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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

'Depart from the Ordinary' International Fair Tuesday

Sample refreshments from around the world and learn more about the many opportunities the Levin College of Law offers for international travel and study at a "Depart from the Ordinary: International Information Fair" Tuesday, Feb. 3, noon-2 p.m. on the Holland Hall concourse. The International Law Society (ILS) is hosting the event, and will provide information at the fair on international externships, UF summer law and exchange programs, the International and Comparative Law Certificate Program and *Florida Journal of International Law*.

German Legal System Topic of ILS Guest Speaker Thursday

The International Law Society (ILS) invites all interested students to attend their meeting this Thursday, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m. in 190C Holland Hall. Visiting professor Rainer Nickel will speak about the German legal system.

Membership in ILS has grown to more than 200 students during the last year, a reflection of an increasing emphasis on the "global" practice of law. ILS features a speaker at each monthly meeting who practices or teaches some form of international law. Past speakers have included a former ambassador, a professor from France, and an attorney who practices international commercial law.

For more information, e-mail ILS President Gregory Boylan at gboylan@ufl.edu or call him at 870-8632.

Law School Republicans

Mary Johnson, administrative aid to U.S. Representative Cliff Stearns, will speak about state and local governance issues Thursday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The Law School Republicans (LSR) will conduct a regular meeting immediately afterwards to address upcoming events and the campaign season. Food and refreshments will be provided for

members and guests. Sign up for the LSR listserve and/or check out uflawgop.com for information.

The LSR's also promote law student involvement in GEAR-UP, the Alachua County school system's volunteer program that provides mentoring and support to middle and high school students. If you want to help local kids while earning community service hours, e-mail VP Adria Toledo at atoly@ufl.edu for information.

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Spend your summer in an exotic locale while earning law school credit for coursework.

Study Abroad: Plan Your Summer Now

Wondering about the benefits of spending a summer traveling and studying versus clerking at a law firm? According to UF 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 experience a new country and culture.

Apply by Feb. 13 for Fall Study in The Netherlands

Apply for the Fall 2004 UF-Leiden University Exchange Program in the Netherlands by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

For information and application forms for international law study programs, contact Coordinator Noemar Castro in Student Affairs at 392-0421 or castro@law.ufl.edu or go online for detailed information and applications at www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad.



Black History Month Kicks Off

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Student Association (above, with board in front) has organized the following in honor of Black History Month:

- Every Monday – Black History Trivia, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Holland Hall concourse. Test your knowledge and win prizes.
- Every Thursday – Classic Movie Matinee, 1-4 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Co-sponsored by JMBA.
- Voter Registration, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., WaiMart in Butler Plaza. Co-sponsored by JMBA.
- Donation Drive for Peaceful Paths, Feb. 8-14. Co-sponsored by APIL & LAW.
- Professor Michelle Jacobs, "Tools African-American Lawyers Need to Succeed in Today's Legal Profession," Feb. 10, 6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall.

For information: BLSA Historian Erica Williams (ericakarol@yahoo.com).

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Student Finalist in Essay Contest

UF law student Kevin Regan's essay, "Facilitating Sustainable Development through the Central American Free Trade Agreement's Environmental Text: Chile Should Be a Floor, Not a Ceiling," — written for Adjunct Professor Buddy MacKay's class — made the finals in the 2004 NYU Environmental Law Journal Essay Contest. Regan (shown above with CGR Research Associate Richard Hamman on a field trip in Costa Rica) has won or made the finals in a number of national writing contests.

Olympic Medalist/UF Law Graduate Speaks Today

Frank Shorter (UF JD 74), Olympic Marathon gold (1972) and silver (1976) medalist, speaks today, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in a free, public presentation sponsored by the Florida Track Club. The speech will be in the Division of Plant Industries on 34th Street, across from Campus Credit Union. For information on the presentation and Track Club (which Shorter helped found), go to <http://www.florida-trackclub.org/news.html>.

Shorter won the 1972 Sullivan Award, honoring him as an outstanding American amateur athlete, and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1975. For more on Shorter, go to <http://www.runfrankshorter.com/index.shtml>.

• CAREER SERVICES •

Summer/Fall 2004 Externships

Externships can be performed during any semester, and students can apply for one offered by Career Services or propose their own.

Mandatory meetings for those considering externships this summer or fall will be held in the Bailey Courtroom Friday, Feb. 6, at noon or Wednesday,

Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. Students **must** attend one of these meetings to pursue a 2004 externship.

Internships Available

Students at the recent "Ships" presentation on internships, externships and fellowships learned that internships can take the form of unpaid posi-
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• ALUMNI REFLECTIONS: JOHN ARTHUR JONES •

"The profession has changed drastically since I graduated from law school in '49. Now, it's more of a business than a profession, more about money than service. It's also a more hurried environment, without the time to reflect that really makes for better results. Another enormous change has been the contribution of women lawyers to the profession — a big plus. Women bring something to the profession that it didn't have before, which has tended to offset some of the commercialism.

"Law is communication, so I advise students to take writing and speech courses. Get involved in extra-curricular activities, because you'll learn so much from the interactions. Don't stay in a shell, go out and be exposed to other people and cultures. My late friend, Chesterfield Smith, said, 'You give something back, and you do so with pleasure.' Money is important, but it's a very narrow life if that's your only pursuit. Mere accumulation of wealth is not what law is really about."

— John Arthur Jones (UF LLB/JD 1949, With Honors), Partner, Holland & Knight. Jones volunteered for military service in 1940 and served until 1946, fighting in WWII. While a student at the UF College of Law, he was a Student Government law school representative; Blue Key member; Honor Court clerk; and *Florida Law Review* executive board member, case editor and articles editor. His case comment was published in the *Review's* first bound volume in 1948.

Jones has practiced 54 years. He is Bar-Certified in Wills, Trusts and Estates, and is considered an expert in banking law, estates & trusts, real property and commercial law. In 1949, he joined the Tampa firm of Knight, Thompson, Knight & Bell, and made partner five years later. That firm, then named Knight, Jones, Whitaker & Germany, merged in 1967 with Holland, Bevis, Smith, Kibler & Hall, and became Holland & Knight. While serving in 1980 as general counsel for a large Tampa bank, Jones helped re-write Florida's Banking Code as special counsel to the Florida House of Representative's Commerce Committee. He has lectured at the Florida School of Banking and taught courses for the Florida Bankers Association for more than a decade.

He is a member and former chair of the Probate and Guardianship Forms Committee; chair of The Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section and director of its Probate and Trust Law Division; a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers; an academician of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law; and fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He has received the highest rating in the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory* and been listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Law* and *The Best Lawyers in America*. He has been honored with The Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section's "Robert C. Scott Memorial Award" (1985) and its "William S. Belcher Lifetime Professionalism Award" (2003), which was named for his late friend and law school classmate. Jones has joined with other members of the firm of Holland & Knight in donating \$50,000 to the *Florida Law Review* endowment fund.



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tions where the law student may receive credit under some circumstances for work they perform in federal, state or local government offices or public interest agencies. Many of the following available internships are paid positions that are not-for-credit, however, and students should carefully read all available information before making a choice.

- **ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund Legal Internship Program**, throughout U.S. Application deadline: April 9. Pays stipend to students who spend summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless clients or their advocates. Candidates should have a demonstrated interest in public interest law and experience working with poor people or issues affecting them. Second- and third-year students preferred since they may offer more skills, but first-year students with paralegal or similar experience also are urged to apply. Minimum commitment of eight continuous weeks between May 1 and Oct. 1. Applications available online at www.abanet.org/homeless or by calling 202-662-1694.
- **Citizen Advocacy Center Summer Interns**, Elmhurst, IL. Application deadline: April 15. CAC is a community legal organization in the western suburbs of Chicago designed to strengthen the voice of citizens and make government more accountable to the people. Activities include monitoring local government, litigation on behalf of citizens to sustain access to justice, and education about freedom of information laws, referendum, initiative and access to airwaves. CAC accepts volunteers and interns all year, and a core component of their work is to supervise law student interns and coordinate pro bono lawyers. They typically have six to eight law student interns each summer to help with legal research and litigation. Send resume and cover letter only. Contact: Terry Pastika, Community Lawyer/Organizer, Citizen Advocacy Center, 238 N. York Rd. Elmhurst, IL 60126-0420; phone 630-833-4080; fax 630-833-4083; e-mail cac@citizenadvocacycenter.org; Web <http://www.citizenadvocacycenter.org/>.
- **Environmental Careers Organization (ECO)/CEIP Fund, Inc.** ECO offers a wide variety of paid internships in the fields of environmental protection, public policy and community development, and resource management. No application deadline, but early applications generally receive the best response. Applications and information can be obtained from ECO at 179 South St., Boston, MA 02111; phone: 617-426-4375; online at www.eco.org.
- **Media Law Internships, Student Press Law Center**, Rosslyn, Virginia. Paid internships. Information online at <http://www.splc.org/internships/medialaw.html>.

Important Changes to OCI Policies and Procedures

It is very important that On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) participants remember that their interactions with employers not only significantly impact their own careers, they also can affect the reputation of the law school and their fellow students. Students should exhibit the highest level of professionalism in contacts with prospective employers. The legal community is a

close knit group and lawyers from different firms share information and stories about interviewing experiences and candidates.

On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) policies and procedures regarding declining or cancelling interviews changed Jan. 1, 2004. OCI participants must note and adhere to the following new policies and procedures:

1. **Decline Policy.** You may decline three interviews. (Assuming that you have made a good faith effort to research firms you have bid on, you should not need to decline any interviews, barring unforeseen circumstances or emergencies.) You must complete an OCI Interview Decline Form — available online — and bring it to Career Services as soon as you determine you need to decline, and no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled interview day. Students who decline more than three interviews will have the remainder of their interview schedule automatically cancelled for the rest of the current semester.
2. **Late Cancellations.** Employers receive the interview schedule several days in advance, and cancellations received past the 48-hour limit do not allow time to delete your name from their list. Since a late cancellation reflects poorly both on you and the law school, you will be required to send a letter of apology to the employer and provide a copy to Career Services within one week of the missed interview. Late cancellations also count toward the three decline limit.
3. **Failure to Sign Up.** Failure to either schedule or decline an interview with an employer during the first-come, first-serve student open sign-up period will result in the forfeiture of that interview. If you do not sign up 48 hours prior to the interview, you automatically will be ineligible and an alternate notified to accept your slot. The forfeiture also is considered a decline and counts toward the three decline limit.
4. **Failure to Appear at the Interview.** Failing to appear for a scheduled interview is disrespectful, unprofessional and unfair to alternates who were not granted an interview slot. Unless there is a documentable catastrophic event, failure to appear for an interview will result in the student's expulsion from on-campus interviews for the remainder of the semester as well as the following semester. You will be required to send a letter of apology to the employer and provide a copy to Career Services within one week of the missed interview. Unexcused failures to appear also will be reported to the Law Honor Board. □



More than 200 employers each year come to the law school to interview UF College of Law students.

Law Conferences

- **Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, "Shaping Florida's Future: A Decade of Protecting an Eternity,"** Feb. 19-21, Gainesville. More information is online at <http://grove.ufl.edu/~els/>.
- **Law and Technology Conference, Feb. 20, Orlando.** For information: Barbara DeVoe (devoe@law.ufl.edu or 392-8070).
- **"Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education,"** March 25-27, Gainesville. Co-sponsored by Center on Children & the Law and Center for the Study of Race & Race Relations. More information is online at <http://lic.law.ufl.edu/ccll>.
- **"Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas"** Conference, June 24-26, Costa Rica. Organized by Center for Governmental Responsibility. For information: JoAnn Klein (392-2237 or klein@law.ufl.edu).

Unlicensed Law Practice Talk Tuesday

All are invited to a Career Services presentation on the "Unlicensed Practice of Law," by Director of The Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Division Lori Holcomb, tomorrow, Feb. 3, noon, auditorium. The event is co-sponsored with BLSA. Holcomb provides practical advice on how students can avoid problems in areas such as business cards and titles on correspondence, and activities students can undertake without conducting the unauthorized practice of law.



Journals Available

Staff Editor Victoria Redd (above) announces:

- The Fall 2003 issue of the *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy* is available for subscribers and single issue requests. The issue features a dedication to Chesterfield H. Smith, a founding Advisory Board member of the *Journal*, which publishes scholarly articles on contemporary legal and social issues facing public policy decision-makers.
- The December 2003 issue of the *Journal of Technology Law & Policy* will be available Feb. 5. The edition presents interesting and relevant discussions of intellectual property and technology concerns.

For copies or subscription information, contact Redd at reddva@law.ufl.edu or 392-4980.

Bookstore Closes This Wednesday

The College of Law bookstore will close this Wednesday, Feb. 4, and reopen in Fall 2005 following completion of construction. All merchandise will be relocated to the main store in the J. Wayne Reitz Union on the University of Florida campus, including text and study aids for law students. The store will sell books on the Holland Hall concourse at the beginning of each term.

• MEET THE FACULTY •

View on the Profession

"After military service, I attended law school. My classmates and I were pleased to be joining the dedicated likes of characters such as those in *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Lawyers' reputations were their advertisements.

"The public image of lawyering changed with the Supreme Court ruling that lawyers have a First Amendment right to advertise. A review of the solicitations in the *Yellow Pages* and on television — particularly in conjunction with the Bar's attempt to improve the reputation and image of the profession — should lead laymen and lawyers alike to ponder the focus, the calling.

"Probably a third of today's attorneys are still deeply concerned about civil, constitutional and human rights. In my experience, many more appear to be concerned primarily with Wall Street models of investments. The rights of others and dignity of humankind do not appear to be of major importance in this day and time."

Education/Background

LL.M., Yale University; LL.M., University of Illinois; J.D. (Honors) and A.B., University of Georgia. Order of the Coif and member of Phi Beta Kappa. Georgia Bar member.

Joined UF College of Law faculty in 1962. Founding director, Montpellier University Summer Law Program, France; co-founder and lecturer, Center for Human Rights and Peace, Makerere University, Uganda. Honorary Fellow, Centre of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London. Professeur au Centre de Droit du l'Entreprise, Montpellier. Has taught and/or lectured at Makerere University, Uganda; Escuela Libre De Derecho, Mexico City; Cambridge-Warsaw Program, Trinity College, England; University of Lodz, Poland; Baylor University; ABA OPAL Program at Princeton and Brown Universities; University of Natal Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; and U.S. Department of Treasury's Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia. CEELI legal specialist and advisor to the Parliament and Constitutional Court in Kiev, Ukraine; consultant and technical advisor to the Juridical Council, Thailand; and consultant to the Attorney General, Indonesia. Speaker and delegate, 11th-21st International Symposiums on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge, England (co-sponsored by Center for International Financial Crimes Studies). Delegate: Conference on Human Rights, Kiev State University, Ukraine; and International Constitutional Law Roundtable, Murten, Switzerland; Nairobi, Kenya; and United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, Accra, Ghana.

Publications include a five-volume treatise,



Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr.

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Financial Crimes Studies; Honorary Fellow,
Society for Advanced Legal Studies,
University of London

Money Laundering Asset Forfeiture and International Financial Crimes (Oceana Press, N.Y., 1993-2002); and three-volume treatise, *Cybercrime and Security* (Oceana Press, N.Y.) (co-authored). Served on advisory board of the *Financial Crime Review* and *Journal of Money Laundering Control*, University of London. Active practice limited to appellate constitutional litigation.

What You May Not Know

Baldwin served in the Army and Marines. He spent two years at the University of Hawaii, where he played football, competed on the club Judo team, belonged to the Young Buddhist Association, and retreated to the "Bodhi Tree" for enlightenment prior to exams.

He came to the University of Florida specifically because the dean promised he could teach and take civil rights and constitutional pro bono cases. He has argued in both Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts and lower courts in Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Alabama, New York, Pennsylvania and Louisiana, and worked as special state attorney.

Law is a family business for Baldwin: his wife, daughter, son, son-in-law, niece and nephew are all UF College of Law graduates. (His young grandsons — Walker, Fletcher and Baldwin — are frequent visitors to Holland Hall.) His roots are deep in Georgia and Virginia, and his undergraduate major at Georgia was Civil War History.

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

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SALSA Reception Friday

All first-semester law students and others interested in finding out more about the Spanish American Law Student Association (SALSA) are invited to a First-Semester Reception this Friday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m. in Holland Hall auditorium. Food and refreshments served. For more information, e-mail Sabrina Lopez at sab@ufl.edu.

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 by practicing attorneys. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about an area of law they are interested in and explore new interests. 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).

Volunteer Surveys Available

Three Rivers Legal Services (TRLS) has trained 24 law students to volunteer in a new TRLS landlord/tenant clinic, the first of many opportunities for law students to gain valuable experience through volunteering during law school. Volunteers can learn the law, develop practical legal skills and meet local lawyers.

Clinic directors are now seeking to develop other volunteer opportunities for law students. A blue volunteer survey designed to gauge areas of greatest student interest is inserted in this issue of *FlaLaw*. Students are asked to read and complete the survey and return it to the TRLS drop-off box in Career Services. If you need a copy of the survey or more information, phone Kathleen Arnold at 372-0519 or e-mail Rhonda Chung-de Cambre at rhonda.decambre@trls.org.

Symposium Volunteers Needed

Center for Governmental Responsibility Public Service Fellows are planning a Community Law Symposium this spring, and plan to host panel discussions in the community on such topics as street law, public benefits, family law/domestic relations and voter education aimed at educating

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Georgetown Law Professor and former U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy Viet Dinh (front and center, with President George Bush at left) will give the Dunwoody Lecture here Feb. 27.

Former U.S. Assistant Attorney General Speaks in Wake of Patriot Act Federal Ruling

A federal judge in California has ruled a portion of the Patriot Act unconstitutional.

"The portion of the Act that bars giving expert advice or assistance to groups designated foreign terrorist organizations has been declared void for vagueness in violation of the First and Fifth Amendments," said Cheryl Priest, *Law Review* symposium editor.

"The timing of this ruling — the first to declare a portion of the Act unconstitutional — makes Georgetown Professor and co-architect of the U.S. Patriot Act Viet Dinh's visit that much more timely," said Priest.

Students, faculty, and the community are invited to hear Dinh speak Friday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. in Holland Hall auditorium.

"We hope everyone will come hear what Professor Dinh has to say, and engage in a thoughtful discussion of this increasingly controversial topic," said Priest.



Law Review Announces Grade-Ons

Recent grade-ons to the *Florida Law Review* include (from left) Taylor Pancake, David Luikart, Doyle Campbell, Andrew Gordon, Justin Smith, Michael Sayre, Juan Delgado, Louis Barbieri, Michael Freedman, Lindsay Patrick, Monica Vila (standing); Laura Murray, Marta Fulgueira and Joy Abrisch (seated).

Mind, Body and Spirit — By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

One way to deal with stress is to consider your life as having three aspects that need care — your mind, body and spirit. It is a convenient way to categorize your self-nurturing activities. Many people believe these categories are real and indivisibly compose who you are. The following are examples of activities that may help relax, sooth and heal you in these areas:

MIND

Your mind needs both rest and activity. Try:

- Games or puzzles
- 30 minutes of quiet time a day
- Professional counseling
- Self-help books

BODY

These ideas both energize and calm you:

- 10 minutes of daily stretching
- A massage
- Swimming laps
- Adequate sleep every night

SPIRIT

Some believe this is the most commonly neglected part

of us. Try:

- Regular prayer and/or meditation
- Spiritual music (performing or listening)
- Joining a spiritual community
- Practicing forgiveness in your family

Incorporating these or your own ideas for taking care of the "whole you" into your life can lead to greatly increased happiness and productivity. Don't wait until problems arise to try them out.



Resource Counselor Jim Porter is available to all UF College of Law students for free and confidential counseling and/or personal life coaching during office hours: Mondays (8-11 a.m.), Tuesdays (8-11 a.m.) and Thursdays (8 a.m.-1 p.m.) in the Center for Career Services (244 Bruton-Geer Hall). For individual appointments, call 392-0499 or e-mail pacifist@ufl.edu. □



Apply by Feb. 11 for Scholarships

Continuing Student Scholarships (\$1,000-\$2,000) for second- and third-year law students and eligibility requirements are listed on the Financial Aid bulletin board. Applications are available in Student Affairs and must be returned by Wednesday, Feb. 11. (Current scholarship recipients should note they may receive only one scholarship from the law school during a semester.) For assistance, contact Financial Aid Director Carol Huber (above) at 392-0421 or Carol_Huber@sfa.ufl.edu.

Call for Papers

Organizers of the upcoming conference on *Brown v. Board of Education* and its 50th anniversary encourage students to submit seminar papers or comments relating to the legacy and promise of this landmark case. Submit papers to Debbie Kelley in 309 Holland Hall or via e-mail to kelly@law.ufl.edu by March 15.

The papers will be showcased on the conference website (www.law.ufl.edu/childconference) and authors will be invited to participate in workshops at the March 25-26 conference.

Writing Skills Critical to Success in School & Profession

— By D. Cupples (3L)

Many employers require writing samples from law students, strong evidence of how important writing skills are to the legal profession. With fewer than 15 percent of cases going to trial, much of a lawyer's work is written.

"So much of what we judges do is based on written submissions," said Patricia Fawsett (UF JD 73), chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. "That is why strong writing skills are crucial to practitioners. The same is true for law clerks."

Florida Lawyer Magazine once listed poor writing skills as a frequent complaint about law school graduates, and Florida firms found it burdensome to teach legal writing to new associates. A lobbying effort to The Florida Bar in the late 1980s led by Holland & Knight persuaded school administrators to require advanced writing courses.

In addition to a major writing requirement for third-year students, Levin College of Law students must take courses in Legal Research and Writing, Appellate Advocacy and Legal Drafting. The programs are widely recognized for excellence and innovation — with faculty whose experience includes years of private practice, clerkships and teaching — and are designed to produce graduates with the writing skills critical to success in law school and the profession.

Legal Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy

"Legal writing instruction made a major difference in my law school experience," said Dean Emeritus Jon Mills (UF JD 72), former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and current director of UF law's Center for Governmental Responsibility. "My instructor, Cliff Black, took a great deal of time to explain legal writing and improve my understanding of it. The class made an immediate difference in test writing and helped my participation on both Moot Court and *Law Review*. Our college is fortunate to have an excellent program that continues to make a difference for our students."

The law school's Legal Research and Writing Program has been headed since 1992 by Legal Skills Professor Henry T. Wihnyk, and program faculty include Legal Skills Professors Tracy J. Rambo, Betsy L. Ruff, Patricia A. Thomson, Joseph S. Jackson, Leanne J. Pflaum and Diane A. Tomlinson and Adjunct Professor Holly Derenthal.



Legal Research and Writing and Appellate Advocacy Director Henry Wihnyk (front, left) and Legal Skills Professors (from left) Tracy Rambo, Holly Derenthal, Diane Tomlinson, Joseph Jackson, Betsy Ruff, Leanne Pflaum and Patricia Thomson, Office Manager Glenda Sawyer and Secretary Jennifer Hawley help students develop strong writing skills.

The Legal Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy Program's offerings include two required courses: Legal Research & Writing, which teaches students to analyze the law, apply it to case facts, identify opposing arguments and determine likely conclusions, and Appellate Advocacy, which focuses on written and oral components of the appeals process, culminating in students writing appellate briefs and presenting oral arguments before a panel of judges and lawyers.

"I cannot think of a lawyer who does not need to research the law and in some way write about it," said Wihnyk, who earned his LL.M. from Columbia University and practiced as an appellate lawyer in South Florida before joining the program in 1990. He also teaches the popular elective *Advanced Techniques in Appellate Advocacy* and serves as Moot Court faculty advisor.

The program has been emulated often over the years. In 2001, Rambo and Pflaum published a text, *Legal Writing by Design: A Guide to Great Briefs and Memos*, which has since been adopted by a number of other law schools.

According to Tomlinson (UF JD 92), practicing writing is as important as learning the basic skills. A former *Florida Law Review* editor, Tomlinson spent 20 years as a legal assistant and four years in private practice before joining the program in 1996.

"I encourage students to write-on to a journal," Tomlinson said. "Just the experience of researching footnotes and editing text and doing it over and over sharpens skills."

Legal Drafting

The UF College of Law was among the first in the nation to develop a required Legal Drafting

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• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

- Legal Technology Institute Director **Andy Adkins** will give a presentation this week on "How to Choose the Right Case Management System" at LegalTech/New York based on his book, *Computerized Case Management Systems: Choosing and Implementing the Right Software for You*, published by the ABA Law Practice Management Section in 2000. He is co-chair of LegalTech Conferences.
- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon's** West Group casebook, *International Civil Dispute Resolution*, was published in December, and he has signed a contract for a second edition based on the Law of NAFTA. His article, "Some Observations on Procedural Tactics in Cross-Border Tort Litigation," appeared in 14 *Revista Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado* 43 (2003). He will speak on international civil litigation at the Universities of Edinburgh and Aberdeen in March.
- Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol** will deliver the keynote address Feb. 6 on "Cuba: The Case for Linkages Between Trade and Human Rights" at "Whither Goes Cuba? Prospects for Economic & Social Development," sponsored by the University of Iowa College of Law and Center for International Finance & Development. She also will present "Out in Left Field: The Challenges of Good Governance in Cuba" in a "Good Governance: Assessing Cuba's Approach" panel Feb. 7. Her presentation will be published in the *University of Iowa Journal of Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*.



- Associate Professor **Cally Jordan** will be a panelist in March at a conference in Sarasota organized by the New York Stock Exchange on "The Future of Global Equity Trading."
- University of Florida Research Foundation Professor **Diane H. Mazur's** editorial on the draft was published in January in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Ann Arbor News* and *Newark Star-Ledger*.
- University of Florida Research Foundation Professor **Lars Noah** spoke about obstacles to pursuing judicial challenges to agency regulations as part of a panel discussion about overly generous IRS rules at the midyear meeting of the ABA Section of Taxation.
- Professor **Michael Seigel's** article, "On Collegiality," will be published in the June 2004 issue of the *Journal of Legal Education*.
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** published "A Jurisprudence of Dangerousness" in *Northwestern University Law Review* (Vol. 98: 1-62). He recently was quoted in the *Tampa Tribune* in a story about a judge who continued issuing warrants after becoming an undercover agent.
- David H. Levin Chair in Family Law/Director, Center on Children and the Law **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** spoke in January at the Mid Year Florida Bar Conference special session on "Lawyering for Children" on the topic of ethical issues in interviewing children. She also spoke at the UF Lambda Legl Alliance Law & Policy Conference on Lawrence v. Texas, proposing a child-centered perspective on "Rights of Children in Gay and Lesbian Families." □

Legal Drafting Director Anne Rutledge (right) and Legal Skills Professors (from left) Margaret Temple-Smith, Mary Vallandingham, Lynn McGilvray-Saltzman and Gaylin Sponis teach students to draft complaints, answers, contracts and legislative documents.



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Program. The program was established in 1987, and has since served as a model for other law schools nationwide. It is directed by Legal Skills Professor Anne Rutledge, and the faculty includes Skills Professors Lynn McGilvray-Saltzman, Margaret Temple-Smith and Gaylin Sponis and Adjunct Professor Mary Vallandingham.

Regarding the importance of writing to lawyers, Rutledge said, "Is throwing important to quarterbacks? Is cooking important to chefs? Writing is what lawyers do. Reading and writing are the tools of our trade."

Oscar Sanchez (UF JD 82), a partner of Florida's largest commercial law firm, Akerman Senterfitt, agrees: "Legal drafting is essential to advocacy."

UF's Legal Drafting course offers upper class students the opportunity to draft complaints, answers, contracts and legislative documents. Students receive detailed written comments on their work and often the chance to redraft.

"It's a labor-intensive course, for both student and faculty," said Sponis.

But the work pays off. Temple-Smith said feedback from alumni on the course's usefulness is consistently positive, and McGilvray-Saltzman said senior partners of Powell-Goldstein in Atlanta were so impressed with the drafting skills of a trio of UF summer associates one year, they hired all three to permanent positions, preferring them over students from Yale, Stanford and Virginia. □



Events Highlight Diversity

All are welcome at the following events organized by the UF College of Law's Office of Diversity and Community Development:

- Carol Velasques Productions, "A Lesson Before Dying," a play on race, pride and injustice, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 5-7 p.m., auditorium.
- "Interviewing From a Multicultural Perspective" Workshop (including race, ethnicity, gender and religious considerations), Monday, Feb. 9, 4-5 p.m., faculty dining room. Co-sponsored with Career Services.
- Brown Bag Lunch, "Minorities in Higher Education: Trials and Triumphs," Tuesday, Feb. 24, noon-1 p.m., cafeteria.

LexisNexis News

- Lexis has a new printer in the Holland Hall Library (behind the computers).
- Due to space limitations, all items printed from the Lexis printer in the Media Lab and Holland Hall must be picked up within 24 hours or they will be recycled.

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UF Law Student Daniel Ryan Koslosky Elected to Exclusive National Democratic Committee

First-year University of Florida law student Ryan Koslosky (right) was elected in late January to an exclusive committee charged with helping to write the platform for the national Democratic party. Koslosky earned enough votes from state Democratic leaders to become one of seven people — the only student and only representative from Alachua County in more than 20 years — to be selected for the party's temporary Standing Platform Committee.

"I am honored by the opportunity given to me to bring issues relating to students and education to the Democratic Party's 2004 national platform," said Koslosky, who will attend the Democratic Party Convention July 26-29 in Boston. "Issues such as Federal Pell Grants, scholarships and academic freedom are absolutely paramount in ensuring that every American, regardless of his or her background, is given the opportunity to receive a quality education. I believe the legacy of Bob Graham and Lawton Chiles calls us all to action to ensure that government's educational policies aim to enable the young to realize their hopes, dreams and aspirations."

Koslosky is a native of Merritt Island who earned his bachelor's degree (finance, with highest honors) from UF in 2002 and started law school this semester. His Honor Society memberships include Beta Gamma Sigma, Golden Key, Morter Board Senior and Delta Epsilon Iota. He has earned numerous academic awards and honors and has been active in a long list of student and political organizations. He also has found time to publish articles in the *University of Florida Journal of Undergraduate Research* ("Formal Constitutional Structure and Macroeconomic Growth in Transition Economies," May 2002) and *Florida International Review* ("Trans-Caspian Energy Relations in the Post-Soviet Era," Winter 2002).

During a 2001 internship in the Washington, D.C. office of U.S. Senator Bob Graham, where he served on a taxation and finance legislative policy group, Graham encouraged Koslosky to become involved in local politics. Koslosky followed his advice, and joined the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee. He has since worked on a number of campaigns, including Gainesville City Commissioner Warren Nielsen's re-election bid last year, Bill McBride's run for governor, Karen Thurman's campaign for U.S. Congress and the Gore/Lieberman campaign in 2000. He has served on the National Platform Committee for the College Democrats of America since 2001, and was chair of the City of Gainesville's Arbor Day Celebration early last month.

Among other initiatives, Koslosky plans to push for more academic freedom in the classroom and an expansion of educational grant programs. □



(Announcements, Continued)

the community and giving them information they can then use to help themselves. Students interested in planning or participating in the event should e-mail stephmarusak@aol.com as soon as possible. CGR Public Service Fellowships — there are currently five at the law school, all held by third-year students — are funded by The Florida Bar Foundation. Responsibilities include working for one year at an agency that provides legal services to the disadvantaged, such as Three Rivers or Guardian Ad Litem; publishing articles in the school newsletter on public interest law; and organizing events to inspire others to engage in public service.

JLPP Writing Competition

The *Journal of Law and Public Policy* (JLPP) invites third- and fourth-semester students to enter its Spring Open Writing Competition. JLPP enables students to develop research and writing skills and earn credit in the context of the campus' only interdisciplinary journal. The first informational meeting is Thursday, Feb. 12, 5 p.m., in 190A Holland Hall. All interested students are encouraged to attend. □

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- 2 • LCC General Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 283 HOL
- JMBA General Board Meeting, 7-8 p.m., 296 HOL
- UF Law Graduate/Olympic Medalist Frank Shorter, 7:30 p.m., Division of Plant Industries
- 3 • International Fair, noon-2 p.m., concourse
- Unlicensed Law Practice Issues, noon, auditorium
- Faculty Enrichment, Conservation Clinic Director Thomas Ankersen, "The Future of UF's Costa Rica Program," noon, faculty dining room
- Toastmasters Meeting, 5 p.m., 292 HOL
- 5 • LSR Speaker and Meeting, U.S. Representative Stearn's Administrative Aid Mary Johnson, 1 p.m., 190B HOL
- ILS Speaker and Meeting, Professor Rainer Nickel on the German Legal System, 5 p.m., 190C HOL
- Career Services Presentation, Trial Techniques (tentative)
- 6 • SALSA First-Semester Student Reception, 11 a.m.-noon, auditorium
- Faculty Enrichment, Joseph Bauer, Notre Dame Law School, "The Scope of Preemption of State Law Claims by the Copyright Act of 1976 and the Federal Copyright Regime," noon, faculty dining room
- Externship Informational Meeting, noon, Bailey Courtroom