

• DEAN'S MESSAGE •

Months of planning and concentrated and concerted efforts by College of Law faculty, alumni and others culminated last week in a site visit from American Bar Association (ABA) and Association of American Law Schools (AALS) representatives.

A Sabbatical Site Visit Team led by **W.H. "Joe" Knight**, dean of the University of Washington School of Law, visited classes, met with UF and law school administrators and spoke with students, staff, alumni and members of the bench and bar as part of the ABA accreditation process and AALS review for conformity. Also on the team were Fordham University Law Professor **James A. Cohen**, University of Alabama Law Professor **Bryan Fair, A.H. Gaede, Jr.** of Bradley, Arant, Rose & White, University of Connecticut Law Dean **Nell Jessup Newton**, Wake Forest University School of Law Professor **Marian Parker** and University of Kentucky Medical School Dean **David S. Watt**.

I was pleased I could inform them of significant progress since the last site visit seven years ago.

Thanks to the generosity and dedication of our alumni, we begin construction this year on a new academic building and library, and continue to renovate and modernize existing facilities. As demonstrated in their response to our requests for support during the building campaign, our relationship with our graduates has improved, and members of our Board of Trustees and Law Center Association are increasingly active participants in fundraising. And the proactive participation of the central UF administration in finding funds for new and expanded facilities at the law school is tangible proof of our now solid relationship with main campus.

We reported a 25-1 student-faculty ratio in the last visit. It is now 16-1, an astonishing



Professor Jeffrey Davis (left), who led the college's recent strategic planning effort, Dean Jon Mills and Professor and Self-Study Committee Chair Alyson Flournoy spoke with Dean Nell Newton and other site visit team members last week.

improvement. We have hired a nearly unprecedented number of new faculty, bringing richness and depth to our academic programs.

Thanks to the leadership of former and current associate deans **Mike Seigel** and **Michael Friel**, we now have and are following a carefully formulated administrative budget. In addition, we have developed a Strategic Plan designed to bring our college into the ranks of the nation's top 10 public law schools.

We have paid particular attention to listening and responding to student concerns. Our Center for Career Services, for example, has worked hard to help students find fulfilling jobs, which has paid off in a dramatically improved employment rate nine months after graduation of 97 percent.

There is much more good news we were able to share with the ABA/AALS team. All of it is due to you — every member of the UF law family — who cared and worked hard to make a difference in this school and the future of those who pass through here.

The team was very impressed with our students, faculty and staff. Thanks to each of you for your efforts.

— Dean Jon Mills

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Trial Team Second At National ATLA Competition

UF law Trial Team members placed second in the national American Trial Lawyers Association tournament in New Orleans recently, triumphing over 200-plus other teams. Competitors **Chris Klemawesch, Lindsay Topping, Sarah McIlrath** and **Jonathan Claussen** were coached by local attorneys **Denise Ferrero** and **Jeanne Singer**.

"The entire ATLA team — also including **Kenneth Grace, Fermin Lopez, Cary High, Debra Geiger** and **Anna Shea** — were part of this tremendous effort and great accomplishment," said Team President **Tony Sos**.

Jobs Online

Career Services posts new job openings each day online (twice-a-week on bulletin boards). Go to www.eattorney.com and log in, then go to the "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.

Apply By Friday To Be An Ambassador

Interested second-semester students have until 5 p.m. Friday (April 4) to apply for Introduction to Law School and the Profession ambassadors' positions. Ambassadors help entering students during their first weeks and are available for guidance throughout the semester.

Successful applicants will be highly energetic, have strong leadership and solicitation skills, be able to attend a training meeting this semester and be available by Aug. 14. Applications are available in Student Affairs. For information: **Noemar Castro** (castro@law.ufl.edu or 392-0421).

• CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

Forms Due Friday For Patent Law

Preference sheets for the Patent Law Interview Program are due in Career Services by 4 p.m. this Friday (April 4).

Mandatory Meeting For Spring Entrants

Spring 2003 entrants must meet with Career Services Assistant Dean **Kathy Urbach** at 9 a.m. Monday, April 7, 190 Holland Hall (auditorium).

Succeed As A Summer Law Clerk

Quarles & Brady will present a program on what to expect and how to succeed as a summer law clerk Friday, April 11, 11:30 a.m., Bailey Courtroom. Pizza will be served.

Externship Registration Numbers In

Registration numbers for summer and fall externships are now available in the Center for Career Services.

Pro Bono Celebration April 10

Students earning Spring 2003 Pro Bono Certificates are invited to attend Career Services'



Career Services staff (clockwise from back left) Donna McDavid, Mary-Ellen Cross, Laura Jeanne Conway, Edrene Johnson and Jessie Howell encourage students to stop by the center for assistance in their job search.

Annual Pro Bono Celebration Thursday, April 10, 11:30 a.m., Faculty Dining Room. (Names of students receiving a certificate are posted on the board outside Career Services.)

Make Your Summer Count

If you have yet to make plans for summer, consider gaining experience and helping others through pro bono work in Gainesville or your hometown. Visit Career Services for information.

Apply For JLPP Board

The *Journal of Law and Public Policy* is searching for candidates for general board membership among joint and concurrent degree students at the Levin College of Law. To apply, submit a research paper written for your non-law degree program on topics related to public policy to the JLPP Office by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 10. For information: **Steve LaSota** (lasota@ufl.edu).

Street Law Presentation Wednesday

The Law College Council and Alachua County Support Services continue their Community Law Series Wednesday (April 2) with a presentation on **Criminal and Constitutional Law** sponsored by the Law Association for Women. Also scheduled is **Landlord/Tenant Disputes** (April 9). Both 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).

Real Property Workshop Saturday

The Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund will conduct its Real Property Workshop April 12, 9 a.m.-noon, 190C Holland Hall. The annual spring workshop covers the practical aspects of determining the marketability of title to real estate, including procedures for the examination of title. All students are welcome; those planning to graduate before the beginning of next spring semester are particularly encouraged to attend. No charge or registration requirement. For information: Professor **David Smith** (375 Holland Hall).

2000 Presidential Election Debate

Learn the inside story about legal maneuvering in the 2000 Presidential Election and Florida recount from chief Florida attorneys for the two candidates. **Dexter Douglass** (who represented Al Gore) and **Barry Richard** (George W. Bush) will participate in a debate on these issues Tuesday

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UF Law Mentor Program Unique Among Florida Schools

According to The Florida Bar, the Levin College of Law is the only Florida school with an interactive student-mentor program. Its database of lawyer-mentors who volunteer their time to help students better understand the legal profession has grown to more than 300 since the Center for Career Services took over the program in 2000, and now includes information such as the mentor's graduation year, region, practice specialty and law school extra-curricular activities.

"More information makes for better matches between students and mentors," said Career Services Assistant Dean **Kathy Urbach**.

Third-year law student **Gisela Then** met her mentor, UF graduate **Oscar Sanchez**, president of the Law Alumni Council and partner at Akerman Senterfitt, her first year of law school.

"Being a mentor to Gisela was extremely fulfilling. I have been involved in these types of programs for years, and success or failure always depends on the level of involvement either side puts into it," said Sanchez. "Gisela and I hit it off right away when she was in her first year of law school, and because of her commitment, we maintained the mentor-mentee



Gisela Then (3L) met her mentor, Oscar Sanchez, her first year. They stay in touch via e-mail.

relationship via e-mail over the years. For the mentor, it is a great way to give back a little and to stay in touch with the wonderful enthusiasm of the students."

Then considers the mentor program one of her best experiences in law school.

"It has been motivational since the beginning," she said.

"Oscar is the perfect model of a successful UF graduate and was very available to me. All his guidance and advice turned out to be right."

"Some mentors meet with students just a few times, some build lasting associations," said Urbach. "Sometimes a mentor's practice won't quite match a student's interests, but the mentor will provide another contact for the student, which can be incredibly helpful."

"Many mentors take on more than one student at a time," she added. "The program is a great way for lawyers to give back and help students ease into professional life."

Students interested in finding a mentor or graduates wishing to volunteer should contact the Center for Career Services.

— *By D. Cupples (2L)*



Summer In France: Spaces Still Open For Study Abroad

If you want to earn class credit while exploring another country this summer, **spaces are still available for the Study Abroad Program in Montpellier, France** (June 30-Aug. 1).

The curriculum consists of three two-hour courses: Introduction to French Business Law (mandatory) and International Payment Systems and International Labor Law (both optional). The cost for tuition and all fees (not including transportation, housing, food and other incidentals) is \$1,800 for up to six hours of credit.

Applications and information are available at www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/summer_montpellier.shtml. Or contact Student Affairs Coordinator **Noemar Castro** (castro@law.ufl.edu or 392-0421) or Professor **George Dawson** (312 I HOL or dawson@law.ufl.edu).

(Announcements, Continued)

(April 1), 7:30 p.m., 215 Emerson Alumni Hall. This fourth annual August M. Burns Lecture is hosted by the UF History Department. For information: History Professor **Julian Pleasants** (jpleasan@history.ufl.edu or 392-7168).

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 reunions, alumni outreach, fund-raising and student support.

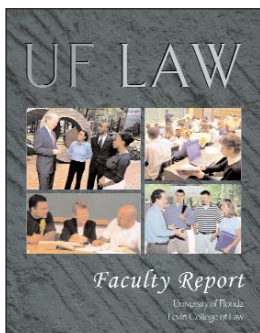
To join, bring your resume to **Mary Griffin** in Development & Alumni Affairs (282 HOL) and get a copy of the bylaws. Then attend an introductory meeting with Alumni Council

President **Ken Johnson** of Naples Friday, April 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Dean's Conference Room (334-A Holland Hall).

Student members are encouraged — though not required — to attend the council meeting Saturday, April 12, 9:30 a.m., 297 Holland Hall, 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).

Graduation Reception May 17

Graduating seniors and their guests are invited to a Spring 2003 Graduation Reception Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., at the College of Law. Invitations will be distributed in student folders. R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 9, to **Julie Barnes** (392-9238 or barnes@law.ufl.edu).



Faculty Report Now Online

UF College of Law faculty are internationally renowned. Read about their progress and how they are transforming their school into one of the nation's top 10 in the 2003 *UF Law Faculty Report*, now available on the Web. Go to www.law.ufl.edu, click on "Publications," then 2003 Faculty Report.

LexisNexis Classes

LexisNexis Intermediate and "Build Your Future" Certification classes are scheduled for April 1 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Advanced and "Build Your Future" Certification classes will be held April 2 & 3 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •



☐ Publications & Presentations

• Associate Professor/Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director **Jonathan R. Cohen** presented his paper, "The Culture of Legal Denial," to faculty at Florida State University March 24.



Cohen

• Dispute Resolution Associate Director **Alison Gerencser** was nominated for an award for "Outstanding Community Service Done by a Faculty Member" by the University of Florida Office of Community Service as part of their "Celebrating 150 Years of Service" campaign.



Gerencser

☐ In The Spotlight

- *Black Issues in Higher Education* - (2.27) Director of Admissions **Lewis L. Hutchinson** mentioned regarding his position at the UF College of Law.
- *Orlando Sentinel* – (3.2) Dean **Jon Mills** quoted on prevalence of party competition in state politics.
- *New Jersey Law Journal* - (3.3) Legal Technology Institute Director of Web Development **Travis Yates** quoted on small firms developing their own intranet.
- *The Florida Bar News* - (3.03) Article on incoming Dean **Robert Jerry**.
- *The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section Reporter* - (3.03) UF Law Environmental Moot Court Team and Director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program **Alyson Flournoy** mentioned in

article about team advancing to semifinals in national competition.

- *Florida Times-Union* – (3.5) Article on UF third-year law student **Joshua Clark's** experience of studying and living in Poland during a period of anti-American sentiment. (3.9) Professor of Law and Urban & Regional Planning **James Nicholas** quoted on proposed Clay County ordinance to charge land developers with additional taxes to help fund community education. (3.16) Professor/Alumni Research Scholar **Joseph Little** quoted on public records access laws.
- *Florida Today* – (3.6) Stephen C. O'Connell Chair/Professor **Christopher Slobogin** quoted on differences in the burden of proof in civil and criminal cases.
- *St. Petersburg Times* – (3.8) Professor **Little** quoted on admissibility of videotapes as evidence in court when those taped thought they were in private.
- *Gainesville Sun* – (3.17) Article on Community Law Series.
- *WSKY & TV20* – (3.18) Law student **Nicole Kibert** interviewed on Community Law Series.
- *The Independent Florida Alligator* – (3.19) Article on visit of a freed death row inmate to UF law. (3.19) **Kibert** quoted on Community Law Series. (3.24) Article on UF Trial Team's second-place win in national ATLA competition.
- *Sun Sentinel* - (3.21 & 3.22) Levin Mabie & Levin Professor **Berta Esperanza Hernandez Truyol** quoted on U.S. immigration policy with Cuba. (3.22) Professor **Little** quoted on how courts might handle free speech issues behind anti-abortion ads on county buses.

ICAM Team Competes In Vienna Moot Court In April

Thanks to support from the College of Law Annual Fund, the International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team (ICAM) will travel to Vienna, Austria, April 9th to participate in the 10th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court.

UF was the only Florida school represented last year in the week-long spring competition, which features teams from more than 100 law schools around the world. The problem normally involves contract law issues arising under the U.N. Convention on the International Sale of Goods. In the final competition, two members argue before a panel of three arbitrators (often real-world commercial arbitrators), and each team participates in at least four arbitrations. The 32 teams achieving the highest scores enter elimination rounds to determine the winner of the oral competition. Prizes are awarded for best Claimants and Respondents briefs and for top teams in the Oral Competition.

ICAM team members Aayn Fuller (front), Lisset Gonzalez, S. Allister Fisher, David Redfearn, Faculty Advisor/Professor Thomas Hurst, Coach Jessica Parker, Coach Robert Franco and Alero Afejuko. (Advisor/Professor Wayne Hanewicz not shown.)



State Leaders Attend 'Children, Culture & Violence' Conference

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 March 20-21 drew a variety of experts and nearly 100 participants to examine where violence and its cultural manifestations occur in children's lives and the role of parents, educators and others in dealing with its impact on our youngest citizens.



Panelists on "Children in the Justice System" included Associate CCL Director Mark Fondacaro (left), UF Vice Provost Charles Frazier, Justice Policy Institute President Vincent Schiraldi and UF Law Professor Ken Nunn and Legal Skills Professor Monique Houghton



Senator Rod Smith (left), Director of the Center for Children and the Law Barbara Bennet Woodhouse and Chief Supreme Court Justice Harry Anstead discussed what government can do to shield children from violence.

Summer/Fall 2003 Pre-Registration

Summer/Fall 2003 pre-registration is March 31 through April 18, and appointment times now are available on ISIS (www.isis.ufl.edu). You can access ISIS from the law school home page by clicking on "Student Affairs," then "ISIS" (on Quick Links list). Then go to "Registration Preparation Information" under "Dates" on the ISIS home page.

Prior planning is essential to using ISIS successfully. Before you begin, remember:

1. **You must have your gatorlink user name and password to access the system.** If you don't know these, contact the CIRCA help desk at 392-help to set up a gatorlink account, or check your account at www.gatorlink.ufl.edu.
2. **The UFID number has replaced the social security number.** If you don't know your UFID number, go to ISIS and click on "What's My UFID," listed under "Dates" on the main ISIS page.
3. Prior to registering, **check for pre-requisites** in the UF College of Law *Student Handbook* and schedule of classes posted on the law school Web site. Use your catalog and directories in Student Affairs — especially the Seminar Directory — when planning your schedule(s) to be sure you have completed appropriate pre-requisite courses. ISIS MAY OR MAY NOT CHECK FOR PRE-REQUISITES. Students without proper course work will be administratively dropped from the course.

If you have a "hold" on your records, you may not pre-register until it is cleared. You can check your holds prior to pre-registration on ISIS under "Registration Preparation Information."

Appointment Times. Your appointment time is when you can go to ISIS to pre-register for Fall 2003. If you attempt to register before this time, ISIS will not let you register. However, you may register any time after the designated time. Appointment times are determined by the total number of hours earned by the end of Fall 2002. The person with the most hours has the earliest time. Students with the same amount of earned hours will be randomly assigned a time at intervals to avoid system overload. A person with fewer hours will never have an earlier or same time as a person with more hours. Transfer students should check the accuracy of their times with Registrar **Kim Thomas** in Student Affairs.

P.I.N. numbers. Your Gatorlink user id and password are used to access ISIS. If you have questions or problems regarding your Gatorlink account, contact the CIRCA help desk at 392-help.

Spring 2003 Entering Class: You are automatically registered for Summer/Fall 2003 required classes.

If you experience problems during pre-registration, immediately contact Registrar Thomas (392-0421).



Pre-register now online through ISIS.

Westlaw Summer Associate Training

Westlaw Summer Associate Training can help you prepare for your summer job. Sign up for training classes on campus during April by registering at www.lawschool.westlaw.com (click on "Training"), stopping by the Westlaw Bulletin Board outside the Media Lab or contacting a Westlaw student representative. To set up individual training, contact **Lizzie Johnson** at ljohnson@hotmail.com.

Georgia Bar Exam Bar/BRI Course

Students planning to take the Georgia Bar exam this July who would like to participate in a Bar/BRI course at the UF College of Law this summer may be able to do so. Bar/BRI will provide the official course for the Georgia Bar exam (as opposed to the audio/home study course), to UF law students if 15 or more participate.

To sign up or for details, e-mail **Shireen Hormozdi** (Shireen997@hotmail.com) or call Georgia Bar/BRI (1-800-360-7277).



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.

Classes Available To Reduce Stress

The following 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 - Today (March 31) and May 5

Auditorium -

April 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

Changes Underway In Environmental Law Core Courses

Environmental Law core course names may not be recognizable in next year's schedule. Familiar names have been replaced — Natural Resources Law for Water, Wetlands & Wildlife and Environmental Law for Environmental Law: Toxics, NEPA & CERCLA — and slight content adjustments begin next year. (See below.)

Natural Resources Law

A survey of law and policy related to management of natural resources, including public and private lands and water, covering the public trust doctrine, sovereign submerged lands, water law, the National Environmental Policy Act, wetlands regulation, the Endangered Species Act, and management of public lands.

Environmental Law

An introduction to modern environmental regulation and its foundations, covering common law precursors to environmental law and a survey of major regulatory issues and techniques, focusing on the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, with examples drawn from other statutes such as the Clean Air Act.

"We made these changes for several reasons," said Professor **Alyson Flournoy**, director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program. "First, faculty felt these courses needed refocusing to make them true entry-level survey courses, and the new names reflect that. Second, the shift in content broadens the focus of both courses. Natural Resources law will touch on public land law as well as water, wetlands and wildlife protection. The Environmental Law course will introduce a broader range of regulatory techniques, including some drawn from the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act."

Another impetus for the changes is the addition of three faculty members with interest and expertise in environmental and land use law, incoming Professors **Michael Allan Wolf**, **Christine Klein** and **Mary Jane Angelo**, who participated in discussions about the revisions.

"We anticipate our new faculty will enable us to offer additional upper level electives in these fields," said Flournoy.

The renamed courses have been approved as alternate core courses for students completing the Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law. (Students who have taken the replaced courses can still use them to satisfy the requirement.)

New Course Offered On International Trade And The Environment

Director of International Trade Law Programs **Steve Powell** will teach a new course this fall addressing the dominant challenge to both trade rules and environmental treaties in the coming decade: integration of economic and non-economic policies on the global front.



Powell

Continued economic growth and successful protection of the environment are inseparably linked objectives. Most developed nations credit this reality through laws that finely balance within their borders the often conflicting policies underlying these essential objectives.

In the global market, however, intersections between preservation of exhaustible natural resources and promotion of free trade persist, with increasingly serious consequences to the success of both agendas and without benefit of a harmonizing policy voice.

"This course is a wonderful addition to our environmental and international curricula that will highlight the importance of trade to environmental law as well as the importance of sustainable development to trade," said Environmental and Land Use Law Program Director **Alyson Flournoy**.



Flournoy

"The dictates of free trade are increasingly determinative of the limits of domestic environmental law, as illustrated by such World Trade Organization cases as Dolphin-Tuna and Shrimp-Turtle."

The course will equip future lawyers with the background to advise clients on steps they must take to steer their export and investment strategies through the elaborate and uncoordinated disciplines of global trading rules and multilateral environmental agreements.

Beyond the Law School: Clinics Benefit Students & Community

This is the second of a two-part series examining how students benefit the community and themselves through the five clinics of the UF Levin College of Law's Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics — Full-Representation and Pro Se (see the March 24, 2003, *FlaLaw*) and Mediation, Criminal and Juvenile (Gator TeamChild), where students are certified by the Florida Supreme Court to practice under supervision of a licensed attorney.

Mediation Clinic

County Court Small Claims Mediation Clinic is taught by Clinics Director/Professor **Don Peters** (now on sabbatical) and Legal Skills Professor **Alison Gerencser**. It gives students experience in acting as neutral third-parties to help adversaries resolve conflicts.

"There is a growing trend toward mediation, whether in contracts, probate or civil litigation, and only about two percent of civil cases go to trial," said Gerencser. "Some courts, such as the Eighth Circuit, require mediation before trial."

In addition to providing invaluable practical experience, Mediation Clinic fulfills the Florida Supreme Court's requirements for "Certified County Court Mediator." Sections are offered spring and fall. There are no pre-requisites, though Negotiation is highly recommended.

Gerencser's section also offers the opportunity to participate in the Conflict Resolution Program (CRP), which helps troubled children learn to peacefully settle conflicts. CRP is supervised by **Norma Greene**, an education specialist and certified county mediator who has been involved in juvenile issues for years, including PACE Center for Girls, Alachua Regional Marine Institute and Pleasant Place.

"CRP is important for young people we interact with," said Greene. "And law students learn a lot from seeing what at-risk children go through."

Criminal Clinic

Students in Criminal Clinic can work for the public defender under Professor **Michelle**



Gator TeamChild Supervising Attorney Claudia Wright (center) works with law students as they assist local children. (Clinic requirements and programs differ. Consult the college's Student Handbook, or obtain a brochure from the clinic office.)

Jacobs or state attorney under Adjunct Professor **William Davis**.

There is a classroom component fall and spring, and students work 20 hours per week. During summer, students work 30 hours per week, with no classroom component, and may work in other Florida cities. (See the College of Law *Student Handbook* for prerequisites.

Gator TeamChild (Juvenile Law Clinic)

Because children rarely can advocate for themselves, their rights often are ignored. Under direction of Legal Skills Professor **Claudia Wright**, Gator TeamChild (GTC) provides free legal services to roughly 100 indigent children at any given time. The clinic also provides valuable experience to third-year law students, including fundamental advocacy skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiating, and navigating bureaucracies, agencies and court systems.

"GTC offers a unique opportunity for students to represent clients in a variety of forums," Wright said. "In different counties, before different judges, before different agencies."

The clinic's core principle is that adults can work together to create environments where children can succeed. Law students work in teams with graduate-level, social-work students to assess clients' needs, and collaborate with other professionals in the community to provide services for the children. GTC is a two-semester program and is open to third-year law students.

— *By D. Cupples (2L)*

'Heritage of Leadership' April 11

A dozen of the UF College of Law's most prestigious graduates will be honored posthumously by induction into a new "Heritage of Leadership" recognition society established by the Law Center Association Board of Trustees. The college's Office of Development & Alumni Affairs will host a ceremony in their honor at 4 p.m. April 11 in the Faculty Dining Room. Family members of the 12 honorees (list below) have been invited to attend, along with alumni and key administrators.

Inductees

- Alto Adams, Sr.**
(JD 21), 1899-1989
- Baya M. Harrison, Jr.**
(JD 35), 1912-1975
- Benjamin Campbell Thornal**
(JD 30), 1908-1970
- E. Dixie Beggs, Jr.**
(JD 31), 1908-2001
- Frank E. Maloney, Sr.**
(JD 42), 1918-1980
- Harold B. Crosby**
(JD 48), 1918-1996
- Harold L. Sebring, Sr.**
(JD 28), 1898-1968
- James C. Adkins, Jr.**
(JD 38), 1915-1994
- Lawton Chiles**
(JD 55), 1930-1998
- Sidney M. Aronovitz**
(JD 43), 1920-1997
- Spessard Lindsey Holland, Sr.**
(JD 16), 1892-1971
- Stephen C. O'Connell**
(JD 40), 1916-2001

Students Asked To Return Surveys

Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations **Gail Sasnett** reminds students to complete and return the "Law School Survey of Student Engagement" to Student Affairs. The college relies on information from the survey to improve student programs and services.

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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 288 Holland Hall. (Submit news for *The Docket* to the John Marshall Bar Association.)

Fourth Annual 'Legal & Policy Issues In the Americas' Set for April 13-14 CGR Conference To Examine 'Judicial Reform & Rule Of Law'

Top legal and policy experts from throughout Florida and Latin America are expected to participate April 13-14 in a unique "roundtable conference" here organized by the law school's Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR). Panelists and commentators will face the challenge of designing a blueprint for establishment of a "Center for Judicial Reform and Rule of Law in the Americas," a UF initiative to be housed in the Levin College of Law.

"This is our fourth annual Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas conference," said Dean **Jon Mills**, who established CGR in 1972 and has since served as director. "It is particularly significant because the participants will help usher us into a new phase of our relationships in the Americas."



Mills

The proposed center is based on the concept that a democracy without an effective judiciary governed by the rule of law inhibits the capacity of its citizens to enjoy basic freedoms and discourages the international community from investing in the future of the country. The UF team proposes a university-based program designed to collaborate with sister universities throughout the Americas to implement a program that strengthens the rule of law in the region.

Collaborators include the Justice Studies Center of the Americas in Santiago, Chile, which joined with CGR, the UF Warrington College of Business Center for International Business Education and Research, and the Florida Journal of International Law as conference sponsors.

"Our panelists and commentators are well-qualified to assist us in development of this new venture," said Mills. "Participants represent 14 international universities from eight countries; six international organizations; eight private law firms; five international businesses; five U.S. universities; and 12 UF academic departments."

Conference panels are organized on the topics of rule of law, civil justice reform, criminal law, comparative constitutional approaches, human rights commitments and judicial reform. Each roundtable session will feature a panel presentation followed by responses from distinguished commentators invited by Dean Mills to assist in the development of the center's blueprint.

Among distinguished panelists and commentators are former ABA President **Martha Barnett**; MetLife Senior Vice President **Christine Markussen**; attorney **Robert G. Kerrigan**; interna-

tional businessman **Everett J. Santos**; former circuit judge and mediation specialist **John Upchurch**; former U.S. Attorney General **Janet Reno**; UF International Center Dean **Dennis Jett**; former Florida Governor and U.S. Envoy to the Americas **Buddy MacKay**; Chief Superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police **Peter German**; former National Ombudsman of Peru **Jorge Santistevan de Noriega**; Director of UF's Center for Latin American Studies **Charles Wood**; and law school deans and professors from Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, West Indies, Chile and the United Kingdom. UF law faculty involved in the conference are **Michael Gordon**, **Fletcher Baldwin**, **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol**, **Stephen Powell**, **Timothy McLendon**, **Don Peters** and **Jeff Wade**, as well as members of the law school's international advisory committee.

"Since the conference is organized as a roundtable discussion, limited spaces are available to the public as observers for the Monday session," said conference organizer and CGR Development Director **JoAnn Klein**. "You must pre-register to attend, since a working lunch is part of the program and space is limited."

Sessions will be held at UF's Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center. Additional details and registration are available through **Lenny Kennedy** of CGR (392.2237 or LKennedy@law.ufl.edu).

Souza To Be Honored For Contributions



Paulo Roberto Pereira de Souza will receive the Award for Significant Contributions to Relations Between Florida and the Americas during the conference for helping to develop a permanent relationship between UF and Brazil.

Souza is a founding member of the Advisory Board of UF's Florida/Brazil Institute; directed collaborative research and exchange projects between the law faculties and co-authored comparative environmental law and policy studies in and between Florida and Paraná; and coordinates the Master's Course of Law at the State University of Maringá in Brazil. He has served as rector of the State University of Maringá; state secretary of science, technology and economic development; state secretary of urban development and environment; and director of development, exchange and international operations of the Bank of the State of Paraná.