

Trial Team Tops State Third Consecutive Year

It's getting crowded in the Trial Team Office, where championship trophies are competing for display space.

The latest addition is from The Florida Bar state championship in Miami earlier this month, when one of two UFLaw teams advancing to the semi-finals beat Stetson to bring home a third consecutive state title. This is the first time two UF teams both advanced to state semi-finals.

The winning group included **Bradley Harper** (Best Advocate), **Shawntoyia Grier** (advocate), **Yolanda Green** and **Yohance Pettis** (witnesses). The second group advancing to the semi-finals included **Tameika Pottinger**, **Saynia Webb**, **Sarah Baggett**, **Bill Ward**, **Della Jensen** and **Alexis Lambert**.

"These students are really special," said Coach Judge **Phyllis Kotey**. "They work hard and are very receptive. The legal profession is lucky to have people like these going into advocacy."

"Winning this competition three years in a row demonstrates that our success is not due to luck, but to the teamwork, talent and dedication displayed consistently by all members of UF's Trial Team," said Team President **Tony Sos**. "We have earned a reputation for being the best in the state and the nation, and now UF is 'the' team to beat in Trial Team competition."

The team won the National Civil Trial Trophy last November, and in 2001-02 made the finals in all competitions entered, earned the state championship, and was the only team at the national level to have groups compete in two — ABA and American Trial Lawyers — Final Fours.



Team members (clockwise from lower left) Bradley Harper, Tameika Pottinger, Yohance Pettis, Della Jensen, Yolanda Green, Alexis Lambert, Saynia Webb and Shawntoyia Grier.



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February Conferences Focus on Careers, Money, Environment, Intellectual Property

Students, faculty, staff and practitioners should note four UFLaw-related conferences taking place next month:

- **Career Development Conference**
(Feb. 22, Sheraton Hotel)
- **Anti-Money Laundering Conference**
(Feb. 26-28, Miami)
- **Public Interest Environmental Conference**
(Feb. 27, UF Reitz Union)
- **Law & Technology Conference**
(Feb. 28, Orlando)

For information on the Career Conference, contact **Chris Garrett** (381.9954 or cgarrett@ufl.edu). For others: **Barbara DeVoe**, Director of Conference Planning & Special Events (392.8070 or devoe@law.ufl.edu).

JMBA Elections Today (Jan. 27)

Elections for six John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) first-semester representatives are today (Jan. 27), 7 p.m., 290 Holland Hall. Representatives serve classmates, plan service and social events, and work toward improving the college. For more information, contact JMBA (377.7655 or UF_JMBA@hotmail.com).

Hone Speaking Skills at Toastmasters

The Toastmasters Public Speaking Club's first spring meeting is Thursday (Jan. 30), 190C Holland Hall, 5-6 p.m.

Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Feb. 6 and 13, 292 Holland Hall, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

IPTLA Meets Tuesday

All are welcome at the Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association (IPTLA) meeting Tuesday (Jan. 28), 5 p.m., 290 Holland Hall.

Law Review Competition Meeting Jan. 29

Florida Law Review will hold an open writing competition informational meeting Wednesday (Jan. 29), 6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. The competition is open to third-semester

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Apply 2L/3L Scholarships

A list of Continuing Student Scholarships (\$1,000-\$2,000) for second- and third-year law students and related eligibility requirements is on the Financial Aid Bulletin Board.

Applications are available in Student Affairs and must be filed by Feb. 17. For information: Financial Aid Director **Randy Patton**, (392.0421).

Note: Recipients may receive only one law school scholarship per semester.

ELUL Externship Meeting Feb. 4

If you are interested in earning summer externship credit, the Environmental and Land Use Law (ELUL) Program invites you to learn more at a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4, noon, 190B Holland Hall. For current placements, contact Program Assistant **Marla Wolfe** (392.3572 or wolfemarla@law.ufl.edu) or see the Jan. 21 issue of *FlaLaw* (on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/).

Career Services will hold a mandatory meeting for applicants Friday, Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m., to explain the application process.

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Real Property & Trust Career Panel

The Real Property Section of The Florida Bar will host a Career Panel Thursday (Jan. 30), 5 p.m., Faculty Dining Room.

Pro Bono Symposium Feb. 5

Employers will discuss pro bono opportunities open at their organizations at the Ninth Annual Pro Bono Symposium Wednesday, Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Students interested in participating are encouraged to attend. Volunteers gain practical legal experience while providing needed community services.

Apply for Bar Fellowships by Friday

The deadline to apply for the 2003 Legal Services Summer Fellowship Program is Friday (Jan. 31). Applications are available in Career Services and online at www.flabarfdn.org.

Mandatory Externship Meeting Feb. 7

To apply for a Summer or Fall 2003 Externship, you must attend a mandatory meeting Friday, Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m., Bailey Courtroom. Externships and their benefits will be discussed.

OCI Phase Two Bidding Begins

On Campus Interviewing (OCI) Phase Two Bidding runs Feb. 5 to midnight Feb. 12 for employers interviewing March 3-7. Contact Career Services for information.

Sign Up for Law Practice Management

Students are encouraged to join a Law Practice Management class led by Legal Technology Institute Director **Andy Adkins** and local attorney **Larry Marrafino**. The “class,”



LTI Director **Andy Atkins** (left) and local attorney **Larry Marrafino** teach a Law Practice Management Class each Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

now in its second week, meets Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., has no homework, final, paper or grade, and can be joined at any time by signing up in Career Services. It is designed to help students prepare for practice in the ‘real world’ — where they also may need skills as “business managers, financial wizards, rainmakers and experts in avoiding malpractice” — through lectures such as “Client Development & Advertising” and “Ethics & Professionalism.”

First-Year Minority Clerkship Available

First-year minority students interested in a paid summer associate clerkship and \$5,000 cash award through the Paul White Scholarship Program must apply in Career Services by Feb. 21. The program was created by Baker & Hostetler to facilitate recruitment and employment of minority attorneys. Visit Career Services for more information.

Get Career Information Online

Get important career information online by signing up on the Career Services Hotline at www.law.ufl.edu/career/resources/hotline.

(Announcements From Page 1) students with a minimum 2.0 GPA who have successfully completed legal research and writing and appellate advocacy courses. Competition packet sales begin that night. For more information: *Florida Law*

Review (392.2148) or Student Works Editor **Talibah Jaffree** (talibahjaffree@hotmail.com).

Air Potato Round Up Saturday (Feb. 1)

The Environmental and Land Use Law Society’s

(ELULS) Fourth Annual Great Air Potato Round Up is Saturday (Feb. 1). ELULS will collect the invasive plant at a 29th Road property from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. For directions to the Round Up and to RSVP, e-mail (Continued Page 3)

• INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL •



Architect David Owen (left) of Tsoi/Kobus, Jack Ponikvar of Ponikvar & Associates, Incoming (July 2003) Legal Information Center (LIC) Director Kathleen Price, Edward Tsoi of Tsoi/Kobus & Associates, UF Project Manager Howie Ferguson, and LIC Director Betty Taylor, who has spearheaded the planning effort, are soliciting input on building and renovation plans.

Building Plans Under Discussion

Input into UFLaw building and renovation plans is being gathered at sessions geared toward specific groups in the UF community. The architect and UF representatives reviewed plans and models with faculty in one such session earlier this month.

Project details and status are available from Facilities Planning and Construction at: www.ufspace.ufl.edu/fpcweb/viewprj.jsp?prj=1032. The site links to the College of Design, Construction and Planning Pre-Programming Report & Concepts, aerial photos, previous work by architects Ponikvar and Tsoi/Kobus and design features for law libraries.

Events celebrating the beginning of construction are slated for April 11-12. In its initial stages, the project will focus on enlarging and upgrading teaching facilities and the library. (For more information, see *UFLAW* magazine on the Web at www.law.ufl. Click on "Publications.")

In The Spotlight

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

☐ **Publications/Professional Activities**

- Professor **Lars Noah** published "Informed Consent and the Elusive Dichotomy Between Standard and Experimental Therapy," in the *American Journal of Law & Medicine*; and "Enshrining a Constitutional Right to Engage in Pharmaceutical Advertising" in *FDLI Update*. At the request of the National Academy of Sciences, he will serve as an external reviewer for an Institute of Medicine's Committee report on "Implications of Dioxin in the Food Supply."
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** spoke on "The Jurisprudence of Dangerousness" Jan. 22 at Hastings College of Law, where he is visiting this semester. He will participate Feb. 7 in a conference on the insanity defense organized by the Texas Legislature and Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians in the wake of Andrea Yates' conviction on charges of murdering her five children.
- Assistant Professor **Mark Fenster** delivered a paper, "Disclosure's Promise and Secrecy's Peril: Democratic Transparency and Government Information Policy," to the Institute for Regional Studies Jan. 13 at Friedrich Alexander University in Germany.



Noah



Slobogin



Fenster

Food/Clothing Needed

CGR Director of Social Policy **Elizabeth McCulloch** and Legal Research and Writing Professor **Joe Jackson** distribute food and clothing to the homeless, and ask the law school community to be generous.

"The need is enormous and the nights are cold," McCulloch notes. "Blankets, jackets and other warm clothing are desperately needed, as are canned meats and fish, fruit, salami, crackers, cheese, granola bars and other items people can eat without prior heating or cooking."

Bring donations by McCulloch's office (234 BGH) or contact her at (392.2237 or McCulloch@law.ufl.edu.)

Reduce Stress

The following classes are open to students, faculty and staff:

Meditation

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays
350 Holland Hall

Yoga

6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays
Faculty Dining Room
(Jan. 27, Feb. 3, March 3, 17, 24 & 31, May 5)
Auditorium
(Feb. 10, 17 & 24, April 7, 14, 21 & 28)

For information: Resource Counselor **Ali Kane** (alikane@ufl.edu).

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Nicole Kibert (nck@ufl.edu). For additional information on the Round Up, go to www.natureoperations.org/.

JLPP Meetings Set

Journal of Law and Public Policy (JLPP) writing competi-

tion meetings are scheduled for:

- Feb. 6: Introduction to *JLPP*, Comment Overview, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall
- Feb. 13: Comment Q&A, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 190 Holland Hall
- Feb. 20: Q&A, Bluebook/Citation Session, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 190 Holland Hall

The competition begins Feb. 6, and comments are due by 5:30 p.m. March 6 in the *JLPP* Office. For information: *JLPP* Student Works Executive **Debra R. Geiger** (debmitch@ufl.edu) or Student Works Senior **Lisa Acharekar** (acharekar@msn.com).

Save money and time through Book Exchange and Roommate Referral links on the college Web site: www.law.ufl.edu/students/exchange and www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/housing.shtml.

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Also available as links are past issues of *FlaLaw* (in full color) and other law school materials. Click on "Publications."



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

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

UFLaw Poland Program

Students from the Center for American Law Studies, a joint program of UFLaw and Warsaw University in Poland, are participating in the 2003 Jessup International Moot Court Competition Regionals in February. Winners represent Poland in finals in Washington, DC. this spring.

"This will be the fourth time we have participated in this prestigious competition," said Center Director/CGR Staff Attorney **Ewa Gmurzynska**, administrator for the national rounds.



Igor Bakowski (center), **Ania Brzoza**, **Agata Amroziewicz** and **Michal**

Sajkowski (not shown) competed on last year's team.

"We are grateful to UFLaw faculty such as **Henry Wihnyk** who travel to Poland to advise our students, and an American lawyer in Warsaw, **Paula Rewald**, who helped them prepare," said Gmurzynska.

The team is supported financially by Warsaw University and firms such as White & Case, Weil Gotshal & Manges and Altheimer & Grey.



Human Rights Initiative Brings Ethiopian Royalty to UFLaw

Members of the Ethiopian Royal family, including Crown Prince **Zere Yacob Asfa Wossen** (right, with attendant), visited last week to explore law school resources and interest in human rights issues.

"The prince launched the Ethiopia Peace Foundation to promote repatriation for refugees, including many Ras Tafarians who aspire to return to Africa. The family also hopes to educate and make resources available for African descendants throughout the diaspora wishing to return," said Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Associate Director **Desta Meghoo-Peddie** (second from left, with Dean **Jon Mills**).

"The UN World Conference Against Racism states descendants' rights to return should be considered under the banner of a reparation effort," she added. "I was asked to advise the Crown Prince on this initiative and research U.S. office locations."

The prince is the 227th direct descendant of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The family fled into exile in North America and Europe after a communist coup in 1974, and are supported in part by other royal families.

UFLaw has a longstanding relationship with Warsaw University, where three UFLaw students are now participating in a new School of Polish and European Union Law. The program was designed by Polish

faculty for foreign students from European Union countries, primarily through the student exchange program. Up to five UF students can participate annually at minimal cost.

• CALENDAR •

See complete academic & event calendars at: www.law.ufl.edu.

January

- 27 • Human Rights Speaker Candis Hamilton, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room (FDR)
- JMBA Elections, 7 p.m., 290 HOL
- Yoga Class, 6:30-7:30 p.m., FDR
- Trial Team Intramural Competition - Round I, 6 -10 p.m.,

- 190 HOL (Auditorium). Sessions in 190, 190A, 190B, 292, & 296 HOL
- 28 • Moot Court Brief Writing Seminar, 5:30-7 p.m., 190C HOL
- IPTLA Meeting, 5 p.m., 290 HOL
- 29 • Law Review Writing Competition Meeting, 6 p.m., 190A HOL
- 30 • Real Property & Trust Career

- Panel, 5-6:30 p.m., FDR
- Law Practice Management Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 190C HOL
- Toastmasters, 5-6 p.m., 190C HOL
- 31 • Mediation Symposium, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 190 HOL
- Trial Team Intramural Competition - Round 2, 6 -10 p.m., 190A HOL.