

Gideon v. Wainwright: Thursday Lecture Recognizes 40th Anniversary of Landmark Case

Florida Law Review will present a lecture by Stetson University College of Law Dean Emeritus and Professor Bruce R. Jacob (UF LL.M. in



Bruce Jacob

Taxation '95) on "Memories of and Reflections about Gideon v. Wainwright" this Thursday (Sept. 25) at noon in Holland Hall auditorium. The public is welcome at the presentation, which honors the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Jacob briefed and argued the case against Gideon in the U.S. Supreme Court as assistant attorney general for the state of Florida. He later practiced law in Bartow and Lakeland in the firm of Holland, Bevis & Smith (now Holland & Knight). He earned his LL.M. at Northwestern University, then joined the faculty of Emory University School of Law, where he established the Legal Assistance for Inmates Program at the Atlanta Penitentiary. He was a research associate in the Center for Criminal Justice at Harvard Law School, assisted in establishment of the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, and supervised law students in defense of criminal cases and representation of indigents in civil matters in the Community Legal Assistance Office, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was a professor and director of Clinical Programs at Ohio State University College of Law, dean and professor at Mercer

University School of Law, and vice president of Stetson University and dean of Stetson College of Law (1981-94). He is author and co-author of articles on Criminal Law and Procedure, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Administrative Law of Corrections. He earned his LL.M. in Taxation at UF while on sabbatical leave during 1994-95. He teaches tax and administrative law courses.

For information: *Florida Law Review* Editor-in-Chief Ben Diamond (392-2148).



"If an obscure Florida convict named Clarence Earl Gideon had not sat down in his prison cell...to write a letter to the Supreme Court...the vast machinery of American law would have gone on functioning undisturbed. But Gideon did write that letter, the court did look into his case...and the whole course of American legal history has been changed." — Robert F. Kennedy.

The 1963 case of *Gideon v. Wainwright* established the right of defendants in felony trials to have legal counsel. Clarence Earl Gideon (above) was charged with breaking into a poolroom intending to commit a misdemeanor, a felony in Florida. Being indigent, he asked the trial judge to appoint an attorney to defend him but was denied, since Florida law required appointment of lawyers only in capital cases. Gideon conducted his own defense, was convicted, appealed and was denied. He wrote the court saying he had been denied a fair trial, and the court agreed to hear his case.



Forum Wednesday on Changes in Grading Curve, Honors Criteria

A forum on the UF College of Law's new grading curve and honors requirements will be held Wednesday (Sept. 24), noon, Holland Hall auditorium.

Professor Marty McMahon, Associate Dean Gail Sasnett, Assistant Dean Richard Ludwick and Registrar Kim Thomas will provide an overview and answer questions.

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Ocean Conservancy Regional Director Speaks Tuesday

Ocean Conservancy Regional Director David White (UF JD '86, with honors) will speak at 6 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 23) in 190C Holland Hall on the nation's ocean management issues, and will offer new information on the extent of oceanic exploitation and suggestions for management of

threatened resources. The presentation is hosted by the Environmental and Land Use Law Society, and is open to the public. Refreshments provided.

White directs conservation work on regional fisheries, water quality, endangered species, and habitat protection issues in the Southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Regional Office in St.

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Employment Stats

According to the recent *Jobs & J.D.'s: Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates, Class of 2002* (available in Career Services):

- While the UF Levin College of Law's new graduate employment rate — almost 95% — was on par with the previous year, the employment rate nationwide for new law graduates — 89% for class of 2002 as of February 2003 — dropped slightly for the second year.
- Nationwide, the median salary for all types of employment increased by \$5,000 to \$60,000 (mean salary was \$72,308). The national median law firm salary remained constant at \$90,000 for first-year associates (no increase since 1996). Miami at \$74,288 continues to top the Florida law firm mean salary scale, followed by Tampa (\$63,419), St. Petersburg (\$63,056), Coral Gables (\$62,625), West Palm Beach (\$61,694), Orlando (\$61,265), Fort Lauderdale (\$58,082), Boca Raton (\$56,611), Fort Meyers (\$54,429), Tallahassee (\$52,531), Jacksonville (\$52,481), Sarasota (\$49,278), Pensacola (\$48,611), North Miami (\$47,179) and Gainesville (last at \$40,000).
- The mean salary for firms outside Florida include New York (\$115,202), Washington, D.C. (\$114,957), Chicago (\$103,794), Austin (\$99,686), Dallas (\$97,565), Houston (\$93,553), Atlanta (\$91,401), Charlotte (\$86,335), Nashville (\$71,679) and Birmingham (\$71,400).

• CAREER SERVICES •

U.S. Army 'JAG' Presentation

The U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps — the Army's legal liaison — will host an information session Monday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m. in 190A Holland Hall. JAG Corps attorney Captain Austin Goodrich (UF JD '00) will provide an overview of the JAG Corps and its benefits and speak about his recent experience in Iraq.

Note: The UF Levin College of Law, as an equal opportunity institution of higher education, conforms to all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination, and is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, social condition, sex, sexual orientation, age and handicap in its programs and activities. In compliance with this policy, the law school's Center for Career Services is committed to supporting an equal and fair evaluation of its law student and graduate job applicants on the basis of his or her own individual merits. Therefore, the center is available only to employers whose employment practices are in compliance with the law and the school's nondiscrimination policy. The one exception to this nondiscrimination policy is that while the center does not condone the practice, the military may, pursuant to its regulations, discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Federal law provides that law schools that deny access to military recruiters may lose certain types of financial aid for students. Accordingly, the UF College of Law will permit on-campus military recruitment. To ameliorate the potentially discriminatory impact on its students, measures have been implemented, including: 1) Posting of the center's position statement that the military discriminates in a manner not permitted by the law school's nondiscrimination policy; 2) Publication of an explanation of the center's policy on all military career postings or announcements; 3) Making available a collection of newsletters and materials related to gay and lesbian practitioners; and/or 4) Holding a forum/panel discussion on various forms of discrimination and how they affect the legal profession.

Spring Externship Meetings

Spring Externship Informational Meetings will be held Tuesday (Sept. 23) & Friday (Sept. 26) at noon, and Wednesday (Sept. 24) at 4 p.m. in the Bailey Courtroom.

Deadline for U.S. Attorney Externships

The deadline to apply for Spring 2004 U.S. Attorney's Office externships is noon Monday, Sept. 29. See Career Services for information.

On-Campus Interviewing

- **OCI Phase 2.** Employers begin sending in selections for on-campus interviews this week. As selections come in, the information is entered on eAttorney. Go to "Edit Schedule" under the OCI+ tab to check for selections. When we are awaiting responses from less than 10 employers, we will e-mail students to inform them of their status.
- **OCI Phase 3.** The last phase of fall OCI — bidding on Phase 3 employers — begins Tuesday (Sept. 23) and ends at midnight Sunday (Sept. 28). The employers will interview here Oct. 13-24.



Derek Cooper (3L) sent a "bouquet" of cookies shaped like gavels and the scales of justice recently to Career Services Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson (left), Assistant Director Jesse Howell, Program Assistant Donna McDavid and Assistant Director Mary-Ellen Cross to thank them for their help with his job search. Cooper accepted a permanent job with Greenberg Traurig in South Florida after working for the firm this summer in a position he landed through OCI.

- **OCI Room Assignments.** Room assignments are posted on eAttorney as they become available. Check the computer the morning of your interview to confirm the room location.

Call Back Interview Tips

Make the most of Call Back Interviews by attending another insightful program presented by the law firm of Carlton Fields on "The Call Back Process: Tips for Success," Wednesday, Oct. 1, noon, Bailey Courtroom.

Public Interest Conference

If you are interested in public interest work and spending time with dynamic, like-minded students and professionals, visit www.equaljustice-works.com for information on the largest public interest conference and career fair in the country, to be held in Washington, D.C., Oct. 23-24. If you are interested in attending, you **must** pre-register with Career Services as soon as possible.

Job Offers Depend on You

Nationwide, 25.4% of employed law graduates were hired through on-campus interviews (OCI). "Self-initiated contact" with employers resulted in 20.4% of the positions, closely followed by responding to jobs listed with career service offices and referral by business colleagues, friends or others. Boost your job search by signing up for Career Service's listserv at www.law.ufl.edu/career/resources/hotline, checking out job postings on eAttorney, attending Career Services programs, volunteering, participating in an externship or clinic, and staying in contact with us.

Students, Faculty Welcome at Nelson Symposium

Students and faculty are invited to attend — free of charge — the Third Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium, “From Penn Central to Pensacola: New Perspectives on Historic Preservation,” Oct. 3 at the Gainesville Paramount Resort and Conference Center (formerly the Sheraton, 2900 SW 13th St.). To attend, fill out and return the registration form on the program brochure (available in the Dean’s Office, online at www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/pdf/nelson-brochure.pdf), or by contacting Director of Conference Planning and Special Projects Barbara DeVoe at devoe@law.ufl.edu or 392-8070). Registration for other guests is \$50, and includes a continental breakfast, breaks and lunch. The Bar has approved 7.5 general CLE hours.



**From Penn Central
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Tuttle



McLendon



Brennen



Wolf

Presenters include:

- **Robert W. Tuttle**, Professor of Law, George Washington University (church and state concerns);
- **David A. Brennen** (UF LLM in Taxation '94, JD '71), Professor of Law, Mercer University (tax and ethical issues);
- **Timothy McLendon**, Staff Attorney at the Center for Governmental Responsibility (economic impacts of historic preservation); and
- **Michael Allan Wolf**, Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law (regulatory takings implications).

The Nelson Symposium is funded through a contribution from the late Richard E. Nelson (UF JD '55) and his wife, Jane (UF '56), who also created the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law recently filled by noted scholar Michael Allan Wolf.



Study in France

Interested in studying abroad this summer? Learn more about the UF Summer Law Program in France at an informational meeting Thursday (Sept. 25), noon, 190A Holland Hall, where you can meet the teaching faculty and learn about courses to be offered.

The Montpellier program totally immerses students in the study abroad experience. Mornings and early afternoons are devoted to law classes (conducted in English), and Fridays to visits to governmental and judicial offices and meetings with prominent members of the legal profession and business community. Montpellier — among the most dynamic cities in France and home to a diverse population — is located in the sunny southeast of France, six miles from the Mediterranean Sea and in the shadows of the Pyrenees. For information: Professor George Dawson (dawson@law.ufl.edu).

UF Community Campaign Underway

The University of Florida Community Campaign channels private support for a wide array of charitable and public interest organizations. Law school personnel can contribute in a variety of ways, including payroll deduction. For information, visit the UFCC Web site (www.ufcc.ufl.edu) or contact Professor Joseph Little (little@law.ufl.edu).

• MEET THE FACULTY •



Lyryssa Barnett Lidsky

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Professor

professors convey to their students stay with them long after graduation. I hope that I can inspire my students to retain the idealism they brought with them to law school and to use their law degrees to make a difference.”

Education

B.A. (summa cum laude), Texas A&M University; Fulbright Scholar, Cambridge University; J.D. (high honors), University of Texas. Order of the Coif. Phi Kappa Phi.

Expertise/Background

Internet Law, Torts (specializing in Defamation and Invasion of Privacy), Mass Media Law, Jurisprudence, Professionalism. Co-author (with Professor Joseph Little) of torts casebook. Named 2003 Teacher of the Year by the John Marshall Bar Association.

What You May Not Know

“I grew up in Iraan, Texas, a town of 1,000 people that is 100 miles from the nearest ‘city’ (Midland). My parents were teachers, and I took six classes taught by my mother (English and Spanish) and four years of vocational agriculture taught by my father.”

Go to www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/ for a complete resume and list of publications.

View on the Profession

“A legal education is a powerful weapon to attack injustice and inequality, but it is also a dangerous weapon in the hands of those who are greedy and unscrupulous. Therefore, I think that lawyers have a special responsibility to guard against abuses of the privileges a law degree confers.

I enjoy my research more with each passing year, but it has always been my work with students that has been most meaningful to me. I chose to become a law professor because I had teachers who made law intellectually exciting, and I hope I can convey some of that same intellectual excitement to my students. I truly believe that the messages, both explicit and implicit, that



'Wireless' Update

Wireless networking allows computer users to access the Internet without a physical connection. Law school users may have noticed a recent reduction in or lack of service in some areas due to removal of three wireless Access Points (AP). The points were removed during construction, and had provided coverage for the concourse, picnic table areas and second floor classrooms directly above the concourse, as well as portions of Bruton-Geer Hall. (Some areas retained limited 'bleed-over' coverage from other APs.)

Users will be pleased to learn that four new APs will be installed by Oct. 1 to provide complete coverage in Bruton-Geer Hall and the Bailey Courtroom.

— Mark Bergeron,
College of Law
Computing Services

Note: The UF wireless standard — based on Cisco wireless APs — is 802.11b (or Wi-Fi), which provides up to 11 Mbps maximum throughput. Any wireless adapter designated as 802.11b or Wi-Fi compatible should work anywhere on the UF campus, but Cisco wireless network adapters — available in the College of Law bookstore — have a higher power output and provide the best connection. If you have any questions or require wireless support, go to: http://net-services.ufl.edu/provided_services/wireless/ (User FAQ) or call the CIRCA Help Desk at 392-HELP (4357).

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Petersburg, and is a frequent lecturer and writer on environmental law issues. He previously was regional counsel for the National Wildlife Federation in Atlanta, and has over 17 years of experience as a public interest environmental attorney. He is immediate past chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation and on the board of directors of the Environmental and Land Use Law Center at Nova Southeastern University Law School. He earned three degrees from UF: his J.D., M.S. (Wildlife Ecology) and B.S. (Zoology).

The Ocean Conservancy also has opportunities available for summer internships. For information: Quilla Trimmer-Smith (qearth@ufl.edu).

Globalization & Rule of Law Debate

A debate on globalization and international trade issues will be held Thursday (Sept. 25) in the Bruton-Geer Hall faculty dining/meeting room as part of Governor Buddy MacKay's UF law seminar, "Globalization and the Rule of Law in the Americas: Trade, Labor, and the Environment." The seminar begins at 3 p.m., and the debate is expected to begin around 3:30 p.m. and conclude by 5:30 p.m. For information: Miguel Collazo (mcollazo@ufl.edu).

Phi Alpha Delta Recognized

The Duncan H. Fletcher Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta and Spring 2003 UF law graduate Louis Rosen won international and district awards at the district conference in Orlando recently. Rosen received the Frank E. Gray Award for Most Outstanding Clerk for 2002-03. The international award recognized his enthusiasm, dedication to the chapter and work on the chapter's Web page redesign. The Fletcher Chapter received district awards for social programming and last year's membership increase.

Note: Phi Alpha Delta will hold a general meeting today (Sept. 22), 7 p.m., 297 Holland Hall.

JMBA News & Events

The John Marshall Bar Association encourages students to participate in:

- JMBA's general board meeting, tonight (Sept. 22), 7-8 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All students welcome.
- "Bowling for a Buck," Wednesday (Sept. 24), 9-11 p.m., Alley Katz. \$1 fee for JMBA members includes shoe and lane rentals. Spots go quickly, so sign up soon in the JMBA Office.
- JMBA is getting a group together for a "Habitat for Humanity" project. Details in JMBA Office.



Free Tutoring from Law Review

Contracts Cryptic?
Crim Law Confusing?
Want Help? Florida Law Review has tutors available for all first-year law school courses.

(Assistance also available for second- and third-year students on a limited basis.) There is no charge, and your tutor can help you understand cases, review material, and even prepare for exams. Applications are available from Managing Editor Don Crawford in the Florida Law Review Office (115E Holland Hall), or e-mail flrtutor@hotmail.com with your name, phone number and name of the course you need help with. You will be promptly contacted by a Review tutor.

For information, visit the JMBA Office (147 Bruton-Geer Hall) or contact JMBA President Frank Garcia (garciafr013@yahoo.com).

Professionalism Workshop Today

Student Affairs' Academic Success Program — free and open to law students — continues.

The following one hour skills workshops will be held at 2 p.m. in Holland Hall auditorium:

- **Professionalism = Success**, today (Sept. 22)
- **Reverse Engineering Exams**, Oct. 6
- **Exam Preparation: Writing to Succeed**, Oct. 20
- **No Time for Stress!**, Nov. 3

Writing Specialist Lois Randolph will present workshops at noon in the auditorium Wednesday (Sept. 24) and Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 22. She also will assist students by appointment — call 392-2198 — with assignments and writing skills. Her office hours in 105L Bruton-Geer Hall (clinic area) are Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

For information, contact the Office of Student Affairs (392-0421).

Toastmasters Meets Tuesday

College of Law Toastmasters will meet Tuesday (Sept. 23), 5 p.m., 190A Holland Hall.

Resource Management Workshops

Students are encouraged to attend the following Leadership Resource Management Program workshops, all held noon-1 p.m.:

- **Professionalism and Ethics in a Changing World: How to Effectively Communicate and Represent Clients of all Backgrounds**, Thursday (Sept. 25), 190B Holland Hall
- **Empowerment: Taking Responsibility for Your Emotions**, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 190C Holland Hall

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Students Assist in Costa Rica Environmental Contamination Case

— By Thomas Ruppert (3L)

UF law students Thomas Ruppert (3L) and Quilla Trimmer-Smith (2L) participated this summer in a joint University of Florida/University of Costa Rica Program in Environmental Law Conservation Clinic project with law students from the University of Colorado and University of Costa Rica. The students researched ISO 14001 International Standards for Environmental Management Systems as part of an administrative case their client, the Costa Rican environmental organization Justicia Para la Naturaleza, had against Standard Fruit Company of Costa Rica for alleged agrochemical contamination of water.

A chemical spill occurred at Standard Fruit facilities near Batán, Costa Rica. The spill allegedly leaked into a nearby canal and killed thousands of fish for miles downstream in an area where the canal and the waters it contributes to serve as sources of drinking and wash water and food in the form of fish. This was the first time there existed a recorded spill possibly linked to one of several massive fish kills that have occurred in this banana-producing region of Costa Rica.

Standard Fruit submitted paperwork to the tribunal emphasizing that Standard had been certified in compliance with ISO 14001 International Environmental Management System Standards. The tribunal had no knowledge of ISO 14001 and Standard took advantage of this to imply that ISO

Aerial spraying (above) at a Standard Fruit banana farm near Rio Frio, Costa Rica.



Conservation Clinic students tour chemical mixing facilities at a Standard Fruits airport for aerial fumigation.

14001 certification precluded finding Standard liable for contamination. However, ISO 14001 is not international law and does not preclude liability for a company in Costa Rica.

ISO 14001 emanates from a private organization — the International Organization for Standardization — and while many assume it assures superior performance of a certified company, it contains absolutely no substantive environmental requirements. Rather, ISO 14001 only requires specific management structures related to environmental aspects of a company. It offers great potential to improve the environmental performance of companies or can be used as “greenwash.”

As part of their research, students visited Standard Fruit, experts that helped draft ISO 14001 standards, representatives of workers affected by the chemical contamination, and the chief of certification at the Costa Rican Institute of National Standards. Their research culminated in a written brief to the administrative tribunal to inform the tribunal of the nature and scope of ISO 14001. Additionally, the students visited the rural town of Siquirres to speak to community representatives and banana workers about the nature and scope of ISO 14001 and answer questions about it. The students also drafted a simple question and answer guide about ISO 14001 for community members and representatives.

A decision for the contamination case against Standard Fruit is pending, but thanks in part to the efforts of the students involved in the project, the administrative tribunal and affected communities now have clear information about ISO 14001 and its significance in this matter.



No one thinks much about where bananas come from or how they are produced when grabbing a bunch at the supermarket. Costa Rica is the world's second largest banana exporter, and its production has dramatic ecological impact. Many highly toxic pesticides are applied as frequently as weekly by airplane. Heavy chemical use coupled with extensive drainage systems of banana plantations and heavy rainfall in Costa Rica's Atlantic zone of banana production combine to create terrible water pollution problems. Heavy use of copper sulfate as a pesticide and its build up in the soil led to the abandonment of thousands of acres of banana plantation land in southern Costa Rica in the 1930s, and the most infamous example of chemical problems and bananas involved the sterilization of more than a thousand banana workers by the chemical DBCP.



Graduating This Fall?

- Students planning to graduate this fall must arrange for a “Graduation Check” with College of Law Registrar Kim Thomas (392-0421) to ensure they meet graduation requirements.
- Senior Information Sheets are online. Go to www.law.ufl.edu, click on Student Affairs, then on the quick link for “Senior Information.”

‘Brown Bag’ Discussion on Michigan Decision

A Brown Bag lunch discussion on “The Michigan Decision: How did we get here and where do we go from here?” will be held in the Faculty Dining Room (Time TBA). The event is sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Community Development, and all are welcome (please bring your lunch). For details, contact Director Desta Meghoo-Peddie (meghoo@law.ufl.edu).



Intellectual Property, Race Conferences Scheduled

Plans are being finalized for the following UF law conferences:

- **The Intellectual Property Law Program** will present its **Third Annual Law & Technology Conference** Feb. 20 in Orlando. Details TBA, or contact Director of Conference Planning and Special Projects Barbara DeVoe (devoe@law.ufl.edu or 392-8070).
- **"Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education,"** March 25-27, Gainesville. Co-sponsored by the Center on Children & the Law and Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations. Details TBA, or contact Program Assistant Debbie Kelley (Kelley@law.ufl.edu or 392-7576).

Apply by Friday for Scholarships

Apply by 5 p.m. Friday (Sept. 26) for Continuing Student Scholarships (\$1,000-\$2,000) for second- and third-year law students. Eligibility requirements are listed on the financial aid bulletin board, and applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs. (Current scholarship recipients not eligible.) For assistance, contact Financial Aid Director Carol Huber (392-0421 or Carol_Huber@sfa.ufl.edu).

The Diversity Dilemma?

— By Desta Meghoo-Peddie, Director of Diversity and Community Development

The emotive word "race" has been replaced by an equally controversial word — "diversity." Diversity has become a catch-all word both for friends and foes of Affirmative Action. This poses a dilemma for those who want to focus on issues of racial discrimination, which varies according to context.

The proper historical context of diversity is the de jure and defacto exclusion of people of color. In the 1950s, the University of Florida College of Law, like most institutions in the United States, practiced official prejudice by excluding African Americans from its student body, staff and faculty. The U.S. Supreme Court's reversal of the Florida Supreme Court decision in *Florida ex rel. Virgil D. HAWKINS, Relator, v. BOARD OF CONTROL*, 93 So. 2d 354 (Fla. Sup. Ct. 1957) (See 350 US 413; 347 US 971), led to the end of de jure racial discrimination by the College of Law. One black student was admitted in 1959, and another in 1960. But the few admitted black students were still subjected to de facto discrimination. The internal resistance was partly based on vestiges of racism, including skewed notions of meritocracy and equality.

Diversity moves us beyond simple desegregation towards positive and progressive change in racial equality that is both quantitative and qualitative. But, are there other meanings and contexts of diversity? Does diversity conflict with "merit"? Are there values other than race that ought be considered in the diversity balance? Certainly.

I encourage and promote healthy and respectful dialogue and debate on even controversial issues, after all, what better place than a law school for such vibrant discourse?

According to a Nigerian Proverb, "The house roof fights rain but he who is sheltered ignores it."

Please contact me if you have a concern or comment at meghoo@law.ufl.edu. Look for my next article in *FlaLaw*, "Build It and They Will Come: The Solution to Improve Race Relations In Higher Ed."



LIC News: Using Technology to 'Work Smarter'

— By Associate Dean for Library & Technology Kathie Price

As we prepare for "smart classrooms" coming online in Fall 2004, the University of Florida College of Law's faculty and administration are already making major changes in the way they do business. For example:

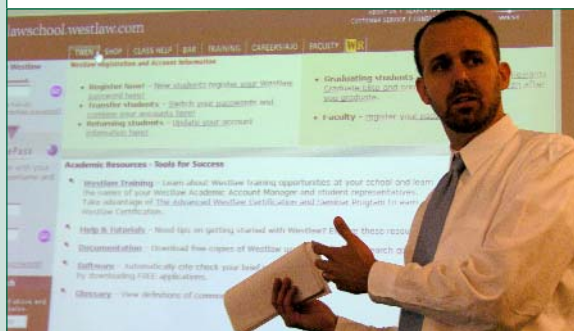
- Faculty are joining colleagues in over 140 law schools by creating course pages on WESTLAW TWEN or LEXIS Blackboard that can provide syllabi, readings, papers, threaded discussion groups, tests, links to library resources and other features to provide "one-stop shopping" for students. Over time, we envision that these pages will reduce the need for Course Paks, and result in major savings for students. (To secure student privacy and protect copyrighted course content, these pages require passwords that can be acquired through the normal WESTLAW/LEXIS registration process.)
- The college also is undertaking a major redesign of its Web site to standardize the look and feel of

administrative sections, add multimedia, and utilize templates to guarantee representation of all centers and institutes. Not only is the Legal Information Center (LIC) simultaneously redesigning its home-page, it also is identifying links to add to course pages and icons to take users directly to electronic content.

- The library is preparing to move off campus from May 2004-August 2005. It is shifting collections to online sources and investigating scanning software to move information between campuses. **Because on-campus computer labs may be unavailable, we urge students to consider laptop purchases.** We plan to maintain an e-mail bar and small training facility in Bruton-Geer Hall, and add additional PC access in our new — as yet unselected — off-campus location. Reference staff will rotate through Bruton-Geer Hall daily to provide training and assistance with all types of information resources.

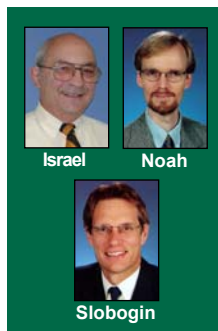
These are exciting and challenging times for our community, but the end result should be the first phase of a facility to match our dreams. We will shortly be able to follow the progress of construction recorded by two Web cams linked to the home page. For a preview of the completed LIC, go to www.ufl.edu/fpcweb/viewprj.jsp?prj+1032.

Course pages on WESTLAW TWEN or LEXIS Blackboard can provide syllabi, readings, papers, threaded discussion groups, tests, links to library resources and more.



• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

- Professor **Jerold Israel** has two new publications this fall: *White Collar Crime: Law and Practice* (2nd ed., West/Thomson, 2003, with Podgor, Borman, & Henning); and the 2003 edition of *Criminal Procedure and the Constitution* (West/Thomson, 2003, with Kamisar & LaFave).
- Professor **Lars Noah** presented his recently published paper on drug shortages to the faculty at UF's College of Pharmacy.



- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor/Center on Children and the Law Associate Director **Christopher Slobogin** presented "New Psychological Issues in Criminal Cases" at the American Board of Forensic Psychology meeting in Cincinnati Sept. 19. On Sept. 12, he was a commentator on Court TV concerning the case of Paul Hill, who was recently executed for killing an abortion clinic doctor and his bodyguard.

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- **What is Eating You Inside: Dealing with Eating Disorders**, Thursday, Oct. 9, 190B Holland Hall
- **The Art of Developing and Maintaining a Positive Attitude**, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 190C Holland Hall
- **Going Over the Edge: Dealing with Substance Abuse and Dependency**, Thursday, Oct. 23, 190B Holland Hall
- **Stress Management: Keeping it in Perspective**, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 190C Holland Hall

The preceding workshops are presented by the Law College Council and Office of Student Affairs to teach key resource management skills for use in academic, personal or work situations. Those attending three or more sessions receive a certificate of completion.

For information: Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro (castro@law.ufl.edu) or Resource Counselor Ali Kane (alikane@ufl.edu).

Montpellier Professor Speaks at First ILS Meeting Thursday

The International Law Society's rapid growth in membership in recent years reflects the legal profession's increasing emphasis on the practice of law on a global scale. Find out more at ILS meetings this semester, each of which will feature a speaker on an international law topic.

University of Montpellier Professor Pierre Mousseron will speak on the differences between French and American legal systems at the society's first official meeting Thursday (Sept. 25) at 5 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. All are welcome. For information, contact ILS President Greg Boylan (gboylan@ufl.edu).

SALSA First-Semester Reception

The Spanish American Law Student Association (SALSA) will host a First-Semester

Reception Friday (Sept. 26) at noon in the auditorium to help first-semester students meet other students and faculty and learn more about SALSA. Lunch will be served. For information: Sabrina Lopez (sab@ufl.edu).

MLSA Forms Parent Support Group

The Military Law Students Association (MLSA) is forming a support group for law students with young children.

"It is very difficult for law students who are parents, especially if they are single parents," said MSLA President Steve Berlin. "Jenna Biewend created the idea when she first arrived at the UF College of Law, but it is hard for 1Ls to start new organizations and drum up support. Since MLSA is composed of mostly nontraditional students who fit within the target population, we decided to create this group."

MLSA will host a picnic primarily for law students with infant through pre-K children Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. at San Felasco Park (off NW 43rd St., behind WCJB). Details TBA. For information: berlinsd@yahoo.com.

Help Teens Through GEAR UP

Have you thought about volunteering or doing community service but felt you didn't have time? You can volunteer just an hour or two a week and make a huge impact through GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), a federally sponsored program run by the Alachua County School Board.

GEAR UP needs volunteers to tutor and mentor middle school students and help them plan for life after high school. Specifically, the program aims to reach students who are unlikely or less inclined to seek out higher education after high school. If you cannot make a weekly commitment,

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CGR Director Jon Mills (left) and his staff help distinguished foreign visitors like this 2002 group learn about American legal systems.

CGR Hosts Visitors, Schedules Events

The Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR) will host nine Ecuadorians this Friday (Sept. 26) as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Program. The group — which includes judges, prosecutors, police and attorneys — will hear presentations by Dean Robert Jerry and Professors Pedro Malavet and Alison Gerencser and tour the Alachua County Courthouse. CGR also plans for a:

- **"Town Hall Meeting" on legal issues and pros and cons of the FTAA** (Free Trade Area of the Americas), Nov. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel. Co-sponsored with the *Miami Daily Business Review* and hosted by Alumni Council President Oscar Sanchez and Akerman Senterfitt in Miami. Open to the public. Welcome by Dean Robert Jerry, moderated by David Lyons, Editor-in-Chief, *Daily Business Review* and *Florida Lawyer*. Panelists include International Trade Program Director Stephen J. Powell; U.S. Sugar Corporation Senior Vice-President Robert Coker (tentative); Fred Frost, AFL-CIO; and Ambassador Luis Lauredo, Executive Director, FTAA Minister and America's Business Forum, and President, Hunton & Williams International LLC.
- **Panel discussion on legal issues of hemispheric integration** Nov. 14 at the Biltmore Hotel as part of "The Americas — 2005 & Beyond," a forum sponsored by the city of Coral Gables and others. Organized and moderated by Dean Emeritus & CGR Director Jon Mills and including UF law alumnus Josh Markus.

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Positive Outlook Benefits Mind & Body

By Resource Counselor Ali Kane

How often do we take the time to appreciate the wonders and gifts in our lives, instead of complaining or focusing on what we don't like? Although it is important to acknowledge things we'd like to change so we can begin to work on them, we shouldn't forget about the great benefits gratitude and appreciation can bring into our lives.

Gratitude affects mind and body. Recent psychological research demonstrates that those who experience gratitude tend to experience less resentment, disappointment, bitterness, regret and envy. They also report higher rates of other positive emotions, such as happiness, vitality, optimism, hope and satisfaction with life. Physiologically, gratitude increases parasympathetic activity, which plays a large role in reducing stress and hypertension. It also triggers the heart to secrete hormones that have a euphoric effect on the mind, help improve cardio-vascular health and contribute to increased longevity.

I encourage you to take time today to stop and "smell the roses" and be grateful for the many "little miracles" you may normally take for granted.

Resource Counselor Ali Kane (alikane@ufl.edu) provides confidential, free counseling and stress reduction services — including yoga and meditation classes — to the law school community. See her 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 her for locations.)



Contact Ali Kane for free, confidential counseling.

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you can help set up special events such as career days, campus field trips and other activities.

The Law School Republicans (LSR) have been working with GEAR UP coordinators to set up a volunteer partnership. To volunteer or learn more, stop by the LSR table this Monday-Thursday (Sept. 22-25) on the concourse or e-mail your name, phone number and e-mail address along with a note expressing your interest in GEAR UP to LSR Vice President Adria Toledo (atoly@ufl.edu). A volunteer orientation meeting will be held at the end of the month.

Conservative Awareness Week

The Law School Republicans are sponsoring Conservative Awareness Week Sept. 22-26 at the law school, featuring speakers, a discussion panel, ideology quiz and service projects. Speakers include Professor Steven Willis, *Independent Florida Alligator* editorial writer Devon Nunnely and Councilman Ed Braddy. Service projects include GEAR UP (see preceding article), Peaceful Paths, Letters for Soldiers, and Toys for Tots. LSR will have a table in the concourse with event times and donation boxes.

Apply Now for Minority Scholarships

Apply by 5 p.m. Sept. 30 — no exceptions — for Foley & Lardner Minority Scholarships for first-year minority students. Applications available from Diversity and Community Development Director Desta Meghoo-Peddie (346 Holland Hall) or in Career Services (244 Bruton-Geer Hall).

Return to Meghoo-Peddie or her secretary, Ricky Shelton, in the Faculty Support Office. For information: Meghoo-Peddie (meghoo@law.ufl.edu).

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September

- 22 • Academic Success Program, Professionalism = Success (see page 4), 2-3 p.m., Auditorium
- LCC Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 296 Holland Hall (HOL)
- JMBA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- Phi Alpha Delta Meeting, 7 p.m., 297 HOL
- 23 • Career Services Spring Externship Informational Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Toastmasters Meeting, 5 p.m., 190A HOL
- ELULS Ocean Conservancy Speaker David White (page 1), 6-8 p.m., 190C HOL
- 24 • Writing Workshop (page 4), noon-1 p.m., 190C HOL
- New Grading Curve Policy/Honors Requirements Forum for Students (page 2), noon-1 p.m., Auditorium
- Faculty Enrichment, Professor Wayne Hanewicz, "Director Primacy and 'Omnicare,'" Faculty Lounge.
- Career Services Spring Externship Informational Meeting, 4-5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- JMBA "Bowl for a Buck" (page 4), 9-11 p.m., Alley Katz
- 25 • EASLS Lecture Series, Arthur Sims of Becker and Poliakoff, P.A., Noon-1 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- Montpellier Presentation (page 3), Noon, 190A HOL
- Florida Law Review speaker Bruce Jacobs on Gideon v. Wainwright (page 1), Noon, Auditorium
- Professionalism & Ethics (page 4), Noon-1 p.m., 190B HOL
- Globalization Debate (page 4), 3 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- ILS Meeting & Speaker (page 7), 5 p.m., 190B HOL
- 26 • SALSA Reception for First-Semester Students & Faculty, (page 7), 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- Contracts Tutoring (Professor Davis), 1-2 p.m., 297 HOL
- Career Services Spring Externship Informational Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- 29 • JAG Presentation (page 2) 5 p.m., 190A HOL
- Criminal Law Assoc. Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 190 HOL