



Practice is essential to Trial Team's success. Long hours by members (from left) Barbara Walker, Juan Perez, Catherine Chien, Mike Hill, Philip Kinney, Donna Maloney, Paul McDermott and Jason Gordon paid off in regional competition.

## Regional Triumph Sends Trial Team to Nationals

The Levin College of Law Trial Team won yet another victory early this month when it defeated Florida State in the final round to take first place in the American Bar Association regional competition. The win enables UF to compete March 26-29 in the National Trial Competition in Houston, Texas.

**Juan Perez** and **Philip Kinney** (advocates) and **Donna Maloney** and **Mike Hill** (witnesses) were on the winning team. Also competing in the regional were **Catherine Chien** and **Jason Gordon** (advocates) and **Barbara Walker** and **Paul McDermott** (witnesses). Gainesville attorney **Thomas Farkash** coached the team and helped students get ready for competition.

"We prepared thoroughly, worked extremely hard and went to the competition focused on

maintaining a high standard of UF Trial Team excellence," said Advocate **Juan Perez**.

"It's always fun to be the champions," he added with a smile.

"Hard work pays off big," said Vice President of Publicity **Barbara Walker**. "I am looking forward to the next six weeks of getting ready for nationals."

Trial Team won The Florida Bar state championship in Miami earlier this semester, their third consecutive state title. It brought home the championship trophy in the first National Civil Trial Competition held in Los Angeles last November, and in 2001-02 was the only team at the national level to have groups compete in two — ABA and American Trial Lawyers — Final Fours.

## Moot Court Final Four Friday

Moot Court's "Final Four" is Friday (Feb. 28). There will be a Q&A session with justices from the 11th Circuit Court at 11 a.m. in Bailey Courtroom. Arguments begin at noon in the auditorium (arrive early to reserve a seat).

Visit the Moot Court website ([www.law.ufl.edu/mootcourt](http://www.law.ufl.edu/mootcourt)) for updated information and team pictures, or contact Publicity Chair **Adam Vorhis** ([vorhis@ufl.edu](mailto:vorhis@ufl.edu) or 871-2060).

## 'Trends in Intellectual Property' Lecture

The Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association (IPTLA) will host a lecture by litigator **Clyde Wilson, Jr.** from the IP law firm of Wilson Jaffer, P.A. on "Trends in Intellectual Property" Thursday (Feb. 27), 5-6 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. Refreshments served.

For information: IPTLA President **Haseeb Jabbar** ([hjabbar@hotmail.com](mailto:hjabbar@hotmail.com)).

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## Conferences Explore Money Laundering, IP

- **Oceana Anti-Money Laundering Conference, Miami** Wednesday-Friday (Feb. 26-28) Topics include Money Laundering, Cybercrime and International Financial Crimes
- **Law & Technology Conference, Orlando** Wednesday (Feb. 28) Experts discuss impact of new technology and other topics relevant to IP practitioners.

For brochure or information: Conference Planning & Special Events Director **Barbara DeVoe** ([devoe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:devoe@law.ufl.edu) or 392-8070).

## Career-Related Events Thursday

The UF law community is invited to two career-related events Thursday (Feb. 27):

- UF Distinguished Alumna **Mary Fisher**, Senior Manager, Keane Federal Systems, Inc., will meet with students on networking and leadership development at a reception in the Keane Faculty Center, Dauer Hall, 4-5:30 p.m.
- “Artistic Reflections Today: Women in the Workforce,” J. Wayne Reitz Union Ballroom, 6:30-8 p.m.

For information:

**P. Ambroso** (*ambroso@wst.ufl.edu*).

## Jobs Online

Career Services posts new job openings every day online (twice-a-week on bulletin boards). Go to *www.eattorney.com*, then to “Career” section under “Job Bank.” Click on “School Job Search” to check daily postings by geographic location, practice area, hiring criteria or type of work. For details or eAttorney password, visit Career Services.

## • CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

### Apply by Today for Externships

Applications are due by noon today (Feb. 24) for Summer/Fall 2003 externships. (List available in Career Services.)

### Turn in Hours for Pro Bono Certificate

Students who have volunteered their legal expertise for 35 hours or more to benefit the underserved or underrepresented have earned a Pro Bono Certificate. To be eligible for a certificate this semester, students **must** turn in their hours, signed by a supervisor, to Career Services no later than noon March 26.

### New Pro Bono Opportunity

Two law students created a pro bono group at UF two years ago to work on a worldwide Holocaust Victim Asset Recovery Litigation Project. Students traveled throughout Florida to help Holocaust survivors and/or their families file paperwork to join the class action suit and



Career Services has resources and programs to help you prepare for that big interview. Call for an appointment today.

make claims on assets recovered through the suit. Law student **Jason Bonin** is now leading the project as it enters its next phase, and needs volunteers fluent in languages other than English to translate court documents looking for additional claims. To learn more or get involved, e-mail Bonin at *jrbonin81@hotmail.com*.

*(Announcements Continued)*

### Learn More About UF Environmental and Land Use Law Opportunities

An Environmental and Land Use Law (ELUL) Program meeting on Tuesday, March 4, noon, in 190C Holland Hall (HOL) will introduce students to the college’s diverse array of related courses, extra-curricular opportunities and resources, including a certificate program for J.D. students.

Students can gain experience in environmental and land use law and make career contacts through the law school’s Conservation Clinic, summer externships and study abroad in Costa Rica, environmental moot court competition, Environmental and Land Use Law Society and annual Public Interest Environmental Conference.

ELUL faculty can advise you on the best course of study to prepare for a career in the area or on cross-registration opportunities at UF.

**Applications for the ELUL certificate program for this semester are due by Friday, March 14.** Forms available in 319 HOL from Program Assistant **Marla Wolfe** (*elulp@law.ufl.edu*). Also contact Wolfe for information or to be e-mailed notices of meetings and events.

### Phi Alpha Delta Meets Today

The Phi Alpha Delta Fletcher Chapter holds its induction ceremony today (Feb. 24), 7:30-9 p.m., 283 HOL. Wear courtroom attire. The chapter will meet March 17, 7:30-9 p.m., 283 HOL; March 31, 7-8:30 p.m., 292 HOL; and April 14, 7-8:30 p.m., 297 HOL. To join a mailing list or for information: Clerk **Louis Rosen** (*saxman2@hotmail.com*).

### Law School Democrats Gather Tuesday

Law School Democrats will meet outside the Law College Council office at 7 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 25), March 18, and April 1 (elections) & 15 (social). For information: LSD Secretary **Heather Brown** (*hanachan@ufl.edu* or 846-5884).

### JLPP Writing Competition Comments Due

*Journal of Law and Public Policy (JLPP)* Writing Competition Comments are due by 5:30 p.m. March 6. Board meetings will be held March 6, noon, 190A HOL; and March 27 & April 10, noon, 190A HOL.

For information: Student Works Executive Editor **Debra R. Geiger** (*debmitch@ufl.edu*) or Senior Editor **Lisa Acharekar** (*acharekar@msn.com*).

## Conference Explores Influences on Race Relations

The Levin College of Law's Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) will host March 27-28 its fourth annual conference – "Rhyme, Rhetoric and Race: Exploring the Influence of Language, Literature and Lyrics on Race Relations."

"Our keynote speaker is Harvard Law Professor **Lani Guinier**," said CSRRR Associate Director **Desta Meghoo-Peddie**. "I look forward to her presentation and the others, and the insight, understanding and assistance in improving race relations they will offer."

Sessions will focus on legal aspects of hate speech, censorship and literature promoting "emotional segregation," and will include discussions on legal rights and responsibilities and roles of educators, legislators, litigators and parents, as well as interdisciplinary presentations on history and the development of racialized literature and expressions.

CSRRR is an interdisciplinary academic institution designed to explore issues of race and race relations and promote racial equality,



CSRRR's annual conference features speakers with local and national perspectives. Participants last year included Alachua County Commissioner Rodney Long (left), Professor Sharon Rush, Dean Jon Mills, author/speaker Randall Robinson, CSRRR Associate Director Desta Meghoo-Peddie, University of California-Davis Associate Executive Vice Chancellor for Campus Community Relations Rahim Reed and Eugene Morris of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

understanding, dispute resolution and healing. In addition to the annual conference, its outreach efforts include a variety of UF and community forums, symposiums and workshops.

For conference information and/or to register, go to [www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/events.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/events.shtml), or contact Director of Conference Planning & Special Events **Barbara DeVoe** (392-8070 or [devoe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:devoe@law.ufl.edu)).

## Deadline Today for Supreme Court Externships

Apply by 5 p.m. today (Feb. 24) for Florida Supreme Court externships for summer (May 19-July 11, 40 hours/week, six credits) or fall (semester-long, 20 hours/week, five credits).

Externship packets available in Centers for Governmental Responsibility and Career Services (Bruton-Geer Hall). For information: CGR Staff Attorney **Tim McLendon** (392-2237).



## Law Students Head Florida Blue Key

Florida Blue Key President **Richard Rosenblatt** (left) took over from immediate Past-President **Colin Thompson** following November elections for the prestigious leadership society. Both are UF law students, as are two others serving as officers this semester — **Karen Persis** (vice-president) and **Anna Shea** (historian). The UF College of Law has a long history of student involvement in Florida Blue Key, and many of Florida's political leaders have ties to both.

## 'Children, Culture & Violence'

The interdisciplinary conference "Children Culture and Violence," co-hosted by the Center for Children and the Law and UF's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, will be held here March 20-21. Sessions will examine zones in children's lives where violence occurs (family, school, media and other public spaces, juvenile justice institutions and world) and explore its cultural manifestations (including violence and its representations, portrayals of children and youth as predators, and intersections of violence with race, class, gender and sexuality).

Keynote speakers include **Geoffrey Canada**, president of the Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families in New York, poet and novelist **Ntozake Shange**, and Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice **Harry Lee Anstead** (JD 63), a leader in improving the courts that serve Florida's children and families.

**Registration deadline: March 3.**

Go online for information and registration form (<http://childconference.ichp.edu/>) or contact Director of Conference Planning & Special Events **Barbara DeVoe** (392-8070 or [devoe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:devoe@law.ufl.edu)).



## Campus Cleanup

The appearance of the school reflects on all of us, and we urge you to help us maintain a clean and professional image. Please help keep campus litter-free and dispose of trash in appropriate containers.

## Fall Journals Available

- **Journal of Law and Public Policy.** Includes “Reflections on Racism and World Order” by Professor **Winston Nagan;** “Economic Justice and Theory: Limiting the Reach of Neoclassical Ideology” by former UF Professor of Law **Charles R.P. Pouncy;** and foreword by Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Associate Director **Destá Meghoo-Peddie.**
- **Journal of Technology Law & Policy.** Features articles on timely intellectual property law and technology issues, and includes a tribute to and essay by Professor/Legal Information Director **Grace “Betty” W. Taylor** on technology advancements at the Levin College of Law.
- **Florida Journal of International Law.** Includes articles by UF law students **Cristina Cardenas** and **Rinat Hadas.**

For information:  
Editor **Victoria Redd**  
(reddva@law.ufl.edu).

## INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL



### In The Spotlight

Information provided by faculty/staff and news media searches.

#### Publications/Professional Activities

- The UF Incentive Efficiency Program Committee awarded a bonus to Assistant Instructor **Richard Belz** for his cost-saving suggestion to replace 133 incandescent overhead light fixtures with compact fluorescents.



Belz

#### Media Mentions

- *Newsday*: (2.14) Irving Cypen Professor/ Associate Director of Center on Children and the Law **Sharon Rush's** op-ed on equality in school admissions published.
- *Florida Bar News*: (1.15) Article on new (July 2003) Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center Director **Kathleen Price.**

- *St. Petersburg Times*: (2.2) Professor of Urban & Regional Planning/ Associate Professor of Law **Jim Nicholas** quoted on law-suits over RV parks.
- *Press Journal* (Vero Beach): (2.14) Chesterfield Smith Professor **Fletcher Baldwin** quoted on international crime and terrorism.
- *Gainesville Sun*: (2.10) Article on new law school dean **Robert Jerry.**
- *Independent Florida Alligator*: (2.10 & 2.12) Article on new law school dean **Robert Jerry.** (2.11) Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director **Alison Gerencser** quoted on her speech at the Florida Free Speech forum. (2.12) Assistant Professor **Mark Thurmon** and Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar of Communications/ Associate Professor of Law **Bill Chamberlin** quoted on file-sharing laws.

### Finding Your Emotional Balance

By Ali Kane, Levin College of Law Resource Counselor

Maintaining your emotional health is a delicate balancing act. We tend to either not make enough room in our lives for feelings or not exercise enough discipline with them. Either way, our inner selves are not at peace, and we don't feel happy. This in turn affects relationships and other important aspects of our lives.



Contact Kane for free, confidential counseling.

1. **Not making room for feelings is common in “high achievers,”** who have learned emotions are not a priority and ignoring feelings allows them to “get on with their work.” They may rationalize emotions away or stay so busy they never have the time or quiet space needed to contemplate their emotional state. They value control at the expense of happiness, and lack rest or genuine contentment, for they are always “on the run” from their inner selves.
2. On the other end of the spectrum are **those who are victims to emotions and impulses,** which

take over and drive them to behaviors that are unhealthy and potentially harmful to self and/or others. They often feel guilty for their harmful actions, frustrated with not being able to control themselves, and caught on an emotional roller coaster of ups and downs.

These behaviors are not mutually exclusive, and everyone has some degree of each. The key lies in finding healthy middle ground.

The first step is to become aware of patterns and how they impact your life and relationships. Then use techniques such as counseling, meditation, journaling or creative activities to change negative behaviors and develop methods for achieving and maintaining a healthy emotional balance.

If you have any questions or would like an individual counseling session, contact me at [akane@ufl.edu](mailto:akane@ufl.edu).



## Chinese New Year Celebration

The Asian and Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) celebrated the “Year of the Goat” on the law school concourse Feb. 12 with cultural presentations and complimentary food. Wah Lum Kung Fu of Gainesville provided entertainment, including music and the “Lion Dance” (above and top right) and Kung Fu demonstrations. Among those lining up for Chinese calligraphy was **Ade Mcgrail** (bottom right, getting her name and that of her fiancé written for Valentines Day by law student and APALSA member **Alex Yu**).

APALSA is interested in the growth of the Asian legal community and development of

Asian and Asian-American legal and cultural issues. Its other events and activities have included symposia on issues such as “Women Under the Taliban” and member-organized trips to Asia. UF’s chapter of this national organization has been active since 1994. For information: **Wendy Timonera** (337.9749).

## ELULS Conference This Week Explores Conservation Issues

“Florida’s Final Frontiers: Saving What’s Left,” the Ninth Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, is Thursday-Saturday (Feb. 27-March 1). Sessions will examine Florida resources, land and development, water, wildlife and habitats, and toxic tort litigation, including cases under review in the state.

The conference is sponsored by the UF law Environmental and Land Use Law Society and

Center for Governmental Responsibility in cooperation with The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section. Financial support is provided by the Jelks Family Foundation, UF Student Government, Law College Council and Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. of Tallahassee.

For information and/or to register, go online (<http://grove.ufl.edu/~els>) or call CGR at 392-2237.

## ‘Prisoners, Punishment & Profits’

**Dr. Vivien Miller** from the University of Middlesex, England, will speak on “Prisoners, Punishment and Profits in the Pre-Depression South: The Florida State Prison at Raiford as Showcase” at 5 p.m. March 4, Keene-Flint Hall, Room 105 (on University Avenue, west of Library West).

Miller is author of *Crime, Sexual Violence, and Clemency: Florida’s Pardon Board and Penal System in the Progressive Era*.

For information: Affiliate Professor of Legal History **Elizabeth Dale** ([edale@history.ufl.edu](mailto:edale@history.ufl.edu)) or History Professor **Brian Ward** (392.0271, ext.251 or [wardb@ufl.edu](mailto:wardb@ufl.edu)).



## Smoke Only in Permitted Area

Smokers are asked to please be considerate and restrict smoking to the only approved area at the College of Law — the northeast corner of Holland Law Center (closest to tennis courts and near the “igloo”).



### ATM at UF Law

Associate Dean **Gail Sasnett** is among those enjoying the convenience of the Automatic Teller Machine inside the entrance to the cafeteria (student lounge side). Use is free to Campus USA Credit Union members.

### 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  
Auditorium - Today (Feb. 24), April 7, 14, 21 & 28  
Faculty Dining Room - March 3, 17, 24 & 31, May 5

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

## Students Recommend Study Abroad Experience

Those who travel abroad through the college's summer study programs return with a more global perspective and memories of some of the most exciting experiences of their lives (*see quotes below*).

**To follow in their footsteps, apply for summer study in France, Costa Rica and South Africa by March 1.** To learn more, contact Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro** ([castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu) or 392-0421), visit the Web at: [www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/) or attend an meeting on Costa Rica Wednesday (Feb. 26), noon, 190C HOL.



### Cape Town, June 2-July 18

Cape Town's cosmopolitan community contributes to its rich diversity of culture, languages and architectural styles. The University of Cape Town is near the heart of the city, on the slopes of Table Mountain in the Cape Peninsula. The city is one of South Africa's most famous international destinations, and offers mountains, forests, seas and rich cultural attractions.

Students benefit from a dual focus on comparative and international law. United States and South African legal systems — including how race and race relations impact both systems — are examined on a comparative basis by professors, practitioners and judges.

### Past Participants Report Exotic Scenery, Fascinating People

Since Costa Rica is small, I was able to visit the Caribbean coast, cities on the western coast, and the northern central portion of the county. Each has something special about it — beautiful beaches, lush rainforests or a wealth of culture. Classes also were interesting, both in content and because they included students from all over the U.S. and lawyers from Costa Rica, Mexico, Columbia, Brazil and Belize. — **Kelly Martinson**

Costa Rica was unforgettable. The ecological resources are spectacular. Within six hours, one can shiver in a cloud forest and get a sunburn at the beach. — **Miguel Collazo**

France was fabulous. I like their way of life. French people take more time than we do, and friends and family are very important. — **Sarah Piantanida**

I joined an entourage to Aburi Ghana with the NGO Rita Marley Foundation. More than 500 babies were immunized, and 2,000 villagers received diabetes and blood pressure checks. Our role was to ensure a level of respect and understanding for villagers' traditions and life style. — **Desta Meghoo-Peddie, CSRRR Associate Director**

### Summer in South of France June 30-Aug. 1

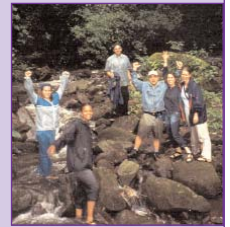
The Summer Study Program at the University of Montpellier, France, enables students to live in the beautiful south of France and take courses in International Payment Systems, International Labor Law and Introduction to French Business Law. Field trips last year included tours of the Palace of Justice, French Countryside (*above*) and a vineyard. (To contact past participants, e-mail Dawson at [dawson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:dawson@law.ufl.edu) for contact information.)



### Costa Rica, June 16-July 28

UF's Center for Government Responsibility coordinates the Summer Environmental Law Program in Costa Rica, which offers courses in international and comparative environmental law. Students work with lawyers and government officials from around the U.S., Caribbean and Latin America on projects designed to advance regional environmental law and policy in a challenging, cross-cultural work environment.

Field trips can include rafting on one of the world's premier white-water rivers, overnights in a private cloud-forest reserve, or tagging sea turtles at the Caribbean Conservation Corporation's biological station on Tortuguero Beach.



Beyond the Law School:

## Rebuilding Lives Through ‘Displaced Homemakers’

Divorce or death of a spouse can take a terrible financial and emotional toll on homemakers, leaving them unsure of how to rebuild their lives. The Displaced Homemaker Program (DHP) at Santa Fe Community College helps them make the transition.

“It can be frightening,” said **Jeffrey Grater**, Legal Skills Professor at UF’s Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinic and DHP Advisory Council member. “Some homemakers lose their income entirely, some have no family or friends close by, some are unfamiliar with things their spouse had taken care of, like taxes and debts.”

The DHP is geared toward homemakers over 35 who need help for a period of time. The nine participants in the current class meet regularly, attend workshops and get help assessing their career interests and strengths.

Career Services Assistant Dean **Kathy Urbach** has volunteered with DHP for years.

“I conduct interview skills and workplace issues workshops,” said Urbach. “It is truly a privilege to do this, and I am always inspired by the women in the program.”

Grater has served on the Advisory Council for a decade, and also holds informal workshops to answer questions on issues related to family law, government programs and other available resources.

“I don’t act as their lawyer,” he said. “I just answer general legal questions or help them find other information sources.”

DHP focuses heavily on network building — both for practical and emotional benefits — including a support group for about 40 program graduates.



Grater and Urbach use skills honed by use at the law school to help displaced homemakers start new lives.

“Networking is a powerful tool,” Grater said. “And women have become masters at it.”

Grater graduated from the Levin College of Law in 1985, and knew he wanted to do legal aid work. He spent seven years at Three Rivers Legal Services in Gainesville before joining the UF law faculty in 1996.

He said he was attracted to legal aid because, “There are a lot of people out there with real problems and needs who can’t afford lawyers.”

He recommends pro bono work.

“The primary reason for volunteering is to help meet the needs of others, but volunteers also have the opportunity to know people vastly different from themselves and see where they come from,” said Grater. “Lawyers should be scholars of people and human nature, and volunteering is a good way to do it.”

— By D. Cupples (2L)

### Volunteering? Know Someone Who Is?

“Beyond the Law School” features UF law students, staff, faculty or organizations whose volunteer efforts benefit our community.

Tell us about your pro bono work and/or that of others here. Contact FlaLaw Editor **Debra Amirin** ([Amirin@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Amirin@law.ufl.edu)) or writer **Deb Cupples** ([cupples1@bellsouth.net](mailto:cupples1@bellsouth.net)) with tips or story information.

### Lexis

- Lexis will hold 1L training for Legal Skills Professor **Patricia Thomson’s** class today (Feb. 24), and **Joseph Jackson’s** Tuesday (Feb. 25). Contact Lexis or your TA or professor for times.
- *Florida Journal of International Law (FJIL)* training is Tuesday (Feb. 25), 5 p.m.

Sessions are in the Media Lab, second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.

### Westlaw

Westlaw training will be in the Bruton-Geer Lab. (Premiums given during Summer Associate Training.)

#### **Wednesday (Feb. 26)**

- 10 a.m., Westlaw Certificate Part 1
  - 4 p.m., Summer Associate Training
- #### **Thursday (Feb. 27)**
- 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 4 p.m., Summer Associate Training
  - Noon, 1L LR&W Make-Up Class
  - 2 p.m., Westlaw Certificate Part 1
  - 3 p.m., Westlaw Certificate Part 2

#### **Friday (Feb. 28)**

- 1 p.m., 1L LR&W Make-Up Class

For Information:  
Account Manager **David Brueckheimer**  
([David.brueckheimer@westgroup.com](mailto:David.brueckheimer@westgroup.com))

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



BLSA Team members Yolonda Green (left) and Josephine-Samantha Vacciana competed in the Douglass Regional Moot Court Competition, netting Vacciana second place for Best Oralist.

### BLSA Sends Team to Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition

The Black Law Student Association (BLSA) sent a team for the first time in more than 15 years to the Frederick Douglass Regional Moot Court Competition at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Team members **Josephine-Samantha Vacciana** and **Yolonda Green** competed against 17 other schools — including the universities of Tennessee, Duke and Vanderbilt — in the three-day event. Vacciana won second place for Best Oralist.

"The competition was one of the best experiences we have had in law school," said Vacciana and Green in a joint statement. "We competed against students from some of the top

### BLSA Alumni Reunion Weekend

The Black Law Student Association Alumni Reunion Weekend, "Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future," March 27-30, will include a Café Espresso Poetry Reading, Lani Guinier book signing, wine & cheese reception at Emerson Alumni Hall, symposium, luncheon, CLE workshops, student-oriented sessions and 14th Annual Virgil Hawkins Awards Gala. The banquet keynote speaker will be **Ava Parker**, president of the Virgil Hawkins Chapter of the National Bar Association.

For information: Reunion Weekend Co-Chair **Yolonda Green** (219-8368).

schools in the country and were able to employ our writing as well as oral advocacy skills. We strongly encourage others to try out for the 2004 competition."

Law student **Chris O'Neal** and Professors **Diane Mazur**, **Joseph Jackson**, **Juan Perea** and **Fletcher Baldwin** coached the team and helped them prepare for competition, and BLSA provided financial support for the trip.

Information on how to participate in next year's regional competition will be provided at BLSA meetings (time and locations to be posted throughout the law school).

## • CALENDAR •

See complete academic & event calendars at: [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu).

### February

- 24 • Phi Alpha Delta, 7:30-9 p.m., 283 HOL
- 25 • Professor Kenneth Nunn, "How to Write a Successful Exam," 5:15 p.m., 190B HOL
- 27 • Moot Court Final Four Reception
- ELULS Conference (Until March 1)
- Toastmasters, 292 HOL, 5-6 p.m.
- 28 • Moot Court Final Four Luncheon, 2 p.m., Bruton-Geer Cafeteria
- Moot Court Final Four Competition, Noon, Auditorium
- BLSA Black History Month Celebration Concludes with Comedy & Game Night
- Faculty Workshop, Professor Jerold

Israel, "Factors Promoting Similarity in the Laws of the 50 States: The Experience in the Field of Criminal Procedure — Is it Unusual?"

### March

- 1 • Annual SALSA Pig Roast, 8 p.m. (Look for flyer with directions)
- Deadline to Apply for Summer Abroad Programs in France, South Africa and Costa Rica
- 3 • EASLS Meeting, 4-4:50 p.m., 190A HOL
- 6 • JLPP Board Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., 190A HOL
- 17 • EASLS, 4-4:50 p.m., 190A HOL

- Phi Alpha Delta, 7:30-9 p.m., 283 HOL
- 20 • Children's Law Conference (& 21st)
- 21 • Faculty Workshop, Jonathan Cohen, "The Culture of Legal Denial"
- 27 • JLPP Board Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., 190A HOL
- Race & Race Relations Conference (Until March 28)
- BLSA Alumni Reunion Weekend (Until March 30)
- 28 • Faculty Workshop, Greg Mitchell, FSU College of Law
- 29 • BLSA ARW Conference, 7 a.m.- 6 p.m., Auditorium, 190B HOL, 283 HOL, Bailey Courtroom and Cafeteria