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Quiet & Convenient Student Study Space Available

Student study space will remain a priority at the Levin College of Law until construction is complete and the library returns to its greatly expanded and renovated facilities. The Office of Student Affairs has identified the following options for students to study in a quiet, convenient and safe environment:

- **Legal Information Center Annex in Butler Plaza.** Plentiful, comfortable, quiet study space, computer workstations and plenty of free parking. No food or drink (unless in a securely lidded container) allowed.
- **Classrooms.** Classrooms are available during posted times. The schedule is subject to change, and a current version is posted online on the Student Affairs Web site (www.law.ufl.edu/students/) and on the bulletin board outside the Office of Student Affairs. Please remember to take care of the facilities, and respect the university's "no food or drink" policy.
- **Cafeteria in Bruton-Geer Hall.** Food and drinks permitted. Please clean up when you are finished, and maintain an atmosphere of quiet individual study.
- **Student Lounge.** Study groups or other gatherings are encouraged to use this area.
- **Skylight Lounge outside Career Services.** Though this area is a heavy traffic area with some noise, it is a convenient study spot. Additional study spaces are planned for the near future.
- **Brick corridor outside Media Center.** Another heavily traveled area, with some noise. The chairs and benches are being replaced with chair/desk units and/or tables and chairs.
- **Baughman Center at Lake Alice.** A scenic and nearby retreat for quiet study inside or out. No food or drinks allowed. From the law school, go south on Village Drive, then west on Museum Road. (If you drive, obtain a parking permit from the center office.) More information is online at <http://iml.jou.ufl.edu/projects/Spring04/Wallace/Baughman.htm>.

- **Picnic Tables/Outdoor Areas.** Study outdoors at picnic tables on the south lawn and benches in the new courtyard and elsewhere. More picnic tables will be available soon, particularly in shaded areas.
- **The Campus Church of Christ (2720 SW 2nd Avenue).** The church has agreed to let law students use some of their classrooms as quiet study space for the rest of this semester. Tables and chairs in three separate rooms near the back of the building are available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (Please enter from the back side of the building.) To use the space, students must have their UF GatorOne cards. Also note that parking is not available at the church without a valid JMBA church parking permit. Students are asked to please remember to be "good citizens" and respectful of the daycare and other church activities.

"We appreciate the suggestions and good ideas many students offered," said Assistant Dean for Student and Academic Affairs Richard L. Ludwick. "We are pleased to offer these options, and are continuing to pursue others."

According to Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs Pat Shannon, it also is expected that a large portion of the west end of the old library in Holland Hall will be available in late January for study space between classes in the spring term. □



News in a Crisis

As this issue goes to press, our area is once again in the projected path of a major hurricane. Get current information **PRIOR** to a storm:

- Online via links on the University of Florida Web site, www.ufl.edu, the official source for UF-related information.
- On the bulletin board outside Student Affairs.
- Through your official "ufl.edu" e-mail.
- Through local radio and television stations or papers.

AFTER a storm, all of the preceding — except for the Student Affairs bulletin board, which MAY post information if conditions permit — plus:

- Call UF information at 392-3261.
- Call the UF College of Law's emergency information number at 392-2211 to hear a pre-recorded message.
- Call area emergency numbers: University Police, 392-1111; or Alachua County Emergency Management, 264-6500.

Events & Opportunities

Presentation on 'Activist Judges'

Eighth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Stan R. Morris will speak on "Judicial Independence: Partisan Pressure and the Rule of Law" at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, in 180A to kick off the Law Students for the Integrity of the Judicial System (LSIJS) fall campaign. Free pizza served. (More information online at www.lsijs.org.)

Attend LCC Meeting Today

The Law College Council (LCC) will debate strategies for offering free printing to all students; posting and notice guidelines for student organizations; and confirming student appointments to faculty committees and liaison positions at its general board meeting at 6 p.m. today, Sept. 13, in 285D. The LCC also will take nominations for conference liaison, historian, and National Endowment

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Apply by Sept. 15 for CCF Fellowships

Interested students must apply by Wednesday, Sept. 15, for 2004-05 Center on Children and Families fellowships. Applicants must have completed three or more semesters of law school. The purpose of the Children's Fellow program is to recruit and mentor individuals interested in advocacy for children and youth. Children's Fellows contribute an important dimension to the center's work, and are involved in organizing and hosting its annual conference. They attend center faculty meetings, and work under faculty guidance on research and writing projects such as amicus briefs and position papers on issues of current importance. Fellows also gather regularly for dinner to discuss projects in which they are engaged and to hear from a guest speaker from the children's advocacy community. Fellows receive a honorarium of \$1,000 upon completion, and will be listed on the CCF Web site and in its publications. Fellows can expect to devote approximately 150 hours during the year to CCF related activities. To apply, send a description of your background and interests to CCF Program Coordinator Debbie Kelley (kelley@law.ufl.edu or 309 Holland Hall, P.O. Box 117625, Gainesville FL 32611-7625). For center details, call 392-9001 or visit their Web site at www.law.ufl.edu/centers/childlaw/.

Career Services What's Going on With OCI?

Interviews canceled due to severe weather will be rescheduled, and students will be notified as soon as new dates are received. So far:

- 4th Circuit State Attorney, rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 17, at the law school.
- Jones Foster, rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 20, at the law school. (Students must sign up for a new interview time, since the day changed from a Friday to Monday.)
- Army Corps of Engineers, rescheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the law school.
- Goodlette Coleman, rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 24, at the law school.

The four firms of Gardner Wilkes, Greenspoon Marder, Boyd & Jenerette and Shuffield, Lowman have not yet chosen new dates.

Putting OCI in Perspective

- **Fact: Most UF law graduates did not obtain their employment through Fall OCI.** Often cited means of obtaining post-graduate positions include referral by a business colleague, friend, relative, alumni, or school personnel; initiated contact by a targeted mailing or informational interview; or as a result of networking.
- **Fact: The majority of Florida law firms are medium-sized and not just seeking students at the top of their class.** Only 10 percent of all practicing lawyers nationally work at firms of more than 100 lawyers.
- **Fact: Small and medium-sized law firms are less likely to participate in Fall OCI.** Many legal employers hire on an "as needed" basis as opposed to the hiring cycle of large firms.
- **Fact: Different employers participate in Spring OCI and seek a broader range of students.** More government employers interview in spring.
- **Fact: 80 percent of all current job openings are never advertised.**
- **Fact: The best jobs do not always go to the best candidate, they go to the best job strategist.** Persistence pays.
- **Fact: There are myriad job opportunities available beyond OCI.**

Learn more at the Career Services program, "Beyond OCI: Exploring All Your Career Options," re-scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Bailey Courtroom at 1 p.m.

Apply for CCS Student Committee

The deadline to apply for the Career Services Student Committee has been extended to

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UF Law Eighth in Nation in Alumni Serving as Federal Judges

The Levin College of Law is eighth in the nation — following Harvard, Yale, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Georgetown and Columbia and ahead of Stanford, Cal and Penn — in the number of its graduates serving in federal judgeships. UF law alumni include:

- Rosemary Barkett, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Susan Harrell Black (pictured), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Peter Thorp Fay, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- S. Jay Plager, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- William John Castagna, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Anne C. Conway, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Patricia C. Fawcett, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- William Terrell Hodges, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Richard A. Lazzara, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Howell Webster Sr. Melton, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Steven Douglas Merryday, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- James S. Jr. Moody, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- John Henry II Moore, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Gregory A. Presnell, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- George Cressler Young, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Stephan P. Mickle, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- Maurice Mitchell Paul, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- William P. Dimitrouleas, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Joe Oscar Eaton, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Jose Alejandro Jr. Gonzalez, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Paul C. Huck, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- James Lawrence King, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Donald M. Middlebrooks, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Ursula Mancusi Ungaro-Benages, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. □



Judge Susan Harrell Black (front) with Dean Robert Jerry at the College of Law's Spring 2004 graduation, where she was commencement speaker.

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Wednesday, Sept. 15. The committee is comprised of individual students and student organization representatives, and will meet monthly to share ideas about how Career Services can best assist students in meeting their career goals. The committee also will explore ways for Career Services to partner with student organizations to provide complimentary programming, guest speakers and combine resources to provide greater benefits to all. If you are interested in serving, e-mail your resume and a one to two paragraph expression of your interest by Sept. 15 to careers@law.ufl.edu.

Applications Available for Foley Minority Scholarship Program

Foley & Lardner created this minority scholarship in 1998 to raise awareness of diversity-related issues in the legal profession. It awards \$5,000 — for tuition, books, fees and other expenses incidental to law school attendance — to a first-year minority law student. Consideration is given to students with significant involvement in community activities, strong undergraduate records, and interest in and/or ties to a city in which Foley & Lardner practices. Financial need is **not** a consideration. Applications are available in Career Services, and must be returned there by Sept. 30.

Spring Externship Opportunities

The Center for Career Services will hold informational externship meetings at noon Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Friday, Sept. 24, in 285D. To learn about opportunities for faculty-created or student-created externships, you **must** attend **one** of these meetings. Students must have successfully completed one academic year by the time the externship begins. A sampling of available externships for Spring 2005 — for up to five credits — follows:

- Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Division, Gainesville
- Eight Judicial Circuit Probate Law Division, Gainesville
- City of Gainesville
- City of Gainesville, Community Redevelopment Agency
- City of Jacksonville, Office of General Counsel
- United States Attorney's Office, various locations
- Alachua County Attorney Office (legal drafting) (Apply for Spring and Summer 2005 now)
- Florida Supreme Court
- Fifth Judicial Circuit, Staff Attorney's Office (Ocala)
- State Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence (Gainesville)
- Three Rivers Legal Services, Domestic Violence (Gainesville)
- Southern Legal Counsel (Gainesville)
- Santa Fe Community College (Gainesville)
- Shands Hospital (Gainesville)
- Judge McNeal, 5th Judicial Circuit, family law, Ocala
- Judge Paul, U.S. District Court, Northern District of

Florida (Gainesville)

- Judge Mickle, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida (Gainesville)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Wildlife Law Externship (Washington, D.C.)

Join Career Services Listserve

Don't miss deadlines just because you aren't subscribed to the Career Services listserv. Sign up by sending a blank e-mail to career-hotline-subscribe@law.ufl.edu. (Contact Career Services if you don't receive a confirmation e-mail.)

Programs This Week

- **One Quick Question**, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 9:30-11 a.m. Ask Assistant Director Carol Kuczora at the CCS table in the courtyard about resumes, cover letters, pro bono project, externships, OCI, job searches, interviews, receptions or other career related issues.
- **Beyond OCI: Exploring ALL Your Career Options**, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Co-sponsored by LEXIS. Most legal positions are not gained through OCI. Whether you participated in OCI or not, come learn how to use available tools and resources to enhance your ability to land an ideal summer or permanent position.
- **Out of State Job Searching**, Wednesday, Sept. 15, noon, 355D. Co-sponsored by LEXIS. Are you considering working or practicing law outside Florida? Learn how to structure your search for employment in the southeast or across the nation. Discover the data bases and resources available to assist in your job search.
- **The Call Back Interview Process**, Friday, Sept. 17, noon, 285D. Catherine G. Witherspoon, attorney recruiting and training manager with Carlton Fields of Tampa, will present tips on conducting a successful call back interview. Don't miss this opportunity to ask those questions you've been wondering about and to learn how to impress your future employer.

Deadlines

- Central Intelligence Agency, Office of General Counsel, Summer Legal Clerkship Program in Washington, D.C. Deadline Sept. 30. Details online at www.cia.gov/logc/summer.htm.
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor Honors Program. Bureau of Land Management on public land use law, Bureau of Indian Affairs on protecting Indian treaty and other rights, National Park Service on resource protection policies and park concession contracts, Fish and Wildlife Service on the Endangered Species Act, Bureau of Reclamation on water law, and Minerals Management Service on oil and gas resources on the Outer Continental Shelf. Deadline Oct. 1. Details at www.doi.gov/sol/sohonpgm.html. □



Apply by Friday to Study Abroad

Apply by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, to expand your legal education at Monash University in Australia, University of Warsaw in Poland, University of Montpellier in France, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität in Germany, or Leiden University in the Netherlands through ABA-approved Exchange Programs exclusively for UF law students. Forms and details are online at www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/ or by contacting the Office of Student Affairs at 392-0421.

Organization Fair Here Sept. 22

Students interested in joining one of the College of Law's many student organizations can get information and meet representatives from most during the school's Student Organization Fair, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the UF law courtyard. For information, contact the Office of Student Affairs, 392-0421.

Submit News for FlaLaw

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for the Arts liaison, and provide an open forum for any law student to voice concerns or advice. All law students are encouraged to attend.

Note to student organization presidents:

As of Wednesday, Sept. 8, the only two organizations who had completed all requirements for Special Request Funding were the Law Association for Women and Law School Republicans. Other presidents should contact LCC President Lee Harang at harang@ufl.edu to complete registration requirements.

National Lawyers Guild Meeting

Learn about National Lawyers Guild (NLG) local and national projects for the semester and how to get involved at their meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Leonardo's (University Ave. and 13th St.). The NLG is an association of law students, lawyers and legal workers committed to using law for progressive social change. Its projects include voting rights, prison legal work, mass defense for protests, and disability rights. For information, e-mail ufstudentnlg@yahoo.com or call Virginia or Steckley at 335-8187.



Gordon

■ **Chesterfield Smith Professor Michael W. Gordon** organized and moderated four hours of discussion on international commercial sales and international civil litigation for the opening Fundamentals of International Business session at the spring meeting of the International Law Section of the ABA in New York City in May.

Also in May, he successfully argued on behalf of Honduras to convince the European Union to enter as an interested third party in a World Trade Organization case in Geneva involving Honduras and the Dominican Republic. He was elected to the American Law Institute, and gave

FJIL Informational Meeting Today

The *Florida Journal of International Law* (FJIL) will have an informational meeting today, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. in 285D for students interested in writing onto the journal who were unable to attend the previous meeting. All third-, fourth- and fifth-semester students are welcome to attend. You also are encouraged to question FJIL board members at a table on the concourse Tuesday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Get LSR Information This Week

The Law School Republicans (LSR) are preparing to kickoff a number of community service projects, including "GEAR-UP," the Alachua County school mentoring program, and a blood drive. They also are working on increasing their membership and number of LSR listserv subscribers. Learn more at the LSR table at the Student Organization Fair Wednesday, Sept. 22, and at the LSR's first general meeting the next day, Sept. 23, 4-5 p.m., in 180A. For details, e-mail uflawgop@hotmail.com or go online to www.uflawgop.com. □

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

the endowed Sir Joseph Gold Memorial International Law Lecture at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and Queen Mary College London Forum in late May. His presentation was on international civil litigation. In June, he conducted a one-day workshop on international business and trade law and international litigation to french graduate law students at the Centre du Droit de l'Entreprise de l'Universite Montpellier. In late June, he was presented the Jon Mills Award for Significant Contributions to Relations Between Florida and the Americas while in San Jose, Costa Rica, with Professor Don Peters. Both were moderators and panelists for a dispute resolution session at the Center for Governmental Responsibility's Law & Policy in Latin America Conference there. He also had two casebooks published this year by West, and a third will be published in 2004-05. Both Nutshells will be out this fall, as will his new Concise Hornbook for West and supplementation for his five-volume corporation treatise for Lexis.



Peters

■ **Professor/Institute for Dispute Resolution & Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics Director/Center on Children & Families Associate Director/Trustee Research Fellow Don Peters** published, "It Felt Like He Was In My Skin: Intercultural Learning about Mediation in Haiti," 2 *Rutgers Conflict Resolution Law Journal* (online at www.pegasus.rutgers.edu/~rcrlj/articles.htm). He also was lead-in speaker at a daylong workshop sponsored by the Goedgedacht Forum for Social Reflection on the topic of "Justice for the poor? Could mandatory mediation offer better access to justice and the protection of the law to all citizens," held near Malsbury, South Africa, in June. □

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- 13 • *FJIL* Informational Meeting, 5 p.m., 285D
 - Law College Council Executive and General Board Meeting, 6 p.m., 285D
- 14 • Florida Board of Bar Examiners "250-day" registration deadline for Spring 2004 entering class
 - Career Services "One Quick Question," 9:30-11 a.m., courtyard
 - Career Services Presentation, "Beyond OCI: Exploring All Your Career Options," 1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- 15 • National Lawyers Guild Meeting, 6 p.m., Leonardo's
 - Career Services Presentation, "Out of State Job Searching," noon, 355D
- 17 • Career Services Presentation, "Call Back Interview Process," noon, 285D
 - Deadline to withdraw with 25% refund of course fees
- 18 • ABA Tailgate Party
- 20 • LSIS Presentation, Judge Stan Morris, 11:30 a.m., 180A