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## Academic, Professional and Political Leaders Participate in Late February UF Law Conferences, Dunwoody Lecture, Final Fours

Speakers ranging from popular author Carl Hiaasen to former U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy Viet Dinh and numerous top legal scholars and professionals will participate in the following major events this week and next. All are open to the public (reservations required for most conference events).

• **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; banquet at Hilton Hotel and Conference Center; panels at Reitz Union. For information, go online to <http://grove.ufl.edu~els/>.



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• **Law and Technology Conference, Feb. 20, Orlando Radisson Plaza.** Presented by the Intellectual Property Law Program. Keynote speaker is recent Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director James E. Rogan. Topics to include corporate, transactional, licensing and international issues, "music wars" and litigation. Speakers include

top IP practitioners. For details, see the conference brochure online at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/pdf/ipfinal.pdf>.

- **Florida Law Review Dunwoody Lecture, "Nationalism in the Age of Terror," by Georgetown Law Professor and former U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy Viet Dinh, Feb. 27, 10 a.m., Holland Hall auditorium.** A noted legal scholar, Dinh played a key role in implementing the controversial Patriot Act after 9-11. For information, go online to <http://www.floralawreview.org/>.
- **Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team Final Four, Feb. 27, 1 p.m., Holland Hall auditorium.** "Final Four" competitors present oral arguments in front of judges from the 11th Circuit and an audience of students, faculty and others. For information, call the Moot Court Office at 352-392-2122.
- **Trial Team Final Four, Feb. 27, Motions in Limine begin at 10 a.m., Final Four at noon, Bailey Courtroom.** For information, go online to <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/organizations/trialteam/> or call the Trial Team Office at 352-392-6239.
- **Career Development Conference, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Paramount Hotel, Gainesville.** Features panel discussions by — and a networking reception with — practicing attorneys for students interested in learning more about a variety of firms and specialized legal areas. (Also see page 8.) □



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## Law Graduation May 14, Senior Information Online

- Levin College of Law graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, May 14, at 2 p.m. in the University of Florida Stephen C. O'Connell Center.
- Senior information is available on the Student Affairs website at [www.law.ufl.edu/students](http://www.law.ufl.edu/students).

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### Run for LCC Office

A great way to get involved in the law school is to run for office in the Law College Council. Elections will be held soon for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and several representative positions. You can nominate yourself or others. Nomination forms are available in Student Affairs, and must be returned by 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. Candidates must attend a mandatory meeting Feb. 19 in 190A Holland Hall at 5:30 p.m. For details, e-mail LCC Elections Commissioner Zainabu Rumala at [zan77@ufl.edu](mailto:zan77@ufl.edu).

### Black History Month Events

In honor of Black History Month, the W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students *(Announcements Continue Page 5)*

### BLSA Team Regional Champions

A team sent by the Black Law Students Association, W. George Allen Chapter, took first place at the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Southern Regional Competition Feb. 4-8, beating out Duke, North Carolina, Georgia, Tulane and Salmon Chase teams in five full trials in four days.



The new southern regional champions — team members (above, from left) Claudel Pressa (2L), Keisha Usher (3L), Herman Felton (3L) and Christopher Chestnut (2L) — next will travel to Boston to participate in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial National Competition. For information, contact BLSA President Christopher O'Neal at 352-392-7114.

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UF law students Joel Feldman (left, with Justice Charles Wells [JD 64] and Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead [JD 63]), S. Allister Fischer and Jessica Callow externed last year at the Florida Supreme Court.

### Apply by Feb. 24 for Supreme Court Externships

Applications for externships at the Florida Supreme Court — now available for both summer and fall semester — are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Summer externships (six credits, 40 hours/week) run May 17-July 9, 2004. Fall externships (five credits, 20 hours/week) run through Fall 2004 Semester.

Information packets are available in the Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR), 230 Bruton-Geer Hall, and Career Services, 244 Bruton-Geer Hall. For more information, call Tim McLendon in CGR at 392-2237.

### Breakfast With Dean Jerry

Dean Robert Jerry is always interested in student opinions and suggestions. Pass yours along at a "Breakfast with the Dean" Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 a.m. in the faculty dining room in Bruton-Geer Hall. Space is limited, so interested students should contact Ellen Robinson in Student Affairs (e-mail [robinson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:robinson@law.ufl.edu)) as soon as possible.

## • CAREER SERVICES •

### Becoming a 'CLI'

Many job listings state a hiring preference for a Certified Legal Intern (CLI), a law student certified by the Florida Supreme Court under Rule 11 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar to appear in court and handle cases while under supervision of a Florida licensed attorney. If you are interested in public sector legal employment — such as county, city, municipal or state attorney, public defender or legal aid — CLI's are highly sought after by public employers and being a CLI may mean the difference between being hired to start work immediately upon graduation or waiting until your bar results come in. Also, in many jurisdictions a J.D. and CLI can mean a higher starting salary.

The only way to become a CLI is by participating in a law school clinic that offers the certification. (Once you have graduated, it is too late.)

UF law clinics include Civil (Full Representation, Pro Se and Juvenile), Criminal (State Attorney, Public Defender) and Child Welfare. For information, call 392-0412.

### Apply Today for Patent Law Program

The deadline is today, Feb. 16, to apply for the 18th Annual Patent Law Interview Program sponsored by Loyola School of Law. The program will be held Aug. 5-7 at the Chicago Marriott Suites O'Hare, and last year included 140 patent law employers, 135 law schools, and 1,300 registered law students from across the country.

The program is open only to law students who will be returning to school in Fall 2004 (not for students beginning school in the fall, students graduating this semester or summer, or alumni). Prospective positions are for 2005 summer associate and entry-level attorney positions. Students

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## • ALUMNI REFLECTIONS: W. GEORGE ALLEN •

"I am grateful to be a recipient of an excellent education from the University of Florida College of Law. Being a law school graduate opened many doors when I started practicing in Miami. (Early in my career, I was appointed attorney ad litem in a case thanks to a call from my Evidence professor to a local judge.) I have since honored that tradition by looking out for other College of Law graduates by mentoring them and hiring them as law clerks and as lawyers in my firm. UF students are always prepared, motivated and trustworthy."

— W. George Allen (UF JD 62), Distinguished University of Florida Alumnus and namesake of the Levin College of Law W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students Association. Allen earned his B.A. from Florida A&M University and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. In 1962, he became the first African-American to graduate from the UF College of Law. He was named a Distinguished University of Florida Alumnus in 2000, partly in recognition of his leadership role in equal rights on the state and national level. Lawsuits he filed in the late 1960s — against a restaurant that refused to serve him and the Broward County School Board — led to a ruling that helped open public buildings to minorities and to a federal decision ordering desegregation of all county schools.

Allen owns his own practice in Fort Lauderdale, and is a former president of the National Bar Association and Broward County Bar Association. He is former vice chairman of the Broward Expressway Authority, and former chairman of the United Way of Broward County.

Allen and his wife, Enid, are major contributors to the UF College of Law Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, and he is a member of the UF Foundation Board of Directors and Law Center Association Board of Trustees. He provides summer clerkships to UF law students, helps recruit students for the college, judges Moot Court competitions, and speaks often on campus.



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with an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering or a technical science are encouraged to visit Career Services for information on employers, number of interviews granted to students with various degrees and registration forms.

To participate, the student registration form and nonrefundable student registration fee check for \$30 made payable to Loyola University Chicago School of Law must be turned in to Career Services by 5 p.m. today, Feb. 16.

### Patent Law Information Available

New PLI brochures are available in Career Services, and include information on changes to this year's Patent Law Exam. The information also is available online at [www.patentbarreview.com](http://www.patentbarreview.com) or by calling 1-888-296-5973.

### Mandatory Externship Meeting

Students interested in a summer or fall externship **must** attend a mandatory externship meeting. Students who missed previous meetings must sign up on TWEN (see your Westlaw rep for assistance) for an externship small group session. Small group signups are limited to 10 students each and are first come, first served. An externship small group session will be held outside Career Services Tuesday, Feb. 17, 10-11 a.m.

### Programs & Deadlines

#### This Week

- **Deadline to submit patent law registration form**, today, Feb. 16.
- **Lobbying & Government Practice Program**, Tuesday, Feb. 17, noon, faculty dining room.
- **Deadline to bid on OCI Phase 3 employers**, Wednesday, Feb. 18. Bidding closes at midnight.
- **LL.M. Tax Interview Program in Washington, D.C.**, Friday, Feb. 20.

#### This Semester

- **Careers in Family Law Program**, Tuesday, Feb. 24, noon, faculty dining room. Co-sponsored with Family Law Society.
- **Deadline to turn in externship applications**, noon Friday, Feb. 27.
- **Careers in Insurance Law Program**, Tuesday, March 2, noon, 283 Holland Hall. Co-sponsored with Future Litigators.
- **View From the Judicial Bench**, Tuesday, March 16, noon, faculty dining room. Co-sponsored with LAW. □



### Judicial Q & A

- **What does a trial court or judicial staff attorney do?** Assist circuit and county judges in efficient resolution of cases by conducting legal research and analysis to assist trial court judges in ruling on issues in criminal, civil, juvenile, probate, appellate, administrative and other areas, and by drafting orders and opinions for judges' consideration. Staff attorneys track and make recommendations regarding implementation of legislation applicable to the court, and conduct research on case flow management and caseload distribution (also see Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys Association website: <http://www.ftcsaa.org>).
- **Is a trial court or judicial staff attorney the same as a judicial law clerk?** Law clerks are typically assigned to a particular judge, whereas trial court or judicial staff attorneys assist a number of judges. (There was a time, however, when these positions were referred to as trial court law clerks.)
- **What are the qualifications?** Judicial staff attorneys are law school graduates and members of The Florida Bar. (Some circuits will bring in recent graduates who will be taking the bar exam or are awaiting scores.) Strong legal research and writing skills and well developed analytical ability are essential. Law review or journal experience often preferred.
- **How many positions are in Florida?** Florida is comprised of 20 judicial circuits and the number of trial court or judicial staff attorneys depends on the size of the circuit. For example, the Seventh Judicial Circuit (Daytona Beach area) and Fourth Circuit (Jacksonville) employ a staff of eight, whereas Dade County employs 26.
- **Are there openings in Florida?** There will be soon. Vacant established state funded State Court System positions were frozen Nov. 24, 2003, with the exception of judicial assistant and district courts of appeal positions. This freeze is expected to be lifted at any time and multiple positions announced.
- **How can I learn of openings?** Positions are posted online at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) under "employment" and on the Center for Career Services' hotline and Job Bank.
- **How can I evaluate whether I'd like this kind of work?** Try it. Many UF law students have externed for credit in judicial staff attorneys' offices. One recent summer extern, Katrina Thomas, said, "I was able to observe trials, opening and closing statements of capital cases, sit in on preliminary hearings, review motions and draft proposed orders, research various legal issues for the judge, and draft a bench memorandum as my final project. The externship presented the opportunity to garner legal experience, acquire law school credits, and make valuable contacts. The experience was a great one for me." Contact the Center for Career Services to explore these summer externships.
- **Do other states have similar positions?** Yes, although they may be titled differently and more challenging to locate. □



### CSRRR Launches New Website

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) unveiled its renovated and expanded website (<http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr>) over winter break. The site is designed to provide information about the CSRRR and its initiatives — including sponsored conferences, upcoming events, affiliates and academic development — and features a link section that serves as a fairly comprehensive resource for those searching for information about racial issues as they pertain to law, legal organizations, news, current events and scholastic research. The website also provides information to individuals or groups wishing to get involved in the CSRRR and/or the University of Florida community.

CSRRR Director Kathryn Russell-Brown ([russell-brownk@law.ufl.edu](mailto:russell-brownk@law.ufl.edu)) and Assistant Director Melissa Bamba ([bamba@law.ufl.edu](mailto:bamba@law.ufl.edu)) encourage you to visit the site and send your comments and suggestions.



## Be an Ambassador

Highly energetic, second-year students are encouraged to apply to be Introduction to Law School and the Profession Ambassadors. Applications are available in Student Affairs and must be returned by 5 p.m. Feb. 27. Applicants must be available for interviews and a training meeting this semester and able to work by Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Ambassadors assist and guide entering students during their first semester by conducting social activities, smoothing the transition to law school, developing support groups and challenging students to become active in the community. For information, e-mail Noemar Castro at [castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu).

## Conservation Workshop Feb. 19

All are invited to a free workshop Thursday, Feb. 19, on "Conservation of Private Lands: Financial and Regulatory Incentives," 1-5 p.m. in 284 J. Wayne Reitz Union. The Center for Governmental Responsibility, Environmental Defense and Alachua Conservation Trust are hosting the workshop, which immediately precedes the Public Interest Environmental Conference (conference information is online at <http://grove.ufl.edu/~els.>) Seating priority given to those who pre-register via e-mail to Ashley Cross-Rappaport at [elusiveash@yahoo.com](mailto:elusiveash@yahoo.com).

## • MEET THE FACULTY •

### View on the Profession

"The concept of what a lawyer is has been revolutionized during our time. It used to be sufficient to be a Florida lawyer. As time went on, it became much more important to be a national lawyer.

"Today, the profession is influenced by immense global forces. It doesn't matter what field you're in — military law, constitutional, commercial, securities or tax — it is becoming a measure of one's competence to understand the global reach of these and other fields. In short, the legal paradigm requires competence in the local, national and global dimensions of the rule of law."

### Education/Background

J.S.D., Yale Law School; LL.M., M.C.L., Duke Law School; M.A. and B.A., Brasenose College, Oxford University; B.A., University of South Africa. He was an assistant professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Valparaiso University School of Law; and DePaul University Law School. He has been visiting faculty at the University of Stellenbosch; University of Western Cape; Howard University; University of Leiden, Netherlands; Makerere University, Uganda; Monash University School of Law, Melbourne Australia; and University of Cape Town, South Africa, where he was designated honorary professor.

He joined the UF law faculty in 1975 and became an affiliate professor in UF's Anthropology Department in 1989. He is founding director of the law school's Institute of Human Rights and Peace Development and Summer Study Abroad Program in Cape Town, South Africa; co-founder and director, *East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights*; and co-founder, Makerere Human Rights and Peace Center. His senior Fulbright Scholar Awards include Monash, Australia, and University of Cape Town, South Africa, and he has been a Fulbright Scholar Awards evaluator.

Nagan has authored two books: *Human Rights and Governance in Africa*, and *Law, Science and the Policies of Human Dignity* (forthcoming 2004), and 80-plus monographs and articles, including one commissioned by the United Nations on the legal implications of imposing death sentences on political prisoners in South Africa. As head of Amnesty International, he launched a campaign to ratify human rights treaties and persuade the president of Uganda to stop 60 executions (they were stopped two weeks later). His paper, *What Happened to Bosnia and Herzegovina's Right of Self-Defense?* (arguing for self-defense) was published in the *Review of the International Commission of Jurists* and circulated to members of Congress and the Lady Margaret Thatcher, who then wrote a *New York Times* op-ed supporting its premise.

He has been a legal advisor to the Shuar Indian Nation, Ecuador; Ministry of Justice (to Ministers Dullah Omar and Dr. Penuell Maduna), Republic of South Africa; Croatian and Bosnian Governments; and Ministry of Justice/Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Department of Law, Eritrea. He drafted or co-drafted the Bill of Rights for the Shuar Indian Nation, Ecuador; The Dubrovnic Declaration on Peace and Human Rights; and Sarajevo Declaration on Peace and Human Rights. He was co-organizer of three major peace conferences during the war in the Balkans (Zagreb, Opatiah and Sarajevo). He is a fellow of the World Academy of Art and Sciences and Royal Society for the Arts; visiting fellow, Oxford University; chairman of the board, Amnesty International USA (two consecutive terms);



## Winston Nagan, FRSA

Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar  
Affiliate Professor of Anthropology  
Founding Director, Institute for  
Human Rights & Peace Development

president, Policy Sciences Center, Yale University; director, Institute for the Policy Sciences, Yale University; and secretary, International Campaign Against Racism in Sports. He is on the Board of Advisors for the Interdisciplinary Research Program into the Root Causes of Human Rights Violations; and a member of British PEN; American Society of International Law; International Third World Legal Studies Association; Association of American Law Schools; American Bar Association (International Law Section); International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa; American Society for Social Philosophy and the Philosophy of Law; and South Africa Constitution Watch Commission. He was elected chair of the UF American Civilization Seminar and the Arts and Civilization Seminar and is on the African Studies Advisory Committee. He has been appointed to organize the 50th Jubilee Seminar of the International Court of Justice, Cape Town, South Africa.

### What You May Not Know

Nagan is one of few professors in the state — in any field — to have been elected a visiting fellow by the dons at Brasenose College, Oxford University. He also is the only professor at UF to have been admitted as a fellow at the Royal Society for the Arts in London, whose list of fellows since 1754 include Benjamin Franklin and Charles Dickens.

He is president of the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra, and his interests also include art, poetry and politics. He was an excellent sportsman in his youth, playing rugby, soccer and cricket. He enjoys fishing for Spanish mackerel and once caught a six-foot black nose shark.

Nagan said he has remained a law professor because he likes the students, "I find them interesting, and several have become lifelong friends."

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

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Association has organized the following events:

- **Black History Trivia**, Monday, Feb. 16 & 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Holland Hall concourse. Test your knowledge and win prizes.
- **Reflections of the Diaspora, Art Fair on the Concourse**, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Classic Movie Matinee**, Thursday, Feb. 19 (Bamboozled) & 26 (Miss Evers' Boys), 1-4 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Classic films starring, produced or directed by African-Americans. Co-sponsored by JMBA.
- **BLSAerobics**, Monday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., auditorium.
- **Professors Kenneth Nunn and Kathryn Russell-Brown present "The 'A' Paper,"** Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall.
- **Stress Relief (masseur provided by LexisNexis)**, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., concourse.
- **Perform "wonders,"** Sunday, Feb. 29. Give thanks for another year, "own" your heritage, nourish your spirit, educate yourself and others on black history, encourage a friend or loved one, read a book by a great African-American author or support a black-owned business.

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

### APALSA Meets Wednesday

The Asian and Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) will have a general membership meeting Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. in Bruton-Geer Hall cafeteria. The meeting will allow new members to meet existing members, and will feature a discussion of the upcoming APALSA Day event. All members and interested students

are urged to attend. For information, e-mail APALSA President Mitesh Patel at mitesh@ufl.edu.

### CLA State Prison Tour Full

The Criminal Law Association (CLA) tours of the Florida State Prison in Starke are both full, making this a second sold-out year for the event.

CLA will meet at 5:30 p.m. in 190C Holland Hall Feb. 23, and March 15 and 29 (elections for 2004-05). It will hold its end of year reception and panel discussion April 16 in the faculty dining room. For information, e-mail CLA Secretary Joni Batie-McGrew at gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com.

### 'Summer Law at Sea'

The International Law Society (ILS) invites you to a presentation by Lisa Bardill from the University of Pittsburgh's "Summer Law at Sea" Program Thursday, Feb. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in 190C Holland Hall. The program provides study abroad opportunities for the exploration and study of people, places and cultures around the world, and is available to law students who wish to incorporate an international experience in their study of law. The 2004 voyage of the Summer Law at Sea Program sails June 17-Aug. 21. For information, contact the Center for International Legal Education by e-mail at cile@law.pitt.edu or phone at 412-648-7023. Applications are online at [www.semesterratsea.com](http://www.semesterratsea.com).

### Lawyers Guild Meeting Tuesday

The University of Florida Student Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild will hold a general meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. in 350 Holland Hall. The guild is a progressive legal association of lawyers, legal workers, law students and jailhouse lawyers

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## Organize Your Work and Play — By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

If you are experiencing a sense of vague anxiety, it may be a sign that you need to organize your activities and priorities. Many people put off this important task because of a lack of time, without realizing that if worry is interfering with your work, organizing can actually save time.

There are two basic categories of organization I like to discuss: tasks and "other stuff." Sometimes we have so many tasks swirling in our heads we don't know where to begin. To stop the swirling, take a half hour to write tasks down in order of priority. Then begin working from the top of the list.

There are more complex task organizational schemes, but I want to talk about "other stuff."

"Other stuff" means family time, alone time, party time, mealtime and organizing time. These activities are just as important as tasks. Put them on your prior-

ity lists and calendars or you may never get to them. Return to your calendars and lists when you feel anxious to help regain a sense of calm and control.

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. □



## 'Black for a Reason' Feb. 25

The Office of Diversity and Community Development and Black Law Students Association (BLSA) invite the law school community to join them in a recognition of Black contributions to society and culture by wearing all black clothing Wednesday, Feb. 25, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Participants can choose a challenge and sign up for the event through Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Office of Diversity and Community Development (346 Holland) or via e-mail to [tnfewell@aol.com](mailto:tnfewell@aol.com).

According to organizers, "Black will represent the silence that surrounds some of the most compelling challenges confronting people of color — silence that keeps solutions at bay."

Stickers reading "Black for a reason: Ask me why" and historical information will be available Monday, Feb. 23, in the BLSA Office or 346 Holland. When asked, wearers can respond by sharing their issue or cause. Participants and others will gather in Holland auditorium at 1 p.m. Feb. 25 to share and gain motivation on positive solutions for change.

## Brown Bag Lunches Focus on Diversity Topics

- Willie Lynch letter, Feb. 17, 1-3 p.m., cafeteria.
- "Minorities in Higher Education: Trials and Triumphs," Tuesday, Feb. 24, noon-1 p.m., cafeteria.
- "Women of Color in Law: The Journey and the Sacrifice," Tuesday, March 2, 1-3 p.m., faculty dining room.



## Help With Taxes

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** is a pro bono project that provides free electronic tax preparation assistance to students and low-income taxpayers who cannot afford to pay for professional assistance. VITA will operate Tuesdays–Thursdays, 5–9 p.m., through April 15 (closed March 8–12) in the student organization office in Bruton-Geer Hall. (The earliest VITA can assist foreign nonresident filers is March 15.)

For more information, call 352-392-8835 or visit VITA during operating hours. (Note: VITA will not give out tax advice over the phone, only general information about services and needed documents.)

## Lexis Training

Lexis Appellate Advocacy training will be held today, Feb. 16, for Professor Wihnyk; Tuesday, Feb. 17, for Professor Ruff; Wednesday, Feb. 18, for Professor Pflaum; and Thursday, Feb. 19, for Professor Rambo. See your Lexis representative for times and locations.

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dedicated to protecting and promoting human rights and civil liberties. For more information, go online to [www.ngl.org](http://www.ngl.org) or e-mail the UF chapter at [UFstudentNLG@yahoo.com](mailto:UFstudentNLG@yahoo.com).

## Law School Parents Picnic

Membership in the college's "Law School Parents" group has grown by eight new members, and now totals 26 adults and 30 children. The group will gather for a picnic at San Felasco Park (behind WCJB, 6220 NW 43rd Way) Saturday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 am. The event is open to everyone. Participants are asked to bring a snack or picnic lunch. (If your kids cannot attend, come without them and meet other parents.) For information, e-mail Steve Berlin at [berlinsd@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinsd@yahoo.com).

## Who's Ugliest at UF Law?

The Association for Public Interest Law is sponsoring an "Ugly Man on Campus" contest this week, Feb. 16–20. Stop by and check out all the "ugly" contestants — professors, administrators and classmates — and cast your vote by dropping spare change in a contestant's jar. Vote as many times as you want during the week.

The person who brings in the most money will be announced Ugliest Friday, Feb. 20. If the winner represents a student organization, that group will receive half the proceeds he or she raises. All money raised by APIL will help fund summer 2004 fellowships, which help students fund unpaid summer clerkships with public interest groups and the government. To learn more about APIL or to get involved, e-mail [ufpublicinterestlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:ufpublicinterestlaw@yahoo.com).

## Toastmasters Meet Tuesday

Toastmasters Public Speaking Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 5 p.m. in 292 Holland Hall. Observers are always welcome. For information, e-mail Ray Dominick at [r12345@ufl.edu](mailto:r12345@ufl.edu).

## Environmental & Land Use Law Discussion Tuesday

Find out more about the College of Law's Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program, Conservation Clinic, course offerings for fall and beyond, summer externships, extracurricular activities, summer study in Costa Rica, research assistant positions at the Center for Governmental Responsibility, Environmental Moot Court and more at an informational meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, at noon in 283 Holland Hall. (Potential certificate students are particularly urged to attend.) For more information, e-mail Program Assistant Marla Wolfe at [elulp@law.ufl.edu](mailto:elulp@law.ufl.edu).



## Help Youth Through GEAR UP

The Law School Republicans (LSR) have partnered with the Alachua County School Board to help young people in our community through GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness in Undergraduate Programs). This federally sponsored program works with middle and high school students at Lincoln, Bishop, and Buchholz who are less likely or unlikely to go on to college.

GEAR UP coordinators believe that by tutoring and assisting students with their school work, volunteers develop strong mentoring relationships with kids, foster encouragement and enthusiasm for learning, and provide a good example for these often "at risk" kids.

Volunteers can sign up to tutor a specific student, assist a teacher during class, work with small groups, or come in during the after school program to assist specific students chosen for extra help. Volunteers may set up specific presentations with teachers or for certain subject areas, or can choose to assist with various school and county events, like challenge days, career days, field trips to college campuses and other activities that encourage and motivate students by exposing them to life choices and options after high school.

Volunteering can be tailored to each volunteer's schedule and interests. Volunteers can commit an hour a day or hour a week, or can contact school coordinators and set up presentations, activities or offer assistance for special events if he or she is unable to make a steady weekly commitment. Students also can create a volunteer team and take turns going each week.

Anyone can volunteer, not just LSR's and not just law students. If you know any college students or organizations that may be interested in participating in this program or if you would like to volunteer or obtain additional information, e-mail LSR Vice President Adria Toledo at [atoly@ufl.edu](mailto:atoly@ufl.edu).

## New Trial Team Members

New members of the University of Florida Trial Team are Katie Brinson, Chris Chestnut, Suzannah Gilman, Chris King, Eric Roberson, Aisha Salem, Whitney Untiedt and Paul Vicary.

Trial Team Final Four will be held Friday, Feb. 27, at noon. Motions in Limine begin at 10  
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## • SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

- Professors **Nancy Dowd** and **Kenneth Nunn** published "Diversity Matters: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Legal Education," 15 *U. Fla. J.L. & Pub. Policy* 11 (2003) (with Jane Pendergast).
- Professor **Alyson Flourney** gave a presentation on "Hidden Values in Environmental Regulation" to the faculty at Florida State University College of Law Feb. 3 and spoke to the students in their Environmental Certificate Seminar.
- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon** was elected to a two-year term on the Executive Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Comparative Law* — the leading comparative law publication in the country — where he will review articles submitted for publication.
- Professor **Clifford Jones** will chair a panel, "Private Enforcement of Competition Law," and present a paper on "American Perspectives on Private Competition Law Enforcement in Europe" at the University of St. Gallen International Competition Law Forum ICF in Switzerland April 15-16.



- Clarence J. TeSelle Professor **Martin J. McMahon, Jr.** published "Privilege and The Work Product Doctrine in Tax Cases," 23 *ABA Tax Section News Quarterly* 11 (Winter 2004). He also did a CLE presentation at the American Bar Association Tax Section Midyear Meeting Jan. 31 on "Recent Income Tax Developments" (jointly with Prof. Ira Shepard).
- Professor **Winston Nagan** will deliver the opening address at a "Globalization and Human Rights in Africa" conference sponsored by the University of Georgia Center for Humanities and the Arts at the University of Georgia Feb. 19.
- Assistant Professor **Christopher L. Peterson** testified in early February to the Virginia state legislature showing geographical evidence that high cost payday lenders target military personnel in that state. The testimony was offered in support of House Bill 1156, which attempts to provide additional consumer protection to military families. □

(Announcements, Continued)

a.m. Participating this year are Suzannah Gilman and Whitney Untiedt for the state and Chris King and Aisha Salem for the defendants.

### Support Library Funding Petition

Florida county law library directors have been working since August on their common funding crisis, and posted an online petition last week as part of a grassroots advocacy campaign to demonstrate Floridians' concern for their county law libraries and to encourage legislators to restore filing fees, a vital source of library funding.

"It's crucial for us to have a strong local law library next year as we try to meet the needs of our faculty and students during renovation," said Legal Information Center Director Kathie Price.

Price encourages those in the law school community to sign the petition online at <http://www.petitiononline.com/vbnm/petition.html>, and to encourage their colleagues, friends and others to sign it as well. Legislators are beginning to work on "glitch legislation" and strong public support for fee restoration should be demonstrated as soon as possible.

Many local bar associations and other groups have passed resolutions in support of their library.

The momentum is building, but the success of the online petition is crucial.

### JMBA Golf Tournament to Benefit Critically Ill Children

JMBA's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, March 27, at Ironwood Golf Course. The proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant a wish of a child with a life-threatening illness.

Last year, JMBA raised \$1,650 for the foundation, and hope to double that this year. Students, faculty and staff can help by sponsoring a hole for \$150, donating a prize for the raffle, buying raffle tickets and/or participating in the Golf Clinic.

Player and clinic signups begin on the concourse March 3. The cost is \$50 per player, which covers golf, range balls, dinner and trophies for the winners.

No matter which avenue you choose to help JMBA make its \$3,000 goal for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, rest assured that you are helping a worthy cause. For information, stop by the JMBA Office or e-mail Valerie Brennan ([vkb@ufl.edu](mailto:vkb@ufl.edu)) or Chris Carmody ([chrisc2@ufl.edu](mailto:chrisc2@ufl.edu)). □



**Alumni Council Member/Fall 2003 Class Chair Sarah Rumpf presented the Graduating Class Gift to Dean Robert Jerry at December commencement.**

### Fall '04 Grads: Apply for UF Law Alumni Council

Students graduating in December 2004 can stay in touch with classmates and colleagues after graduation as they help improve and represent the law school through service on the Law Alumni Council.

The council primarily assists with fundraising, and third-year student members coordinate the Graduating Class Gift program. Members also are instrumental in alumni outreach programs and student support.

To apply, drop off a resume in the Dean's Suite, 264 Holland Hall, by March 15 marked to the attention of Kori Carr. Interviews with the current Alumni Council president will take place April 17, and only 10 students will be chosen.

## 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.



Access Candidate & current Treasurer  
**Jamal Sowell**

## Student Presidential Debate Today

Candidates for University of Florida student body president will debate the issues Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Levin College of Law auditorium. The event is co-sponsored by the Law School Republicans and Law School Democrats, and is free and open to the public. Access Candidate Jamal Sowell and Innovate Candidate Scott Kennelly will respond to questions posed by a panel as well as questions chosen from student submissions. Questions can be submitted online at [uflawgop.com](http://uflawgop.com).

Candidate and party information will be available on the law school concourse before the debate, and students can meet, question and interact with candidates for senate and other offices in an informal and relaxed atmosphere at a reception for the candidates in the east courtyard of Holland Hall at 6 p.m.



Innovate Candidate & current Senate President  
**Scott Kennelly**

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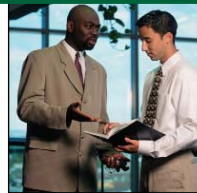
## Career Development Conference Feb. 28

The 2004 University of Florida Levin College of Law Career Development Conference — free and open to students and the public — will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Paramount Hotel & Conference Center (formerly the Sheraton) on U.S. 441 in Gainesville. Prior registration is not necessary, and lunch will be provided to all attendees courtesy of Gray Robinson, P.A.

The conference is an excellent opportunity for those interested in law-related careers to interact with practicing attorneys in a variety of practice areas. Students will be able to ask questions in a panel discussion format and hear what experienced attorneys have to say about practicing in specific areas of the law. The conference also will include a networking reception from 3-6 p.m. where employers can talk with students about their firms and answer questions.

Students can attend four to five one-hour panels throughout the day, choosing from 15-20 panels in areas of the law such as Family, Real Estate, Public Interest, Entertainment, Intellectual Property, Government, Bankruptcy, Corporate, Criminal, Mass Torts, Military, Tax, Commercial Litigation, International, Workers' Compensation, Estates & Trusts, and Environmental/Land Use. There also will be panels on alternative careers and judicial clerkships. Panelists will be attorneys from large firms such as Gray Robinson, Greenberg Traurig, Lowndes Drostick, Holland & Knight, Foley & Lardner and Fowler White, as well as attorneys from small and medium-sized firms and solo practitioners.

For more information, visit the Career Development Conference website at <http://grove.ufl.edu/~lcc/conference> or e-mail [vnickdd@hotmail.com](mailto:vnickdd@hotmail.com). The website will be updated periodically with information on panels, schedules and other news, so check back frequently. □



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### February

- 16 • LCC General Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 190B HOL
- JMBA Board Meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- 17 • LSR Meeting, 9 a.m., room TBA
- Externship Small Group Session, 10-11 a.m., outside Career Services
- Lobbying & Government Practice, noon, faculty dining room
- National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter, 4-5 p.m., 350 Holland Hall
- 19 • Environmental Law Conference begins, Gainesville
- Workshop on Conservation of Private Lands, 1-5 p.m., 284 Reitz Union
- Informational Meeting on LCC Elections, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 190 HOL
- 20 • Faculty Enrichment, Ian Ayres, Yale Law School, noon, faculty dining room
- Law & Technology Conference begins, Orlando Radisson Plaza
- 22 • Law Business Association, 5-6 p.m., 190B HOL
- 23 • LCC Executive Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m., 190 HOL
- JMBA Board Meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- 24 • Careers in Family Law, noon, faculty dining room
- 26 • Student Chapter of National Lawyers Guild Meeting, 4-6 p.m., faculty dining room
- 27 • Dunwoody Lecture, Professor Viet D. Dinh, 10 a.m.-noon, auditorium
- Trial Team Final Four, 10 a.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Moot Court Final Four, 1 p.m., auditorium
- 28 • Career Development Conference, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Paramount Hotel & Conference Center

## Register, Submit Papers for Race & Education Conference

Students and faculty can attend the conference "Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education" March 25-26 in Gainesville free of charge if they register by March 5.

Students are encouraged to submit seminar papers or comments relating to the landmark case to Debbie Kelley in 309 Holland Hall or via e-mail to [kelley@law.ufl.edu](mailto:kelley@law.ufl.edu) by March 15. Visit the conference website at [www.law.ufl.edu/childconference](http://www.law.ufl.edu/childconference) for details about the agenda, speakers and registration.

