

THE CCD BUZZ

Your weekly guide to what is important to your career and professional development

Week of September 14, 2009

UPCOMING CCD PROGRAMS

- 9/15 Different Practice Areas: Litigation vs. Transactional
12pm, HOL 345
- 9/16 Careers in Lobbying
12pm, HOL 345
- 9/21 Volunteer Fair
10am-2pm, Courtyard
- 9/22 Public Interested? w/ speakers from TRLS & SLC
12pm, HOL 345
- 9/23 3Ls Only: Dean Jerry - Employment Market
12pm, HOL 345



Different Practice Areas Litigation vs. Transactional 9/15, 12pm, HOL 345

What does a transactional lawyer do? Does s/he have a less confrontational job than a litigator? Join two of our newest Center for Career Development attorney counselors, Karen Miller and Rob Birrenkott, who have a wealth of practice experience on **September 15th at noon in Room 345** for pizza and to learn about practice areas you never thought about and to discuss what you need to know about distinctions between Litigation and Transactional Law.



Careers in Lobbying 9/16, 12pm HOL 345

Some of the most interesting legal jobs are in lobbying. Many of them offer a sense of personal as well as professional fulfillment and almost all offer a work-life balance that makes them very desirable. Please join our discussion on **September 16th at noon in Room 345** when Professor Lea Johnston will share her experiences as Deputy Director and Advocate for the Maryland Public Interest Research Group, and Karen Miller will share her perspectives as a New York consumer advocate. Come learn about the types of opportunities available and tips to landing these exciting and rewarding jobs.

Democratic & Republican Networking Opportunities

Interested in exploring a career in government or lobbying? There are two excellent networking opportunities in Gainesville for which you should reserve your seat now. Remember that to succeed in either of these careers you need to work well with both Democrats and Republicans—so you may want to attend both.

The Alachua County Democratic Party is hosting its annual Lawton Chiles dinner at the UF Hilton on Sunday, **October 4th**. Featured speaker will be Alex Sink, UF alum, Florida CFO and candidate for Governor. Student tickets are \$35. To purchase tickets call 352 373-1730 or download the reservation form at <http://alachuacountydemocraticparty.org/>.

The Alachua County Republican Party is hosting its “Ronald Reagan Black Tie and Blue Jeans BBQ” (just wear your good jeans—black tie not required) on **November 5** at Canterbury Equestrian Showplace in Newberry, in Alachua County. The guest speaker is Laura Ingraham, most popular female radio host in the United States and author of “Power to the People”. Ms. Ingraham, a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia Law School, is a contributor to Fox News Channel. Student tickets are \$45 with an ID. To purchase tickets phone 352 373-8500 or e-mail tickets@alachuarepublicans.com.

Both parties welcome law students and will welcome volunteers in the upcoming elections. These are excellent opportunities to meet practitioners and legislators and practice your networking skills. Because these events do sell out, we suggest you make your arrangements now.

3L Kickoff with Dean Jerry 9/23, 12pm in HOL 345

Join Dean Jerry on **September 23rd in HOL 345** as he gives his take on the economic conditions now present in the legal market, and what they mean to you. He will also share his thoughts on things you should consider with respect to your own efforts to deal with that market. Sandwiches provided by the CCD.



VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Sponsored by the North Central FL
Chapter of the
Federal Bar Association
Thursday, October 1, 2009
from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
in the Gainesville U.S. Courthouse



- Best Practices in Writing and Oral Arguments before the Court with U.S. Circuit Judge Charles R. Wilson, Senior U.S. District Judge William F. Stafford and U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones
- Developments in the Northern District of Florida and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Stephan P. Mickle
- Basic Appellate Practice: Tips for New Appellate Practitioners and Trial Lawyers, Steven L. Brannock, Esq.
- Reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the close of the seminar

Law student cost is \$20 before 9/28/09 and \$25 thereafter. Registration forms available in the CCD.

INTL. OMBUDSMAN ASSC. WRITING COMPETITION

Ombudsman Association is sponsoring an annual writing contest for students in law. In the inaugural contest, law students are invited to submit articles arguing for a statutory privilege for organizational ombudsmen. The author of the winning article will receive a cash prize of \$2,500 and an invitation to the IOA Annual Conference in April 2010 in New Orleans to receive the award. IOA will provide registration, airfare and lodging for the conference. The winning article may also be published in the Journal of IOA.

For more information & how to apply visit:
[www.ombudsassociation.org/publications/journal/
IOA_Writing_Competition_Announcement_3.pdf](http://www.ombudsassociation.org/publications/journal/IOA_Writing_Competition_Announcement_3.pdf)

Submissions are due November 15, 2009

Although Career Development reports announcements of opportunities and events that may state a preference for a specified religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnicity, disability or other category, it is UF Law CCD's policy that any interested UF Law student is eligible to submit credentials for consideration and may participate in the events.

2L Reps to the North Central Florida Chapter of the FBA

The local chapter of the Federal Bar Association is seeking two 2L student representatives to serve with our two current 3L students as liaisons between the organization and the student body. Qualifications include an interest in federal practice and the ability to honor the time commitment. The time commitment requires attending monthly board meetings (that will occur in the evening and during the lunch hour), one to two social events and two continuing legal education events off-campus as well as talking to students on campus about the organization and its events.

These positions provide a great opportunity to meet federal judges and law clerks. You also will be interacting with federal attorneys who practice in a wide range of areas such as government, criminal law, constitutional law, antitrust, immigration and more. The first event of the season will be the **"View From the Bench"** CLE from 1-5 p.m. followed by the Annual Meeting and New Officers reception on **Thursday, October 1st** at the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Gainesville.

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter explaining your interest and qualifications to the CCD by **September 21st**. Your cover letter can be addressed to the Screening Committee.

CCD AVAILABILITY

Hours of Operation: M-F 8am-5pm.

Walk-Ins: Have a quick question? Pop in M-Th 8:30am-3pm.

Appointments: Ask at the front desk or email careers@law.ufl.edu.

**IM: Friday, 10am-4pm for Yahoo, Hotmail & AOL
Screen name: UFLAWCAREERS.**

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