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Learn how you can gain experience, network, help others & have fun Student Organization Fair Wednesday on Concourse

The concourse will fill with tables manned by representatives from the Levin College of Law's many student organizations this Wednesday (Sept. 10), 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Student Organization Fair is hosted by the Law College Council (LCC) at the beginning of each semester to help students explore opportunities available to them through group activities. For student organization descriptions and links, go online to www.law.ufl.edu/students/organizations/. To join or start a student organization, contact Student Affairs or the group representative.

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Participation is based on academic achievement, writing skills and/or open competitions. To participate and earn credit in co-curricular activities — with the exception of the International Arbitration Moot Court Team — students must be in their third full semester of law school. Students earn a maximum of three credits for participation in one organization, and no more than four credits total.

- *Florida Journal of International Law* publishes scholarly works with global perspectives by students, professors and practitioners on public and private international law topics once per year.
- *Florida Law Review* includes articles by legal scholars and works by students on various areas of the law. Published up to five times a year.
- **Jessup Moot Court Team** is a competitive arbitration organization that explores issues of public international law and international humanitarian law and competes in national and international competitions.
- *Journal of Law & Public Policy* is a bi-annual, interdisciplinary University of Florida graduate student publication devoted to public policy implications of legal issues. Students publish two issues a year and sponsor a spring symposium. Its members include law, joint degree and UF graduate students.
- *Journal of Technology Law & Policy* is a student-edited journal (also online) that publishes articles focused on legal and policy aspects of technology issues.
- **Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team** — named for the late Florida Supreme Court justice and UF law alumnus — participates in intramural, state and national appellate competitions.
- **Trial Competition Team** competes in intramural, state, regional and national competitions.

EXTRACURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

- American Bar Association/Law Student Division
- Animal Law Group
- Areion Foundation
- Asian- & Pacific-American Law Students Association
- Association for Public Interest Law
- Association of Future Litigators
- Association of Trial Lawyers
- Black Law Students Association, W. George Allen Chapter
- Caribbean Law Student Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Society
- Environmental & Land Use Law Society
- Estates & Trusts and Elder Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federal Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- Florida Toastmasters
- Health Law Association
- Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- John Marshall Bar Association
- Lambda Legal Alliance
- Law Association of Women
- Law College Council
- Law School Democrats
- Law School Republicans
- Levin Labor & Employment Law Alliance
- Mediation & Negotiation Association
- Music Law Conference
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Real Property Group
- Spanish American Law Students Association
- St. Thomas Moore Society (Catholic)
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



'Meet the Masters' This Saturday

The Institute for Dispute Resolution's Fourth Annual Upchurch Watson White & Max "Meet the Masters" Symposium is this Saturday (Sept. 13) at the UF Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. Presenters will include Kathleen Scanlon, Esq., CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution; Don Peters, Director of UF's Center for Dispute Resolution (above); and Darryl B. Deaktor, Esq., retired partner of White & Case LLP. The conference fee (\$125) includes a copy of the *Drafters Deskbook: Dispute Resolution Clauses*. The Florida Bar has approved the symposium for 4.5 CLE hours (includes two Ethics hours). Program brochure online at www.law.ufl.edu/news/pdf/meet_masters.pdf.



The annual Student Organization Fair offers "one-stop shopping" to students interested in exploring volunteer opportunities available through a variety of groups.

• CAREER SERVICES •

Is OCI Right for You?

On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) is one of many ways law students find jobs. However, most employers visiting UF for fall OCI are large law firms, and if that is not where you want to work, OCI may not be for you.

Career Services recommends that students review the list of employers coming on campus, then perform a self-assessment to determine if going through OCI is right for them. If you are confused about OCI or your career goals in general, make an appointment with a Career Services professional today to discuss your future.

If you do choose to participate in Phase 1 OCI, be aware that employers are beginning to send their selections to Career Services. Check on *eAttorney.com* under the "Career" tab, then "OCI+" then "Student Open Sign Up" to view those who selected you for an interview. **Sign up for interviews is first-come, first-served, so check often.** Phase 2 bidding is Thursday (Sept. 11) through midnight Monday, Sept. 15. (No exceptions for students who miss this deadline.) Contact Career Services for information.

Explore Government Careers, Justice Deadline Sept. 15

An alternative to working for a large firm is working for the government. If you are interested in opportunities with the federal government, Career Services offers an excellent comprehensive resource guide in hard copy and online. Don't delay, the deadline to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice is Sept. 15.

UF Career Showcase Sept. 17-18

Students interested in alternatives to traditional legal careers should attend the University of Florida's annual fall Career Showcase Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the O'Connell Center. For information, go to www.crc.ufl.edu/showcase and click on "Event Details."

'Interviewing Etiquette' Tips

Recruiting coordinators from Carlton Fields presented a program last week on Interviewing Etiquette. (The program was videotaped and is available for viewing in the Media Center.)

Valuable tips on preparation for interviews — on- and off-campus — included:

- Only request interviews with employers in whom you have a genuine interest.
- Be realistic about whether your academic credentials and experience fit with an employer's specified qualifications or



Construction News

- A College of Design, Construction & Planning student is conducting a survey here to assess your needs and solicit opinions about the design for the college's new facilities. The survey is optional, and takes 10-15 minutes. Free drinks and snacks for participants.
 - On the west, the new "Orange" parking lot is available and old lot is closed. (Cars parked there towed at owner expense.)
- Details, images, maps and more are online at www.ufspace.ufl.edu/lfpweb/view/prj.jsp?prj=1032. Contact Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs Patrick Shannon (392-9238) regarding facilities-related questions or concerns.

Apply by Sept. 15 for Alumni Council

Spring '04 graduating students can stay in touch with classmates and colleagues after graduation — and help improve and represent the law school — through service on the Law Alumni Council.

This volunteer board is comprised of more than 250 alumni representing each graduating class. It assists with fund raising, reunions, alumni outreach programs and student support, and third-year student members coordinate the Graduating Class Gift program.

To apply, bring your resume to the Dean's Suite (264 Holland Hall) by Monday, Sept. 15, marked to the attention of Kori Carr. Only 10 students may serve, so don't delay.

Go online to research career alternatives.



If you are: You should:

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preferences.

- Review the employer's Web site as well as material on file in binders outside the Center for Career Services.
- Prepare in advance so you will be able to ask thoughtful questions during your interview.
- Be prepared to discuss your resume. Be certain it contains a current address and telephone number, and mention any changes at the time of the interview. (Bring updated resume if warranted.)
- Have copies of your current transcript and brief (10-page) writing sample available, and be prepared to discuss them.

Join Career Services Committee

Students and student organization representatives are encouraged to join the Career Services Committee. The committee will meet with new Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson every other week to provide input to Career Services on how best to serve all UF law students. Sign up today in Career Services.

Also in September

- **What the Heck Does Career Services Do?** Friday (Sept. 12), noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Second Career Workshop,** Sept. 16, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Spring Externship Informational Meeting,** Sept. 23 & 26 at noon; Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.; Bailey Courtroom

Also check for Career Services events online at www.law.ufl.edu/calendar/.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Academic Success Program

The Office of Student Affairs' Academic Success Program is free and open to law students, and is designed to assist with preparation for classes and exams through skills workshops and help from a writing specialist and resource counselor.

- **Skills Workshops** last an hour, and will be held at 2 p.m. in the auditorium on the following dates & topics:
 - Sept. 8, **Is Now the Time to Study for Exams?**
 - Sept. 22, **Professionalism = Success**
 - Oct. 6, **Reverse Engineering Exams**
 - Oct. 20, **Exam Preparation: Writing to Succeed**
 - Nov. 3, **No Time for Stress!**

For more information, contact Student Affairs Assistant Dean Richard Ludwick (392-0421).

- **Writing Specialist Lois Randolph** assists students by appointment — call 392-2198 — on assignments and writing skills. Her office hours in 105L Bruton-Geer Hall (clinic area) are Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning at 8:15 a.m. She will present workshops at noon in the auditorium Sept. 10, 17 & 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 22.
- **Resource Counselor Ali Kane** (see below) provides free, confidential counseling on a diverse range of topics, including time and stress management, personal growth, relationships, transitions, grief and loss, addictions and family dynamics. Her hours in the Center for Career Services are Mondays (noon-4 p.m.), Wednesdays (noon-5 p.m.)

and Thursdays (4:30-6 pm.), or call 392-0499 for an appointment. She also offers classes in Hatha Yoga (Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Faculty Dining Room) and meditation (Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m., off-campus, call her for locations).

SALSA Board Meeting

The Spanish American Law Students Association will hold a general board meeting this Thursday (Sept. 11), 5:30 p.m., 190C Holland Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments served.

JLPP Open Writing Competition

The *Journal of Law and Public Policy* invites third- and fourth-semester students to enter its Fall 2003 Open Writing Competition. *JLPP* enables students to develop research and writing skills and earn credit in the context of the campus' only interdisciplinary journal. The first informational meeting is Thursday (Sept. 11), 5:30 p.m., 292 Holland Hall. Interested students are encouraged to attend.

BLSA Firm Workshop Saturday

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) will hold its annual workshop, "Starting and Maintaining Your Own Firm," this Saturday (Sept. 13), 9-11 a.m., Faculty Dining Room. Speakers: W. George Allen, Esq., Law Office of W. George Allen, Fort Lauderdale; Johanne Foster, Esq.; Law Office of Johanne Foster, LLC, Davie; Daryl Parks, Esq., Parks & Crump, LLC, (Announcements Continue Page 4)

Identify Your Personal Goals

— By Resource Counselor Ali Kane

For all of us, this is a time of beginnings. For returning students, there are new classes, people and projects. For new students, it is the beginning of a different phase in life: law school. Whether the changes this semester brings are profound or subtle, it is always useful to take a step back and reflect on your goals and intentions.

It is important to find a balance between ambition and realism. Go for something that will bring you to another level of satisfaction, but also consider what is within and what is beyond your control. Areas to address include academic, social, emotional and physical well-being. Make a list of goals for each area you want to work on, then follow the following process for each:

1. Explore reasons you want to attain this goal. What will change in your life as a result?
2. Identify possible barriers to reaching this goal. How will you deal with them if they come up?
3. Identify resources that will help you in your endeavors. Taking time to speak with people who exemplify your goals is a good example of drawing upon resources. They can help you by sharing what brought them to where they are now.

I can help you work on your goals, whether they involve time/stress management or personal and emotional areas. I also provide confidential, free counseling and stress reduction services — including yoga and meditation classes — to the law school community. See me in the Center for Career Services Mondays (noon-4 p.m.), Wednesdays (noon-5 p.m.) and Thursdays (4:30-6 p.m.), or call 392-0499 for an appointment. Yoga classes are Mondays (6-7 p.m.) in the Faculty Dining Room. Meditation classes are Thursdays (6:30-7:45 p.m.) off-campus. (Contact me for locations.)



Ali Kane provides confidential, free assistance and counseling.



Apply This Week to Study in The Netherlands, France, Germany, Poland or Australia

Apply by 4 p.m. next Monday (Sept. 15) to study abroad through a UF College of Law exchange program with Leiden University (The Netherlands), University of Montpellier (France), Johann Wolfgang Goethe University (Germany), Warsaw University (Poland) or Monash University (Melbourne, Australia). All are ABA-approved and exclusively for UF law students.

(Applicants for programs in France and Germany should be fluent in language of instruction. If you are not fully fluent, there are opportunities via the host institution to take language courses to acquire proficiency, and some courses may be taught in English.)

If you have questions about these or other international opportunities, contact Noemar Castro in the Office of Student Affairs or e-mail her at castro@law.ufl.edu. Detailed information and applications are online at www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad.

Get Your News in FlaLaw

FlaLaw is published each week school is in session. E-mail news by 10 a.m. Tuesday for the next week's newsletter to Director of Institutional Information & Publications Debra Amirin at amirin@law.ufl.edu or bring a disk (PC format, include contact information) to her office in the Dean's Suite, 264 Holland Hall, phone 392-9238, fax 392-8727.

E-mail news for *The Docket* to the John Marshall Bar Association at jmbadocket@yahoo.com.

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(Announcements, Continued)

Tallahassee; and Bruce Smith, Esq., Law Offices of Bruce Smith, Gainesville. Business attire required. For information: BLSA Career Services Committee Chair Stephanie Mickles (micklesm@ufl.edu).

Tryouts Tuesday for Trial Team

Trial Team offers numerous opportunities to gain valuable experience, and UF's team is one of the country's best. Interested third- and fourth-semester students should attend the Trial Team informational meeting Tuesday (Sept. 9), 5 p.m., 292 Holland Hall. Competition packets will be available for purchase immediately after the meeting. For information: Yohance Pettis (deisel3@ufl.edu) or Barbara Walker (walkebjw@ufl.edu).

International Law Reception

The Office of Student Affairs and International Law Society (ILS) invite students interested in international law and programs to a gathering for 2003 Summer Abroad Program participants and LL.M. in Comparative Law and foreign exchange students Thursday (Sept. 11), 6 p.m., in the Faculty Dining Room. RSVP by Sept. 8 to Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro (castro@law.ufl.edu).

JMBA News & Events

- The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) will hold its second **general board meeting today** (Sept. 8), 7-8 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All students are welcome to attend. An open election will be held to fill vacant representative seats, and students interested in getting involved on campus and gaining leadership experience are invited and encouraged to run. Sign up in the JMBA Office.
- JMBA hits **Ginnie Springs this Saturday** (Sept. 13) for "fun in the sun." Family and friends welcome. Details will be available in the JMBA Office and on flyers to be posted around campus. For information: JMBA President Frank Garcia (garciafr013@yahoo.com).

LCC Elections, Finance Training

Law College Council (LCC) elections and mandatory finance training will be held at today's (Sept. 8) meeting — 6-8 p.m. in 296 Holland Hall — for four at-large and four student organization positions. Nomination forms are available in the LCC Student Organization Office or in Student Affairs, and due by 3 p.m. today.

LCC presents law student views and interests to the administration and UF Student Government, allocates budgeted funds and encourages interac-

tion between member organizations. LCC is open to all students, and meets weekly from 6-8 p.m. in 296 Holland Hall. General board meetings will be held today (Sept. 8) & Sept. 22, Oct. 6 & 20, and Nov. 3 & 17. Executive board meetings will be held Sept. 15 & 29, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 10.

For information: LCC President Justin Flippen (gatorlaw78@aol.com) or Vice President Samantha Powers (gtrsami@yahoo.com).

Minority Scholarships Available

Foley & Lardner is accepting applications for their Minority Scholarship Program from first year minority students. Applications available from Diversity and Community Development Director Desta Meghoo-Peddie (346 Holland Hall) or in the Center for Career Services (244 Bruton-Geer Hall). Apply by 5 p.m. Sept. 30 — no exceptions — to Meghoo-Peddie or her secretary, Ricky Shelton, in the Faculty Support Office. For information: Meghoo-Peddie (meghoo@law.ufl.edu).

New Charity Seeks Participation

The Areion Foundation — a new law school-based charity support group created to help the Pegasus Program at Hospice of North Central Florida — is seeking members and donations to help children with life limiting illnesses. For more information, e-mail AreionFoundation@aol.com.

• UF LAW CALENDAR •

View Academic & Event Calendars Online at www.law.ufl.edu.

September

- 8 • **LCC Elections, Finance Training**, 6-8 p.m., 296 Holland Hall (HOL)
- **Workshop, "Is Now the Time to Study for Exams?"** 2 p.m., Auditorium
- **JMBA Board Meeting & Elections**, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- **Faculty Enrichment, Professor Lars Noah**, "Ambivalent Commitments to Federalism in Controlling the Practice of Medicine," Noon, Faculty Dining Room (FDR)
- 9 • **Trial Team Tryouts**, 5 p.m., 292 HOL
- 10 • **Organization Fair**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Concourse
- **Writing Workshop**, Noon, Auditorium
- 11 • **International Law Reception**, 6 p.m., FDR
- **SALSA Board Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., 190C HOL
- **JLPP Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., 292 HOL
- 12 • **Moot Court Seminar**, 1-2 p.m., 283 HOL
- **Faculty Enrichment, FSU Law Professor Mary Crossley**, Noon, FDR
- 13 • **Meet the Masters Symposium** (see page 1)
- BLSA Firm Workshop, 9-11 a.m., FDR
- 15 • **Career Services On-Campus Interviews Begin**