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Thanksgiving Food Drive today

The Trial Team will conduct a Thanksgiving Food Drive today (Nov. 13) through Thursday (Nov. 16). The Team will collect canned foods at a table on the concourse from 9 a.m.-1:50 p.m. each day. Items needed include cans of vegetables, fruits, ham, tuna, chicken, gravy, cranberry sauce, and any other non-perishable canned foods. All donations will be provided to the Salvation Army. Please help those in need celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Faculty/Senior Social Tuesday

Fall 2000 Graduating Seniors are invited to a Faculty/Senior Social Tuesday (Nov. 14), 5-7 p.m., Cafeteria. Court Attire. RSVP to **Julie Barnes**, barnes@law.ufl.edu, 392.9238.

Last Dean's "Brown Bag" Nov. 28

Come share insights and concerns with Dean **Jon Mills** at the last "Brown Bag" luncheon remaining this semester, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m., Cafeteria.

Sign up for Miami networking lunch

Students interested in working in South Florida, either this summer or upon graduation, should take advantage of this opportunity to network with UF alumni practicing in the area at a lunch at the Miami Art Museum, downtown, Jan. 4. Buffet lunch, 12-1:30 p.m., followed by an hour of alumni-student interchange. To attend, sign up in the Center for Career Services by Nov. 30.

'Amistad Case' discussion

As a prelude to an early 2001 production of *The Amistad Case* (to be held at the Acrosstown Repertory Theater), the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) will sponsor a public discussion on the Amistad Case of 1839. Speakers will include CSRRR Director **Rahim Reed**, Professor **Fletcher Baldwin**, Assistant Professor **Pedro Malavet** and **Robert L. Woods**. Topics will include the Cuban slave trade, Constitutional Law in the U.S. and Africa, race relations in America and its affect on American law then and now, and the African-American culture and its depiction in the media. The discussion will be held at the Acrosstown Repertory Theater, 619 S. Main Street, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m. For information: CSRRR, 392.5013, 375.1321.

Lunch during Feb. Bar Exam

The law school arranges lunch at the Cold Storage Cafe in Tampa for students taking The Florida Bar Exam in February. Soup, salad, sandwiches, bread, cookies and drinks are included. To participate, see **Clara Nordstedt** in the Dean's Suite, and give her \$5 for each day you will be having lunch.

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SALSA, JMBA, BLSA, APALSA and CaribLaw
invite you to join them for

SangriaFest

Thursday (Nov. 16), 8-10 p.m.
Rhythm Night Club (formerly The Covered Dish)

Complimentary arroz con pollo and sangria,
latin and hip hop music, and dancing. Free
admission 8-10 p.m.



For information: **Heinrich A. Izaguirre**, SALSA Vice
President of Cultural Affairs,
heizag@ufl.edu.

Insanity defense questioned

Using insanity as a defense should no longer be allowed because the mentally ill don't need special defenses, according to Professor **Christopher Slobogin** in a November article in the *Virginia Law Review*



"I'm proposing that we get rid of the special defense of insanity and instead apply to the mentally ill the same defenses we apply to others, defined in terms of what the offender actually thinks was happening during the offense," said Slobogin. "Defined that way, the general defenses, like self-defense and lack of intent, sufficiently recognize the exculpatory effect of mental illness." A news release discussing Slobogin's views and the law review article was distributed nationally, and media representatives have contacted him for details and comments. The *Gainesville Sun* and local broadcast media did stories on the issue early last week.

• STUDENT AFFAIRS •

Summer abroad programs

Applications and brochures for UF Summer Law Study Abroad programs in Montpellier, France; San Jose, Costa Rica; and Cape Town, South Africa will be available in December in the Office of Student Affairs. For information on these or other summer abroad programs: Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro**, 392.0421, castro@law.ufl.edu; or check the ABA Web site: www.abanet.org/legaled/studyabroad/foreign.html.



accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. Deadline: Jan. 31.

• **Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest.** Whose Backyard is Polluted? Remedies for Environmental

Racism. Deadline: March 30.

• **Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women Working in Health Care Law.** (See flyer in Student Affairs.) Deadline: Feb. 2.

• **NAHB Legal Writing Competition.** Must address question on environmental issue. Deadline: Feb. 9.

• **American Bar Association Section of Business Law.** A paper considering aspects of business law written in the 1999-2000 or current academic year. Deadline: Feb. 1.

For information: **Sherry Harrison**, Student Affairs, harrisons@law.ufl.edu, 392-0421.

Writing Competitions

- **Entertainment Law Initiative Legal Writing Competition.** A 3,000 word essay on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry. For contest rules, ELI@GRAMMY.com. Deadlines: Nov. 15 to enter contest; Jan. 2 to submit paper.
- **American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.** Subject matter must be germane to adoption law and practice. Deadline: Feb. 1.
- **American Indian Law Review.** Papers will be

JMBA community service projects

JMBA Thanksgiving Food Drive. JMBA is collecting canned and non-perishable foods this month for Alachua County residents in need. This season's goal is to raise 1,000 pounds of food for the holidays.

"Shoes That Fit." Names and shoe sizes of underprivileged elementary students are posted outside the JMBA Office. Select a student and make a Christmas wish come true by purchasing a pair of shoes for that child.

For information: JMBA President **Richard Mockler**, rjm7730@ufl.edu.

UF team advances to semi-finals

Congratulations to **Daman Broday, Christine Marlewski, Natasha Mayne** and **James McDonald** for becoming semi-finalists at the Michigan State University—Detroit College of Law National Trial Advocacy Competition, Nov. 2-4, at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Because they advance to the semi-finals, the law school will receive an automatic invitation for next year's competition. The UF team's coaches are Professor **Kenneth Nunn** and Attorney **Cory Strolla**.

Patent Bar Scholarship

The firm of Smith & Hopen in Clearwater has offered to fund a Patent Bar Scholarship for stu-

dents interested in practicing Intellectual Property Law in Florida. The scholarship is provided for assistance in taking the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's Registration Examination. Students must be eligible to sit for the exam to qualify for the scholarship. To apply, see Associate Dean **Gail Sasnett** in Student Affairs. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Warm up with LEXIS-NEXIS, last chance for training

Stop by the LEXIS table Nov. 21 and warm-up with hot cocoa or apple cider in a free mug.

Last chance training blitz

Friday, Nov. 17 — 11:30 a.m. Intermediate; 12:40 p.m. Advanced

Monday, Nov. 20 — 8 a.m. Intermediate

Tuesday, Nov. 21 — 8 a.m. Advanced; 11:30 a.m. Intermediate; 1:50 p.m. Advanced.

LEXIS contest winners for October

Congratulations to the Rewards of Working Smarter With LEXIS-NEXIS Contest Winners for October: **Gregory Blackwell**, \$1,000, and \$100 each for **Dolina Lordeus, Sierra Kornbluth, Edward Carlisle** and **Craig Langley**.

• INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •

Scholarship profile: Lars Noah

Professor **Lars Noah** recently surpassed the 1,000 page mark in published law review articles (more than two dozen pieces in the last seven years). In the last 12 months, his work has appeared in *Georgetown Law Journal*, *William &*



Lars Noah

Mary Law Review, *Hastings Law Journal*, *Tulane Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum*, *Environmental Law Reporter* and *Health Law News*.

Professor Noah's scholarship reflects a wide range of interests, focusing at times on administrative law, products liability, law & medicine, and FDA regulatory matters. His articles also touch on widely disparate subjects such as Constitutional Law, antitrust, criminal procedure, evidence, international trade, intellectual property, land use planning, federal courts, civil procedure, Environmental Law, and professional ethics.

"When I undertake a new writing project, it's at least in part an excuse to learn something new," Noah says. "I don't start with a gimmick or a partisan axe to grind."

Professor Noah's work has been cited by state and federal courts and in more than 200 scholarly articles. Because of his published articles, he has testified before (and served as a consultant to members of) Congress and federal agencies; spoken to academics, lawyers and judges throughout the country, including recent conferences or colloquia at Stanford, Harvard, Texas, Georgetown, Hastings, Kansas and Arizona State. He has addressed conferences sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine; and been quoted by a number of national media outlets, including *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *National Law Journal*, *Business Week*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today* and National Public Radio.

Noah has taught a broad range of subjects (Torts, Administrative Law, Products Liability, Conflict of Laws, Civil Procedure, Food & Drug Law, and now Medical Technology), twice been recognized as "Teacher of the Year" at UF, and served as a visiting law professor at the University of Texas, University of California (Hastings), and Washington & Lee University.

He earned his B.A. and J.D. (both *magna cum laude*) from Harvard University, where he received the Sears Prize (for the highest first year grades in law school) and served as an editor of *Harvard Law Review*.

Faculty in the spotlight

- Professor **Joseph Little** was quoted Nov. 1 in the *St. Petersburg Times* about selection or appointment of trial judges.
- A study by the law school's Legal Technology Institute regarding a new applications service provider of Amicus Attorney was cited Nov. 3 in *The Lawyers Weekly*.



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Myrtle Smith retires

Myrtle Smith retired Nov. 10 after serving the law school as a secretary since June 1986. Faculty and staff gathered in the faculty lounge to wish her well.



Jack Freeland

Distinguished Service Professor Freeland dies

Jack Freeland, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, 73, died Nov. 7 at North Florida Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

"Freeland was an outstanding teacher and scholar at UF for over 35 years until his retirement at the end of 1994," said Graduate Tax Program Director **Michael Friel**. "His contributions to the College of Law and to the Graduate Tax Program he co-founded were immense. He will be sorely missed."

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the James J. Freeland Scholarship Fund or James J. Freeland Eminent Scholar Chair at the College of Law.

The Nov. 27 *FlaLaw* will be the last issue this semester (we will not publish the week of the Thanksgiving holiday, and classes end Dec. 1). *FlaLaw* will resume weekly publication Jan. 15.

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

Deadline: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, for Nov. 27 newsletter.

E-mail news to flaw@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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• COLLEGE OF LAW CALENDAR •

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



November

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- 15 • Health Hut, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Concourse
- 16 • Criminal Law Tutoring, Prof. Moffat, 12:40 p.m., 292 HOL
 - LCC general board meeting, 12:40 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- 17 • Phi Alpha Delta general meeting, 12:40 p.m. 283 HOL
 - Criminal Law Tutoring, Prof. Moffat's Crim. Law, 10:30 a.m., 290 HOL
- 20 • APALSA meeting, 5:20-6:20 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
 - Florida Law Toastmasters meeting, 5-6 p.m., 190C HOL
- 21 • JLPP general board meeting, 5:20 p.m., 190A HOL
 - EASLA Sports Symposium, 6-9 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
 - APIL general meeting, 5:20 p.m., 292 HOL
- 23-24 • Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27 • LCC meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190C HOL
- 30 • Criminal Law Tutoring, Prof. Moffat, 12:40 p.m., 297 HOL
 - Phi Alpha Delta executive board meeting, 12:40 p.m., 283 HOL

December

- 1 • Classes end
- 2 • Exam/reading period begins

Law student to run 50 miles for MD research

First year law student **Whalen Kuller**, 35, will run 50 miles Dec. 3, to raise funds for muscular dystrophy research. Whalen and his wife, Allison, a RN at Shands, are seeking pledges, with the tax-deductible donations going directly to the Parent Project for Muscular Dystrophy Research, Inc., a non-profit group of parents and families of boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and Becker Muscular Dystrophy (BMD).

The Whalens became involved with the Parent Project after their now 4-year-old son was diagnosed with DMD in 1998. Since then, they have organized various local fundraising and DMD awareness activities in support of the Project.

Whalen will be racing in the Adventurous Concepts Ultra Run, a 50-mile trail run at Santos, just south of Ocala, on highway 441. When Whalen approached Adventurous Concepts with the idea of participating in the race as a fundraiser, owner Mike Arnsperger was enthusiastic. Arnsperger waived the race entry fee, and personally made the first pledge. Adventurous Concepts, based in South Florida, is the premier organizer of off-road and adventure races in the state.

DMD is a genetic disorder, affecting one in every 3,500 boys worldwide, that causes progressive muscle wasting due to a deletion of the dys-

trophin gene that prevents production of the dystrophin protein necessary for proper muscle development. Boys with DMD are usually wheelchair-bound by their early teens, and die, usually due to respiratory failure, by their early 20s.



Whalen Kuller

Boys with BMD have an altered dystrophin gene that allows a minimal amount of dystrophin production. Its disease progression tends to be at a slower rate, but with the same final outcome. There is currently no effective treatment or cure.

The Parent Project was started in 1994, to raise funds to support research for treatments and a cure for DMD and BMD. The Project raised more than \$1.8 million last year alone.

Those wishing to pledge support can contact Whalen or Allison at 378.9197, wkuller@ufl.edu. To find out more about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and the Parent Project, call the Parent Project at 1.800.714.KIDS, or visit their Web site at www.parentdmd.org. More information about Adventurous Concepts' events can be found on their Web site, www.adventurousconcepts.com