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## New Business Law Organization

Members of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar visited the Levin College of Law last November to promote establishment of a student organization oriented toward this important legal area. Law students Doug Bates (3L) and David Gay (3L) took the lead in the effort, and as a result the new business law organization will hold its first meeting this Thursday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall.

“Many competing institutions have similar programs,” said Bates. “UF is the state’s flagship university, and it’s only fitting that we express our commitment to business law through a student organization.”



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The two had help from Associate Dean for International Studies/Professor Stuart Cohn and Gerald A. Sohn Scholar/Professor Jeffrey Davis, who serve as the group’s faculty advisors and help it work toward building a relationship with the Bar’s Business Law Section. With a membership of 4,000-plus lawyers statewide, the section reviews and drafts legislation, sponsors educational programs, and proposes changes in the way business law is practiced in Florida.

A true “win-win,” students in the new organization will benefit from exposure to opportunities and business issues, while the section receives

help with various projects.

“The range of possibilities is wide open,” said Davis.

“Students might work on the section’s legislative projects, help with a publication in *Business Law Quarterly*, or work on other projects that may result in personal contacts with business lawyers.”

Davis is a member of the section’s Executive Council and Legislation Committee, and chairs a special committee investigating proposed changes to Florida’s garnishment statute. A former chair and vice chair of the Bankruptcy UCC Committee, he was chief draftsman of the bill that created Florida’s Statutory Lien Law.

According to Cohn, “The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar has been exploring for several years how they can establish closer relationships with law schools and students. This group will provide an excellent opportunity for making personal contacts, assisting in projects and getting students interested in law reform

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A new business law organization founded by law students Doug Bates (left) and David Gay meets for the first time Thursday.

## UF Lambda Legal Alliance Law & Policy Conference

Lambda Legal Alliance will hold its first annual conference on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual issues this Saturday, Jan. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Levin College of Law auditorium.

The program this year, “Re-Framing the Debate: Legal and Social Implications of Lawrence v. Texas in the Areas of Gay Marriage, Florida’s Gay Adoption Ban, and U.S. Military Policy,” is free and open to the public, with breakfast and lunch provided at no cost.

Panels will be composed of practicing attorneys, law and social science professors, GLBT activists and researchers. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions after each panel. For more information: UF Lambda Legal Alliance ([LambdaUF@aol.com](mailto:LambdaUF@aol.com)).

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### Organization Fair Wednesday

“Students can benefit greatly by taking a few moments to get information, get acquainted and get involved at the Student Organization Fair,” said Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro.

A number of groups will be represented at the event this Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Holland Hall concourse, including:

- The Law School Republicans (LSR), who will have officers and members available to welcome new students to the law school and provide

information about their organization.

- The Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society (EASL), which encourages interested students to stop by its booth for more information on benefits of involvement.

For information on the fair: Justin Flippen ([Gatorlaw78@aol.com](mailto:Gatorlaw78@aol.com)) or the LCC Office.

### Law Review Writing Competition

Nearly half of *Florida Law Review* members qualify for membership in the prestigious organi-

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## Real Property, Probate & Trust Law 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. this 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.

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.

## Student Musician Needed to Assist With 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 •

### Phase 2 of On-Campus Interviews

On-Campus Interviewing Phase 2 Bidding opens next Monday, Jan. 26, for Phase 2 employers. Bidding will close at midnight Feb. 2 (the first day of interviewing for Phase 1 employers). Those who missed OCI orientation can watch the video in the Media Center. Come to Career Services if you need an ID and/or password for eAttorney or have questions.

### First-Year Minority Scholarship

Baker & Hostetler established the Paul White Scholarship Program to facilitate the recruitment and employment of minority attorneys. The program offers a paid summer associate clerkship and \$5,000 cash award. Applications are available in Career Services and the Office of Diversity and Community Development for interested first-year (fall entrants only) minority law students, and are due by next Monday, Jan. 26.

### Apply Now for Summer Fellowships

Applications for Florida Bar Foundation Summer Legal Services Fellowships **must** be postmarked by Monday, Jan. 26. For information on fellowship opportunities, visit the Fellowship Corner at [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org) and [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) or visit Career Services.

### Washington, D.C. Tax Fair

The deadline to bid on employers and upload resumes for the Washington, D.C. Tax Fair (for LL.M. in Taxation students **only**) is 5 p.m. this

Friday, Jan. 23. All bidding **must** be completed by this time. Interview selections will be available on eAttorney Feb. 5. Students **must** sign up for interviews by Feb. 11 to attend the job fair, and interviews not scheduled by 5 p.m. will be cancelled.

### ISIP New York Job Fair Alternates

Alternates will be notified today if their alternate slot has turned into an interview slot.

### Upcoming Programs

- **What I Did Last Summer**, today, Jan. 20, noon, faculty dining room, pizza courtesy of Lexis
- **Real Property Forum**, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m., faculty dining room, co-sponsored with ETELS
- **Dress for Success**, Tuesday, Jan. 27, noon, cafeteria, co-sponsored with JMBA
- **Interviewing Workshop**, Friday, Jan. 30, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Unlicensed Practice of Law**, Tuesday, Feb. 3, noon, auditorium, co-sponsored with BLSA
- **Trial Techniques - Expert Witness**, Thursday, Feb. 5 (tentative)
- **Externship Informational Meeting**, Friday, Feb. 6, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- **Interviewing From a Multicultural Perspective**, Monday, Feb. 9, 4 p.m., room TBA, co-sponsored with Office for Diversity and Community Development
- **Life As a Prosecutor**, Tuesday, Feb. 10, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with CLA

## • CAREER SPOTLIGHT: OSCAR SANCHEZ •

"I owe my career and good fortune to the UF law school. And my most gratifying experience was being named president of the school's Alumni Council. I can never give back as much as this school has given me, but I hope to help ensure that future generations will have the same opportunity I had: to obtain one of the finest legal educations in the country, right here in Florida. My advice to students and new lawyers is to give back to your community. Champion a cause you believe will help your neighbors — whether through the ACLU, the Chamber of Commerce, your church or synagogue. The important thing is to give back."

— Oscar Sanchez (UF MA 81, JD 82), partner of Akerman Senterfitt and president of the UF College of Law Alumni Council. Sanchez originally pursued a joint degree in law and public administration, seeking a career in urban planning and zoning law, but after a summer internship at the State Attorney's Office in West Palm Beach, where he was allowed to first-chair four jury trials, Sanchez chose to become a trial lawyer. His first job out of law school in 1983 was with Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming, a civil firm in Ft. Lauderdale. Lured by big-city living, he went to Valdes-Fauli, Cobb & Petrey in 1985, the premier commercial boutique in Miami at that time. Five years later, he joined Akerman Senterfitt, Florida's largest commercial law firm.



## Former Florida Bar Fellow Recommends Experience to Others

Law students can have a career in public interest and balance their student loans at the same time, according to recent graduate Samantha Vacciana (UF JD 03), who recently was selected as a Equal Justice Works Fellow. What gave her the confidence to pursue this career path, she says, was what she learned as a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow.

"It's the best experience I've ever had," she said. "That summer is when I realized I wanted to be in public interest work after graduation."

To make her dream a post-graduation reality, Samantha formulated a proposal to serve a specific group of abused women in the West Palm area: immigrants who lacked legal status in the U.S. Her work in the coming two years will enable women who are victims of domestic violence to remain in the United States without having to tolerate abuse from their spouses. In addition, Greenburg Traurig, the firm that is sponsoring her, will pay her a stipend and cover her student loans for two years.

The Florida Bar Foundation Fellowship is one of the few paying non-firm jobs within the grasp of first- and second-year law students. The criteria are flexible, but students who show an extraordinary commitment to public service usually fare better in the selection process.

Before applying, Samantha spent a semester in the Pro Se Clinic and was a Certified Legal Intern by the time her fellowship began. In addition, she spent the previous summer assisting prisoners with class action issues as an extern with Florida Institutional Legal Services (FILS), did pro bono work in Gainesville, and competed in the Frederick Douglas National Moot Court Competition.

Showcasing your commitment to public service is important, but equally important is putting together a professional application.

Career Services Associate Director Jessie Howell advises students to write well-crafted

answers to why they would be the best candidate, and Samantha recommends typing it and having someone in Career Services look it over.

"Professionalism in the application process reflects how you will perform if selected," said Howell. "Typos won't impress anyone."

Once selected, fellows kick off the summer with a three-day orientation in Ft. Lauderdale, where they meet and train with 20 other students who will be selected to work at sites throughout the state. The foundation covers reasonable costs of travel to and from orientation, then pays a stipend of \$4,000 to 1L's and \$5,000 to 2L's for the remaining 11 weeks of work on location. Tasks range from representing clients in court (a possibility for Certified Legal Interns) to assisting with research, conducting client interviews and drafting pleadings.

Students should read program descriptions carefully before ranking site selections. Samantha recommends explaining in the application not only why you would like to be a fellow, but also why you would like to be a fellow at your first-choice location. Since the type of work handled at each location varies from housing issues to domestic violence to prisoner's rights, this explanation may help distinguish you as an especially well-suited candidate for a particular site.

Applications for the Florida Bar Foundation Fellowship are online at [www.flabarfndn.org](http://www.flabarfndn.org) and must be postmarked by Jan. 26. Visit Career Services for more information on fellowships, externships and pro bono opportunities.

— By Megan Sladek (2L)



### Singley Speaks at UF Law Thursday

**Bernestine Singley (UF JD 74, pictured above with her book and canine companion) will speak this Thursday, Jan. 22, 5 p.m., 190C Holland Hall. Her visit is hosted by the UF College of Law Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team, Office for Diversity and Community Development and ACCENT. Her appearance is free and open to the public.**

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 both Massachusetts and Texas and contributed to a number of anthologies, including *Children of the Dream*. At her UF law graduation, she was one of only four African American women.

For more information: JaDawnya C. Butler, Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team (256-6294 or [jbutler@ufl.edu](mailto:jbutler@ufl.edu)) or Desta Meghoo-Peddie, Director, Diversity & Community Development (392-9238 or [meghoo@law.ufl.edu](mailto:meghoo@law.ufl.edu)).



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zation through its semiannual Open Writing Competition. All third-semester students who have successfully completed Legal Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher are invited to participate. The first informational meeting will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in 290 Holland Hall. All eligible students are strongly encouraged to attend to learn more.

## JMBA News and Events

- **"JMBA Night Out,"** this Thursday night, Jan. 22. Look for flyers or visit the JMBA Office for details.
- **First-semester representative elections** will be

held Monday, Jan. 26, 7-8 p.m., at the general board meeting in 190A Holland Hall. All first-semester students are encouraged to run. (There is no general board meeting this week due to the holiday.)

- All are invited to the JMBA/Career Services **"Dress for Success"** presentation Tuesday, Jan. 27, at noon in the cafeteria. Representatives from The Men's Warehouse and Casual Corner will demonstrate how to build the perfect interview look, transform interview suits into suits for all occasions and build a versatile wardrobe while saving money. VIP discount cards will be distributed to those in attendance. Lunch will be served and door prizes raffled. For information: Frank Garcia ([garciafr@ufl.edu](mailto:garciafr@ufl.edu)).

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## • MEET THE FACULTY •

### View on the Profession

"I've been involved in the legal profession since I was 19: as a runner, secretary, legal assistant, office manager, lawyer and now skills professor. The profession has been my life.

"Every individual has the potential to change society, and lawyers are even more able to do so — for good or bad. Your reputation is all you have; it's the most important thing. Be good people first and lawyers second. Life is short: do it today, be careful of what you do, and don't take shortcuts.

"Over the years, I've seen changes in the profession, but lawyer jokes aside, I've been fortunate in knowing and working with many good people — incredible people."

### Education/Background

B.S.B.A. (Finance, with high honors), J.D., University of Florida (with honors), Order of the Coif, editor-in-chief and senior research editor, *Florida Law Review*. Became a sole practitioner in 1994 after working in the Gainesville firm of Henry L. Gray, PA. Began teaching at UF College of Law in 1996. Executive Board: American Inns of Court. Board of Directors: Eighth Judicial Bar Association. Officer: Eighth Judicial Bar Association; Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Eighth Circuit Chapter. Member: Florida Blue Key, UF College of Law Alumni Council,

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### Join Committee to Cut Loans

If you could choose any career you wanted without regard for paying back your law school loans, what would you do? The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) wants to give graduates the opportunity to find out. APIL invites applications for the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) Committee for 2004. The LRAP Committee will consist of a small group of students from all semesters who will work together to develop a program like those at Georgetown, Columbia and Stanford that assist students in paying back their law school loans. No experience in or knowledge of LRAP programs is necessary, but dedication to developing an LRAP program is. This is a great opportunity to get involved in something that will have a positive impact for generations to come. For more information or an application, contact Jessie Howell in Career

### DIANE TOMLINSON

Legal Skills  
Professor,  
Legal Research  
& Writing and  
Appellate  
Advocacy  
Program



National Alumni Association, Beta Gamma Sigma (Business School Honors Society), Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, *Florida Law Review* Alumni Association, Legal Writing Institute.

### What You May Not Know

Tomlinson lives with four dogs and two parrots. An avid fan of jazz and rock 'n roll, she still loves the Beatles (especially Paul). Last year, she discovered Play Station 2, and particularly enjoys Need for Speed, ATV and Pac Man. Her late husband was Jim Tomlinson, Eighth Circuit Judge.

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



### Help With Music Law Conference

Music Law Conference organizers will hold a meeting today, Jan. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in 296 Holland Hall for those interested in volunteering.

The conference will be held Jan. 30-31 at the Reitz Union, and will feature a full day of panels on topics of both law and music and two nights of band showcases at venues throughout Gainesville.

To attend, download a registration form from [www.musiclawconference.com](http://www.musiclawconference.com). For information, contact Jason Gordon at [jason@musiclawconference.com](mailto:jason@musiclawconference.com).

### 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 (pictured),



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.

Services or e-mail Jill Mahler at [jillmahler@hotmail.com](mailto:jillmahler@hotmail.com). Applications are due Jan. 31.

### FJIL Informational Meeting

The *Florida Journal of International Law* (FJIL) will hold an informational meeting for students interested in writing a comment to get onto the *Journal* today, Jan. 20, at noon in 292 Holland Hall. A second meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall for those who can't attend the first meeting. The comment competition is open to all third-, fourth- and fifth-semester students. For information: FJIL Executive Student Works Editor Damon Gasser ([damongasser@hotmail.com](mailto:damongasser@hotmail.com)).

### Career Development Conference

The 2004 Career Development Conference will be held Feb. 28 at the Paramount Hotel in Gainesville, and will consist of panel discussions  
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by practicing attorneys. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about an area of law they are interested in and possibly discover new interests in the process. The conference also will feature a networking reception and opportunity to meet and speak with attorneys from firms across the southeast. For information or to get involved in organizing the conference, e-mail Nick Dancaescu ([vnickdd@hotmail.com](mailto:vnickdd@hotmail.com)).

### First Family Law Society Meeting

The Family Law Society will hold its first meeting of the semester Friday, Jan. 22, 1-2 p.m. in 190B Holand Hall. If you are unable to attend or want more information, contact Rachel at [yff\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:yff_98@yahoo.com).

### 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., in the 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. Competition packets will be available for \$5 at the informational meeting. For more information, visit the Trial Team Web site (<http://grove.ufl.edu/~uftteam/right.html>).

### 'Nuptials for the New Age'

The Christian Legal Society and the Blackstone Fellowship® will present "Nuptials for the New Age: Does Lawrence v. Texas Justify Same-Sex Marriage?" Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 5

p.m. in the Bailey Courtroom. Senior Vice President of the Alliance Defense Fund Jeffery J. Ventrella, Esq. will lecture on the current state of constitutional law with respect to the legalization of same sex marriage, with emphasis on the policy/philosophical reasons why same sex marriage should not be legalized. A question/answer session will follow. For information: Jonathan D. "J.D." Simpson (379-3496).

### Moot Court Try Outs

The Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team holds try outs for eligible third- and fourth-semester students each semester. To be eligible, students must be in good academic standing and have already completed Appellate Advocacy. The team is a proven way to hone research, writing and oral skills. To learn more about the team and the try out process, attend an informational meeting at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 190B Holland Hall.

### Donations Needed

CGR Public Interest fellows will collect travel-size toiletries for St. Francis House residents Jan. 20-30. Collection boxes are in Career Services and Student Affairs and outside the JMBA Office.

### Law School Republicans Meet

The Law School Republicans (LSR) will hold their first meeting of the semester Thursday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. Discussions will focus on upcoming events and projects and the election. All interested law students are welcome. Pizza will be served.

The LSR's also continue to promote law student involvement in GEAR-UP, the Alachua  
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### 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.ufl.edu](mailto:bethw@union.ufl.edu) or 392-1655).

### Submit News for The Docket

*The Docket* — which is inserted in *FlaLaw* every other week — is a forum for the views of law students at the Levin College of Law and accepts articles, opinions and commentaries from readers. (*The Docket* does not republish articles from other news mediums.)

Submissions should be Word compatible, 750 words or less, and include contact information. The deadline for the first *Docket* is noon Tuesday, Jan. 27. E-mail entries or questions to [jmbadocket@yahoo.com](mailto:jmbadocket@yahoo.com) or contact editors Kristen Simmons and Stephanie Mickle.

## Making the Best of Your Worst Behavior — By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

If you do not like the way you behave in certain situations, try using the "trigger-emotion-response" model to change your behavior.

First, think of a situation in which you behaved in an unsatisfactory fashion. That situation is your "trigger." Write it down on a piece of paper. Skip a line. Then write down what you did in that situation. That is your "response." Finally, in the skipped line, name the emotion you felt just before your response and just after your trigger.

You have just analyzed your behavior. You are ready to change it. On the piece of paper, write about five to ten other responses you could have to that emotion. We respond to our emotions, not to our triggers. Make sure your responses are concrete actions.

Next, pick the response that you think would work best whenever you are feeling that emotion. Now rehearse that emotion — followed by the response — repeatedly, like an actor. The emotion does not have to feel real. Fake the emotion and follow it with your newly chosen response until the new response seems to flow naturally from the old emotion. You may be surprised at the results.

Contact Resource Counselor Jim Porter ([pacifist@ufl.edu](mailto:pacifist@ufl.edu) or call 392-0499) for personalized coaching that is free and confidential to UF College of Law students. □





## Study in the Netherlands

Leiden University in the western part of the Netherlands enables UF law students to spend a semester overseas. The Faculty of Law at Leiden University has long pursued an international orientation, recognizing the need to train lawyers to confront problems transcending national frontiers. The faculty is the largest in the Netherlands, and more than 4,000 students are enrolled in its many programs and institutes. It offers 50-plus courses in Public International Law, European Community Law and Comparative Law divided into four themes: Foreign and Comparative Law, International and European Community Law, Legal History and Free Subjects.

UF students must apply for the UF-Leiden Exchange Program for Fall semester by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. For an application or more information, visit the Office of Student Affairs, contact Noemar Castro (392-0421 or [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu)) or go online to <http://www.law.ufl.edu>, click on Student Affairs, then Study Abroad.

## Call for Submissions

Articles, notes, comments and reviews are sought for the *Indigenous Law Journal*. Student papers are eligible for cash prizes of up to \$500. Articles should be received by 4 p.m. Jan. 30. Go online to [www.indigenous-lawjournal.org/apply.htm](http://www.indigenous-lawjournal.org/apply.htm) for more information.

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County school system's volunteer program that provides mentoring and support to area middle and high school students. Volunteers are needed, and this is an excellent opportunity to help local kids and earn community service hours.

For more information: VP Adria Toledo ([atoly@ufl.edu](mailto:atoly@ufl.edu)) or go online to [uflawgop.com](http://uflawgop.com).

## 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 this Thursday, Jan. 22, 1-3:30 p.m. Space is limited, so pre-register by Wednesday, 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).

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

The Bar's Law School Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Professionalism selects the winner, who receives \$1,000 and expenses paid to an 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, "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)).



Mediation Clinic students trained "peer mediators" at Jordan Glen School last fall.

## Mediation Clinic Works With Students

College of Law students reached out to help local middle school students at Jordan Glen School and Lincoln Middle School last fall.

As part of a Mediation Clinic project, students trained "peer mediators" at Jordan Glen School to help younger students at their school resolve conflicts and bring peace to their environment. They also worked to strengthen and advise the peer mediation program at Lincoln Middle School.

"We received a lot of grateful letters from the students we worked with," said Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director/Legal Skills Professor Alison Gerenscer. "For example, one stated she had already begun to use the lessons learned in the 'invaluable training' she had received."

"I really appreciate you guys teaching us something that will help us throughout our entire lives," wrote another student. "I really respect you for what you do. I like having the ability to help children solve their problems in more reasonable and productive ways."

Law students who trained the peer mediators also found the experience enriching.

"Passing on the experience I have been taught as a mediator to the next generation of mediators was amazing," said a UF law student participant. "Teaching mediation to students at such a young age not only assists in resolving their peer's problems, but also teaches how effective an alternative method of resolving problems can be."

For more information on the clinic, contact Gerenscer at 392-0412 or [gerencse@law.ufl.edu](mailto:gerencse@law.ufl.edu). □

## Audition Today for Black History Month Play

Actors are needed for the Office of Diversity and Community Development's Black History Month presentation of "A Lesson Before Dying," written by Ernest J. Gaines and adapted by Romulous Linney. Auditions will take place today, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at 12 West University Avenue, Suite 204. All races welcome. The play will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m. in Holland Hall auditorium. □

## • SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

### UF Law Presenters at AALS

A number of UF College of Law personnel presented programs at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) meeting in Atlanta Jan. 2-6, including:

- Legal Technology Institute Director **Andrew Z. Adkins, III**, "The Effective Road Warrior: Accessing Your Office While on the Road," Section on Institutional Advancement.
- Senior Development Director **Donald Hale**, panel, "Making the Most of Your Board," Section on Institutional Advancement. Hale also was elected to the Executive Committee for the AALS Section on Institutional Advancement, where he will be one of only about a dozen members charged with representing fund-raising programs at all 183 accredited law schools.
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Jeffrey Harrison**, panels on "The Ethical Dimensions of Teaching Economics" and "The Future of Socio-Economics."
- Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol**, panel on international family law organized by Sections on International Law and Family Law. Her paper, "Asking the Family Question," will be published in *Family Law Quarterly*.
- Office of Student Affairs Assistant Dean **Richard L. Ludwick**, panel, "Can We be Too Accommodating? Probing the Outer Limits of the ADA."
- Associate Professor **Pedro Malavet**, "Presentation in Classroom," Workshop on Technology and Pedagogy.
- Professor **Amy Mashburn**, panel, "The Ethical Dimensions of Teaching Economics."
- Publications Coordinator **Jennifer Piascik**, panel, "Website Challenges," Section on Institutional Advancement.



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- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** participated in three panels, "Errors in the Jury Box: The Implications of Cognitive Psychology for Jury Decisionmaking" (moderator and presented a paper, "Ten Proposals for Reform of the Jury System"); "Murder and Memory" on amnesia, multiple personality disorder and criminal responsibility (moderator); and "What Evidence and Criminal Procedure Scholarship and Law Have to Learn From One Another" (presented a paper, "Evidentiary Exclusionary Rules and Exclusionary Rules in Criminal Procedure").

### Publications and Activities

- An article based on a talk former UF law Visiting Professor **Albrecht Cordes** from the University of Frankfurt gave when he was here has been published in the *Oxford University Comparative Law Forum*. (Note: We welcome **Dr. Rainier Nickel**, who is here this semester from Frankfurt.)
- University of Florida Research Foundation Professor **Diane H. Mazur** published an editorial, "Serious Debate About Military Weakens With Demise of Draft," in the *Detroit News* Jan. 6 and "Draft Essential to Military-Civil Ties" in *The Sun News*, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Jan. 8. Her editorials on the draft also were published in the *Chicago Tribune* Dec. 28, *Newsday* Jan. 2, *Stars and Stripes* Jan. 7 and *Gainesville Sun* Jan. 7.
- Center for Governmental Responsibility Research Associate **Barbara Noah** will publish "Bioethical Malpractice: Risk and Responsibility in Human Research," *J. Health Care Law & Policy* (forthcoming June 2004). □

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developments at the heart of the Bar's work."

Cohn serves on the section's Executive Council and Legislation Committee and is involved in redrafting Florida's Limited Partnership statute. A former chair of the Corporations and Securities committee, he has been involved in drafting or re-writing fundamental business laws, including Florida's Corporate Code, Partnership Statute and LLC Statute.

The new student organization has yet to be

named or have its mission defined, since its founders plan to solicit input from new and prospective members at the first meeting.

"That's one of the great things about getting in on the ground floor, being able to shape the direction and character of the organization," said Gay. "Especially with the Bar's intent to support interactions students will find most beneficial."

For information: Doug Bates (538-0979 or [ufbusinesslaw@hotmail.com](mailto:ufbusinesslaw@hotmail.com)).

— By D. Cupples (2L)

### Faculty Enrichment

A new list of Faculty Enrichment workshops and other scholarly events is online at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/enrichment.shtml>, including a new Environmental Law Workshop Series (indicated by a darker shade of blue).

### LEXIS News

- Career Services and LEXIS are co-sponsoring "What I did last summer" today, Jan. 20, at noon in the faculty dining room. Pizza served.
- Free LEXIS Printing is available. Go to [www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool) and type in the citation of the case you want the brief for. Click on the blue print link, select the Bruton-Geer Hall Media Lab printer from the pull down box and click print.
- LEXIS will hold training for students taking a seminar today, Jan 20, 2-4 p.m., in Bruton-Geer Computer Lab.

LEXIS student representatives Tanya Cunningham (2L), Duane Kaizer (2L) and Shana Bridgeman (3L) are available to help you Monday through Friday. Their lab schedules are posted in the Bruton-Geer Computer Lab and Holland Hall Library.

## Submit News for FlaLaw

FlaLaw is published each week school is in session. All are encouraged to submit news of interest to the law school community by 10 a.m. Tuesday for the following Monday's newsletter to Editor Debra Amirin, Director of Institutional Information & Publications, [amirin@law.ufl.edu](mailto:amirin@law.ufl.edu), Dean's Office (264 HOL), 392-9238, Fax 392-8727.

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## What Are You Doing This Summer? Consider Study Abroad

You may wonder about the benefits of studying overseas and worth of spending a summer traveling and studying versus clerking. According to some UF law Summer Abroad Law Program participants, benefits include the opportunity to obtain more credit hours in a shorter period of time, take classes with distinguished faculty and travel to a different country for the summer.

There are approximately 150 different ABA-approved summer abroad law programs available to any law student currently in good standing who has completed a full year of law school. Locations include almost any continent around the globe and the focus of study is as varied and diverse as the participants themselves.

Learn more and meet the faculty at the following informational meetings on three UF law programs:

- Costa Rica, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1 p.m., auditorium
- France, Thursday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m., auditorium
- South Africa, Tuesday, Jan. 27, noon, 190C Holland Hall

For more information and applications, contact Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro (392-0421 or [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu)) or go online to [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu), click on Student Affairs, then Study Abroad. ☐

## Apply for France by Feb. 13

UF College of Law students can study a semester at Montpellier University in the sunny region of southern France, only six miles from the Mediterranean coast and around 60 miles from the Pyrenees' mountains. The program runs September-December. Students pay UF tuition and can transfer up to 14 credit hours. Fluency in French is strongly

recommended, but not required. The application deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

The Montpellier Faculty of Law, established in the 12th Century, took part in drafting the Napoleonic Civil Code, which serves as a model for all countries

governed by Civil Law. It offers a wide choice of subjects, especially in business law and political sciences. The school also is engaged in international relationships comprising more than 70 nationalities, mostly European.

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## Attend Meeting Today to Apply for ABA Mediation Competition Team

Students interested in gaining valuable experience by entering the Fourth Annual Representation in Mediation Competition sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA) Dispute Resolution Section must attend a mandatory meeting today, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. in 190A Holland Hall. They also must submit an application and updated resume no later than Friday, 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 March 12-14 in New Orleans, LA. Regional winners 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.

The team faculty advisor is Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director/Legal Skills Professor Alison Genscer, and B.J. Whisenant is competition

chairman. Students may sign up in teams or individually, since the competition director will pair singles with others. For information: <http://www.abanet.org/dispute/mediationcomp.html>. ☐



## UF LAW CALENDAR

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

### January

- 20 • Career Services Presentation, "What I Did Last Summer," Noon-1 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- FJIL Meeting, Noon, 292 HOL
- Sign Up Meeting for ABA Mediation Team, 6 p.m., 190A HOL
- 21 • Student Organization Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Concourse
- APIL/NLG Meeting With North Florida ACLU President, Noon-2 p.m., Auditorium
- Career Services and ETELS Real Property Forum, 5:30 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- "Nuptials for the New Age: Does Lawrence v. Texas Justify Same-Sex Marriage?," 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Trial Team Competition Meeting, 6 p.m., Auditorium
- 22 • Law School Republicans Meeting, 1 p.m., Auditorium
- Family Law Meeting, 1-2 p.m., 190B HOL
- Business Law Organization Meeting, 5 p.m., 190B HOL
- Bernestine Singley (see page 3), 5 p.m., 190C HOL
- JMBA Night Out, Details TBA
- 23 • Faculty Enrichment, Professor James Nicholas, "Market Based Approaches to Environmental Protection," Noon, Faculty Dining Room
- Moot Court Try Outs Meeting, 5 p.m., 190B HOL
- 24 • Lambda Legal Alliance GLBT Law & Policy Conference, 9:30 a.m., Auditorium
- 26 • LCC-Executive Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 190 HOL
- JMBA First-Semester Elections & Board Meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- 27 • Faculty Enrichment, Vicki Been, NYU Law School, "Lucas vs. The Green Machine: The Problems of Cost-Internalization," Noon, Faculty Dining Room
- Career Services & JMBA Presentation, Dress for Success, Noon-1 p.m., Cafeteria