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Delaney & Noah Named JMBA Student & Professor of the Year

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) announced at the Barrister's Ball April 2 that Blake Delaney (2L, top photo) and University of Florida Research Foundation Professor Lars Noah (below) had earned two of the school's highest honors: Student of the Year and Professor of the Year.

"It's such an honor to be recognized by the law school," said Delaney. "The people here make it so easy to get involved in the community."

Delaney is from Fairfax, VA, and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia with a double major in linguistics and anthropology. He is an assistant research editor of *Florida Law Review*, works with first-year students through the *Review's* tutoring program, and won the award for Best New Law Review Member at the awards banquet last fall. He



also is active in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, served as a Fall 2003 ambassador for new students, and earned the Fall 2002 book award for Criminal Law and Fall 2003 book award for Bankruptcy.

Noah also was named Professor of the Year in 1995 and 1998, a tribute to the time and attention he devotes to his students. He earned his A.B. (magna cum laude) and J.D. (magna cum laude) from Harvard University, and is a prolific author and frequent speaker in areas of Administrative Law, Conflict of Laws,

Medical Technology, Products Liability and Torts. He joined the College of Law faculty in 1994, and has been a visiting professor at Georgetown and University of Texas.

— By Meredith Fields (2L)



Moving Days

To allow for significant renovations of Holland Hall, a massive effort to move many occupants by the end of the month is underway. Major relocations include:

- **Dean's Office:** Now in the white trailer by the new Orange parking lot, west side of Bruton-Geer Hall.
- **Legal Information Center (library):** A LIC reserve desk is open in Media Services, second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall, with old exams, and readings and books on reserve, and will include the Tax Library as of May 2. LIC's main collection opens May 12 in Butler Plaza. (Note: Students can study in Marston, Health Science Center and Education libraries.)
- **Student Affairs:** Moves by end of April to Bruton-Geer Hall first floor area formerly occupied by student journals, which now are in the cafeteria. *Florida Law Review* moves next week to former faculty dining room.
- **Computing Services:** Moves next week to former student computer lab, second floor Bruton-Geer Hall.

Most phone numbers and mailing addresses will remain the same. For information, contact the Dean's Office at 352-392-9238.



Announcements

Earth Day Auction Tuesday

Take advantage of great bargains and free pizza while you benefit environmental and science education in Alachua County 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, on the concourse during the Environmental and Land Use Law Society's Earth Day Silent Auction. Items up for bid include gift certificates from Alley Katz, GrillMasters, Books, Inc. and the Lingerie Company, as well as artwork and donations from many other area businesses. For more information, e-mail Quilla Trimmer-Smith at qearth@ufl.edu.

PIEC Positions Available

Students interested in environmental and land use law are invited to become part of one of the country's best student-produced events, the UF law Public Interest Environmental Conference. Chair and panelist coordinator positions are open, and participation helps provide educational enrichment in the

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UF Law Still First on Florida Bar Exam

Levin College of Law students taking the spring Florida Bar Exam earned the highest percentage passing rate of the state's eight private and public law schools for the 10th time in the past 17 tests, the best overall record of any Florida school.

"We are very proud of our students and the faculty whose efforts helped prepare them," said Dean Robert Jerry.

For UF law students taking the exam in February for the first time, 88.8 percent — 142 out of 160 — passed. Of the total 1,112 who took the February test, 75.3 percent — 837 — passed. Other passage rates were Florida Coastal, 79.2; Stetson, 76; Florida State University, 67.3; University of Miami, 66.1; Nova Southeastern, 54.5; St. Thomas, 46.9; and Barry University of Orlando, 40.9. Graduates from non-Florida schools had a 78.9 rate.

"We have an outstanding record of success over the years, but we want to remind current students that past success is no future guarantee. They should emulate these students, who excelled due to hard work and diligent preparation," said Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Gail Sasnett.

The Florida Bar Board of Examiners, an administrative arm of the State Supreme Court, conducts exams every February and July for law graduates seeking to practice in Florida.

UF law students also did well on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam, with 88.6 percent passing, second only to Miami's 91.6 percent. The MPRE measures knowledge of the profession's codes of conduct. □



These students received Pro Bono Certificates last year.

Pro Bono Brunch Thursday, April 22

The Pro Bono Awards Brunch will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 22, in the faculty dining room. Invitations to the annual event — co-sponsored this year by Three Rivers Legal Services — are on their way to the 48 UF law students who dedicated a combined 2,500+ hours of pro bono service to the community this year and others who helped make the program a success.

If you see one of the following students, take a minute to say thanks for giving some of their time to those less fortunate: Jennifer Barrett, Robert Bauer, Lee Bennett, Darren Chiapetta, Lorraine Chaudhry, Karen Cloninger, Christine Derr, Marty Fulgueira, Melanie Golden, Vanessa Gordon, Adria Gonzalez, Lisset Gonzalez, Virginia Griffis, Jon Gurney, Jarrett Hoffman, Samantha Hunter, Andy Ingram, Margaret Isom, Jenny Kim, Allison Lane, Joshua LeRoy, Noemi Lopez, Joni Batie-McGrew, Sarah McIlrath, Mark Mohammed, Cara Muroff, Hollie Noblick, Barbara Suarez Nolan, Ani Oluku, Tracey Owens, Eviana Payne, Naa Oyoo Quartey, Roberto Rosales, Brenton Ross, Rachel Rzychella, Cathryn Sabrin, Aisha Salem, Amy Sell, Yelena Shneyderman, Vaness Sisti, Jeffrey Smith, Katrina Thomas, Michael Thomas, Whitney Untiedt, Barbara Walker, Jake Williams, Elizabeth Wulff and Michelle Yard.

• CAREER SERVICES •

What are YOU doing this summer?

Pro Bono work is a valuable way to add work experience to your resume and help out your community. The term pro bono, derived from the Latin phrase “pro bono publico,” means “for the good of the public.” There are many opportunities to perform pro bono this summer and throughout the academic year in Gainesville and in your hometowns. Everyone currently enrolled as of this summer can participate, and students also are urged to earn a Pro Bono Certificate by performing 35 hours of pro bono service supervised by an attorney at a pre-approved agency. Pro bono work areas include, but are not limited to, children’s law, family law, criminal law, consumer law, housing law, dependency and prisoner’s rights.

Need more ideas for enhancing your background this summer? Make time to:

- **Go to court, observe the proceedings and talk to attorneys during breaks.**
- **Volunteer in a public interest law organization or firm.**
- **Attend a CLE seminar to learn about a new area and meet professionals who practice in the field.**
- **Begin your bar preparation: review sections for courses you have already taken or check out a tape from PMBR or BarBri.**
- **Check out Career Services’ shelves for notable titles such as: *What Color Is Your Parachute, 2004 Edition, Bolles; America’s Greatest Places to Work with a Law Degree, Walton; Objection Overruled: Overcoming Obstacles in the Lawyer Job Search, Morris.***
- **Check out Career Services videos such as: “Guerrilla Tactics, Kimm Walton; Public Defender’s Office, 18th Circuit: eAttorney Orientation, Career Services.**
- **Prepare or update your bar application.**
- **Prepare your resume and cover letter for fall recruiting or summer 2005 employment.**

More on OCI

For the first two weeks of Fall 2004 On-Campus Interviews (OCI), the UF College of Law will utilize main campus’ Career Resource Center (CRC), complete with 20 professional interviewing rooms, an employer resource room with phone and fax, and a career library for students with work space and computers. These facilities are adjacent to the food court and contained in a professional setting that will enhance the interviewing experience for both students and employers. Career Services will be on site to ensure the smoothness of the interviewing program.

Using CRC facilities requires beginning OCI the week classes routinely begin each fall, the week prior to the start of classes this year. A mass mailing went out the second week of March to more than 2,000 legal employers advising them on the OCI date change, along with an invitation to participate. The employer response

generally has been positive once assured this is a temporary situation and for this year only. Many legal employers participate in and are well aware of other legal interview events that occur in August, which is why summer associate programs conclude the first part of August. For example, there is a major southeast job fair scheduled in Atlanta Aug. 6, another scheduled in New York Aug. 20, and a third in Washington, D.C. Aug. 27. Employers have calendared these annual events and summer associates have been excused from work to interview in them (if they had not received an offer from their current employer).

Just as for students participating in other August interviewing events, it is recommended that you advise the employer going in that, while you are excited about the opportunity to work with them for the summer and are confident it will prove to be mutually beneficial, you have other interview commitments beginning the week of Aug. 16. The key is to give them advance notice so they can plan accordingly, and to let them know that while you are pleased to be working with them, you must keep your options open.

Complete Summer Questionnaire

Help out your classmates and fill out a summer questionnaire when you return to school in the fall. The questionnaires are kept in a binder in the Center for Career Services to provide valuable information to students on firms. You can fill out the questionnaire anonymously, or include your name and even offer to talk to other students about your experiences.

Faculty Assistance Project

Career Services has partnered with faculty who will periodically review a list of unemployed grads to offer suggestions and contacts based on geographic or practice area preferences. A line has been added to the Grad Employment Survey where students can choose to participate and take advantage of the faculty network during this challenging economic time.

Network at Alumni Receptions

A large percentage of jobs in the legal field are acquired through an individual student’s personal network. If you don’t have one and need to expand yours, alumni receptions are the perfect place to meet attorneys in the community. Several opportunities are available this summer for students to attend alumni receptions in Ft. Pierce (May 25), Lakeland (May 26), Boca Raton (June 23) and Atlanta (Aug. 4). Space is limited, so interested students should RSVP to Career Services at 352-392-0499 as soon as possible.

Exit Interviews for May Grads

Students graduating next month should sign up on Westlaw’s TWEN for a 10-minute “strictly confidential” exit interview. To use TWEN, register on Westlaw for
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Use Career Services to Prepare for Challenging Job Market

Hires of entry-level law graduates and second-year summer associates have decreased nationwide, according to NALP's recently released annual research report on 2003 hiring practices, *Patterns & Practices: Measures of Law Firm Hiring, Leverage & Billable Hours*.

"We became aware early on of challenges facing students seeking summer and permanent employment. Our perceptions were confirmed by NALP's report on national employment figures, including data for Florida employers," said Levin College of Law Dean Robert Jerry. "We are fortunate that our Center for Career Services recognized this problem and prepared initiatives to help mitigate it for UF law graduates, including implementation of an aggressive program schedule and innovative strategies to assist students in finding rewarding employment."

Entry-level hiring decreased 6.8 percent from 2001 to 2002, and went down another 8 percent 2002 to 2003. The decreases were nationwide and occurred across all firm sizes, though they were of a lesser magnitude in firms of 100 attorneys or less. (In fact, law offices of 25 or fewer attorneys experienced the only increases, up 5.6 percent in entry-level hiring for 2001 to 2002 and 11.6% for 2002 to 2003.)

Florida law firms reported a 22.9 percent decrease in entry-level hiring 2001 to 2002 and 16.2 percent decrease 2002 to 2003. Hiring of second-year summer associates was reduced by 14 percent 2001 to 2002 and 9 percent 2002 to 2003. On a positive note, NALP figures show 85.8 percent of second-year summer associates nationwide considered for an associate position received an offer. Faring particularly well were second-year summer associates in Tampa, where over 90 percent received offers.

"More than ever, students must learn to market themselves to gain an edge in this difficult economy," said Center for Career Services Assistant Dean Linda Calvert-Hanson. "We urge students to visit us for personal consultations, to attend workshops and seminars to help them maximize their opportunities, and to check our website (www.law.ufl.edu/career/) frequently for job opportunities (via eAttorney.com) as well as information and updates. Our website is currently being enhanced to provide more resources online, available anytime and anywhere."

Being competitive in the legal market has

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the Career Services class and then go to the sign-up section. Select the date and time you would like to interview with a professional Career Services counselor. Exit interviews are April 26 through May 13. These meetings can help you, Career Services and the law school by

always meant planning your law school experience carefully to ensure strong credentials upon graduation. While the current job market is challenging, there are still many opportunities to successfully navigate the path to fulfilling employment, such as taking advantage of various options offered by the law school.

Work experience is one of the best ways to ensure marketability. Participating in a clinical program for hands-on practical applications is invaluable, as is time spent working — for pay or as a volunteer — in a legal setting. Employers also seek law students who have participated in *Law Review*, Moot Court or Trial Team or served as judicial interns or research or teaching assistants while maintaining a strong GPA.

Active participation and/or leadership in appropriate organizations also can demonstrate commitment and interest in particular areas of law. One attorney asked after reviewing a resume, "Why does this person wish to work for me, in my environmental law-only practice, when there is no indication that they took environmental law, or have any experience in environmental law and did not even care enough to join the environmental law student group?"

"Our center exists to help students market and position themselves well for consideration by potential employers," said Calvert-Hanson. "It is crucial for law students to utilize the full range of services available to them in the Center for Career Services. We will be here all summer to respond to e-mail inquiries or meet with students to make sure they are on a positive employment track."

For information or to take advantage of Career Services' many resources, drop by 244 Bruton-Geer Hall or call 352-392-0499. □



Jump start your job search today. Contact Career Services to set up an appointment with a professional advisor.

providing accurate graduation statistics to be reported to the ABA and NALP. Make sure Career Services has your current e-mail and/or telephone number when you relocate to help the college continue to assist you in your search for fulfilling employment. □



Miller Sponsors BLSA Event

Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning Director/Professor C. Douglas Miller (above, at right) has made a substantial donation to the W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) to sponsor BLSA's last meeting and recognition of its incoming/outgoing executive board.

"Professor Miller has always supported BLSA and deserves to be recognized for his generosity and kindness," said BLSA President Christopher M. O'Neal. "He is always available and has never asked for credit for his donations of time and money for causes he believes in."

"He also welcomes those interested in pursuing tax law to reach out to him during his office hours or by e-mail, and many BLSA students have benefited from his expertise," continued O'Neal. "BLSA is fortunate to have such a friend."

Deadline Today for Summer Aid for Public Interest Work

Apply for a Public Interest Summer Scholarship by today, April 19, in the Center for Career Services if you are considering a volunteer, unpaid, not-for-credit public interest internship this summer. Applications are available from Jill Mahler (jillmahler@hotmail.com), Jessie Howell in Career Services (howellje@law.ufl.edu), or online (<http://plaza.ufl.edu/jdjill/APILScholarship.doc>).



IPTLA Presentation on Technology

Jonathan Hack (above, left), a registered patent attorney and partner at Min, Hsieh & Hack LLP, gave a presentation April 8 on "Emerging Intellectual Property Issues in Nanotechnology." Hack, who is currently pursuing a PhD. in material science, has considerable experience in prosecuting, litigating and counseling clients on patents, and is an inventor on three U.S. semiconductor patents.

His presentation focused on how the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and European and Japanese patent offices deal with patent applications grounded in nanotechnology. He highlighted some of the unique concerns patent prosecutors and litigators must deal with in working with nanotechnology, pointing out, for example, that traditional criteria for analyzing obviousness may not apply for technologies at the submicron scale. He also noted that nanotechnology is still in its infancy and is probably where the biotech industry was in the early 1980s.

The presentation was sponsored by the Intellectual Property and Technology Association (IPTLA). Students interested in intellectual property or technology law are encouraged to visit the IPTLA site at www.law.ufl.edu/students/organizations/IPTLA/.

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multidisciplinary area of environmental law while it helps you build contacts and credentials in the field. For information, e-mail conference co-chairs Ashley Cross-Rappaport and Adam Regar at cross711@ufl.edu or visit the 2004 conference website at <http://grove.ufl.edu/~els/>.



First Annual CSRRR Spring Lecture

Professor Paul Butler (above, center, with Dean Robert Jerry at far left, Provost David Colburn and CSRRR Director Katheryn Russell-Brown and Assistant Director Melissa Bamba), a criminal law, civil rights, and jurisprudence expert at George Washington University Law School, presented his article, "Much Respect: Toward a Hip-Hop Theory of Punishment" at the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations' first annual spring lecture April 12.

Butler ate lunch with students (right) and attended a faculty reception (below) before lecturing at Emerson Alumni Hall. The lecture concentrated on the hip-hop culture's focus on respect and how it affects America's penal system, and included a sampling of songs from several hip-hop artists, which he used to demonstrate the dichotomy between the views of those who punish and those who are punished. He discussed racial profiling, selective law enforcement, and over-representation of blacks in prisons. The presentation was well-received by audience members, all of whom stayed for a question-and-answer session after the formal lecture.

Butler, a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, is one of the 50 most cited law professors who



began teaching after 1992. His presentation was based on his forthcoming article in *Stanford Law Review*.

— By Whitney Untiedt (2L)

LCC Inducts Board, Recognizes Lambda Legal Alliance

The Law College Council (LCC) will hold its annual reception and swear in 2004-05 officers and general board members at 6 p.m. today, April 19, in the faculty dining room.

LCC also has named Lambda Legal Alliance as "Student Organization of the Year" in recognition of its outstanding First Annual Law and Public Policy conference, "Reframing the Debate: Legal and Social Implications of Lawrence v. Texas." The conference featured a keynote address by Karen M. Doering, staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and three panels on the topics of same-sex marriage, Florida's homosexual adoption ban and U.S. military policy.

Register Now for TRLS Clinics

Based on the success of its landlord/tenant clinic, Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. (TRLS) is planning four additional volunteer opportunities for Summer 2004 in housing, domestic violence, consumer debt and elder law. To register by the April 27 deadline or for additional information, e-mail Rhonda Chung-de Cambre at [rhonda.decambre@trls.org](mailto:decambre@trls.org) or call Kathleen Arnold at 372-0519.

Volunteering can provide a basis for a demonstrated interest in public interest work, and is often required in public interest fellowship/legal aid applications. Volunteers gain valuable legal skills, including client counseling, review and analysis of contracts, and drafting memoranda and letters.

The following TRLS Spring 2004 landlord/tenant clinic volunteers collectively contributed more than 294 service hours and served 62 clients in matters ranging from eviction proceedings to mortgage foreclosure defense: Sara D. Habhab, Rachel Harvey, Sara F. Holladay-Tobias, Trevor Rhodes, Holly Blumenthal, Christine Fuqua, Dana Honeywell, Steve Hadjilogiou, T'anjuiming Marx, Eviana Payne, Ann Puente, Tammi Driver, Jessica Cooper, Katrina Thomas, Robert Mayes, Terra DuBois, Scott Harlowe, Yelena Shneyderman, Jessica Hovanec, Allison Nuth, Nathan T. Vonderheide, Matthew Zimmerman, Jamie Kinberg, Tricia Mason and Rogers Walker.

Apply for Fellowship, CSRRR Assistant Position

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) encourages students to:

- Apply by June 1 for the 2004-05 Evan Yegelwel

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ICAM Makes 'Sweet 16'

— By Lissett Gonzales (2L)

The International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court (ICAM) Team recently returned from its most successful outing ever — breaking into the top “sweet 16” for the first time in school history — at the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Moot Court competition in Vienna, Austria. The team competed April 1-9 against more than 140 teams from around the world, and — in another first — team member Daniel Nordby was awarded Honorable Mention for Oral Advocacy.

“This is an extremely demanding competition with students competing before arbitrators from a variety of countries who largely come from a civil law background,” said Faculty Advisor Professor Thomas Hurst. “The training provided is an excellent introduction to a future international litigation practice.”



Hurst

Traveling to Vienna were Karla Haynes, Heather Nason, Daniel Nordby and Tara Rao, along with Student Coach/Captain Lissett Gonzalez and Faculty Advisors Hurst and Assistant Professor Wayne Hanewicz.



Hanewicz

Gonzalez praised the hard work of all the team members, including those who helped prepare the four who traveled to Vienna. Michael Bressan, Christine Derr, Elizabeth Outler, Diego Puig, Natalie Stratis, Paul Vicary and Rebecca Weinberg assisted team members in preparing the briefs and for oral arguments.

“We had high expectations going into the



ICAM Team Faculty Advisor Wayne Hanewicz (from left) and members Heather Nason, Karla Haynes, Lissett Gonzales, Daniel Nordby and Tara Rao in Vienna.

competition, and the team exceeded them all. The University of Florida has earned a place among the top teams worldwide,” said Hanewicz. “None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the International Litigation and Arbitration Group of Steel, Hector & Davis and John and Tifi Bierley of Tampa. Their support allowed the team to travel to Vienna and to participate in the important pre-moot competition at Stetson.”

The ICAM team is selected each fall, and students interested in private international law who are entering their third, fourth, or fifth semester in the fall are encouraged to compete. Students selected for the team must be able to fulfill the two semester commitment, since the competition is held in early April, and register for a related course. For information, contact Professor Thomas Hurst at hurst@law.ufl.edu or Assistant Professor Hanewicz at hanewicz@law.ufl.edu. □



DeLoach Speaks at ETELS Banquet

Estate planning attorney Carla DeLoach Bryant (above) was the featured speaker at the Estates, Trusts & Elder Law Society's Spring 2004 Banquet March 31.

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.

“It was important to me to practice in an area in which I could balance my professional and personal lives,” said DeLoach. “Estates and trusts, estate and elder law planning and taxation are areas of practice which accommodate that balance and which can be both professionally and personally rewarding.”

DeLoach discussed and showed a video of extensive news coverage — including live television coverage by local affiliates of ABC, CBS and FOX — attracted by her discovery during a routine client interview of a \$400,000 fraud perpetrated on her client, which resulted in two arrests.

Students Join Matthews Society

Diane Dick (2L) and Christopher Carmody (2L) were inducted last week into the prestigious Matthews Society, an elite group of students dedicated to ethical leadership and service to the University of Florida and its students.

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Fellowship. The award is \$2,000, and supports student research and scholarship on crime motivated by hate, prejudice or stereotyping. Details are on the CSRRR website at www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/.

- Submit a resume and cover letter to Pat Hancock in 340 Holland Hall for a position as a summer research assistant to help CSRRR staff on multiple projects. Ten hours per week commitment. Strong computer skills — including webpage and database design — desired.

UF Law Graduation May 14

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/.) The Honorable Susan Harrell Black (UF JD 67) — Florida's first female federal judge — will be commencement speaker.

Honor Committee Report

The Levin College of Law Honor Committee is a student-elected and run committee charged

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Aid Recipients MUST Complete Exit Counseling

Federal regulations require loan recipients to complete exit counseling prior to commencement. Students will not receive a diploma, final transcript or other services until exit counseling is completed. To do so, log on to ISIS (www.ISIS.ufl.edu), select "Financial Services," then "Student Loan Exit Counseling." You also MUST complete the required "Proof of Completion Form" and list two references. (Someone listed as a nearest relative cannot also be a reference, and the three individuals cannot live in the same household.) You also must provide your driver's license number.

If you have questions concerning exit counseling or are unable to participate online, call University Financial Services at 352-392-0738 for a personal session.

Apply NOW for Financial Aid

- Students should apply now for aid for 2004-05, and are encouraged to do so at FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA on the Web (www.FAFSA.ed.gov).
- Forms for requesting a spring Lewis Memorial Long Term Emergency Loan (\$500) are in Student Affairs and due by April 30.

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

• MEET THE FACULTY •

Many people aspire to expert status. Associate Professor Cally Jordan knows such a distinction can take an unusual twist.

"One of the most memorable dinners I've ever attended took place a few years ago in Hanoi. It was in honor of the group of international 'experts' who had been advising on a corporations law for Vietnam," said Jordan. "The dinner was comprised of numerous courses of snake. Only snake. Quite a large snake. Presented writhing at the table, then dispatched there. There was snake soup, fried snake bones, snake liver, snake skin and two snake aperitifs (high proof alcohol with snake blood in one and snake bile in another). All the 'experts' were keeping their eyes peeled throughout the dinner, trying to figure out who would be deemed guest of honor, as the tradition is to present him (or, yikes, in my case, her) with the still beating snake heart to quaff like an oyster. Things they don't teach you in law school!"

Fortunately for the Levin College of Law, Jordan survived the slithery experience and made her way to UF in 2003, joining the faculty to teach International Securities Regulation, Corporations and Comparative Law. She brings with her a wealth of international business law experience.

She has published a book and more than 50 articles, and has given nearly 40 formal presentations since 1992 on international capital markets, corporate governance, international trade and commercial legal reform. The World Bank recommends Jordan as one of three internationally recognized experts in companies law.

Jordan is admitted to practice in Hong Kong, New York, California, Ontario and Quebec, and came to UF after four years with the World Bank in Washington, D.C., where she served as senior counsel for finance and private sector development. She was in private practice for 10 years, working for firms in Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York City — where she was with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton — and Toronto. She specializes in corporate finance, project finance and international securities, to name just a few of her areas of expertise.

In addition to her experience with the World Bank and in the private sector, she also has worked with the Asian Development Bank and advised a number of countries and organizations on a broad range of corporate law issues. She worked with the Hong Kong government's Financial Services Bureau in developing a new companies law, and with the International Finance Corporation, World Bank and Canadian International Development Agency in drafting a new enterprise law in Vietnam.

She was associate professor at McGill



Cally Jordan
Associate Professor of Law

University for five years, teaching Business Associations, International Securities Regulation and International Business Enterprises, chaired both the Graduate Studies Committee and joint Law/MBA program, and was a member of the Institute of Comparative and Private Law. She has been a visitor and an adjunct at Georgetown Law Center (Washington), University of Melbourne (Australia) and Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto).

She is "bilingual and bisystemic," with common law and two civil law degrees, and has taught and practiced in French and Chinese (with help from associates). A Canadian citizen, she earned her B.A. from Carleton University (with distinction); M.A. from University of Toronto; B.C.L. and LL.B. from McGill University; and D.E.A. from the University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne). She clerked for Chief Justice of Canada Brian Dickson.

"Law leads to so many different professions: practitioner, professor, politician, judge, regulator, writer, arbitrator...the list goes on," said Jordan. "As a student it was one of the main attractions of a legal education for me, the world of professional opportunities it opens up."

— By Meredith Fields (2L)

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

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with administration of the Law School Honor Code. The Honor Committee received seven reports over Fall 2003 semester. One student received sanctions based on a plea of guilt; three were found to have no probable cause for an honor code violation; and three students received a hearing before an Honor Committee Hearing Panel. While the students who went before the hearing panel were initially found to have probable cause that their actions could constitute an Honor Code violation, none were adjudicated with guilt for those actions.

For more information about the code and its members, contact a member of the Honor Committee: Lori Thompson, therose@ufl.edu, 5th semester, chair; Stephanie Mickle, micklesm@ufl.edu, 5th semester, vice chair; Kevin Jinks, kjinks@ufl.edu, 2nd semester, secretary; Nathan Bess, nbess@ufl.edu, 1st semester; Jeff Glassman, glassman@ufl.edu, 1st semester; Jon Carroll, je Carroll@ufl.edu, 2nd semester; Mitesh Patel, mitesh@ufl.edu, 3rd semester; Allison Lane, lanealli@hotmail.com, 3rd semester; Barbara Nolan, barbara_nolan05@yahoo.com, 4th semester; Aisha Salem, aisha3@msn.com, 4th semester; Legal Skills Professor Margaret Temple-Smith, temples@law.ufl.edu, faculty advisor; Legal Skills Professor Teresa Rambo, rambo@law.ufl.edu, faculty advisor; and Associate Dean Gail Sasnett, sasnett@law.ufl.edu, administrative member. □

Moot Court Team Performs Well at National Competitions

Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Team members turned in top performances at the following national competitions this semester:

- Courtney Walsh and Marie Marteli traveled to Washington, D.C. in February to compete in the George Washington University National Security Competition. With assistance from Coach David Gay and Professors Fletcher Baldwin and Sherrie Russell-Brown, Courtney and Marie won their preliminary rounds and finished third.
- Adam Babington and Ryan Santurri competed in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Atlanta March 4-6, with assistance from Coach Doug Knox.
- Erin Gray and Robin McKinney competed in the Judge Conrad Duberstein National Bankruptcy Competition in New York March 6-8. Coached by Lindsay Connor, Gray and McKinney made it to the quarter finals and earned a position in the elite eight out of 30 teams in the competition.
- Alison Chastain, Jason Gordon and Dana Keane competed this month in the Catholic University, Columbus School of Law Sutherland Cup with assistance from Coach Steven Southwell and Professor Michael Siegel. □



Marie Marteli, Courtney Walsh and David Gay at the George Washington University National Security Competition.

Fall Media Law Research Course

Students can take Advanced Media Law Research (LAW 6936) next fall taught by Affiliate Professor Bill F. Chamberlin, Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar in Mass Communications. The three-credit course is offered Monday and Wednesday, 1:55-3:50 p.m., and will include how to prepare legal research for publication, advanced legal research for mass media law, training in advanced research techniques for legislative and administrative law and use of Internet sources, examination of legal research tools and guidance in development of a legal research project about mass media law; outlets for publishable research; and how to write for publication.

For information, contact Chamberlin or Dawne Nuri at 352-273-1095 or in 2060 Weimer Hall.

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Make Time to Worry — By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

John White, Ph.D., in his book, *Overcoming Generalized Anxiety Disorder*, recommends creating a special time in your day to worry. Worry is an important part of human life, and there are some things worth worrying about.

Worry only becomes a problem when we spend all day doing it. Scheduling worry time puts your worries in their place.

First pick a topic, something worthy of your worry. Now, find five minutes in your schedule where you can focus on your topic. Make it a time with a natural ending, like a between-class break, or set a timer.

Once you are ready, start worrying. Focus only on the topic you picked. Think clearly about what makes it worrisome. You can even state your thoughts out loud or write them in a private "worry log."

Use the whole five minutes, then stop. Go on with your day. Try not to worry outside your scheduled time. Whenever your worry tries to creep in, just tell yourself you will have time to worry tomorrow.

This is my last week as resource counselor for the UF College of Law, and I want to thank all the students, staff, and faculty who have made my law school stay so wonderful.

There will not be a resource counselor this summer, but the following are free and confidential counseling services on campus and in the area:

- UF Student Mental Health: 352-392-1171,
- UF Counseling Center: 352-392-1575, and
- Alachua County Crisis Center: 352-264-6789 (24-hour, off-campus service). □



Last FlaLaw Until Fall

FlaLaw suspends publication over summer, and will resume weekly publication with the Aug. 23 issue. The Levin College of Law's e-mail newsletter, *UF Law E-News*, will continue to be sent on a regular basis to students and law school e-mail users. (Others can subscribe to this free service at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw.) Submit news of interest to those at the law school to Editor Debra Amirin, Director of Institutional Information & Publications, amirin@law.ufl.edu, College of Law Dean's Office, phone 352-392-9238, Fax 352-392-8727.

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• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Nancy E. Dowd** was one of three invited speakers at a symposium, "Women's Work is Never Done: Employment, Family and Activism," held by the joint degree program in Law and Women's Studies at the University of Cincinnati College of Law to encourage "innovative legal strategizing about these issues." Her talk, "Bringing the Margin to the Center: Comprehensive Strategies for Work/Family Policies," will be a forthcoming article in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. Another of her work/family articles, "Gender, Race and Work/Family Policy" is forthcoming in Volume 15, *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* (2004) and will be part of a symposium celebrating the 10th anniversary of the enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).



- Cone Wagner Nugent Johnson Hazouri & Roth Professor **Juan Perea** was in Cambridge, Mass. as a panelist at *Harvard Law Review's* symposium on *Brown v. Board of Education* at 50. He discussed his recent article, "Buscando America: Why Integration and Equal Protection Fail to Protect Latinos," published in 117 *Harvard Law Review* 1420-69 (2004).

- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** published, "Rethinking Legally Relevant Mental Illness," the lead article in an issue of the *Ohio Northern University Law Review* devoted entirely to mental health law. He gave a talk at the University of Southern California Law School during a conference on Competency and Treatment Decisionmaking.
- Assistant Professor **Mark A. Thurmon** published "The Rise and Fall of Trademark Law's Functionality Doctrine," 56 *Fla. L. Rev.* 243 (2004)
- Gator TeamChild Director **Claudia Wright** and Social Work Supervisor **Karen Keroack** will present, "Gator TeamChild: A Voice for Children," at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work's annual conference, Social Work and the Law, May 16-19 in Tampa. Their presentation will focus on the inner strength of the program; interdisciplinary collaboration and representation of children, with emphasis on the overarching philosophy that adults can work together to create environments in which children can succeed. □

Physician Follows Her Son's Lead at UF College of Law — By Whitney Untiedt (2L)

Denise Whisenant (2L) is a board-certified physician specializing in internal medicine. She had been intrigued with how law and medicine relate since she graduated from medical school, and decided to act on her interest after her youngest child, Beranton Whisenant (3L), graduated from Florida A&M and decided to go to the UF College of Law in 2001.

"I asked her, 'You've been talking about law school for years — what's holding you up?'" said Beranton, who will graduate next month with an International Law Certificate and then join the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville.

Denise practiced medicine for 21 years before entering the Levin College of Law. After she finishes her law degree next year, she plans to join her son and husband — also a physician — in Jacksonville and use her legal and medical background to represent health care professionals. Her daughter is a first-year resident at Yale interested in dermatology.



Denise Whisenant and her son, Beranton.

"I have enjoyed learning legal theory and anticipate the opportunity I will have this summer to put some of this legal theory to practical use in the general counsel's office of a Jacksonville hospital," said Denise.

"It's been a great experience to see how my mom combines her medical and legal knowledge," Beranton said. "Living together has been fun."

Denise agrees, and says she'll miss sharing a house with her son when he graduates.

"He is my favorite companion to help me out when I have difficulty with the computer," she said with a chuckle. □

• UF LAW CALENDAR •

Calendar online at www.law.ufl.edu

April

- 19 • LCC General Board Meeting. 6-8 p.m., faculty dining room
- Honor Committee Meeting. 6-9 p.m., 334A HOL
- 20 • Earth Day Silent Auction. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., concourse
- 22 • Pro Bono Awards Banquet. 10:30 a.m., faculty dining room
- 23 • Classes End
- 26 • Exam/Reading Period Begins

May

- 2 • Tax Library Opens in Bruton-Geer Hall
- 7 • Exam/Reading Period Ends
- 12 • Library Opens in Butler Plaza
- 14 • Graduation
- 20 • Summer Classes Start