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Editor: Publications Coordinator Debra Amirin, with contributions by Communications Director Stan Huguenin and Publications Coordinator Denise Stobbie.

Note: Submit news for *THE DOCKET*, the student newsletter, to the John Marshall Bar Association.

Gift to help students gain international experience

Jack and Tifi Bierley International Law Scholarship will help UF law students prepare for international law careers by offsetting overseas travel expenses

Well-known international law practitioner and UF law graduate **Jack Bierley** and his wife, **Tifi**, have created a \$250,000 scholarship endowment to help offset the expense of overseas travel for UF law students planning to study or work overseas in preparation for careers in international law.

Bierley, who practices international law with the Tampa firm of Smith Clark Delesie Bierley Mueller & Kadyk, said he wants to help students "engage in internships and other experiences that bring them together on a linguistic and cultural basis with persons in foreign lands."

Interim Dean **Jon Mills** said the gift complements the law school's expanding International and Comparative Law Program, which includes a new certificate program to better prepare J.D. students for international careers. It also advances the school's mission of educating legal professionals to serve businesses, individuals, and human rights and environmental interests worldwide.

"In an era of increasing globalization in the practice of law, overseas study virtually is a prerequisite for international practice," Mills said. "The Bierleys' gift will ensure that opportunities to study abroad are not limited to those who can afford them. This is a wonderful tribute to a distinguished practitioner who has helped to advance Florida as a leading center of international activity."

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"Florida's economy and culture is becoming increasingly international," Bierley said. "World law practice is a reality for many Florida lawyers, and this will escalate dramatically during the next



Jack and Tifi Bierley (center), with Interim UF President **Charles Young** and UF Foundation President **Joan Ruffier**.

decade. Students interested in practicing international law may have 'book learning,' but they usually lack 'on the ground' experience with foreign geography and culture. Through overseas experiences, they will develop awareness and legal method to assist in solving international problems and addressing conflicts."

As head of his firm's International Department, Bierley has traveled throughout the world for 35 years representing U.S. and foreign nationals on problems relating to law, business, banking, maritime matters and international relations, including cases involving imprisonment and seizure of ships and airplanes. Tifi Bierley, who speaks several languages, frequently accompanies him in international travel and assists in relating to clients.

Board-certified in international law, Bierley has worked tirelessly to promote Florida, Tampa Bay and the Southeastern United States as major international hubs. His efforts have earned him numerous awards, including the Silver Medal Award from the Inter-American Bar Association and the Tampa Bay International Businessman of the Year Award. A loyal UF alumnus, he previously endowed the John C. Bierley Book Award in International Business Law and served on the boards of the UF Foundation and UF Law Center Association. □

• CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

Mandatory meetings for I.C.A.N.

Career Services is holding "I.C.A.N." information sessions to help prepare students for the busy fall semester. Informational packets will be distributed, and there will be live, online demonstrations of the I.C.A.N. system. Students interested in viewing job listings online or participating in on-campus interviewing, who have not yet registered, **must** attend one of these mandatory meetings:

- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Bailey Courtroom
- Monday, Aug. 21, 12:40-1:40 p.m., 354 Holland Hall (sign-up sheet only, space is limited)
- Wednesday, Aug. 23, 4:10-5:10 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Friday, Aug. 25, 12:40-1:40 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

The center also will hold "I.C.A.N." Resume Structure Assistance Workshops:

- Tuesday, Aug. 22, 12:40-1:40 p.m., 218A Bruton-Geer (Media Center)
- Thursday, Aug. 24, 12:40-1:40 p.m., 4:10-5:10 p.m., 218A Bruton-Geer (Media Center)

Externships available for Fall 2000

Three externship positions are available with the Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Division in Gainesville. Students earn six credits by working 20 hours per week for 14 weeks as judicial clerks, where they will attend hearings, research legal issues, draft orders, and review court files. The classroom component of the externship will be an 8-hour tutorial with Faculty Supervisor **Iris Burke**. For information, see **Iris Burke** in the Civil Clinic or **Kathy Urbach** in the Center for Career Services.

• IN STRIDE •

Final words...

BY RESOURCE COUNSELOR RANDY PATTON

As summer term comes to a close, so does my tenure as resource counselor. I would like to offer these thoughts...

A significant number of students used our (Stephanie and my) counseling services during the past year, and I applaud them for their proactive approach to their law school experience.

I want to thank Associate Dean for Student Services **Gail Sasnett** and Assistant Dean **Pat Shannon** for making this experience possible, and for helping to make our services available to students. Also, a special thanks to the Career Services staff for their support.

I will be here Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons through the end of your final exam period, so please don't hesitate to stop in if I can be of assistance. My office is in the Career Services suite in Bruton-Geer Hall, and I can be reached at 392.7044 or patton@law.ufl.edu. Best wishes for a healthy and happy future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New International & Comp. Law Certificate

The law school's new International and Comparative Law Certificate Program, to be directed by Professor **Elizabeth Lear**, will help J.D. students begin developing expertise and marketability in this increasingly important field. Candidates will obtain knowledge of foreign legal systems by enrolling in an approved curriculum in addition to that required for the J.D. The college also offers certificates in Environmental and Land Use Law, Estates and Trusts Practice, and Intellectual Property Law. (More on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu/academics.)

Restriping adds parking

Thanks to a student suggestion, the law school has restriped its commuter and front circle parking areas and gained a number of valuable parking spaces.

Note: Spaces around the "circle" are now "Orange" unless otherwise indicated.

Wed. 180-day deadline

Fall 1999 entering students are alerted that the 180-day deadline for filing their Florida Board of Bar Examiners registration is this Wednesday (July 5). Law school notaries **Phyllis, Ellen, Judy, and Sherry** in Student Affairs can assist you with the many forms that need to be notarized.

Post events on college Web calendar, pop-up

Julie Barnes in the Dean's Office posts events to the law school's Web page Calendar of Events and "pop-up" computer calendar. To have your events, conferences or group activities posted, send her the activity's:

- Name
- Date and time
- Address/room
- Any additional information to be posted
- Where you want it posted — the law school Calendar of Events, pop-up or both. If it is to be posted on the Calendar of Events Web page, tell her if you want it posted under more than one category (Alumni, Conferences, etc.). If you do not specify a category, it will be posted under the month of the event only.

For more information or to post your events, contact Julie Barnes, Dean's Office, 392.9238, barnes@law.ufl.edu.

Professionalism initiatives recognized

Director of Professionalism Programs **John Berry** accepted honors at the recent Florida Bar convention for Dean Emeritus **Richard Matasar** and the Levin College of Law's professionalism initiatives from the Florida Supreme Court Professionalism Commission.

Building progress

As fundraising efforts for a new, state-of-the-art facility intensify under the leadership of law school Development Director **Donald Hale**, construction and renovation plans also are taking shape. A collaboration between the colleges of Law and Architecture has produced various models and renderings, which will be featured in the next *UF Lawyer* magazine.

New library shelving

New compact shelving will be installed on the north side of the first floor reading room during the latter half of July. Books will be moved into those shelves immediately thereafter, and the move should be completed by the end of the second week in August, provided everything goes according to schedule.

Seating in the first floor reading room will be moved to the south side of the room. The lab computers will replace those in the Bruton-Geer lab, which will be the main computer lab. Thirty-eight ports remaining in the first floor reading room will be converted for laptop use by the beginning of school Aug. 16, including authentication of students to use Gatorlink and the Internet.

For information or assistance: Associate Librarians **Rick Donnelly** or **Pam Williams**, or Legal Information Center Director **Betty Taylor**, 392.0417.

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

Faculty in the spotlight

- Director of Professionalism Programs **John Berry** commented for a Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service story about President Clinton's lying under oath, and on general law profession standards.
- Professor **Thomas Cotter** was quoted in an article for *The Oregonian* on the information technology industry and tax law revisions.
- Professor **Lars Noah** was quoted in an article in *The Baltimore Sun* on the "abortion pill" debate and possible FDA restrictions.
- Professor **Joseph Little** has responded this summer to a number of Florida media calls about city and county government constitutional issues, including one on a court decision awarding more than \$700,000 to a former local government "whistle blower" employee who subsequently was fired.
- Professor **Thomas Hurst** commented in the *Dallas Morning News* on an impending airline merger and possible reduction of competition in the airline industry.

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UF graduates second Poland Class

Former Florida Supreme Court Justice **Ben Overton** (JD '52), center, recently challenged 90 graduates of the UF Center for American Law Studies in Warsaw to fulfill their obligations as lawyers in protecting freedoms and helping to solve problems throughout the world. Overton spoke to the second graduating class of the joint UF Levin College of Law and Warsaw University program, the first of its kind on American law in Central and Eastern Europe. Interim Dean **Jon Mills** (second from left), and three of four UF students in Warsaw on externships this summer also attended the ceremonies. (More on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu/news/releases/0006142.shtml.)

• SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIP •

UF Law Professor Nancy Dowd: Value fathers for nurturing, not genes or dollars

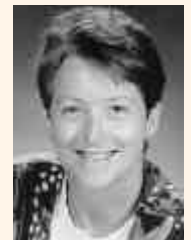
In her new book, *Redefining Fatherhood*, scheduled for publication by New York University Press in August, UF law professor and family law expert **Nancy Dowd** argues that parenthood for men should be redefined as nurturing rather than being thought of in biological or economic terms.

"Fatherhood means doing," she said. "It doesn't mean paying, it doesn't mean begetting. Yet society's notion of what it means to be a father in terms of what we legally require and support conforms with the classic definition of the father as breadwinner, not the father as caregiver."

Traditionally, men have been employed in a different range of jobs that pay more than women's work, and may be reluctant to spend more time with their children if it means jeopardizing the family's income, according to Dowd, who feels that to assure that all families have sufficient income while they parent, some sort of family support system must be implemented, possibly modeled after Social Security benefits for widowers, which permits a combination of part-time work and family care. Other improvements she suggests include expanding parental leave policies to allow fathers and mothers to take time off work to care for sick children, attend school conferences or be present at well-child doctor visits.

A UF Foundation Research Professor, Trustee Research Fellow, and Professor of Law, Dowd's areas of expertise include Contracts, Family Law, Employment Discrimination, Women & the Law, and Torts. She was named 1991 Teacher of the Year and has received a Rockefeller Foundation Grant.

Note: Many Levin College of Law faculty are noted scholars and authors. For a more complete listing, see *Faculty & Staff News*; *UF Lawyer* magazine; and the "Faculty" link on the college Web site. Faculty scholarship will be spotlighted in this space on a regular basis.



Dowd

• CALENDAR •

For more events:
www.law.ufl.edu/calendar

July

- 4 • Independence Day Holiday
- 5 • Florida Board of Bar Examiners "180 Day" registration deadline for Spring 2000 entering class
- 6 • Tuesday classes meet, Thursday classes cancelled
- 6-12 • ABA Conference
- 7 • Summer classes end
- Last day to withdraw from course by petition without failing grade
- 8 • Exams begin
- 15 • Exams end
- 18 • Senior grades due
- 21 • Florida Board of Bar Examiners "195 Day" registration deadline for Spring 2000 entering class
- 21-28 • Prosecutor/Public Defender Trial Training Program

August

- 16 • Introduction to Law begins
- 18-19 • Parents & Partners Weekend
- 22 • Classes begin

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- Professor **Michael Gordon** has been reelected to a three-year term on the Executive Council of The Florida Bar International Law Section.
- Professor **Robert Moffat** is among 25 participants in the National Security Law Institute at the University of Virginia this summer.
- Professor **Diane Mazur** recently spoke at Duke Law School as part of a symposium on "The U.S. Military in the New Millennium," sponsored by Duke's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security.
- Professor **Jerold Israel's** six-volume criminal procedure treatise, co-authored with Wayne LaFave and Nancy King, is now available on WESTLAW under the database of CRIMPROC.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

LEXIS access

If you are enrolled in classes, working on a journal or have an unpaid externship this summer, you can get full LEXIS access. Go to www.lexis.com/lawschool, click on "summer access," and complete the registration form. Your LEXIS ID will

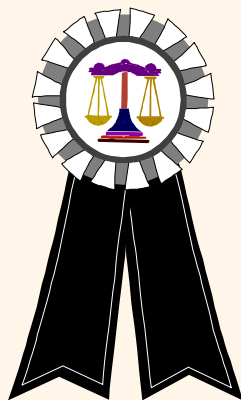
be reactivated within 24-48 hours.

After graduation, LEXIS can help you prepare for your bar exam. If you're interviewing, you can use its Career Center resources in your job search. (Available only to Spring 2000 graduates.) The LEXIS Publishing(tm) MVP Program for Graduates provides free access in July and August to the case law library and SHEPARD'S® for your selected state and to the lexis.com Career Center.

LEXIS thanks Rhonda Chung-DeCambre for her help during Intermediate Certification classes this summer. If you missed a class, you can take it again in the fall. If you attended intermediate classes, you can be LEXIS-certified after taking Advanced Certification. For information: LEXIS Representative **Bonita Young, Esq.**, 800.368.6955, ext. 286.

Student Honor Court positions open

Apply for Student Honor Court Attorney General, Attorney General Staff, or Defense Staff in Room 364, J. Wayne Reitz Union, or by calling 392.1665, ext 364. For information: **Carol Rinaldi**, crinaldi@sg.ufl.edu.



Congratulations to **Yolanda Mickle** Levin College of Law June Employee of the Month

Senior Secretary **Yolanda Mickle** is June Employee of the Month, and was presented with a plant, plaque and lunch certificate from Bennigan's.

"Yolanda is an experienced secretary who received many nominations for her hard work, positive attitude and dedicated service. Please join us in congratulating Yolanda for a job well done," said Associate Dean Kenneth Nunn. "Congratulations also to all our great employees who were nominated."

Submit your nomination for a law school USPS employee for July Employee of the Month to Dean Nunn, 314 Holland Hall, Nunn@law.ufl.edu. Previous nominations are carried over.