shows evidence of original systematic scholarship based on individual research. This typically is fulfilled through enrollment in an advanced course or seminar.

ADVANCED COURSES & SEMINARS

Advanced courses and seminars provide supplementary opportunities to learn key skills in a small group setting under the close supervision of faculty. Advanced courses — for topics such as bankruptcy and debtor-creditor law, family law and environmental law — create opportunities for sequential learning, complex problem-solving and development of writing and drafting skills. Seminars allow thorough study and research of a topic, which may result in a “senior paper” to satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement.

SKILLS TRAINING

Strong writing skills are crucial to professional success. Dedicated faculty members hone student skills in each class year through required courses in Legal Research and Writing, Appellate Advocacy, and the nationally acclaimed Legal Drafting Program, the first in the nation and now a model for other schools.

In addition, respected lawyers and judges serve as educators to help develop students’ practical skills in trial and appellate advocacy. Observation and critique by these professionals quickly improve students’ abilities to “think on their feet.”

FIELD WORK AND EXTERNSHIPS

The college works closely with numerous organizations, agencies and legal service groups — in and outside Florida — to provide law students with practical experience and professional contacts. These opportunities may include pro bono work, part-time jobs, summer internships and externships.

Externships enable students to earn up to six credits while gaining hands-on experience and knowledge of the law. Because placements are with local, state and federal government agencies, judges and other public service organizations, students also provide a valuable service. For instance, more than 40 students have gained experience as judicial clerks in the college’s Florida Supreme Court Externship Program.

ORDER OF THE COIF

UF’s College of Law is in a select group of law schools with a chapter of the Order of the Coif, the national academic law honor society. Students who meet requirements are eligible for election at the conclusion of their studies.

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“People’s support for this university is amazing. As a result, UF’s network is unparalleled within the state. Even Ivy Leagues don’t compare in Florida. My decision to attend UF was affirmed at the best possible time...during the interview process. The school is individually competitive in that students compete as much as they want with themselves instead of each other. To incoming students, I emphasize enjoying your experience from day one. Get involved with extracurriculars and co-curriculars early. Do your best first year, but stressing is pointless.”

EDUARDO FERNANDEZ (3L)

HOMETOWN: Santurce, Puerto Rico

UNDERGRADUATE: Rollins College, A.B. in Economics & M.B.A. in Accounting

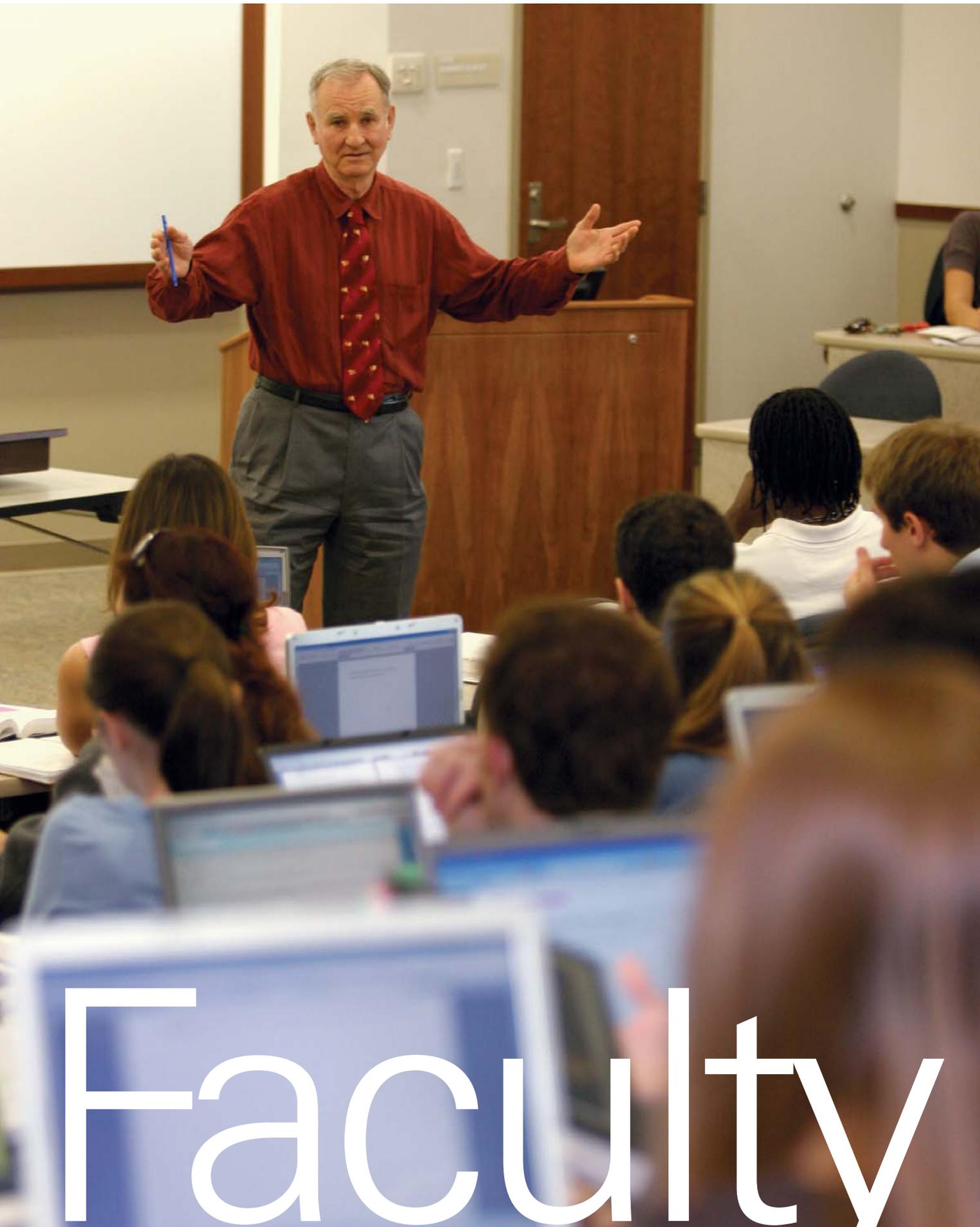
ALSO APPLIED TO: Vanderbilt University, University of Miami, George Washington University, Florida State University, New York University, Georgetown University

INTEREST: Tennis



Our scholar-teachers bring remarkable experience and knowledge to the classroom.

The core of every law school is the faculty. At the Levin College of Law, that foundation is comprised of highly accomplished scholars, practitioners and educators whose broad knowledge base and teaching passion challenge each student to reach new heights of intellectual achievement. Their influence goes far beyond campus, however. Many are authors of treatises, casebooks or major books used by law schools and practitioners throughout the nation. They are cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, serve as expert witnesses before policy-making bodies, serve on editorial boards of national publications, and author hundreds of articles in law reviews and specialty journals.



Faculty

EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS

UF Law faculty also serve as consultants to branches of state, federal and international governments. Many serve in leadership roles on American and Florida Bar committees and task forces or other prestigious associations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and the International Society of Family Law.

Many faculty members graduated at or near the top of their classes, and were editors or members of their respective law reviews. More than 20 clerked at the appellate level (half in federal court) and two for the U.S. Supreme Court, and approximately 30 were associates or partners at law firms. About a dozen earned Ph.D.'s, almost 50 hold LL.B., LL.M. or master's degrees, and at least five received Fulbright awards.

EXCELLENT TEACHING

The pursuit of scholastic distinction is not at the expense of quality instruction, however. As teachers, they work hard to engage students intellectually and maintain an accessible, supportive environment that guides students toward success. Student evaluations reflect high satisfaction with professors, with virtually all professors scoring well over four on a five-point scale.

UF law's faculty is larger and more comprehensive than that of most schools, with about 60 tenured or tenure-track faculty, which includes 19 (32 percent) women, and 9 (15 percent) minorities. In addition, more than 45 other faculty support the college through clinical, research, writing, information and administrative programs.

The involvement of leading private practitioners — including federal and state court judges and attorneys involved in public agencies, private practice and leading business ventures — who teach in specialty areas and lead seminars help bring current, practical and critical issues and events into the classroom.

The result is a true academic community that nurtures students into ethical lawyers who are a tribute to the profession.

FACULTY

Mary Jane Angelo

Assistant Professor

BACKGROUND: B.S. (high honors), Rutgers University; M.S. and J.D. (with honors), University of Florida. Order of the Coif; *Florida Law Review*. EXPERTISE: Environmental, Water, Administrative, Biotechnology and Pesticides Law, Dispute Resolution, Professional Responsibility.

Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr.

Chesterfield Smith Professor; Director of UF Center for International Financial Crimes Studies; Honorary Fellow, Society for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

BACKGROUND: A.B., J.D., University of Georgia; LL.M., University of Illinois; LL.M., Yale University. Order of the Coif; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi. EXPERTISE: International Financial Crimes, Constitutional Law, Cybercrime, Criminal Procedure, Money Laundering, Political and Civil Rights, Privacy.

Yariv Brauner

Associate Professor

BACKGROUND: LL.B., Hebrew University School of Law; LL.M., New York University School of Law; J.S.D., New York University School of Law. 2006 National Reporter for the EU High Scientific Committee Conference on "The WTO and Direct Taxation." EXPERTISE: Tax, International Law, International Trade, International Taxation.

Dennis A. Calfee

Professor; Alumni Research Scholar

BACKGROUND: B.B.A., J.D., Gonzaga University; LL.M., University of Florida. Two-time Teacher of the Year. Certified Public Accountant. Publications include *Federal Estate and Gift Taxation*. Former faculty, Academy of International Taxation, Republic of China. EXPERTISE: Taxation.

Bill F. Chamberlin

Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar of Mass Communications; Director of the Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project; Affiliate Professor

BACKGROUND: B.A., Ph.D., University of Washington; M.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison. Former Editorial Assistant, *Congressional Quarterly*. EXPERTISE: Mass Media Law, First Amendment Theory, Media Law Research, Access to Government Meetings and Records.

Jonathan R. Cohen

Professor; Associate Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution

BACKGROUND: A.B. (summa cum laude), A.M., J.D. (cum laude), Ph.D. (Economics), Harvard University. Phi Beta Kappa. American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section. EXPERTISE: Negotiation, Dispute Resolution, Ethics, Evidence.

Stuart R. Cohn

Associate Dean for International Studies; Professor; Gerald A. Sohn Research Scholar; Director of International and Comparative Law Certificate Program

BACKGROUND: B.A., University of Illinois; B.A., Oxford University; LL.B., Yale University. Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi. Author of multiple publications, including *Securities Counseling for New and Developing Companies*. Member, ABA Federal Regulation of Securities Committee. EXPERTISE: Corporate and Securities Law, Jurisprudence.

Charles W. Collier

Professor; Affiliate Professor of Philosophy

BACKGROUND: B.A., Reed College; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Yale University; J.D., Stanford University. Research Fellow, Universities of Göttingen and

Frankfurt. Fellow, Universität Heidelberg. EXPERTISE: Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Legal Theory.

Elizabeth Dale

Affiliate Associate Professor; Associate Professor of History

BACKGROUND: B.A., DePauw University; Ph.D., J.D. (with honors), Chicago-Kent College of Law. *Chicago-Kent Law Review*. Editorial Board, *Law and History Review*. EXPERTISE: U.S. Legal and Constitutional History.

Jeffrey Davis

Professor; Gerald A. Sohn Scholar

BACKGROUND: B.S., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., Loyola University, Los Angeles; LL.M., University of Michigan. Executive Council, Florida Bar Business Law Section; ABA Committee on Consumer Financial Services. EXPERTISE: Contracts, Bankruptcy, Debtor-Creditor Relations, Commercial Law.

George L. Dawson

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Professor

BACKGROUND: A.B., Princeton University; J.D., University of Chicago. Past President, Law School Admission Council. EXPERTISE: Contracts, Estates and Trusts, Payment Systems.

Patricia E. Dilley

Professor

BACKGROUND: B.A., Swarthmore College; M.A., University of Pennsylvania; J.D., Georgetown University; LL.M., Boston University. Former staff: U.S. House Ways and Means Committee and Social Security Subcommittee (Director, Chief Counsel) EXPERTISE: Social Security, Deferred Compensation, Individual Income/Corporate Taxation, International Taxation, Advanced Employee Benefit Law, Retirement Income Policy.

Nancy E. Dowd

Chesterfield Smith Professor; Co-Director, Center on Children and Families

BACKGROUND: B.A., University of Connecticut; M.A., University of Illinois; J.D., Loyola University of Chicago. Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Alpha Lambda Delta; Mortar Board. Teacher of the Year. Recipient, Rockefeller Foundation Grant. EXPERTISE: Constitutional Law, Family Law, Gender and the Law.

Mark A. Fenster

Associate Professor

BACKGROUND: B.A., University of Virginia; M.A., University of Texas at Austin; Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; J.D., Yale University. EXPERTISE: Land Use, FOIA and Public Access to Government Information, Property, Legal Theory, Administrative Law, Contemporary Cultural Theory.

Alyson Craig Flournoy

Professor; Director of Environmental and Land Use Law Program; UF Research Foundation Professor

BACKGROUND: B.A., Princeton University; J.D., Harvard University. Past President, Florida Defenders of the Environment. EXPERTISE: Environmental Law, Property and Administrative Law.

Michael K. Friel

Associate Dean and Director, Graduate Tax Program; Professor

BACKGROUND: B.A., J.D., Harvard University; LL.M., New York University. Co-author of textbooks *Taxation of Individual Income*; *Understanding Federal Income Taxation*; and treatise *Modern Estate Planning*. EXPERTISE: Federal Income Taxation.

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a red long-sleeved top and a gold necklace, is leaning against a tree trunk. She has her arms crossed and is smiling. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

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“I’m proud to be part of a faculty with so many outstanding scholars who also happen to be wonderful teachers. Because the college has a strong tradition of commitment to teaching and research, students have the opportunity to learn from dedicated men and women at the forefront of knowledge in their fields.”

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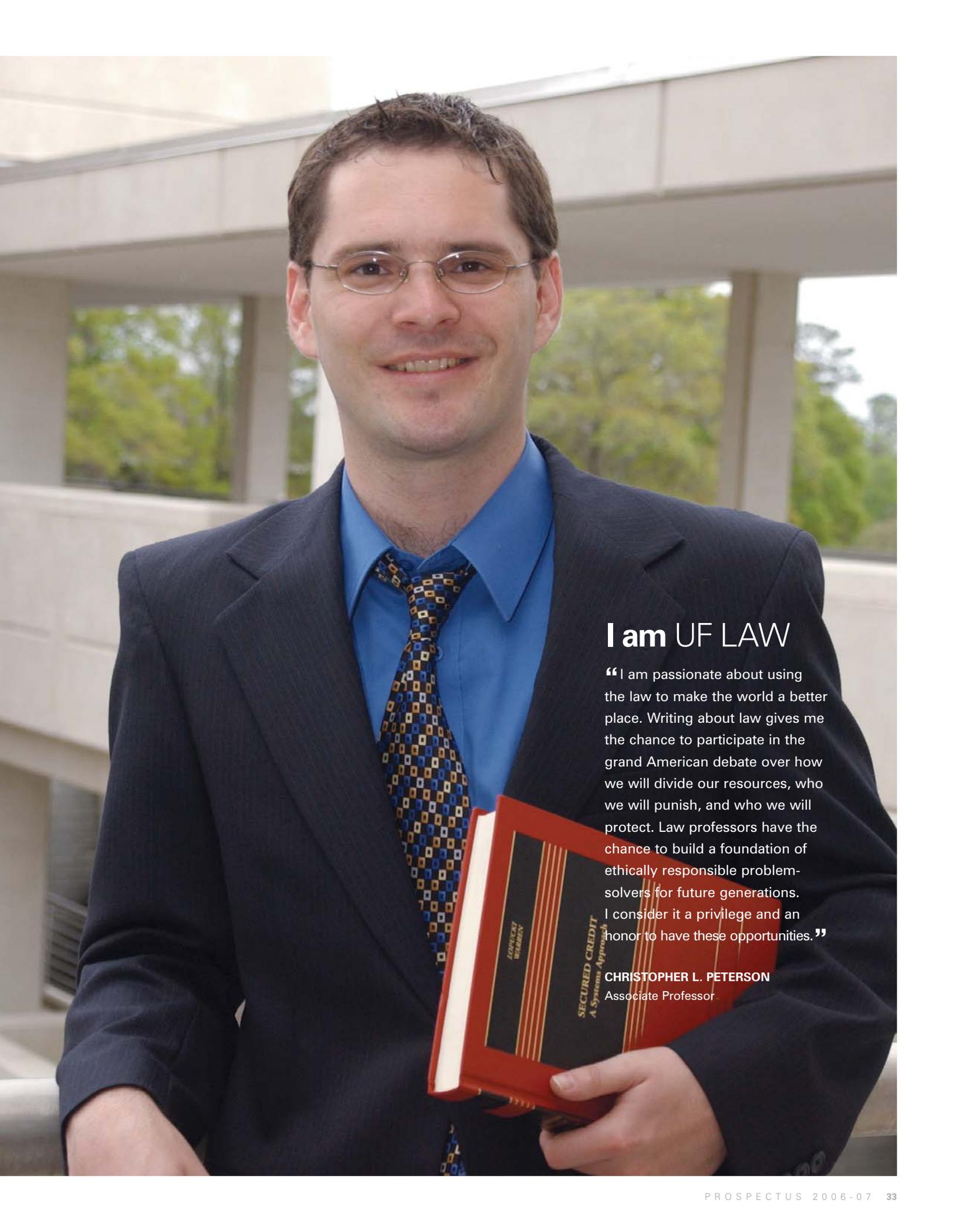
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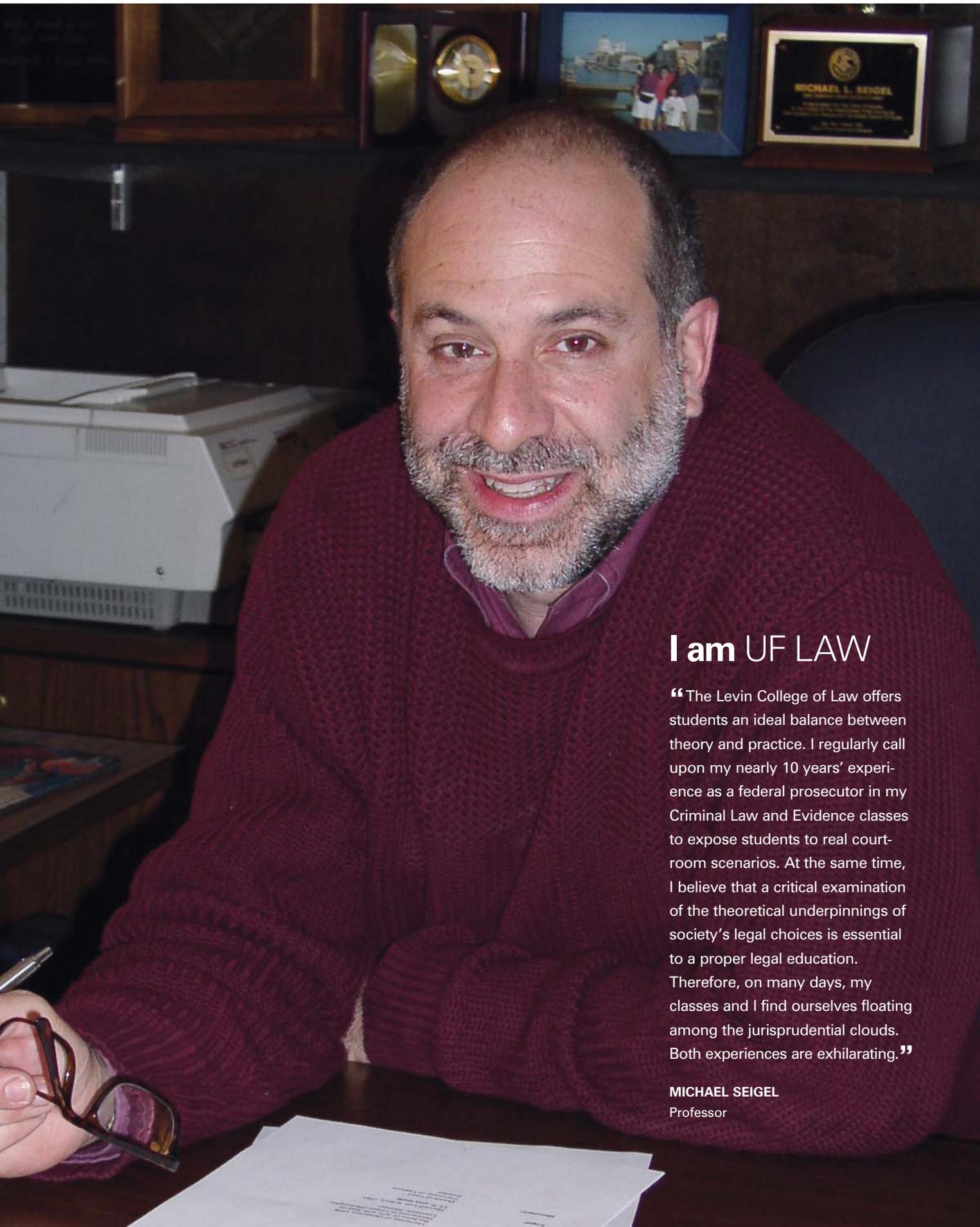
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The Graduate Tax Program also publishes *The Florida Tax Review*, a faculty-edited journal that has become one of the country's leading tax reviews. Its publication is aided by extensive tax library holdings in the Richard B. Stephens Tax Research Center.

LL.M. in International Taxation

To meet the growing demand for international tax experts in the globalizing economy, the Levin College of Law began offering a Master of Laws in International Taxation in Fall 2005. The one-year course of study features a renowned tax faculty, superb curriculum of great breadth and depth, distinguished students from around the world, and the many benefits and opportunities stemming from the Graduate Tax Program.

S.J.D. in Taxation

A very limited number of students are enrolled in the Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) in Taxation Program — the only such program in the country. The degree involves extensive study, research and writing over a three to five year period.

LL.M. in Comparative Law

The LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Comparative Law Program is for foreign law school graduates seeking to enhance their understanding of the American legal system. Applicants must have a law degree with high academic standing from a recognized foreign university and thorough knowledge of English. The one-year program builds on UF's renowned international studies programs and decades of involvement in global legal issues, including trade, environmental and land use law, human rights and constitutional reform.



I am UF LAW

“My work in mergers and acquisitions in China led to my interest in tax. I was admitted to all of the graduate tax programs I applied to, but chose UF because of its reputation and rank. During my year at UF, I’ve made a lot of friends and find you can talk to people easily — even the dean, with whom I’ve had great conversations. I never realized the tax faculty would be so approachable. I also play soccer for the International Tax Program’s soccer team, the Taxpayers.”

STEVEN GU

(LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL TAX)

HOMETOWN: Suzhou, China

UNDERGRADUATE: Southwestern University of Finance & Economics, Chendo, Sichuan, China

ALSO APPLIED TO: Georgetown University, Boston University, New York University, Northwestern University tax programs

INTEREST: International tax law

Enrichment Areas

JOINT DEGREES

For students interested in other fields, joint degree programs can be established in nearly any area. Some joint degrees awarded to date have included:

- Agribusiness
- Anthropology
- Building Construction
- Business Administration
- Counselor Education
- Decision and Information Sciences
- Doctorate of Medicine
- Educational Leadership
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Exercise and Sport Sciences
- Family, Youth and Community Services
- Food and Resource Economics
- Forest Resources and Conservation
- Gender Studies Certificate
- History
- Interdisciplinary Ecology
- Latin American Studies
- Mass Communications
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Medical Sciences
- Pharmacy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Real Estate
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Veterinary Medicine
- Women's Studies

To qualify, a student must take either the GRE, the MCAT or the GMAT in addition to the LSAT, and must apply for admission to both the law school and UF's Graduate School. Details are available from the Office of Student Affairs at 352-273-0620.

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Besides student-run extracurricular organizations, students have numerous other options to enhance their knowledge and skills. Many opportunities are available in which participation is based on academic achievement, writing skills and/or open competitions. J.D. students can earn credit and gain experience through the following organizations:

Law comes alive with a broad range of stimulating intellectual activities.

- Environmental Moot Court teams compete in the National Environmental Moot Court Competition and International Environmental Moot Court Competition.
- *Florida Law Review* publishes up to five times a year and includes articles by students and legal scholars who are specialists in various areas of the law.
- *Florida Journal of International Law* publishes three issues per year and contains scholarly works with global perspectives by students, professors and practitioners on public and private international law topics.
- International Commercial Arbitration Moot (ICAM) team members compete each spring against law schools from throughout the world in the Wilhelm C. Vis International Competition.
- The Jessup Moot Court Team is a competitive organization that explores issues of public international law and international humanitarian law and competes in national and international competitions.
- *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy* is an interdisciplinary student publication devoted to public policy implications of legal issues. Students publish three issues a year and sponsor a spring symposium.
- *Journal of Technology Law and Policy* is a student-edited journal published twice a year (also online) that focuses on legal and policy aspects of technology issues.
- Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team participates in intramural, state and national appellate competitions sponsored by organizations and firms.
- The Trial Competition Team competes in intramural, state, regional and national competitions sponsored by individuals, groups and law firms.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND SPEAKERS

The Levin College of Law sponsors innovative conferences, seminars and speakers throughout the year to keep practitioners, students and others informed on current issues such as environmental law, music law and international legal issues. Recent speakers included U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Andrea Yate's attorney, George Parnham.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

Through programs offered on campus and abroad, Florida law students gain international exposure and a distinguishing edge in the job market.

Students can travel across the world through ABA-approved exchange programs such as Pontificia Universidade Catolica in Rio de Janeiro, Leiden University in The Netherlands, University of Montpellier in France, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Germany, Monash University in Melbourne, Australia and Warsaw University in Poland.

The law school also jointly sponsors summer law programs in France, South Africa and Costa Rica

Students also benefit from decades of international experience and involvement by faculty as well as enrichment courses that bring to campus leading foreign professors, judges, attorneys and government officials to teach courses dealing with timely law issues. These programs build on UF's renowned international studies programs and decades of involvement in global legal issues, including trade, environmental and land use law, human rights and constitutional reform.

In addition, students interact with the 20 or so foreign lawyers who attend UF each year through the school's LL.M. in Comparative Law Program.



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“Coming to UF was the best decision I possibly could have made as it has allowed career opportunities I had never anticipated coming into law school. I encourage those considering law school to look at the whole picture — really spread it all out on the table. Whatever you have in mind, I think you can accommodate that at UF. I’ve never known anyone to be disappointed with their decision to come here — myself and my colleagues included. The academic standard is obvious, the collegiality surprising.”

JEFF BEKIARES (3L)

HOMETOWN: Champaign, Ill.

UNDERGRADUATE: University of Illinois, International Studies

ALSO APPLIED TO: University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois, Northwestern University, University of Miami

INTEREST: Travel



Skills Training

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

After four decades of growth and accomplishment, clinical programs at the Levin College of Law provide students with extensive opportunities to represent actual clients under the close supervision of faculty or attorneys. This practical experience enhances the understanding of the law learned in classrooms and can give graduates the advantage of earning credits and Florida Supreme Court certification as Certified Legal Interns.

VIRGIL HAWKINS CIVIL CLINICS

These clinics are named in honor of the Florida civil rights activist whose efforts to be admitted to the UF College of Law in the late 1950s paved the way for integration of all state law schools in the early 1960s.

Full Representation Clinic

The Full Representation Clinic offers intensive training in family law and practice, with students serving as first-chair counsel to low-income citizens of Alachua County who could not otherwise afford representation. Under faculty supervision, students deal with legal matters such as divorce, custody and visitation of children, domestic violence, division of property and debts, child support, alimony and establishment of paternity. Students also have the opportunity to provide legal counseling, draft legal documents such as pleadings, motions, orders and judgments, and represent clients in negotiations, mediations, hearings and trials.

Gator TeamChild Juvenile Advocacy Clinic

The Gator TeamChild program provides free legal services to North Central Florida's indigent youth. This interdisciplinary juvenile advocacy clinic trains lawyers, social workers and other professionals in skills necessary to be advocates for children. Through their work in the clinic, students practice fundamental advocacy skills such as interviewing, counseling and negotiation, are trained to operate effectively in a law office, and become

Students don't just learn to think like lawyers, they learn to act and feel like lawyers.

skilled at navigating bureaucracies, agencies and court systems.

County Court Mediation Clinic

This clinic enables students to observe and volunteer to co-mediate Small Claims Court matters under the auspices of the law school's Institute for Dispute Resolution and its faculty. Disputes may include those involving landlords and tenants, auto repairs, credit cards and other debts, and neighbor conflicts. An intensive instructional seminar complying with Florida Supreme Court requirements for mediator certification eligibility is required of each participating student. Clinic completion allows students to apply to the Court for certification as County Court Mediators.

Pro Se Clinic

Certified Legal Interns can practice on the cutting edge of family law through the new approach of "unbundling," which allows clients to represent themselves before the court pro se ("for self") on some issues of their cases but have legal representation for other aspects. Students, under the supervision of skills training professors, may provide legal advice, mediation assistance and/or limited court representation after first receiving instruction in the most common Florida family law issues — custody, visitation, paternity, child support, domestic violence and jurisdictional issues.

CRIMINAL CLINICS

Public Defender • State Attorney

The Criminal Clinics enable students to receive credit for working with either the prosecution or defense. There is a classroom component, assignments with clinic faculty, and work as Certified Legal Interns in either the Public Defender or State Attorney offices. Under supervision,

participating students handle criminal cases — including hearings and trials — and gain valuable experience by working with clients, witnesses, law enforcement and practicing attorneys.

CONSERVATION CLINIC

Under faculty supervision, Conservation Clinic students work in teams with clients from governmental, non-governmental and private sectors on issues such as land acquisition and conservation arrangements, ordinance and comprehensive plan drafting, protected area management planning, legislative reform proposals, institutional framework design and dispute resolution systems design, and conservation mediations. Each summer the clinic also offers a for-credit program jointly with the University of Costa Rica Environmental Law Clinic, with cross-cultural teams working on Latin America/Caribbean region law and policy projects on-site in Costa Rica. The Conservation Clinic is housed at the Center for Governmental Responsibility to ensure an interdisciplinary focus is applied.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

Students selected for the Child Welfare Clinic are trained as legal interns and certified by the Florida Supreme Court. Under faculty supervision and working in conjunction with the University of Florida Office of General Counsel, students provide counsel to the clinic's Child Protection Team — a multi-disciplinary unit of physicians, nurse practitioners and case coordinators within the UF College of Medicine's Division of General Pediatrics. Students also are placed with the Juvenile Public Defender's Office and Child Welfare Legal Services. Their responsibilities include case analysis, legal research, drafting of motions and memoranda, communication with local counsel, and assistance in trial preparation.



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“ UF strikes a great balance — opportunities abound without cut-throat competition, and it has a small town feel with top-notch speakers like Sandra Day O’Connor frequenting the law school. You don’t feel like you’re missing out on anything being in Gainesville. At UF, you feel like you’re part of something that’s only going to get better in terms of expansion, rankings and prestige. You never have to worry about the value of the degree on your wall depreciating because its value will only increase. The first year seems daunting, but really it’s doable. You already have study and time management skills in place — just stick to what you already know. ”

YELIZAVETA BATRES (2L)

HOMETOWN: Moscow, Russia

UNDERGRADUATE: University of Florida,
Political Science & Russian

ALSO APPLIED TO: Yeshiva University
Cardozo School of Law, American University,
Georgetown University,

George Washington University

INTEREST: Softball



Centers and Institutes

These academic research and resource centers open new channels for discovery and opportunity for students and serve people far beyond campus borders.

CENTER ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Center on Children and Families (CCF) is comprised of a team of UF faculty — with expertise in criminal law, juvenile justice, psychology, conflict resolution and human rights — who promote quality advocacy, teaching and scholarship in children's law and policy.

Students have the opportunity to work with systems for protecting children from abuse and neglect in the center's Child Welfare Clinic, participate in family law externships, earn a Certificate in Family Law and/or serve as children's fellows. Fellows can work on Friend of the Court briefs and research papers, assist with CCF's annual interdisciplinary conference, and help build a library of children's legal resources. CCF is active in international human rights work, works collaboratively with the government and judiciary on law reform and professional education, and helps educate children on their rights and responsibilities.

CENTER FOR ESTATE AND ELDER LAW PLANNING

The Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning integrates teaching, training, research, scholarship and public service with the goals of advancing estate planning and elder law knowledge, professionalism, skills and policy. Student opportunities include participation in community service programs to the elderly through the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society and judicial externships for academic credit, which have been established in probate divisions of several judicial circuits. The center also works closely with the Graduate Tax Program and the UF Institute for Learning in Retirement to provide courses in adult education on estate planning and elder law issues.

Graduates with an interest and demonstrated knowledge in targeted areas are in demand.

CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Center for Governmental Responsibility is Florida's senior legal and public policy institute. Faculty and students conduct grant- and contract-funded research — often interdisciplinary in nature — on issues relating to public policy development and implementation at the local, state, federal and international levels.

CGR also houses specialized programs such as the Conservation Clinic, Costa Rica Summer Program, Center for American Law Studies at Warsaw (Poland) University, International Trade Law Program, and the Law and Policy in the Americas Program. Students can learn and research issues that include environmental law, land use, bioethics, poverty law, emerging democracies, historic preservation, conflict resolution, European community law, international trade law, and election and campaign finance law.

CENTER FOR INFORMATION RESEARCH

The Center for Information Research (CIR) is an interdisciplinary international information policy research center among UF's Levin College of Law, the College of Engineering, and the Warrington College of Business. The mission of CIR is to engage in research related to information technology and its intersection with information policy, with a particular focus on data security issues. CIR sponsors research, conferences, speakers series and maintains a wiki devoted to technology policy. CIR's staff consists entirely of student volunteers who work on particular research projects and organize CIR events.

INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Institute for Dispute Resolution combines classroom training, interaction with practicing attorneys and in-the-field

assignments to help prepare students for an important trend in the legal profession: alternative dispute resolution. Courses in mediation, negotiation, collective bargaining and international litigation and arbitration are featured.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACE AND RACE RELATIONS

The Levin College of Law is one of only five law schools in the nation housing an academic research and resource center devoted to the study of race and race relations. The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations works with groups engaged in a wide range of activities to create and foster dialogue on race and race relations and promote historically and empirically based thinking, talking, research, writing and teaching.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

This institute is an outgrowth of work done through the College of Law project for the Advanced Study of Human Rights and Peace established in the early 1990s. It is directed by Professor Winston Nagan, former Board Chairman of Amnesty International USA, and was launched in part to enhance understanding of governance and human rights in East Africa.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CRIMES STUDIES

This academic research center provides graduate instruction, research and policy analysis, academic symposia, grant supervision and consulting services on money laundering, forfeiture, corporate security, offshore finances, cybercrime, organized crime and international financial crimes. The center also co-sponsors the annual International Symposium on Economic Crime at Cambridge University, England.



I am UF LAW

“The professors are open and encouraging, and the students are friendly. My understanding of what the law should be and who it should serve has broadened as a result. I have really enjoyed my education as a joint anthropology degree student and have had a lot of opportunities that would have been difficult to obtain at a larger law school. My classmates and I, particularly those who are public-interest oriented, will always support each other throughout our careers and that’s very exciting.”

STECKLEY LEE (3L)

HOMETOWN: Northhampton, Mass.

UNDERGRADUATE: Clemson University,
Sociology

ALSO APPLIED TO: University of Kansas

INTEREST: Video

Career Services

Almost as soon as the law school experience begins, professional counselors in the Center for Career Services begin to help students chart a course for where they want to go in their career and how they will get there.

The counselors, who all have law degrees themselves, offer a wide variety of services and programs to help individuals plan a self-directed career search and develop marketing skills that will serve them for many years to come. They help students develop legal credentials, capitalize on their diverse strengths and experiences, explore legal and non-traditional career paths, and link with alumni, practitioners and the community. Resources include:

- Workshops and seminars on practical career skills, from polishing a resume to “working a room” to handling call-back interviews
- Individual career and job-search counseling
- Interviewing skills development, including mock interviews
- Networking events on and off campus to meet and learn from practicing attorneys from private firms, government agencies, public interest organizations, corporate sector, judiciary and the military
- Employer directories, job search aids, career exploration materials, and employment and salary data from recent graduates to help assess various career options
- Job hunting tips and news about campus programs through the listserv and updates in the college’s weekly newsletter
- A web-based job bank with downloadable handouts, samples and forms

EMPLOYER NETWORK

Career Services makes it easy for employers to find and hire UF law students. The center helps students market themselves at job fairs throughout the nation, collects resumes from interested students for employers to review from the convenience of their offices, and offers

We seek students with a range of interests, backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

opportunities for potential employers to meet and interview students.

Every year, Career Services brings more than 200 employers — including many of the region’s top law firms — to Gainesville to interview students on campus. Students can even remain at the law school and interview with employers located in other cities across the country via sophisticated video equipment. Once a student is registered in the Career Services’ online job bank, the process of finding a potential employer and scheduling an interview can be done almost entirely online, saving valuable time in the job search process.

ALUMNI CONTACTS

Almost 17,000 members of the “Gator Nation” are uncommon in their dedication to supporting students whenever and wherever they can. Florida alumni practice in nearly every state and in international law firms and corporations throughout Europe and Asia. In Florida, approximately one-fourth of all practicing lawyers are UF Law graduates.

Students benefit from many opportunities for interaction with distinguished alumni, faculty and visitors — including mentoring and externship programs, guest lectures and symposia. For instance, through the Alumni Mentor Program, Career Services maintains a databank of alumni who volunteer to offer advice and career guidance to current students interested in fields similar to their own. While these mentors are not intended to be a direct source of employment, they can be a valuable source of networking, career ideas or geographic information.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Nothing strengthens a resume like experience. The Center for Career

Services helps students gain practical, hands-on learning through a variety of programs.

- *The Pro Bono Project* and *Community Service Project* connects law students with organizations seeking volunteers for public interest projects. Participants gain valuable work experience and earn recognition certificates honoring them for their accomplishments.
- *Summer employment* in law firms, corporations and not-for-profit agencies.
- *The 1L Shadow Program* enables first-year law students to shadow attorneys in private practice, the court system or legal services and experience the legal environment in those areas first-hand.
- *Internships* provide volunteer opportunities in government agencies.

Internships are coordinated by the Dean’s Office and provide valuable experience — including with the Florida Supreme Court and almost every level of government — while providing academic credit.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Historically about 80 percent of UF Law graduates work in Florida, though this appears to be changing as more graduates seek work outside the state. The other 20 percent are scattered through the U.S and the world. Outside Florida, the top five areas of Gator grad employment (in descending order) are Atlanta, Washington, D.C., New York, Texas and California.

More than 97 percent of the 2005 graduates seeking employment were employed in the following categories within six-to-nine months after graduation:

- Private practice, 55 percent
- Government, 23 percent
- Public interest & academic, 7 percent
- Business and industry, 8 percent
- Judicial clerkship, 6 percent

Financial Aid

FEES AND EXPENSES

To help you calculate what your costs may be in 2007-08: One semester credit hour fee for 2006-07 is approximately \$328.69 for Florida residents, and \$974.18 for non-residents, defined in the *UF Undergraduate Catalog*. Expenses vary, but UF law students can anticipate costs in addition to tuition of about \$12,830 per year, as follows:

Books/Supplies	\$920
Clothing/Maintenance	\$730
Computer (required for all students)	\$1,400
Food	\$2,420
Personal/Insurance	\$1,520
Room	\$5,220
Transportation	\$520
Student Orientation Fee	\$100 (entering students only)

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office works closely with students to ensure they make the most of available aid through federal and institutional sources, including more than 140 scholarships and grants administered by the Levin College of Law.

Entering first-year students may qualify for a scholarship or grant based upon merit, need or merit/need as determined by a Financial Aid Committee. (Students selected for more than one scholarship will receive the award of greatest value.) Most students qualify for Federal Stafford Loans, which must be applied for annually using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Private loans also may be available, based upon credit. Transfer students are eligible for federal aid, but not for law school aid until they have been evaluated at the Levin College of Law for at least one semester.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit-Based: Awards for entering students are based on information collected in the application for admission. Fall scholarship decisions are made starting in January and completed by April. Recipients and alternates are notified by letter.

Merit/Need-Based: To qualify, an applicant must show high achievement. In addition,

the Levin College of Law must have received the electronic FAFSA results and the need-based scholarship and grant application by one of the following deadlines if admitted:
Prior to Jan. 15, 2007by Feb. 7
Jan. 16–Feb. 15, 2007by March 7
After Feb. 15, 2007by April 7

Need-Based Grants: To be considered for one of these five need-based grants, an applicant must have the electronic FAFSA results and the additional aid application on file by one of the following deadlines if admitted:
Prior to Jan. 15, 2007by Feb. 7
Jan. 16–Feb. 15, 2007by March 7
After Feb. 15, 2007by April 7

- **Fellows Grant:** Given to encourage students to pursue a career in law school education, law school administration or a specialized area of the law.
 - **Cost-Matching Grant** — Brings tuition and fees down to match tuition and fees totals at comparable law school to which student has been admitted.
 - **Non-Resident Tuition Reduction Grant** — Brings tuition cost to resident tuition cost level.
 - **First Generation College Graduates Grant** — Encourages first generation college graduates to go to law school.
 - **Minority Institution Grant** — Provides assistance to those who graduate from historically minority institutions.
- These grants are not renewable.

ADVANCED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students will be notified when scholarship applications are available. Advanced students can apply for these scholarships after completion of their first year.

LOANS

Federal: Law students are eligible to apply for both Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans through the Federal Direct Student Loan Program (FDSLPL).

Students applying must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or a yearly Renewal Application. Completion qualifies the student for consideration in federal loan and employment programs. Apply electronically — “FAFSA on the Web” — at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The application period begins January 1 and results should be received electronically from the federal processor (no photocopies) no later than March 15.

Students attending at least half-time may qualify for up to \$8,500 in subsidized and \$12,000 in unsubsidized funds, for a total of \$20,500 each academic year. Students also may apply for the Federal Graduate Plus Loan to help cover the cost of attendance. For more information on this loan, go to www.sfa.ufl.edu.

Private: The interest rate and/or guarantee fee on private loans varies according to the lender and are credit-based. You may borrow up to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid you are receiving.

Important Dates

JAN. 1, 2007

Application period begins for 2007-2008

FEB. 7, 2007

If admitted prior to Jan. 15, 2007: the deadline for receipt of electronic FAFSA results and the need-based scholarship and grant application

MARCH 7, 2007

If admitted between Jan. 16 and Feb. 15, 2007: the deadline for receipt of electronic FAFSA results and the need-based scholarship and grant application

MARCH 15, 2007

On-time deadline for electronic Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal Application

APRIL 7, 2007

If admitted after Feb. 15, 2007: the deadline for receipt of electronic FAFSA results and the need-based scholarship and grant application

OCT. 15, 2007

Deadline for Fall 2007 Federal Direct Stafford Loans (FDSL), subsidized and unsubsidized

MARCH 1, 2008

Deadline for Spring 2008 FDSL, subsidized and unsubsidized

APRIL 1, 2008

Deadline for Summer 2008 FDSL, subsidized and unsubsidized.

For more information, go online to www.law.ufl.edu/students/ or call the Office of Student Affairs at 352-273-0620.

Admissions

PREPARATION FOR LAW SCHOOL

Law is a diverse profession that requires practitioners to work with and represent individuals and organizations in every part of society. Because legal careers are so varied, law schools do not recommend any particular major, but instead expect students to possess the skills necessary for effective written and oral communication and critical thinking.

For additional information about pre-law study, law school and the legal profession, we recommend you refer to the *Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools*, published annually by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and the American Bar Association. The guide is available during registration for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or at www.lsac.org.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The admissions policy of the University of Florida Levin College of Law furthers the mission of the college: excellence in educating professionals, advancing legal scholarship, serving the public and fostering justice.

The College of Law has a responsibility as a state institution to educate lawyers who will serve the legal needs of all citizens and communities in Florida. The college seeks to admit and enroll students who will distinguish themselves in serving the state, region and nation through the practice of law, formulation of public policy, legal scholarship, and other law-related activities.

Legal education is enhanced in a student body composed of people with different backgrounds who contribute a variety of viewpoints to enrich the educational experience. This diversity is important because lawyers must be prepared to analyze and interpret the law, understand and

We seek students with a range of interests, backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

appreciate competing arguments, represent diverse clients and constituencies in many different forums, and develop policies affecting a broad range of people.

Thus, the College of Law seeks to admit and enroll students who, collectively, bring to its educational program a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, interests and perspectives. The breadth and variety of perspectives to which graduates of the College of Law are exposed while in law school will enable them to provide outstanding service in many different public and private capacities.

Through its admissions process, the college seeks to admit and enroll students who will excel academically, attain the highest standards of professional excellence and integrity, and bring vision, creativity and commitment to the legal profession.

The college gives substantial weight to numerical predictors of academic success (undergraduate grade point average and LSAT scores). Numbers alone, however, are not dispositive. The college considers all information submitted by applicants. Factors such as the difficulty of prior academic programs, academic honors, letters of evaluation from instructors, or graduate training may provide additional information about academic preparation and potential. In some cases, demonstrated interest, prior training, or a variety of experiences may indicate that an applicant is particularly well suited to take advantage of specialized educational opportunities.

Information about work experience, leadership, community service, overcoming prior disadvantages or commitment to serve those for whom legal services have been unavailable or difficult to obtain may show that an applicant is in a unique position to add diversity to the law school community or to make significant contributions to the practice of law.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Admissions staff and the Faculty Admissions Committee base their selection on the applicant's academic credentials, including LSAT score, UGPA, level of writing skills, breadth of studies, and on other criteria, including, but not limited to, the applicant's work and other life experience, leadership experience, depth of particular interest, and any other aspect of an applicant's background suggesting a suitability for the study and practice of law.

LSAT TEST DEADLINE

- Applicants seeking Fall 2007 enrollment must take the LSAT test no later than December 2006.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- January 15, 2007, for Fall 2007

Note: Any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday automatically moves forward to the next business day.

Reminder... Don't wait for your admissions acceptance to apply for financial aid.

INELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

Applicants who have received a law degree (or bachelor's degree combined with a law program) from a U.S. institution are not eligible for admission to the Levin College of Law. In addition, credit is not given for correspondence courses or other work not completed in residence at an ABA-accredited law school.

PRIOR LAW SCHOOL ATTENDEES

Applicants who have attended another law school must submit a written statement about their attendance, a complete transcript, and a statement from their dean indicating class rank and certifying they are in good standing and eligible to return to the institution as a continuing student. Those not in good standing nor eligible to return as a continuing student are not eligible to apply to the Levin College of Law. (Transfer students should see page 51.)

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

There are many steps that must be completed precisely for successful application to the Levin College of Law. These steps include registering and filing **all official transcripts** with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), taking the LSAT and reporting the score, submitting applications and other forms and paperwork to the law school, meeting all deadlines and paying all fees.

1. Applicants must take the LSAT and, if applicable, the TOEFL.

All applicants must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Applicants whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

The LSAT is administered four times a year by the Law School Admissions Council in cooperation with leading law schools throughout the country. College students should take the LSAT at the end of their junior year. Candidates for fall entry must take the LSAT no later than December; however, earlier testing is strongly recommended. **The February administration of the LSAT is not used in making fall admissions decisions.**

LSAT scores are valid for five years. *In the absence of documentation that a candidate was ill, or that some other unusual condition occurred during one of the tests, all LSAT scores are considered.* Information about the LSAT and the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) is contained in the *2006-2007 LSAT & LSDAS Information Book*, which is available at most colleges, online at www.lsac.com, or by contacting the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at 215-968-1001 or Box 2000, 662 Penn Street, Newtown, PA 18940-0998.

2. Register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS).

Applicants are required to register with the LSDAS, which centralizes undergraduate academic records to simplify the U.S. law school admission process. Registration is valid for five (5) years from the date the LSAT/LSDAS registration form is processed. Applicants must ensure undergraduate transcripts from each college, university or high school dual enrollment program attended are on file at LSDAS, and the LSDAS Law School Report is received by the Levin College of Law. (Do not send transcripts to the college.)

Normally, if the LSDAS file is complete, an LSAT Law School Report will arrive at the college two to three weeks after the date on the law school application acknowledgment e-mail or the date of electronic filing. To update the LSAT Law School Report, applicants should send an updated transcript to LSDAS (see page 21 of the *2006-2007 LSAT & LSDAS Information Book*) by the stated deadline for completion of the applicant's file. LSDAS requires two weeks to process record updates.

FOREIGN-EDUCATED APPLICANTS

The Levin College of Law requires that your foreign transcripts be submitted through the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service (JD CAS). If you completed any postsecondary work outside the U.S. (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. The one exception to this requirement is if you completed the foreign work through a study

*PROFILE OF FALL 2005 ENROLLED CLASS

75th Percentile UGPA	3.77
Median UGPA	3.59
25th Percentile UGPA	3.38
75th Percentile LSAT	162
Median LSAT	159
25th Percentile LSAT	156

* Not selection criteria

abroad consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. This service is included in the LSDAS subscription fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your LSDAS report.

In addition to the required LSAT for law admission consideration, the University of Florida requires that you submit a TOEFL score. If you have a reportable TOEFL score, you must contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and request that your TOEFL score be sent to LSDAS. If you have not taken the TOEFL, you must do so and forward your score to LSDAS. Your score will be included in the Foreign Credential Evaluation document that will be included in your LSDAS law school report.

To use the JD CAS, log into your online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it to them promptly. More time is usually required to receive foreign transcripts. Questions about the LD Credential Assembly Service (JD CAS) can be directed to LSAC at 215-968-1001, or LSACINFO@LSAC.org.

FEE WAIVERS

The UF Levin College of Law does not process applications for LSAT and LSDAS Fee Waivers. For information on that separate application process and filing deadlines, see the *2006-2007 LSAT & LSDAS Information Book* (online at www.lsac.org). In addition, the \$30 application fee is a State of Florida charge and cannot be waived.

3. Complete admissions forms.

You can choose one of two methods to apply to the Levin College of Law. Although it has no bearing on the ultimate admission decision, UF Law strongly prefers candidates use the UF Law LSAC electronic application option. Regardless of which application method candidates use, all applications will be sent an e-mail acknowledgement within two weeks of applying. Only call if you have not received an e-mail acknowledgement.

UF LAW LSAC ELECTRONIC APPLICATION — STRONGLY PREFERRED

The UF LSAC electronic application process consists of two steps. Both steps must be completed in order and at the same time. You will need a credit card, so please have one ready before beginning the application process. You can file the electronic application through LSAC at www.lsac.org. Applicants electronically submit their law school application to LSAC, which will then forward the application to the college. Applications submitted via the UF LSAC electronic application process will be considered postmarked on the day they are submitted to LSAC. **Applicants should print a copy of the application and keep it for reference.**

CAUTION: Applicants using the electronic application process are responsible for reading all information presented under ADMISSIONS on the Levin College of Law website at www.law.ufl.edu. Applicants are strongly encouraged to print the Admissions pages.

STEP ONE:

- Complete the three-page application and information card.
- After carefully proofing your application, the information card, and reviewing the data under Section D Application Certification for the 2007 application for admission, the Levin College of Law will consider your LSAC electronic signature (from Section D, page 3 of the application) as your official signature. A formal certification letter will not be required.

AFTER COMPLETING STEP ONE, MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO STEP TWO.

STEP TWO:

- Click on this link: www.admissions.ufl.edu/law.
- Then complete the UF Law Supplemental Data Sheet, the Residency Classification form, and pay the required \$30 application fee by credit card.

After completing both steps, you will have officially applied to UF Law. Your LSAT law school report has been automatically requested, and if your LSDAS file is complete, your report will come to us within a week. A copy of your electronically submitted applica-

tion will be sent to us within a few days, please do not send us an additional copy.

OR

UF LAW WEBSITE APPLICATION

The other application filing option is completing the application on the UF Law website. Prior to filling out the application materials, applicants should read all information presented under ADMISSIONS/ POLICIES AND PROCEDURES on the Levin College of Law website. All materials are PDF files. Applicants using this option must:

- Print, complete and sign the three-page application, information card, UF Law Supplemental Data Sheet, Residency Classification Form, and pay the \$30 application fee by check or money order. The fee should be stapled to the Supplemental Data Sheet.
- Make a copy of all materials and keep for your records, then mail all application materials directly to the UF Law Admissions Office.
- Print four copies of the Cover Letter for Evaluation of Applicant. Although we strongly encourage using the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service, we will accept letters sent directly to UF Law. Applicants should complete and sign sections pertaining to them, and give the form to their evaluator(s).

4. Meet the application and file completion deadlines.

Candidates should apply no earlier than one year before the intended month of entry and no later than the application deadline of January 15, 2007, for Fall 2007. All other required documents (e.g. LSAT Law School Report; personal statement; resume; and/or other requested data) must be received by March 1, 2007.

Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed until all timely applications have been considered. Late applications will not be taken after February 15. The file completion and LSAT deadlines for all late filers are the same as those for timely applicants.

5. Provide additional personal information.

Questions C1 and C2 on the application require candidates to report any disciplinary action taken against them at any college or university (C1), and/or academic probation and suspension (C2). Question C3 is about specific violations of law. Applicants answering "yes" to any question **MUST** attach an explanation for each response **AND** provide official documentation from the college/university, or court, documenting the final disposition of each occurrence.

Note: It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide all documentation for each "yes" response. Any student uncertain about their academic and/or disciplinary history

should not trust their memory, but should contact Student Judicial Affairs at each college or university attended for information.

(Current or former UF students should contact Student Judicial Affairs at 202 Peabody Hall, P.O. Box 114075, Gainesville, FL 32611, phone 352-392-1261.)

Admission to the Levin College of Law is contingent upon the accuracy of information required to be furnished as part of the application process. Intentional failure to furnish required information or misrepresentation of such information can result in withdrawal of an offer of admission prior to matriculation, dismissal from the college after matriculation, or rescission of the student's degree after graduation, and/or forfeiture of all fees and charges paid and academic credit earned. Any such failure to disclose or misrepresent also will be reported to the Board of Bar Examiners for misconduct investigation and to the Law School Admission Council Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process Subcommittee.

6. Include resume, personal statement and letters of evaluation.

The Levin College of Law seeks students with a variety of interests, backgrounds and perspectives. In making admissions decisions, the college evaluates applicants based on demonstrated academic ability and potential, LSAT score(s), and other criteria. **To fully evaluate an applicant's file, the committee requires that a resume and personal statement also be on file to consider the application complete.** Letters of evaluation also are strongly encouraged.

RESUME

All applicants are required to submit a detailed resume, which should include specific, factual information about items such as education, honors and awards, extracurricular or community activities, publications, work history, military service and/or foreign language proficiencies.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The Levin College of Law seeks to enroll a class with varied backgrounds and interests. Such diversity contributes to the learning environment of the law school, and historically has produced graduates who have served all segments of society and who have become leaders in many fields of law.

To better assess these qualities, the college requires each applicant to write a personal statement not to exceed four double-spaced pages in a font no smaller than 12 pt. This statement, written by the applicant, may include, but is not limited to, information regarding career goals, interests, unique abilities, life experiences, academic and non-academic activities and public service.

If applicable, applicants may describe disadvantages that may have adversely affected past performance or that were successfully overcome, such as poor academic performance, history of problems with standardized testing, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of cultural, educational or socioeconomic disadvantage. If you wish to discuss these unique issues you may do so in a one-page addendum or within your Personal Statement.

To summarize, your statement should provide information not found in any other part of your file. *Although interviews are not part of the admissions process, personal statements can serve as "interviews on paper."*

LETTERS OF EVALUATION

The Levin College of Law strongly encourages candidates to submit no more than four letters of evaluation for their file. Letters should evaluate the applicant's performance in areas such as academic, employment and community service, and should not be personal recommendations.

Candidates have two options for submitting letters:

- **LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service** — The college strongly recommends that letters be submitted through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service included in the LSDAS Registration subscription. To use this service, see the *LSAT & LSDAS Information Book*.

OR

- **Directly to the college** — If applicants elect to **submit letters directly to the law school**, they should come in standard business letter format on letterhead accompanied by the cover form in the back of this *Prospectus*. Packets from career planning offices are acceptable in lieu of individually submitted letters. (The college does not acknowledge receipt of letters.)

Action on an application is taken once all required materials are received. Letters of evaluation are not required, therefore action will proceed with or without letters.

7. Joint degree candidates have other requirements.

Candidates for a Joint Degree Program take the LSAT and the GRE, MCAT or GMAT, and apply for admission to both the College of Law and UF Graduate School. Application deadlines vary among programs. Contact the UF Levin College of Law Student Affairs Office and/or Graduate School departmental coordinator for deadline information. See Joint Degrees in the "Curriculum" section of this publication for more information. (This program is not open to students who already have earned one of the degrees.)

TRANSFER PROCEDURES

Please do not file at the deadline. All required data must be received by the Admissions Office no later than the file completion deadlines listed below. Any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday automatically moves forward to the next business day.

- October 1, 2006, application and file completion deadlines for Spring 2007
- March 1, 2007, application and file completion deadlines for Summer 2007
- July 1, 2007, application deadline; July 15, 2007, file completion deadline for Fall 2007

Students attending a law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) may apply for transfer to the Levin College of Law if they are in good standing at their current institution and their academic rank is in the upper third or higher after completion of the required first-year, full-time curriculum. Applicants who have received law degrees from another institution or bachelor's degrees in conjunction with a law program are not eligible for transfer. Transfer credit will not be awarded for correspondence courses or for work not done in residence at an ABA-accredited law school. A maximum of 29 semester hours can be transferred.

Applicants must submit the following information by the deadline listed above:

- Application filing options: See COMPLETE ADMISSIONS FORMS, No. 3 on page 50.
- From UF Law website (www.law.ufl.edu), print the PDF TRANSFER CERTIFICATION FORM. Send this form to the appropriate academic officer at your current law school. The certification form must be fully completed by your law school and sent directly to the UF Law Admissions Office by the file completion deadlines cited above. The form must be accompanied by your official law school transcript.
- Current LSDAS Law School Report from LSAC. If you apply using the UF LSAC electronic application process, your report is automatically requested. Otherwise, UF Law will request your report.
- Statement to the Admissions Committee relating the applicant's reasons for wanting to attend the College of Law.
- Upon receipt of a completed application, the Admissions Committee will evaluate transfer requests based on the following:
 - Space availability
 - Admission standards for non-transfer candidates
 - Applicant's current law school record
 - Applicant's reasons for requesting a transfer

VISITORS PROCEDURES

Application and File Completion deadlines are:

- December 1, 2006, for Spring 2007
- April 1, 2007, for Summer 2007
- July 1, 2007, for Fall 2007

Note: Any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday automatically moves forward to the next business day.

Applicants who have completed two years (four semesters) of study at an ABA-accredited law school may apply for visitor status to the UF College of Law if they are in good standing and eligible to return to that school. The ABA standard will be waived for applicants from foreign law schools. However, applicants from a non-English speaking country must provide a score of at least 550 (213 for computer-based test) from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Visitors may attend the college for up to two academic terms.

Applicants must submit the following information by the deadline listed above:

- Application filing options: See COMPLETE ADMISSIONS FORMS, No. 3 on page 50.
- Letter from the dean of the applicant's law school granting permission for the student to attend the UF College of Law, and certifying that the student is "in good standing and eligible to return" to the current institution.
- Official law school transcript showing all academic work to date.
- Current LSDAS Law School Report from LSAC. If you apply using the UF LSAC electronic application process, your report is automatically requested. Otherwise, UF Law will request your report.
- Statement to the Admissions Committee relating the applicant's reasons for wanting to attend the UF College of Law.

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

The Admissions Committee makes final fall decisions in late March/early April. Applicants are immediately notified in writing upon final decision. **The college begins notifying applicants from the time the first decision is made until the class is filled using a "rolling admissions" process based on the credentials of the applicant, not on the order in which applications are received. Decisions are not made on a "first-come first-served" basis.**

DEFERRING OR DECLINING AN OFFER

Joint degree candidates who have been admitted to both programs, and accepted and confirmed Teach for America candidates, are permitted to defer admission offers from the Levin College of Law. This process requires that a formal petition

be filed with the Admissions Office, and approved prior to the May 15 seat deposit payment deadline.

To decline an offer of admission, please go to www.law.ufl.edu — Admissions/Seat Deposit-Cancellation, and complete the process online.

If candidates have questions regarding the deferral process, they should contact the Admissions Office and ask to speak with a member of the professional staff. Non-joint degree admittees seeking deferral for compelling reasons will have their petitions evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

PETITIONING FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants can request reconsideration only in cases where the applicant has learned (after applying to the law school) significant information that existed prior to the file completion deadline. Information about events, such as grades or awards, occurring after the file completion deadline cannot be considered. Reconsideration must be requested within 30 days of denial.

A written request must include an explanation of the new information as well as valid reasons warranting reconsideration, and should be submitted to the Assistant Dean for Admissions, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 141 Bruton-Geer Hall, P.O. Box 117622, Gainesville, FL 32611-7622. The top should be plainly marked "Request for Reconsideration."

\$200 SEAT DEPOSIT FEE

The Florida Board of Education and University of Florida Board require payment of a \$200 deposit to secure a seat in our entering class. The \$200 deposit is due on or before May 15. Non payment of the fee will result in cancellation of an offer of admission. This is an "in-hand" deadline. Instructions regarding payment procedures can be found under Admissions on the law school website.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The law school's Financial Aid Office budgets \$2,500 financial assistance per year for three years toward the cost of computer equipment in each student's financial aid budget. (Providing access to this funding does not make the College of Law responsible for maintenance, upgrade or loss of

equipment.) The college also maintains a limited number of computers in labs to provide free access to e-mail, the Internet, word processing and other applications on the law school network.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

As a full-time law school, the UF Levin College of Law adheres to American Bar Association policy requiring students to devote substantially all of their working hours to the study of law. Academic schedules and minimum load requirements are designed to reflect this policy. First-year students are prohibited from employment during the fall and spring terms of their first year. Other students are restricted to no more than 20 hours per week of employment during the terms they are enrolled in classes.

HONOR SYSTEM

The UF College of Law Honor System sets the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, and provides procedures for handling academic honesty violations. Each student is given a copy of the Honor Code upon enrollment and is bound to follow it.

HOUSING

For information regarding on- and off-campus housing, contact the University of Florida Division of Housing, P.O. Box 112100, Gainesville, FL 32611-2100; Phone: 352-392-2161; Fax: 352-392-6819; E-mail: hoinfo@housing.ufl.edu.

New and current UF law students also may access the UF College of Law Roommate Referral System on the Web for assistance in finding roommates. Go to www.law.ufl.edu, click on "Admissions," then "Housing."

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

A variety of facilities in residence halls are available for students with disabilities. Students who require adapted facilities or services should contact the Assignments Department in writing as soon as possible to document their disabilities and needs or requests.

Disabled students, as all students, must meet the standard guidelines used in determining housing eligibility. Students with

print-related disabilities may request housing publications in an alternative format. Students with hearing disabilities may request assistance from the Florida Relay Service by phoning 800-955-8771 (Voice/TDD).

Students with disabilities who may require academic and or classroom accommodations should contact UF's Disability Resources (a function of the Dean of Students Office and the Division of Student Affairs). Disability Resources is located in Reid Hall (P.O. Box 114085, Gainesville, FL 32611-4085). Disability Resources can be reached at 352-392-8565 or e-mail at accessuf@dso.ufl.edu/drc.

LAW SCHOOL TOURS

Tours for prospective students can be arranged Monday-Friday when classes are in session. (See "Important Dates" on page 53. Tours are not available during holidays or term breaks.) Members of the law school's Student Recruitment Team (SRT) host the 30 minute walking tours. For additional information and reservation, contact the SRT at the Admissions Office at 352-273-0890 or toll free 877-429-1297.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Student Recruitment Team (SRT) is comprised of first-, second- and third-year law students who can answer most questions on applying to the Levin College of Law. Admissions staff can respond to questions regarding receipt of required documents and status of a file. Counseling appointments are available and are required to be made in advance.

LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW MANDATORY NOTEBOOK COMPUTER POLICY

The Frederic G. Levin College of Law relies extensively on computing technologies and network communications in all aspects of student life. We believe it is imperative to prepare our students to be technologically sophisticated in the use of computers and computerized legal research.

Because of this major emphasis on access to network information, the Levin College of Law requires that all entering J.D. students own a portable (notebook or laptop) computer.

Admissions Information:

Toll-Free: 1-877-429-1297
Phone: 352-273-0890
Fax: 352-392-4087

J. MICHAEL PATRICK
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For maps and directions: www.law.ufl.edu/about/directions.shtml

Computers are used at the law school and at residences in a variety of ways:

- E-mail messages are sent to students; some "Listservs" are maintained for student/faculty interaction and distribution of course materials; some students use laptops for note-taking; and a variety of writing requirements are produced on computer.
- LEXIS and WESTLAW can be accessed on computers at the law school or by modem from home with software distributed free to law students during the Law School Orientation in their first semester.
- Academic advising and registration through the University of Florida's ISIS program are available through law school and UF computers or by remote access.
- Most classrooms are wired with AC power outlets to the seats, allowing students to use notebook computers for note-taking without reliance on battery power;
- Some faculty members use of computer-generated visual presentations such as PowerPoint in class. In many cases, these presentations also are available on the professors website for downloading by students.

Students may use laptops in the classroom only for taking notes and for class purposes as directed by the professor. Other uses are not permitted, including, but not limited to, e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, e-commerce, game playing, etc.

The college maintains a limited number of computers for free access to e-mail, the Internet, word processing, and other applications on the law school network. A GatorLink account, available after registration, is necessary to use any computer on campus, including wireless access from a personal computer. The GatorLink account will be your official University of Florida (UFL) e-mail address to which important administrative information will be sent. To ensure consistency of information dissemination to students, UF will not permit GatorLink addresses to be forwarded to third party accounts such as AOL and Hotmail. The GatorLink dial-up service comes with a flat rate of \$5 per month as of July 1, 2006, providing each user with 3600 minutes (60 hours) of local use. In December 2006, this service will undergo a review of needs and costs to determine if the service should be continued.

The computer must run Microsoft Windows XP Professional Edition or Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, include a CD/DVD drive, a wireless Ethernet port for network connectivity at the law

school (and broadband connectivity — Cable or DSL — at home), and a modem meeting at least the v.90 standard for those without broadband at home and for use when traveling. Detailed specifications are available from the UF Law website: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/services/laptop.shtml>.

Because of rapidly changing technologies and prices, the college does not recommend specific hardware manufacturers or software. However, Corel WordPerfect and MSWord are standard and available on all public workstations. A letter-quality printer (ink-jet or laser) is highly recommended. Printing at UF and the law school is provided at 13 cents per page. Software for e-mail, virus protection with no-charge updates and Internet access is available in the UF bookstore on CD-ROM at a nominal cost.

All computer applications used at the law school, including electronic courseware and examination software, run under Microsoft Windows; there are sev-

eral applications that do not run on Macintosh computers and do not meet these requirements. Electronic work is often required to be submitted using Microsoft Word or WordPerfect. All professors will assume students have portable computers that meet these minimum requirements. The Levin College of Law follows UF's Cisco Aironet 350 WiFi 802.11b standard. Please check <http://net-services.ufl.edu/wireless> for specifications, compatibility and wireless coverage areas everywhere on UF campus.

The law schools student financial aid office budgets up to \$2,500 toward the cost of any portable computer. In providing access to funding for computer equipment, the Levin College of Law is not responsible for the maintenance, upgrade or loss of equipment. Students are encouraged to come to law school with a computer that meets the minimum specifications as determined by the law school. For more information contact, Andy Adkins, adkins@law.ufl.edu.

Important Dates

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Fall Semester			
Introduction to Law School and the Profession begins	Aug. 23	Aug. 15	Aug. 20
Classes begin	Aug. 28	Aug. 20	Aug. 25
Classes end	Dec. 7	Nov. 30	Dec. 5
Exam/reading period begins	Dec. 11	Dec. 1	Dec. 8
Exam/reading period ends	Dec. 21	Dec. 14	Dec. 19
Graduation	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	
Spring Semester			
Classes begin	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 9
Classes end	Apr. 20	Apr. 18	Apr. 24
Exam/reading period begins	Apr. 21	Apr. 19	Apr. 27
Exam/reading period ends	May 4	May 2	May 8
Graduation	May 11	May 9	May 15
Summer Term			
Classes begin	May 17	May 15	May 21
Classes end	July 6	July 3	July 10
Exam/reading period begins	July 7	July 7	July 13
Exam/reading period ends	July 13	July 11	July 17
Graduation (no ceremony)	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1

* *The December 21, 2007, ceremony will be the law school's final fall graduation. Additional information about future calendar dates is available at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendars/academic/>. **Dates subject to change***



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