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## Career Paths: UF Law JAGs in Iraq

— By Greg Weiss (UF BA 95, JD 98), Chief, Military Justice, Iraq

**Note:** This is the first of a series of reports from Levin College of Law alumni following diverse career paths offering insight into what their job entails.

I am a captain in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps (JAGC), and serve as chief of military justice for LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. My current position is akin to being a small town district attorney, except that the pinstripes are replaced with a desert camouflage uniform, and the PDA is exchanged for a 9mm Beretta.

My main responsibility is to manage the flow of courts-martial in my jurisdiction, which includes more than 20,000 soldiers in Balad, Baghdad, Tikrit, and Taji, Iraq. I have four subordinate trial counsel and several paralegals working with me in this effort. I first or second chair all courts-martial that go to trial in the monthly trial terms docketed in my jurisdiction.

In addition to the inherent responsibilities associated with trying cases, I provide probable cause determinations and advice to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), teach classes, and promulgate a host of other adverse administrative



**DOUBLE GATORS IN IRAQ:** Captains and “Double Gators” Greg Weiss (UF BA 95, JD 98) (left) and Ted Martin (UF BA 94, JD 00) are Judge Advocate General officers in the U.S. Army, and are pictured above at LSA Anaconda, Iraq.

Weiss replaced Martin before Martin redeployed back to the U.S. (Coincidentally, Martin is currently in the 82d Airborne Division, and Weiss was assigned to that division 1999-2001.) He also reports that another UF law alumnus, First Lieutenant Stan Martin from Tampa, is working as a trial defense attorney in Baghdad at Victory Base, and represented Sivitz (the guilty plea in the Abu detainee abuse cases).

actions, such as letters of reprimand, non-judicial punishment and pre-trial confinement.

The logistical challenges of being in Iraq make this job a little trickier than the same position back in the U.S. For example, if I have to attend an evidentiary hearing in Baghdad, I cannot just hop in my car and drive to the courthouse. Rather, I have to either find or create a convoy of at least four military vehicles to drive down, or attempt to find a helicopter flight there. As you may suspect, Travelocity can’t book me on a Blackhawk. And, of course, what goes with convoys is exposure to common Iraqi road hazards, such as small arms fire and improvised  
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## Study in London

UF law students now can study abroad in London if they apply by Oct. 15 for this year’s program.

UF has joined the London Law Consortium, which is administered by the University of Iowa College of Law and offers a semester study program in London to students of its member schools.

Classes are held at FSU’s London facilities during spring semester. Most courses are taught by visiting Consortium faculty members resident in London, with courses on the English Legal System and Law of the European Union taught by law lecturers from British universities.

Details on courses, instructors and more are available from Noemar Castro in Student Affairs ([castro@law.ufl.edu](mailto:castro@law.ufl.edu) or 392-0421).

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**THERE AND BACK:** Army Reserves Sergeant Edward Lohrer (3L) spent a year in Iraq while on active duty February 2003–April 2004.

“In Iraq, I was in a desert with very few people. Electricity came from generators that worked sporadically, and about 80 percent of the country was without power. Everywhere I looked, there might be an enemy. When I got

back in April, it was a little overwhelming, with all the cars and people everywhere. After a few days, I got used to it and stopped suspiciously eyeing everyone as someone who might shoot me or blow me up,” said Lohrer. “In Iraq, I had a whole year of misery and fear, wondering every night what I would face when I woke up the next day. It made me realize that life isn’t all that bad over here. I see people getting upset over what I consider trivial things, and I know it’s because they haven’t handled anything worse. But I know, first-hand, that things can get a lot worse, so I try to enjoy what I have now.” □



## Scholarships Available

Continuing Student Scholarships (\$500-\$2,000) for second- and third-year law students are now available and listed along with eligibility requirements on the Financial Aid Bulletin Board on the course. (Current scholarship recipients are not eligible.)

Applications can be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs in Bruton-Geer Hall, and must be filed by Oct. 1. For information, contact Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber (above) in 141 Bruton Geer Hall, 392-0421, [chuber@ufl.edu](mailto:chuber@ufl.edu).

## Inns of Court Pupils Chosen

The following UF law students have been chosen as Pupils in the 2004-05 Chester Bedell Inn of Court in Jacksonville

- Charles Taylor Douglas, Jr.
- Terrance B. Dunbar
- Amy Frances Fletcher
- Sara F. Holladay-Tobias
- Alan Jason Nef
- Kathryn Schulz

Those chosen for The James C. Adkins, Jr. Inn of Court in Gainesville will be announced soon. These students will have the opportunity to work with and observe the most outstanding trial lawyers and judges in the area.

## Career Services & Resources

### Value of Externships

Students often wonder if an externship will help them get a position after law school or whether this experience looks good on a resume.

"Absolutely," said Career Services Assistant Director Carol Kuczora. "Students not only earn law school credit but, more importantly, they develop their practical legal skills, a step that makes them more marketable. In fact, students with practical legal experience are highly sought after by the employer market. Any legal experience students garner during their legal education will only serve them in a positive way as they begin their pursuit for employment post-graduation."

Qualified students can apply for any faculty-created externship or create their own opportunity. For details, check the Center for Career Services (CCS) website under "externships" or contact CCS with additional questions.

### Spring 2005 Externship Dates & Deadlines

- Friday, Oct. 1: **Faculty-created externship applications due to CCS**
- Tuesday, Oct. 12: **Selected students notified via e-mail**
- Friday, Oct. 15: **Deadline for accepting/declining faculty-created externships**
- Wednesday, Oct. 20: **Student-created externship program acknowledgment and registration form due to CCS with student & field supervisor signatures**
- Oct. 25-Nov. 9: **ISIS pre-registration**

### Beyond OCI: Alternative Careers

Did you know 99 percent of an effective alternative career search happens before you mail your first resume? Your search is more effective and efficient if you take time **before** then to:

- **First, give yourself permission to be happy.** It is not a "waste" of one's law degree not to practice law. Remember you went to law school to prepare for a fulfilling career. The next step is finding the career that meets that goal.
- **Second, assess what you want from a job and what you bring to the job.** Think about environment, activities, and duties you enjoy. Then, itemize your skills and qualifications. Perform your personal inventory.
- **Third, after reviewing a myriad of career options, choose some that look like a good fit.**
- **Last, explore.** Talk to lawyers working in the particular positions you've identified. What do they like? What skills do they utilize? Find out how they found their job.

All these steps will prepare you to efficiently begin sending out resumes. *Source: Gina Sauer, William Mitchell College of Law.*



Trained professionals in the Center for Career Services can help you — now and after graduation — with employment information and assistance, and guidance on choosing your most fulfilling career.

### Finding Alternatives: What You Need To Know

- It takes time, patience, and a spirit of adventure.
- Begin with self-assessment. You'll get the information you need to market yourself to employers.
- Research, research, research.
- Know your transferable skills cold. Be able to give specific examples in action.
- Prepare a brief "sound bite" to describe your skills, what you offer and what you want.
- Conduct informational interviews. They can be the key to getting "inside."
- Become an expert networker. This is even more important when looking for an alternative career.
- Prepare to address employer resistance to hiring a JD. Anticipate and prepare to address concerns.
- Have compelling reasons for seeking a non-traditional career. Learn buzzwords of the field to capture their interest.
- Demonstrate your enthusiasm for your chosen field through community involvement, volunteer activities, or writing an article.

*Source: Lisa L. Abrams, The Official Guide to Legal Specialties.*

### The Web and Non-Traditional Jobs

The power of the Internet puts a wealth of information at your fingertips. Try:

- **Job boards with listings in your area of interest.** Look now to learn who's hiring, what types of jobs are available, and what skills are required.
- **Trade newspapers and magazines.** These sites often include job listings. You can learn about the field as well as the major players.
- **Professional associations.** These sights often offer resources of interest and links to other helpful sites.
- **Books and resources.** Browse professional sites and online bookstores, as well as the NALP Bookstore at [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) for books on alternative careers for law graduates. Try Westlaw's Attorney Jobs, Alternative Legal Careers for a list of options and resources, [http://cf.attorneyjobs.com/attorneyjobs.com/JDcenter/JD\\_Main.htm](http://cf.attorneyjobs.com/attorneyjobs.com/JDcenter/JD_Main.htm).

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- **General searches.** Use Web search engines can help find specific information and resources in your field of interest.

Source: National Association of Law Placement, Searching for an Alternative.

## Deadline Thursday for Foley Minority Scholarship Program

Get an application in Career Services and return it there by this Thursday, Sept. 30, for the Foley & Lardner Minority Scholarship Program. The program awards \$5,000 to a first-year minority law student for tuition, books, fees and other expenses incidental to law school attendance. Consideration is given to students with significant involvement in community activities, strong undergraduate records, and interest in and/or ties to a city where Foley & Lardner practices. Financial need is **not** a consideration.

## Programs This Week

- **One Quick Question**, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9:30-11 a.m. Ask Director Jessie Howell Wallace at the CCS table in the courtyard about pro bono, resumes, cover letters, deadlines, externships, OCI, job searches, interviews, receptions or other topics.
- **Career Opportunities in Public Interest Law**, Wednesday, Sept. 29, noon, 355D, co-sponsored by APIL. Guest speakers will include Christopher Jones from Florida Institutional Legal Services (FILS) and Glorimil Walker of Three Rivers Legal Services (TRLS). APIL president Whitney Untiedt also will discuss the Equal Justice Works (EJW) Conference and Job Fair in D.C. taking place in late October. Join us and discover what motivates these attorneys to practice public interest law and how you can help restore balance to traditionally disenfranchised members of our society.
- **Federal Career Opportunities**, Friday, Oct. 1, noon, 285D, co-sponsored by Westlaw. Learn from lawyers who have worked in the federal system. Opportunities abound, come find out how to find them. Guest speakers will include Professor Mike Seigel, former prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office and a former special attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, and Elizabeth C. Brown who previously clerked for the Honorable Sam C. Pointer, Chief Judge USDC, and was a staff attorney in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and former counsel for the Appeals Board of the Environmental Protection Agency. □

## Judicial Clerkship Study

The NALP Judicial Clerkship Study surveyed law school administrators and career service professionals, third-year students, and alumni law clerks. These findings are based upon the responses of almost 1,000 alumni who served as judicial law clerks.

### Qualifications

A significant percent reported:

- a summer or academic year judicial intern/externship (one-third)
- had been a teaching or research assistant
- significant professional work experience prior to law school
- top grades or a high class rank
- were on a law review or law journal

Only a relatively small percentage of the alumni law clerks reported having a special connection to a judge while in law school

### Application Retrospection

- Almost one-third reported they would have done something differently in the application process.
- Many would have applied to more judges or more widely across the courts
- Some would have built a stronger rapport with potential faculty recommenders
- A number indicated that they would have researched additional information about the judicial ideology and the atmosphere of different judges' chambers, particularly by talking to former clerks.

### Value of Clerkship Experience

When asked whether they would clerk again, a remarkable 97 percent responded in the affirmative. In addition, their narrative comments reflect the strong positive feelings these alumni carry with them from their judicial clerkship experiences, as well as the valuable impact this professional experience has had on their future careers.

### Post-Clerkship Benefits

- Almost half indicated that their clerkship helped a great deal in obtaining their first post-clerkship position
- All respondents indicated that their clerkship affected the ease of success in handling their post-clerkship duties, with the most positive response from law clerks in state trial and local trial courts, followed by federal trial courts, and a less positive response from those who clerked at the federal or state appellate courts.
- Many respondents commented that their clerkship made them rethink their long-term goals and gave them a greater awareness of opportunities within the field. Several commented that the exposure to a

variety of attorneys and law firms helped them decide which firm to join. Some reported a heightened interest in government service or academia. □



## Flu Shots Here

Kelly Mitchell from the Student Health Care Center will administer flu shots at the law school Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shots are free for students; \$15 cash or check for faculty/staff. For information: Call Mitchell at 392-1161, Ext. 1-4287.

## Legal Affairs Writing Contest

The second annual Legal Affairs Writing Contest for Law Students, sponsored by The Marbury Institute of Piper Rudnick LLP, promotes clear, accessible writing about the law. It also provides students a rare chance to be published in an award-winning general-interest magazine.

Students should make an argument of no more than 1,500 words about a pertinent topic in the law, written in a style accessible to general readers and lawyers alike. Entries are due by Dec. 1, and will be judged by Legal Affairs' editorial staff based on ingenuity of reasoning, strength of evidence, and writing clarity and style.

The first-place winner will receive \$2,000, and their entry will be published in the "Argument" section of Legal Affairs' March/April 2005 issue. The second-place winner receives \$1,000, and third-place \$500.

For details, go online to [www.legalaffairs.org/contest.html](http://www.legalaffairs.org/contest.html).

## What Did You Do Last Summer? Plan Now for 2005

— By Meredith Fields (3L)

“So...what did you do this summer?” It seems that during the first month back at school no one can start a conversation without first covering this familiar territory.

Regardless of your semester, if we all had a nickel for the number of times we’ve answered this question over the last few weeks, we could cut our loan debt in half. Fortunately, however, given the many options and opportunities available to Levin College of Law students, we rarely hear the same answer twice.

For a great many 2L’s and 3L’s, summer means **clerking with a firm** — generally chosen through on-campus interviews — in cities throughout Florida and the southeast. This past summer, UF law students worked at firms in Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville, Tallahassee and all points in between, as well as at firms in Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

Not only does a summer at a large firm give you a great introduction to types of work available in the private sector, but many students also receive offers to start work upon graduation. Such job security definitely lightens the load for students during their final year of law school.

“I’m so thankful to have an offer from my firm,” said Robyn Moore, a 3L planning to start work at Parker, Hudson Rainer & Dobbs in Atlanta next fall. “Not only does it relieve any job search anxiety, but I’m also able to tailor my classes for these last two semesters based on the type of work I know I’ll be doing.”

Other students choose to spend their summer exploring less traditional opportunities, including study abroad programs, internships and externships.



**SUMMER ABROAD IN COSTA RICA:** Katrina Thomas (2L) spent her summer studying environmental law in beautiful Costa Rica.



**SUMMER IN GAINESVILLE:** Eviana Petrova (2L) externed with 8th Judicial Circuit Judge Rick Smith, gaining valuable practical experience and making key contacts.

The Levin College of Law offers **summer study abroad programs** in France, Costa Rica and South Africa. (Details online at [www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/).) Students attending the programs receive up to six hours of credit, and also can transfer their grades, since UF professors teach the classes.

According to Katrina Thomas, a 5th semester who studied in Costa Rica over the summer, “The program was fantastic. Since I’m pursuing the Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate, I not only got to get some classes and credit hours out of the way, but also was able to experience a whole different side of environmental law.”

Students are not limited to studying abroad through UF programs; most law schools offer similar programs in locations all over the world. While grades won’t transfer, students can still receive credit, pending approval from UF.

**Externships** provide opportunities to explore more diverse areas of law while earning credit. Furthermore, if OCI didn’t prove successful, externships are a great way to receive the same on-the-job experience as students working at firms. Although externships are unpaid, the credits earned can be invaluable, lessening the academic load in later semesters and making room for extra-curricular activities and job searches.

Students externed in a variety of offices last summer, from U.S. Attorney’s Offices in Miami  
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### Spring Supreme Court Externships

Apply by 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1, for an externship for Spring 2005 Semester at the Florida Supreme Court. The five-credit externship runs Jan. 10-April 22, 2005, 20 hours/week.

Information packets are available in Bruton-Geer Hall in the Center for Governmental Responsibility and Center for Career Services.

For details, contact Tim McLendon in CGR at 392-2237.

### UFCC Campaign Kicks Off

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 others.

For information, e-mail Joseph Little at [little@law.ufl.edu](mailto:little@law.ufl.edu) or go to [www.ufcc.ufl.edu](http://www.ufcc.ufl.edu).

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and Tallahassee to the St. John's River Water Management District, Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Florida State House Minority Leader, and U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

Externships also can offer the same after-graduation job opportunities as clerking at firms. For example, Jessica Melnik (3L) spent her summer externing with the State Attorney's Office in Gainesville, doing everything from intake to discovery to attending trials.

"It was definitely a great experience," said Melnik. "I made some helpful contacts, and am now interviewing with other State Attorneys' offices all over the state."

Howard Goldfarb, who externed with the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee, found that his externship helped focus his job search.

"I split my summer between the supreme court externship and a more traditional firm job," said Goldfarb. "I enjoyed my six weeks in Tallahassee, and it has really helped me refine my search for jobs following graduation."

For Jill Mahler, a 4th semester who spent her summer externing with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid as a Florida Bar Fellow, her experience served to reinforce her commitment to public interest work.

"My externship was great for me, because now I know the type of work I want to do and that I definitely want to stay in the public interest field," said Mahler. "Plus, I got tons of great hands-on experience."

Depending on the externship, requirements for credit generally include a faculty supervisor's approval, as well as either a paper or a series of journals completed during the externship. Whitney

Untiedt (3L) wrote weekly journal entries detailing the type of work she did while externing for Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society.

"I got to do pretty much everything around the office, from attending trials to client interviews to writing wills and health care directives," said Untiedt. "The journals documented my work and kept my faculty advisor up to date."

Given all these opportunities, it seems most students have different answers for the age-old, "what did you do this summer" question, with everyone choosing to expand upon their in-class education in uniquely individual ways.

"The range of summer opportunities spans far beyond those available through OCI, and includes government honors programs and internships, fellowships and pro bono efforts," said Center for Career Services Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson. "We encourage students to attend Career Services programs or come talk to one of our knowledgeable counselors to learn about all the resume-enhancing, rewarding ways they can productively spend their summer. There truly is something for everyone."

For more information on how you can best spend next summer, contact Career Services at 392-0499 regarding externships, pro bono work or employment, or Student Affairs at 392-0421 regarding international study opportunities. □



**SUMMER IN JACKSONVILLE:** Jill Mahler (2L) spent her summer doing pro bono work with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid.

## Attend Writing Workshops

Writing Professor Lois Randolph will offer writing workshops Fridays at 11 a.m. in 285D:

- Oct. 1 (Sentence Structuring)
- Oct. 8 (Modification)
- Oct. 22 (Word Choice)
- Oct. 29 (Punctuation)

## LEXIS News

- **LL.M. in Taxation Training Sept. 27-Oct 1, Bruton Geer Computer lab (Media Center): Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-2 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.-noon & 12:45-1:45 p.m.; Friday, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Please attend class time you signed up for.)**
- **"Certification Blitz," Intermediate & Advanced, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4-6 p.m., Bruton-Geer Media Center. First come, first served.**
- **LEXIS refresher training, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 4 & 4:30 p.m., Bruton Geer Media Center. First come, first served.**
- **Appellate Advocacy Students: Turn in LEXIS take home assignment due by Thursday, Sept 30, at the LEXIS desk in the Bruton Geer Computer lab (Media Center).**

For details: Contact Bonita 379-0232 or bonita.young@lexisnexis.com.



**EXTERNING WITH THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT:** Meredith Fields (3L) and Howard Goldfarb (3L) (fourth and seventh from left) spent their summer in Tallahassee working for justices of the state's highest court. Apply for Spring 2005 by 5 p.m. Oct. 1 by contacting Career Services or Tim McLendon in the Center for Governmental Responsibility.



### Parking Options

Frustrated with parking? Remember, you can:

- **Set up a car pool** (minimum three riders from in-county or two out-of-county). Purchase one decal (refunds available for already purchased extras). Riders receive three passes per term each to drive separately. Spaces are always available in the car pool area. Contact Student Affairs for information and/or to verify eligibility.
- **Take the bus** (schedules in Student Affairs). Law students are “pre-paid,” and need only show GatorOne ID. Busses stopping at the law school include #5 (comes from Oaks Mall down Newberry Road and SW 2nd Avenue and passes law school three times an hour); 43 (comes from north 43rd Street, turns on Newberry Road and passes school hourly); and 34 (comes from southwest near Colonial Village, goes east on 35th Place, and comes up 34th Street to SW 2nd Avenue, where it turns west and passes school three times an hour).
- **Student parking** also is available in the Cultural Arts area, where busses pick up every six minutes for destinations on Museum Drive and Village or Fraternity Row.

## Events & Opportunities

### Animal Law Association Meets

The Animal Law Association will meet for the first time Thursday, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m. in 285D. Nominations and elections for new officers also will be held at this time.

The Animal Law Association is a student chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), a national non-profit organization consisting of attorneys and animal advocates dedicated to defending animals from abuse and exploitation. Goals of UF’s student chapter include educating the community about forms of animal abuse, fostering awareness about combating abuse through litigation and legislation, and raising the profile of the emerging field of animal law. All members of the law school community are welcome.

### Join Moot Court Team

Students interested in being part of the University of Florida Jessup Moot Court Team should contact Jessup Competition Chair Peter Focks as soon as possible, since the team is beginning to organize the program for this semester and the spring competition.

The Jessup Moot Court is one of the most prestigious competitions in the world and a tremendous educational experience for those who participate in it. For details, e-mail Focks at [pfocks@acceleration.net](mailto:pfocks@acceleration.net) or Professor Winston Nagan at [nagan@law.ufl.edu](mailto:nagan@law.ufl.edu).

### JMBA Announcements

- The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) Graduate School Mixer with the Dental School is Friday, Oct. 1. Details are online at the JMBA Web site at [www.ufbarassociation.org](http://www.ufbarassociation.org).
- JMBA is compiling a membership list of second-through sixth-semester students, who can win a dinner for two at Carrabba’s, Bonefish or Outback by stopping by the John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) Office by Wednesday, Sept. 29, and giving them their name and current e-mail address. The winner will be announced Sept. 30, and notified by e-mail.
- Sign up until Sept. 30 for the JMBA Casino Night Poker Tournament.

### EASLS Meets Wednesday

The Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society will hold its first general meeting of the year this Wednesday, Sept. 29, at noon (room TBA). EASLS will discuss plans for the semester and put together committees for the Music Law Conference,

### Important October Dates & Deadlines for December 2004 Graduates



Plans for the Levin College of Law’s commencement ceremony are well underway. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, at the Center for Performing Arts. If you are graduating, note:

- If you have not completed a Graduation Check, make an appointment as soon as possible with Kim Thomas in Student Affairs to do so.
- Senior photographs will be taken Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 5 & 6, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., 212 Bruton-Geer Hall. Please stop by Student Affairs to make your appointment, and be sure to wear court attire (at least on top). If you cannot make these days, make-up times will be posted later.
- Order your regalia by Oct. 15. The Cap & Gown order form was e-mailed to students, and also is available in Student Affairs. (Note that information sent from the main campus about ordering regalia does not apply to law students.) You may not order regalia over the phone. (If you miss the deadline for ordering regalia you will be charged a late fee.)

For more information about graduation, contact Kim Thomas ([thomaskl@law.ufl.edu](mailto:thomaskl@law.ufl.edu)). □

guest speakers, Super Bowl involvement, the *EASLS Law Journal*, and more.

### ACS Inaugural Event Sept. 30 Features Professor Juan Perea

Interested in a progressive vision of the Constitution? All students are welcome at the American Constitution Society’s inaugural event, featuring Professor Juan Perea as he presents his latest work featured in *Harvard Law Review*, “Buscando America: Why Integration And Equal Protection Fail To Protect Latinos.” The brown bag lunch will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, in the Ceremonial Classroom (180A).

### ABA-LSD Basketball Tournament

The ABA-LSD basketball tournament is Nov. 7. Join the organization or get information online at [www.ufbarassociation.org/aba/index.html](http://www.ufbarassociation.org/aba/index.html) or by contacting any board member.

### Improve Skills at Toastmasters

Florida Law Toastmasters Public Speaking Organization will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in 345, and will continue to meet the same day, time and place until around exam time. Observers and newcomers are always welcome. For information, e-mail Florida Law Toastmasters President Ray Dominick at [r12345@ufl.edu](mailto:r12345@ufl.edu). □

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explosive devices (IEDs). Consider as well that if we need original signatures on court documents, "FED EX" means carrying it myself on a Blackhawk, and "messenger service" means carrying it myself in a HMMWV.

Add to the confusion the difficulty of trying to arrange for civilian defense counsel or witnesses to appear in Iraq from the U.S. for a hearing or trial. We do not have facsimile capabilities, though we do have scanners and e-mail; however, the powder-fine sand that permeates most of Iraq breaks down electronic equipment quickly.

We are fortunate that LSA Anaconda is one of the more developed bases in Iraq. I live in a single-wide trailer, cut into thirds, and share my third with another captain. Showers, latrines and running water are about 50 meters away.

We do receive daily mortar or rocket attacks, but the threat to soldiers who work in the JAG shop cannot compare to our brothers patrolling outside the wire. Our accommodations relative to the rest of the theater do cause us some pause.

I believe most soldiers are a guilty sort. We feel guilty here that we are in such a developed

base as opposed to — for example — Forward Operating Base Speicher; soldiers at FOB Speicher feel guilty they are not Marines patrolling in Fallujah; and Marines in Fallujah feel guilty they are not landing on the beaches in Normandy.

Probably the greatest distinction of practicing here is the additional responsibility we have as soldiers. The JAGC motto, "Soldier First, Lawyer Always," has proven true for me. I served as one of our convoy commanders for our initial three-day tactical convoy from Kuwait to Balad, responsible for a "chalk" of around 30 vehicles and 110 soldiers. I have drafted rules of engagement many times before, but I have never applied them myself while in possession of a full combat load of 210 live rounds and while responsible for the lives of other soldiers.

All told, I still believe the biggest challenge most soldiers face is the separation from family and friends for at least a year. Though the potential of not having television coverage of the Gator football games this fall may come close... □



## Study Space

The latest update on classrooms available to students for study between classes is posted on the Student Affairs bulletin board. Students also are encouraged to take advantage of the plentiful study spaces available in the library annex in Butler Plaza and nearby Campus Church of Christ. (See the Sept. 13 issue of *FlaLaw* for details.) Please remember to take care of the facilities and respect the University of Florida's "No Food or Drink Policy."

## Join the Law Alumni Council

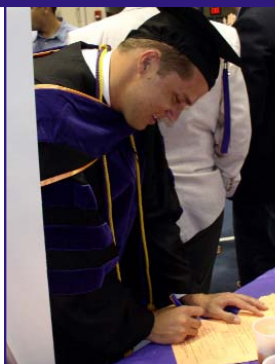
Fall 2004 graduating seniors still have time to join the Law Alumni Council and gain the opportunity to make key professional contacts with top graduates while playing a key role in supporting their school.

More than 16,000 alumni have graduated since the college's founding in 1909, representing UF throughout Florida, the nation, and more than 30 countries worldwide. Among them are more ABA presidents than those from any other law school in the past 30 years, including 2000-01 President Martha Barnett, dozens of state and federal judges, state and federal legislators, Florida governors, and nationally prominent lawyers, business executives and academics.

Alumni help provide quality and affordable legal education at UF, and the accomplishments, involvement and support of alumni have helped distinguish UF's law school as one of the best in the nation. Several hundred alumni serve on the Law Alumni Council and Law Center Association Board of Trustees, serving in an advisory capacity and providing leadership in fund-raising.

Student members of the Law Alumni Council coordinate their "Graduating Class Gift," which provides a permanent testament to their class spirit while it helps support students, student organizations, and other areas of the law school. Members also help educate students about the importance of giving back to support quality legal education and increase the value of a UF law degree.

If you are interested in joining the Law Alumni Council, e-mail your resume to Kori Carr at [carrk@law.ufl.edu](mailto:carrk@law.ufl.edu) or call the Alumni and Development Affairs Office at 392-9296 for more information. □



## Support 2004 Class Gift

The 2004 Law Alumni Counsel Class Gift Committee will be tabling on the law school concourse Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 28-30.

Graduating Class Gifts help support areas of your choice at the law school, while providing the opportunity for you to "give back" in a memorable and meaningful way. For information, e-mail Lauren Cury at [LaurenCury@aol.com](mailto:LaurenCury@aol.com).

## 2004-05 UF Law Conferences

- Fourth Richard E. Nelson Symposium, Feb. 10-11 (tentative), Hilton UF Conference Center. Organized by Professor Michael Allan Wolf.
- Fourth Annual Law & Technology Conference, Feb. 24-25, Sheraton World Resort, Orlando. Organized by Intellectual Property Law Program Director Thomas Cotter.
- Race and Law Curriculum Workshop, Feb. 24-26, Hilton UF Conference Center. Organized by Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations.
- "Multi-disciplinary Collaboration: What Does It Mean and How Does It Work?," Center on Children and Families fourth annual conference, 2005 (Details TBA).

Look for information in future *FlaLaws*, or contact Director of Conference Planning Barbara DeVoe ([devoe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:devoe@law.ufl.edu) or 392-9238).

### Submit News for FlaLaw

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## University Presidential Fellow First to Pursue Joint Degree in Counseling Psychology & Law

Jennifer Stuart — recipient of a Presidential Fellowship, the highest distinction bestowed upon a University of Florida graduate student — is the first UF student to pursue a joint degree in Counseling Psychology and Law.

"I am interested in joint training in counseling psychology and law for a variety of reasons," said Stuart. "During my undergraduate training, I had the chance to work with high school students with emotional and behavioral problems, and many of these students had been in the juvenile justice system in some capacity. This sparked my interest in juvenile delinquency and adolescent development."

Stuart continued, "I am interested in normal and abnormal adolescent development and what factors in an adolescent's life (school experiences, home experiences, etc.) lead some adolescents to engage in delinquent behavior. I am also interested in the rehabilitative possibilities within the juvenile justice system and the impact the system has on adolescent development."

"While I have most often imagined myself someday working as a counseling psychologist with adolescents, I am also interested in the field of family law. My interests bridge both disciplines, making difficult to choose just one field. Through my extensive graduate school search, I found only a few programs in the U.S. that offered joint training in any field of psychology and law. I was particularly excited to learn about UF's joint degree program, because it offered the even rarer opportunity to pursue counseling psychology and a law degree simultaneously," she concluded.

Dr. Mark Fondacaro, Associate Professor with the Department of Psychology and Associate Director of the UF law Center on Children & Families, said, "Jennifer Stuart is the first UF student to pursue joint training



Jennifer Stuart (below) and Dr. Mark Fondacaro

in counseling psychology and law. In the past, graduate students in counseling psychology with interests in law were discouraged from pursuing their J.D. because of the unique demands of their training in counseling psychology as both scientists and practitioners. In addition to completing rigorous graduate level training in research, statistics, and theories of human development and change, graduate students in counseling psychology must undergo extensive supervised clinical training both before and after completing their doctoral dissertation as a requirement for licensure to practice psychology. The unique demands of training in counseling psychology, coupled with the all too familiar challenges of law school, make joint training in these areas feasible for only a select few and only with the necessary support and flexibility of administrators and faculty members in both psychology and law. Jennifer is one of those select few with the background, training, and abilities to master the unique challenges of joint training in counseling psychology and law."

UF offers more joint degrees — which allow students to combine legal studies with graduate work and earn two degrees in less time — than nearly any other law school. For details, go online to [www.law.ufl.edu/students/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/) or see page 10 in the 2004-05 Levin College of Law Handbook. □

### • UF LAW CALENDAR •

#### September

- 27 • Criminal Law Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Place TBA)
- 28 • Career Services, I Quick Question, 9:30-11 a.m., courtyard
- 29 • Career Services & APIL, Career Opportunities in Public Interest Law, noon, 355D
  - EASLS Meeting, noon
  - Toastmasters, 5 p.m., 345
  - "Meditation in the Fishbowl," 5:15-6 p.m., 285C
  - Career Services, Public Interest Law Careers, noon, 355D
- 30 • American Constitution Society Meeting, with speaker Professor Juan Perea, 4 p.m., 180A
  - Animal Law Association Meeting, 5 p.m., 285 D

#### October

- 1 • Career Services, Federal Career Opportunities, noon, 285D
  - Career Services & Westlaw, Federal Career Opportunities, noon, Room 285D
  - JMBA Mixer with Dental School
- 5 • Career Services, I Quick Question, 9:30-11 a.m., courtyard
- 6 • Career Services & ETELS, Estate Planning & Elder Law Opportunities, noon, 355D
  - Toastmasters, 5 p.m., 345
  - "Meditation in the Fishbowl," 5:15-6 p.m., 355A

### Faculty Scholarship & Activities



Cohen

■ Associate Professor/Institute for Dispute Resolution Associate Director **Jonathan R. Cohen** published "Future Research on Disclosure of Medical Errors," 141 *Annals of Internal Medicine* 481 (Sept. 21, 2004); and "In God's Garden: Creation and Cloning in Jewish Thought," *The Human Cloning Debate 4th ed.* (Glenn McGee & Arthur Caplan, eds.) (Berkeley Hills Books, 2004).



Malavet

■ Professor **Pedro Malavet's** book, *America's Colony: The Political and Cultural Conflict Between the United States and Puerto Rico*, was published by NYU Press.



Slobogin

■ Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** did a workshop on "Transaction Surveillance by the Government" at Ohio State University College of Law Sept. 20. □