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<http://grove.ufl.edu/~lcc/conference/>.

## JTLP competition meeting today

Second-, third- and fourth-semester students should note that the *Journal of Technology, Law and Policy* is holding its Spring 2001 Open Writing Competition. An informational meeting will be held today (Feb. 5), 5:20 p.m., 296 Holland Hall. Co-curricular academic credit is awarded for successful candidates. If you are unable to attend or have questions, e-mail Student Works Editor **Effie Silva**, [effielaw@aol.com](mailto:effielaw@aol.com).

## PAD meetings & initiation

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) law fraternity international will host a new and transfer member informational meeting this Wednesday (Feb. 7), 6:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall. Refreshments to follow. PAD applications are available in Student Affairs, and must be returned by Feb. 21. An initiation ceremony will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m., 283 Holland Hall.

For information: [UFPAD@law.com](mailto:UFPAD@law.com), or stop by their desk in the student activities office.

## ELULS meeting and speaker

The Environmental and Land Use Law Society will host an informational meeting featuring guest speaker **Martha Collins**, Attorney at Law, Tuesday (Feb. 6), 5:20 p.m., 292 Holland Hall. For information: **David Migut**, [migs@ufl.edu](mailto:migs@ufl.edu).

## Environmental and Land Use Law

A rich curriculum, certificate program, conservation clinic, summer study abroad in Costa Rica, summer externships, environmental moot court competition, environmental law society and annual public interest environmental conference are just a few of the opportunities available through the Environmental and Land Use Law Program here at the law school. These and other topics will be discussed at a meeting Friday (Feb. 9), 11:30 a.m., 190C Holland Hall.

The law school has a diverse array of courses, extra-curricular opportunities and resources available to students with an interest in Environmental and

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Financial Aid Director **Patricia Varnes** (left) in Student Affairs counsels students on financial aid options available through the law school.

## Scholarships, fellowships

### Advanced student scholarships

Scholarships for second- and third-year law students are now being offered. The scholarships and their eligibility requirements are listed on the financial aid bulletin board, and applications can be obtained from Student Affairs. The deadline for filing advanced student scholarship applications is Monday, Feb. 12.

### Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar scholarships

The Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar is awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to second-year law students. Criteria are posted on the financial aid bulletin board, and applications are available in Student Affairs. The deadline for applying is Friday, March 9.

### 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.

## Express diversity views

Diversity consultant **John Sands** will be at the law school this week (Feb. 5-8). Faculty, staff and students, particularly representatives of student organizations, are encouraged to contact Sands to express their views on diversity at the law school. For an appointment to speak with Sands, contact: **Julie Barnes**, Dean's Office, [Barnes@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Barnes@law.ufl.edu), 392.9238.

## Counseling

Feeling overwhelmed by school, home or relationships? Feelings of anger, anxiety or depression can prevent you from functioning at your best. We all encounter times when life situations engulf our ability to cope, causing us to question our goals, decisions and ourselves. These concerns may sound small and trivial to others, but can be devastating and debilitating to you. There is help available. Counseling is a confidential, nonjudgmental process — done with you, not to you. Discussing your situation with a neutral party can help break the grip of crisis. The law school's resource counselor in the Center for Career Services, **Cary Evans**, can help. E-mail Evans at [cdmevans@juno.com](mailto:cdmevans@juno.com) for an appointment for confidential, free counseling.

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Land Use Law, including a certificate program for J.D. students who concentrate in these fields. Faculty members with expertise in the area can help you plan a course of study that will best prepare you for a career in this field, including guidance on cross-registration opportunities in other colleges on campus. For information or to receive an e-mail notice of future events, contact Program Assistant **Marla Wolfe**, 319 Holland Hall, 392.3572, [wolfemarla@law.ufl.edu](mailto:wolfemarla@law.ufl.edu).

## JLPP write-on competition

Second-, third- and fourth-semester students are invited to compete in the *Journal of Law and Public Policy's* Spring 2001 Write-On Competition. An informational meeting will be held Tuesday (Feb. 6), 5:20 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. Please see the JLPP Web page (<http://grove.ufl.edu/~jlpp/competition.htm>) or contact **Lara Parkin** at [larap@ufl.edu](mailto:larap@ufl.edu) for information. This is a great way to brush up writing skills, create a good writing sample and impress potential employers.

## VITA volunteers needed

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is an ABA/IRS-sponsored organization that provides income tax assistance to low income individuals and students. VITA will provide assistance this year from 5:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, Feb. 6-April 12, in the student

organizations office, 151 Bruton-Geer. Students can earn pro bono credit for volunteering for this important service. (Previous tax experience preferred.)

To volunteer or get more information, contact VITA at 392.8835 to receive your volunteer guide and self-test packet.

## Fla Supreme Court Externships

Applications are available for the Florida Supreme Court Summer Externship Program. Selected students are placed for six weeks as clerks for a Florida Supreme Court Justice. The externship offers six law school credits and lasts from mid-May through June. Applications are available in Career Services and Center for Governmental Responsibility. Applications are due at 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12. Interviews will be scheduled for applicants. For information: **Tim McLendon**, Staff Attorney, CGR, 230 Bruton-Geer Hall, 392.2237.

## Employment questions?

The Center for Career Services is pleased to announce the following students are available to assist 1L's with their employment search questions:

- **Mack Bernard**, [mackbernard1@hotmail.com](mailto:mackbernard1@hotmail.com), 846.5008
- **Jessie Howell**, [jeh1209@aol.com](mailto:jeh1209@aol.com)
- **Josh Korn**, [korno@ufl.edu](mailto:korno@ufl.edu)
- **Richard Mockler**, [rjm7730@ufl.edu](mailto:rjm7730@ufl.edu)
- **Jennifer Olmedo**, [jenolmedo@aol.com](mailto:jenolmedo@aol.com), 271.9044

## • INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •

### Faculty in the spotlight

- Professor **Lars Noah** was quoted in today's (Feb. 5) issue of *Newsweek Magazine* responding to suggestions that the FDA might limit or withdraw its recent approval of Mifeprex (a.k.a. RU-486).
- Associate Dean **Michael Seigel** was quoted in *The Christian Science Monitor* Jan. 16 about the possibility of John Ashcroft becoming attorney general.
- Professor **Robert Moffat** was quoted in the *Orlando Sentinel Tribune* Jan. 23 about a first-degree murder case involving mercy killing.
- Judge **Quentin Kopp**, who is sponsoring a bill involving civility,



Noah



Seigel



Moffat

cited Assistant Professor **Jonathan Cohen** in his statement in support of the measure Jan. 10.

- Professor **Danaya Wright** was quoted in the *Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* Jan. 24 in an article about property law and land development.
- Professor **Christopher Slobogin** was quoted in the *Orlando Sentinel Tribune* Jan. 25 about the jury selection in a mercy killing case.
- Professor **Paul Magnarella** recently delivered guest lectures at the University of Georgia and Georgia Southwestern University on the topic of international human rights and anthropology.



Cohen



Wright



Slobogin



Magnarella

## Summer Program in Environmental and Land Use Law

By Noemar Castro

The UF Summer Program in Environmental and Land Use Law at the Universidad de Costa Rica allows students to earn up to seven credits for two courses and a conservation clinic.

Guest lecturers and field trips ensure students are given the greatest opportunity possible to understand the natural and cultural context of their course of study.

Costa Rica represents the latest in a long tradition of institutional linkages between the Florida State University System and Costa Rican research and educational institutions. At the Levin College of Law, the UF Center for Governmental Responsibility has a seven-year history in the region through its Mesoamerican Environmental Law Program.

Field trip opportunities include: The Sala Constitucional (Costa Rica Constitutional Court), The Interamerican Court for Human Rights, The United States State Department Environmental Hub for Central America and the Caribbean and the Tortuguero Research Station.

Students can explore beaches, volcanoes, rain and cloud forests of Costa Rica on their own. Also, the San Jose summer program will allow interested students to take a specialized course in Spanish through the University of Costa Rica. This course will provide the basics in conversational Spanish



for non-Spanish speakers. Students also can take advantage of the University of Costa Rica's Home Stay program, an inexpensive way to combine lodging with the intensive study of Spanish through total immersion.

Specific courses are listed in a brochure available in Student Affairs, or on the law school's Web site: [http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/summer\\_costarica.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/summer_costarica.shtml).

**An informational meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, 12:40 p.m., 190-A Holland Hall.** The application deadline is March 2, but applications are reviewed as they are received. The program runs June 18-July 30. For information or brochures, contact Program Director **Thomas Ankersen** ([ankersen@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ankersen@law.ufl.edu)) or Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro** ([castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu)).



Left: Students in Costa Rica experience first-hand the region's impressive natural resources. Above: Fine cultural programs and interesting architecture combine in this Center for Performing Arts in San Jose.

### Free legal sessions

The Law College Council is sponsoring free legal informational sessions for the Gainesville community. Local experts will present information and answer questions regarding legal topics.

A session on Landlord/Tenant issues will be held Tuesday (Feb. 6), 190B Holland Hall; and another on Divorce Issues, Feb. 13, 190C Holland Hall. Both will be held at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. For information: [gpr@ufl.edu](mailto:gpr@ufl.edu).

### Summer '01 clerkship program

The Circuit Court Judicial Clerkship Program will place 25 UF students throughout Florida. Participants receive about \$7,400 for the 12 weeks (May 14-Aug. 3). Applications are available now in Career Services, and must be returned by Feb. 12, 5 p.m. Students with at least four semesters of law school by this summer are eligible to participate (Spring 2000 entrants are eligible). For information: **Nancy Hanewicz**, Career Services.

### Stop litter

At the start of each semester, law school organizations increase their activity levels and create ads and flyers to advertise their events.

**Organizations are requested to follow posting policies and use bulletin boards, chalkboards and FlaLaw to convey information.**

Flyers and posters found in undesignated areas will be thrown away.

**Please help us keep the law school clean.**

### Live LEXIS help

LEXIS now offers live research help. This web-based software platform enables law students to conduct a one-on-one, live chat session with a customer support agent via a web browser. The service is available Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), 8 a.m.-11 p.m. EST. (Live Research Help is limited to research support at this time. Students with technical or non-research related questions must call Customer Support.)

Go to [www.lexis.com/lawschool](http://www.lexis.com/lawschool), click "Support" at the top. You will be transferred to the service, and a dialog window with a Customer Service Agent will appear on the left. The site is also accessible from the law school's home page ([www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu)).

## LEXIS training

Schedule a personal training time for LEXIS by e-mailing **Jill Cisne** ([keeters@ufl.edu](mailto:keeters@ufl.edu)). Available times: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## LEXIS winner

**Lizzie Johnson** has won \$100 for the week of Jan. 14 in the LEXIS Rewards of Working Smarter Contest.

*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.

## • COLLEGE OF LAW CALENDAR •

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



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### Moot Court events

- **Question and Answer session**, Tuesday (Feb. 6), 6:45 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- **Moot Court Briefs due**, Tuesday, Feb. 13
- **Oral Argument Seminar**, Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:45 p.m., 283 Holland Hall
- **Oral Arguments**, Thursday-Friday, Feb. 22-23, beginning at 6 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- **Oral Arguments**, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 24-25, beginning at 9 a.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Cocktail Party with Justices**, Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m., Natural History Museum
- **Final Four**, Friday, March 2, 12 noon, Auditorium

### Locate addresses, phone numbers

To find addresses and phone numbers, try AcxiomHome in FirstSearch. AcxiomHome contains approximately 80 million records of white page listings for residences. The data is compiled from current white page listings from U.S. telephone directories updated annually. For businesses, use AcxiomBiz. To access these databases, go to the WebLUIIS main page. Scroll down to "Shortcuts to Major Providers" near the bottom of the page. Click on "FirstSearch." In the middle of the screen, you will find a box called "Search for." Type in the person's or business' name in this box. Under this box, you will see "Select a Topic or Database." Scroll

down to either AcxiomHome or AcxiomBiz and click "Search." These databases search the entire database, so you do not have to do a separate search for every city or state.

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

### Study in Germany

Students can earn credits and study at Frankfurt University, one of Europe's leading academic institutions. Frankfurt is Germany's financial capital, and one of its most important commercial centers. It is a cosmopolitan city whose central location permits easy travel to many European locations.

The first term at Frankfurt is October-February; second term, late April-July. (To attend the second term, Frankfurt will accommodate your schedule here to minimize conflicts.)

Moderate proficiency in German is required, as all instruction is in German. (Instructors may be willing to give examinations in English.) Credits are transferred to the student's records, not course grades. Tuition is paid here, so there is no extra tuition cost.

For information, applications, and catalog: Program Coordinator **Noemar Castro**, Student Affairs, 392.0421, [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu). Professor **Walter Weyrauch** (342 Holland Hall) also can discuss the program with interested students.