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## College Addresses Student Exam Concerns

— By Assistant Dean for Student and Academic Affairs Richard Ludwick

Student final exams have been — and continue to be — a key focus of our efforts in the college's Office of Student Affairs. About a month ago, our office was asked to plan the "How, When, and Where" of exams. Using a previously planned schedule as our guide, we set about getting advice from students and others on the challenges of scheduling exams during the construction underway at the college. Many issues and considerations drive our search for the best solutions, but our priority is what is best for our students and how we can provide the best possible environment for their academic success.

In an open forum and small group meetings with first-semester students and JMBA representatives, a consensus arose that exam days should remain unchanged. These meetings and many e-mails and personal visits with students also made us aware of numerous other important issues, including access, convenience, location, meal times, sleep habits, stress management, parking, traffic and child care. It is important that students know we have heard these concerns and suggestions — and continue to solicit others — as we move toward finalizing our plans, and are making every effort to mitigate any negative impacts.

Our preference is to have exams at their regularly scheduled times and locations here at the law school, but noise levels and other construction-related disruptions expected during that time make this choice impractical. In surveying student opin-

ions, we found that, in general, first-semester students prefer to take exams at their regularly scheduled times off-campus, while others would rather take exams at the law school in the evening. We are exploring the possibility of offering these options.

We have investigated the Reitz Union, Alumni Association, O'Connell Center and Health Sciences Center (HSC) as possible sites for first-semester students to take exams. Only the HSC can meet all our exam schedule needs. In-depth exploration of that site indicates that it would be a good location for students, and a parking and bus plan would provide easy and convenient parking. Best of all, this alternative would allow most exams to occur at their original times and days.

The current Schedule for Comment, which has been posted and e-mailed to students, reflects the proposed schedule. We are requesting your additional input this week, and will use your comments and suggestions to finalize the schedule and find solutions to your concerns.

We appreciate everyone's patience, input and cooperation. This is a frustrating experience for all of us, but we feel that by working together we can help everyone have a good exam period. Please contact me with your suggestions and comments in the Office of Student Affairs (164 Holland Hall) or via e-mail ([ludwick@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ludwick@law.ufl.edu)).



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## Faculty Amend Honors Cutoffs in Grading Curve Transition Rules

A UF law Academic Standards Committee proposal to amend Grading Curve Transition Rules has passed unanimously.

From Fall 2003-Spring 2005, cutoffs for Honors will be 3.10 or the GPA necessary to rank in the top 35.6% of the graduating class, which ever would include the greatest number of students. High Honors cutoffs will be 3.50 or GPA necessary to rank in the top 9.6% of the graduating class, which ever would include the greatest number of students. Highest Honors will be 3.90. In Fall 2005, cutoffs for Honors will be at 3.30, High Honors at 3.70, and Highest Honors will remain at 3.90, as per rules adopted last spring.

## Construction

- Construction of steel structures for the new education towers begins Nov. 10. Stay updated at [www.law.ufl.edu/construction](http://www.law.ufl.edu/construction), where a webcam with real time views of the project will soon go live.
- The new west orange parking lot will be closed Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 15-16, for placement of light fixtures.

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### JMBA Gator Growl Ticket Sales End Wednesday, Elections Nov. 12

- The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) will take orders for Gator Growl tickets until this Wednesday, Nov. 5. Tickets will be available for pickup during normal football ticket pickup times

for the Homecoming Game against Vanderbilt. Tickets are \$16, cash or check. Gator Growl is Nov. 7, 8 p.m., at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

- Elections for JMBA general board and treasurer-elect are Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., on the concourse. JMBA encourages all students to run

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## • CAREER SERVICES •



### 'Predatory' Home Mortgage Workshop

The UF Levin College of Law will host a one day workshop on mechanics of handling predatory home mortgage lending cases Friday, Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., J. Wayne Reitz Union. (Florida Bar CLE credit pending.)

The informal workshop is co-sponsored by Assistant Professor Christopher L. Peterson and Florida Legal Services, Inc. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend (free box lunch available only to those who pre-register).

The workshop aims to develop the predatory lending litigation skills of practicing attorneys and law students. In addition to Peterson — who will address use of the Truth in Lending Act and Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act on behalf of consumers in predatory home mortgage cases — speakers will include Florida attorneys Barbara Goolsby, Jeffery Hearn, Lynn Drysdale, Shirley Green and Bill Fraiser.

For information or to register: Assistant Professor Peterson, 382B Holland Hall, 392-2211, PetersonC@law.ufl.edu.

### Externship Deadline Extended

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Externship deadline has been extended until noon Wednesday, Nov. 5. Pick up an application from Career Services. Externs work as judicial clerks in the Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Division, and are assigned to work with judges, hearing officers or attorneys working for family law judges. Students sit in on hearings, research legal issues, draft orders and review court files. The goal of the placement is to expose students to how the family law system operates and how judges arrive at decisions in family law matters, particularly where interests of children are involved.

### New Committee Members

The Center for Career Services is pleased to announce new 2003-04 Career Services Student Committee members Rob Birrenkott, Erica Peterson, Alex Sevak, Katrina Thomas and Whitney Untiedt, and returning members Sara Habhab and Samantha Powers.

The Career Services Student Committee — comprised of individual students and representatives from student organizations — will meet monthly to share ideas on how Career Services can best assist students in meeting their career goals. The committee also will look at ways for Career Services to partner with individual student organizations to provide complementary programming and guest speakers and to combine resources to provide greater benefits.

### 'Guerrilla Tactics' Speaker Nov. 13

Nationally acclaimed author Kimm Walton will speak again at the Levin College of Law Thursday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m., in Holland Hall auditorium. This seminar is a "must" for law students looking for a summer job or first permanent job after graduation.

### Little Known Small Firm Facts

According to The Florida Bar:

- Solo and small firms currently make up 63 percent of lawyers in private practice, according to the American Bar Association's *1993 Issues Update*.
- The *1991 ABA General Practice Section Committee Update* disclosed that 86 percent of today's law students expect to practice in small firms, with 56 percent expecting to practice as solos.
- Some 73 percent of The Florida Bar, according to its 1997 Membership Opinion Survey, is made up of solo and small firms of 10 or less attorneys.



Is working in a small firm for you? Visit Career Services to find out.

### What Smaller Firms Want

The number of students going to work for small firms increases yearly, and most career services offices struggle with "taming the small firm beast." Many schools are relatively uninformed about small and medium size employers, perhaps because most of these firms do not recruit on a regular basis, may not participate in on-campus interviews, may have limited marketing ability, and basically, may not have the time. In a nutshell, getting to know small firms is far more labor intensive.

However, we do know there is a "common theme" among small firms and what they look for in their new associates: the "total package." Although most small firm employers express the importance of a strong academic background, more emphasis is placed on the importance of the "total package." They look beyond grades on a resume and want their candidates to be well-rounded.

#### THE WELL-ROUNDED CANDIDATE.

According to Ben Finley with Finley & Buckley in Atlanta, "A well-rounded candidate would portray confidence, show strong enthusiasm for the firm, possess great people skills, and possess the ability to think quick on their feet."

**EXPERIENCE.** Employers also expressed the desire to have a new associate who could "hit the ground running." Extensive clerking experience, particularly with a small firm, is extremely beneficial but also can be expanded to include volunteering with a judge or other agencies to learn courtroom procedure, skills courses, clinics and even moot court competitions.

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**DRIVE AND AMBITION.** According to Trey Esnard with Reich, Meeks & Treadaway in New Orleans, “New associates with a small firm need to be self-motivated and have plenty of initiative when it comes to getting the work done.” The firm type says it all, SMALL.

**DEPENDABILITY.** Cindy Hudson with the law office of Marc R. Levine in Orange, CA, emphasizes dependability: “We do not have the backup that a large firm would have, therefore, we depend on our associates to handle all aspects of an assignment or task.”

**GEOGRAPHY.** A candidate who is familiar with a geographical area is more likely to stay for the long haul than someone who is experiencing a city for the first time. Also, a local candidate would have already established connections throughout the community. Knowing an associate is committed to the community will offer some comfort in showing loyalty to the firm.

**WORK ETHIC** is a characteristic that is difficult to discover about a person who has not been given the opportunity to work with the firm first. Dale Powers with Powers & Willard, former president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, shares his perspective on encouraging good work ethics. “Service is extremely important to this profession and the reputation of our firm. Associates who put in the required time and produce client satisfaction will ultimately be successful attorneys. Therefore, we encourage strong work ethics by offering incentives and recognizing/rewarding extra effort.”

**EXCEPTIONAL WRITING SKILLS.** Cindy Hudson with the law office of Marc R. Levine stated, “Students really need to be conscious of their writing skills. I had an applicant submit a cover letter indicating that writing was his biggest strength, yet the letter reflected several mistakes. The cover letter is our first sampling of a candidate’s writing abilities.”

**EXCELLENT VERBAL COMMUNICATION.** As Dan Reed with Seale, Smith, Zuber & Barnette in Baton Rouge explains, “Verbal communication is what we do for a living. We don’t have the resources to extensively train our new associates, therefore, it is essential that they possess the skills to communicate effectively in order to start producing income quickly.”

**THE “TOTAL PACKAGE.”** In summary, a small firm’s limited resources forces it to place

more responsibility on its new associates. With this in mind, small firms rely on the “total package” concept to assist them in making the right decision about hiring new associates. The “total package” represents all aspects of a candidate’s personality, experience and communication skills.

Excerpted from “Employers’ Perspective on the Ideal Small Firm Associate” by Tracy N. Evans, director of career services at LSU Law Center.

Look for “Preparing for Small Firm Practice” in next week’s FlaLaw.

### Upcoming Programs

- Fall 2003 Entrants - “Introduction to Career Services,” Nov. 3, 2 p.m., Auditorium.
- “Life As a Civil Litigator,” Tuesday, Nov. 4, Noon, Bailey Courtroom, co-sponsored by the Association of Future Litigators. Two attorneys who practice civil litigation will answer questions on what to expect in a litigation career.
- Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist will discuss the new Florida Attorney General’s Honors Attorney Program, Wednesday, Nov. 5, Noon, Bailey Courtroom. Honors attorneys rotate among areas such as antitrust, economic crime, criminal appeals, and Office of the Solicitor General. Attend to learn about this exciting new opportunity.
- “Running the Final Mile: From Application to Exam,” Nov. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. Co-sponsored by BLSA, Career Services & PMBR. Program will include “Surviving the Bar Application Process” by Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson (5:30 p.m.) and “Understand the Florida Bar Exam” by Brian Griepfer, Florida Regional Director PMBR (6:30 p.m.). Pizza provided courtesy of PMBR.
- Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, “How to Put Your Best Foot Forward,” Monday, Nov. 10, Noon, Bailey Courtroom.
- “Life as an Employment Lawyer,” Thursday, Nov. 13, noon, 283 Holland Hall, co-sponsored by the Labor & Employment Law Association. Employment law attorneys answer students questions about what it is like to practice employment law. Pizza provided.
- “Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams,” Nov. 13, 5 p.m., Auditorium. Featuring nationally acclaimed speaker Kimm Walton.
- Walk-In Resume Review, Nov. 12 & 14, 9-11 a.m. Career Services.

Also check for Career Services events online at [www.law.ufl.edu/calendar/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendar/).



### Malpractice Reform Panel This Thursday

Florida Law Review will host a panel discussion on “The Future of Med Mal in Florida: Is the Malpractice Insurance, Liability, and Litigation Reform Act the Right Prescription?” Thursday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m., Holland Hall auditorium.

This will be the first time advocates from both sides will publicly discuss Governor Jeb Bush’s controversial medical malpractice reform legislation passed by the Florida Legislature in special session this summer.

The focus will be on critical issues and challenges facing Florida’s medical and insurance industries, including efficacy of mandatory noneconomic damage caps and failure to regulate malpractice insurance rates. Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, director of UF’s Center for Governmental Responsibility and former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, will moderate. Panelists will be members of the Florida Legislature (including Gainesville Senator Rod Smith), representatives from the Florida Medical Association and Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers, and UF law professors.

A question and answer session will follow. To submit questions early, e-mail them to [medmalquestions@floralawreview.com](mailto:medmalquestions@floralawreview.com). For information: Editor-in-Chief Ben Diamond or Senior Symposium Editor Bonnie Daboll in the Florida Law Review Office (392-2148).



## Domestic Violence Lawyer Training

The Greenberg Traurig/Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Alliance will hold its next Domestic Violence Lawyer Training in Gainesville Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14. Attorneys and advocates from around the state will participate. The conference is free (registration not required). Law students are encouraged to drop in for any portion of the training.

Thursday's training is 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-West, and includes a panel of state attorneys and victim advocates and discussion of the intersection of diversity and domestic violence issues. Friday's training is 9 a.m.-noon in Holland Hall auditorium, and includes a discussion of legislative issues and changes affecting family and domestic violence law.

For information: Legal Skills Professor Peggy Schrieber, 100B Bruton-Geer Hall (Clinic suite) or [schriebe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:schriebe@law.ufl.edu).

## Teaching Assistants Needed

The Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy Department is accepting applications for Spring 2004 teaching assistants. Applications available in the LRW office. For information: Legal Skills Professor & Director Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate Advocacy Henry T. Wihnyk (392-2198).

## Updating Your Home Computer or Laptop Using Windows Update

— By Stan Amos, Assistant Manager of Operating Systems and Applications

Microsoft frequently releases updates for its line of operating systems and programs to protect against vulnerabilities and security breaches. It is my responsibility at the College of Law to “push” these updates out to law school workstations to ensure that we are protected against these vulnerabilities. However, it is extremely important that law school users also maintain their home computers and laptops with the latest updates to protect their systems.

The easiest method to update systems is to use Windows Update, a free feature provided by Microsoft. This program scans your workstation or laptop to determine what updates you already have installed, then provides you with a list of updates available as of that date. Follow these steps to perform a Windows Update:

- Launch Internet Explorer. Click on the “Tools” button on the main menu bar, and then trace to and click on “Windows Update.”
- Once the Windows Update page has loaded, you will be presented with a link to “Scan for Updates.” Click on this link to begin the scan. The speed of your Internet connection — modem or DSL/Cable — determines how long the scan will take.
- When the scan is complete, you will be given a list



Follow these simple directions to help keep home computers safe from viruses and security breaches.

of available updates. The section on the left side of the screen will list updates in order of importance. The first section is for “Critical Updates and Service Packs.” There will be a number in parenthesis that will tell you how many updates are available for this section. Click on this link to see the full list and a brief

description of each. Once you have reviewed the critical updates, install them by clicking on the “Review and Install Updates” link. Click on the “Install Now” button when it appears to begin installation. A window will pop up with choices to “Accept,” “Don’t Accept” or “Print” the License Agreement. Click “Accept” to proceed.

- The next pop up window shows you the status of the file transfer. Upon completion of the transfer, you may be presented with another pop up window that says that you need to “Restart” your computer before updates will be applied. It is recommended that you choose to restart at this point to allow for the updates to be completely installed.

**Note:** Some updates require that they be installed separately from other updates, such as Service Packs. I recommended that you repeat the preceding steps to ensure that you have installed all available critical updates.

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and get involved. Candidates must sign up on the sheets on the glass wall of the JMBA Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. All candidates also must attend one of three brief meetings in the JMBA Office Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m.; or Friday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m. For information: Angie Chesser ([angc53@ufl.edu](mailto:angc53@ufl.edu)) or Shelly Nixon ([shnixon@ufl.edu](mailto:shnixon@ufl.edu)).

- Students can still apply for positions on various faculty/student committees, including Appointments, Curriculum, Teaching and Career Services. These year-long appointments are a great opportunity to help determine the direction of the school. To apply, e-mail JMBA Vice President-Student Services Steve Schmier ([ufjmba@hotmail.com](mailto:ufjmba@hotmail.com)) and specify which committee(s) you would like to serve on. JMBA then will set up an interview to match you with a committee.

## ETELS Meeting Nov. 5

The Estates Trusts and Elder Law Society will meet Wednesday, Nov. 5, 5 p.m., 350 Holland Hall. Local estate planning attorney Steven Graves will be guest speaker. For information: Danielle Burns ([dburns0@yahoo.com](mailto:dburns0@yahoo.com)).

## Take a Break at O’leno with ELULS

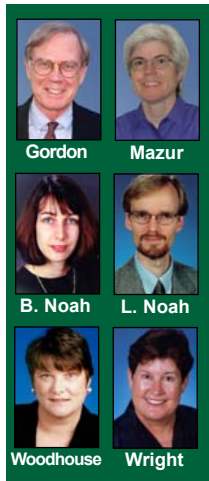
The Environmental and Land Use Law Society is having a Cookout/Canoeing/Camping trip Saturday, Nov. 8, at O’leno State Park. Take a break from studying and come rent canoes or hike along scenic trails on the Santa Fe river. There will be a free cookout at 3 p.m., and all students and friends are invited to bring camping gear and stay the night around the campfire. The group will meet at the law school parking lot Saturday for those needing rides or wanting to car pool. O’leno is located 20 miles away, just outside High

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## • SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

• Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon** will give the Rule of Law in International Law Endowed Lecture at the British Institute of International & Comparative Law and Queen Mary College London Forum this May. His presentation will be on international litigation. He also has been invited to do a one-day workshop in June on international business and trade law and international litigation to the Centre du Droit de l'Enterprise de l'Universite' Montpellier. He recently gave separate lectures on international mass tort litigation to students and faculty at the Roger Williams University College of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island.

- Research Foundation Professor **Diane H. Mazur** was an invited speaker at two recent conferences on military/constitutional issues at Harvard Law School and Hofstra University School of Law. She presented remarks based on her article, "How Progressives Lost the War When They Lost the Draft," to be published in the *Hofstra Law Review* this spring. Both Hofstra and Harvard law school communities are now engaged in significant debate concerning on-campus military recruiting and the presence of ROTC, and her presentation framed those debates in the larger context of deteriorating civil-military relations during the last 30 years.
- Center for Governmental Responsibility Research Associate **Barbara Noah** was quoted about the



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Terri Schiavo controversy in the *National Post* (Canada) and on WUFT-TV News. Her essay on the subject was published in the *Journal of Philosophy, Science & Law*.

- UF Research Foundation Professor **Lars Noah** was quoted regarding constitutional questions posed by the Terri Schiavo case in two separate articles in the *New York Times* as well as in the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Miami Herald* and other papers. He also had fairly lengthy interviews about the subject broadcast live on CNN TV ("NewsNight with Aaron Brown") and CBC Radio (Canada's version of

NPR), and provided information and commentary about this controversy to a physician-reporter from the *Lancet*, a prominent medical journal published in England.

- David H. Levin Chair in Family Law/Director of the Center on Children and the Law **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** recently presented a paper, "Reframing the Debate about the Socialization of Children: Towards an Environmental Approach," at the University of Chicago's Legal Forum on the Private and Public Faces of Family Law.
- Gator TeamChild Program Director/Legal Skills Professor **Claudia Wright** recently published "The Value of High Quality, Comprehensive Information to Decisionmakers in Juvenile Cases," *Florida Bar Journal*, November, 2003.



### Women's Leadership Conference

The 17th annual Women's Leadership Conference hosted by the Women's Leadership Council will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, in the J. Wayne Reitz Union's Rion Ballroom. The theme, "What Women Want: It's Our Prerogative," embodies the purpose of the council, which is to empower dynamic women leaders in an ever-changing society.

The conference is 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and is open to the public. Registration is \$25 and covers all activities, including a guest speaker, three educational workshops, networking activities, cultural entertainment, and breakfast and lunch buffets. Participants have their choice of three workshops on a variety of topics (minimum of 20 to be offered), including leadership and professional development, gender issues, personal safety and race and cultural issues. Organizations who register more than 15 people receive a discount of \$5 per registrant. Registration forms are available in the Dean of Student's Office in P202 Peabody Hall or online at [www.dso.ufl.edu/wlcl/registernow.html](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/wlcl/registernow.html).

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Springs. For information, to RSVP or for camping gear rentals: Erika Zimmerman (336-6592 or [zimmerer@hotmail.com](mailto:zimmerer@hotmail.com)).

### New Alcohol & Drug Crimes Law Association

The newly formed Alcohol and Drug Crimes Law Association will work to provide an in-depth look at the prosecution and defense of alcohol and drug related criminal offenses. Anyone with an interest in this growing area of legal practice can e-mail President Jon Gurney ([Gurney@ufl.edu](mailto:Gurney@ufl.edu)) to be put on the association's e-mail listserve. Meeting times will be announced in *Flalaw*.  
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### Assistant Attorney General Acosta Speaks Here Nov. 10

The Honorable R. Alexander Acosta (right) will speak on "School Choice, and a Child's Right to a Quality Education" Monday, Nov. 10, noon, in Holland Hall auditorium. The event is sponsored by the UF law Federalist Society, and is free and open to the public. For information: [FedSocUF@yahoo.com](mailto:FedSocUF@yahoo.com).



Acosta is assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, which is charged with enforcing federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex, handicap, religion and national origin. He has been a member of the National Labor Relations Board, an independent federal agency responsible for administering and interpreting the National Labor Relations Act, the principal private-sector national statute regulating labor relations, and served in the Civil Rights Division as principal deputy assistant attorney general. He earned his bachelor's and law degree from Harvard. He is this year's recipient of the Mexican-American Legal Fund's Excellence in Government Service Award.



## Registration Deadline for Pro Se and Juvenile Clinics Extended

Don't miss this terrific opportunity to get hands on experience with actual clients as you help those in need of legal assistance in our community. The registration deadline for Pro Se and Juvenile Clinics has been extended, so sign up now while spaces are still available.

For information: Registrar Kim Thomas (392-0412).

## Lexis News

- Need a job? Career Services has partnered with Lexis to make your job search easier. Visit [www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/webcourses/](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/webcourses/) and log in with your Lexis ID. Click on "Courses" to view Career Services job information. If you forgot your Lexis ID, call 1-800-45-LEXIS and press 1. (Remember: if you need help with Lexis, click on the "LIVE SUPPORT" button on any Lexis search page or call 1-800-45-LEXIS 24 hours a day.)
- Many students are printing large documents in preparation for exams and seminar papers. Please pick up printouts as soon as possible, and remember these Lexis Printer Rules:
  1. Unclaimed print jobs will be purged after one week.
  2. Long print jobs (100+ pages) must be printed after 5 p.m. or before 7:30 a.m.
  3. Be courteous and file jobs found in the printer alphabetically by last name.
  4. To access free printing, click the blue PRINT option in the Lexis window and select either 700443 - Media Lab or 700599 - Career Services.
  5. Repeated abuse of printer privileges will result in loss of printer privileges.

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## CLA Final Meeting

The Criminal Law Association will meet for the final time this semester Monday, Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m., 190 Holland Hall. Professor Kenneth Nunn will be guest speaker.

## Toastmasters Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend a Toastmasters meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 4, 5-6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. Toastmasters can help you develop and improve speaking and presentation skills critical to success from the courtroom to the boardroom.

## JLPP Competition Write-Ons

The following students were invited to join the *Journal of Law and Public Policy* due to their outstanding performance in JLPP's Fall 2003 Open Writing Competition: David Benjamin, Jorge Herrera, Michelle Friedman, Howard Goldfarb, Roberto Ledesma, Angela McGowan, Marissa Maland, Adina Pollan, Catalina Urquijo and Sarah Zuckerman. Invitees will be contacted by e-mail with additional information.

Students who submitted JLPP case comments may retrieve their graded case comment in the JLPP Student Works office by Friday, Nov. 7. (Please note that feedback will not be given for *Law Review* submissions.) For information: JLPP Student Works Executive Editor Lisa Acharekar ([lacharekar@msn.com](mailto:lacharekar@msn.com)).

## 'Operation Christmas Child'

The law school's Christian Legal Society is promoting "Operation Christmas Child," a ministry of Samaritan's purse, to fill shoeboxes with toys for children in 77 countries. The children — many of whom reside in war-torn or impoverished nations — also will receive a booklet explaining the meaning of Christmas along with their shoebox of gifts.

The boxes will be collected in the Student Affairs Office Nov. 17-21 and distributed to children in time for Christmas. Contributions are welcome from both individuals and groups. For information and/or brochures: Molly Metzler ([MollyMetzler@aol.com](mailto:MollyMetzler@aol.com)).

## Program on Litigation Careers

Students and faculty are invited to a panel discussion/question & answer session on the "Life of a Litigator" Tuesday, Nov. 4, noon-1 p.m., in the Bailey Courtroom. The event is hosted by the Association of Future Litigators and Career

## Long Term Emergency Loans

Application forms for Fall Lewis Memorial Long Term Emergency Loans (\$500) are available in Student Affairs and will be accepted through Nov. 20. (Note: Using this loan reduces Spring 2004 student loan awards.)

Requirements are:

1. Must have at least a 2.00 GPA and be registered for 12 credit hours.
2. Must have "financially stable" co-signer (not a student or spouse, and not retired, semi-retired or unemployed).
3. Must be attending UF Spring 2004 semester at least half-time.

Within one week of submitting a completed request form, University Financial Services will mail a loan application to your local address (as listed on ISIS). Return applications to University Financial Services (S-108 Criser Hall). For information: Financial Aid Advisor Carol Huber in the Office of Student Affairs (392-0421).



Services. Guest speakers Pamela Schneider and Maritza Arroyo are eager to answer student questions on litigator careers in family law, criminal law or general civil litigation, and to advise students on "litigation secrets you won't learn in law school." Topics will include determining if you are really cut out for a litigation career, tricks to getting ahead in litigation, the best way to receive intense litigation skills training after law school, and areas of litigation practice with the most job growth. Attend for answers to these and other questions. Free pizza provided.

## Employment Law Careers

Never thought you'd find yourself in employment litigation? You are not alone, since most law students don't. The area of employer discrimination and wrongful discharge litigation has grown so much, however, that students without prior employment law experience are finding jobs in this area. Attend a question and answer panel discussion on "Life of an Employment Lawyer" Thursday, Nov. 13, noon-1 p.m., 283 Holland Hall, to learn more from practicing employment lawyers. Bring your lunch or enjoy free pizza compliments of the Labor & Employment Law Association and Career Services.

## BLSA Bar Seminar Nov. 15

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) will host:
 

- "What the Heck is the Bar?" seminar, Nov. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Co-hosted with Career Services and

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PMBR to educate law students on fundamentals such as subject areas and passing qualifications. Food provided. All are welcome.

- “Coat and Boot Drive.” BLSA will collect donated coats and boots until Nov. 17 for those in need at the St. Francis House. Drop off donations (used or new) in the BLSA Office, or at a table on the concourse Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For information: Alero Afejuku ([aoalaw@ufl.edu](mailto:aoalaw@ufl.edu)).

**‘Cans for Canines and Cats’**

Phi Delta Phi and the Animal Law Association (ALA) continue their “Cans for Canines and Cats” animal food drive this week. “Follow the paws” and drop off canned dog and cat food to benefit the Alachua County Humane Society from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the table on the concourse. Contributors will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

**Stress Workshop**

Feeling stressed? Find out how to cope at the Leadership Resource Management Program Workshop “Stress Management: Keeping it in Perspective,” Wednesday, Nov. 12, noon-1 p.m., 190C Holland Hall. Presented by the Law College Council and Student Affairs. For information: Office of Student Affairs (392-0421).

## • MEET THE FACULTY •



**Clifford  
A. Jones**

Visiting  
Lecturer

**View on the Profession**

“Before I became an academic, I spent 17 years in private practice as a federal court litigator. Having experienced the highs and lows — fortunately the latter were few — of the legal profession helps put the articles I write and classes I teach in what I think is a better perspective. I greatly enjoyed most of my private practice experience and treasure the opportunities I had to work with and against top-notch lawyers.

“The legal profession does not for the most part enjoy the public respect and positive reputation it deserves, at least in part because not all lawyers behave in a professional manner. (This is true of clients as well.) However, most do, and most lawyers are genuinely interested in serving the needs of their clients.

“My suggestions for new lawyers include conducting yourselves with true professionalism, not mistaking litigation for war, and remembering the theory underlying the law you learn in class. Those lawyers who ‘just want to know what the rule is’ do a disservice to clients and the profession, because there will come a time when either there is no rule or the rule is against you.

“Sometimes, being a lawyer means understanding why the law is what it is and knowing what to do when it ought to be changed. Lawyers

who can’t or won’t apply legal theory in practice to change the system and benefit their clients lack essential tools of the profession.

“Finally, reading Louis Nizer (*My Life in Court, The Jury Returns*) is still time well spent.”

**Education/Background**

B.A. (University High Honors), Southern Illinois University; J.D. (High Honors), University of Oklahoma, Order of the Coif, The Order of the Barristers; M. Phil. (EC Law), University of Cambridge, First in Class; Ph.D. (Law), University of Cambridge.

Professor Jones teaches and researches in fields of constitutional law, election and campaign finance law, antitrust, media law, corporations, European community law, international trade law, public international law, international business transactions, intellectual property law, federal courts, civil procedure, torts and remedies. He is internationally known in comparative and international antitrust law, especially for his books on private enforcement and the interface between antitrust and international trade law. He became an academic in 1997 and has published or in press nearly 40 books and journal articles.

He received a Fulbright Senior Scholar Research Award to carry out research at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz on European and German media concentration law, and has been a visiting fellow at Oxford University and given scholarly lectures in England, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland.

**What You May Not Know**

“I’m a big fan of Terry Pratchett’s *Discworld* novels. I always thought “from the sublime to the ridiculous” was a meaningless cliché, but Pratchett can take you there.”

Go to [www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/jones/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/jones/) for a complete resume and list of publications.

**Media Law Seminar Offered**

Affiliate Law Professor Bill F. Chamberlin, the Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar for Mass Communications, will offer a cross-listed seminar this spring, “An Open Society Suffers an Identity Crisis Post 9/11: Terrorism, Invasions of Privacy, and Government Control of Information — or Memories of George Orwell’s ‘1984’ and ‘Animal Farm.’”

The class will focus on legal restrictions on access to information and laws that permit the government to obtain and use personal data.

The two-credit LAW 6936 begins Jan. 6, and will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:55-3:50 p.m., in January and March in Weimer Hall. According to Chamberlin, his seminars often fill during pre-registration but there is almost always room for students who come the first day of class. For information: Professor Chamberlin ([bchamberlin@law.ufl.edu](mailto:bchamberlin@law.ufl.edu)).

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## Taking Time to Appreciate 'Beauty' Alleviates Stress

— By Resource Counselor Ali Kane

When was the last time you gazed at the stars, visited an art gallery or marveled at the way sunlight shines through trees? Evidence shows that aesthetic appreciation has a calming effect on the nervous system and enhances the subjective experience of peacefulness and contentment. Stopping to notice beauty can have a profound impact on how we experience stress. Recognizing what is beautiful in our environment can pull us out of our busy rush and help put things back in perspective.

It may be hard to find the time to take a trip to the beach or art gallery. But there are brief and simple ways to appreciate beauty throughout your day. As you walk from one building to another, notice the patterns of clouds in the sky. Notice sunbeams or moonlight. Sit and study outside (Lake Wauberg is a nice place to do this). Take a walk through a natural area as a study break. We spend much of our day indoors, where there's inadequate



air circulation. Fresh outdoor air can be invigorating and energizing. Also, studies have shown we need a certain amount of sunlight on our skin and eyes to receive proper nutrition (vitamin D) and maintain emotional balance. Lack of direct sunlight has been correlated with increased depression and anxiety.

Take time today to find beauty in your surroundings. You may find your stress levels plummeting.

**Resource Counselor Ali Kane (below) 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 contact her at 392-0499 or [alikane@ufl.edu](mailto:alikane@ufl.edu) for an appointment. She offers Yoga classes Mondays (6-7 p.m.) in the Faculty Dining Room, and Meditation classes Thursdays (6:30-7:45 p.m.) off-campus. (Contact her for locations.)**

## Town Hall Meeting on FTAA Nov. 4

Dean Robert H. Jerry, II, will welcome participants from throughout the state Tuesday, Nov. 4, to a "Town Hall Meeting" in Miami to discuss pros and cons of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), a major effort initiated at the UF College of Law in 1994 at the Summit of the Americas. Negotiations have continued since then to unite the Americas' 34 democratic economies, with agreement expected to be reached by 2005.

The Town Hall Meeting will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel, 495 Brickell Ave., Miami. It is sponsored by the law school and *Daily Business Review*, and hosted by Akerman Senterfitt and Oscar Sanchez, president of the University of Florida Levin College of Law Alumni Council. David Lyons, editor-in-chief of the *Daily Business Review* and *Florida Lawyer*, will moderate the discussions. Panelists include:

- Stephen J. Powell, Director, UF Law International Trade Program; former Chief Counsel for Import Administration in the U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Robert E. Coker, Senior Vice President Public Affairs, United States Sugar Corporation.
- Thea M. Lee, Assistant Director for International Economics, Public Policy Department, Nat'l AFL-CIO.
- Ambassador Luis Lauredo, Executive Director, FTAA Miami Ministerial and Americas Business Forum, and President, Hunton & Williams International LLC.

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- 3 • Introduction to Career Services, 2 p.m., Auditorium
- LCC General Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 296 HOL
- 4 • "Life as a Civil Litigator," Noon-1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Toastmasters, 5-6 p.m., 190A HOL
- FTAA Town Hall Meeting, Miami (details at left)
- 5 • Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist on the New Honors Attorney Program, Noon, Bailey Courtroom
- Office for Diversity and Community Development Brown Bag Lunch, "Speak Out: The Virgil Hawkins Story," Noon, Faculty Dining Room
- ETELS Meeting, 5 p.m., 350 HOL
- "Running the Final Mile: From Application to Exam," 5:30-7:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- BLSA, Career Services & PMBR Present "Applying & Preparing for the Bar Exam," 5:30-7:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- 6 • Medical Malpractice Reform Panel, 9 a.m., Auditorium
- 8 • ELULS Cookout/Canoeing/Campout, 3 p.m., O'lono State Park
- 10 • Federalist Society Speaker, Assistant Attorney General Alex Acosta on School Choice, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Auditorium
- Career Services Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Noon-1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Academic Success Program "No Time for Stress!," 2-3 p.m., Auditorium