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## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### BLSA Health Fair April 1

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students Association will present Health Fair 2004, "Get Hip on Your Health!" Thursday, April 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on Holland Hall concourse. The event will feature free blood pressure checks; refreshments; information on diabetes, high blood pressure and cancer; and prizes to be awarded in a health trivia game. Bring medications and prescriptions you have questions about with you, and UF pharmacy students will be available to discuss them and your options.

### Avert Court Funding Crisis

Help prevent a severe funding shortage for the court system by calling Legislators in Tallahassee 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, from the Holland Hall courtyard. Cell phones will be available. Learn more online at [www.lsijs.org](http://www.lsijs.org).

### CLA Meets Today, Book Drive Underway

New Criminal Law Association (CLA) executive board members for next year are president Kelli Herring, Vice President Nicole Bloom, Secretary Colette Duke and Treasurer Jennifer Friedberg. The final CLA meeting of the semester is 5:30 p.m. today, March 29, in 190C Holland Hall, and will feature speaker Sonya Yapita from Three Rivers Legal Services. Refreshments served.

CLA's book drive for prison inmates is underway, and books will be collected until April 19 in Student Affairs, Career Services and on the concourse. (Books will be used by male inmates.) Note that law books or magazines cannot be accepted, but other academic books (geography, oceanography, meteorology, astronomy, history, etc.), science fiction, performance books, men's fiction, African American interest, books written in Spanish and other appropriate books are appreciated. In addition, a new program for inmates to read children's books to their own children on tape has resulted in a need for blank tapes and children's books. Dig through your bookshelves

(and those of your friends, neighbors and relatives) and bring in books you can part with for this worthy cause.

Finally, all are invited to a CLA end of year reception 6-7:30 p.m. April 15 in the faculty dining room in Bruton-Geer Hall. It will feature guest speakers on the topic, "Putting Our Kids on the Chain Gang: A Round Table Discussion on Youth Serving Adult Sentences." Refreshments will be served, and all guest speakers from previous CLA meetings will be invited.

For more information about the book drive or reception, e-mail [gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com).

### 'JAG to Civilian' Panel April 1

The Military Law Student Association (MLSA) and Center for Career Services will co-  
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APALSA strives to increase awareness of Asian issues.

### Celebrate With APALSA April 1

The Asian and Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), in conjunction with UF's Asian Student Union, will celebrate APALSA Day Thursday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Holland Hall concourse. The event will feature free food, cultural displays and booths with political/legal/social information pertaining to Asia and Asian culture, and a performance of a dramatic poem by the Asian Student Union. (This performance was the highlight of last year's Asian Cultural Festival.)

Although Asian-Americans are one of the most under-represented minority groups in the legal field, Asian and Asian-American issues are increasingly prevalent. Come learn more this Thursday, and/or attend APALSA's election meeting Wednesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. in Bruton-Geer Hall cafeteria. APALSA is looking for new officers, and encourages all interested students to attend.

For information, e-mail APALSA President Mitesh Patel at [mitesh@ufl.edu](mailto:mitesh@ufl.edu).

### Judge Susan Black to Speak at UF Law Graduation

The Honorable Susan Harrell Black (UF JD 67) — Florida's first female federal judge — will speak at Levin College of Law commencement May 14. Black, who announced at the early age



Black of eight her intention to pursue a law career, was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit by President Bush in 1992. She became the state's first female federal judge when President Carter appointed her to the U.S. District Court for Florida's Middle District, where she was chief justice 1990-92. She was named a University of Florida Distinguished Alumna in 1982, and is UF Law Center Association trustee emeritus; College for New Florida Circuit and County Judges dean, and on the faculty of the National Judicial College.

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### Time's Running Out: Apply Now for 2004-05 Aid

• **Students should apply now for aid for 2004-05, and are encouraged to do so online to save processing time and reduce errors through the system's built-in editing format. Go to FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the Web ([www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)) and follow instructions. You can then check the status of your application and/or make corrections online.**

• **Apply by Thursday, April 1, for financial aid this summer. To be considered, you must have a completed 2003-04 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with UF and have indicated there that you will be enrolled for Summer 2004 Term for a minimum of three credits for J.D. students and four credits for graduate students. The yearly limit on federal Stafford loans is \$18,500. Some students may be unable to meet expected summer enrollment costs with their remaining eligibility for this type loan. Other options include limited Perkin's loan funds, private student loans and Federal Work Study.**

For information or to review aid options, contact Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber in the Office of Student Affairs (call 352-392-0421 or visit 164 Holland Hall).

## • CAREER SERVICES •

### Get Your Externship Number

Externing this summer? Stop by Career Services for your Externship Registration Number. The number is issued to students who complete an Externship Acknowledgment Form — make sure yours is turned in before Summer/Fall registration begins — to enable them to register for the proper amount of externship credits. For information, contact Carol Kuczora in Career Services.

### Spring Entrant Meeting April 5

There will be a mandatory Center for Career Services meeting for Spring 2004 entrants Monday, April 5, at noon in the auditorium. Students will be introduced to Career Services staff, counselors and services. Summer options to make your resume stand out from the rest for the fall recruiting season also will be discussed at the meeting, which is co-sponsored by Lexis.

### Mock Interview Program

Practice your interviewing techniques with attorneys from the community who are volunteer-

ing their time to help you prepare for the recruiting season. Attorneys will interview you for 20 minutes and provide 10 minutes of feedback. Sign up on Westlaw's TWEN, first come, first served (there was a waiting list last semester). 1Ls are particularly encouraged to participate. Contact Career Services if you have questions.

### Job Bank & Resume Collects

The Center for Career Services sends e-mails through the Career Hotline to announce jobs with short deadlines to give students every opportunity to submit information to the requesting employer. Students are reminded to check actual listings on eAttorney to make sure they are submitting the correct material.

It is important to note that unless the e-mail says the firm is planning to visit campus, they are **not** On-Campus Interview (OCI) employers. They are "resume collect" employers or regular job listings. Both can be found on eAttorney. Under the  
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## • ALUMNI PROFILE: TODD LEVINE •

"It is important to be open-minded and make contacts in the field. When I joined Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan and Berlin right out of law school it was a relatively small firm, and I was uncertain of the type of law I wanted to practice. I immediately clicked with my colleagues and enjoyed our practice so much that today I am proud to be a member of what has grown to be a uniquely successful, high quality law firm. I also take pride in the fact that I am a graduate of the best law school in the state, and I work to perpetuate the school's excellent reputation."

— **Todd A. Levine (UF JD 91), a partner in Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, P.L. in Miami, practices in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department and specializes in complex commercial litigation — particularly brokerage, real estate, contractual and business entity disputes — and construction litigation. Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin has acquired a reputation as "the lawyer's law firm" because they are routinely referred cases by other lawyers who have conflicts and recognize the firm's ability to provide the highest quality services while protecting their relationship with their clients. Levine is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida and U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He is a member of the Dade County Bar Association.**

Levine, a devout Gator, received his undergraduate degree in Finance from UF in 1988 with high honors, and in 1991 earned his law degree with honors from UF and was admitted to The Florida Bar. While in law school, he co-founded the University of Florida College of Law's Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society, and received an award for best academic performance for his course work in Florida Land Transactions. As an undergraduate, he was art director and assistant creative director for UF's nationally renowned "Gator Growl."

Levine was born in North Miami, Florida, and lives in Plantation with his wife, Karen, and their two children, four-year-old Zachary and two-year-old Jacob.

— By Jessica R. Zlotnick (2L)



## Four UF Law Students Named Supreme Court Externs

Center for Governmental Responsibility Research Associate/Florida Supreme Court Externship Program Coordinator Tim McLendon has selected four Levin College of Law students for the prestigious positions: John Adams (placed Fall '04), Meredith Fields (Summer '04), Howard Goldfarb (Summer '04) and Eric Roberson (Fall '04).

"This is a tremendous opportunity to apply the great education we receive at the College of Law. It is an honor to be chosen for this position from a pool of exceptionally qualified candidates," said Roberson.

"While we received many resumes from qualified applicants, these students possess the outstanding credentials the court has come to expect from UF law students," said Assistant Director for Career Services Carol M. Kuczora, who coordinates externship programs at the law school. "Florida Supreme Court externships have become a cornerstone of our externship program. Utilizing skills they garner from their unique and valuable experience, these externs have gone on to post-graduate judicial clerkships at both the state and federal level, as well as prestigious associate positions with law firms, corporations and government agencies."

Adams said, "I am excited about representing the Levin College of Law at the Florida Supreme Court. This externship is one of the best opportunities available to students at our law school."

"I think this externship program will be a great experience for my second summer," said Fields. "I'm looking forward to making lots of contacts — contacts which will hopefully last through my professional career. What an opportunity!" □

CGR Research Associate Tim McLendon (from left), Supreme Court Externs Meredith Fields and Howard Goldfarb, Career Services Assistant Director Carol Kuczora, and Externs Eric Roberson and John Adams.



### ETELS Banquet & Speaker March 31

The Estates, Trusts & Elder Law Society invites you to its Spring 2004 Banquet. The event will be held at noon Wednesday, March 31, in 283 Holland Hall, and will feature leading estate planning attorney Carla DeLoach Bryant (above, at back right, with Director of the Estates and Trusts Practice Program Professor Douglas Miller at an earlier presentation). DeLoach is a graduate of the UF Graduate Tax Program and founder of a boutique tax, estate and business planning law firm with offices in Winter Park and Gainesville. During a routine client interview to make changes to a new client's will, she became suspicious, and upon investigation uncovered a \$400,000 fraud perpetrated on her client, resulting in two arrests. The incident drew wide media attention, with live television coverage by local affiliates of ABC, CBS and FOX. A video of the news coverage will be shown.

All students welcome. Lunch and beverages provided. For information, e-mail Kristen Simmons at [keb8@ufl.edu](mailto:keb8@ufl.edu).

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Career Tab, the fourth option is Job Bank. The Job Bank does **not** include OCI employers, but job listings the center receives directly from employers. Each listing includes the desired "Response Method" for applying. If the listing says "No Phone Calls," **do not** call the employer.

To make your online job search more efficient, first click on Job Bank, where you will be prompted for more information. Select the Job Details tab, which will bring up another "fill in the blank" prompt, and enter your class year (1L, 2L or 3L). This will bring up all available jobs for someone in your class. To make this experience and future visits to eAttorney Job Bank easier, click on "Date Listed" at the top of available job listings to order them in reverse chronological order, so the next time you check the Job Bank you will only have to look at recent listings (at the top) rather than having to scroll through and try to remember if you've looked at them or not. Contact Career Services if you have questions.

### Programs, Dates and Deadlines

- Tuesday, March 30, **Judicial Externships & Clerkships**, noon, 283 Holland Hall.
- Wednesday, March 31, **Last Day of Spring OCI**.
- Thursday, April 1, **MLSA and Career Services present JAG: Transition to Practice**, 1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom.
- Friday, April 2, **Quarles & Brady presents "How to be a Successful Summer Clerk,"** noon, Bailey Courtroom. □



### Judicial Clerkship Corner

The Levin College of Law follows the "Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan for 2004" endorsed by the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) and National Association of Law Placement (NALP). These guide-

lines apply to all federal clerkship applications, except those to the U.S. Supreme Court and vacancies that must be filled promptly. Graduating law students and law alumni are urged to abide by these principles:

- Only third-year law students and alumni can apply.
- Applications should be confined to the fall, except for current calendar year vacancies that must be filled promptly.
- Applications should be mailed no earlier than the Tuesday following Labor Day (Sept. 7), unless it is for a current year vacancy.
- Applicants should request copies of transcripts, letters of recommendation or telephone references for clerkship positions. Although applicants may make requests before Labor Day, they should specify that materials not be submitted to judges before the Tuesday following Labor Day, unless it is for a current year vacancy.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit all application materials (including sealed letters of reference) in one mailing.
- Applicants should not seek interviews before the first Monday after Labor Day (Sept. 13), or participate in interviews before the second Monday after Labor Day (Sept. 20).

To learn more about judicial clerkships, contact the Center for Career Services and/or 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. □

### Lexis 1L Training

Lexis 1L training will be offered March 22-23 and March 31-April 2. For details go to [Lexis.com](http://Lexis.com) or e-mail Duane Kaizer at [dkaizer@ufl.edu](mailto:dkaizer@ufl.edu).

## Professor Butler Gives CSRRR Inaugural Spring Lecture April 12

The CSRRR'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.



Butler

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

## 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, "Diversity Matters: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Legal Education," today, March 29, from noon-1 p.m. in the faculty dining room. All are welcome.

View the complete article in the *UF Journal of Law and Public Policy* online at [http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/pdf/diversity\\_matters.pdf](http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/pdf/diversity_matters.pdf).

## Linking Law, Ethics & Professionalism

Hundreds of students deepened their understanding of professionalism and ethics issues last week at a Law and Ethics Conference organized by Melanie Golden and the Office of Student Affairs and hosted by the Eighth Judicial Circuit, the Ethics Group and the law school. Group leaders included Judge Larry Turner (Criminal Law), Sr. Attorney Jean Sperbeck (Estates & Trusts), Judge Rick Smith (Family Law), Judge Toby Monaco (Personal Injury/Insurance Defense) and Judge David Glant (Business/Commercial Law).

New York Times columnist Randy Cohen kicked-off the conference Wednesday evening in the J. Wayne Reitz Union. The conference continued Thursday with a presentation by Professor of Philosophy John Lachs, followed by panel discussions (top photo) by UF law faculty and local practitioners. The Professional Symposium on Friday — introduced by Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Gail Sasnett (bottom picture) — featured a keynote by UF College of Business Director of the Business Ethics Education & Research Center and Huber Hurst Professor in Business Law & Legal Studies Virginia Maurer, with break-out discussion groups following. □



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host a panel, "Transitioning From JAG to Civilian Life," Thursday, April 1, at 1 p.m. in the Bailey Courtroom. (Note: This is not a recruiting event.)

Panelists will discuss their experiences as Army JAG officers and how it compares to and helps their civilian legal careers. Speakers will include retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and current Alachua County Attorney David Wagner and a Florida National Guard JAG officer who also works as a private attorney. For information, e-mail Steve Berlin at [berlinsd@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinsd@yahoo.com).

## Honor Committee Elections

The Levin College of Law Honor Committee will hold elections for first- and third-semester positions all day Tuesday, March 30, in conjunction with JMBA elections. The Honor Committee administers the law school's Honor System, which represents a commitment by students to adhere to the highest degree of ethical integrity.

Students may vote only for candidates running in their respective semester (first-semester students can only vote for other first-semester candidates; third-semester students can vote only for third-semester candidates). Candidates are prohibited from campaigning or asking other students to campaign or solicit votes on their behalf, though they may encourage other students to vote.

## BLSA Reunion Weekend April 2-4

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) will host its 15th Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, "Emerging into a Triumphant Era," April 2-4 in Orlando at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. BLSA will host free seminars Saturday, April 3, for students on alternative careers in law and the first few years of practice. Panelists will include a representative from Career Services and practicing attorneys. Students

also are invited to attend the April 3 luncheon and awards gala (\$40 per person). For information or a student registration form, e-mail [blsa\\_arw2004@hotmail.com](mailto:blsa_arw2004@hotmail.com).

## JMBA News & Events

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

- **JMBA general board meeting**, today, March 29, 7-8 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All are welcome.
- **JMBA elections for general board representatives and executive board members**, Tuesday, March 30.
- **JMBA Barrister's Ball**, Friday, April 2, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Sweetwater Branch Inn. Tickets are \$25 for JMBA members and \$30 for non-JMBA members. For information, e-mail Bonnie Bolz at [bonnie6263@aol.com](mailto:bonnie6263@aol.com).

## Columnist Speaks at LSR Meeting

*Alligator* Columnist Hunter Williams will speak at the next Law School Republicans (LSR) meeting Thursday, April 1, at 1 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. Williams will talk about his experience at the *Alligator* and conservatism on campus. Other topics will include political issues and developments in the national 2004 campaigns. (Juice and donuts may be served, but then again, it is April Fools Day.)

Officer elections for next year will be held during the final LSR meeting of the semester Thursday, April 8, at 1 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. To run for office or nominate someone, e-mail [uflawgop@hotmail.com](mailto:uflawgop@hotmail.com).

The LSRs continue 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

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earn community service hours, e-mail VP Adria Toledo at atoly@ufl.edu.

Sign up for the LSR listserve and check out information and links at uflawgop.com. (The LSR blog has many interesting discussion topics. Contact the listserve to participate.)

### CLS Helps Elderly

The Christian Legal Society will work on arts and crafts with residents of Palm Garden (an elder care facility on 62nd Blvd near the mall) Thursday, April 1, 2:15-4 p.m. To participate, e-mail molly-metzler@aol.com.

### APIL Speaker, LawLawPalooza April 1

The Association for Public Interest Lawyers (APIL) is hosting Public Interest Awareness 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.

### 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 30, at 5 p.m. in 292 Holland Hall. Observers always welcome. For information, e-mail Ray Dominick at r12345@ufl.edu.

### EASLS Speaker April 1

The Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Society (EASLS) will host music, Internet and media lawyer Jay Willingham April 1 as part of the EASLS Spring 2004 Lecture Series. Also scheduled are President of So So Def Sports and Entertainment, super agent Hadley Englehardt on April 6, sports, entertainment and music lawyer and head of The Florida Bar Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section Darryl Cohen on April 8, and music and entertainment lawyer Laurie Ashton Anton (details TBA). □



### Title Examination Workshop April 3

Student Affairs will host a Title Examination Workshop Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m.-noon, in 190C Holland Hall. Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund Educational Representative David Mesnekoff, Esq. will teach the workshop. The Fund has presented this workshop at the law school for years. If you're planning a real estate law practice or on buying real estate, don't miss this highly rated workshop. Materials will be supplied at no charge. To participate or for more information contact Student Affairs at 352-392-0421.

## Change Your Thinking, Improve Your Life — By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

Did you know the way you think can make your problems feel worse than they are? Cognitive psychologists have described "cognitive distortions" humans tend to use, including:

- **Dichotomous thinking.** This refers to black vs. white, all vs. nothing thinking, which ignores the nuances of reality. For example, "Second place is the first loser." This type of thinking sabotages your ability to appreciate the good things in life.
- **Selective abstraction.** This is when you see only evidence that supports your negative feelings. For example, you conveniently forget all compliments you receive from people, but remember a single criticism. This distorts your ability to use input accurately.
- **"Catastrophizing."** If you "catastrophize," you exaggerate an event to make yourself fearful. It might sound like this, "This job interview could make or break me." Catastrophizing feeds your jitters.
- **Overgeneralization.** This distortion occurs when you take a negative event and create a rule from it. A statement such as, "I gave a wrong answer in class today. I have no right to speak out in class," is an example of overgeneralization. This thinking inhibits your ability to make reasonable plans for behavior.
- **(Mis-)labeling.** Some people will say, "I'm a failure," when it would be more accurate to say, "I wanted to get a much higher grade on that exam." This thought habit unnecessarily equates your identity with the outcome of an event in your life.

- **Magnification/minimization.** This is when you accentuate the negative and de-emphasize the positive. For example, you might remember a single error you made in an otherwise wonderful job interview, or tend to think that satisfactory performance is just not good enough. This can undermine your ability to set realistic goals.
- **Personalization.** You are personalizing when you take responsibility for an event over which you have no control. For example, "I jinxed the Gators by tuning in to the game late." This unrealistically magnifies your sense of guilt.

If you catch yourself making these "thought errors," correct them immediately and repeatedly. Doing so may help prevent anxiety and depression and empower you to make the best of every situation.

Information for this article comes from *Theories of Psychotherapy & Counseling* by Richard A. Sharf (Ed.).

Contact Resource Counselor Jim Porter at 352-392-0499 or e-mail him at pacifist@ufl.edu. □



### Last Docket, Editors Needed

The Docket is written and produced by UF law students and inserted in FlaLaw every other week. Submit news for the last spring Docket — the April 12 issue — to co-editors Stephanie Mickle and Kristen Simmons by noon Tuesday, April 6. Submissions must be Word compatible and no more than 750 words. Include contact information and author's name. JMBA may edit for style, format and length, and will not republish articles. Also, if you are interested in becoming the next Docket editor, submit your name, semester, experience and why you are interested by noon Wednesday, March 31. E-mail news, information and/or questions to jmbadocket@yahoo.com.

## UF Law Supporters Recognized in Annual Report

The 1,800-plus alumni and friends whose financial support makes many Levin College of Law programs, facilities and activities possible are recognized in the 2002-03 Law Center Association Annual Report, now online as a link from the College of Law home page at [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu). For a hard copy or more information, contact the UF law Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 352-392-9296.

## Apply to CSRRR for Fellowship and Summer Assistant Position

- Apply by June 1 to the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) for the 2004-05 Evan Yegelwel Fellowship. The award is \$2,000, and supports student research and scholarship toward reducing crime motivated by hate, prejudice or stereotyping. Details are on the CSRRR website at [www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/).
- CSRRR needs a summer research assistant to assist staff on multiple projects. Ten hours per week commitment. Strong computer skills — including webpage and database design — desired. “This is exciting, important work — come grow with us!” said Assistant Director Melissa Bamba. To apply, submit your resume and cover letter to Pat Hancock in 340 Holland Hall.

## IP Certificate Attracts Students to UF Law — By Whitney Untiedt (2L)

Interested in science and technology? Looking for a way to combine a chemistry and law degree? Thinking about law in the entertainment or publishing field?

Think IP.

IP — intellectual property law — is a growing legal field as borders disappear and technology advances in the 21st century.

Under direction of Professor Thomas F. Cotter (see page 7), the Levin College of Law offers an IP certificate program for students interested in specialized training in this area. IP encompasses a variety of legal specializations, from patents and trade secrets to copyrights and trademarks. IP certificate courses also cover fields such as media law, commercial law and cyberlaw.

To earn the IP certificate, students must complete a writing requirement and 96 credit hours, at least 15 of which must be earned from the IP core curriculum. The program encourages students to learn about this area of the law in-depth through specialized coursework and IP-related seminars. (Details online at [www.law.ufl.edu/academics/ip/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/academics/ip/).)

Because the certificate requires students to take eight credit hours above minimum graduation requirements, many students — such as Tracey Owens, a sixth-semester student working on her IP certificate — stay at law school an extra semester.

“I decided IP was an excellent career choice for me to still utilize my bachelor’s degree in science,” said Owens, who will graduate in December 2004. “Also, IP is a field where you can actually help your clients in a positive way — by pursuing patent protection for their new inventions, for example.”

The IP Program’s popularity has grown since it was established in 1998 by Cotter and then-Dean Richard Matasar. About 10 students graduate with an IP certificate each year, and many more take classes in the field. Cotter estimated that about 60 students enroll in core courses such as copyrights and trademarks, and a specialized class will attract 15 to 20 students a semester. Students also participate in independent study opportunities, which can culminate in a publishable paper or large project.

According to Cotter, the program also has made the UF College of Law attractive to incoming students with science and technology backgrounds looking for a way to combine their undergraduate and law degrees in a career.

“I’ll get calls from students going through the admissions process or thinking of applying to law school who want to know more about our program, and who might come here as opposed to somewhere else because of our IP program,” said Cotter.

While students interested in patent prosecution need a science or engineering background, students with other undergraduate degrees also are encouraged

to consider a career in intellectual property law. IP litigation does not require a hard science degree, and law graduates can carve out an IP specialization after practicing with a general firm.

“To do patent litigation — or copyright law or trademark law or trade secret law — there is no requirement to have a technical background,” Cotter said. “All other things being equal, it’s easier to get the initial job if you have the technical background, but there are plenty of opportunities for those without it.”

Florida’s IP program is supported in part by practicing attorneys who volunteer to teach specialized courses and the Gainesville law firm of Saliwanchik, Lloyd & Saliwanchik, which created an Intellectual Property Fund that has enabled Cotter and the law school to expand IP offerings and fund events such as the Third Annual Law and Technology Conference recently held in Orlando. More than 70 practitioners, faculty and law students participated, and the keynote speaker was James Rogan, former director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, who reviewed recent national reforms in patent law.

“We had speakers from a number of law firms speaking about different aspects of intellectual property and, more generally, law and technology,” Cotter said.

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**“What makes this Intellectual Property Law Program so outstanding is its two-fold approach to developing practitioners and leaders. First, the Levin College of Law has assembled some of the best technology law, intellectual property and antitrust scholars to provide students with the very best instruction on substantive law. Second, it has enticed leading practitioners to provide students with**



**various practical and writing skills. This is a one-two combination that shows employers the program’s students have what it takes to not only practice in these fields, but to excel and lead. Our faculty provides excellent classroom instruction, and our diverse student body makes the experience exciting and rewarding.”**

**— Robert H. Thornburg (UF JD 01, above, seated, with IP Director Tom Cotter), Past President, Florida Intellectual Property Law Association.**

## • MEET THE FACULTY •

Professor Thomas F. Cotter is the first to admit that his office is a wreck. Books are piled from the floor practically to the ceiling. Chairs and tables are overcome with heaps of loose papers and notebooks. Bookshelves are full of thick, austere, legal-looking books. A little path is cleared from the doorway, which is usually open when Cotter is around, to the desk.

This is where the magic happens.

Cotter has, it seems, a million-and-one projects. He's working on a book, editing student works, teaching classes, and organizing legal seminars. His eyes light up when he talks about his work, and suddenly the stacks of books and papers seem to make sense — a sort of haphazard filing system, minus the cabinets.

He has been at the University of Florida's law school since 1994, rising in 10 short years from assistant professor to a tenured position as law professor and director of the Levin College of Law's Intellectual Property (IP) Law Program, a field he says interested him "mostly by accident."

"I actually never took any of these (intellectual property) courses when I was in college," said Cotter. "It wasn't such a big deal when I went to law school, back in the 1980s."

Cotter earned his B.S. (with distinction), M.S. and J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of Wisconsin, and was a member of the Order of the Coif. His expertise is in intellectual property (domestic and international), and law and economics. He is recipient of the Ladas Memorial Award and Teaching Improvement Program Award.

As an associate with the Chicago law firm Jenner & Block in the early 1990s, Cotter got his first taste of IP law litigating a trademarks case for L'Oreal — his students read about the case in their IP textbooks — which prompted a law review article on trademark law, which got him hooked. A year after Cotter started teaching at the law school, former Professor Roy Hunt retired,

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Although practicing lawyers made up the majority of the conference's attendees, faculty and/or students from the Levin College of Law, Florida A&M Law School and FSU Law School also attended.

"As a student, I attended the conference to utilize the opportunity to network and learn about prominent IP individuals, firms and companies," said Owens.



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and Cotter took over the copyright and patent law survey course.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

With more than 20 articles under his belt and a book pending, Cotter has become a leader in the fast-growing field of IP law.

In addition to teaching and writing about IP issues, Cotter stays involved with students. He advises the law school's *Journal of Technology Law and Policy*, works with students on scholarly papers for publication, and directs the Intellectual Property Law Certificate Program (see page 6), which offers specialized coursework for students interested in IP law careers.

"So you can see why my office looks the way it does — I am literally always under some deadline," Cotter said. "It's hard work, but enjoyable."

— By Whitney Untiedt (2L)

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The law firm of MillerMitchell P.C. of Princeton, New Jersey, sponsored the conference breakfast, and Feldman Gale & Webber of Miami sponsored the lunch. Plans are now underway for the 2005 Law & Technology Conference, which also will be held in Orlando.

For more information about the Intellectual Property Law Program, contact Professor Cotter at [cotter@law.ufl.edu](mailto:cotter@law.ufl.edu) or 352-392-2235. □

## Help Others During UFCC Campaign

Planning for the 2004 University of Florida Community Campaign (UFCC) is underway. The UFCC aids 44 organizations in their efforts to help those in need and assist public causes in Alachua County, and is affiliated with United Way of Alachua County, which assists 30-plus additional organizations.

"As you involve yourself in the community, I urge you to become aware of the needs that exist and of the good these organizations accomplish," said Professor Joseph Little, who coordinates the UFCC drive at the law school. "You will be hearing more about how you might participate in the 2004 campaign, especially when it goes into high gear in late summer."

For information, e-mail Professor Little at [Little@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Little@law.ufl.edu).

## UF Stakeholders Weekend April 16-17

The University of Florida Foundation is hosting the first-ever UF Stakeholders Weekend April 16-17 to spotlight the vital role private giving plays in UF's success. Events include an information session April 17, 11 a.m.-noon, Emerson Alumni Hall President's Room, with UF President Bernie Machen and UF Foundation representatives; and an endowment luncheon April 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Florida Gym. (Details available online at [www.uff.ufl.edu/stakeholders](http://www.uff.ufl.edu/stakeholders).)

## Submit News for FlaLaw

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

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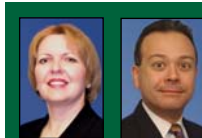
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## SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES

- Director of Institutional Information and Publications **Debra Amirin** and other members of her Florida Public Relations Association Community Relations Committee earned a top Image Award in FPRA's Gainesville-Ocala Award Competition in recognition of the effectiveness and community service of the seminar, "TechoTools, What's New, What Works," they organized for local nonprofit organizations.
- Professor/IP Program Director **Thomas Cotter** published a book review for *The Antitrust Source* (online at [www.antitrust-source.com](http://www.antitrust-source.com)), and presented a paper, "An Economic Analysis of Enhanced Damages and Attorneys' Fees for Willful Patent Infringement," at a March 19 symposium on Willful Patent Infringement at George Washington University Law School jointly sponsored by the law school and Oracle Corporation.
- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Nancy Dowd** published "From Genes, Marriage and Money to Nurture: Redefining Fatherhood," 10 *Cardozo Women's L.J.* 132 (2003).
- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon** was interviewed on WUFT AM on the North American Free Trade Agreement and Outsourcing. During Spring Break he was the guest of the universities of Edinburgh and Aberdeen, where he spoke



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on international civil litigation to the faculty and graduate students, and at Trinity College, Dublin.

- Clarence J. TeSelle Professor **Martin J. McMahon, Jr.** presented a day-long workshop on "United States Judicial Anti-Avoidance Doctrines" at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, Centre for Tax Law Workshop in Cambridge, England, March 12 for British tax professors, practitioners, Inland Revenue administrators and judges.
- Professor **Kenneth Nunn** and Irving Cypen Professor **Sharon Rush** are doing a CLE for The Florida Bar April 3.
- Professor and Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations **Kathryn Russell-Brown** was invited by the Sociology Department at Northern Illinois University to give a presentation, "Race and Perceptions of Crime and Justice," March 18.
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** participated in a panel discussion on "Video Surveillance: Legal and Technological Challenges," at Georgetown Law School, moderated a UF College of Law workshop at the Brown v. Board of Education conference, and participated in a UF law Professionalism Symposium panel on criminal law. □

## Free, Public Symposia Spotlight DUI, Housing Law Today and Wednesday

Center for Governmental Responsibility Public Interest Law Fellows will sponsor the following symposia — both free and open to the public — at 7 p.m. in the Alachua County Health Department Conference Center (224 SE 24th St., Gainesville):

- **Street Law Symposium, "Driving Under the Influence" (DUI)**, today, March 29. Learn more about police and citizen encounters during a traffic stop from a criminal defense attorney and representatives from the State Attorney's Office and Alachua County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit.
- **"Housing Law: Understanding the Florida Residential Landlord-Tenant Act and How it Affects You,"** Wednesday, March 31. Learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant from representatives at Three Rivers Legal Services. Refreshments served.

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## UF LAW CALENDAR

See calendar online at [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu)

### March

- 29 • CSRRR brown bag, Professors Nancy Dowd and Ken Nunn, noon-1 p.m., faculty dining room
- CLA meeting, 5:30 p.m., 190C HOL
- "Street law symposium," 7 p.m., Alachua Cty. Health Dept.
- JMBA board meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- 30 • Faculty enrichment, James Chen, University of Minnesota Law School, noon, faculty dining room
- Judicial externships and clerkships, noon, 283 HOL
- LSIS phonathon to Legislators, 1-3 p.m., Holland Hall courtyard
- JMBA & Honor Committee elections
- Toastmasters, 5 p.m., 292 HOL
- 31 • EELS banquet & speaker Carla DeLoach Bryant, noon, 283 HOL
- Housing law symposium, 7 p.m., Alachua Cty. Health Dept.

### April

- 1 • BLSA health fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., concourse
- APALSA Day, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., concourse
- LSR meeting & speaker Hunter Williams, 1 p.m., 190B HOL
- "JAG to Civilian Life" Panel, 1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- CLS arts & crafts with Palm Garden residents, 2:15-4 p.m.
- APIL speaker Kathleen Arnold, 6-7 p.m., faculty dining room, and LawLawPalooza (details TBA)
- EASLS speaker Jay Willingham (details TBA)
- 2 • The successful summer clerk, noon, Bailey Courtroom