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It's never too early to start preparing for your legal career. Check out the new "Focus on Your Career" column on page 4. Make it a point to frequently check the "Career Services" link on the law school Web site, www.law.ufl.edu, for tips, opportunities, hotlines, links and tools to help you find and get that perfect job after graduation.



Noted antitrust expert named first Criser Eminent Scholar

William H. Page, regarded as one of the nation's top antitrust scholars, has been selected as the law school's first Marshall M. Criser Eminent Scholar in Electronic Communications and Administrative Law. He will teach antitrust, administrative law and civil procedure.

Page, formerly J. Will Young Professor of Law at Mississippi College, served as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He began his academic career at Boston University School of Law, and joined the Mississippi College faculty in 1981.

"We are delighted to add someone of the stature and expertise of Professor Page to our faculty," said

Dean **Jon Mills**. "And it is doubly rewarding to have him fill the eminent scholar chair so generously provided by former UF President **Marshall Criser** and his wife, **Paula**."



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The Criser chair was established through a \$600,000 gift from the Crisers, and \$420,000 from the state's Matching Gifts Trust Fund. Criser is a 1951 UF law graduate, former member and chair of the Florida Board of Regents, UF Foundation director, and UF president, 1984-89. He is with the Jacksonville law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Page has published articles and commentary in more than 20 journals and books, including recent pieces on the Microsoft litigation. He is chair of the Antitrust Committee of the American Bar Association's Section on Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, and chaired the Antitrust Section of the Association of American Law Schools. He was a reporter for the Mississippi Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules.

A native of New Orleans, Page received his B.A. (*cum laude*) from Tulane University, his J.D.

• FROM THE DEAN •

Our superb students and faculty deserve world-class library and classroom facilities. The Levin College of Law has been engaged in an intensive fundraising campaign to secure funding for a new, modern building that will help us continue our progress toward joining the very top tier of American law schools. Preliminary plans for this facility have been prepared after soliciting input from students, faculty and staff at the law school. We continue to look for the best design. Please let us hear your ideas.

In the meantime, we have been renovating and upgrading our facilities to enhance the learning environment for our current students. We now have two state-of-the-art classrooms, with a third on the way. We have restriped the back parking lot, as per a student suggestion, and restructured the front lot to add much-needed parking spaces. Many more efforts are in progress, and we encourage your input. Please plan to attend one of our regularly scheduled "Brown Bag with the Dean" luncheons to share your insights and concerns (see page 8 for dates and times).

— *Jon L. Mills, Interim Dean*



(*summa cum laude*) from the University of New Mexico, and his LL.M from the University of Chicago.

Mills noted Page adds impetus to the law school's new intellectual property law certificate program, the only one in the southeast and one of only 13 in the U.S.

• STUDENT AFFAIRS •

Center for Career Services

Extended hours

The Center for Career Services is now open until 8 p.m. each Wednesday. **The additional hours are for counseling only, so please make an appointment.** We look forward to seeing you.

Resume and interviewing workshops

If you need assistance with your resume, cover letter or interviewing skills, mark your calendar and attend the following sessions:

- **Walk-In Resume Review**, today (Aug. 28), 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Career Services
- **I.C.A.N. Information Session**, Tuesday (Aug. 29), 3 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Call-Back Interviews**, Friday, Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m., Faculty Dining Room

Mock Interview Program today

A **Mock Interview Program** will be held today (Aug. 28), through Friday (Sept. 1). (Students should have pre-registered by Aug. 24.)

Job Fair orientations

To participate in one of the following job fairs this fall, you must attend the appropriate orientation:

- **South Atlantic Recruiting Conference (SARC)** — Orientation Friday (Sept. 1), 1:50 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Southeastern Law Placement Consortium (SELPC)** — Orientation Friday, Sept. 15, Bailey Courtroom

U.S. Dept. of Justice Program Sept. 5

If you want to know more about the U.S. Department of Justice, don't miss the informational program Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1:50 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Opportunities will be available for entry level attorneys and summer law interns. Applications will be provided. **The DOJ must receive applications by Monday, Sept. 25.**

Tax student interviews Sept. 14

Deloitte & Touche Global Tax and Legal Services partners will be on campus to interview tax students Sept. 14, for all of its major U.S. & global locations: New York, Washington D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Northern and Southern

California, London, Paris and South America. Interested students should submit resumes to Career Services or fax their information to 312.946.3989 before the interview.

Study Abroad

Apply now for Exchange Programs in France, Germany, the Netherlands

Students can expand their legal horizons through a semester of study at the University of Montpellier, France; Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Germany; or Leiden University, the Netherlands, through the law school's **Student Exchange Programs** — ABA-approved and exclusively for UF law students. Participants must be fluent in the language of instruction. (If you are not completely fluent, there are opportunities via host institutions to take language courses to acquire proficiency.)

Montpellier University is in the sunny region of southern France, six miles from the Mediterranean coast and around 60 from the Pyrenees mountains. The Montpellier Faculty of Law was established in the 12th Century, and took part in drafting the Napoleonic Civil Code — which still applies in France and serves as a model for all countries governed by Civil Law. Considered an “ancient” university, Montpellier won an international reputation in 1137 in Medicine, and in 1160 in Law. The Faculty of Law offers a wide choice of subjects in law and political sciences, and is engaged in international relationships comprising more than 70 nationalities.

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität is one of 10 universities in Frankfurt, with close to 35,443 students from 117 different nationalities enrolled. More than 170 different courses are taught in 21 different departments, including law, theology, education, history and archeology.

Frankfurt is a global center of international banking, a busy trade

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Florida law students gain international experience and exposure, and a distinguishing edge in today's competitive job market, through programs offered on campus and abroad. Students and faculty alike benefit from exchange programs with renowned international institutions of law study, including Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität in Frankfurt, Germany;

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; University of Montpellier, France; University of Stellenbosch, South Africa; and Leiden University, the Netherlands.

The law school also jointly sponsors ABA-approved Summer Law Programs with the University of Montpellier, France, and University of Cape Town, South Africa (focusing on Comparative and International Law), and University of Costa Rica (Environmental and Land Use Law). For information: Noemar Castro, 392.0421, Castro@law.ufl.edu.

Announcements

Get a reserved space — Car pool to school

Tired of looking for a parking place? Get a reserved space by joining a car pool. Sign up in Student Affairs with your group of three students from Alachua County, or two from outside the county. If you don't have a group, put your name on a list to see if there are other students living near you interested in forming a car pool. Another alternative: take the bus, free for UF students (schedules available in Student Affairs). There are many options, so take advantage of the free bus system.

IP Orientation scheduled Thursday

Students interested in the Intellectual Property Certificate Program should attend an orientation meeting Thursday (Aug. 31), 5:30 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. For information: IP Program Director **Thomas Cotter**, 392.2235, cotter@law.ufl.edu.

“Brown Bag” Thursday with Dean

Come share your insights and concerns with Dean **Jon Mills** at a series of “Brown Bag” sessions. The luncheons are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room this Thursday (Aug. 31); Monday, Sept. 25; Tuesday, Oct. 10; Thursday, Oct. 26; Wednesday, Nov. 8; and Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Federal Bar Association social Sept. 7

Students are invited to attend a free Gainesville Area Chapter of the Federal Bar Association social Thursday, Sept. 7, 4-6 p.m., Hippodrome Theater Lobby (25 SE 2nd Place). The event is sponsored by McGalliard & Brady, Avera & Avera, and

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center and a major conference site. As home for more than 400 banks, the European Monetary Institute, and one of the most important European stock exchanges, the city is a first-rank business meeting point with global appeal.

Leiden University is conveniently located in the western part of the Netherlands. For 423 years, Leiden has influenced the city, and given it many of the attributes of a typical college town. Leiden has several professors who have won Nobel Prizes. The Father of International Law, Hugo de Groot, was a student at Leiden in the mid 1590's. The Faculty of Law at Leiden has long pursued an international orientation, recognizing the need to train lawyers to confront problems transcending

Student Organization Fair
 Get information...get acquainted...get involved...
 with the many student organizations
 at the Levin College of Law

Wednesday, Sept. 13
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Holland Hall Concourse



For information: Gil Sanchez, LCC Office

Schaffnit & Fletcher. Beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres provided. For information: **Stan Cushman**, 376.5242, or **Michelle Neumann**, 380.0525

Student News

JLPP Fall Writing Competition

The Introductory Meeting for the JLPP Fall 2000 Open Writing Competition is Thursday (Aug. 31), 6:15 p.m., 296 Holland Hall. The competition is open to second, third and fourth semester students. For information: Student Works Executive **Abigail Jorandby**, JLPP office, ajorandby@hotmail.com.

JLSA meeting today

All students are welcome at the Jewish Law Students Association's first meeting of the semester, today (Aug. 28), 6:30 p.m., 297 Holland Hall. Ideas for this year will be discussed, and elections held for new officers. Students also can subscribe to the JLSA e-mail list to receive information about meetings and events by e-mailing uf_jlsa@hotmail.com.

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national boundaries. The Faculty of Law is the largest in the Netherlands, and 4,368 students are enrolled in its many programs and institutes. At Leiden, UF students can choose from more than 150 courses in Public International Law, European Community Law and Comparative Law. Leiden Law Courses are divided into four themes: Foreign and Comparative Law, International and European Community Law, Legal History and Free Subjects.

Applications for Student Exchange Programs are available in Student Affairs. **Application deadline: Friday, Sept. 22, 4 p.m.** For information on these or any other overseas programs: www.law.ufl.edu “Student Affairs,” or Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro**, 392.0421, Castro@law.ufl.edu.

“My advice to incoming students is to take advantage of the many resources available at UF, particularly the people. One-on-one discussions with professors and administrators, as well as other students, can greatly enhance the learning experience beyond classroom instruction.”

— **Christina Bohannon '97**

Positions available

- **Videographers are needed to tape skills classes. Day and evening positions available, no experience necessary. See John, Brian or Jim in Media Services, 218 Bruton-Geer, to apply.**
- **Assistant Professor Mark Thurmon is looking for a research assistant for fall semester. To apply, contact Professor Thurmon, 392.4970, 353 Holland Hall.**

“Being a law school graduate opened many doors when I started practicing in Miami. I was appointed *attorney ad litem* in a case thanks to a call from my Evidence professor to a local judge. Since then, I have honored that tradition by looking out for other College of Law graduates, by mentoring them, hiring them as law clerks and as lawyers in my firm. UF students are always prepared, motivated and trustworthy. I am grateful to be a recipient of an excellent education from the University of Florida College of Law.”

— W. George Allen '63

- Attorney
- Distinguished UF Alumnus
- Former President, National Bar Association



• FOCUS ON YOUR CAREER •

Want the perfect job? Get started now

This is the first in a series focusing on a goal of great importance to you and the Levin College of Law — your success in finding the right job after graduation.

The best jobs go to candidates who begin building their resumes and making contacts as early as their first year. You need to know early what kind of career you are interested in, and begin accumulating the knowledge and experience that will make you attractive to an employer. Staff in the Center for Career Services are here to help you, and we hope this series will focus your efforts on the things you can do to assure future success in searching, finding and getting your perfect job.

Interviewing can be fun (or at least need not be painful!)

By **Amee R. McKim, J.D.**, Placement Director, Ohio State University College of Law

Interviewing is an integral, critical component of the successful job search process. The key to effective interviewing is recognizing that you need not be a passive receptacle for interview questions; but that you should be an active, engaging participant. Keeping that in mind, try these tips:

Know your audience. Research the potential employer thoroughly prior to the interview. Review recruiting materials and Web sites, but don't neglect to check for the not-so-obvious. Talk to other students or graduates who have worked for or with the employer, search the Internet for news stories, search for cases involving the firm's lawyers, talk to former judicial clerks who may have had dealings with the firm, check with Career Services for information on the employer, and call a bar association for information (such as in what positions or committees the lawyers serve).

Anything on your resume or in your cover letter is “fair game.” Be prepared to discuss anything that appears on your resume, or in your cover letter. In general, don't include items that

are “ancient history”; are political or controversial (unless a particular item is appropriate for this particular audience); that do not make sense and therefore would require valuable time to explain; or that are inaccurate, false or misleading.

Include items that are good ice breakers to get the conversation started: unique hobbies or unusual talents; experiences that showcase your skills, education and abilities; leadership positions that give confidence in your abilities; and professional memberships or anything else that will illustrate to employers how you can be a valuable addition.

Prepare your talking points. Think about what it is about you that would most attract an employer. Consider your skills, passions, experiences and talents, and then pare those to four-to-six key traits that will become talking points. For example, if you were chosen by a professor to be a research assistant, one of your talking points should be “Skill at Legal Research.” Likewise, if you are creative, one of your talking points might be “Innovation.”

It is much more effective to illustrate to a potential employer through concrete examples your skill at researching than to tell an interviewer you are good at research.

Accentuate the positive and rehearse rough spots. Your job in the interview is to sell yourself, though you should recognize the line between confidence and arrogance and not cross it. Never walk into an interview feeling you are not qualified, are not a viable candidate, or don't have a chance. Those feelings will, at best, hamper your efforts to secure the position. It is natural, and to some extent, desirable to be a little nervous. Nervousness should not interfere with your ability to articulate your qualifications. If it does, interview coaching and practice interview sessions are in order.

Anticipate possible tough questions, and prepare articulate responses. If you have obvious gaps on your resume, or have avoided law school grades on your resume, savvy interviewers will probably ask. Your goal is to give a short, articulate response, turn it into a positive, and then get off the subject. Answers to tough questions should be practiced (in front of the mirror, and

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• INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •

Faculty and Staff in the Spotlight



Cohen

• Professor **Jonathan Cohen** wrote “Apology and Lawsuits: Toward Better Lawyering and Dispute Resolution,” in *Alternative*, and “Apology: Moral Conduct Can Also Be Good Business,” in *Dispute Resolution Magazine*. His article, “In God’s Garden: Creation and Cloning in Jewish Thought,” 29 *Hastings*

Center Report 4, 7-12, will be reprinted in *The Human Cloning Debate*, 2nd ed., 2000. He was quoted extensively recently in *American Medical News* regarding his study on the use of apology as a means of dispute resolution.

• Professor **Paul Magnarella’s** book, *Justice in Africa*, has been nominated for the Raphael Lemkin Award from the Institute for the Study of Genocide, to be presented March 2001. The award is for best book or dissertation in English in 1999-2000 that focuses on explanations of genocide, crimes against humanity, state mass killings and gross violations of human rights and strategies to prevent such violations. The Award carries a stipend of \$500, with matching travel funds for an award ceremony lecture at the Institute in New York.



Magnarella

• Professor **Robert Moffat’s** “Whining in the Spoiled Society: Can Semiotics Help Us Survive Prosperity?” is Chapter XVI in “*The Law*” vs. “*The People*,” Peter Lang Publishers, 2000.



Moffat

• Professor **Lars Noah** has published “Rewarding Regulatory Compliance: The Pursuit of Symmetry in Products Liability,” 88 *Geo. L.J.* 2147 (2000); and (with co-authors) “Regulatory Improvement Legislation: Risk Assessment, Cost-Benefit Analysis,



Noah

and Judicial Review,” 10 *Duke Envtl. & Pol’y F.* (2000). He also accepted offers of publication for “What’s Wrong with ‘Constitutionalizing Food and Drug Law’?” 75 *Tulane L. Rev.* (Dec. 2000); “Peer Review and Regulatory Reform,” 30 *Envtl. L. Rep.* (Aug. 2000); “Comments on the Restatement (Third) of Torts,” 9 *Kan. J.L. & Pub. Pol’y* (Dec. 2000); and “Snuffing Out the FDA’s Tobacco Restrictions,” *Health L. News* (Sept. 2000). Noah will be a visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law this semester, teaching a small section of Torts (integrated with research and writing exercises) and Products Liability. He will present his latest paper, “Civil Jury Nullification,” to the Texas faculty in mid-September. He will continue assembling a casebook he is co-authoring with Barbara Noah, *Medical Technology and the Law*, and hopes to start working on a new manuscript tentatively entitled “Mapping the Haphazard Diffusion of Knowledge in the Biomedical Community.” He will begin serving as vice-chair of the Food & Drug Law Committee of the ABA Section on Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, and continue serving as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Food & Drug Law Journal*.



Weyrauch

• Professor **Walter Weyrauch’s** essay “Nonrational Sources of Scholarship: Remembering David Daube (1909-1999),” has been accepted for publication in *Rechtshistorisches Journal*, a journal of legal history, published in Frankfurt, Germany, in German, English, French and Italian.



Cotter

• Professor **Thomas Cotter** co-authored “The Elusive Logic of Standing Doctrine in Intellectual Property Law,” reprinted from the *Tulane Law Review*.

Law reunion rescheduled

The date for the law school’s Reunion 2000 Weekend for class years ending in “0” or “5” has been postponed from Sept. 8-9 to Feb. 9-10. (The weekend was not convenient for many alumni, and fewer than 30 had registered.) Plans are underway for the spring reunion. The Gator basketball team will host Arkansas at noon Saturday, Feb. 10, and the Gator baseball team will host Tennessee. It will be a fun weekend to be on campus for Gator sports. There will be a dinner Friday night, and CLE course and barbeque lunch at the College before the game Saturday.

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Moot Court Schedule

The Moot Court Intramural Schedule for fall:

- This Thursday (Aug. 31) - Informational Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- Sept. 5 - Brief Writing Seminar, 5:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- Sept. 12 - Question and Answer Session, 5:30

p.m., 190C Holland Hall

- Sept. 19 - Briefs due in Moot Court Office by 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - Oral Argument Seminar, 5:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- Sept. 28-Oct. 1 - Oral Arguments (Times TBA)

For information: Jowanna Nicole Oates, vice chair, publicity, egypt30@hotmail.com

Don't miss the
**Student
Organization
Fair, Sept. 13,**
10-2 p.m.,
Concourse

FlaLaw is published each week school is in session to inform and unite the law school community.

Deadline: 10 a.m. Tuesday for the next week's newsletter.

E-mail news to flalaw@law.ufl.edu, or bring a disk (PC format, text in WordPerfect or Word), including author's name and contact information), to Communications, 288 Holland Hall. (Submit news for *The Docket*, the student newsletter, to the John Marshall Bar Association.)

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• CALENDAR •

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



AUGUST

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- **JLPP Fall 2000 Open Writing Competition meeting**, 6:15 p.m., 296 HOL
- **Moot Court Informational Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., 190C HOL

SEPTEMBER

- 1 • **Mock Interview Program**, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Career Services
- 5 • **Trial Team Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., 190 HOL
- **U.S. Department of Justice presentation**, 1:50 p.m., 190 HOL
- 6 • **Florida Law Review Open Writing Competition meeting**, 5:30, 190C HOL
- 11 • **Florida Law Toastmasters meeting**, 5-6 p.m., 190C HOL
- **JLPP General Board Meeting**, 5:20 p.m., 190A HOL
- 13 • **Health Hut**, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Concourse



(“Interviewing” from page 4) with others) but not rehearsed to the point that they sound memorized.

Prepare your questions. Much of your success in an interview may be based on questions you ask of the interviewer. Develop thoughtful, insightful, and individualized questions, not so basic that they could be answered through cursory research. Think about the two or three items in a workplace that are most important to you, aside from salary and benefits — such as cooperation or competition among employees, type of supervision, or quality of life.

Asking in-depth questions illustrates you have done your homework and spent time determining what kind of environment you are searching for. **Be responsive, but the interview is a two-way street.** The productive interview is a juggling act between dual responsibilities to the interviewer and

yourself. It is your job to adjust to the interviewer's style; to answer all questions appropriately, and to convince the employer you are the best candidate. At the same time, assess what the job will be like, if the people employed are the people with whom you want to spend your working hours, and ultimately, if the job is a good fit for your abilities, work habits, goals and ambitions.

Remembering you are evaluating the interviewer, just as he or she is evaluating you, can go a long way towards equalizing the power in the interview and enhancing your performance.

Be healthy. Although it seems like common sense that you should take care of yourself, it is amazing how many students and attorneys put good health on the back burner. Being mentally and physically healthy is a good sell to potential employers, and you will ultimately project yourself as more confident and competent if you look and feel your best. Despite time demands, make time to take care of yourself, eat right, exercise, relax and consult professionals, if necessary.

The fall recruiting season is here. Don't wait until the last minute to begin interview preparations. Remember, you are a candidate worth interviewing, and an employer would be well-served to hire you. Thoughtful planning and research prior to interviewing will help the employer recognize your value, and can take the pain out of the process.

Click on “Career Services” at the law school Web site, www.law.ufl.edu, for more interviewing and career development tips.