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## Construction Update: Heating/AC Outage Jan. 16-19, Project on Schedule

- **Heating/AC Outage Jan. 16-19.** Heating/ac systems will be turned off at the college at 8 a.m. Jan. 16, the Friday prior to the Martin Luther King holiday, in order to complete mechanical projects to connect new heating/ac systems with the old system. Since the heat will remain on until 8 a.m., classroom and office temperatures Friday are expected to be acceptable for the rest of the day. However, unusually cold weather may occur, and those on campus that day should take the precaution of dressing warmly.
- **Education Towers.** Steel structures for the new east and west education towers will soon be completed and the college's construction project is still on schedule, thanks in part to the construction crew's seven-day work weeks.
- **Third Floor Library.** The third floor library has been boxed, moved and stored. The area will be renovated over the next several months and transformed into the new technology center.
- **New sidewalk.** A new sidewalk on the south side of Bruton-Geer Hall runs from the orange parking lot on the east to the patio area outside the faculty dining room. An opening has been made in the west brick wall of the patio to allow access to Bruton-Geer Hall directly from the patio. A curb-cut will be added soon to the new sidewalk.
- **Cafeteria Closed.** The law school cafeteria has closed and will not reopen until Fall 2005. (The sitting area in the cafeteria will remain open for study space throughout the construction project.)
- **Art Search Underway.** A national search for art for the college's new facilities is underway as part of the Art in State Buildings Program. The Call to Artists is available online at [www.florida-arts.org/programs/statebuildings/call/index.htm](http://www.florida-arts.org/programs/statebuildings/call/index.htm). Click on UF-150.
- **LIC Moves to Butler Plaza.** Students can look forward to ample free parking and close proximity to coffee shops and restaurants this March-April when the library moves to the building formerly occupied by Publix in Butler Plaza on Archer Road. The facility will be the LIC's new home until construction at the law school is complete and the library returns in May 2005.

For construction information, go online to [www.law.ufl.edu/construction/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/construction/). In addition to information, maps, a virtual tour and images, the site features two live action webcams focused on construction as it progresses, with updates every 60 seconds. □



## Singley Speaks at UF Law Jan. 22

The Moot Court Team and Office for Diversity and Community Development will host Bernestine Singley (UF JD 74, pictured above with her book and canine companion) Thursday, Jan. 22, 5 p.m., 190C Holland Hall.

Singley is a mediator, consultant and author of *When Race Becomes Real: Black and White Writers Confront Their Personal History*. She has been an assistant attorney general in Massachusetts and Texas and contributed to a number of anthologies, including *Children of the Dream*.

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### Enter Trial Team Competition

All third- and fourth-semester students are invited to strengthen their litigation skills by participating in Trial Team's Spring 2004 Intramural Competition. Learn how at a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m., 190 Holland Hall (auditorium). Information will be provided on Trial Team's purpose, how to become a member of this nationally recognized organization and rules for participating in the spring competition. For more information, visit the Trial Team Web site (<http://grove.ufl.edu/~ufiteam/right.html>) or contact Edrene A. Johnson ([eaj@ufl.edu](mailto:eaj@ufl.edu)).

### 'Student Recruiters' Needed

The Levin College of Law Student Recruitment Team (SRT) is seeking current law students — regardless of year — to assist the Admissions Office in recruiting the best and brightest students from the state and nation.

The volunteers will be the first image presented to potential law students as they evaluate the college, and will help eager law school hopefuls evaluate the institution on a more personal level, catering to factors important to applicants. Students will be trained regarding basic and

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### Get Job Tips

Get important job information wherever you are through the Career Services Hotline. Sign up at [www.law.ufl.edu/career/resources/hotline](http://www.law.ufl.edu/career/resources/hotline).

### Student Musician Needed to Assist With Organizing Faculty/Student Recital

Dean Robert Jerry needs a law student with good musical aptitude to assist in organizing a "Schubert-style evening," in which students and faculty will present for each other a music recital, with refreshments appropriate to the occasion. Interested students should provide their music-related credentials and contact information to Doris Perron in the Dean's Suite ([perron@law.ufl.edu](mailto:perron@law.ufl.edu)).

## • CAREER SERVICES •

### Upcoming Programs

#### Today and Tomorrow

- **Walk-In Resume Review**, today, Jan. 12, 1:30-4 p.m., Career Services (244 Bruton-Geer Hall)
- **E-Attorney Orientation**, today, Jan. 12, 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Walk-In Resume Review**, tomorrow, Jan. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Career Services

#### This Spring

- **SHIPS: Fellowships, Internships, Clerkships**, Jan. 16, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **What I Did Last Summer**, Jan. 20, noon, faculty dining room
- **Real Property Forum**, Jan. 21, 6-7:30 p.m., faculty dining room, co-sponsored with ETELS
- **Dress for Success**, Jan. 27, noon, cafeteria, co-sponsored with JMBA
- **Interviewing Workshop**, Jan. 30, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Unlicensed Practice of Law**, Feb. 3, noon, auditorium, co-sponsored with BLSA
- **Trial Techniques - Expert Witness**, Feb. 5 (tentative)
- **Pro Bono Symposium**, Feb. 6, Bailey Courtroom, co-sponsored with APIL
- **Interviewing From a Multicultural Perspective**, Feb. 9, 5 p.m., room TBA, co-sponsored with Center for Race & Race Relations
- **Life As a Prosecutor**, Feb. 10, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with CLA
- **Externship Orientation**, Feb. 11, 5 p.m., and Feb. 13, noon, both in Bailey Courtroom
- **Lobbying & Government Practice**, Feb. 17, noon, faculty dining room

- **Careers in Family Law**, Feb. 24, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with Family Law Society
- **Careers in Insurance Law**, March 2, noon, 283 Holland Hall, co-sponsored with Future Litigators
- **View From the Judicial Bench**, March 16, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with LAW
- **Careers in Intellectual Property Law**, March 23, noon, faculty dining room
- **SHIPS (Part II)**, March 26, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Judicial Clerkships**, March 30, noon, 283 Holland Hall
- **The Successful Summer Associate**, April 2, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **IL Introduction Program**, April 5, noon, auditorium
- **E-Attorney Orientation**, April 6, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Resume & Cover Letter Writing (W/S)**, April 7, noon, 283 Holland Hall
- **E-Attorney/Fall OCI Orientation**, April 7, 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- **Successful On-Campus Interviews**, April 13, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Job Fairs Orientation**, April 14, 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

### Spring On-Campus Interviews

Bidding for Phase 1 On-Campus Interviews ends this Wednesday, Jan. 14. You **must** have gone to an OCI/eAttorney Orientation to participate. If you missed orientation, you must watch the video in the Media Center and complete all the requirements by Jan. 14 to participate in Phase 1. Contact Career Services for information. □

## • CLASSROOM TO CAREER: ALUMNI WORDS OF WISDOM •

"Never let anyone define your destiny; always use discouragement as encouragement to accomplish all that you desire. And always, always remember, 'With God all things are possible.'"

— Winifred L. Acosta NeSmith (UF BA 92, JD 95) grew up in Live Oak and since the age of 13 dreamed of one day being a prosecutor, even naming her childhood horse "Prosecutor." Reaching her goal, she was appointed as an assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Florida in Tallahassee last September. She also served over seven years as an assistant statewide prosecutor with the Florida Attorney General's Office in Jacksonville and an assistant state attorney in the Third Judicial Circuit in Lake City. She has been honored by many local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. She is a regional director for the National Black Prosecutors Association. She enjoys motivational speaking at schools, churches and elsewhere in her spare time. She also has established the Acosta NeSmith Achievement Award, a scholarship for high school seniors in her hometown.



## UF Law Conferences Feature Diverse Topics, Top Speakers

University of Florida Levin College of Law conferences this spring cover a wide range of subjects and topics ranging from intellectual property to race relations. They are generally open to the public (advance reservations usually required) and law school faculty, staff and students often can attend at a discount or even free of charge. An overview and contact information follows:

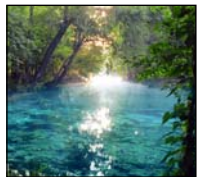
- **Second Annual Music Law Conference**, Jan. 30-31, J. Wayne Reitz Union on main campus. The conference will feature a full day of panels on both law and music topics as well as two nights of band showcases at venues throughout Gainesville.



Registration forms are available online at [www.musiclawconference.com](http://www.musiclawconference.com). Registration for UF students is only \$20. The MLC also is looking for volunteers to help run the conference. For information: Jason Gordon ([jason@musiclawconference.com](mailto:jason@musiclawconference.com)).

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- **10th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, "Shaping Florida's Future: A Decade of Protecting an Eternity,"** Feb. 19-21, Gainesville. This student-produced conference will focus on water issues and features author Carl Hiaasen as banquet keynote speaker. Kickoff reception at Florida Museum of Natural History with speaker Oliver Houck from Tulane University; banquet at Hilton Hotel and Conference Center; panels at Reitz Union. For information: PIEC Co-Chair Erika Zimmerman ([zimmere@hotmail.com](mailto:zimmere@hotmail.com) or 336-6592).



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- **Third Annual Law and Technology Conference**, Feb. 20, Orlando. Presented by the Intellectual Property Law Program. Keynote speaker will be James E. Rogan (under secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C.). Topics to 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, Plantation),

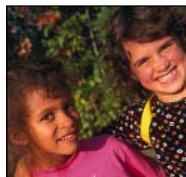


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Michael S. Walsh (Jenner & Block LLC, Chicago, IL), Barbara C. Wingo (UF deputy general counsel), Virginia R. Quijada (Oracle Corp., Miami), Armando J. Tirado (Ingram/Micro, Miami) and Richard S. Vermut (Rogers Towers, P.A., Jacksonville). For information: Conference Director Barbara DeVoe ([devoe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:devoe@law.ufl.edu) or 392-8070) or IP Program Director Thomas Cotter ([cotter@law.ufl.edu](mailto:cotter@law.ufl.edu)).

- **"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 & Race Relations in honor of the 50th anniversary of the landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, in which the Supreme Court held that segregated schools were unconstitutional. The conference will open with a special showing of the documentary, "The Intolerable Burden," which traces three generations of a Mississippi family dealing with segregated schools, followed by Q & A with producer Constance Curry. In addition to UF faculty, featured speakers include Richard Banks (Stanford Law School); Peggy Cooper Davis (NYU Law School); Edgar Epps (University of Wisconsin School of Urban Education); and Leland Ware (University of Delaware School of Public Affairs). Speakers will explore the history and legacy of the decision and implications for today's children and educational policies. CLE credits available. For information, go online to <http://lic.law.ufl.edu/ccl/> or contact Program Assistant Debbie Kelley ([Kelley@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Kelley@law.ufl.edu) or 392-7576).



Organized by the Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR). Key U.S. and Latin American international, governmental, legal and educational officials will participate, along with representatives of international universities, organizations, businesses, and law firms with global interests. Hosted by University of Costa Rica Law School and held at the Marriott Hotel. For conference or other information: CGR Development Director JoAnn Klein (392-2237 or [klein@law.ufl.edu](mailto:klein@law.ufl.edu)).



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Also scheduled are conferences on Lesbian Gay, Bisexual and Transexual Issues (Jan. 24), Career Development (Feb. 28); and Ethics (March 19). Watch future issues for details. □

## Key Patriot Act Player Gives Dunwoody Lecture Feb. 27

All are invited to a presentation by Georgetown Law Professor and former U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy Viet Dinh



(right), who will give the keynote speech at *Florida Law Review's Dunwoody Lecture Feb. 27*. A noted legal scholar, Dinh played a key role in implementing the controversial Patriot Act after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, he came to America as a refugee in 1978 and went on to graduate magna cum laude from Harvard College and Law School.

## Drop/Add Ends Wednesday

Drop/add ends Wednesday, Jan. 14, at which time fee liability is assessed based on student class schedules and total credit hours posted at the end of the day. Log onto ISIS ([www.isis.ufl.edu](http://www.isis.ufl.edu)) to check class availability or initiate the drop/add process. For information: Registrar Kimberley Thomas in Student Affairs (392-0421).

## • MEET THE FACULTY •

### View on the Profession

"A legal education and a J.D. provide a great entry into all kinds of interesting careers, from legal practice (in its nearly infinite varieties) to politics, policy-making, business, and, worst-case scenario, talk-show hosting. I hope students treat their careers like they treat their upper-division course selection: Do what you need to do, but also try to do both what you want and what's meaningful to you to the extent possible. There are jobs that are merely jobs; but there's work out there that can make the significant part of your waking life that you have to devote to it worthwhile and, hopefully, fun."

### Education

J.D., Yale Law School; Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Institute of Communications Research; M.A., University of Texas at Austin, Department of Radio/Television/Film; B.A., University of Virginia.

### Expertise/Background

Expertise in Property, Land Use, Administrative Law, and Legal and Cultural Theory. Former Yale Law School teaching assistant (Civil Procedure); conference coordinator; editor, *Yale Law Journal*; and symposium editor, *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities*. Also served as visiting lecturer, Indiana University, Department of Telecommunications; and assistant professor, Shenandoah University, Department of Mass Communications. Former Environmental and Land Use Law fellow, Shute Mihaly &



**Mark Fenster**  
Assistant Professor

Weinberger, San Francisco; and judicial clerk for Judge Carlos Lucero, 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. Admitted to practice in New York and California.

### What You May Not Know

"I played in a band in high school with three guitarists and a trumpet player. Among others, we did songs by Molly Hatchet and the Velvet Underground."

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

### Yegelwel Hate Crimes Fellowship

The Levin College of Law's Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRL) encourages students to apply for the first annual Evan Yegelwel Hate Crimes Fellowship.

The fellowship supports student research and scholarship on hate crimes. It was funded by UF law alumnus Evan Yegelwel (UF JD 80), partner in the Jacksonville law firm of Brown, Terrell, Hogan, Ellis, McClamma, and Yegelwel, to help reduce bias-motivated crimes.

To apply for the Spring 2004 Fellowship (\$1,000), please submit:

- Cover letter expressing your interest in studying hate crimes and some indication of the topic(s) you are interested in researching for the fellowship paper.
- Your resume (with references).
- Your transcript.

Turn in applications in hard copy form by Friday, Jan. 16, to Patricia Hancock in 340 Holland Hall. For more information: Dr. Kathryn Russell-Brown ([russellbrownk@law.ufl.edu](mailto:russellbrownk@law.ufl.edu)).

### Fall 2003 App. Ad. Student Grades

Professor Joe Jackson's Fall 2003 Appellate Advocacy students should check their grades. Those receiving an "I" or "U" should contact him without delay at [jjackson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:jjackson@law.ufl.edu) to schedule a time to meet.

### Bamba Named CSRRL Assistant Director

Melissa Bamba has accepted the position of assistant director for the UF College of Law's Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations. She will begin work with Center Director Dr. Kathryn Russell-Brown in February.

Bamba earned her M.A. (Criminology and Criminal Justice) from the University of Maryland in 1996; B.A. (Criminal Justice) from Temple University in Pennsylvania in 1992; and Paralegal Certificate from Widener University in Pennsylvania in 1986. She has served as a research/graduate assistant/associate at George Washington University Biostatistics Center, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Committee on Law and Justice; CSR, Inc. in Washington, D.C.; and University of Maryland. She also was a criminologist for Crime Control Research Corporation in Washington, D.C., worked as a paralegal for LegalAssist of Philadelphia and for the law firm of Brobyn & Foceno, and was an instructor for the University of Pennsylvania Veteran's Upward Bound Program.

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations seeks to promote racial understanding, interracial dispute resolution, racial equality and racial healing, and to influence public policy through university, local, state and national projects and by bringing guest speakers to campus and hosting state and national conferences.

The center is looking for students interested in becoming race center affiliates. Contact Professor Russell-Brown ([csrrr@law.ufl.edu](mailto:csrrr@law.ufl.edu)) for information. □



Melissa Bamba

## • SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

• Intellectual Law Program Director/ Professor **Thomas Cotter's** proposal for a paper for an upcoming symposium sponsored by George Washington University and Oracle Corporation has been accepted.

• Professor **Patricia Dilley's** remarks at the AALS Section on Employee Benefits session on "Employee Stock Ownership" after Enron were published in 7 *Employee Rights and Employment Policy J.* 213 (2003).

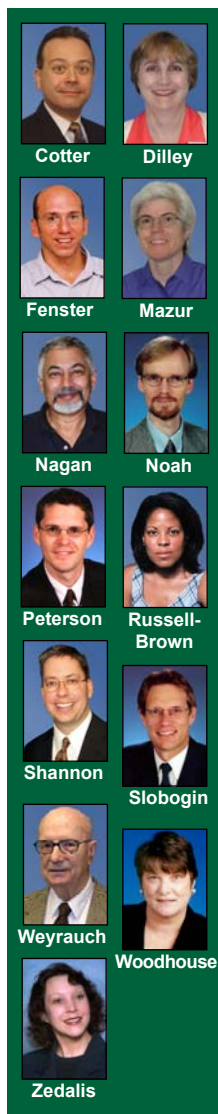
• Assistant Professor **Mark Fenster** was quoted in the *Newark Star-Ledger* in an article syndicated by the Newhouse News Services about the national commission examining the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and in an article in the French daily paper *Libération* in an article on the 40th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination.

• University of Florida Research Foundation Professor **Diane H. Mazur** published an article in the *Boston Globe*, "Democrats pursue veterans' votes" Nov. 30 and an editorial in the *Chicago Tribune* "Perspectives" section (online at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/perspective/chi-0312280397dec28,1,4110372.story?coll=chi-newsopinionperspective-hed>) Dec. 28. Her article, "Why Progressives Lost the War When They Lost the Draft," will appear in the *Hofstra L. Rev.* (2004).

• Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar/Professor **Winston P. Nagan** was elected a fellow of the prestigious Royal Society of the Arts (UK).

• UF Research Foundation Professor **Lars Noah** will publish "A Postmodernist Take on the Human Embryo Research Debate" in the *Connecticut Law Review* (as part of a symposium issue dedicated to the stem cell controversy) and "Deputizing Institutional Review Boards to Police (Audit?) Biomedical Research" in the *Journal of Legal Medicine*.

• Assistant Professor **Christopher L. Peterson** delivered a speech Nov. 22 on "Traps for the Unwary: A Survey of Common Consumer Scams Targeting Senior Citizens" at a conference on



Seniors, Grandparents, and the Law sponsored by the Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging and Three Rivers Legal Services.

• Assistant Professor/Center on Children and the Law Associate Director **Sherrie Russell-Brown** published "A U.N. Solution to A Problem from Hell," 2 *Wash. U. Global Studies L. Rev.* 427 (2003), a review of Samantha Power's *A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide* (2002).

• Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs **Patrick Shannon** presented a paper on "First-Semester Law School as an Intercultural Communication Event" at the National Communication Convention in Miami Nov. 20.

• Stephen C. O'Connell Professor/Center on Children & the Law Associate Director **Christopher Slobogin** published "The Structure of Expertise in Criminal Cases," in *Seton Hall Law Review's* two-issue symposium on *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*. He was quoted in the *New York Times* and appeared on NBC's *Today Show* concerning the Lee Malvo (sniper) case. His comments about the Lionel Tate case (where a teenager received a life sentence for committing a felony murder when he was 12) were carried in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and several other papers.

• Distinguished Professor/Stephen C. O'Connell Chair **Walter Weyrauch** published "The Romani People: A Long Surviving and Distinguished Culture at Risk," 51 *Am. J. Comparative L.* 679 (2003) (book review).

• Center on Children and the Law Director/David H. Levin Chair in Family Law/Professor **Barbara Woodhouse** published "Enhancing Children's Participation in Policy Formation," 45 *Arizona L. Rev.* 751 (2003).

• Trial Practice Director/Legal Skills Professor **Jennifer Zedalis** published "Re-thinking Your Practice Habits — Seven Ways to be a Better Lawyer in the Criminal Courts," 33 *Florida Criminal Law Journal* (Fall 2003). □

### Professor Writes Murder Mystery

UF College of Law

Professor and former Associate Dean Michael

Seigel just finished a 375-page murder mystery set at a fictitious Tampa law school. The book, *Improbable*

*Events*, is narrated by Tampa Bay University College of Law Associate Dean and former prosecutor Mark Bolton. Bolton assists the dean in handling the fallout when a law student is found dead in a classroom and teams up with an old law enforcement buddy to investigate the crime.

Seigel, a longtime resident of Tampa, is a magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He's been a mafia prosecutor (Philadelphia Organized Crime Strike Force), first assistant U.S. attorney (Tampa), and UF law school associate dean. He currently teaches Evidence and Criminal Law.

"It's obvious that I used my professional experiences in writing the book, but it's definitely fiction," said Seigel. "I also did some research — helped by a UF law student — in evidence and criminal procedure to ensure its legal accuracy. Publishing the book will further my mission as a law professor by educating the general public about these fields of law. I am now actively seeking an agent or publisher."

Anyone with recommendations or contacts in the publishing field interested in assisting Seigel can contact him at [seigel@law.ufl.edu](mailto:seigel@law.ufl.edu) or 813-246-9456.





## Summer Study in Costa Rica

Students interested in developing legal skills in comparative, international and environmental law should consider the UF College of Law's Costa Rica Program.

For information, download a special edition of *FlaLaw* (pdf format) about the Costa Rica Program — including clinical, externship and related opportunities — from the program Web site at [http://conservation.law.ufl.edu/summer\\_costarica](http://conservation.law.ufl.edu/summer_costarica) or get a hard copy and/or additional information from Program Director Tom Ankersen in the Center for Governmental Responsibility (230 Bruton-Geer Hall, [ankersen@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ankersen@law.ufl.edu)) or Coordinator Noemar Castro in the Office of Student Affairs (164 Holland Hall, [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu)).

## Florida Bar Social Jan. 15

A Gator Law Alumni Reception will be held at The Florida Bar Midyear Meeting Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30-8 p.m., Jasmine Room, Miami Hyatt. For information: Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Kerrie L. Mitchell (392-9296).

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frequently asked questions, and will be encouraged to add their own very important views of what law school is like on a daily basis at UF, including comments on quality of life and sense of belonging and connection with the law school and other students. Some team members even will be able to travel to various cities around the state to assist in recruiting efforts.

Applications for SRT are inserted in this issue of *FlaLaw* and available in the Admissions Office. Return your completed application and copy of your resume to Admissions by Friday, Jan. 16. One-hour SRT Training will be held Jan. 21 at 7 a.m. or Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. For information: Lewis Hutchison (392-2087 or [hutchison@law.ufl.edu](mailto:hutchison@law.ufl.edu)).

## Volunteers Sought for New Legal Services Landlord/Tenant Clinic

A new Three Rivers Legal Services (TRLS) landlord/tenant clinic will be held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the TRLS Gainesville office. Training for law students interested in volunteering at the clinic will be held in the Bailey Courtroom Jan. 22, 1-3:30 p.m. Spaces are limited, so pre-register by Jan. 21 via e-mail to [rhonda.decambre@trls.org](mailto:rhonda.decambre@trls.org). For more information: Kathleen Arnold (372-0519) or visit [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org).

## JMBA News and Events

- **First general board meeting for JMBA representatives**, today, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All interested students welcome. Come find out how to become involved in JMBA and your law school community. First-semester students are especially urged to attend.
- **First semester elections** will be held Monday, Jan. 26, during the 7 p.m. general board meeting in 190A Holland Hall.
- **Sign-ups for church parking decals** will be held in the JMBA office Monday-Thursday, Jan. 12-15. The drawing for the decals will take place Friday, Jan. 16. Selected students will be notified over the weekend, and may purchase the decals at the JMBA Office Jan. 19-23.

## Law College Council Budget

Student organizations should be planning their budget requests for the 2004-05 academic year (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005). The Student Government budgetary process begins early this semester and organizations will need to submit their requests to the Law College Council. Details on proper forms and deadlines will be available soon, but in the meantime questions can be

## Fall Class Gift

Fall 2003 Class Chair Sarah Rumpf (right) presented a check for \$18,900 to Dean Robert Jerry at graduation ceremonies Dec.



19. The gift was made possible through an effort led by Rumpf and students Jonathan Brand, Troy Finnegan, JoAnn Guerrero, Brian McPherson, Dexter Smith, Scott Smylie and James Davidson.

The funds — which were contributed by faculty and alumni as well as students — will support a wide variety of programs and services for students at the Levin College of Law, ranging from student organization activities to scholarships.

addressed to LCC Treasurer Kimberly Galatioto ([kgalatioto@hotmail.com](mailto:kgalatioto@hotmail.com)) or LCC President Justin S. Flippen ([Gatorlaw78@aol.com](mailto:Gatorlaw78@aol.com)).

## Unlicensed Law Practice Issues

Director of The Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Division Lori Holcomb will speak Tuesday, Feb. 3, noon, in Holland Hall auditorium. Holcomb provides practical advice on how students can avoid problems in areas such as business cards and titles on correspondence, and types of activities students can legally undertake without conducting the unauthorized practice of law. Her presentation is particularly valuable for part-time law clerks, clinic or pro bono program participants, summer associates or certified legal interns.

## Enter Essay Contest by Jan. 30

Students are encouraged to enter The Florida Bar's Law Student Professionalism Essay Contest. Essays will be judged on caliber (relating to professionalism issues/topics), creativity, organization, writing style and technical expertise. They must be submitted to Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Gail Sasnett in Student Affairs by Friday, Jan. 30.

The Bar's Law School Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Professionalism reviews entries and selects the winner, who receives \$1,000 and expenses paid to the award ceremony at the Florida Supreme Court. The winning essay is published in the *Florida Bar Journal* and *News* and on the Bar Web site. The winner's law school receives a trophy designed by Hugh Nicholson, "The Lion of Justice," which is housed at the law school and passed on each year. For information: Student Affairs (392-0421) or visit the Florida Bar Web site ([www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org)). □

## Honor Committee Report

The UF College of Law Honor Committee reports its actions each semester for the prior semester. In Fall 2003, the Honor Committee was presented with five separate occurrences of potential violations of the Honor Code involving seven students. Of the five, one has been adjudicated with sanctions to the student involved and the remaining four occurrences are still in process.

If you have a question about the College of Law Honor Code and/or have observed a violation/potential violation, we encourage you to talk to one of the following Honor Committee members:

- **Lori Thompson**, 5th semester, Chair ([therose@ufl.edu](mailto:therose@ufl.edu))
- **Stephanie Mickel**, 5th semester, Vice Chair ([mickelsm@ufl.edu](mailto:mickelsm@ufl.edu))
- **Kevin Jinks**, 2nd semester, Secretary ([kjinks@ufl.edu](mailto:kjinks@ufl.edu))
- **Brian Arthur**, LL.M. Representative ([barthur@ufl.edu](mailto:barthur@ufl.edu))
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- **Aisha Salem**, 4th semester ([aisha3@msn.com](mailto:aisha3@msn.com))
- **Mitesh Patel**, 3rd semester ([mitesh@ufl.edu](mailto:mitesh@ufl.edu))
- **Allison Lane**, 3rd semester ([lanealli@hotmail.com](mailto:lanealli@hotmail.com))
- **Jonathan Carroll**, 2nd semester ([jcarroll@ufl.edu](mailto:jcarroll@ufl.edu))
- **Legal Skills Professor Margaret Temple-Smith** ([temples@law.ufl.edu](mailto:temples@law.ufl.edu))
- **Legal Skills Professor Teresa Rambo** ([rambo@law.ufl.edu](mailto:rambo@law.ufl.edu))
- **Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Dean Gail Sasnett** ([sasnett@law.ufl.edu](mailto:sasnett@law.ufl.edu))

## Mills Chairs Florida Supreme Court Committee on Privacy in Court

Responding to growing concerns about private and confidential information being widely distributed through new electronic media, Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead (UF JD 63) issued an order adopting recommendations of a court and legislative study group designed to protect the people of Florida when such information is contained in court records. The order establishes a Committee on Privacy and Court Records to develop a uniform statewide policy to ensure this information is filtered out of court records before they are placed in media like the Internet and bulk electronic access systems. UF College of Law Professor/Center for Governmental Responsibility Director/Dean Emeritus Jon Mills (UF JD 72) was appointed to chair the committee.



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Serving with him will be UF Legal Technology Institute Director Andrew Z. Adkins, III (UF BSEE 82, ME 89) and judges and practitioners from across Florida.

The select committee is charged with developing comprehensive policies to be adopted by the court to guide electronic access to court records and address the growing concern that information like social security numbers, medical records, and financial disclosures contained in court records can be used to commit crimes such as fraud or identity theft. Some of this information also may be confidential under state or federal law, but no uniform mechanism is now in place to see that it is removed before electronic distribution. The committee is to develop and initiate strategies for reducing personal and sensitive information that may unnecessarily become part of court records and develop recommendations regarding categories of information routinely included in court records to be considered as exemptions from the right of access. □



## People Awareness Week Jan. 26-30

The University of Florida will celebrate People Awareness Week 2004 the week of Jan. 26 to celebrate and demonstrate the value of diversity through art, dance, food, film and music. Events also will encourage acceptance, respect and appreciation of diversity in relation to race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status and religious affiliation.

For information: Beth Waltrip ([bethw@union](mailto:bethw@union)).

## MLK Reading

The Office of Diversity and Community Development will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a reading by Director of Admissions Lewis Hutchinson of the "Letter from Birmingham Jail" at noon Tuesday, Jan. 13, auditorium.

## Fall 2003 Prof. Responsibility Students

Professor Don Peters will hold an exam review regarding his Professional Responsibility course last term this Wednesday, Jan. 14, 4 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. The session will enable students to read their exams and compare them to model answer outlines to be distributed at the meeting.

## Value Interdependence Over Independence

— By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

Martin Seligman in his book, *Learned Optimism*, observes that Americans have become consistently more depressed since the end of World War II. As our prosperity increases, an ironic rise in suicide occurs. Seligman postulates that many of us have taken the American value of "rugged individualism" to an unhealthy extreme. As Americans, we work harder than people in most developed countries do, and we expect ourselves to accomplish our goals without any help from others.

Those who work within this philosophy often feel shame when seeking help. This shame is natural, but unjustified. America's past is full of examples of supportive communities (small towns, churches, etc.) that were always ready to help anyone in need.

The College of Law is a modern community. It provides you with friends and services that can help you out during — or before — your toughest times. One difficult time may be the hectic semester opening. As the UF College of Law Resource Counselor, I provide assistance in dealing with the stressors and complexities that accompany law school life as well as with personal concerns.

Please drop by my office in Career Services Mondays (8-11 a.m.), Tuesdays (8-11 a.m.) or Thursdays (8-12 a.m.), or contact me for an appointment time convenient for you. E-mail me at [pacifist@ufl.edu](mailto:pacifist@ufl.edu) or call 846-0148 or 392-0499.

Services are free and confidential. For after-hours emergencies, call the Alachua County Crisis Center at 334-0888.



## Submit News for FlaLaw

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## Students Can Join Florida ABA Mediation Competition Team

More and more courts are ordering mediation before cases go to trial, and the ability to represent clients in mediation settings is fast becoming a vital — and highly desirable to employers — lawyering skill. UF law students can gain experience and credentials in this area by entering the Fourth Annual Representation in Mediation Competition sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA) Dispute Resolution Section.

To apply, students must attend a mandatory meeting Jan. 20 and submit an application and updated resume no later than Jan. 23 in a manila envelope marked "Representation in Mediation Competition" to Debbie Kelly in the Center for Children and the Law (309 Holland Hall). The competition is open to students taking or who have completed a Negotiation, Mediation or Civil Clinic course; are willing to practice 20 hours for the competition; and are able to attend the competition in New Orleans, LA, on a weekend in late February or early March.

The competition focuses on the art of negotiation and persuasion, and competitors role play as advocates and clients in a mediation setting. More than 70 teams from 40 law schools nationwide participate.

The 2004 regional competitions will be hosted by Loyola University in New Orleans. Regional



winner will go on to compete at the national competition in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Section of Dispute Resolution in New York, NY, April 15-17.

Florida is entering two teams (two students on each). The team faculty advisor is Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director/Legal Skills Professor Alison Gerenscer, and B.J. Whisenant is competition chairman. Students may sign up in teams or individually, since the competition director will pair singles with others. During the first night of competition, one team member will play the role of the client while the other plays the role of the attorney, later switching roles. Each will be scored separately. Students with the highest total scores from the judges will move on to the final night of competition. Only one student in a team may be chosen. The team of four students will be chosen from those competing during the final night.

### Important Dates:

- Tuesday, Jan. 20, Mandatory Sign-up Meeting, 6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall
- Friday, Jan. 23, 2004 entry forms due to Debbie Kelley, Center for Children & the Law, 309 Holland Hall
- Tuesday, Jan. 27, 5-9 p.m., first round of competition in Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinic
- Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m., second round of competition in Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinic

For information: <http://www.abanet.org/dispute/mediationcomp.html>. □

## Local Lawyers To Discuss Real Property, Probate and Trust Law at Reception

The Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) Section of The Florida Bar will sponsor a panel/reception for students interested in these practice areas at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Faculty Dining Room. Six local attorneys from the Young Lawyers Division will serve on a panel to share their experiences with law students.

"The purpose of the program is give students the opportunity to dialogue with lawyers who have transferred from law school to law practice within the last five years." said attorney Rhonda Chung-de Cambre, a RPPTL representative on the Florida Bar Law School Liaison Committee. "We will answer their questions about practicing in the fields of real property, probate and trust law and encourage students to become active members of the RPPTL Section once they become members of the Bar."

Panelists include John Campo (Robertson Group), Michael Faehner (president-elect of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division), Robert Lash (Moody & Salzman), James Burnett Kelly III (Salazar & Kelly) and Glorimil Rosario Walker (Three Rivers Legal Services). Attorney Chung-de Cambre coordinated the event and will serve as moderator. Contact her for information at [rdecambre@yahoo.com](mailto:rdecambre@yahoo.com) or 372-0519.

## UF LAW CALENDAR

See Calendars Online at  
[www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu)

### January

- 12 • Career Services' Walk In Resume Review, 1:30-4 p.m., Center for Career Services, 244 Bruton-Geer Hall
- Career Services' OCI Orientation, 5-5:30 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- LCC Executive & Board Budget Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 190B HOL
- JMBA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 190A HOL
- 13 • Career Services' Walk-In Resume Review, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Center for Career Services
- 14 • Drop/Add Ends, Fee Liability Assessed
- 15 • Florida Bar Social, 6:30-8 p.m., Miami
- 16 • Career Services Presentation on Fellowships, Clerkships and Internships:, Noon-1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Faculty Enrichment, Michael Froomkin, University of Miami Law School, noon, faculty dining room
- 20 • Career Services Presentation, What I Did Last Summer, noon-1 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- 21 • APIL/NLG Meeting With North Florida ACLU President, noon-2 p.m., auditorium
- Career Services and ETELS Real Property Forum, 5:30-7:30 p.m., faculty dining room