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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Business Conduct Workshop Today

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA), W. George Allen Chapter, and Spanish American Law Students Association (SALSA) will present "On Call: A Workshop on Business Etiquette and Professionalism" today, March 22, 5-8 p.m. (location TBA). Speakers will include Dr. Deborah Harris and Lisa Capitano. Refreshments served.

Help UF Law Help Children

The College of Law Pro Bono Committee is organizing a law school team to participate in March of Dimes WalkAmerica as part of their mission to foster community service. The walk begins at Westwood Middle School Athletic Field

(N.W. 34th Street, between N.W. 8th and 16th Avenues) at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 27. Funds raised will support March of Dimes research into causes and prevention of premature birth.

"We encourage all faculty, staff and students to join the team and help us support a good cause," said Professor Lyrissa Lidsky.

For information, sign up for the team or make a donation, contact Lidsky at lidsky@law.ufl.edu or in 303 Holland Hall).

JMBA News & Events

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) encourages all law students to participate in:
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Construction Update

Associate Deans Kathleen Price (above, left) and Pat Shannon check out a classroom in the new education towers. Construction is on schedule for completion by Fall 2005. (Details at www.law.ufl.edu/construction/.)

Critical dates and reminders:

- **Friday, April 16:** Legal Information Center (LIC, i.e. law library) in Holland Hall closes until Summer 2005, and begins moving to Bruton-Geer Hall and Butler Plaza April 17. **Law school seminar students: library materials MUST be checked out by April 16.** Those doing legal research should borrow material prior to April 16 for use April 17-May 12, when most collections will be unavailable.
- **Saturday, April 17, noon:** LIC Reserve Desk opens in Media Services, second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall. Service includes old exams, and readings and books on reserve.
- **Sunday, May 2:** Tax Library collection is added to Bruton-Geer Hall collection and open for research.
- **Wednesday, May 12:** Collection formerly in Holland Hall open for research in former Publix (Butler Plaza on Archer Road) until Summer 2005. Contact LIC reference staff (392-0417, in Holland Hall prior to April 16) for help or more information.

UF Law Student Keeps Campus Blooming

As the weather warmed, the e-mails began to arrive.

"I want to say THANK YOU to the person or persons responsible for planting and setting out the tulips and daffodils. What a wonderful idea! It has been a continuing pleasure to watch the plants come up. And now seeing the brilliant colors against all this grayness — just makes me smile despite the weather. So thank you, whoever you are," wrote Legal Drafting Program Director Anne Rutledge.

"Whoever you are" is David Chopin, a third-year law student who has been donating — and maintaining — the pots of flowering plants around the law campus since shortly after entering the college.

"I put the plants around the law school for an old fashioned reason," said David. "I love this law school and the education I've received. The confidence this education has given me cannot be measured. I feel sometimes that as an older student, I truly appreciate what is offered here at so little cost — where else can you access the finest legal minds in the U.S. for \$3,500 a semester? — and I want to give something back."

"The bright colors and lovely flowers add so much to the beauty of our campus," said Senior Fiscal Assistant Janet Plumley.

"Numerous students, faculty and staff have expressed their appreciation for the flowers David Chopin put out around the law school," said Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Gail Sasnett. "David is wonderful, and his continuing generosity makes such a difference."

Chopin said Caladiums are next. "Because of all the shade here, I've decided to put very colorful Caladiums in the pots with a grouping of tall Gladiolas bursting through the center. I've also planted orange Impatiens seeds, and I have some new Black Elephant Ears for the very shady areas."

Chopin — who plans to become the state's first horticulturalist attorney and work for a mid-size law firm to represent Florida's farm and horticulture community after he graduates this December — invented and patented 10 miniature varieties of Grape Myrtles, and owns the Grape Myrtle Company (www.crapemyrtles.com). He earned his BS and MS in Horticulture from LSU, and is a 27-year veteran of the nursery business. He applied to UF's law school after his patents fell prey to infringement.

"At \$12 billion a year, horticulture is the fastest growing segment of agriculture's \$50 billion contribution to Florida's economy," said Chopin. "Farmers need all the help they can get, and I wish more farmers and agriculturalists would consider the practice of law. The area is wide open, and can only become more important in the future as we strive to provide flowers, food and other products for Florida and the world."

"I love this place," he concluded. "And as a senior graduation gift, I'm going to try to continue to keep the law school looking good." □



• CAREER SERVICES •

Professionals Join Career Services

The nature of a law school career services office attracts professionals in transition, those changing jobs or seeking their ideal career path. The UF College of Law's Center for Career Services now has a fully staffed team of talented professional counselors to assist you. Joining Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson (UF JD 86), Associate Director Jessie Howell Wallace (UF JD 01) and Grad Stats Program Coordinator Edrene Johnson (3L) are:

- Assistant Director **Carol Kuczora**, JD (below), Career Service's newest member. Carol began



March 1 to administer the ever-growing externship program, judicial clerkships, programming, individual career counseling for students, resume review and the center's website. Kuczora's experi-

ence includes working as an administrator in other law career services offices, where she oversaw coordination of judicial internships, clinical externships and pro bono programs. "Carol's educational background spans from coast to coast, from California to Florida," said Calvert Hanson. "We hope you will come by and welcome her."

- Director of Employer Relations **Laura Traynham**, JD, returned in February in an interim position to administer resume collections, On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) program and alumni mentor program. She also provides individual career counseling and resume review. Traynham has nearly five years of law career services experience.



- Resource Coordinator **Samantha Vacciana** (UF JD 03) has returned to Career Services until she begins her Equal Justice Works fellowship with Palm Beach Legal Aid Society late this summer. Samantha handles position listings, reciprocity requests and the Career Resource Library, and assists students, employers, alumni and Career Services professional staff.

UF Law Employment Survey

The Center for Career Services recently surveyed UF College of Law graduates as required by NALP and the American Bar Association. As of Feb. 15, the following information was reported by 433 students who graduated between Aug. 31, 2002, and Sept. 1, 2003:

Employment by Types of Employers

- **Private practice** accounted for 59 percent of employed graduates. The largest percentage (44 percent) of graduates employed in the private sector are employed in small (typically non-OCI) firms of 2-25 attorneys. Medium-sized firms of 26-100 employed 17 percent, and 29 percent were hired by large firms of more than 100 lawyers.
- The **government sector** accounted for 29 percent of employed graduates, with 44 percent of those employed as prosecutors, 15 percent as public defenders, 17 percent as federal or state-level judicial law clerks, six percent by the military, and the remaining 17 percent employed in other federal, state or local-level agencies such as the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Florida's Guardian ad Litem Program, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Community Affairs, Department of Children & Families, Department of Health, in city and county attorney's offices, and in state legislative capacities.
- Broad **business and industry** classifications account for seven percent of the graduates, with many typically employed in a management or consulting capacity where part of their responsibilities involved contracts, bids, intellectual property and corporate legal issues. Others were employed by accounting firms, banking, investment and insurance industries and publishing and technology.
- The **public interest or academic capacity** was reported by three percent of employed graduates.

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Career Services staff **Laura Traynham** (from left), **Samantha Vacciana**, **Jessie Howell Wallace**, **Linda Calvert Hanson**, **Carol Kuczora** and **Edrene Johnson** help law students find rewarding work during school and after graduation.

Fall Financial Aid Renewal Reminder

Students should apply now for aid for the 2004-05 academic year, and are encouraged to do so online to save processing time and reduce errors through the system's built-in editing format. Just go to FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the Web (www.FAFSA.ed.gov) and follow the instructions. You can then check the status of your application and/or make corrections online. For information, contact Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber in the Office of Student Affairs (call 352-392-0421 or visit 164 Holland Hall).

Summer Research Assistants Needed

- Apply now for work as a summer research assistant in the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR). Ten hour weekly commitment. Strong computer skills — including web and database design — desired. Submit resume and cover letter to Pat Hancock in 340 Holland Hall or CSRRR Assistant Director Melissa Bamba at bamba@law.ufl.edu.
- Professor William Page is hiring two research assistants for summer, primarily to update a multi-volume antitrust treatise. E-mail resume to Professor Page at page@law.ufl.edu.

Firm Participation Makes Career Development Conference a Success

Practicing attorneys from across Florida spoke to and networked with law students eager to learn more about diverse practice areas at the Career Development Conference Feb. 28 sponsored by Student Government, Alumni Affairs, the Law College Council and Office of Career Services. The annual day-long event was free and open to the public, and consisted of numerous panel sessions, a lunch hosted by Gray Robinson, P.A., and a networking reception at the end of the day. Students chose from over 15 panels, including Family Law, Real Estate, Judicial Clerkships, Intellectual Property, Estates and Trusts, and Environmental and Land Use Law. Representatives from Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker; Greenberg Traurig; Holland & Knight; Baker & Hostetler; and the Army JAG Reserve, among others, spoke with students.

"The level of experience and expertise among the attorneys who attend is remarkable," said Nick Dancaescu (3L), conference executive director. □



Panelists and UF College of Law Alumni Council members Shannon Gray (at right, from left) of Carlton Fields, Tampa, Joseph Mellichamp of Carlton Fields, Tallahassee, and Tim Cerio of GrayRobinson, P.A., Tampa were among the many practitioners whose participation helped make the event informative and worthwhile for all.



Professor Butler Gives CSRRL Inaugural Spring Lecture April 12

The CSRRL's inaugural Spring Lecture will feature George Washington University Law School

Professor Paul Butler, who will speak on, "Much Respect: Toward a Hip-Hop Theory of Punishment," based on his forthcoming article in *Stanford Law Review* (2004). A particularly provocative and incisive legal scholar, Butler is one of the 50 most cited law professors who entered teaching since 1992, and his scholarship has been the subject of numerous newspaper and magazine articles and television programs, including in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and on 60 Minutes, Nightline, 20/20, and ABC, CBS and NBC Evening News.



Butler

A pre-lecture reception will be held 2-3 p.m. in the faculty dining room, and the lecture will follow at 4 p.m. in the teaching classroom in Emerson Alumni Hall. All are welcome.

Fall Teaching Assistants Needed

The Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy Department is accepting applications for Fall 2004 teaching assistants. Applications are available in the LRW Office. For information, contact Legal Skills Professor & Director of Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy Henry T. Wihnyk at 352-392-2198.

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Reported Salaries*

Of those surveyed, for all types of employment, the average salary for the 249 reporting was \$55,558 (25th percentile - \$36,650; Median - \$48,000; 75th percentile - \$66,500).

For the 215 reporting law firm employment only, the average salary for the 150 reporting was \$65,519 (25th percentile - \$50,000; Median - \$60,000; 75th percentile - \$80,000).

* Salaries reported exclude signing bonuses but can reflect the increase in salary for passing the Bar.

Programs, Dates and Deadlines

- Tuesday, March 23, **Careers In Intellectual Property Law**, noon, faculty dining room.
- March 26, **SHIPS (Part II)**, noon, Bailey Courtroom.
- Tuesday, March 30, **Judicial Externships & Clerkships**, noon, 283 Holland Hall.
- Thursday, April 1, **Pro Bono Awards Brunch** (tentative), RSVP only, faculty dining room.
- Friday, April 2, **Quarles & Brady presents "How to be a Successful Summer Clerk,"** noon, Bailey Courtroom.
- Monday, April 5, **Mandatory 1L-2004 Spring Entrant Introduction to Career Services.**
- Tuesday, April 6, **eAttorney Orientation**, noon, Bailey Courtroom.
- Wednesday, April 7, **Resume & Cover Letter Writing**, noon, 283 Holland Hall.
- Wednesday, April 7, **eAttorney/Fall OCI Orientation**, 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom.
- Tuesday, April 13, **Successful On-Campus Interviews**, noon, Bailey Courtroom. □



Judicial Clerkship Corner

According to the NALP Judicial Clerkship Study, "Courting Clerkships":

- Almost half of judicial law clerks surveyed responded that their clerkship helped a great deal in obtaining their first post-clerkship position.
- In rating their clerkships, clerks resoundingly gave their overall experience high marks. When asked whether they would clerk again, a remarkable 97 percent responded in the affirmative.
- Former clerks said their clerkships helped them better handle post-clerkship duties.
- Almost one-third indicated that in retrospect they would have done something differently in the application process. Many would have applied to more judges or more widely across the courts, applied sooner or started the application process earlier, built stronger recommendations from faculty, pursued the clerkship more aggressively through phone calls to chambers, and/or researched additional information about the judicial ideology and atmosphere of different judges' chambers, particularly by talking to former clerks.
- Roughly one in 10 applications at the federal level resulted in an invitation to interview, and one in four applications at the state level did so. However, these numbers may not accurately reflect the practice common in some courts of submitting one application to a pool for distribution to many judges in that court. About one in three interviews with a state or federal judge resulted in an offer, although for state appellate courts the yield rate appeared somewhat higher at 43 percent.

To learn about these prestigious positions, attend the Judicial Externship and Clerkships program co-sponsored by the Center for Career Services and Lexis Tuesday, March 30, at noon in 283 Holland Hall. Assistant Professor Christopher Peterson will speak on his experience as a former judicial law clerk. □



Spring Exams

The Spring 2004 Exam Schedule has been distributed to students and faculty. (For hard copies, visit Student Affairs.)

"Staff in Student Affairs took a great deal of time and effort to make the best possible arrangements for students," said Assistant Dean Richard Ludwick. "The choice of exam locations was driven by size, availability and type. All the rooms are acceptable — and most are excellent — for law exams. Since some are on main campus, I strongly urge students to locate the building and room well before the exam."

A campus map is online at <http://campus.map.ufl.edu/> and in the Student Affairs office. For information and/or assistance in locating exam sites, contact Dean Ludwick at 352-392-0421 or in Student Affairs (164 Holland Hall).

CSRRR Brown Bag

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) will host Professors Nancy Dowd and Kenneth Nunn as they report on research findings from their article in the *UF Journal of Law and Public Policy*, "Diversity Matters: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Legal Education," March 29 from noon-1 p.m. in the faculty dining room. All are welcome.

(Complete article is online at http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/pdf/diversity_matters.pdf.)

Planning Key to Successful Fall/Summer 2004 Pre-Registration

Summer/Fall 2004 pre-registration is March 29 through April 15, and appointment times are now available on ISIS (www.isis.ufl.edu). From the law school home page, get to ISIS by clicking on "Student Affairs" then on "ISIS" (from Quick Links list). Then find "Registration Preparation Information" under "Dates" on the main ISIS home page. **IMPORTANT:** You must have your gatorlink user name and password to access the system. If you don't, contact the CIRCA help desk at 392-help. You may set up a gatorlink account or check your account at www.gatorlink.ufl.edu. Careful planning is key to using ISIS successfully. Check the schedule of classes posted on the law school website prior to registering for classes, as well as the handbook for any prerequisites. Also, note:

- If you have a "hold" on your records, you will not be able to pre-register until the hold is cleared. You may check your holds prior to pre-registration on ISIS under the "Registration Preparation Information" link.
- Appointment Times. Your pre-registration appointment time is when you go to ISIS to pre-register for Fall 2004 and/or Summer 2004. If you attempt to register before then, ISIS will not let you register. However, you may register any time after your appointment time. Appointment times are determined by the total number of hours earned by the end of Fall 2003. The person with the most hours has the earliest appointment time. Students with the same amount of earned hours are randomly assigned a registration time at intervals to avoid system overload. A person with fewer hours will never have an earlier or same time as a person with more hours. Transfer students should check the accuracy of their appointment times with Registrar Kim Thomas in Student Affairs.
- Access to registration on ISIS. Your gatorlink user id and password are used to access ISIS. The social security number and pin are no longer used. If you have questions or problems regarding your gatorlink account, contact the CIRCA help desk at 392-help.
- Prerequisites. Use your catalog and directories in Student Affairs when planning your schedule(s) to be sure you have completed the appropriate prerequisite courses. ISIS MAY OR MAY NOT CHECK FOR PREREQUISITES. It is especially important to check the Seminar Directory in Student Affairs. Students without proper course work will be administratively dropped from the course.
- Spring 2004 Entering Class: You will be automatically registered for your Fall 2004 required classes. If you experience problems, contact Registrar Kim Thomas immediately at 352-392-0421. □



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- **JMBA elections for general board representatives and executive board members**, Tuesday, March 30. Students interested in running must come by the JMBA Office this week, March 22-26, to sign up and receive information regarding election rules and procedures or they may not run.
- **JMBA general board meeting**, Monday, March 29, 7-8 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All are welcome.
- **JMBA Barrister's Ball**, Friday, April 2, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Sweetwater Branch Inn. Tickets — \$25 for JMBA members and \$30 for non-JMBA members — go on sale today, March 22, on the law school concourse. For information, e-mail Bonnie Bolz at bonnie6263@aol.com.

LSR Speaker Thursday

The Law School Republicans (LSR) will host Chairman of the Fraternal Order of Police Jeff McAdams Thursday, March 25, at 2 p.m. in 283 Holland Hall. McAdams is a veteran police officer who has served the Gainesville community for many years, and will speak about criminal procedure and local politics, including the mayoral runoff election.

The next LSR meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in 190B Holland Hall. Topics will include political issues and recent develop-

ments in the national 2004 campaigns. Officer elections for next year will be held during the final meeting of the semester Thursday, April 8.

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

To learn more, sign up for the LSR listserv and/or go online to uflawgop.com.

Sign Up for ABA Tournament

The first annual March Madness Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA) will be held Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. at the Southwest Recreation Area. You are invited to create a team and join in the competition by signing up this week on the law school concourse. Cash prizes awarded. For information, contact Michael Wild at Michaelwild@aol.com or Melisa San Martin at Melisasm@cs.com.

First UF Election Project Meeting

Interested in helping to ensure the integrity of Florida's election process next fall? The University

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of Florida Election Project will have its first meeting this Wednesday, March 24, at 5 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. This non-partisan project, advised by Assistant Professor Mark Fenster, is aimed at ensuring the integrity of the election process throughout the state and encouraging and protecting voter enfranchisement. Those interested but unable to attend can e-mail Lee Harang at harang@ufl.edu.

APIL Public Interest Awareness

The Association for Public Interest Lawyers (APIL) is hosting Public Interest Awareness Week next week, March 29-April 1. Events include a Donate-a-Day fundraiser, where students pledge a day's worth of summer salary to APIL's scholarship program for UF law students doing unpaid pro bono work over the summer, and a talk by Kathleen Arnold, an AmeriCorps attorney working with Three Rivers Legal Services, who will speak about her career in public interest law and AmeriCorps 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the faculty dining room. Also that evening is APIL's annual LawLawPalooza fundraiser (location TBA). For more information, e-mail Meredith Fields at meredith_fields@hotmail.com.

APIL also is pleased to announce that a generous gift from a UF College of Law and Costa Rica program alumnus has provided a \$500 fellowship for a participant in UF's Costa Rica program. Applications for the summer program are due today, March 22. Students accepted into the program can then apply for the fellowship, which will be awarded to a UF law student with a demonstrated dedication to public interest law. To learn more

Brown Conference This Week

Details and registration for the following conferences is now available online as links from the UF College of Law home page (www.law.ufl.edu):

- "Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education," this week, March 25-26, Gainesville.
- Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas, June 24-26, San Jose, Costa Rica. Space reserved for first 150 participants to register by March 24.



about the Costa Rica program, e-mail Prof. Tom Ankersen at ankersen@law.ufl.edu. To learn more about the fellowship or to become involved in APIL, e-mail APIL President Whitney Untiedt at wuntiedt@msn.com.

Toastmasters Club Meets Tuesday

Set aside one hour a week to develop your public speaking skills. The Law School Toastmasters public speaking organization will meet Tuesday, March 23, at 5 p.m. in 292 Holland Hall. Observers are always welcome. For information, e-mail Ray Dominick at r12345@ufl.edu.

JMBA Tournament Helps Children

JMBA's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, March 27, at Ironwood Golf Course. Proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant a wish of a child with a life-threatening illness. You can help by sponsoring a hole for \$150, donating a prize for the raffle, buying raffle tickets and/or participating in the golf clinic. The \$50 per player cost covers golf, range balls, dinner and trophies. For information, visit the JMBA Office or e-mail Valerie Brennan (vkb@ufl.edu) or Chris Carmody (chrisc2@ufl.edu). □

Judge Asks for Support for Judiciary

Chief Judge Stan R. Morris of the 8th Judicial Circuit (at right, center, with Dean Robert Jerry, left, and Dean Emeritus/CGR Director Jon Mills) discussed the future of Florida's courts in a recent lecture hosted by Law Students for the Integrity of the Judicial System (LSIJS). As co-chair of the State Trial Court Budget Commission, Morris advocates on behalf of the courts before the governor and Legislature in the FY 2004-05 budget session.

Last year, the Legislature cut court funding by five percent and is unlikely to meet this year's \$170 million budget request for implementation of Revision 7, a 1998 voter-approved amendment to Florida's constitution. Morris warned that under-funding the courts will "create expectations that can't be met and lead to a disconnect between the people and a branch of their government. I wish law students all over the state would look into this. Your abilities [as lawyers] will be dependent on the court's ability to maintain the system."

On Feb. 10, LSIJS sent a petition with signatures of 200-plus UF law students to House Speaker Johnnie Byrd and members of the House Subcommittee on Judicial Appropriations, urging them to fully fund Florida's courts in the FY 2004-05 budget. LSIJS now is implementing plans to involve law students from Florida State, Miami and Stetson in upcoming campaigns. To help or participate, e-mail lsijs@lsijs.org, phone 352-871-0123 or attend the next LSIJS meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in Holland Hall auditorium. □



FOR RENT

Free Workshop on Tenants' Rights and Housing

Levin College of Law Center for Governmental Responsibility Public Service Law Fellows will conduct a free, legal symposium on "Housing Law: Understanding the Florida Residential Landlord-Tenant Act and How it Affects You" at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, at the Alachua County Health Department Conference Center (224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville).

The event will provide members of the Alachua County community with information on their rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord. Topics will include written and oral rental/lease agreements, rent withholding procedures, evictions, and rules pertaining specifically to Section 8 tenants. Speakers will be AmeriCorps Attorneys for Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. Rhonda Chung-de Cambre and Kathleen Arnold.

For information, contact event chair Luis A. Maldonado at 352-692-2666 or lamaldonado@hotmail.com. CGR fellows are sponsored by a grant from The Florida Bar Foundation.

Apply for Clinics

To take a Fall 2004 Criminal, Civil or Mediation Clinic or Clinic Prep or Summer 2004 Criminal Clinic, you MUST submit a clinic application to Student Affairs by 5 p.m. today, March 22.



Free Screening, Meet Producer of *Intolerable Burden*

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) and Center on Children and Families (CCF) invite students, faculty and the public to a free screening of "The Intolerable Burden," which documents the struggle to integrate all white public schools in Drew, Mississippi. The screening is at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in Holland Hall auditorium. The film's producer and longtime civil rights advocate Constance Curry will be present at the screening to discuss her work.

The screening kicks off the conference "Beyond Brown: Children, Race, and Education," to be held in Gainesville this Friday, March 26. The conference is co-sponsored by CCF and CSRRR, with support from UF's ICARE and College of Education. For an agenda and details, go online to <http://www.law.ufl.edu/childconference>.

Last Day to Apply for Summer Abroad

The deadline for UF Levin College of Law ABA-approved programs at the University of Cape Town (South Africa), University of Montpellier (France), and University of Costa Rica (Costa Rica) is today, March 22. For details, contact Noemar Castro in Student Affairs or go online to www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad.

Name Change Reflects Growing Role of Center on Children and Families

The Levin College of Law Center on Children and the Law has added "Families" to its name to reflect its growing role in restructuring the family law curriculum and in statewide family court reforms. The new name — the Center on Children and Families (CCF) — also recognizes the center's role in supporting UF's Family Law Certificate Program and the crucial role of families in the well-being of children.

Associate Directors Nancy Dowd and Iris Burke have joined founding director Barbara Bennett Woodhouse as center co-directors. (Go to www.law.ufl.edu/publications/pdf/CCFBooklet.pdf to view the new Center on Children and Families booklet, at left, in pdf format.)



"In its first three years, the center has grown and matured, playing a central role in restructuring the family law curriculum and in statewide family court reforms. While we continue to approach these issues from a consciously child-centered perspective, it was important to me and our associate directors to recognize within our organizational structure the crucial roles of family studies in our work and of hands-on learning in our teaching," said CCF Director and David H. Levin Chair in Family Law Barbara Bennett Woodhouse.

"Professor Dowd is the leading scholar nationally on single parenting and work/family issues, and Professor Burke is a gifted clinical teacher whose commitment to increasing poor families' access to justice produced the innovative Pro Se/Unbundling Clinic," Woodhouse added. "We are incredibly lucky to have these and so many other prominent experts in juvenile law, constitutional law, mediation and human rights among our CCF faculty. It was UF's amazing faculty that brought me here from the University of

Pennsylvania and I believe the quality and diversity of our faculty is unmatched anywhere in the country."

Iris Burke said, "Strengthening families, in all their diverse forms, benefits children. Explicitly including 'families' in the center's name highlights the close collaboration between the center's faculty who specialize in children's law and those who specialize in family law. Similarly, the new co-director structure formalizes the close collaboration between the center's skills faculty and its substantive law faculty. The seamless education that is possible because of this close collaboration is one of the exciting strengths of the center and its certificate program."

According to Chesterfield Smith Professor Nancy E. Dowd, "The recruitment of Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, the most prominent children's rights scholar domestically and internationally, was the impetus for the establishment of the center, and her particular expertise made it natural to call this new center the Center for Children and the Law, a multidisciplinary, child-centered, collaborative center for family law. It has always, however, been a center that focuses on families and their well-being. The change in name does not then represent a change in focus, but rather a better description of what the center does.

"Professor Woodhouse galvanized existing faculty and has continued to draw partners within the law school and across campus, as well as across the nation and internationally. The growth of the center has been geometric, with exciting projects in advocacy, teaching and research. The change in the center's name reflects a transition from the founding stage to continued growth under Professor Woodhouse's extraordinary leadership. It also is a tribute to her collaborative process, as well as to the incredible growth of the center. At this stage, it represents a step towards deepening and continuing the great work that the center has already accomplished in its short life.

"I am personally honored and privileged to serve as a co-director with two faculty whose character, scholarship and service to children and families is so extraordinary. Professor Woodhouse, as I noted above, brought enormous strength and energy to this faculty. Professor Iris Burke, who has been at the College of Law longer than either Professor Woodhouse or myself, has trained countless outstanding lawyers in our clinical program, and represents the cutting edge, critical work of the center in training the family lawyers of tomorrow."

The center is co-hosting with the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations and UF's ICARE and College of Education March 25-27 the national conference, "Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education." (Details available at: <http://lic.law.ufl.edu/ccf/>.) □



Center on Children and Families faculty (from left) Berta Hernández-Truyol, Sharon Rush, Alison Gerencser, Director Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, Kenneth Nunn, Program Assistant Debbie Kelley, Mark Fondacaro, Co-Director Iris Burke, Christopher Slobogin, Co-Director Nancy Dowd and Claudia Wright help deepen understanding of this fast-growing and meaningful practice area. (Associate Directors Mae Clark, Joan Flocks, Jeffrey Grater, Monique Haughton Worrell, Don Peters, Sherrie Russell-Brown, Peggy Schrieber, Walter Weyrauch and Steve Willis not pictured.)

Sponsors Make a Difference for Moot Court

— By Megan Sladek (2L)

Numerous students and visitors — including firm representatives who show their support each year by attending, applauding and funding the team — braved the bitter cold to travel to Gainesville Feb. 27 for the annual Raymer F. Maguire Moot Court Competition. A standing room only event, “Final Four” is the final round of competition in the Justice Campbell Thornall Moot Court Team’s new member selection process. But Final Four is more than just a competition; it is a demonstration of oral advocacy by four of the Levin College of Law’s most skilled oralists.

Holland and Knight has sponsored the spring competition for the past 21 years. And each year, members of the firm travel here to take their usual seats in the front row at the demonstration. Also in the front row and a partner at Holland and Knight, was Mark Alexander, a former Moot Court president who began the Raymer F. Maguire competition when he was a law student at the University of Florida. Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, the initial sponsoring firm, merged with Holland & Knight LLP in 1998, and has continued to sponsor the spring competition.

More than 50 students purchased packets to begin the Moot Court tryout process, and 17 turned in briefs two and a half weeks later. After two rounds of oral arguments before a mock tribunal, 11 students were invited to join the team. The top four, who competed Feb. 27, were Jorge Herrera, Robyn Moore, Yelena Shneyderman, and Vanessa Sisti. Claudel Pressa was selected as alternate, and Chris Carmody, Ajda Demirdoken, William Dillon, Marty Fulgueira, Jennifer Hayes, and Chrissy Yates made the team.

Current members include Adam Babington, JaDawnya Butler, Alison Chastain, Darren Chiappetta, Cindy Clenney, Lindsay Connor, Nate Coppernoll, Alyson Falik, Julia Farkas, Frank Garcia, David Gay, Jason Gordon, Erin Gray, Dana Keane, Bona Kim, Jennifer Kuykendall, Doug Knox, Jill Matthew, Marie Marteli, Robin McKinney, Ryan Morgan, Cara Muroff, Maria Priovolos Gonzales, Levi Ritter, Ryan Santurri, J. David Satterfield, Kristen Simmons, Megan Sladek, Steven Southwell, Scott Underwood and Courtney Walsh.

Perserverance pays off, since three of the Final Four tried out unsuccessfully for the team last semester. While other students were discouraged that only nine new members were selected in the fall, Jorge Herrera, Robyn Moore and Yelena Shneyderman continued to hone their advocacy skills, and were rewarded by not only making the team, but also the prestigious Final Four. In addition, the other Final Four competitors, Vanessa Sisti and alternate Claudel



Lansing Roy (UF JD 69) of the Bankruptcy Law Firm of Lansing J. Roy in Jacksonville (above, center, with team members Erin Gray, left, and Robin McKinney) sponsored the team competing in the Hon. Conrad Duberstein National Bankruptcy Competition March 6-8 in New York, where Gray and McKinney advanced to the Elite Eight. In other recent competitions, Adam Babington and Ryan Santurri competed at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Atlanta, and Marie Marteli and Courtney Walsh in the George Washington University National Security Law Competition in Washington D.C. In April, Alison Chastain, Jason Gordon and Dana Keane will compete in the Sutherland Cup Competition at Catholic University in Washington D.C., where the UF law Moot Court Team was one of only 10 invited to compete.

Final Four competitors Robyn Moore (from left), Yelena Shneyderman, alternate Claudel Pressa, Vanessa Sisti and Jorge Herrera.



Pressa, also were both selected as Final Four advocates in last semester’s Trial Team selection process. As a result, the top competitors in this semester’s competition were some of the most seasoned student advocates on campus, and it is believed that Vanessa Sisti is the first student in the history of the law school to be chosen both for Trial Team and Moot Court Final Four.

Final Four competitors argued in teams of two before five judges from federal district and appellate courts. Judge William Terrell Hodges presided, accompanied by Judge John C. Godbold (Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals), Chief Judge Patricia C. Fawcett (Middle District of Florida), Judge James S. Moody, Jr., and Judge Steven D. Merryday (both from the Middle District of Florida).

The panel selected Vanessa Sisti as Best Oralist and counsel for petitioners Vanessa Sisti and Jorge Herrera Best Team overall. Yelena Shneyderman won Best Brief and Best Overall Competitor, and also received the \$1,500 Elizabeth Coryell Kline Rhile Scholarship, made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Joseph Rhile, who also attends the spring competition to see the advocates argue and to present the scholarship.

Faculty advisors Henry Wihnyk and Leanne Pflaum work with the team as its members compete around the country. Find out how you can get involved — as a student or sponsor — at the team’s website at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/mootcourt> or by e-mailing Jadawyna Butler at jbutler@ufl.edu. □

Learn About DUI

Students and members of the Alachua County community are invited to learn more about “Driving Under the Influence” (DUI) at a Street Law Symposium Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the Alachua County Health Department (224 S.E. 24th Street, Gainesville).



The symposium is free and open to the public, and will provide information on DUI law in Florida, the DUI field sobriety investigation process, and driver rights when pulled over by the police. For more information, see the March 15 issue of *FlaLaw* (online at www.law.ufl.edu, click on FlaLaw) or contact CGR Fellow/2004 Street Law Chair Jon Gurney at Gurney@ufl.edu or 352-378-9195.

Street Law 2004 is organized by Levin College of Law Center for Governmental Responsibility public service law fellows, who are funded through a Florida Bar Foundation grant. Members of the UF law Drug and Alcohol Crimes Law Association are assisting with the symposium.

Lexis News

Lexis Legal Research and Writing training will be offered Monday and Tuesday, March 22-23.

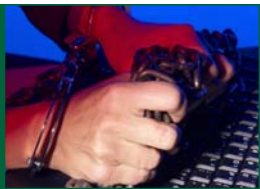
Information will be available soon regarding additional “Build Your Future” training for students with summer jobs.

Apply for Evan Yegelwel Fellowship

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) is

accepting applications for

the 2004-05 Yegelwel Fellowship. The award is \$2,000, and supports student research and scholarship toward the goal of reducing crime motivated by hate, prejudice or stereotyping. The application deadline is June 1, 2004. Details are on the CSRRR website at www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/.



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SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES

- Assistant Professor Mark Fenster delivered a talk, "The Opacity of Transparency," to the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities at the University of Connecticut Law School.
- Professor Kenneth B. Nunn was honored by Phillip J. Mays of Atlanta and his wife, Stacey, through the Phillip J. Mays, Esq. & Stacey L. Mays Book Award in Criminal Procedure - Adversary System. Book awards reward academic excellence and support law school student and faculty research and activities. "I am honored to be recognized this way and delighted for our students, who will receive deserved acknowledgment of their efforts in my class," said Nunn.
- Associate Dean of Faculty Development/Marshall Criser Eminent Scholar Bill Page presented a paper, "Economic Authority and the



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- Limits of Antitrust Policy," at a March 4 faculty workshop at FSU College of Law.
- Cone Wagner Nugent Johnson Hazouri & Roth Professor Juan Perea published "Buscando America: Why Integration and Equal Protection Fail to Protect Latinos," 117 *Harvard L. Rev.* 1420 (2004).
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor Christopher Slobogin spoke on "Sell, Singleton and Forced Medication of Defendants Found Incompetent" at the American Association of Psychology and Law Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, and on "Transaction Surveillance" at the Identity and Privacy Conference at DePaul Law School.
- A celebration and book signing was held at Wild Iris Books for Professor Emeritus Betty Taylor and other co-authors of *Women at the University of Florida*. □

Law College Council Serves Students

The Law College Council (LCC) is the political subdivision of Student Government and Board of College Councils at the Levin College of Law. LCC exists to present the views and promote the interests of law students to the law school administration, ensure that students receive an enriched legal education without encountering discrimination on the basis of race, creed, sex, age, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation, and promote diversity among student organizations. The council's 32 elected officials — 14 student organization representatives, 14 at-large representatives and four executive officers — oversee approximately 41 registered student organizations and allocate more than \$33,000 for programs and travel that benefit the student body, including the Music Law Conference, APALSA Day (showcasing Asian cultures), JLSA's Sukkot holiday, Lambda Legal Alliance Law and Policy Conference, ELULS Earth Day, Career Development Conference and Public Interest and Environmental Conference. LCC also hosts the student organization fair on campus each semester. The LCC office is on the first floor of Bruton-Greer Hall in the Student Organization Workroom.

The LCC general board meets today, March 22, and April 5 and 19 at 6 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. Each meeting features open forums where students may address the council and voice their concerns. For information, e-mail LCC President Justin S. Flippen at Gatorlaw78@aol.com. □



LCC Secretary Destinie Baker (from left), President Justin S. Flippen and Treasurer Kimberly Galatioto. (Vice President Samantha Powers not shown). 2004-05 officers will be President-elect Lee Harang, Vice President-elect Najah Gibson, Secretary-elect Erica Williams, and Treasurer-elect Steve Martin.



LCC Representatives Lee Stein (below, from left), Melinda Wimbish, William Reich and Lee Harang review the agenda before the meeting.

LCC Representatives James Stowers (above, from left), Michael Tempkins and Zainabu Rumala consider funding requests during a recent LCC meeting.



Working Across the Color Line: A Workshop on Interracial and Intercultural Communication

Working Across the Color Line: A Workshop on Interracial and Intercultural Communication, will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Alachua County Library Meeting Room A. The workshop will explore the interpersonal dynamics of working with people of other cultures and races, including the role culture plays in intercultural/interracial work relationships, how to overcome conscious and unconscious resistance to working in multicultural teams, coping with challenges inherent in close interracial/intercultural communication at work, and enhancing productivity and reducing the stress of working in the multicultural workplace of the 21st century.

The workshop is hosted by the UF law Office of Diversity & Community Development. The facilitator will be Dr. Michael Leslie (right), associate professor and graduate coordinator for international/intercultural communication in the UF College of Journalism and Communications. □



UF LAW CALENDAR

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March

- 22 • Deadline to Apply for Summer Abroad Programs and for Clinics
- On Call: a Workshop on Business Etiquette and Professionalism. 5-8 p.m., Location TBA
- 23 • Careers in Intellectual Property Law, noon, faculty dining room
- Toastmasters, 5 p.m., 292 HOL
- 24 • UF Election Project Meeting, 5 p.m., 190B HOL
- 25 • "Beyond Brown: Children, Race & Education" Conference begins, Gainesville (details at www.law.ufl.edu). Free screening of "The Intolerable Burden," 4 p.m., auditorium
- EASLS Speaker, general counsel for Jacksonville Jaguars Paul Vance
- LSR Speaker, Jeff McAdams, 2 p.m., 283 HOL
- 26 • "Ships," by Career Services, noon, Bailey Courtroom
- 27 • ABA Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament, 10 a.m., Southwest Recreation Area
- 29 • Street Law Symposium, 7 p.m., Alachua Cty. Health Dept.