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2008 PROSPECTUS

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BE THE YOU
IN UF LAW

UF LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW

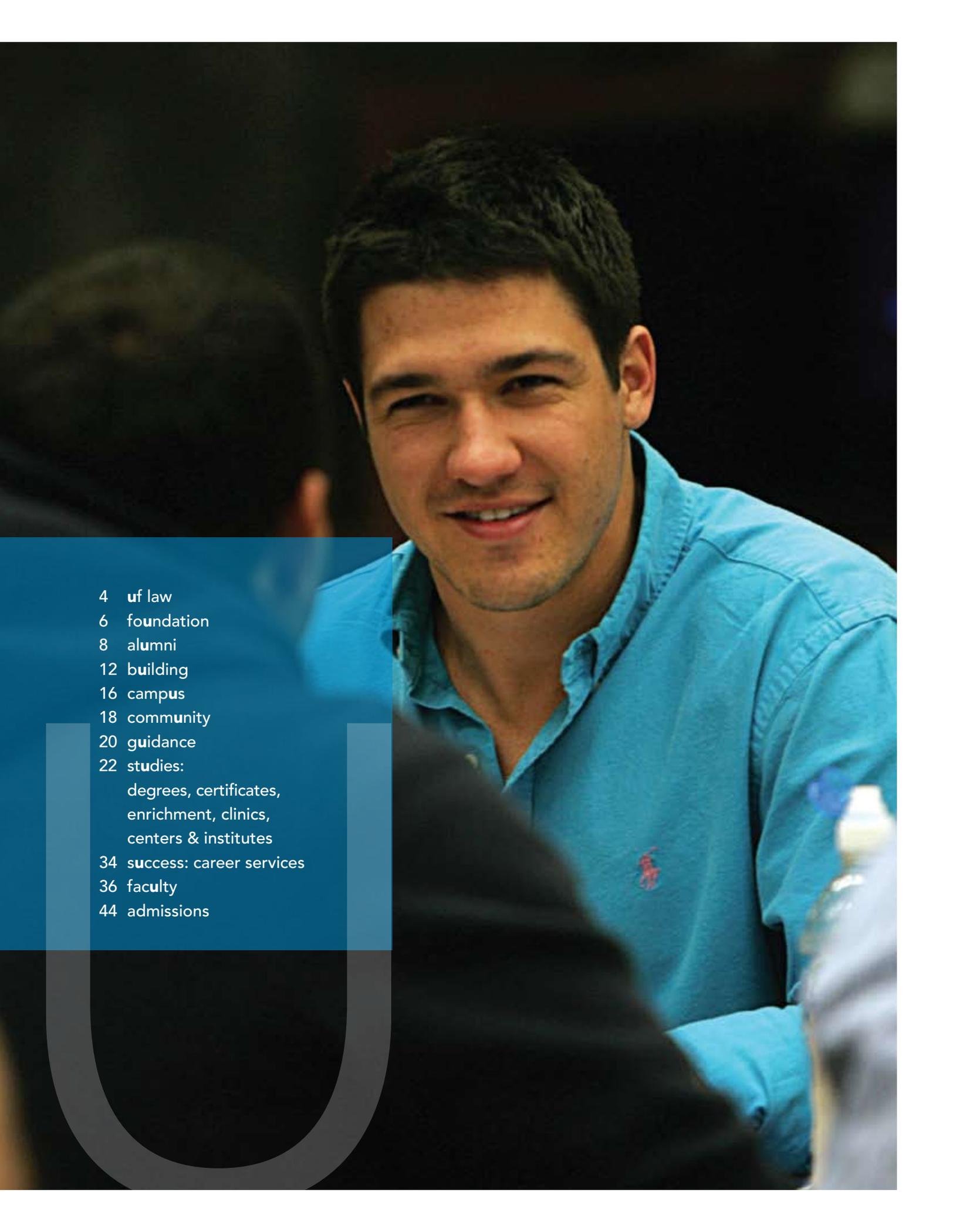


UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA



BE THE **YOU** IN **UF** LAW

YOU are preparing to embark on an extraordinary educational experience with UF Law, Florida's oldest public and most prestigious law school. 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. As a student at UF Law, you will be among accomplished students, professors and practitioners. As a graduate of UF Law, you will add to the strength of an alumni network with a 100-year tradition of leadership and public service. You are now poised to become part of that tradition as a student of the Levin College of Law. We invite you to learn more... join us... and begin an extraordinary law school experience as the YOU of UF Law.



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WELCOME



Our college's Vision and Mission Statement succinctly states our aspirations at the Levin College of Law. We are "dedicated to advancing human dignity, social welfare and justice through knowledge of the law," and we are committed to "excellence in educating professionals, advancing legal scholarship, serving the public, and fostering justice." To these ends, we have assembled an exceptional faculty, staff, and student body who are committed to teaching, learning, and scholarship.

- Internationally recognized faculty known for excellence in teaching and scholarship
- A diverse curriculum with a broad range of opportunities for study
- Facilities are expansive and technology is state-of-the-art, yet comfortable and designed around a central courtyard to foster personal connections
- 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
- Ranked among the top 10 law schools in the nation for graduating Hispanic lawyers, and within the top 20 for total minority graduates in 2008 by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine

Statistics and facts cannot provide a complete picture of UF Law, but they are impressive nonetheless.

- Consistently ranked within the top 10 law schools nationwide by the *Hispanic Business Review*
- Graduate Tax Program is ranked first among public law schools and No. 2 overall by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Children and Family Law program considered among the nation's best
- Environmental and Land Use Law Program ranked No. 13 by *U.S. News and World Report*; the program is now the nation's first to

offer a combined environmental and land use law LLM

- Faculty ranked among the Top 35 law faculties based on scholarly impact for 2007 by the Leiter Report
- Oldest public and the most prestigious law school in Florida with more than 17,000 dedicated alumni
- One of the best values in the country

“ You will find a stimulating intellectual environment here 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. A great many of our alumni have reached the highest levels of professional accomplishment and I can assure you they deeply value their law degrees from the University of Florida. ”

—ROBERT JERRY
Dean, and Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor of Law





A 100 YEAR TRADITION

When UF Law 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 1,200 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 nation. The Graduate Tax Program ranks within the country's top two.

- The student body during the 2007-08 academic year was comprised of 1,253 students, with 1,156 of them JD students from throughout the Southeast and nation
- 41 students are earning joint JD/master's or PhD degrees
- 378 students in the 2007 fall entering class were divided into four sections
- Of the JD students in 2007, minority enrollment was 22 percent: 5 percent African-American students; 1 percent Native Americans/Alaskans; 6 percent Asian Americans; and 10 percent Hispanics. There also were four foreign national students
- There were 49 percent men and 51 percent women in the 2007 class

Times have changed since 1909. Today's student body possesses **first-rate qualifications** and a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.

- 97 students are enrolled in LLM and SJD programs
- The school also has approximately 17 students in its LLM in Comparative Law Program, with these students hailing from countries that include Poland, Lebanon, South Africa and China
- Students with undergraduate degrees representing more than 30 institutions are enrolled at UF Law right

now. These include Georgetown, Boston University, Furman, Brown, Cornell, Duke, Brandeis, UVA, Wake Forest, Princeton, Sanford, UM-Ann Arbor, and Berkeley

- Many students come directly from earning a bachelor's degree, while others have first worked in their first field of choice, including engineering, medicine, journalism and business

2007-08 J.D. STUDENTS

- **2,781** applicants, about **34** percent were admitted
- **1,156** full-time JD students; 41 Joint JD/master's or PhD students
- **22** is the average age (from 22 to 44)
- **49** percent men; **51** percent women
- **22** percent are minorities: 5 percent African Americans 6 percent Asian/Pacific Islanders 10 percent Hispanics 1 percent Native Americans/Alaskans
- **3.65** median UGPA 75th percentile at 3.83 UGPA 25th percentile at 3.44 UGPA
- **160** median LSAT score 75th percentile at 162 LSAT 25th percentile at 156 LSAT



Gator Nation and YOU



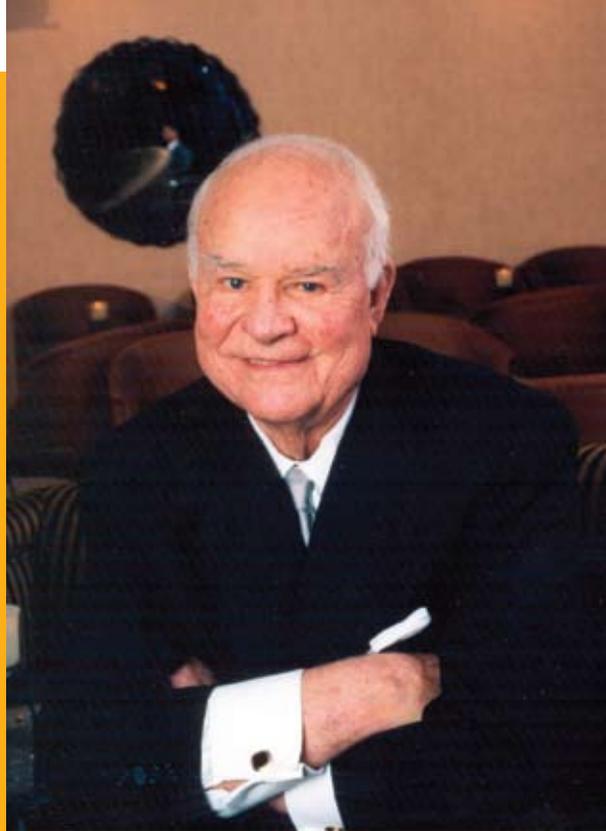
Alumni at UF Law are leaders in law, business, government, public service and education at state, national and international levels, and each year they are cited as the nation's best in publications such as *The National Law Journal* and *Best Lawyers in America*.

alumni



“ A UF law degree can open doors in so many areas that a person may not have considered when making the decision to go to law school. I’m a good case in point. When I entered law school, I never fathomed using my law degree to lobby and try to shape public policy from a business standpoint. ”

—DEREK E. BRUCE (JD 98)
Director, Government Relations Walt Disney World Co.
Lake Buena Vista, Fla.



UF LAW LEADERS

Levin College of Law is Florida's oldest public and most prestigious law school, with 17,000 dedicated alumni living throughout the United States and world. In Florida, approximately one fourth of all practicing lawyers are UF Law graduates.

ABOVE: Chesterfield Smith (JD 48; deceased), founder of Holland & Knight and the American Bar Association president whose leadership helped bring down the presidency of Richard Nixon following the Watergate scandal.

alumni

- UF Law has produced four **American Bar Association presidents** since 1973 — five when UF Law graduate Steve Zack takes office as president-elect in 2009-10 and becomes the fifth UF Law graduate to serve as president in 2010-11
- UF Law is ranked **No. 4 among public law schools** (No. 8 overall) in terms of the number of its graduates serving as federal district and circuit court judges in 2008, according to Federal Judicial Center data
- 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

UF's law school has produced four **American Bar Association** presidents since 1973.

role of Speaker of the House and President of the Senate) and in the Florida Cabinet

- Ten 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 **The Florida Bar's** creation in 1950, the **majority of its presidents**, including the first four and its current president, John G. White III, have been UF Law graduates

Students benefit from many opportunities for interaction with distinguished alumni, who get involved in mentoring and externship programs and as guest lecturers and symposia speakers in campus.

- No. 10 among public law schools for hiring by top law firms (*The National Jurist* magazine)
- No. 7 among public law schools with largest endowment

“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 (JD 73)
Holland & Knight LLP Partner and Chair of Directors Committee
American Bar Association President 2000 – 2001
Tallahassee, Fla.

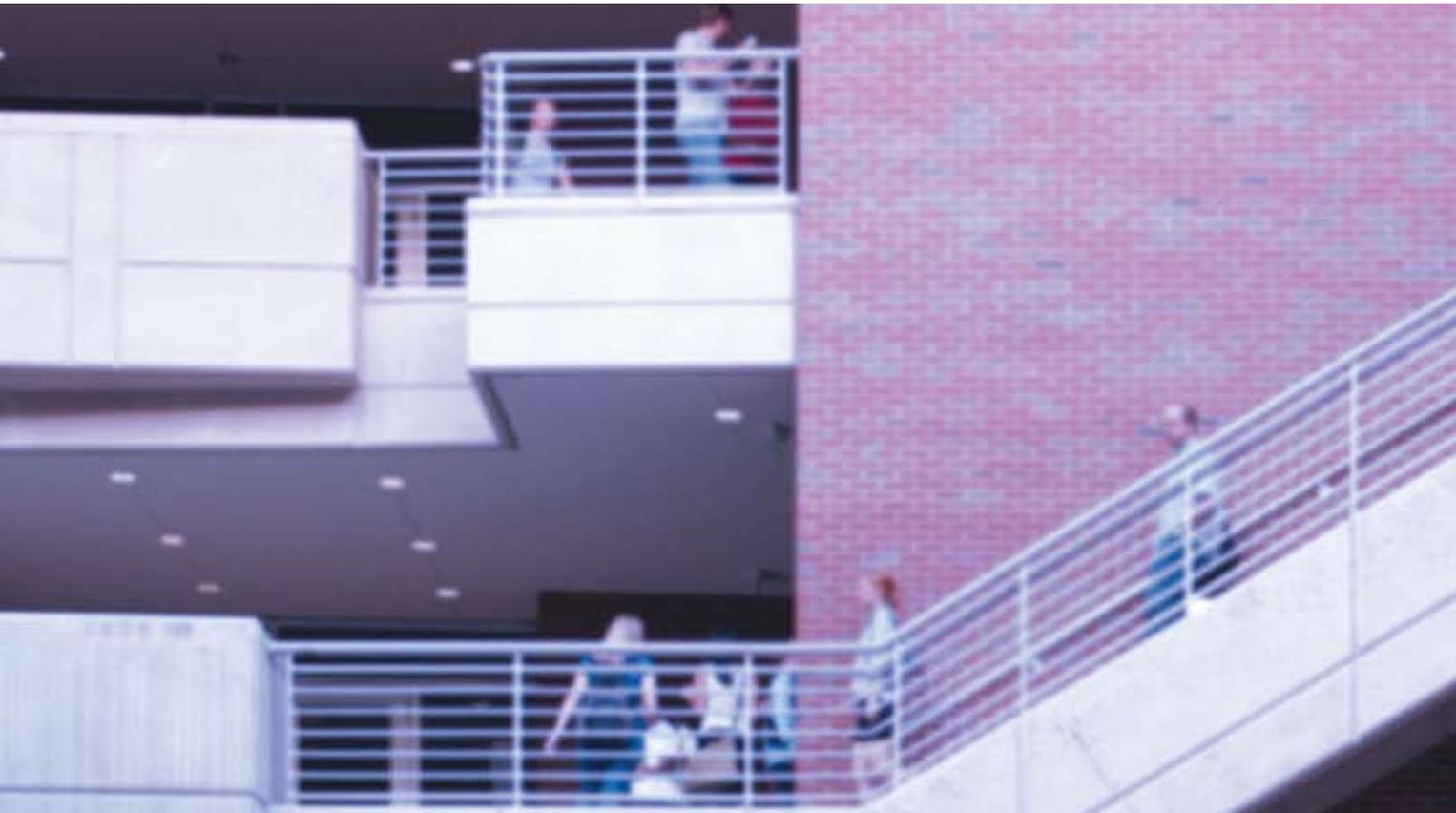


EXPANDED FACILITIES



A recent \$25 million expansion provides a state-of-the-art legal learning center. The new facilities include: the largest legal information center in the Southeast and among the top 20 in the country; comfortable, modern classrooms equipped with advanced technology such as wireless Internet, outlets for laptops, and multi-media presentation equipment, a ceremonial classroom for conferences, receptions and special sessions. The facilities are built around the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard, where students meet daily to exchange information, attend college-wide events such as barbecues and ice cream socials and, most importantly, make lifelong friends and colleagues.

building



THE MARTIN H. LEVIN LAW ADVOCACY CENTER

In addition to the college's recent expansion, UF Law faculty, staff and students will soon enjoy a new legal advocacy center second to none. The Martin H. Levin Law Advocacy Center, the core of a \$5.2 million construction project which broke ground in 2008, will expand legal advocacy education and provide state-of-the-art trial facilities

for the college. The advocacy center will be a stand-alone 20,000 sq. foot building boasting an impressive two-story grand foyer and glass entry with an open staircase that will rise south of Bruton-Geer Hall. It will house a fully functional trial and appellate courtroom on the first floor with a 98-seat gallery, bench for seven judges, a jury box and

attorneys' tables. The courtroom also will accommodate judge's chambers and a jury deliberation room. Named in honor of Martin H. Levin, son and former colleague of Pensacola attorney and college namesake Fredric G. Levin, the center will put UF Law at the forefront of major law colleges providing students with sophisticated facilities and services.



WORLD-CLASS LIBRARY



Designed to blend the tradition of the past with the technology of the future, the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center is a library that 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.

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 information center 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.

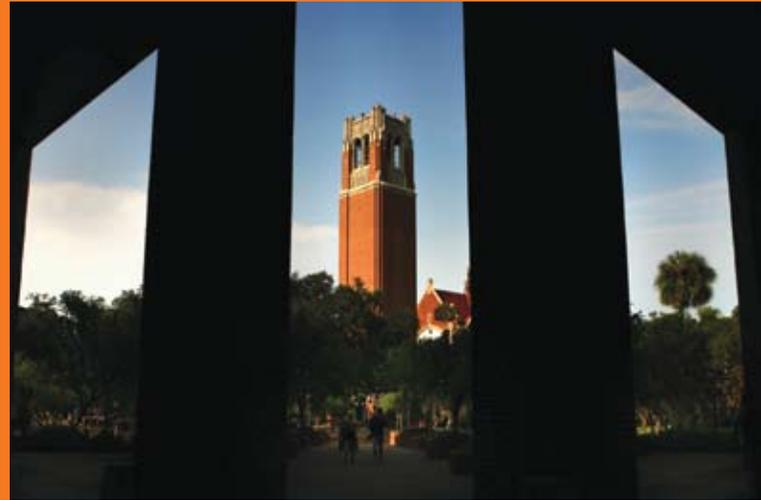
Other features of the 100,000 square-foot Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center include:

UF Law has the largest legal information center in the Southeast, and among the **top 20 nationwide.**

- As the laboratory of the law school, the information center houses more than 600,000 volumes in open stack displays
- An open reserve area to give students direct access to exams and study aids
- More than 300 individual study carrels equipped for wireless computers, with playback carrels available for review of taped classes, negotiations and trial skills. Seating for another 300 students is provided throughout
- The Richard B. Stephens Tax Research Center — named for the co-founder and first director of the school's nationally prominent Graduate Tax Program — featuring nearly 70 carrels for tax LLM students, a graduate lounge, meeting room and offices for the *Florida Tax Review*
- 13 conference rooms that hold up to a dozen students for team study and research



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



As the fourth-largest public university in the United States, the University of Florida has 16 colleges and nearly 200 graduate programs and draws a diverse group of students from more than 130 countries and every U.S. state.

campus

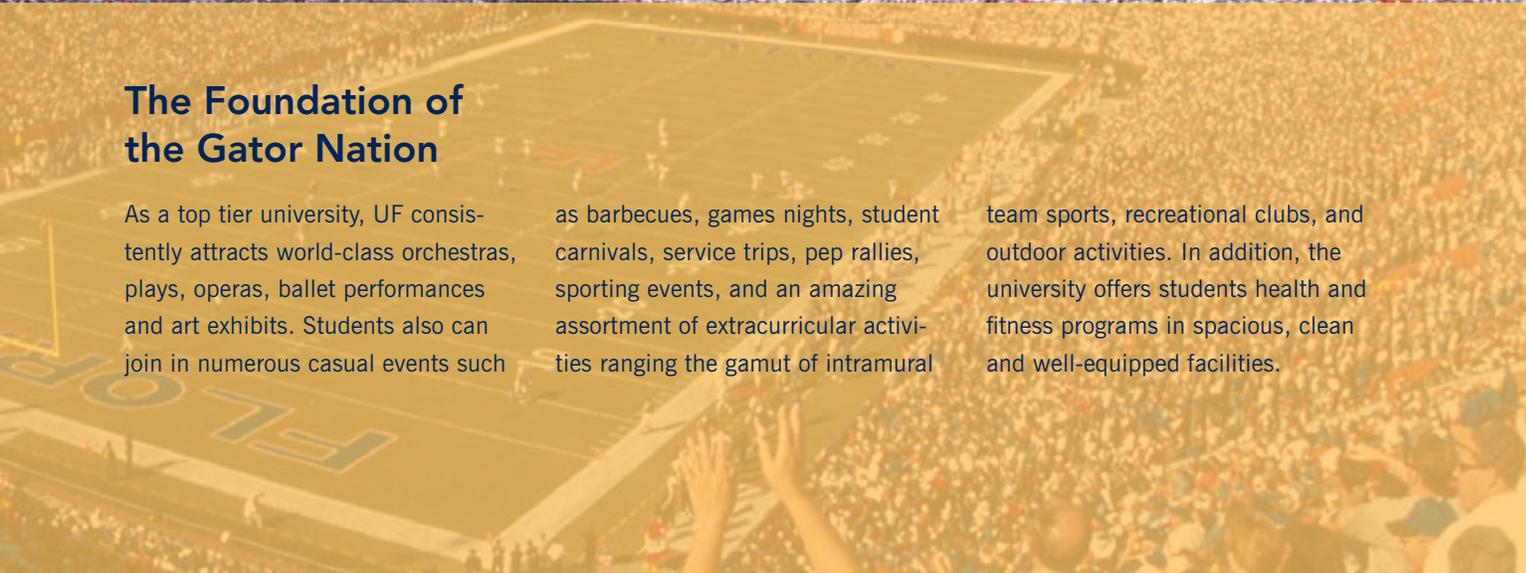


The Foundation of the Gator Nation

As a top tier university, UF consistently attracts world-class orchestras, plays, operas, ballet performances and art exhibits. Students also can join in numerous casual events such

as barbecues, games nights, student carnivals, service trips, pep rallies, sporting events, and an amazing assortment of extracurricular activities ranging the gamut of intramural

team sports, recreational clubs, and outdoor activities. In addition, the university offers students health and fitness programs in spacious, clean and well-equipped facilities.





GAINESVILLE RANKS NO. 1

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. A 2007 guide published by Frommer's gave Gainesville its highest ranking based on nine categories, including quality of life, cost of living, crime and arts and culture.



Every Path Starts with Passion

With a population of about 120,000 (and 220,000 in the county), Gainesville is a busy college town with lots to do on campus and off. Nearly 65 percent of the county is dotted with scenic lakes, wetlands and trails, which give students

numerous opportunities for cycling, canoeing, hiking, golf, camping, bird-watching and fishing. You also can enjoy: Festivals and performing arts programs; national caliber theatres; museums and performing arts; the largest collection of crystal

clean springs in the world; sandy beaches just two hours away; nearby cities such as Orlando, Jacksonville and Tallahassee; and year-round moderate temperatures, with summer highs averaging in the 90s and winter lows in the 40s.

AT YOUR SERVICE



The Office of Student Affairs provides assistance in nearly 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.

guidance

KEY OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

“Introduction to Law School & the Profession,” a multi-day orientation program that provides an introduction to legal education, basic legal structures, professional responsibilities of lawyers-to-be, and University of Florida information.

“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.

UF Law is committed to providing leadership, modeling the **highest standards** of professional and public service, that enables students to succeed in law school and beyond.

More diversity, better legal system
The school offers a highly supportive environment to help minorities excel and strongly encourages students of all backgrounds to apply. 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. Many of these programs are overseen by the Office of Student Affairs, which is responsible for extending comprehensive services that familiarize students with the campus and faculty and then nurturing them throughout their legal schooling.



“There’s no question this UF law degree will open many doors I could only dream of otherwise. The tools students acquire, the faculties we learn to develop and employ, the relationships we build and nourish will forever have an impact on my life and pave the way for future accomplishments and ultimate success.”

—CRISTINA FERNANDEZ (3L)
President, Spanish American Law Student Association (SALSA);
Three Rivers Legal Services Domestic Violence Externship
Miami, Fla.



“ My law degree will provide me with opportunities to foster strong relationships with my peers and gain practical leadership and legal experience that will ultimately enable me to help others with the problems they face. ”

—JAMES TYGER (2L)
Chair, Student Advocacy Coalition; Vice President Student Services,
John Marshall Bar Association
Midlothian, Va.

studies

Legal Studies Tailored to **YOU**

The law school provides courses of study leading to a:

- **Juris Doctor**, including certificate programs in Environmental and Land Use Law, Estates and Trusts Practice, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, and International and Comparative Law.
- **Joint degree by combining a J.D. with either a master's or doctorate degree in just about any discipline.**
- **LL.M. in Taxation**
- **LL.M. in International Taxation**
- **S.J.D. in Taxation**
- **LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law**
- **LL.M. in Comparative Law for foreign law students**

J.D. PROGRAM

[Comprehensive curriculum for more opportunities](#)

The three-year JD 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 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.

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.

CURRENT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- 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.

“Aside from the top-tier education, I chose UF because I knew, without a doubt, that UF would best prepare me to be a successful trial lawyer in a well-balanced environment and provide me with a priceless network of prestigious alumni. I knew that I would have the opportunity to learn with the best and brightest of Florida — future judges and leaders, and hopefully together we would be able to positively influence Florida.”

—SABERIN J. JAMSHED (2L)
John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) Section One Representative;
UF Law Student Recruitment Team; UF Law Ambassador
Boynton Beach, Fla.

studies

ADVANCED WRITING REQUIREMENT

All JD 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, Ap-

pellate 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.”

ORDER OF THE COIF

UF 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.

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.



JURIS DOCTOR REQUIRED COURSE PROGRESSION

First Year

Appellate Advocacy (2 credits)
 Civil Procedure (4)
 Constitutional Law (4)
 Contracts (4)
 Criminal Law (3)
 Legal Research & Writing (2)
 Professional Responsibility (3)
 Property (4)
 Torts (4)

Second Year

Legal Drafting (2)
 Corporations* (3)
 Estates and Trusts* (3)
 Evidence* (4)

Third Year

Trial Practice* (4)

* Registration-priority courses; not required, but faculty recommended.

“ I am a native Floridian and have always had a passionate interest in the environment. UF Law offers a highly ranked environmental law program and a chance to meet and learn from influential lawyers and policy makers in Florida, which will give me a great advantage as I begin my career. ”

—THOMAS “CHRIS” LONG (2L)
New Orleans Redevelopment Authority Extern;
Finance Chair for the 2009 Public Interest Environmental Conference
Tampa, Fla.

studies

Certificates expand knowledge base

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW CERTIFICATE

UF Law's Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program enables students to demonstrate concentration and accomplishment in these two important fields. Certificate requirements were developed by faculty in consultation with an advisory board of leading practitioners from private firms, government agencies and non-profit organizations. Enrolled students take eight credit hours above their JD requirements to graduate. Thus, unlike similar programs elsewhere, students in this personalized curriculum enjoy both breadth and depth in their studies.

ESTATES & TRUSTS PRACTICE CERTIFICATE

This area of the law is of considerable practical importance since it involves counseling clients on how to effectively provide for themselves and dispose of property during their lifetime or at death. The practice involves planning, drafting and administering gratuitous transfers of property, thus implicating the law of gifts, trusts, future interests, intestate succession, wills, probate, fiduciary law and taxation. Perhaps more importantly, the practice involves counseling clients on the many complex issues confronting the elderly.

FAMILY LAW CERTIFICATE

The increasing complexity of divorce law and children's law and the rise of the nontraditional family make family law one of the fastest growing and most intricate practice specialties. One new demand, for example, was created by a Florida Supreme Court mandate that established the "Unified Family Court" to handle all family, juvenile and delinquency matters. Administered by the Center on Children and Families, the certificate program offers sequential clinical and classroom experiences for effective training in areas such as child development, family economics, negotiation and drafting, and courtroom advocacy.

UF LAW STUDENTS LEAD THE NATION

The collaborative environment in the classroom and study sessions often leads to distinction away from campus, as evidenced by students' winning efforts in 2007-08:

- National Champion Manne Moot Court Competition in Law and Economics
- National Champion in the National Civil Rights Trial Competition
- The Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Board is one of the "Elite Eight" moot court teams in the nation
- The International Commercial Arbitration Moot (ICAM) team competed in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna.

Florida Bar Exam

Year in and year out, UF has the most consistent, sustained record of successful bar exam results in Florida. Since 2003, UF Law's first-time test takers have exceeded the overall pass rate by six to 13 percent. Last year, UF Law graduates enjoyed a pass percentage of 92.4 percent, far exceeding the overall pass rate of 85.2 percent, on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CERTIFICATE

Traditionally, intellectual property law encompasses several different bodies of law, including patents, trade secrets, copyrights and trademarks. The technology boom has expanded the need for patent lawyers as well as those trained in related fields such as antitrust, media, cyberlaw and general commercial law. The demand also continues to grow for those who can adapt or create doctrines in new

fields — such as genetic engineering, accessing and downloading Internet materials, and disputes involving domain names, metatags and hyperlinks — as well as for those who can apply these laws in more traditional industries and the creative arts.

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW CERTIFICATE

Every field of law that involves commerce — civil procedure,

business associations, securities regulation, intellectual property, trade regulation, taxation, immigration and environmental law, among others — is affected by globalization. Equally important is the development of human rights laws, domestically and internationally. This certificate program helps prepare students for practice in this new global legal environment by teaching international aspects of every area of the law.

POST J.D. DEGREES

LL.M. in Taxation. Graduate Tax is the college's premier program. It is widely recognized by tax scholars and practitioners nationwide as one of the best, and consistently ranks in the top two in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual ranking of tax programs. UF's renowned graduate tax faculty members are authors of some of the most widely used textbooks and treatises, and lecture at numerous conferences and institutes in the United States and abroad. They have been leaders in professional organizations and consultants for the Internal Revenue Service and other major public and private entities. More than 2,000 students have earned their LLM in Taxation from UF since the program began in 1974. Graduate tax students come from law schools throughout the nation and many foreign countries. They possess outstanding academic credentials and, in many cases, significant professional experience. They go on to be employed by national and international law firms, accounting firms, industry and government and to teach at U.S. law schools. 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 (SJD) in Taxation Program — the first program of this kind in the country. The degree involves extensive study, research and writing over a three- to five-year period.

LL.M. in Comparative Law. The LLM (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.

LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law. This one-year post-JD degree provides an opportunity for experienced

attorneys as well as recent law school graduates to spend an academic year full-time on the UF campus developing in-depth expertise in environmental and land use law. The program adopts an innovative approach that combines the study of land use law with environmental law. The program also capitalizes on the many outstanding programs at the University of Florida in disciplines related to environmental and land use law practice, including wildlife ecology, environmental engineering, urban and regional planning, and interdisciplinary ecology.

Students admitted to the program work with the LLM program director to design an individual course of study tailored to their particular interests. LLM students are eligible to participate in the Conservation Clinic and to apply for a seat in the Summer Environmental Law Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica. The UF LLM program is unique in requiring that 6 of the 26 required credit hours must be from relevant courses that have substantial non-law content and are offered outside the law school or jointly by the law school and another department. In addition to completing required coursework, LLM candidates must complete a written project in connection with a seminar or the Conservation Clinic.

“ I chose UF Law because it was the top ranked law school in Florida and it gave me the opportunity to earn two graduate degrees for the price of one. After three years when I leave UF, I will have a law degree as well as a master's in mass communications. ”

—ADRIENNE BIDDINGS (3L)
Joint Degree Student;
Vice President, Law Association for Women;
Board Member, Law College Council;
Member, Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
Wilmington, N.C.



Enrichment programs sharpen skills

JD students can enhance their skills, earn credit and gain experience through the following organizations:

- Environmental Moot Court teams compete in national and international environmental competition
- International Commercial Arbitration Moot (ICAM) team members compete each spring against law schools from throughout the world in the Wilhelm C. Vis International Competition in Austria
- The Jessup Moot Court Team explores issues of public international law and international humanitarian law and competes in national and international competitions
- 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
- *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
- *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
- *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
- *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

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
- Criminology
- Decision and Information Sciences
- Doctorate of Medicine
- Educational Leadership
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Exercise and Sport Sciences
- 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



For more information on how to qualify, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 352-273-0620.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND SPEAKERS

The Levin College of Law sponsors valuable 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. The college has hosted four U.S. Supreme Court justices in recent years, including U.S. Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Associate Justice John Paul Stevens in 2008.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

Through programs offered on campus and abroad, University of 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 Mel-

bourne, Australia Warsaw University in Poland.

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



“ My UF law degree will provide a foundation for the rest of my life. Not only will employers notice me, but I will have an instant connection with thousands of UF Law alumni all over the world. Gators stick together! ”

—CARLY COHEN (3L)
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studies

Clinical programs add **practical experience**

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. Clinical programs include:

■ **Virgil Hawkins Clinics**

The Virgil Hawkins Clinics — the Full Representation Clinic, County Court Mediation Clinic, and Pro Se Clinic — 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.

■ **Conservation Clinic**

■ **Child Welfare Clinic**

■ **Criminal Clinic**

VIRGIL HAWKINS CLINICS

Full Representation Clinic offers intensive training in family law and practice, with students serving as firstchair 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 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 skilled at navigating bureaucracies, agencies and court systems.

County Court Mediation 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.

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 onsite 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.

CRIMINAL CLINIC 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.

A portrait of a smiling man with a shaved head, wearing a blue button-down shirt, standing in front of a window with a grid pattern. The image is partially overlaid by a blue horizontal bar.

“ I chose UF Law because it best provides its students the legal training, alumni network, and overall law school experience I knew I would need to reach my goals. ”

—RANALDO ALLEN (3L)

Florida Supreme Court Extern; Chester Bedell Inn of Court; Law School Senator; and a member of the Black Law Students Association; UF Law Student Recruitment Team Jacksonville, Fla.

studies

Centers open up **the world****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.

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, cyber-crime, organized crime and international financial crimes. The center also co-sponsors the annual International Symposium on Economic Crime at Cambridge University, England.



“ The high academic quality of the University of Florida Levin College of Law is evident from its rankings in national publications and from its reputation among lawyers, judges and peer colleges and universities. But the intangible is that there is no substitute for being part of the Gator Nation. Over and over again, I run into UF Law grads displaying their Gator regalia, from a judge’s chambers in South Florida to a national corporate client’s office in Connecticut. It happened just yesterday at a deposition... I glanced over at the laptop of another lawyer in the room, and he had Gator stuff all over his screen. We bonded immediately. Non-Gators just don’t get it. ”

—OSCAR A. SANCHEZ (JD 82)
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success

Resources help chart a course

Almost as soon as the law school experience begins, professional counselors in the Center for Career Development — who all have law degrees themselves — offer a wide variety of resources and programs to help students develop their professional identities, plan their self-directed career searches and establish marketing techniques that will serve them throughout their careers.

Resources include:

- **Workshops on practical career skills**, from polishing a resume to “working a room,” to handling call-back interviews as well as seminars on career path exploration and becoming a successful professional
- **Individual counseling** to formulate a career path and determine appropriate job-search strategies
- **Interview skills development**, including mock interviews
- **Networking events on- and off-campus** to meet, network with and learn from legal professionals from law firms, government agencies, public interest organizations, corporations, the judiciary and the military
- **Employer directories, job search aids, career exploration materials, and employment and salary data** nationally and from recent graduates to help assess various career options
- **Job search tips and news** about CCD programs through the Center’s listserv and blog, with updates in the center’s weekly publication
- **The Small Firm Project and the mentor program**
- **The Judicial Clerkship Program**
- **A Web-based job bank** with part-time and full-time positions for students and alumni
- **A Web site** with downloadable resource materials, samples and forms

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Historically about 80 percent of UF Law graduates work in Florida. For the Class of 2007, 77 percent remained in Florida. The remainder are scattered throughout 19 states with graduates also employed in Canada, China and the Mariana Islands. The strongest concentration of UF Law graduates employed outside Florida, (in descending order) were in Georgia, Washington, D.C., New York, California/Virginia (tied) and North Carolina/Maryland (tied).

Nearly 96 percent of the college’s 2007 graduates who were working or pursuing a graduate degree were employed in the following categories within six to nine months after graduation:

- **63 percent in private practice**
- **15 percent in government**
- **10 percent in public interest law and academics**
- **8 percent in business and industry**
- **5 percent in judicial clerkships**



EMPLOYER RESOURCES

Career development offers many services to employers to make it easy for them to interview and hire UF law students and alumni. Employers are actively encouraged to post their hiring needs with UF Law. UF Law brings employers —including many top national law firms — to campus to interview students in one of the largest on-campus recruiting programs in the southeast. For those unable to visit campus, UF Law also has the facilities to conduct videoconference interviews.

In addition, the center coordinates off-campus recruiting events in cities such as Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Chicago and New York City to help students

market themselves to potential employers out of state.

Employer diversity initiatives coordinated through the center include providing information to students about summer associate diversity programs, employer receptions, the Minority Mentor Program, the Minority Picnics and providing diversity employment resources.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Nothing strengthens a resume like experience. The Center for Career Development helps students gain practical, hands-on skills through a variety of programs:

- The Pro Bono and Community Service Projects connect law students with

organizations seeking volunteers for public interest projects. Participants gain valuable work experience and earn recognition certificates honoring them for their accomplishments

- Part-time or summer employment opportunities in law firms, businesses or as teaching or research assistants
- 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 valuable volunteer opportunities in every level of government agency and the judiciary



REMARKABLE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

The foundation of the Levin College of Law 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.

faculty

UF law's faculty is larger and more comprehensive than that of most schools, with 54 tenured or tenure-track faculty, which includes 19 (35 percent) women, and 10 (18.5 percent) minorities. In addition, more than 45 other faculty support the college through clinical, research, writing, information and administrative programs.

Their influence goes far beyond campus, however. Many faculty members are:

- Authors of treatises, casebooks or major books used by law schools and practitioners throughout the nation

UF Law ... a **vigorous and vibrant** educational environment where students acquire the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their careers.

- Cited by the U.S. Supreme Court
- Serve as expert witnesses before policy-making bodies
- Serve as consultants to branches of state, federal and international governments
- 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

- Serve on editorial boards of national publications and author hundreds of articles in law reviews and specialty journals



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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, nearly 50 hold LL.M. or master's degrees, and at least five received Fulbright awards.

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.

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.



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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.



resources

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 and Federal Graduate PLUS 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.

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, 2009 by Feb. 7
Jan. 16–Feb. 15, 2009 by March 7
After Feb. 15, 2009 by 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, 2009 by Feb. 7
Jan. 16–Feb. 15, 2009 by March 7
After Feb. 15, 2009 by 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.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID DATES

JAN. 1, 2009
Application period begins for 2009-2010

results and the need-based scholarship and grant application

FEB. 7, 2009
If admitted prior to Jan. 15, 2009: the deadline for receipt of electronic FAFSA results and the need-based scholarship and grant application

APRIL 7, 2009
On-time deadline for electronic Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal Application

MARCH 7, 2009
If admitted between Jan. 16 and Feb. 15, 2009: the deadline for receipt of electronic FAFSA

APRIL 7, 2009
If admitted after Feb. 15, 2009: the deadline for receipt of electronic FAFSA results and the need-based scholarship and grant application

FINANCIAL AID FEES AND EXPENSES

To help you calculate what your costs may be in 2009-10: One semester credit hour fee for 2009-10 is approximately \$411.30 for Florida residents, and \$1056.79 for non-residents, defined in the UF Undergraduate Catalog. Expenses vary, but UF law students can anticipate costs in addition to tuition of about \$13,745 per year, as follows:

Books/Supplies	\$960
Clothing/Maintenance	\$730
Computer (required for all students)	\$1,100
Food	\$2,520
Personal/Insurance	\$1,620
Room	\$6,190
Transportation	\$480
Student Orientation Fee	\$125
<i>(entering students only)</i>	

CONTINUING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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

LOANS

Federal: Law students are eligible to apply for Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans, Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, and Federal Direct PLUS 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) by April 7 to ensure timely processing of loans.

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 these loans, go to www.law.ufl.edu/students/financial.

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.



Law is a diverse field that requires professionals to work with and represent individuals and organizations in every part of society. Therefore, we seek students with a range of interests, backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

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This is your first case... Prepare it well.

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 DEADLINES

APPLICATION DEADLINES

January 15, 2009
for Fall 2009 Priority Pool

May 1, 2009
for Fall 2009 Secondary Pool

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

LSAT TEST DEADLINE

Applicants seeking Fall 2009 enrollment must take the LSAT test no later than December 2008. February 2009 LSAT is not used for Fall 2009 Admissions decisions.



FACULTY 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 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.

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 law 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 49.)

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.

All applicants must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT is administered four times a year by the Law School Admissions Council in cooperation with leading law schools throughout the country. It is recommended that college students 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. Applicants should discuss score differentiation in the Admissions Statement (see No. 3). Information about the LSAT and the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) is contained in the 2008-2009 LSAT & LSDAS Information Book, which is available at most colleges, or online at www.lsac.org.

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, the LSAT Law School Report will arrive at the college one to two 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 22-23 of the 2008-2009 LSAT & LSDAS Information Book) by the stated deadline for completion of the applicant's file. LSDAS requires two to three weeks to process transcript/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 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.

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 LSACINFO@LSAC.org.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

The UF Law Office of Admissions does not process the required immigration documents for international students. For more information about the required immigration documents and procedures, contact the UF International Center at (352) 392-5323 or send E-mail to iss@ufic.ufl.edu.

The International Student Services Office at UF's International Center is committed to integrating international students and families into the University of Florida and Gainesville. Their staff will help you make a smooth transition into the American culture and student life at the university.

The International Center's responsibility during the admission process is to assist all international students with the required immigration documents (I-20 if obtaining an F1 visa, or DS-2019 if applying for a J1 student visa) to study in the United States.

For more information on International Student Services, please visit: www.

ufic.ufl.edu/iss.htm. For the check-in process for new international students, visit: www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss-resources/newstudents.htm#new.

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 2008-2009 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. Entering Juris Doctor Applicants.

You have one method available to apply to the Levin College of Law. UF Law requires that candidates use the UF Law LSAC electronic application process. Applicants will be sent an E-mail acknowledgement within two weeks of applying. Only call if you have not received an E-mail acknowledgement of your application after the 2-week period.

Do not include writing samples, pictures, CDs, audio cassettes or videotapes, etc., as part of the application. Candidates are required to keep a copy of their application for their personal use.

UF LAW LSAC ELECTRONIC APPLICATION

All applicants (entering juris doctor, transfer/visitor) are required to use this process. (Note the separate application/supplemental forms for each type of applicant.)

LSAC electronic applicants are responsible for all information presented under "Admissions" on the Levin College of Law Web site (www.law.ufl.edu), and in the 2008-2009 LSAT/LSDAS Information Book (www.lsac.org). On the application forms, the Levin College of Law will consider your LSAC Electronic signature as your

official signature. See electronic signature boxes on page 5, and Information Card.

CAUTION: Saving your LSAC electronic application does not formally submit the application.

ENTERING JURIS DOCTOR APPLICANTS ONLY PRIORITY APPLICANT POOL

To ensure that an application receives full consideration, it is essential that the applicant meet the deadline for becoming part of the Priority Pool.

- Application Deadline – January 15, 2009, for Fall 2009.
- LSAT test deadline – no later than December of 2008 for Fall 2009; February 2009 LSAT is not used for Fall 2009 admissions decisions.
- File completion deadline for Priority Pool – March 1, 2009. Priority Pool files not complete by March 1 will automatically be carried forward to the Secondary Pool and be part of the Secondary Pool from that point forward.
- Priority Pool decision timing – Barring unforeseen circumstances, Priority Pool applicants will have their decision by late March to early April.
- Priority Pool Financial Aid (merit & need based scholarships, grants) – Admits from the Priority Pool will have priority for all UF based scholarships and grants. All specific financial aid deadlines must be met.

SECONDARY APPLICANT POOL

All Secondary Pool applicants, including incomplete applicants carried forward from the Priority Pool, will not be considered until all applicants from the Priority Pool have been considered. Because it is possible that the fall 2009 entering class will be filled from the Priority Pool, it is possible that Secondary Pool applicants will only be considered for placement on the fall 2009 wait list, not for direct fall 2009 admission.

- Secondary Pool filing deadline – May 1, 2009 for fall 2009.

- File completion deadline for Secondary Pool – May 15 for fall 2009. Please note, however, that all required admissions materials should be received by UF Law Admissions by May 1, 2009. **FILES THAT BECOME COMPLETE AFTER MAY 1, 2009 ARE UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.**
- Secondary Pool Decision Timing – between April 1 and June 15.
- Secondary Pool Financial Aid – Secondary Pool applicants must meet the in-hand May 15 filing deadline for all financial aid materials (same as for all required Admissions materials). Because priority in awarding financial aid is given to Priority Pool admits, successful Secondary Pool applicants may only be placed on financial aid alternate lists.

4. 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. In-

tentional 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.

5. Preparing your first case

This is your “first case” and it should be prepared carefully. Be mindful that at the core of this process, the Admissions Committee is focused on making an “academic” admission decision. Many other factors can contribute to the ultimate decision — community service, extra-curricular activities, work, and military service to name a few. Therefore, the basic task before each applicant is to make, support, and document your individual “academic case,” and define your other factors. Your admissions case began when you graduated from high school and continues to the present, so build your case from that point forward.

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 admissions 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 professional 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. Please define time frame(s) and be as detailed as possible.

ADMISSIONS 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 an admissions 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, academic experiences, academic and non-academic activities and public service. If applicable, applicants may describe disadvantages that may have adversely affected past academic performance or that were successfully overcome, such as poor grade progression, 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, do so in a one-page addendum.

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 academic performance, extra-curricular activities, community service,

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and/or employment. They should not be personal recommendations.

Candidates have two options for submitting letters:

- LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service — The college strongly prefers 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 pdf cover form located on the UF Law Admissions Web site at www.law.ufl.edu/admissions. 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.

6. 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.)

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

The Admissions Committee makes final fall decisions for priority applicants in late March/early April. Decisions for

secondary pool applicants are made between April 1 and June 15. Applicants are immediately notified in writing upon final decision. The college begins notifying applicants from the time the first decision is made (late November or early December) 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.

ACCEPTING AN OFFER: \$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.

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.

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. (See deadline above.)

To decline an offer of admission, please go to www.law.ufl.edu. Go to

the section about Admissions/Seat Deposit-Cancellation, and complete the process online.

PETITIONING FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants can request reconsideration only in cases where the applicant has learned of (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.”

TRANSFER PROCEDURES

All transfer candidates are required to apply using the UF LSAC electronic application process at www.lsac.org.

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, 2008, application and file completion deadline for Spring 2009
- March 1, 2009, application and file completion deadline for Summer 2009
- July 1, 2009, application deadline; July 15, 2009, file completion deadline for Fall 2009

(Note: All deadlines are “in-hand” dates)

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. UF Law will transfer no more than 29 semester hours of credit.

Applicants must submit the following information by the cited deadlines.

- Application filing options: See TRANSFER CERTIFICATION FORMS This document is a supplemental form and is part of the transfer/visitors UF electronic application process. The certification form must be completed by your law school and sent directly to UF Law Admissions by the cited file completion deadline. The form must be accompanied by your official law school transcript.
- Current LSDAS Law School Report from LSAC. By applying through the UF LSAC electronic application process, your report is automatically requested.
- Statement to the Admissions Committee relating the applicant's reasons for wanting to attend the College of Law. This Statement should only focus on your law school academic experience.
- Upon receipt of a completed application, the Admissions Committee will evaluate transfer requests based on the following:
 - Space availability
 - Applicant's current law school record
 - Applicant's reasons for requesting a transfer

VISITORS PROCEDURES

All visitor candidates are required to apply using the UF LSAC electronic application process at www.lsac.org.

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. Application and file completion deadlines are:

- December 1, 2008, for spring 2009
- April 1, 2009, for summer 2009
- July 1, 2009, for fall 2009

(Note: All deadlines are "in-hand" dates)

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. Visitors may attend the college for up to two academic terms.

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

- Letter from the dean of the applicant's law school granting permission for the student to attend the UF College of Law, certifying that the student is "in good standing, and that the law school will apply credits earned at UF Law to the student's degree from that law school.
- Official law school transcript showing all academic work to date.
- Current LSDAS Law School Report from LSAC. By applying through the UF LSAC electronic application process, your report is automatically requested.
- Statement to the Admissions Committee relating the applicant's reasons for wanting to attend the UF College of Law.

Other Important Information

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, new and current UF law students may visit www.law.ufl.edu, click on Admissions, then Housing; which provides information on off/on-campus housing as well as Law Roommate Referral System.

Students with Disabilities

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.

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).

Law School Tours and Campus Visits

Tours for prospective and admitted students can be arranged Monday-Friday when classes are in session. (See "Important Dates" on page 50. 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 reservations, contact the Admissions Office at 352-273-0890 or toll free 877-429-1297. For maps and directions see <http://www.law.ufl.edu/about/directions.shtml>.

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 with professional staff are available and are required to be made in advance.

LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW MANDATORY NOTEBOOK COMPUTER POLICY

The Fredric 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

Important Dates

FALL SEMESTER	2008-09	2009-10	2010-2011
Introduction to Law School and the Profession begins	Aug. 20	Aug. 19	Aug. 18
Classes begin	Aug. 25	Aug. 24	Aug. 23
Classes end	Dec. 5	Dec. 4	Dec. 3
Exam/reading period begins	Dec. 8	Dec. 5	Dec. 6
Exam/reading period ends	Dec. 19	Dec. 18	Dec. 17
SPRING SEMESTER			
Classes begin	Jan. 9	Jan. 4	Jan. 3
Classes end	Apr. 24	Apr. 16	Apr. 15
Exam/reading period begins	Apr. 27	Apr. 19	Apr. 18
Exam/reading period ends	May 8	Apr. 30	Apr. 29
Graduation	May 15	May 7	May 6
SUMMER TERM			
Classes begin	May 21	May 10	May 16
Classes end	July 10	June 28	July 16
Exam/reading period begins	July 13	June 29	July 11
Exam/reading period ends	July 17	July 6	July 15
Graduation (no ceremony)	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1

Information about calendar dates is available at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendars/academic/>. Dates subject to change

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

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

- E-mail messages are sent to students, some "listserv" 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 beginning with the Law School Orientation class during 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 make use of computer-generated visual presentations such as PowerPoint in class. In many cases, these presentations are also available on the professor's Web site for downloading by students.

ADMISSIONS

- Students may use laptops in the classroom for notetaking 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 providing 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 ad-

The computer must run Microsoft Windows XP Professional Edition or Microsoft Windows Vista Business or Ultimate, 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, including comments regarding Microsoft Vista, are available from the UF Law web site: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/services/laptop.shtml>.

Because of rapidly changing technologies and prices, the college does not recommend specific hardware

All computer applications used at the law school, including electronic courseware and examination software, run under Microsoft Windows. 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 WiFi 802.11b/g standard. Please check <http://net-services.ufl.edu/wireless> for specifications, compatibility and wireless coverage areas everywhere on UF campus.

The law school's student financial aid office budgets up to \$2,500 toward the cost of any portable com-

Checklists

I. ENTERING JURIS DOCTOR APPLICANTS

PRIORITY POOL

- January 15, 2009
Filing deadline for Priority Pool.
- March 1, 2009
File completion deadline for Priority Pool.

SECONDARY APPLICANT POOL

- May 1, 2009
Filing deadline for Secondary Pool.
- May 15, 2009
File completion deadline for Secondary Pool.

II. TRANSFER APPLICANTS

- October 1, 2008
Spring 2009 application/file completion deadline.
- March 1, 2009
Summer 2009 application/file completion deadline.
- July 1, 2009
Fall 2009 application deadline.
- July 15, 2009
Fall 2009 file completion deadline.

NOTE: All deadlines are "in-hand" dates. Any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday automatically moves forward to the next business day.

III. VISITOR APPLICANTS

- December 1, 2008
Spring 2009 application/file completion deadline.
- March 1, 2009
Summer 2009 application/file completion deadline.
- July 1, 2009
Fall 2009 application/file completion deadline.

ministrative information will be sent to you. 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. If needed, the GatorLink dial-up service comes with a flat rate of \$5.00 per month as of July 1, 2006. This provides each user with 3,600 minutes (60 hours) of local use. This service is currently available, but is under review to determine if the service should be continued.

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 and virus protection with no-charge updates and Internet access is available in the UF bookstore on CD-ROM at a nominal cost.

puter. 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, please contact Computing Services at computingservices@law.ufl.edu.



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