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## Student Organization Fair/Mixer

Get informed, acquainted, involved... with student organizations at the Levin College of Law

This Wednesday (Jan. 24), 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Concourse

For information: Gil Sanchez, Law College Council Office

## Phi Alpha Delta election today

Phi Alpha Delta will hold its spring election today (Jan. 22), 5:20 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. For more information: [UFPAD@law.com](mailto:UFPAD@law.com).

## FJIL competition meetings set

All second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-semester students should note that *Florida Journal of International Law* is holding its Spring 2001 Open Writing Competition. Informational meetings will be held Tuesday (Jan. 23), 5:15 p.m., 190B Holland Hall, and Monday, Jan. 29, 5:15 p.m., 290 Holland Hall. Co-curricular academic credit is awarded for successful candidates.

If you are unable to attend or have questions, e-mail Executive Student Works Editor **Trudy Craun**, [trudyc@ufl.edu](mailto:trudyc@ufl.edu), or Editor-in-Chief **Kurian Koshy**, [koshy@mailandnews.com](mailto:koshy@mailandnews.com).

## Moot Court tryouts meeting Tuesday

A Moot Court tryouts meeting will be held Tuesday (Jan. 23), 6:45 p.m., 190C Holland Hall. General meeting to follow.

Also scheduled:

- **Moot Court Brief Writing Seminar**, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:45 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- **Moot Court Competition Question & Answer Session**, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6:45 p.m., 190C Holland Hall

## Law school commended by California Lt. Governor

The Levin College of Law has received a commendation from California Lieutenant Governor **Cruz Bustamante**, in honor of the law school's placement among the top 10 law schools in the country by *Hispanic Business Magazine*.

"Your commitment to providing quality

education is highly commendable, and an inspiration to many underrepresented people. I am pleased to know others are taking tremendous steps to make higher education attainable to all," said Bustamante in a letter to Dean **Jon Mills**.

*Hispanic Business Magazine*, a nationally distributed publication, ranked the Levin College of Law fourth in the nation in its September issue on the "Top 10 Law Schools for Hispanic Students."

Also included in the list were University of Miami, Loyola Marymount (Los Angeles), St. Mary's University (San Antonio), Stanford, University of Texas, Texas Southern (Houston), Fordham, University of Southern California and Arizona State University. According to *Hispanic Business*, editors took into consideration — in addition to academic and faculty stature — such items as minority recruit-

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## Brazil's attorney general visits

Brazil's Attorney General **Geraldo Brindeiro** (second from left) met with Levin College of Law faculty and administrators Jan. 17, to discuss the judicial system in Brazil and the potential for joint projects with the law school related to judicial reform and the rule of law in Latin America. Meeting with him here (from left) are Associate Dean **Michael Seigel**, Dean **Jon Mills**, and Professor **Winston Nagan**.

## • STUDENT AFFAIRS •

### Student organizations with e-board changes must re-register

All student groups with changes in their e-boards' membership must now re-register their organizations.

Changes can be made online. If you have any questions about the procedure, contact: **Chris Cupoli**, Student Activities Center, [chrisc@union.ufl.edu](mailto:chrisc@union.ufl.edu).

If your organization did not register last fall, contact Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro** in the Student Affairs Office for the appropriate paperwork.

Also, each organization's e-board changes must be reported to the Office of Student Affairs and Law College Council, if funded by SG funds.

For information, contact Castro, 392-0421, [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu).

### Apply for ABA/LSD Program

Applications are now being accepted for the ABA/LSD Liaison & National Student Director Program. This program enables students to participate as leaders in many sections and divisions of the ABA. Also, the Division appoints national student directors and coordinators to the LSD's competitions and national programs. Liaisons serve on boards and act as communicators between the section or division and the Law Student Division, offering valuable opportunities for networking with practicing lawyers across the country. You must be an ABA/LSD member to be appointed. For applications and information, visit the Office of Student Affairs.

### Career Services

#### Mandatory new ICAN sessions

Career Services has improved the I.C.A.N. system. All students (previous users of I.C.A.N. as well as new users) wishing to use the system **MUST** attend one **NEW** orientation session. Two more sessions have been added:

- Tuesday (Jan. 23), 12:40 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Thursday (Jan. 25), 12:40 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

If your schedule does not permit you to attend a live session, there is a taped version available in the Media Center, second floor, Bruton-Geer Hall.

#### Mandatory appointments for second-semester students

All second-semester students (those who started in Fall 2000), please check your library folders for an important letter from Career Services. The letter contains your mandatory appointment date and time with a designated Career Counselor.

If you already have met — either individually or in an optional small group — with a counselor, then it is not necessary to attend the appointment. **However**, you need to let us know you will not be attending your appointment. For all others — we'll see you this month.

#### Mandatory externship meeting

Do you know what an externship is, and how you can benefit from it? If you are participating in an externship for summer 2001, then you must attend the **mandatory meeting Friday, Feb. 2,**

**12:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom** Those who are only interested in finding out more about externships also are welcome.

### Cameron named assistant director

The Center for Career Services welcomes its newest member of the team: Assistant Director **Karla L. Cameron**.

Cameron graduated from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis. While at law school, she was a legislative assistant and intern with the International Human Rights Law Program.

Cameron will be available for career counseling, reviewing resumes and cover letters, job fair information and more. Please come by and welcome her to the law school.



**Karla Cameron**

### Florida Bar fellowships

The Florida Bar Foundation "2001 Legal Services Summer Fellowship Program" offers full-time fellowships to 1Ls and 2Ls. **Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 12.** For an application and more information, contact **Kathy Urbach**, Assistant Dean, Career Services.

### NAPIL Fellowship Guide available

The National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL)'s Fellowship Opportunity Guide is available in Career Services. A NAPIL Equal Justice Fellowship is a two-year fellowship that begins Sept. 1-30, 2001, and ends Aug. 2003. Deadlines vary, but one of the earliest is Friday (Jan. 26). For details, see **Kathy Urbach**, Assistant Dean, Career Services.

### Pro Bono Symposium Friday

The Eighth Annual Pro Bono Symposium will be held Friday (Jan. 26), 11:30 a.m. in the Bailey Courtroom, with a reception immediately following. If you are currently participating in the UF Pro Bono Project, or would like to participate, please plan to attend. Our pro bono employers will

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be on hand to tell you about exciting opportunities with their organizations. As a volunteer, you will work on projects for non-profit organizations, the courts, government agencies and individual attorneys doing unpaid legal work. You will gain practical experience while providing a much-needed service to our community.

### UF Pro Bono Project

Interested in participating in the UF Pro Bono Project? Sign up for a small group meeting in the Center for Career Services. For more information: **Kathy Urbach**, Assistant Dean, Career Services.

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ment and retention (among students and faculty), mentoring programs, student activities and associations, professional internship opportunities, career placement services, networking alumni associations and financial aid availability.

### Trial Team tryouts Jan 29

Tryouts for Trial Team are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m., in Holland Hall rooms 190, 190A, 296 and 297. Only second- and third-semester students are eligible to compete.

### Tutoring from Florida Law Review

Florida Law Review now offers free tutoring to students in first-year courses. The Review has many

students on staff that have excelled in these courses. If you are interested, visit the Law Review office or e-mail: [flrtutor@hotmail.com](mailto:flrtutor@hotmail.com) (subject line: Tutor Request). Include the name of your course and its professor, and a brief description of the problem you are having. The Review will then attempt to match students with appropriate tutors. The Law Review will also post a list of tutors and their subject of expertise on the bulletin board outside the Law Review office. The tutors will provide their personal e-mail addresses and students may directly contact them to arrange times. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Write-on to JLPP

Second-, third- and fourth-semester students can compete in the *Journal of Law and Public Policy's* Spring 2001 write-on competition. Informational meetings will be held Feb. 1 and 6; times and places to be announced. Please see the JLPP Web page (<http://grove.ufl.edu/~jlpp/write.htm>) or contact **Lara Parkin** at [larap@ufl.edu](mailto:larap@ufl.edu) for more information. Writing on to a journal is a great way to brush up writing skills, create a good writing sample and impress potential employers, so plan to compete.

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### Save time, money

Save time and money via the law school Web site: [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu) — click on “Admissions” for the College’s Roommate Referral Forum...and “Student Affairs” to find used books through the Book Exchange.

## Key officials head UF conference on role of law, media, courts in 2000 Florida presidential election

Key participants in Florida's protracted 2000 presidential election will participate in a one-day University of Florida conference Feb. 26 in the law school auditorium, examining legal, political and media aspects of the contested balloting.

The seminar, “FLORIDA ELECTION 2000: Insiders at the Intersection of Law, Politics and the Media,” is sponsored jointly by the law school, College of Journalism and Communications, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Among presentations scheduled are those from members of the legal teams for both Vice President Al Gore and President-elect George W. Bush, national media representatives, members of the Governor's Elections Task force, state legislators and officials, and academicians.

Dean **Jon Mills**, who will coordinate the session, said participants “will examine the unique intersection of law, politics and the media, and the role of each, in the unprecedented, ambiguous situation which dominated American life for more than 30 days following the November election.”

Panel moderators in addition to Mills include UF Provost **David Colburn**, Professor **Richard Scher** of the UF department of political science, and **Terry Hynes**, dean of UF College of Journalism and Communications.

The conference, open to the public, will begin at 8 a.m. with a welcome by UF President **Charles Young**. Five panel sessions, with audience participation, are scheduled until conclusion at 4 p.m. A complete agenda will be posted on the law school Web site, [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu), this week.

### Trial Team in Florida Bar competition

The Florida Bar Trial Team began competing in the Florida Bar competition last Wednesday (Jan 17) after diligently preparing for the competition over Christmas break.

“All members of the Trial Team wish them the best and know they will do well.”

## BLSA Alumni Reunion Weekend March 22-25

BLSA's 12th Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend and 30th Anniversary will be held March 22-25. The theme will be "Building a Legacy of Jurisprudence for the 21st Century," and the event will include:

- **Scholarship Golf Tournament**
- **Wine and Cheese Reception and Silent Auction**
- **Roundtable discussion featuring alumni and student panelists**
- **Virgil Hawkins Award Gala**
- **Distinguished Alumni Award**
- **Hazel Land Black Female Law Student of Year Award**
- **W. George Allen Black Male Law Student of Year Award**
- **Dean Rahim Reed Faculty Member of Year Award**
- **30th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet** (including history of minorities at the law school and alumni profiles)
- **6 CLE sessions**

For registration or information: **Rhonda Chung-de Cambre** ([decambre@ufl.edu](mailto:decambre@ufl.edu)), **Monica J. Williams** ([jerelle@ufl.edu](mailto:jerelle@ufl.edu)), **Dexter Smith** ([rais1969@msn.com](mailto:rais1969@msn.com)), or BLSA ([grove.ufl.edu/~blsa](http://grove.ufl.edu/~blsa), [blsa@grove.ufl.edu](mailto:blsa@grove.ufl.edu)).

## Study in the Netherlands in Fall 2001

By Noemar Castro

The Levin College of Law offers its students the opportunity to expand their legal education at Leiden University in the Netherlands, one of the world's most exciting countries.

At Leiden, UF students can experience a law curriculum that offers more than 50 courses in International Law, including Public International Law and European Community Law. The International Program at Leiden University is attended by 300 students from around the world, contributing to the learning experience. UF participants have the opportunity to meet faculty and students from around the world, and compare the legal systems of those countries.

For 423 years, Leiden University has influenced the city of Leiden, giving it the advantages and attributes of a typical college town. There is a great variety of cultural, recreational and athletic activities in the city. Frequent and fast trains carry passengers to other main Dutch centers of culture and amusement, such as Amsterdam, Utrecht, Rotterdam and The Hague. The Hague is the Dutch administrative center and legal capital of the world, and includes the International Court of Justice, Iran-US Claims Tribunal and International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. It is a great place for law students to witness the development of law and policy.

Since its inception, Leiden has made legal scholarship its trademark. Proud of its past, Leiden University is today a modern university that attracts professors and staff from around the world.



Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro advises students on the many study abroad programs.

The faculty of Law at Leiden University has long pursued an international orientation, recognizing the need to train lawyers in order to confront problems which transcend national frontiers. The Faculty of Law is the largest in the Netherlands, and around 4,370 students are enrolled in its many programs and institutes.

The UF-Leiden Exchange program offers UF law students the opportunity to spend a semester overseas while paying UF tuition. Every semester, five UF students are chosen to participate in this program. Applications for the UF-Leiden Exchange Program for fall semester are available now in the Office of Student Affairs. **Application deadline: Friday, Feb. 23, 4 p.m.** For information: **Noemar Castro**, 392.0421, [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu), or the Web, [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu), under Student Affairs.

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### U.S. Supreme Court cites *Florida Law Review*

In his dissenting opinion from a January 9, 2001, decision, Justice Breyer of the United States Supreme Court cited a recent *Florida Law Review* regarding interpretation of a recent congressional amendment to the Tax Code. In *Gitlitz v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue*, Justice Breyer cited an article by **James F. Loebel**, entitled "Does the Excluded COD Income of an Insolvent S Corporation Increase the Basis of Shareholders' Stock?," published in the December 2000 issue of the *Florida Law Review*, as supporting the proposi-

tion that "the shareholders' basis in their stock is not adjusted by the amount of debt discharge income that is excluded at the corporate level." Loebel is an Assistant Professor of Taxation and Business Law at Indiana University - Purdue University, Fort Wayne, and holds an L.L.M. degree in Taxation from the Levin College of Law. The *Florida Law Review's* consistent track record of timely publication of topical issues gives judges and other legal practitioners the opportunity to remain on the cutting edge of developments in the law. The *Law Review* publishes five issues per year, in January, April, July, September and December.

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• INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •

**Moffat: Incivility may indicate societal decline**

By Cynthia Williford

In modern society, incivility is everywhere — from our children’s classrooms to the recent presidential election to the mall parking lot.

According to law and philosophy Professor **Robert C. L. Moffat**, incivility’s pervasiveness, and its escalating repercussions, are strong signs our communal and societal bonds are breaking down.

“Civility is an important indicator of the health of a society,” says Moffat. “Incivility, by the same token, indicates societal decline. Taken far enough, it means nothing less than the destruction of society.”

Bullies, raging political parties, and irate shoppers fighting over parking spaces — however annoying — may not seem like threats to society.

But, according to Moffat, they are. In his chapter entitled “Incivility Everywhere!” — part of a larger book-length work, “Civility and its Discontents,” to be published in 2001 by University of Kansas Press — Moffat says there is substantial research “showing these ‘mere’ incivilities generate not only harmful stress, but far more serious social pathologies, including even murder.

Among factors Moffat says contribute to modern incivility are the decline of reciprocity (members of society no longer feel bound by reciprocal duties toward one another), weakening social cohesion, growth of excess negative liberty (fewer constraints to inhibit inappropriate actions), peril of prosperity and the degeneration of personal responsibility.

The answer to this growing incivility, Moffat contends, is civil discourse.

“It’s up to each of us,” Moffat says, “to rededicate ourselves to becoming more tolerant and more responsible. Each of us must take personal responsibility for solving the problem.”

**Faculty in the spotlight**

- Professor **Diane H. Mazur** will present papers at the American Political Science Association and Inter-University Seminar on the Armed Forces and Society. She will discuss her research on the U.S. Supreme Court’s deferential approach to constitutional review of military policy choices.



Moffat

Because this judicial deference has developed almost entirely through the opinions of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, speculation that he may retire during a new administration presents an opportunity to re-evaluate the doctrine’s constitutional basis.

- Professor **Nancy Dowd** is teaching constitutional law at Northeastern School of Law this semester. She will teach a Comparative Civil Liberties course in Oxford, England, this summer for the University of San Diego Law School, and then return to Gainesville next fall. She can be reached through her UF e-mail, and “would be delighted to see any Gators if they visit Boston between now and June 15, or Oxford from late June to early August.”
- Professor **Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky** was quoted in Gannett News Service and *The Arizona Republic* about employees criticizing their companies on Internet message boards.
- Professor **Sharon Rush** was quoted in *The Tampa Tribune* and *The Deseret News* (Salt Lake City) about a judge considering an offender’s race and appearance when considering whether to send him to prison. She also had interviews with AP Press Online, *The Arizona Republic*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Augusta Chronicle* and BBC Public Broadcasting in London.
- Professor **Joseph Little** was quoted in the *St. Petersburg Times* about political conflicts of interest for judges.
- Professor **Robert Moffat** was quoted in SYN News Transcripts and on Minnesota Public Radio about incivility in society.
- Interim Dean **Jon Mills** was cited in *The Alligator* about his involvement in the national elections media coverage.
- Associate Dean **Michael Seigel** was quoted in *The Christian Science Monitor* about John Ashcroft’s potential effect on America’s legal priorities.



Mazur



Dowd



Lidsky



Rush



Little



Mills



Seigel

**Faculty enrichment & workshop schedule**

Scheduled for Fridays at 11:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the Faculty Lounge until Faculty Dining Room renovations are completed.

- Feb. 2. Workshop on Scholarship, Production and Placement. Speakers include Professors **Lyrissa Lidsky**, **William Page**, **Juan Perea** and **Christopher Slobogin**.
- Feb. 9. Professor **Elizabeth Dale**, Department of History, on “Vox Populi: Notes Towards a Legal History of Everyday Life.”
- Feb. 16. Professor **George Dawson** presents a substantive seminar on the LSAT.
- Feb. 23. Professor **Jerry Israel** leads a discussion on “Legal Education in the 21st Century,” based on the transcript of a panel discussion at the 2000 Judicial Conference.
- March 2. Associate Dean **Michael Seigel** presents his current work on “Countering the Revenge of McDade: Bringing Order to the Regulation of Federal Prosecutors’ Ethics.”
- March 16. Professor **Dorothy Roberts**, Northwestern University School of Law, presents a chapter from her book on race and the child welfare system.
- March 30. Dunwoody Lecture.
- April 6. Professor **Sheri Lynn Johnson**, Cornell University School of Law (tentative).
- April 20. Professor **Erwin Chemerinsky**, University of Southern California School of Law.
- April 27. LatCrit conference hosted at UF.

## • COLLEGE OF LAW CALENDAR •



For more events: [www.law.ufl.edu/calendar](http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendar)

## January

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| <p><b>22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JLPP General Board Meeting</b>, 5:20 p.m., 190A HOL</li> <li>• <b>Jewish Law Student Association meeting &amp; elections</b>, 6 p.m., 290 HOL</li> <li>• <b>Phi Alpha Delta meeting/elections</b>, 5:20 p.m., Bailey Courtroom</li> <li>• <b>Toastmasters</b>, 5-6 p.m., 190B HOL</li> </ul> <p><b>23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FJIL informational meeting</b>, 5:15 p.m., 190B HOL</li> <li>• <b>JMBA meeting</b>, 5:30 p.m. 290 HOL</li> <li>• <b>Law Review general board meeting</b>, 6-7:30 p.m., 190 HOL (auditorium)</li> </ul> <p><b>25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Law Review meeting</b>, 6:30 p.m., 190A HOL</li> </ul> | <p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eighth Annual Pro Bono Symposium</b><br/>11:30 a.m., Bailey Courtroom.<br/>Reception follows.</li> </ul> <p><b>29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FJIL informational meeting</b>, 5:15 p.m., 290 HOL</li> <li>• <b>L.A.W. general meeting</b>, 5:20 p.m., 283 HOL</li> <li>• <b>Trial Team tryouts</b>, 5:30 p.m., 190, 190A, 296, 297 HOL</li> <li>• <b>Toastmasters</b>, 5-6 p.m., 190B HOL</li> </ul> <p><b>30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JLPP meeting</b>, 5:20 p.m., 190A HOL</li> <li>• <b>JMBA meeting</b>, 5:30 p.m., 290 HOL</li> </ul> <p><b>31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health Hut</b>, 10:30-2:30 p.m., Concourse</li> </ul> |
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*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 [flaw@law.ufl.edu](mailto: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.)

**Editor: Debra Amirin**, Associate Director of Communications.  
**Stan Huguenin**, Director of Communications.  
**Susie Grace**, Program Assistant.  
**Christine Williams**, Student Assistant.

## Exam discussions for Poverty Law and Policy students

Poverty Law and Policy students can discuss their exams Jan. 29-Feb. 2 with CGR Director of Social Policy **Elizabeth McCulloch**. Sign up on the sheet on her door. This is the only time she will be available to discuss exams. For information: **McCulloch**, 392.2237, 234C Bruton-Geer Hall, [McCulloch@law.ufl.edu](mailto:McCulloch@law.ufl.edu).

## Appellate Advocacy students

Students in Professor **Joseph Jackson's** Fall 2000 Appellate Advocacy class are alerted that their initial and final briefs are available in his office, and grades are posted on his door. E-mail him at [jjackson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:jjackson@law.ufl.edu) if an appointment is needed.

## Easily locate law review articles

Looking for law review articles? Try searching "Index to Legal Periodicals" available through WebLUIIS, [webluis.fcla.edu](http://webluis.fcla.edu). Click on "UF" under the heading "All Indexes, Other Databases, and Service Providers." Click on "L" under "Browse Database Names." Scroll to the Index of Legal Periodicals (via WebLUIIS). This database begins coverage in 1981. Searching through the Index on WebLUIIS limits the search to materials found at the University of Florida.

— **Christopher Vallandigham** Reference Librarian, Legal Information Center



## All Eyes on Florida: Revitalizing, Restoring and Revisiting

Seventh Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference  
 March 22, 23 & 24, 2001

Sponsored by the Levin College of Law Environmental and Land Use Law Society, in cooperation with The Florida Bar

This student-run conference brings together diverse interests to take part in panels discussing a multitude of environmental issues. This interaction allows the parties to develop understanding and even cooperation on difficult environmental conflicts that may otherwise be impossible.

Among the many panelists to take part in this year's conference will be representatives of many of Florida's top environmental law firms, academicians, representatives of government agencies, private companies and environmental groups, who will also present issues based on their perspectives.

For information, an agenda, or to register: <http://grove.ufl.edu/~els/about.html>.