

Conference Draws 200-Plus

Combined efforts from conference Co-Chairs **Kelley Samek** and **Kelley Martinson**, 20 other UF law students and 15 lawyers from the Public Interest Committee of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar resulted in a record crowd of 200-plus — including 140 paid registrants — at the Ninth Annual Public Interest Conference Feb. 27-March 1.

Dr. Bron Taylor, a renowned scholar on religion and nature, examined the evolution of environmentalism, religion's relationship to the environment, environmental philosophy and environmental law — from passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964 to the Johannesburg Summit in 2001 — at a kick-off reception at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Participants Friday evening were treated to a preview by **Wes Skiles** of his new film, "Water's Journey," to air on PBS stations around the country this October. Fitting appropriately with the conference theme, "Florida's Final Frontiers," it chronicled cave divers mapping the Floridian aquifer, with cameras following them underground and a tracking team on the surface, offering dramatic evidence of the impact actions on land have on the quality of underground water supplies.

And **Jan Schlichtmann**, one of the country's leading civil litigators in environmental protection and product safety and a powerful advocate for the value of mediation, spoke



Concerted efforts by conference Co-Chairs **Kelley Samek** and **Kelley Martinson** (left and right of speaker **Jan Schlichtmann** at center) and other UF law students were key to its success.

Saturday on representing Massachusetts plaintiffs in the famous case against WR Grace and Beatrice foods and his present practice, where he employs mediation to achieve justice for clients in similar cases.

Other sessions examined Florida resources, land and development, water, wildlife and habitats and toxic tort litigation.

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

2004 conference Co-Chairs **Ryan Osbourne** and **Erika Zimmerman** are planning the 10th annual conference, to be held Feb. 19-21 and include a special tribute to and reunion of alumni who led the first nine.

ABA/AALS Site Visit March 22-26

American Bar Association (ABA) and Association of American Law Schools (AALS) representatives will be in Gainesville Saturday-Wednesday (March 22-26), to conduct a site visit at the UF Levin College of Law. The visit is part of the ABA accreditation process and AALS review for conformity.

Need A New UF ID Card?

UF ID cards will be processed March 25-26 outside Media Services, second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall. (This may be your last chance to get a new card here instead of on main campus.)

Trial Team Wins First In ATLA Competition

The UF Trial Team has won first place in the American Trial Lawyers Association Competition and for the second year in a row has swept all spring competitions and dominated the highly competitive southeastern region. To summarize:

- **The Florida Bar** - 2001 First Place (Best Advocate Award), 2002 First Place (Best Advocate Award), 2003 First Place and Semi-Finalist (Best Advocate Award)

- **American Bar Association (ABA)** - 2002 First Place (both teams, two separate brackets) and 2003 First Place
- **American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA)** - 2001 First Place, 2002 First Place and 2003 First Place and Semi-Finalist

"We are all proud to be part of such a successful organization," said Team President **Tony Sos**. "It is not a fluke that we won these competitions, but a matter of dedication."

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Apply Now For Honor Committee

The Honor Committee elects first- and third-semester representatives March 25. Candidates should e-mail a statement (100 words or less) stating why they would like to serve by noon Friday (March 21) to HCElections@yahoo.com. For information: **DeShannon McDonald** (de_mcdonald@yahoo.com).

Law Series Kicks Off Wednesday

The Law College Council and Alachua County Support Services kick off a Community Law Series Wednesday (March 19) with a presentation on **Estates, Trusts and Elder Law** sponsored by the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society.

Also scheduled are **Family Law** (March 26), **Street Law** (April 2) and **Landlord/Tenant Disputes** (April 9). All are at 7 p.m., Alachua County Health Department auditorium (224 SE 24th St., behind Food Lion on Hawthorne Road). For information: **Nicole Kibert** (392-2237 or nck@ufl.edu).

• CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

Register For Summer/Fall Externships

Students enrolling in summer or fall externships must return the Externship Program Acknowledgment and Registration Form to the Center for Career Services by Monday, March 24. Students will be given registration numbers when they become available.

More To Job Search Than OCI

On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) is easy and can help you find jobs for summer and upon graduation. However, it is not for everyone, and most students find jobs through other sources. It also may depend on where you want to work, since participants tend to be law firms (generally larger firms in fall and medium/small in spring). In addition to or instead of OCI, consider

enhancing your resume, gaining practical legal skills and increasing your odds of finding the right job through externships, study abroad or earning a Pro Bono Certificate. And don't forget the value of networking or sending resumes and cover letters to firms and organizations that don't visit campus.

For assistance with these and other job search strategies, make an appointment with a Career Services counselor.

Submit Pro Bono Hours For Certificate

Students who volunteer their legal expertise for 35 hours or more earn a Pro Bono Certificate. To be eligible this semester, students **must** turn in their hours, signed by a supervisor, to Career Services by **noon March 26**.

Martina Pelley Retires June 30 After 31 Years At UF Law

Coordinator for Administrative Services **Martina Pelley** will bid the law school farewell June 30, concluding 31 years of exemplary service to the College of Law and close to 40 with the university.

"Working with Martina over the past year has been an extraordinary pleasure, and it's hard to imagine the law school without her," said Associate Dean for

Academic Affairs **Michael Friel**. "She has done a wonderful job, and we'll miss her very much."

"I'm sad I won't be here to see the results of the renovations and other changes, but pleased that such wonderful people — all of whom I will miss very much — will be here to take care of the law school," said Pelley.

After she retires, Pelley's position will be reconfigured and combined with other responsibilities into a new position — associate dean for administrative affairs — now held in transitional/learning mode by former Student Affairs Assistant Dean **Patrick Shannon** (*see page 3*).

"I'm delighted Pat was chosen, and that we have been given time to work together to ensure a smooth transition," said Pelley.

Pelley joined UF law in 1971 as secretary to Legal Information Center Director **Betty Taylor**,



Martina Pelley retires this June.

who later recommended her for the position in the Dean's Office.

"Over the years Martina worked for the library, she was constantly seeking better ways of doing things," said Taylor. "She was a joy to work with and adept at dealing with the many unexpected challenges that arose every day with a sense of humor and purpose."

"Having worked closely with Martina for more than two years, I understand that she is, in many ways, the heart of the law school," said Professor **Michael Seigel**, former associate dean. "She is a classic 'un-sung hero,' handling so many things so well behind the scenes that faculty and other staff are simply unaware of it."

"It has been my good fortune over the years to work with five deans — **Dick Julin, Tom Reed, Jeff Lewis, Rick Matasar** and **Jon Mills** — and six associate deans, and discover they each were terrific in their own way," said Pelley.

A Gainesville native, she received her B.A. (sociology) and M.A. (education) from the University of Florida. Prior to joining the law school, she worked for the UF J. Hillis Miller Health Science Center in orthopedics, communication disorders and purchasing.

Shannon Named To New Associate Dean Position

Major renovations are underway at the UF Levin College of Law — and not all of them have to do with facilities. Among other things, the school is examining its organizational structure and how it can become more efficient and better serve students, faculty and alumni.

The first significant reorganization occurred last week, when Dean **Jon Mills** announced that Assistant Dean for Student Affairs **Patrick Shannon** had been promoted into the new position of associate dean for administrative affairs.

“Deans and associate deans in academic affairs tend to remain in those roles for a limited time, so most law schools our size have a position like this,” said Mills. “A long-term administrator is vital to provide continuity and carry the institutional history. Pat’s experience, qualifications and reputation made him the ideal choice for this important role.”

The promotion became official March 1 and Shannon will assume full-time responsibility for his new duties April 15, though he began to take on many of them last August.

“I find it very fulfilling to help students, and it has been frustrating for me this school year that — as I tried to meet the demands of both jobs — I could not be as available to them as I would have liked,” said Shannon. “But we have the greatest students in the world, and I have appreciated their understanding of my dilemma.”

Shannon will work closely with the dean and associate dean for academic affairs in overseeing the law school’s budget process, personnel and physical plant, including logistical coordination for the new building and major renovations.

His new position combines some duties previously charged to the associate dean for academic affairs with much of the work now performed by Director of Administrative Services **Martina Pelley**, who retires June 30 after 31 years with the law school (*see page 2*). It eliminates existing overlaps and duplications between those positions, and adds more policy-making responsibility.

“This is something I have always wanted to do, and I am very excited about the challenges and potential it represents. It is truly a position that — like Martina — I can see myself remaining in until I retire,” said Shannon. “I hope to build on the strong foundation created by Martina and previous



Patrick Shannon (right) and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Michael Friel have worked closely together on major projects at the law school, including construction and renovation efforts due to get underway this December.

associate deans, and to implement the same open door policy and ‘servant leadership’ philosophy I used in my interaction with students in working with the larger law school community.”

“Servant leadership is serving those around you to enable them to reach their potential, so we all can serve the greater good,” Shannon explained. “I hope faculty, staff and students see me as a resource to help them overcome hurdles that prevent us from achieving our goals as an institution.”

Shannon was hired as assistant dean for student affairs in 1996 by Dean **Richard Matasar**, who charged him with implementing an open door policy and making the Office of Student Affairs more accessible to students.

“During the seven years I served as assistant dean, I saw roughly 17,500 students in my office — as many as 125 in a single day. That represents those who actually signed in, and doesn’t include chats on the phone at home — some at 3 a.m. — conversations at the front counter, in the corridor or elsewhere.”

Along with administrative duties, Shannon teaches education and disability law seminars at the law school. He also holds an affiliate position in the UF Warrington College of Business, where he teaches employment law in the MBA program.

He previously served in private practice with Gardner Ewing & Souze in Louisville, Kentucky, and for nine years was a communications professor at three different colleges in Texas and Kentucky. He earned his doctorate in administration from the University of Louisville, where he later earned his law degree.

Professor Jeffrey Davis is heading a search for a new assistant dean for student affairs, and the committee hopes to fill the position by June.

Children’s Conference Begins Thursday

The conference “Children, Culture and Violence,” co-hosted by the college’s Center for Children and the Law and UF’s Center for Children’s Literature and Culture, is this Thursday-Friday (March 20-21). The conference will examine where violence occurs in children’s lives (family, school, juvenile justice institutions and other public spaces).

It also will explore cultural manifestations of violence, including portrayals of children and youth as predators and intersections of violence with race, class, gender and sexuality.

For information and/or to register, go to <http://childconference.ichp.edu/> or contact Director of Conference Planning & Special Events **Barbara DeVoe** (392-8070 or devoe@law.ufl.edu).

Lexis Nexis Certification

Lexis Nexis Certification is scheduled March 18, 19 and 25.

Race Conference Next Week

The 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.”

Harvard Law Professor **Lani Guinier** is keynote speaker. 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.

For information, go to 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).

Apply By Wednesday For Fall Clinics, Trial Practice

If you plan to take Criminal, Civil or Mediation Clinic, Clinic Prep or Trial Practice during Fall 2003 — or Criminal Clinic or Civil Clinic during Summer 2003 — you MUST obtain an application from Student Affairs and return it by 5 p.m. Wednesday (March 26). (Informational sheets on bulletin board outside Student Affairs).

- **Criminal Clinic** (Fall or Summer) - Offered in a variety of locations. Those selected MUST attend a MANDATORY meeting (date/time TBA). Before the start of summer/fall term, students must have completed 48 credit hours, Trial Practice or Trial Advocacy, Police Practices and Adversary Systems. (Important: Criminal Clinic requires 30 hours in addition to class time in summer, and 20 additional hours in fall.)
- **Full Representation Civil Clinic** (Fall or Summer) - No clinic prep requirement, but first three weeks of the semester (two weeks during summer) are known as the “Intensive Seminar” and require 20 hours of class time per week.
- **Mediation Clinic** (Fall) - No prerequisites. First two-and-a-half weeks are an Intensive Seminar (total of 40 hours), which is scheduled around other courses. Friday mornings must be available for mediations conducted downtown.
- **Ocala/Lake City Mediation** (Fall) - No prerequisites. First two-and-a-half weeks are Intensive Seminar (total of 20 hours) that qualifies as an approved County Court Mediation course certified by the Supreme Court of Florida. This clinic is identical to Mediation Clinic (above), but times will be Monday, 2-3:50 p.m.; Tuesday, 9-10:50 a.m.; and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon, and it is located in Ocala/Lake City. Wednesday mornings must be free to conduct mediations.
- **Trial Practice** (Fall) - Registration by application. Priority given to fifth-semester students. Remaining slots will be filled by fourth- and sixth-semester students, in that order.
- **Juvenile Prep/Juvenile Clinic** (Fall) - Two-semester sequence: Juvenile Clinic Prep in Fall 2003 and Juvenile Clinic in Spring 2003. Register for the sequence by applying to Juvenile Clinic Prep. (Students automatically proceed to Juvenile Clinic.) Preference given to fifth-semester stu-



Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director Alison Gerencser (left) and others in the Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics help students acquire practical experience while earning credit.

- **Pro Se Clinic Prep/Pro Se Clinic** (Fall) - Two-semester sequence: Pro Se Clinic Prep in Fall 2003 and Pro Se Clinic in Spring 2004. Register by applying to Pro Se Clinic Prep. (Students in Pro Se Clinic Prep automatically proceed to Pro Se Clinic.) Preference given to fifth-semester students who have taken Family Law, Evidence, Trial Practice or Trial Advocacy, and Family Law Judicial Clerk Externships or Domestic Violence Externships.
- **Child Welfare Clinic** (Fall) - Child, Parent & the State required before enrolling. Preference also given to sixth-semester students who have taken Family Law, Advanced Topics in Family Law Seminar or Juvenile/Family Law Externship. For more information about this clinic, contact **Monique Haughton** (Haughton@law.ufl.edu).
- **Conservation Clinic** (Fall) - The clinic accepts a limited number of fall applicants, who must have completed three semesters of law school. Consult with Clinic Director **Tom Ankersen** prior to applying. Preference given to students who have enrolled, or intend to enroll, in the Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program. Students with Spanish and/or Portuguese language skills are encouraged to apply. Students may learn more and download/submit an application online at www.law.ufl.edu/cgr/clinic. Applications also available in Student Affairs (164 Holland Hall) and Center for Governmental Responsibility (230 Bruton-Geer Hall).

(Announcements, Continued)

The team now will compete in two national competitions — ATLA in New Orleans March 21, followed by the ABA in Texas.

Apply By Friday For Coordinator Position

Interested students must apply by Friday (March 21) for an Intro to Law & Ambassadors' Coordinator position available in Student Affairs. Duties include coordinating social events for the program. The successful applicant will be energetic, have strong leadership and solicitation skills, be able to help select new ambassadors and be on campus by Monday, Aug. 11. Previous experience as a small group advisor or ambassador is required.

Applications are available in Student Affairs. Candidates should be prepared to interview before the end of the month. To discuss the position's workload or for other information: **Noemar Castro** (castro@law.ufl.edu or 392-0421).

LRW Teaching Assistants Needed

The Legal Research and Writing Department needs fall teaching assistants (applications available in LRW office). For information: Legal Skills Professor & Director of Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate Advocacy **Henry Wihnyk** (392-2198).

JMBA Events & Opportunities

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) invites you to take advantage of the following:

- **Free lunch and general meeting**, Thursday (March 20), noon, Bailey Courtroom. Officers and representatives will report on JMBA and its activities, and students are encouraged to ask questions and offer suggestions. Students also can meet and question candidates running for JMBA offices.
- **JMBA elections** for four officer and 22 representative positions will be held Tuesday, March 25, con-course. To run, sign up in the JMBA Office by noon Thursday (March 20) and attend at least one candidate meeting — Tuesday (March 18), 8 p.m., 190A HOL or Thursday (March 20), 4 p.m., JMBA Office.
- **JMBA Barrister's Ball tickets** — \$25 for JMBA members and \$30 for others — will be sold on the concourse and in the JMBA Office March 17-27. (JMBA members may purchase two discount tickets each.) Ticket includes beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres. The black tie optional event will be held Friday, March 28, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., at the Sweetwater



Moot Court 'Final Four'

The Moot Court "Final Four" in late February brought justices of the 11th Circuit Court to the law school. (For updated Moot Court information, visit their website at www.law.ufl.edu/mootcourt.)

Branch Inn. For information: **Melissa Pallett** (mpallett@ufl.edu).

For general information: JMBA President **Chris Hand** (cjhand@ufl.edu or 380-9043) or JMBA (UF_JMBA@hotmail.com or 377-7655).

Grads Wanted For Law Alumni Council

Stay in touch with classmates and colleagues — and represent and help improve your school — by serving on the Law Alumni Council, an advisory board of 200-plus alumni from each graduating class who assist with fund-raising, reunions, alumni outreach programs and student support.

To join, bring your resume to **Mary Griffin** in Development & Alumni Affairs (282 HOL) and get a copy of the bylaws. Then attend an introductory meeting with Alumni Council President **Ken Johnson** of Naples Friday, April 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Dean's Conference Room (334-A HOL).

Student members are encouraged — though not required — to attend the council meeting Saturday, April 12, 9:30 a.m., 297 HOL, and luncheon following at 11 a.m. in the law school cafeteria. RSVP by April 4 to Griffin (griffin@law.ufl.edu or 392-9296).

Phi Delta Phi Membership Meeting

Phi Delta Phi — the oldest legal professional fraternity — will hold an informational meeting for prospective members Thursday (March 20), noon, 297 HOL. Refreshments will be served. Membership applications are in second-fourth semester students' folders today (March 17). For information: Phi Delta Phi Secretary **Rick Whipple** (whiplaw@yahoo.com).

Fall Financial Aid Renewal Reminder

Apply now for aid for the 2003-04 academic year. You are encouraged to apply online, since it can save processing time and its built-in editing format reduces errors. Go to FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the Web (www.FAFSA.ed.gov) and follow the instructions. You can then check the status of your application and/or make corrections online.

As a 2003-04 renewal applicant, you will not receive a renewal form in the mail, but instead should use your federal access code or "PIN" to apply electronically. First-time applicants using a paper FAFSA can obtain a 2003-04 Free Application for Federal Student Aid in the Student Affairs lobby. For information: Financial Aid Coordinator **Randy Patton** (392-0421).

Apply Today For Summer Awards

Interested students must apply by the end of today (March 17) for the Center for Latin American Studies Awards Competition for Summer Research. Send applications to **Wanda Carter**, 319 Grinter Hall (details and application forms available at front desk there or online at www.latam.ufl.edu/funding).

Get *FlaLaw* via e-mail each Friday — days before the rest of the world sees it. E-mail amirin@law.ufl.edu and ask to be added to the “FlaLaw pdf list.”

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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 Office of Communications, 288 Holland Hall. (Submit news for student newsletter, *The Docket*, to John Marshall Bar Association.)

• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •



In The Spotlight

☐ Publications & Presentations

- Professor **Lars Noah** conducted a faculty seminar at UF’s J. Hillis Miller Health Science Center as part of its series on Pharmacogenomics. He will publish an item related to this subject next month in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.
- Stephen C. O’Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** will present his paper, “Legally Relevant Mental Illness,” at the 2003 Ohio Northern University *Law Review* Symposium March 21.
- Affiliate Professor **Paul Magnarella** contributed four articles to the *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia* (2002): “Iran-Human Rights,” “Kazakhs,”



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Slobogin



Magnarella

“Turkey-Human Rights,” and “Turkmen.”

- Legal Skills Professor **Joseph S. Jackson** gave a presentation, “Using Pending Cases To Teach Appellate Advocacy,” March 8 at the Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

☐ Media Mentions

- *Orlando Sentinel*: (3.2) Dean **Jon Mills** quoted on competition in state legislature.
- *BBC*: Professor **Slobogin** quoted on show concerning forcible medication of people on death row.
- *Florida Times-Union*: (3.2) Dean Mills quoted on which issues have been of most concern in state legislature.

• LAW CALENDAR •

See complete academic and event calendars and/or add your event online at: www.law.ufl.edu.

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| <p>17 • EASLS, 4-4:50 p.m., 190A HOL</p> <p>• Phi Alpha Delta, 7:30-9 p.m., 283 HOL</p> <p>18 • Professor Michelle Jacobs, “Critical Race Theory: Moving From Theory to Praxis,” Noon, FDR</p> <p>19 • ELULS Meeting, 6 p.m., 190C HOL</p> <p>• Community Law Series - Estates, Trusts & Elder Law, 7 p.m., Alachua County Health Department Auditorium</p> <p>20 • Children’s Law Conference (to 21st)</p> <p>• JMBA Lunch & General Meeting, Noon, Bailey Courtroom</p> | <p>• Phi Delta Phi Membership Meeting, Noon, 297 HOL</p> <p>25 • Professors Steve Willis & Pedro Malavet, “Using a Website in a Law School Course,” Noon, FDR</p> <p>• JMBA Elections, Concourse</p> <p>26 • Community Law Series - Family Law, 7 p.m., Alachua County Health Department Auditorium</p> <p>27 • JLPP Board Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., 190A HOL</p> <p>• Race & Race Relations Conference (to 28th)</p> <p>• BLSA Alumni Reunion Weekend (to March 30)</p> |
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Dunwody Lecture Examines Terrorism’s Impact On Liberty

Professor **Lawrence O. Gostin** (right) from Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities will speak on “When Terrorism Threatens Health: How Far are Limitations on Personal and Economic Liberties Justified?” at 10:30 a.m., March 28, Holland Hall Auditorium.



Gostin’s recent books include *Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint* (2000) and *Public Health Law and Ethics: A Reader* (2002).

The Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law is presented by *Florida Law Review* and sponsored by Dunwody White & Landon, P.A., Mershon Sawyer Johnston Dunwody & Cole, and U.S. Sugar Corporation in honor of **Elliot Atwood Dunwody**.

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