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Supreme Court Judges at Final Four Friday

The Florida Supreme Court will judge the Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team's Fall 2001 Final Four Competition this Friday (Sept. 28). Students are invited to attend a Q/A session with members of the Court at 10 a.m. in the Bailey Courtroom. The competition will follow at noon in the Auditorium (190 Holland Hall). For information: Vice-Chair **Jon Gatto**, jgatto@ufl.edu.

Law School Community Reacts to "Attack on America"

Legal Implications Forum Scheduled Wednesday

The immediate past vice president of the International Court of Justice at The Hague will be one of the featured speakers Wednesday (Sept. 26) at a panel discussion of the "Legal Implications of the Attack on America."

Christopher Weeramantry of Sri Lanka and eight other college legal experts will participate in the session from 12:40-2 p.m., in Holland Hall auditorium. It is organized by Associate Dean **Christopher Slobogin**, and open to the public.

"Our speakers will briefly discuss legal implications of the events of September 11, from the perspective of their areas of expertise," Slobogin said, "and also will discuss legality of the various responses the U.S. might make to the attack."

Participants include Associate Dean **Michael Seigel** and professors **Alyson Flournoy, Michael Gordon, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Diane Mazur, Winston Nagan, Juan Perea, Don Peters** and **Sharon Rush**. For information: Slobogin (slobogin@law.ufl.edu, 392.2266).



BLSA Disaster Relief Fund

Black Law Students Association members **Deaina M. Brown** (left) and **Avery R. Webster** collect donations to aid victims and families of those killed or wounded in Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. BLSA will accept monetary donations at the concourse table through Friday, and will then give the proceeds to the Salvation Army.

"Realities of Religion and Humanity" Set Tuesday Evening

Representatives of area organizations will participate in a Tuesday (Sept. 25) evening panel discussion in the law school cafeteria to address religious issues and misinformation resulting from the Sept. 11 "Attack on America."



Meghoo-Peddie

Organized by the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, the event begins at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Desta Meghoo-Peddie, CSRRR assistant director, said representatives of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths will participate in "The Realities of Religion and Humanity: Principles vs.

Perceptions."

"We certainly at this time need to address and understand some of the complex religious issues facing us nationally and as a community," Meghoo said, "including the intersections of Judaism, Islam and Christianity."

Meghoo-Peddie said understanding principles of the Islamic faith may assist in dismantling misconceptions, which since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack have led to harassment, ethnic and religious profiling and – in extreme cases – assaults and violence aimed at Muslims and Arabs.

For information: Meghoo-Peddie, CSRRR (392.5013, meghoo@law.ufl.edu).

Apply by Friday for Minority Scholarships

Foley & Lardner, one of the nation's largest law firms, will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a 1L minority UF law student. Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions Office and must be returned to **Shandrea Williams**, Director of Admissions, by Friday (Sept. 28). For information: Williams (willshan@law.ufl.edu, 325 Holland Hall).

• CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

Join Pro Bono Committee

Students interested in signing up for the Career Services Pro Bono Committee should submit a resume and cover letter of interest to **Laura Traynham** or the Center for Career Services by 5 p.m., Tuesday (Sept. 25). The committee will help develop, monitor and evaluate pro bono opportunities, projects, ideas and materials and participate in the annual symposium.

Programs Continue on Alternatives to OCI

On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) can help students find jobs, but it is not for everyone, since most employers that come to campus for fall OCI are large



law firms. Whether participating or not, students should consider attending this series of programs on Alternatives to OCI and Big Firms:

- **Careers in the Corporate World**
Wednesday (Sept. 26), 12:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **FBI**
Friday (Sept. 28), 12:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Public Interest Careers**
Oct. 4, 12:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Opportunities with Small & Medium Firms**
Oct. 18, 12:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Non-Traditional Legal Careers**
Oct. 25, 12:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

JMBA Elections Tuesday

JMBA elections for first-semester reps have been rescheduled for Tuesday (Sept. 25), 6 p.m., 190 Holland Hall (Auditorium). For information: **Chris Hand** (380.9043 or cjhand@ufl.edu).

Jewish Law Students Elections

The Jewish Law Students' Association will hold a meeting and elections Tuesday (Sept. 25), 5:30 p.m., 290 Holland Hall.

Public Interest Environmental Conference Committee Meetings

The Public Interest Environmental Conference Committee will meet Oct. 2 and 16, 5:15 p.m., in the Center for Governmental Responsibility Conference Room. Anyone wishing to help with the spring conference is encouraged to attend. There are a variety of jobs available, and students can earn academic credit. For information: **Nicole Kibert**, nck@ufl.edu.

Apply for Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program

The semester deadline for applying for the Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program is Oct. 15. For information: Program Assistant **Marla Wolfe**, 319 Holland Hall, 392.3572, wolfemarla@law.ufl.edu.



LAW Supports Red Cross

The generosity of those who participated in last week's Law Association for Women fundraiser during the Student Organization Fair allowed the group to collect \$121 in donations and t-shirt sales. LAW matched the funds and donated \$242 to the American Red Cross. (Congratulations to **Joshua Brown** and **Meredith Thorp** for winning t-shirts.)

Photo by Jake Hannaway.

ELULS Meetings

The Environmental and Land Use Law Society will meet Tuesday (Sept. 25), 5:15 p.m., 292 Holland Hall. (Next meeting Oct. 16.) For information: **Regina Fegan** (rfegan@ufl.edu).

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Beyond the Initial Interview — Callback Interviews

From the Center for Career Services

If you are participating in on-campus interviewing or job fairs or arranging initial interviews on your own, you soon may receive callback invitations. If you do, you can: (1) call to schedule an interview, or (2) decline the invitation. If you are no longer interested in a particular employer or city, do not be concerned that your decision will be taken personally. Most employers have a limited number of invitations to extend, and you are helping fellow students and the employer by telling each as soon as possible you will not accept its invitation.

To help the hiring process proceed efficiently:

1. Respond promptly to callback invitations. If you do not wish to be considered for an offer, inform the employer promptly that you wish to withdraw from consideration.
2. Schedule callback interviews only with employers you are seriously considering.
3. Avoid rescheduling interviews unless absolutely necessary.
4. Cancel or reschedule interviews as far in advance as possible.
5. When you call, ask how much time to allot for your visit. Arrive on time, and be prepared to stay as long as necessary to complete it.
6. Bring copies of your resume, transcript, references and a writing sample, unless the employer specifies otherwise. If your writing sample is part of a work assignment from a previous employer, ask permission from that employer to distribute the document, and delete identifying references to the client or parties involved.
7. Make sure you can be reached by telephone. An answering machine or voicemail is helpful. Make sure the message you record is clear, concise and professional.

Reimbursable Expenses

After an initial interview, some employers will reimburse for expenses you incur for a callback interview — such as transportation, hotel accommodations and meals. Discuss expense reimbursement procedures before you travel. Each employer has its own guidelines and limits with respect to reimbursement, and these policies vary depending upon whether the interview resulted from an on-



campus encounter or write-in application. Students are responsible for finding out these policies before they travel, and employers are responsible for making policies widely and easily available. Naturally, employers prefer you save money when possible; visiting several employers in one trip and purchasing supersaver or coach fare airplane tickets is recommended. Get a reimbursement form from the employer if necessary before you travel.

Offers

When you receive an offer, be aware that, although it sounds impersonal, employers must consider numbers seriously in the process. They extend only a certain number of offers because they know from experience that “x” percent (this percentage differs from employer to employer) are accepted.

If you receive an offer and have no intention of accepting, decline by telephone or letter as soon as possible. If you wait, you may be preventing the employer from making an offer to another student. If you are unable to decide, you must reconfirm your interest within 30 days of the date you received the offer or the employer can withdraw its offer. In addition, you should be familiar with NALP Principles and Standards for Law Placement and Recruitment Activities, Part V, “General Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions” (available on NALP’s website at www.nalp.org).

Finally, do not be defensive if a hiring administrator asks where you will be working if you reject an offer. Employers often keep statistics about where students work. They may be interested in your reasons and would appreciate candor.

As your job search progresses, make an appointment with Career Services for further information about initial interviews, callback interviews, offers and rejections.

Evidence and Federal Court Videos Available

Want to know more about the importance of evidence? Interested in family law? Want to brush up on the Federal courts?

The Media Services Center in the law library has collections of videos on these and more than 100 other topics. Names of the most popular videos are indexed on the library Web page (www.law.ufl.edu/lic/). Videos are available for viewing in the Media Services area, but cannot be checked out.

Center hours are 7:30 a.m.- 11:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-7:45 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday; and 11 a.m.- 11:45 p.m., Sunday.

• HEALTHY LIVING •

Coping With Stress and Anxiety*— By Heather McWilliams, Resource Counselor***Special Support Sessions Saturdays**

Law school resource counselors will be holding group support sessions on Saturdays at 4 p.m. for the next several weeks in the Center for Career Services for those who want to talk more personally about the tragic events of Sept. 11.

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety due to recent world events, we encourage you to attend one of these sessions or contact Resource Counselor **Heather McWilliams** (392.7044, mcwillh@law.ufl.edu) for an appointment. Office hours: Monday 2-6 p.m., Tuesday 2-6 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Recent world events and law school-related activities such as On-Campus Interviews have greatly increased the level of stress and anxiety felt by both students and faculty. **There are 10 common symptoms of stress you should be aware of:**

1. Tense muscles; sore neck, shoulders and back
2. Insomnia
3. Fatigue
4. Boredom, depression, listlessness
5. Drinking too much
6. Eating too much/little
7. Gastrointestinal problems
8. Heart palpitations
9. Phobias
10. Tics, restlessness, itching

If you are experiencing these symptoms, remember that stress can be channeled by environmental, physical and cognitive interventions.

One way you can personally influence your environment to reduce stress is to organize your day and learn effective time-management techniques. This includes prioritizing your day's work into tasks that are most important and need to be handled first, tasks that are less urgent, and those that are low priority and can be done another day.

Another good idea is to focus your energy on projects you believe will give you the greatest long-term benefits. Try to be good to yourself and give yourself time off as a reward for accomplishing important tasks.

For those of you who have more control over your physical environment, many techniques can be utilized to reduce stress and anxiety. Exercising 3-4 times a week will reduce stress and increase the health of your body, and also will help reduce any anxiety that may revolve around your body image. Also, try to eat a balanced diet, drink plenty of water, and sleep enough hours to feel energized.

The most important objective is to relax. Treat yourself to a massage, practice deep breathing, or practice muscle and mental relaxation.

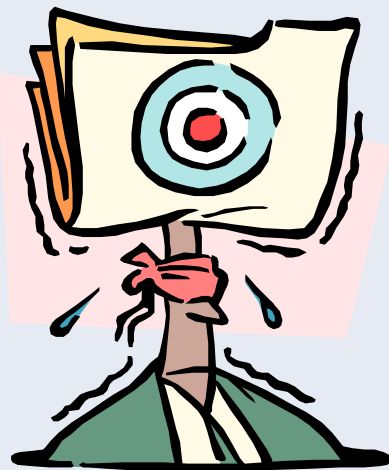
The last intervention for reducing stress — cognitive techniques — is the least often used, but can have the most powerful results. Carl Jung said that, "It all depends on how we look at things, and not on how they are in themselves." So try practicing positive imagery. When anticipating a stressful situation (like an OCI), imagine yourself in the setting having a successful, enjoyable, confident experience.

Try to develop positive associations with situations that are typically stressful. This can be done by selecting projects that complement your values, interests and strengths. Assert yourself and practice optimism.

These techniques will be particularly useful when the time comes to interview with potential employers. Use self-talk to give yourself a mental ego boost. Remind yourself of your accomplishments, successes and worth as a potential employee before facing an interviewer.

If you would like to practice muscle or mental relaxation, or if you would like to discuss obstacles or barriers that may be causing you stress or anxiety, make an appointment or visit me during my office hours.

For information or an appointment: Resource Counselor **Heather McWilliams**, 244 Bruton-Geer Hall, phone 392.7044, e-mail mcwillh@law.ufl.edu. Office hours: Monday 2-6 p.m., Tuesday 2-6 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.





Grand Guard Returns

Associate Dean **Michael Seigel** (left) visited with Grand Guard members and spouses as they returned to campus Sept. 7 for a variety of activities and induction of the class of 1951 into the Guard (individuals who graduated at least 50 years ago). Present were **Julian Williams '40**, **Ernestine Williams**, **Alpha Smith**, **Gilbert Smith '51**, Professor of Law Emeritus **Mandy Glicksberg '51**, **Warren Hamann '51**, Legal Information Center Director **Betty Taylor**, **Harry Michaels '51**, **Jim Clayton '51**, **Virgil Mayo '51**, **Fran Mayo** and **Bob Sommer '50**.

(Announcements continued)

Alumni Networking Luncheon

First-semester students are invited to the rescheduled networking luncheon with the law school Alumni Council, to be held in conjunction with their fall meeting Saturday (Sept. 29), prior to the UF-Mississippi State football game. A BBQ lunch will be served at noon.

Students are asked to arrive at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Bailey Courtroom to sign in and fill out information cards for alumni matching. Students also may sit in on the Council meeting at 10:30 a.m., but this is not required.

To attend, contact **Martha Bane** in the Alumni Affairs Office (banem@law.ufl.edu, 392.9296).

Join College Alumni Council

December 2001 graduates interested in joining the law school Alumni Council should e-mail Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Affairs **Kelley Wood** (woodkm@law.ufl.edu). This distinguished group of about 200 alumni represents each class year from 1940. It acts in an advisory capacity and assists with fund-raising, reunions, regional gatherings and student support. Interviews will be held prior to the fall Alumni Council meeting Saturday (Sept. 29), starting at 9 a.m.

Library News: Acts Finding on Internet

One problem consistently frustrating students is how to find the text of an act. Suppose you are looking for the original Social Security Act — where do you begin your search?



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For more recent legislation, try the Internet. Go to a search engine like Google and type the name of the act in quotes. Or go to the official websites of the legislative body that passed the legislation.

However, finding older acts online can be tricky if you don't know when the original act was passed. For example, typing "Social Security Act" in Google will give you many hits, but if you don't know that the original act was passed on August 14, 1935, you may mistake an amendment to the act for the original act itself. One print resource we have at the reference desk is "Shepard's Acts and Cases by Popular Names." Look up the name of the act, find out when it was promulgated, and where it is located.

Since the late 1950s, acts passed by Congress are assigned Public Law (P.L.) numbers. For example, the "Safe Drinking Water Act" of 1974 was assigned a public law number of P.L. 93-523. 93 represents the session of Congress, 523 signifies this was the 523rd act passed by Congress during that session.

Public laws are published in the Statutes at Large series we have in the reference section. Beginning with the 93rd Congress (1973), the Statutes at Large can be found online at <http://thomas.loc.gov>. If you look for an act passed prior to the late 1950s, you will find a citation to the Statutes at Large such as 49 Stat. 620.

I hope this helps get you started in your search.

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

Note: If you received a new LEXIS-NEXIS card, disregard the label instructing you to register the password. If you have used LEXIS-NEXIS in the past, your password should already have been registered. Contact me if you have any problems.

Ice Cream Social Thursday

The JMBA/LEXIS Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4, on the concourse. Free sundaes will be served beginning at noon. First come - first served.

Congratulations to winners of the LEXIS drawing held at the Organization Fair last week: **Nia Johnson**, **Nicole Kibert**, **Kim Bosshardt**, **Jennifer Gurevitz**, **Amy Bandow**, **Don Londeree**, **Deaina M. Brown**, **Kelly Daoudk**, **Judit Karpati**, **Dolina Lordeous**, **Diana Hewitt**, **John Vericker**, **Kimberly Topping**, **LaShawnda Jackson** and **Joe DeVesta**.

Also, the first LEXIS \$100 winner of the semester is **Cindi Shelton**.

LEXIS Training

- LL.M. Tax Training - Tuesday-Thursday (Sept. 25-27), 11 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m.
- Certification classes next week. (Times to be posted in LEXIS Lab.)

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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 student newsletter, *The Docket*, to John Marshall Bar Association.)

• COLLEGE OF LAW CALENDAR •



For more events: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendar/>

September

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| <p>24 • JLPP Meeting, 5:20 p.m., 297 HOL</p> <p>25 • Panel discussion on "The Realities of Religion and Humanity: Principles vs. Perceptions," 6 p.m., Cafeteria. Open to the public.</p> <p>• Environmental and Land Use Society Meeting, 5:15 p.m., 292 HOL</p> <p>• Toastmasters, 5:20 p.m., 190C HOL</p> <p>• Faculty Lunch Social, noon, Faculty Dining Room</p> <p>• ABA/LSD Meeting, 5:20 p.m., 296 HOL</p> <p>• GatorWell Program, 10-3 p.m., Concourse</p> <p>• JMBA Meeting and Elections, 6 p.m. Auditorium</p> <p>• LCC Meeting, 5:20 p.m., 190A HOL</p> <p>• PAD Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 190C HOL</p> <p>• Jewish Law Students Association Elections, 5:30 p.m., 290 HOL</p> <p>26 • Public Forum on "Legal Implications of the Attack on America," 12:40-2 p.m.,</p> | <p>Auditorium</p> <p>• Careers in the Corporate World, 12:45- 1:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom</p> <p>27 • Criminal Law Association Meeting, 4 p.m., Auditorium</p> <p>• JLPP Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 297 HOL</p> <p>28 • EASELS/Florida Bar conference, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 283 HOL</p> <p>• Moot Court Final Four, Q/A with Florida Supreme Court, 10 a.m., Bailey Courtroom; Final Four competition, noon, Auditorium</p> <p>• Faculty Enrichment, noon, Faculty Dining Room. Dorothy Roberts, Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, will talk about her forthcoming book, <i>Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare</i>.</p> <p>• FBI, 12:45-1:45 p.m., Bailey Courtroom</p> |
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| <p>1 • JLPP Meeting, 5:20 p.m., 297 HOL</p> <p>2 • Toastmasters, 5:20 p.m., 190C HOL</p> |
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• INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •

In The Spotlight

Information as provided by faculty and staff, and by regular searches of news media story reports.

- Affiliate Professor **Paul Magnarella** has been elected to the executive board of the Association of Third World Studies. He continues to serve as the association's special counsel and representative to the U.N.
- Professor **Jeff Harrison's** article, "Reconceptualizing the Expert Witness: Social Costs, Current Controls and Proposed Responses," has been published in the *Yale Journal on Regulation*. (Reprint in Faculty Lounge.)
- Professor **Juan Perea's** editing of a volume on nativism, *Immigrants Out!*, was referenced and he was quoted in a NewHouse News Service article regarding Muslims and Arab-



Magnarella



Harrison



Perea

Americans bracing for a backlash due to recent events in New York and Washington.

- **Tom Ankersen**, director of the law school's Conservation Clinic and joint UF/University of Costa Rica program, was interviewed by Classic 89 FM regarding the clinic and program's recent MacArthur grant.
- Professor **Joseph Little** was quoted in the *Orlando Sentinel* regarding privacy issues coming into question with the advent of new counter-terrorism measures.
- Associate Dean **Michael Seigel** participated in a discussion on WUFT AM on legal aspects of the Sept. 11 terrorism and what may be involved in bringing those responsible to justice in the U.S.



Ankersen



Little



Seigel