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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

International Environmental Law Lecture Thursday

All are invited to a lecture on the “Evolving Role of International Environmental Law in the Context of the Growing Global Economy” Thursday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m., in the Faculty Dining Room. The speaker is John Henry Hankinson, a Florida attorney with more than 22 years of government service in environmental policy and regulation, including experience with USEPA, St. Johns River Water Management District, and Florida House of Representatives.

Hankinson will discuss the emerging understanding of serious natural resource constraints on global economic growth, and explore possible legal and policy frameworks for promoting a sustainable world economy and healthy natural environment. He will focus on the international response to global climate change as a case study in the evolution and role of international environmental law principles in addressing this challenge.

The lecture is hosted by Governor Buddy MacKay through his Trade, Labor & Environment class. For information: Program Assistant Marla Wolfe, International Programs Department and Environmental & Land Use Law Program (392-3572 or wolfemarla@law.ufl.edu).

JMBA News

- The general board of the John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) meets for the last time this semester today, Nov. 10, 7-9 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All interested students are welcome to attend.
- Elections for JMBA general board and treasurer-elect are this Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., on the concourse. Stop by and cast your vote.
- 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. E-mail JMBA Vice President-Student Services Steve Schmier (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.

Nunn Speaks at CLA Meeting

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

‘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. 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).

Employment Law Careers

Learn from lawyers practicing in the fast-growing area of employer discrimination and wrongful discharge litigation at a panel discussion on “Life of an Employment Lawyer,” Thursday, Nov. 13, noon-1 p.m., 283 Holland Hall. Bring
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Assistant Attorney General Acosta Speaks Here Today

The Honorable R. Alexander Acosta (right) will speak on “School Choice, and a Child’s Right to a Quality Education” today, 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.

Acosta is assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, which enforces federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex, handicap, religion and national origin.



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Construction

- Construction of the steel structure for the two new education towers begins today, and the courtyard landscape will be dramatically altered by spring semester. Stay updated at 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 permanent light fixtures.
- The third-floor library will close in December, and offices built there for “swing space” during construction.
- The project is currently on schedule for completion by Fall 2005.

For information: Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs Patrick Shannon (shannon@law.ufl.edu) in the Dean’s Office.

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• CAREER SERVICES •

Externship Registration

Students selected for spring externships must submit a completed Externship Acknowledgment and Registration Form — available on page 11 of the externship manual, which can be downloaded from the Career Services Web site at www.law.ufl.edu/career/externships/#manual — to Career Services by Nov. 15, and cannot register for the externship until they do so. Career Services will provide a registration number upon receipt of the form that enables students to register for the externship like any other class.

44.1% of J.D. & LL.M. in Tax Students Interview during Fall OCI

A recap of the six weeks of Fall 2003 On-Campus Interviews (OCI) indicates:

- **WHO INTERVIEWED?** Firms selected 464 different students — 44.1% of all eligible (second-semester and above) J.D. and LL.M. in Taxation students — and interviewed them on-campus during Fall OCI. Of the 2,224 interviews conducted, 115 students had one interview, 84 had two interviews, and 265 had three or more.
- **WHICH EMPLOYERS?** During the six weeks, 153 employers interviewed (compared to 138 last year) and several more will visit in the next two weeks. Of the 153, 17 employers were from government agencies (six state attorney offices, four public defender offices, two county attorney offices, four branches of the military, and one IRS) and 136 were private law firms. Eight were first time OCI participants at the UF College of Law. Geographic dispersion: Miami & Tampa, 28 employers from each; Orlando, 24; West Palm Beach & Atlanta, GA, 18; Jacksonville, 14; Washington D.C. & Ft. Lauderdale, 10; Tallahassee, 8; Ft. Myers, 6; New York, 5; Lakeland, 4; Sarasota & St. Petersburg, 3; Alabama, Tennessee, Pensacola, Melbourne, Naples & Richmond, VA, 2 each; Winter Park, Bartow, Panama City, Pennsylvania, Daytona Beach, Coral Gables, Hollywood, Chicago, Punta Gorda, Gulf Breeze, Clermont, Louisville, Vero Beach, Clearwater, Leesburg & Boca Raton, 1 each.
- **WHAT WAS THE RESULT?** Many students are concluding call-back interviews and Career Services is collecting information about summer and permanent positions obtained as a result. Please report your employment if you haven't done so.
- **WHAT DID EMPLOYERS SAY?**
 - "I think students who enter in January do them-



Drop in 9-11 a.m. Nov. 12 & 14 for a resume review.

Upcoming Programs

- Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, "How to Put Your Best Foot Forward," today, 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. Attorneys discuss and answer 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. No appointment needed.

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

self a bit of a disservice by trying to complete law school too quickly. Some January entrants indicated they wanted to finish by July 2003. Doing so would eliminate both summers as work opportunities. Those students are, therefore, interviewing for a first year associate position with no experience. My firm, for example, won't consider such a hire. In my opinion, the student would be in a better position attempting to work during the summer and graduate on schedule in December. Rushing the graduation date simply precludes employment opportunities for otherwise qualified candidates."

- "Impressive students, surprised at students' level of interest & knowledge of us."
- "The best overall group I have interviewed in my 11 years — excellent! They were prompt, prepared and exhibited wonderful interview skills. Very conversational. Basically (for the first time ever) I wish I could hire almost every person I saw. Great job!"

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Ready for the Multistate? PMBR Dates Open

Dates for students graduating this semester to take PMBR — the "Multistate Bar Review Specialist" — in Gainesville are:

- Six-day program, Dec. 13-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Three-day program, Feb. 16-18, Times TBA

The discount deadline to register for PMBR is Nov. 21, so avoid a price increase and sign up now at the PMBR table on the concourse Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or call 1-800-315-1735 or 1-800-523-0777.

First and second-year students can "lock in" prices with a \$100 deposit, and can choose three study aids (black letter outlines, black letter audio lectures on cd's or tapes and flashcards). Students graduating this May can lock in discounted rates with a \$200 deposit. Dates for summer programs will be available in late February.

The multistate bar exam is usually half of every state's bar exam. In Florida, day one of the bar exam is on Florida law and day two is on the multistate. Most students take PMBR in addition to BarBri.

For information: PMBR Regional Director Brian Grieper (PMBRBrian@aol.com).

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- "All interviewed had outstanding credentials, all could be competitive for hire, except for the two no shows."
- "Regarding resumes: One page resumes preferable; Grades should be more prominent on resumes; Suggest students personalize resumes, all pretty much alike; All students should list their law school GPA's."

• IS SPRING OCI THE SAME AS FALL? No.

The process is the same, but employers tend to be small and medium sized, rather than the typically large firms who visit campus in the fall.

- **WHEN IS SPRING OCI?** Phase One bids for Spring 2004 OCI begin Jan. 9 and Spring OCI runs Feb. 2 through March 26 (except for Spring Break). Watch for details.

Spotlight on Small Firms, Part II

Hiring Characteristics

MEDIUM SIZE LAW FIRM HIRING CHARACTERISTICS (26-50 ATTORNEYS).

Advantages: More responsibility, client contact and relaxed and personal relationships with other attorneys. **Disadvantages:** Possible lower starting salary, difficulty in specializing, fewer resources and library facilities in-house.

Applying for jobs in firms outside the on-campus recruiting program requires different strategies. Remember that hiring practices of medium sized firms can vary greatly and resemble those of either a large or a small firm. Sometimes medium sized firms recruit on campus in fall or spring. Many will not. The majority of these firms recruit as the need arises. Clerking for one of these firms can be a successful means of securing a job.

SMALL LAW FIRM HIRING CHARACTERISTICS (1-25 ATTORNEYS). Most small firms cannot predict hiring needs in advance and instead hire as the need arises, do not interview on campus, and often concentrate on finding the right person for the job instead of the highest academic credential. *Source: The Florida Bar.*

Finding Jobs in Small Firms

- Do not rely solely upon advertised positions. Many solo and small firm practitioners are simply too busy to advertise and search for help.
- To locate small firms, try accessing the "Solo and Small Firm" sections of the American Bar

Association, the state bar, or local bar associations. For little or no cost, students can often obtain a solo/small firm mailing list from local bar associations to prepare a targeted mailing.

- Obtain a student membership to Solo and Small Firm sections of the state and/or local bar associations. Attend CLE seminars focused toward general and small firm practitioners.
- **Network.**
- Make cold calls armed with information on the firm and a resume. Students **do** get hired in small firms this way. Keep in mind that to get past the "gatekeeper," you must make a good presentation, display friendly demeanor and be willing to persistently follow up.
- Demonstrate your value, the well-rounded "total package." The ideal candidate is confident, ambitious, and self-motivated, has local ties, excels in both written and verbal communication, and can "hit the ground running."
- To combat two primary concerns — efficiency and bringing in clients — small firm employers prefer to see course work emphasizing lawyering and practice management skills. Experience that shows an entrepreneurial spirit should be highlighted.
- When selecting a writing sample, a well-crafted motion or brief is more valuable than an esoteric piece published in a law review (unless directly relevant to the firm's practice).
- Preparing for the interview poses another challenge, as a small firm's reputation is generally established through word of mouth. Plug the firm or practitioner's name into Westlaw or Lexis case law directories. and search for the firm's Web site or other information.
- In the interview, demonstrate an appreciation for the differences and expectations of the small firm. Understand that the "right fit" is crucial. Do not envision a well-established policy manual, or inquire about firm retreats, or a "typical" pace for advancement in the firm. This type of query will be met with extreme skepticism.
- Know the salary may be less. However, small firms often provide creative compensation plans which can include incentives for bringing in new clients or variable compensation based on fees generated.
- **Be persistent and well-prepared.**

Source: Linda Calvert Hanson, "Preparing Students for Small Firm Practice."



'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.



Stress Workshop Nov. 12

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: Student Affairs (392-0421).



Domestic Violence Lawyer Training

The Greenberg Traurig/Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Alliance will hold 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 covers 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.

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).

• MEET THE FACULTY •



Barbara Bennett Woodhouse

David H. Levin Chair in Family Law; Professor; Director, Center on Children and the Law; Director, Family Law Certificate Program; Co-Director, Institute for Child & Adolescent Research & Evaluation

View on the Profession

"I believe lawyers and legal scholars have a public mission that goes beyond the bottom line. When we begin to judge the importance of a case or a topic by the dollar amount of the claim or economic power of the clients, we will have lost our way. Families — especially children — may be resource poor clients, but they are deserving of equal justice nonetheless.

"There will always be a disconnect between the ideal of equal justice and the social reality, but we need to question why courts serving families and children carry the lion's share of the civil caseload and receive a fraction of the resources, and why poor children of color are so grossly over represented in dependency and juvenile justice systems.

"At least I am in the right place at the right time, where I can make a difference and know that each of my students also will have a similar opportunity for service. I would far rather teach at a great public university where students graduate to serve a broad spectrum of clients than at a great private university where students are all headed for Wall Street."

Education/Background

B.S., Regents College of University State of New York; J.D., Columbia University (Berger Prize, Stone Scholar, Comments Editor, *Columbia Law Review*); Diploma Superiore, Università per Stranieri (Perugia, Italy).

Clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York, Hon. Abraham D. Sofaer. Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research, University of Pennsylvania. Executive Council, International Society of Family Law.

Widely published on topics concerning adoption, child welfare law, children's rights, constitutional law, family law, the Supreme Court and the family, and child/parent and state. Member, Bar of the Supreme Court of the U.S., American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Association of American Law Schools (Program Chair of Women in Legal Education and Family and Juvenile Law Chair), American Society for Comparative Law (reporter, Family Law), *Journal of Law, Psychology and Public Policy* (editor); *Family Court Review* (editor).

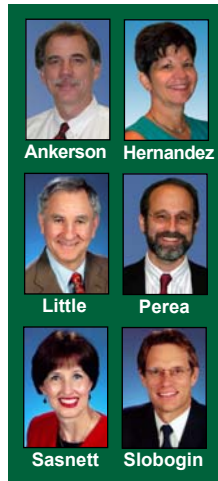
What You May Not Know

"My personal best marathon time was Bangor, Maine, in 1980; my daughter's pen name is 'Chris Moriarty' (author of sci fi novel *Spin State*); I live with my son, Ken, and husband, Charles, in Tigert-Barrow House, a restored mansion in the NE Historic District; and my favorite sport is sea kayaking."

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

• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

- Conservation Clinic Director **Tom Ankerson** received a \$100,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for his project "Inside the Polygon: The Efficacy of Community Tenure in the Western Property Paradigm." The grant, which covers an 18-month period, is part of the foundation's Program on Global Security and Sustainability.
- Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol** spoke on "The Power of Sex, the Sex of Power" in a symposium on *Lawrence v. Texas* sponsored by the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Nov. 7.
- Professor **Joseph Little** appeared on the O'Reilly Report on the national Fox News Network regarding a lawsuit filed against Volusia County officials by the family of a girl bitten by a shark in July 2000, arguing the county should have warned of potential shark attacks.
- Cone, Wagner, Nugent, Johnson, Hazouri & Roth Professor **Juan Perea** participated on a panel discussing "Achieving Diversity in the Classroom" during a conference commemorating *Brown v.*



Board of Education at St. John's University School of Law in New York.

- An article by Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations **Gail Sasnett** (with John Gregory), "A Drug by Any Other Name is Still a Drug: Why the Florida Judiciary Should Start Treating DUI as any Other Drug Offense," 13 *U. Fla. J. L. & Pub. Pol'y* 299 (2002), was cited by the Florida Supreme Court at 848 So.2d 1046, 1053.
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor/Center on Children and the Law Associate Director **Christopher Slobogin** spoke on "Is Atkins the Antithesis or the Apotheosis of Anti-Discrimination Principles? Sorting Out the Groupwide Effects of Exempting People with Mental Retardation from the Death Penalty," at a conference on Disability Law: Equality and Difference at the University of Alabama Law School Nov. 7.
- Law student **Deb Cupples** (2L) appeared on talk-radio (W-SKY, 97.3 FM) Nov. 2 to discuss fraud and overbilling by private, federal government contractors over the last seven years.

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your lunch or enjoy pizza courtesy of the Labor & Employment Law Association and Career Services.

Donate Coats & Boots for Needy

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is collecting 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).

Build Skills at Toastmasters

Everyone is invited to a Toastmasters meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 11, 5-6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. Toastmasters is a fun way to develop and improve speaking and presentation skills.

Unlicensed Law Practice Issues

Director of the Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Division Lori Holcomb will speak here Tuesday, Feb. 3, noon, in Holland Hall auditorium.

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 (right) in the Office of Student Affairs (392-0421).



Law & Technology Conference Feb. 20

The Intellectual Property Law Program will present its Third Annual Law & Technology Conference Feb. 20 in Orlando. The keynote speaker will be the Hon. James E. Rogan (Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C.).

Topics will include corporate, transactional, licensing and international issues, "music wars" and litigation. Scheduled to participate are James A. Gale (Feldman Gale & Weber, Miami), Jose Gutman (Fleit Kain Gibbons Gutman & Bongini, Boca Raton), Bill Hamilton (Holland & Knight LLP, Tampa), Randi Karpinia (Motorola Inc.), Cathryn Mitchell (MillerMitchell, P.C., Princeton, N.J.), Darrell W. Payne (Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP, Miami), Pablo H. Pinson (DHL Worldwide, Miami), Michael S. Walsh (Jenner & Block LLC, Chicago, IL.), Barbara C. Wingo (UF Associate General Counsel), Virginia R. Quijada (Oracle Corp., Miami), Armando J. Tirado (Ingram/Micro, Miami) and Richard S. Vermut (Rogers Towers, P.A., Jacksonville).

For information: Director of Conference Planning and Special Projects Barbara DeVoe (devoe@law.ufl.edu or 392-8070) or Intellectual Property Law Program Director Thomas Cotter (cotter@law.ufl.edu).



Gov. Kenneth "Buddy" MacKay (above, in his "Governor's Portrait") is a UF law adjunct professor.

Florida Governors

- Spessard L. Holland (UF JD 16), 1941-45
- Reubin O'D Askew (UF JD 56), 1971-79
- Lawton M. Chiles, Jr. (UF JD 55), 1991-98
- Kenneth H. "Buddy" MacKay (UF JD 61), 1998

Florida Senate Presidents

- Mallory E. Horne (UF JD 50)
- Dempsey J. Barron (UF JD 54)
- Harry A. Johnston II (UF JD 58)

Florida House Speakers

- Evans Crary (UF JD 27)
- William V. Chappell, Jr. (UF JD 49)
- Mallory E. Horne (UF JD 50)
- Richard A. Pettigrew (UF JD 57)
- T. Terrell Sessums (UF JD 58)
- Donald L. Tucker (UF JD 62)
- Jon L. Mills (UF JD 72)
- Thomas F. Gustafson, Jr. (UF JD 74)

Florida Supreme Court Justices

Current Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Instead is the 15th UF law graduate to lead the court, and 17th to serve.

UF Law "Gator Greats" in Politics

Literally hundreds of political "movers and shakers" got their start at the University of Florida College of Law, including Florida Governors Spessard Holland (UF JD 16), Reubin Askew (UF JD 56), Lawton Chiles (UF JD 55) and Kenneth H. "Buddy" MacKay (UF JD 61). For decades, UF's law school has produced distinguished elected officials in federal, state and local arenas. To place the spotlight on just a few:

- Congressman **Mike Bilirakis** (UF JD 63) — first elected in 1983 and still serving — was named one of the most "legislatively productive" congressmen and has served on numerous prestigious committees. His key issues include healthcare and veteran's affairs.
- First elected in 1996, Congressman **Jim Davis** (UF JD 82) has worked on numerous committees and also was a Florida House member (elected 1988), where he served on the Appropriations Committee and, in his final term, as majority leader. He wrote, "My experience at the UF College of Law, both inside and outside the classroom, helped me develop the tools needed to succeed as an attorney, as well as a legislator. My time at the University of Florida also contributed to my desire to serve the broader community outside the law office and courtroom."
- Congressman **Ander Crenshaw** (UF JD 70) was elected in 2000 and serves on the Appropriations Committee and as a deputy majority whip. He also spent six years in Florida's House and eight years in Florida's Senate.
- **Rod Smith** (UF JD 74) was elected to



Bilirakis



Davis



Crenshaw



Senator Rod Smith (UF JD 74, with UF's mascots during their visit to the state capitol) also teaches at the UF College of Law as an adjunct professor.



Some students don't wait for graduation to get started on their political careers. UF law student Travis Horn (right, with Governor Job Bush during a 2002 event on campus) went from heading the Law School Republicans in his first year to leading Alachua County's Republican Party in his second, the first student to chair the party's executive committee in over a decade.

the Florida Senate in 2000 after serving as state attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and now teaches at the UF College of Law as an adjunct. In reference to his law school experience, Smith said, "Whether working to resolve the debate surrounding the Presidential Election in 2000 or ironing out a compromise on the recent medical malpractice reform issues, my legal experience has certainly been a factor in gaining the confidence of the legislative leadership."

- State Senator **Walter "Skip" Campbell** (UF JD 73) was elected in 1996 and is now the Democratic Caucus chair. He has served on numerous key committees, including Judiciary, Finance and Taxation, Banking and Insurance, and Everglades Oversight.



Campbell

Florida's House of Representatives includes six UF College of Law alumni:

- First elected in 1998, **Dudley Goodlette** (UF JD 72) values his law school experience. "Looking back on my years at the UF College of Law, I see tremendous value not only in the quality of the legal education but also in the relationships cultivated both in law school and in 30 years of active practice."
- State Rep. **Tim Ryan** (UF JD 81), first elected in 1998, wrote, "As a Florida legislator, being a UF College of Law alumnus is invaluable. What I learned in the classroom has given me both the technical expertise and criti-



Goodlette



Ryan

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cal thinking skills I need to help craft solid public policy. And, the contacts I made outside the classroom are a tremendous resource when it comes to negotiating the political barriers a legislator often faces.”

- Rep. **Jeff Kottkamp** (UF JD 87), first elected in 2000, wrote, “My legal education prepared me not only to practice law, but also to serve in the legislature. The analytical and advocacy skills I developed in law school have been extremely beneficial during my service in the Florida House of Representatives. My advice to law students is to learn to love the law and always treat it as a profession — not a business.”



Kottkamp

- **Anna “Holly” Benson** (UF JD 96), elected in 2000, found value in extra-curricular activities as well as class work. “While at the College of Law, I served as attorney general of the Honor Court and led the drafting and enactment of the Honor Code. We drafted the language, built a coalition of students, faculty and administrators, and put it on the ballot as part of the fall election. It passed. Our language eventually became part of the Florida Administrative Code. It was excellent training for my current position.”



Benson

Other UF law graduates now serving in the Florida House — both elected in 2000 — are **Dan Gelber** (UF JD 85) and **Joe Pickens** (UF JD 83). The list of alumni who have served as Florida legislators includes more than 175 former representatives and 55 senators.

Among them is UF Levin College of Law Dean Emeritus and Professor Jon Mills (UF JD 72), director and founder of the Center for Governmental Responsibility. Mills was elected speaker of the Florida



Mills

House in 1987-88, after being designated the “Most Effective Member of the House.” He was on Moot Court and associate editor of *Florida Law Review* at the UF College of Law, and graduated fifth in his class.

“Throughout the history of Florida government and politics, our law graduates have been there: governors, supreme court justices, house speakers, senate presidents,” Mills said. “Legal training gave me a tremendous advantage, because legislators write laws and often have to rely on staff attorneys for writing and interpretation.”

UF’s law school also has launched numerous local officials, including current Orlando Mayor **Buddy Dyer** (UF JD 87), who served in Florida’s Senate from 1992-2000. As a student here in 1987, Dyer was *Florida Law Review* editor-in-chief.

“For me, the first-class legal education I received at the UF College of Law has proven invaluable during my years in public service, both in Tallahassee and now in Orlando’s City Hall. And, of course, I’ll never forget my first-year Civil Procedure class, where I met my wife, Karen,” said Dyer.

Joanne Fanizza (UF JD 87), who served from 1998-2002 on the City Council of Wilton Manors, offered her advice to current students and future political leaders, “Serving with JMBA helped me learn how to work with diverse individuals and help them come together for the common good. If any UF law students plan a career in politics, service with JMBA or the main campus student body is extremely helpful. Getting involved in local politicians’ political campaigns is also important — you’ll learn how campaigns work and you’ll make important contacts.”

— *By D. Cupples (2L), with thanks to UF College of Law Historian Betty Taylor (UF JD 62)*



Dyer



Fanizza



The Levin College of Law also leads in legal organizations. The four UF law graduates above — from left, Martha W. Barnett (UF JD 73), Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte (UF JD 62), W. Reece Smith, Jr. (UF JD 49) and Chesterfield Smith (UF JD 48) — served as presidents of the American Bar Association, and 60 percent of Florida Bar presidents since 1950 earned their degrees here.

U.S. Congressmen

- James Hardin Petersen (UF JD 14), 1933-51
- George A. Smathers (UF JD 38), 1947-51
- Charles Edward Bennett (UF JD 34), 1949-93
- Chester Bartow McMullen (UF JD 48), 1951-53
- William C. Lantaff (UF JD 36), 1951-55
- Sam Melville Gibbons (UF JD 47), 1963-97
- Harry A. Johnston, II (UF JD 58), 1989-97
- William Chappell (UF JD 49), 1969-89
- Richard Kelly (UF JD 52), 1975-81
- Ira “Bill” McCollum (UF JD 68), 1981-2000
- Kenneth “Buddy” MacKay (UF JD 61), 1983-89
- Charles “Joe” Scarborough (UF JD 90), 1995-2002

U.S. Senators

- William L. Hill (UF JD 29), 1936
- Spessard Holland (UF JD 16), 1946-71
- George A. Smathers (UF JD 38), 1951-69 (also Rep., 1947-51)
- Lawton Chiles (UF JD 59), 1971-89

Third of Florida’s Delegation to Congress are UF Alumni

Nine members of Florida’s delegation to the 108th U.S. Congress are UF graduates — one third of the total and one of the largest — if not the very largest — number of graduates of any one university sent to the delegation.

One is U.S. Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) (UF BA 59) and eight are members of Florida’s delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives (32 percent of Florida’s entire House delegation). Three are Levin College of Law graduates: Michael Bilirakis (R, FL-9th) (UF JD 63), Ander Crenshaw (R, FL-4th) (UF JD

69) and Jim Davis (D, FL-11th) (UF JD 82). Also serving are Jeff Miller (R, FL-1st District) (UF BA 84), Corrine Brown (D, FL-3rd) (UF EdS 74), John Mica (R, FL-7th) (UF BA 67), Adam Putnam (R, FL-12th) (UF BS 95) and Robert Wexler (D, FL-19th) (UF BA 82).

Notes:

- The University of Florida’s main campus is in the FL-6th District represented by Congressman Cliff Stearns (R).
- This analysis is based on C-SPAN webpages for election results, which list only the highest university degree attained.
- The analysis does not identify UF alumni who are members of Congressional delegations from other states.

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Communicate Clearly to Avoid Frustration

— By Resource Counselor Ali Kane

Many conflicts and frustrations arise out of difficulties in communication. If you are having difficulties in this area, this may indicate that you tend toward one of two extremes: passivity or aggression.

A passive communication style might include not speaking up at all, not expressing negative feelings you may have towards someone, or not standing up for yourself. Individuals who habitually communicate in this style tend to fear upsetting others, being rejected or judged, or stirring up the status quo. They are greatly concerned with how others perceive them.

An aggressive communication style might include insulting or attacking someone, using crude language, dismissing someone else's feelings or unnecessarily raising one's voice. Those who habitually employ this style tend to have hot tempers and not know how to control them. This can have a negative effect on relationships, as it can hurt and push others away. There may also be a backlash of regret.

Both extremes are dysfunctional and end up leading to many more problems than they solve. There is a third alternative: assertive communication. This style emphasizes a balance between

expressing our needs and feelings and honoring the needs and feelings of others. It is clear, without judgment, using "I" statements instead of accusations or name-calling. It also includes a suggestion for how the situation can be improved. The following is a simple formula you can use to practice communication in this style:

"When you (*specifically identify actions upsetting you*), I feel (*describe your emotional reaction*), and I want you to (*suggest how you would like to see the situation change*)."

Following this style can stimulate a constructive conversation about the issue at hand, rather than creating an aggressive outburst or passively avoiding addressing uncomfortable situations.

Resource Counselor Ali Kane (top) 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 for an appointment.



'Cans for Canines and Cats' Drive

Animal Law Association President Tammi Driver (2L, left, with her dog, Austi) and Phi Delta Phi member Taylor Pancake (1L, with his dog, Riley) helped encourage donations on the law school concourse last week to benefit the Alachua County Humane Society. The drive was sponsored by both organizations. The newly created Animal Law Association is devoted to the exploration of issues related to animal law and to educating the community about animal abuse.

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- 10 • 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
- "No Time for Stress!," 2-3 p.m., Auditorium
- CLA Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 190 HOL
- LCC Executive Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 296 HOL
- JMBA Meeting, 7-9 p.m., 190A HOL
- 11 • Veteran's Day Holiday
- Toastmasters, 5-6 p.m., 190A HOL
- 12 • Stress Management Workshop, Noon-1 p.m., 190C HOL
- Walk In Resume Review, 9-11 a.m., Career Services
- BLSA Book Discussion, "The Miseducation of the Negro," Noon, 297 HOL
- JMBA Elections, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Concourse
- 13 • JLPP General Board Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., 190B HOL
- Panel, Careers in Employment Law, Noon-1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- International Environmental Law Speaker John Hankinson, 3 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- CLSA Meeting, 5-6 p.m., 190B HOL
- "Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams," 5-7 p.m., Auditorium
- 14 • "Predatory Home Mortgage Workshop," 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., J. Wayne Reitz Union
- Walk In Resume Review, 9-11 a.m., Career Services
- 17 • LCC General Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 296 HOL
- 19 • Brown Bag Lunch, "Speak Out: Have we grown since Virgil Hawkins?" Noon, 297 HOL