This year’s University of Florida Music Law Conference will go “Beyond the CD,” a theme centering discussion around the music business as it relates to film, television, video games, new distribution and emerging technologies.

Presented by the UF Levin College of Law and UF Student Government, the annual Music Law Conference and Live Music Showcase will be held Feb. 9-10. The conference will include a live music showcase, Friday, Feb. 9, from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., at Common Grounds, 210 S.W. 2nd Ave. in Downtown Gainesville.

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Annual Music Law Conference and Showcase Goes ‘Beyond the CD’

‘A Series of Unfortunate Events’ Adds Spark to Discussion on Racial Issues

A series of several high-profile incidents in recent months have again brought attention to the subject of racial issues and will serve as the launching point for discussion at an upcoming event sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations.

Mel Gibson’s anti-Semitic meltdown, Michael Richards’ “N word” rant, Rosie O’Donnell’s “comedic” caricature of Asians, and more serious cases involving the fatal undercover police killings of Sean Bell and Kathryn Johnston are but some of the topics to be discussed at “A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Look at Race,” Feb. 26, from noon until 2 p.m., in Room 355B Holland Hall.

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All about ‘Ships’

As you explore your options for next summer or permanent employment upon graduation, you are probably encountering information about the many “Ships” available to you with your law degree. Internships, clerkships, and fellowships can provide you with great experience, knowledge, and funding, yet it can be confusing when searching for and applying to them as the terms are sometimes used synonymously. Here is a quick guide to help you navigate “Ships.”

Fellowships

Fellowships are typically programs that match law graduates or law students with public service organizations or law school programs. Fellowships are variously funded and highly competitive and are usually for a prescribed number of years following graduation. Some fellowships are offered as summer fellowships for students. Typically, fellowships offer a “stipend” in the form of a flat amount intended to help the fellow with living expenses.

How to search for fellowships

The Center for Career Services receives information about a wide variety of fellowships from organizations, employers, and other law schools. CCS will send out timely hotlines about certain fellowships, post information about them in the Symplicity Job Bank, and highlight many of them in FlaLaw. CCS will always keep the hard copies of the information and application forms we receive in the office for students to access at their own convenience. The fellowship information is currently in a light blue binder labeled “FELLOWSHIPS” behind the front desk and is accessible to UF Law students during CCS’s business hours.

CCS does not receive information about every fellowship that is out there, and there is not enough space in FlaLaw to publish every fellowship deadline. There are a variety of resources you can check to search for fellowships. The Public Service Law Network (PSLawNet) can be accessed at www.pslawnet.org. This resource is perhaps the most comprehensive source for your fellowship search. You can click on “Fellowship Corner” to do a quick search, or you can create a PSLawNet account to further explore the site’s resources. To create a PSLawNet account, from the PSLawNet homepage, click “Sign Up Now” and enter your email address, select a password, and that you are a student. You will then receive an email from PSLawNet with the subject “Thank you for registering” with a link you need to click on to confirm your account. Then you are set to log in and explore all that PSLawNet has to offer.

The Government Honors and Internship Handbook is a password-protected website that contains deadline and application information for Federal and some state job postings for summer or permanent work, including fellowships. This comprehensive listing is at www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm. UF Law students can stop by CCS to pick up the pink slips of paper at the front desk with the username and password information to access this site, or browse the printed copy located in a black binder behind the CCS front desk. Please note that the website is updated frequently, so check it regularly.

CCS has a fellowship handout with additional information, as well as a variety of publications about fellowships, so be sure to stop by to check out the many resources in our office.

Clerkships

Some firms and other organizations call their part-time law student hires or summer hires “summer law clerks.” Law clerks typically are paid on an hourly basis for performing tasks such as drafting motions or pleadings or conducting legal research. Law clerk positions are listed in Symplicity and may be found by making phone calls or doing a targeted mailing.

Judicial law clerkships are prestigious paid positions for law graduates who work for a judge by assisting with research, writing, and reviewing of opinions and orders, usually for a 1- or 2-year period. Many times the judicial clerk first will have
completed a judicial internship for the particular judge who then hires the law student for the law clerk position upon graduation. A judicial clerkship is a great way to begin your legal career and opens many employment doors upon completion. Information on federal clerkships is available at https://lawclerks.uscourts.gov/web/jobSearch, and the federal application timing rules (which UF Law does follow) are available at http://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/lawclerk/. The Vermont Law School compiles the Guide to State Judicial Clerkships. The site, located at http://vermontlaw.edu/career, is password protected. The password is available to UF Law students at the CCS front desk on blue slips. Additionally, CCS will be offering upcoming programs on Judicial Clerkships this March.

**Internships**

The term “internship” is used in many ways to describe a variety of positions, some paid and some volunteer. Some firms call their summer law student hires “interns.” Government agencies and public interest programs also have “internship” opportunities. Some judges also accept judicial interns for summer employment, although “clerkship” typically describes work with a judge. The Symplicity Job Bank, Government Honors and Internship Handbook, and clerkship sites listed above will also contain internship information.

Corporations also offer summer internship positions to law students. Check out the Career Services library for a variety of publications about these corporate internship opportunities.

**Summer Honors Programs**

Honors programs are prestigious and highly competitive programs for law students that provide the students with the opportunity to gain experience working within government agencies. Some programs are geared for 1Ls and 2Ls while others are for 3Ls only. Typically, the 3L programs are the mechanism for gaining entry-level positions within the agency. For example, in the U.S. Attorney General’s Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is the only means to an entry-level attorney position.

**Externships**

The term “externship” typically describes unpaid legal work done for credit. The University of Florida offers a variety of opportunities for students to work in the legal community under the supervision of both a field and faculty supervisor. There are judicial and non-judicial externships. Both can help you establish contacts and gain invaluable practical experience.

Externships are now being administered by Associate Dean for Academic Affairs George Dawson and Julie Barnes (located in the Dean’s Suite). The information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31, at noon in Holland Hall room 359 to outline externship opportunities and the application process for Summer ’07 and Fall ’07 semesters.

**Other Terminology**

Employers who accept applications on a “rolling” basis means that applications are considered as they are received. Hence, all positions may have been filled by the closing date. Therefore, apply ASAP to positions evaluated on a rolling basis.

**One Quick Question**

Don’t forget to stop by CCS with your questions on Mondays, 1:45-3:15 p.m. and Thursdays, 9:45-11:15 a.m.
### Monday JANUARY 29
- HLLSA Speaker Attorney Jorge Colon on Life as an Hispanic Attorney, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- CCS Program: One Quick Question, 1:45-3:15 p.m., Bruton-Geer 244

### Monday FEBRUARY 5
- CCS Program: One Quick Question, 1:45-3:15 p.m., Bruton-Geer 244

### Tuesday FEBRUARY 6
- CCS Program: Etiquette Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Emerson Alumni Hall

### Wednesday JANUARY 31
- ACS Food for Thought lecture, noon, HOL 345
- Externship Informational Meeting, noon, HOL 359
- Faculty Brownbag with Professor Winston Nagan, noon, HOL 360
- Gator men’s basketball vs. Vanderbilt, 7 p.m., O’Connell Center

### Wednesday FEBRUARY 7
- Faculty brownbag with Maryellen O’Brien on “Research Gateway: A Library E-Research Tool,” noon, Room TBA
- ACCENT presents Martin Luther King III, civil rights leader, 8 p.m., Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

### Monday FEBRUARY 12
- CCS Program: One Quick Question, 1:45-3:15 p.m., Bruton-Geer 244

### Wednesday FEBRUARY 14
- CCS Program: Dress for Success, noon
- Center for European Studies presents “A Current Perspective of Entangled Alliances: Greece Turkey and Cyprus,” with guest speaker Harriet L. Elam-Thomas, Ambassador in Residence (UCF), 2:15 p.m., Anderson Hall 216
- Gator Men’s Basketball vs. Alabama, 8 p.m., O’Connell Center
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Mini-grants Available for Projects Benefiting UF Conservation Areas

Faculty, staff and students interested in pursuing environmental projects that benefit conservation areas on the UF campus are invited to apply for mini-grants offered by the Lakes and Natural Areas Subcommittee of UF’s Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee.

Grants of up to $20,000 will be awarded by the Environmental Stewardship CITF Grant Program to complete projects that will enhance or restore one or more of the almost two dozen conservation areas, said Erik Lewis, senior planner with the Division of Facilities Planning and Construction.

Possible topics include management of exotic invasive plants, research on water quality enhancement, development of educational brochures or kiosks, and construction or maintenance of nature trails.

Applications must be submitted by March 1. Application forms and additional information are available at www.facilities.ufl.edu/cp/grant/index.htm. Funding for the grants, which totals $200,000, was provided by UF Student Government. The Division of Facilities Planning and Construction is responsible for major construction projects at UF, as well as management of its space and physical resources.

JLPP to Hold Seminar on How to Get Published, Writing Competition Starts Wednesday

The Journal of Law and Public Policy (JLPP) will be holding a “How to Get Published Seminar” on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at noon in the Bailey Courthouse (Bruton-Geer Hall room 136).

Anyone who is interested in learning how to publish a legal article or other type of work is welcome to attend the seminar. The seminar will address how to submit legal articles to student-run law reviews as well as what to consider when choosing a topic to research.

JLPP will be starting the Spring 2007 writing competition on Jan. 31 with an informational meeting to be held in a room to be announced.

To receive more information come to the informational meeting or e-mail Shawn Jewell at ufs@ufl.edu.

Loans for Bar Exam Expenses

Are you making plans to take the bar and wondering where you will come up with the financing necessary for these out of pocket expenses? There are private loan companies who will make Bar Exam loans to students who are in their final year of law school.

These loans can be used for a student’s living expenses while studying for the Bar, Bar prep classes and other Bar-related expenses. You may borrow from as little as $500 to as much as $15,000. For more information on these private loans you may contact the lenders directly at:

• Access Group
  800-282-1550
  www.Accessgroup.org
• Key Education Resources
  800-539-5363
  www.Key.com/law

Center Holds Reading Group

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) will hold a reading group to discuss Michael Eric Dyson’s Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster (Limited number of books available from CSRRR for check out).

The group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. in the Graduate Tax Lounge in the Legal Information Center. For more information, please contact Lee Glover at lglover@ufl.edu or Melissa Bamba at bamba@law.ufl.edu (273-0614).

Join the Class Gift Committee

The UF Levin College of Law would not be what it is today without support from its former students. Now it is your chance to make a difference and leave a legacy for future generations of students. Committee members are needed for the Spring 2007 Class Gift campaign. Members also have the opportunity to network with alumni and have a chance to join the Law Alumni Council upon graduation. If you are interested, please call Andrea Shirey in the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs at 273-0640 or email shirey@law.ufl.edu.

Study Abroad Deadline Approaching

Students interested in any of the UF Levin College of Law’s ABA-approved summer study abroad programs in South Africa, Costa Rica, and France must apply by the March 23 deadline.

For more information on the study abroad programs, go to http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/summer.shtml.

Note: Career Services programs and additional meetings and events are listed on the calendar on pages 4-5.
Music Law Conference Goes ‘Beyond the CD’

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makers and entertainment executives, the conference will explore new forms of distribution, ethical issues, and protecting musicians’ rights. The conference is free for all UF students and faculty with a Gator1 card (others must pay a registration fee). Seating is limited, so anyone interested in attending should register now. Go to the Music Law Conference website for registration forms and more details: www.law.ufl.edu/musiclawconf/.

Confirmed panelists include the Florida Film and Entertainment Commissioner, a representative from Universal Music Group, general counsel for Prince, numerous top level entertainment lawyers, nationally recognized music artists, entertainment business executives, prominent academics, and leaders from the Florida Bar Entertainment and Sports Law Section.

Saturday’s schedule starts with registration and breakfast at 9 a.m. The first panel starts at 10 a.m. with a discussion on “Digital Markets,” covering such topics as ringtones, video games and software. At 11:15 a.m. a panel on “Entertainment Markets” will discuss film, TV, and advertising. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. will feature keynote speaker James Oliverio, director of UF’s Digital Worlds Institute. A multimedia composer, educator and music producer, Oliverio’s credits range from internationally performed symphonic scores to five Emmy Award winning soundtracks for film and television. The afternoon panels begin at 2 p.m. with a discussion on ethics, followed by a panel on “Protecting Rights” at 3:15 p.m., which will include copyright, publishing, and royalties. The day’s final panel on “New Distribution” will start at 4:30 p.m. and focus on such subjects as Apple’s iTunes, the web, satellite, and myspace.com. For more information, visit www.law.ufl.edu/musiclawconf/ or contact conference director Brian Frankel at brianjd@ufl.edu.

A performer at last year’s Music Law Conference showcase.

UF Expands Outdoor Smoking Restrictions

The University of Florida is expanding the coverage of its outdoor smoking restrictions to include all campus buildings. Smoking now is prohibited within 50 feet of every campus building. The Environmental Health and Safety Committee approved the expansion of coverage based on the recommendation of Healthy Gators 2010, a campus organization whose members reviewed the successful implementation of the original smoking restrictions approved in May 2002.

The policy is designed to minimize exposure to secondhand smoke and ensure clean air around all campus buildings. Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke inhale many of the same toxins as smokers and even brief exposure can be harmful, especially to people with asthma or allergies. Until last week, smoking was prohibited within 50 feet of the 44 buildings whose administrators had requested the designation. Programs and support to quit smoking are available on campus, in Gainesville and online. Healthy Gators 2010 will sponsor an on-campus smoking cessation class from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 for UF faculty, staff and students. The first 10 registrants will receive a free 30-day supply of nicotine patches. For more information, visit www.healthygators.hhp.ufl.edu.

A forum to increase awareness and provide attendees with action steps to fight the genocide in Darfur will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. at the UF Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy Auditorium, 101 S. Newell Drive. The HPNP building is behind the Health Science Center, north of Shands.

The event will include a panel discussion with UF professors with expertise in the areas of genocide and human rights. The panel will be followed by the screening of a documentary film depicting the lives of internally and externally displaced persons from Darfur, Sudan. If you would like to volunteer for this event contact Yolanda Jameau at yjameau@ufl.edu.

Forum to Help Fight Genocide in Darfur
College of Law Administration
- Robert H. Jerry, II, Dean
- George L. Dawson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Stuart R. Cohn, Associate Dean for International Studies
- Michael K. Friel, Associate Dean & Director, Graduate Tax Program
- Rachel E. Inman, Associate Dean for Students
- Christine Klein, Associate Dean for Faculty Development
- M. Kathleen “Kathie” Price, Associate Dean for Library and Technology
- Gail E. Sasnett, Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations
- Adrian Jones, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Community Relations
- Linda Calvert Hanson, Assistant Dean for Career Services
- J. Michael Patrick, Assistant Dean for Admissions
- Debra D. Amirin, Director of Communications
- Kelley Frohlich, Senior Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

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SCHOLARSHIP & Activities

Jonathan R. Cohen
Professor; Associate Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution

Jeffrey Davis
Professor; Gerald A. Sohn Scholar
- Presented to the Bankruptcy/UC Committee of the Business Section of the Florida Bar concerning the Amicus Curiae Brief he just submitted to the United States Supreme Court in support of a petition for writ of certiorari. His argument on behalf of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees concerns application of the in pari delicto doctrine against a trustee in bankruptcy.

Mark Fenster
Associate Professor

Robert H. Jerry
Dean; Levin Mabie and Levin Professor

Christopher L. Peterson
Associate Professor
- Presented paper entitled “Usury Law and the Christian Right: Religious Political Power and the Geography of ‘Payday Lending Regulation’” to the faculty at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Michael R. Siebecker
Assistant Professor
- Published article, “Corporate Speech, Securities Regulation and an Institutional Approach to the First Amendment,” which was recently published in the William and Mary Law Review.

Christopher Slobogin
Stephen C. O’Connell Chair
- Gave a talk on “Preventive Justice and the Implications of Bioscience” at Stanford’s Center for Law and the Biosciences on Jan. 29.

Steven J. Willis
Professor
- Panelist at the AALS Annual Meeting of the Section of Non-profits on the topic of “Teaching Non-profit Law,” in Washington, D.C. in January.

In the News
Robert C. L. Moffat
Professor
- St. Petersburg Times, Jan. 7: Gainesville Sun, Jan. 10. Moffat was extensively quoted in an article that questioned an attorney’s attempt to use an ancient rule of English Common law to defend his client from murder charges. Under the law, the accused would not be held responsible if a death occurs more than a year and a day after infliction of the fatal injury.

Christopher Slobogin
Stephen C. O’Connell Chair
- Palm Beach Post, Jan. 16. In an article about the retrial of a wealthy real estate agent accused of shooting and killing his wife, he explained how the prosecution would have the upper hand in a retrial.