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Election Focus of Presentations & Volunteer Efforts

Speaker on Election Preparation

Florida Law Review will host UF Political Sciences Professor Richard Scher for a presentation on the circumstances leading to Florida's problems in the 2000 elections and discussion on whether the state is prepared for the 2004 elections. All are invited to attend the discussion, which begins at 11 a.m. this Friday, Oct. 29, in the Ceremonial Classroom (180).



Baldwin



Rush



Wolf



Wright



Little



Jones



Mills



Nagan

Election Panel Nov. 1

UF law professors and attorneys will participate in a panel discussion on issues surrounding the 2004 election at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, in 355A. All are invited to the event, which is hosted by

the American Constitution Society and will include the following presentations:

- **"Judicial Nominations and What's at Stake,"** with Professors Fletcher Baldwin, Sharon Rush and Michael Wolf, moderated by Professor Danaya Wright.
- **"Election 2004,"** general discussion, with Professors Joseph Little, Clifford Jones and Center for Governmental Responsibility/Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, moderated by Professor Winston Nagan.

Other speakers to be announced.

Refreshments will be served before and after the event. For information, e-mail Sarah Gartell at garty@ufl.edu.

Help Protect the Right to Vote

The UF Chapter of the National Lawyer's Guild (NLG) and W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Student Association (NBLSA) are recruiting volunteers to help monitor polls on Election Day.

UF law student volunteers — who can earn pro bono credit for their efforts — will be taken
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Remember to
Vote

Your Institution, Your Reputation

The *Princeton Review* conducts an annual online survey (more at right) of students, alumni and faculty/administrators for publication as statistical data and editorial profiles on their website and in their books.

"This is our chance as students to provide an accurate reflection of our school," said Law College Council President Lee Harang. "I remember reading the student quotes when I was applying for law school. They were some of the most insightful tips of the whole process."

"The administration and faculty often get to expound about the law school; this is the opportunity for us to voice our opinions," he added. "I encourage all students to take a few minutes and offer your thoughts on UF law. It is our institution."

Editor's Note: Responses to surveys like this can significantly impact how schools are viewed by the public, regardless of how few individuals participate or the fact that surveys alone cannot accurately evaluate a college's true quality. Please take a moment to let your voice be heard, and consider your responses carefully. This is a matter of concern for all those affiliated with the UF College of Law — students, alumni, faculty and staff — since the school's reputation can reflect upon our own, and even impact the perceived value of a UF law degree. □

Respond to Online Survey

The *Princeton Review* is giving you the opportunity to voice your opinions of academics, career preparation, and social life at the College of Law. The "Students Say" profiles on Princeton Review.com and in its publications are written directly from survey responses to help readers understand what life at your school is like and to assist potential students in finding a school best suited to their educational and personal needs.

Participation is quick and easy. Just go online to <http://survey.review.com/>.

Log in to the student survey with your Gatorlink e-mail address. You will have the option to receive information and offers from *The Princeton Review*. To decline, indicate this on the login page before entering the survey.

The *Princeton Review* protects your privacy, and will not share your personal information with any third party without permission. To read the full privacy policy, click on "Privacy Policy" on the survey log in page. □

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New Consumer Law Externships

Assistant Professor Christopher L. Peterson, Three Rivers Legal Services and the Center for Career Services have organized a new Consumer Law externship for students.

Externs will have the opportunity to work with counsel on consumer law issues, including: car repossessions, home mortgage foreclosures, creditor harassment, consumer fraud, warranty claims, mobile home litigation, and more. Students will conduct research and writing, assist with preparations of interrogatories and depositions, draft pleadings, and occasionally may appear in court.

Three Rivers is hoping to expand their consumer protection practice, and would like to involve UF law students in their efforts. Peterson has agreed to be faculty supervisor for the new externships. For more information, contact Carol Kuczora in Career Services (392-0499).

Teaching Assistants Needed for Spring

Applications for Spring 2005 teaching assistant positions are available in the Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy Office.

For information, contact Director/Legal Skills Professor Henry T. Wihnyk at 392-2198.

Career Services, Resources & Programs

'Five Truths for New Lawyers'

Feedback from recent law grads who participated in focus groups was highlighted in the NALP Foundations' April 2004 *Career Moves for Law Students*. In distinguishing the "Five Truths for New Lawyers," the common theme revealed by this group of new attorneys was that it takes more than legal knowledge to thrive.

- **Truth #1. Successful new lawyers are adaptive and flexible, important traits in transcending from law student to practicing attorney.** Just because that's the way you did it before or as a student doesn't mean that it is the most effective way to do it in practice.
- **Truth # 2. Successful new lawyers work hard and expect to do so.** You may not realize that attitude and a strong work ethic are critical. It is "not only whether you do the work and do it well, but how you relate to the demands of the work that can make a difference in your success....Work ethic is a cultural norm that places value on doing an exemplary job and doing it with willingness, curiosity, eagerness or enthusiasm."
- **Truth #3. Successful new lawyers are realistic about their value.** The compensation paid to a new associate is "not about value, it's about potential." The training and development of a new lawyer is costly, and it takes several years before an employer will realize a return on their investment.
- **Truth #4. Successful new lawyers are lifelong learners.** Your law school education has prepared you well for the challenge of learning to be a lawyer. But you need more. "Skills training, professional development and mentoring will introduce you to the complex ratio of knowledge, understanding and experience that it takes to be a great

lawyer." You will learn on the job from secretaries, paralegals, office administrators, senior associates and partners. Learning is a process that never ends.

- **Truth #5. Successful new lawyers build lasting relationships.** The adage "it's not what you know but who you know" is significant in the legal community. Do not treat others as competitors. "Treat everyone like you would want to be treated and offer your help, patience and understanding when appropriate to do so. Make respect, civility and courtesy the dominate forces that characterize your professional persona."

Programs This Week

- **The Day to Day Life of an Elder Law Attorney**, today, Oct. 25, 2 p.m., 285D. Co-sponsored by ETELS. Guest speaker Lauchlin Waldock (UF JD 78) from the Tallahassee firm McConaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. will discuss topics such as being board certified, wills, trusts, guardianships, probate, special needs trusts and long term care in addition to gift tax consequences surrounding these areas.
- **Attorney General Charlie Crist**, today, Oct. 25, 3 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Crist will discuss and promote the Governmental Honors Program, a paid internship program he created to involve law students and young lawyers in state government.
- **Practicing Law at the State Attorney's Office in the Domestic Violence Division**: today, Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., 355A. Co-sponsored by UF's Criminal Law Association. Guest speaker Theresa Drake.
- **One Quick Question**, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 9:30-11 a.m. Ask Assistant Director Carol Kuczora at the CCS table in the courtyard about resumes or cover letters, pro bono, externships, OCI, job searches, interviews, receptions or other career related issues.
- **Opportunities in Environmental Law**, Wednesday, Oct. 27, noon, 355D. Professors Alyson Flournoy and Mary Jane Angelo will discuss career development, differences between state and federal positions, areas of growth and opportunity, and how to develop a competitive edge and find positions. □

International Careers for UF Law Students

Associate Dean Stuart R. Cohn and International Trade Program Director Steve Powell (at back right, from left) participated in the Center for Career Services presentation, "International Career Opportunities" last week. Included in the presentation was a frank discussion of entry-level opportunities and how to make yourself marketable in this competitive field. Cohn also discussed advantages of a dual focus on comparative and international law, and benefits of UF law study abroad programs in Cape Town, South Africa and Costa Rica.

Powell, former chief counsel for the Import Administration with the U.S. Department of Commerce and assistant general counsel for NOAA, has been assisting students in making connections with government agencies. He discussed the wide variety of practice areas encompassing the practice of international law, including business, trade, human rights, war treaties and peacekeeping efforts, as well as banking, securities, oil and gas, customs, intellectual property humanitarian law and environmental law. He also reviewed the benefits of earning a Certificate in International Law.

Students who were unable to attend but would like to learn more should stop by the Center for Career Services for a handout or make an appointment with a career counselor to explore these career options. □



Events & Opportunities

Music Law Conference Scheduled

The student-produced Music Law Conference will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the J. Wayne Reitz Union. The conference will include a full day of panel discussions and music showcases throughout downtown Gainesville that night.

To participate, assist with the event or learn more, e-mail Aisha Salem at aisha@musiclawconference.com.



Phi Delta Phi 'Tables' Oct. 26

Phi Delta Phi members will man a table on the law school concourse Tuesday, Oct. 26, noon-4 p.m., to offer new member applications and information on upcoming events. You also can sign up for the Phi Delta Phi pumpkin carving table at the Boys and Girls Club Halloween Carnival, where you can help children create fun and scary pumpkin faces. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, and was a great success last year. A Phi Delta Phi social at the Mellow Mushroom on University Avenue will follow the pumpkin carving at 7 p.m. Wednesday. All Phi Delta Phi members, friends, and guests are invited to meet other members, unwind and socialize.

Phi Delta Phi applications are due Friday, Nov. 5, so make sure you have placed your signed application in the blue Phi Delta Phi box in the Office of Student Affairs by the deadline.

IPTLA Speaker on Pharmaceutical Intellectual Property Rights

All are invited to hear Jack Abid speak and lead a discussion on his work, "A Comparative Analysis of Pharmaceutical Intellectual Property Rights in Canada and the United States." The presentation will be made at the Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association (IPTLA) meeting at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Alehouse.

JTLP Write-On Competition

The University of Florida *Journal of Technology Law and Policy* (JTLP) Fall 2004 Write-On Competition will not include information sessions or hard copy packets. Instead, packet materials — including competition rules, deadlines, selected cases, contact information and guidelines for how to write a case comment — are online at <http://dogwood.circa.ufl.edu/~techlaw/>. Or go to the law school home page, www.law.ufl.edu, click on Student Affairs, then

Student Organizations, then *JTLP*. All third-, fourth- and fifth-semester students who have received an S or S+ in Legal Research and Writing and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher are eligible to compete. Every comment of publishable quality will be selected, and the "Best Comment" will be published in the journal. For information, e-mail Student Works Editor Michael Bachman at bachman@ufl.edu.

Join Family Law Society

Students interested in pursuing a career in Family Law or helping to make a difference in the lives of Alachua County children are invited to join the Family Law Society at its first general meeting of the semester at noon Wednesday, Oct. 27, in 345.

Sign Up For State Prison Tour

The Criminal Law Association is organizing tours of Florida State Prison for Tuesday, Nov. 16, and Thursday, Nov. 18, both at 1:15 p.m. The prison is near Starke, about an hour from Gainesville. To participate, sign up via e-mail to gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com as soon as possible, since there is usually a waiting list. (CLA will need your driver's license number and gender for registration purposes.)

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Journal Available

The *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy* will be available Nov. 1 for subscribers and single issue requests. Articles in this issue focus on civil liberties and human rights of minorities, specifically Native Americans and homosexuals.

Anna-Marie Tabor's article focuses on Native American sovereignty and the sovereign's power to tax. The balance of the articles constitute a symposium issue dedicated to the *Lawrence v. Texas* decision, which struck down a Texas statute criminalizing homosexual intimacy. In January 2004, UF's Lambda Legal Alliance hosted its first Law and Policy Conference to examine the legal and social implications of the *Lawrence* ruling. In this issue are articles from UF law Professors Danaya C. Wright and Diane H. Mazur, Professor of Social Work Scott D. Ryan, a work by Sameera Dalvi, and note by Diane Lourdes Dick, who won the Barbara W. Makar Writing Award for Outstanding Note of Spring 2004.

For copies or subscription information, contact Staff Editor Victoria A. Redd (pictured at top) at 352-392-4980 or reddeva@law.ufl.edu.

Law Students Play at Eddie C's

Monroe Lee is playing at Eddie C's today, Oct. 25, at 10 p.m. Two of the band's four members — Joshua Wagner and Mike Verille (pictured below, Wagner in top photo) — are third-year UF law students.

"This will be a great show," said Wagner. "The radio station 100.5 'the Buzz' is doing a live broadcast, and a compilation CD of the band's music will be given to the first 150 people."

Wagner recently added shoe design to his eclectic list of accomplishments. He won a shoe design contest for Hurley (a large surf company), and they are in the process of making "his" shoe.

The Florida-based band Monroe Lee has developed a loyal following by combining memorable songwriting with energetic live performances. The band has performed at major venues throughout the state, including Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Daytona Beach, and is planning several East Coast tour dates in cities such as Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and New York.

For information on the band or to download their songs free-of-charge, go to www.monrolee.com. □





Bar Exam Loans

Making plans to take the Bar and wondering where you will come up with financing for these out-of-pocket expenses? There are private companies that offer Bar Exam loans to students in their final year of law school. These loans can be used for living expenses while you study for the Bar and take Bar prep classes or for other Bar Exam-related expenses.

For more information regarding these private loans, contact Financial Aid Director Carol Huber in the Office of Student Affairs at 392-0421, or contact lenders directly at:

- **Access Group**
800-282-1550
www.accessgroup.org
- **Key Education Resources**
800-539-5363
www.key.com/educate/grad
- **LawLoans**
800-984-0190
www.salliemae.com

LexisNexis Help

LexisNexis can help with your seminar research with immediate help specific to your research topic. See student representatives during office hours or LEXIS Representative Bonita Young on campus Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m. For details, contact Young at 379-0232 or bonita.young@lexisnexis.com.

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See 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

You are invited to view and discuss the film "Fahrenheit 9/11" with the Caribbean Law Students Association and International Law Society at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in 285D. Refreshments will be served. For information, e-mail Loreal Belfon at msbelfon@hotmail.com.

Support Your Class Gift

The Class Gift Committee will be available to answer questions and/or accept gifts or pledges toward the Fall 2004 Graduating Class Gift from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 26-28. Stop by to learn how you can support areas of your choice while "giving back." For information, e-mail Lauren Cury at LaurenCury@aol.com or Edrene Johnson at eaj@ufl.edu.

Oelrich Presentation



The Law School Republicans and Criminal Law Association will co-host Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich (left) Thursday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m. in 180A. The sheriff will discuss issues facing the county, and will take ques-

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via chartered bus Nov. 2 to watch polls in Orlando. (Food will be provided throughout the day.) Alachua County has not seen any voting rights violations, but it is reported that elderly African American citizens in Orlando have been subjected to voter intimidation and that there have been irregularities in getting absentee ballots and voter registration cards.

Thousands of law students, lawyers, and legal workers already have volunteered to monitor polls and staff a 24-hour hotline (1-866-OUR-VOTE) to answer voting-related questions. It is expected that 4,000 law students will volunteer nationwide in the effort.

The "Election Protection" program is a non-partisan effort sponsored by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, People for the American Way, American Bar Association, and National Bar Association (NBA). The groups researched the most "at-risk" polling sites based on voting rights violations and voting problems during past elections.

The program's significance was highlighted Aug. 31 during the Florida primary, when a two-day trial run of the Election Protection system was conducted. Over 350 volunteers — including more

than 120 legal volunteers — participated in monitoring 60 polling sites in Duval, Broward, Miami-Dade, Leon and Orange counties, and provided advice and assistance to 700-plus Florida voters. The Election Protection Coalition addressed problems such as police presence/intimidation at the polls; wrongful denial of the right to vote due to misapplication of identification requirements; moved, closed or poorly designated precincts; refusal to provide affidavits or provisional ballots; and poorly trained poll workers.

JMBA News & Events

- **Annual John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) Halloween Party**, 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 28, at Fat Tuesdays. \$3 for JMBA members, \$5 for others. Wear your best halloween costume and arrive early, since tickets will only be sold at the door. For information, e-mail Ali at alim13@ufl.edu or Steve at sdebate5@yahoo.com, or stop by the JMBA office.
- **Champagne & Jazz**, Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m.-midnight, at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art. Tickets on sale now.

Note to church parking decal holders: Students found speeding in the church parking lot will have their decals recalled and could face other penalties. JMBA reminds you that there is a daycare center in this area, and drivers must be cautious.

Support for Soldiers, Spouses, Kids

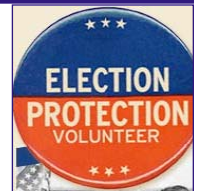
- The Military Law Students Association (MLSA) is sponsoring a **Care Package Drive** for as long as items continue to be donated. A list of needed items

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To participate, register at the Election Protection table on the law school concourse, then e-mail UF law student Steckley Lee at steckll@yahoo.com to reserve a seat on the bus. Poll watcher training on the basics of Florida election law and structure of the Election Protection Program will be offered at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Bailey Courtroom. For those who miss the session, a training video will be shown Monday, Nov. 1, after the ACS Panel on Voting Rights (time and place TBA).

For more information, go online to www.Unity04.net, www.lawyerscommittee.org, and/or www.electionprotection2004.org. □



New Environmental & Land Use Law Courses

Several new or infrequently taught courses will be offered this spring. Some may not appear on the schedule at the time of registration, so watch for late additions to the schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN REAL ESTATE & BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Course will familiarize law students with environmental issues that arise in business transactions — including the purchase and sale of real property, purchase and sale of business organizations, and redevelopment of property where redevelopment is hindered by actual or perceived contamination issues. Adjunct Professors Terry Zinn and Enola Brown will co-teach this course drawing on their practice experience in dealing with these issues. Students intending to practice corporate or real property law will benefit from this course, as will those planning to practice environmental or land use law.

ANIMAL RIGHTS & THE LAW SEMINAR

This seminar is taught by Adjunct Professor David Hoch, and considers philosophical arguments in support of moral rights and ethical considerateness toward animals, as advocated by such renowned thinkers as Descartes and Voltaire, with greater emphasis on modern philosophers like Peter Singer and Tom Regan. The course also considers if animals should be afforded moral consideration and how that entitlement is both recognized in and denied by the law. The work of animal rights attorney/scholars will be considered, along with specific problems involved in representing animals, such as their status as property, obtaining standing, and extending the measure of damages for injury to animal companions beyond market value.

COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY LAW

This course will feature visiting faculty from Australia, Peru, Brazil and South Africa addressing their domestic property law, particularly as it relates to

indigenous territory and communally titled land. The course will also examine land titling and registration as a tool in international development policy, along with the international law of property and its relationship to trade and human rights. The course will be coordinated by ELULP Professor Danaya Wright and Conservation Clinic Director Tom Ankersen, and cross-listed with Professor Grenville Barnes in the UF IFAS School of Forest Resources and Conservation.

WATER LAW

The Environmental and Land Use Law Program added this course in Spring 2004. Taught from a national perspective, it examines the three main types of state systems for the allocation of the right to use water: riparianism, the prior appropriation doctrine, and regulated riparianism (using Florida as an example). The course will also consider groundwater and federal doctrines that impact state water law.

CAPSTONE COLLOQUIUM

This one-credit course is designed primarily for students in the ELUL Certificate Program. (Others permitted to enroll if seats are available.) This will be a small seminar in which students and faculty from the ELULP will read and have critical discussions of the work of a series of presenters, including several distinguished visiting scholars and ELULP faculty members. For information, or if you are a non-certificate student and would like to enroll pending availability of space, contact Marla Wolfe at elulp@law.ufl.edu. □



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is available at drop off points or from any MLSA member. MLSA will consolidate items, then mail them to soldiers serving in the "War on Terrorism." (If you know someone who is deployed and would like a care package, e-mail Matt Brannen at brannenm@ufl.edu.)

- MLSA's **Deployed Spouses Support Operation** provides services such as child care, yard work, shopping and moving. If you know of someone in the area whose spouse is deployed and who needs help or more information, contact Brannen or any MLSA member.
- **"Toys for Tots"** kicks off in November. Look for a drop box at the law school to donate a new, unwrapped toy to help kids have a great Christmas. This is a national effort assigned to the Marine Corps Reserves, and a great opportunity to help

those less fortunate. For information about MLSA and its projects, e-mail C. Matthew or Heather Brannen at g8rbrannen@earthlink.net.

ELULS Moot Court Team Chosen

The Environmental and Land Use Law Society is pleased to announce that Nicholas Beninate, Noah Kaufman and Erica Williams have been selected for the 2004-05 Environmental Moot Court Team, and will compete in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition in New York in February 2005.

Improve Skills at Toastmasters

Florida Law Toastmasters Public Speaking Organization will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in 345. Observers and newcomers welcome. For information, e-mail Florida Law Toastmasters President Ray Dominick at r12345@ufl.edu. □



JMBA Casino Night Benefits Charity

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) raised \$2,914 for charity from ticket sales, business sponsorships and private contributions at their recent Casino Night fundraiser, thanks to hard work by JMBA representatives, officers and other volunteers and the more than 200 law students, faculty and friends who participated. The money will be divided equally between the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund and Three Rivers Legal Foundation.

"We'd like to thank JLSA and ABA for their help, as well as the many students who pitched in to make this first-time event a great success," said JMBA President Julie Miller. "We also congratulate the winner of the poker tournament, first-semester law student Alex Denault."



Writing Workshop on Punctuation

Writing Professor Lois Randolph will offer a writing workshop on punctuation at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in 285D.



Spring 2005 Pre-Registration Begins Today

Spring 2005 pre-registration is Oct. 25-Nov. 9. Appointment times are available on ISIS (www.isis.ufl.edu).

You must have your gatorlink user name and password to access the system. For assistance, contact the CIRCA help desk at 392-help. (Set up a gatorlink account or check your account at www.gatorlink.ufl.edu.)

Prior planning is essential. Check the schedule of classes on the law school website prior to registering, as well as the College of Law Handbook for any pre-requisites. If you experience problems during pre-registration, immediately contact Registrar Kim Thomas in the Office of Student Affairs (392-0421, Bruton-Geer Hall).

Note to the Fall 2004 Entering Class: You will be automatically registered for your Spring 2005 required classes.

Trade, Labor & Environment Lectures

All are invited to guest lectures Nov. 4 & 18, both from 5-7 p.m. (rooms TBA), and presented as part of a Trade, Labor & Environment seminar taught by Governor Buddy MacKay and Professor Berta Hernandez-Truyol.

Florida Supreme Court Justices Judge Moot Court Final Four, Advise Students — By D. Cupples (3L)

It has become a UF law tradition: every fall, Florida Supreme Court justices come to campus to judge Moot Court's Final Four competition. Judging the competition this year were Florida Supreme Court Justices Barbara Pariente, Charles Wells, Harry Anstead, Fred Lewis, Peggy Quince, and Raoul Cantero, along with Florida Fourth DCA Judge Fred Hazouri.

"Most lawyers won't get a chance to argue in front of the Florida Supreme Court during their whole career," said Moot Court President Ryan Morgan. "Having the justices here for the Final Four is a great chance for the entire student body to interact with them."

The Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court's Final Four argued the case of fictional lawyer/accountant Mike Diamond before the panel of justices of the state's highest court. Diamond worked for an energy-trading company, and was convicted of conspiracy and fraud relating to an Enron-style accounting scheme. He then appealed, challenging his 35-year prison sentence as unconstitutionally determined.

"We've been writing the problem and planning the competition since April," said Moot Court Intramural Competition Chair Cara Muroff (3L).

Arguing for Petitioner Diamond were Kimberly Lorenz (2L) and Brady Ward (2L). Amy Fletcher (2L) and Christine Fuqua (2L) carried the respondent's banner, and Anne Zerbe (2L) was alternate.

"Being an alternate was great, because I had to know both positions very well," Zerbe said. "It was interesting to see which issues the justices focused on and that some of the issues we had discussed were important to them as well."



Florida Supreme Court Justices Barbara Pariente (from left), Harry Anstead and Peggy Quince and (not pictured) Charles Wells, Fred Lewis and Raoul Cantero, along with Florida Fourth DCA Judge Fred Hazouri, judged the Final Four and visited classrooms to advise students.



Team Wins Regional Tang Competition

UF law's Moot Court Team (above) sent two teams to the Oct. 16 Thomas Tang Southeast Regional Competition in New Orleans, and both made it to face each other in the semi-final round. Robyn Moore and Chrissy Yates met JaDawnya Butler and Maria Gonzales in the semi-finals, then Butler and Gonzales advanced to the final round to win the final. They will head to national competition in Dallas Nov. 12-13.

This year's Final Four competition had another interesting facet: all five team members were women.

"I don't know the last time we had an all-woman Final Four team," said Moot Court Publicity Chair Megan Sladek (3L). "It might be a first."

During the competition, each side presented oral arguments and answered rapid-fire questions from the justices before the court filed out of the auditorium to deliberate. Before announcing the results, Chief Justice Barbara Pariente praised the competitors, "All of you did an excellent job, better than some of the lawyers who argue before us."

The award for Best Team went to Respondents Fletcher and Fuqua, meaning that Diamond would wear prison-gray for the next 35 years. Best Oralist, Best Brief and Best Overall went to Christine Fuqua.

"It's a great honor to argue in front of Florida Supreme Court Justices," Fuqua said. "The team and our benching prepared us completely."

"It was an honor, because we were selected by our peers," said Fletcher. "Competing in the Final Four was the highlight of my law school experience, and I'm excited to be part of the team."

"I was prepared for most of the justices' questions, but I was super nervous beforehand anyway," said Ward. "Then Chief Justice Pariente smiled when I stepped up, and I knew I could do it. The justices were more approachable than I had expected."

"We all worked on this for a long time," said Lorenz. "Arguing before the justices is a unique opportunity, especially talking to them afterward and getting their insights and advice."

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"All the participants were entirely well prepared and handled themselves professionally," said Moot Court Co-Faculty Advisor Leanne Pflaum. "They were a real credit to the law school."

"We are so grateful to our sponsor, Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe," said Co-Faculty Advisor Henry Wihnyk. "They're really giving back and providing an invaluable experience for students. And we send special thanks to Dr. Rihle and Hank Sorenson for funding a scholarship for the competitors."

In years past, the justices would arrive with Marshall Barnes and hold a question-and-answer session open to all students before judging the Moot Court competition.

This year, the justices took center stage in Professor Davis' Contracts class and Professor Little's Torts class, which was joined by Professor Jackson's writing class.

"This court is very diverse, so I think it's important for you to hear about our backgrounds," said Chief Justice Barbara Pariente, the second woman to serve as chief. Pariente is married to — and once practiced law with — Florida Fourth DCA Judge Fred Hazouri.

An avid photographer while at George Washington University Law School, Pariente participated in a legal clinic that fought for improved conditions for renters. "Lawyers are the nation's problem solvers," Pariente said. "Some of the best lawyers stay out of court."

Justice R. Fred Lewis grew up in a coal mining town. "My vision of a lawyer was someone who helped people in need," Lewis said. "That's why I went to law school."

Lewis made friends and found mentors through a clerkship during his first year of law school at the



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TIPS FOR STUDENTS

During their visit on campus, Justices of the Florida Supreme Court visited classrooms to meet and offer advice to students. Dozens of questions flew at the justices as they sat in Professor Little's and Davis' classes. A sample of questions and answers follows:

- **How do you get on the state Supreme Court?**
Cantero: "There is no one way to get to the Florida Supreme Court. There has to be some sense of overall justice in your record, though. It's not about win at any cost." Pariente recommended legal clinics for all students, having found the hands-on experience invaluable.
- **What about clerkship applications?** Hazouri said he looks at how well students did in constitutional law and contracts.
- **What do lawyers do that the justices don't like?**
Anstead: "Some lawyers tell too much in their briefs. They should stick to what the court actually needs to know." Justice Quince: "The Statement of Facts should be tight and objective. The Argument section is where the spin belongs." Justice Wells: "You have to get the justices' attention in your brief. Good writing is both understandable and persuasive." □

University of Miami. Before joining the court, he represented both plaintiffs and insurance companies. "Somewhere in your career, you have to figure out why you want to be a lawyer," Lewis said.

Former Justice Steven Grimes went to business school before law school, both at UF. After 13 years on Florida's Second DCA, Grimes served 11 years on the Florida Supreme Court.

Justices Wells and Anstead also are Gators.

"I'm so old, I went to law school in another part of the campus," said Anstead.

Judge Hazouri, a "Double Gator," grew up in the same Jacksonville neighborhood as Anstead. Lawton Chiles appointed Hazouri to the Fourth DCA in 1995. "I liked the Warren Court's focus on individual rights," Hazouri said.

After law school at Catholic University of America, Justice Peggy Quince practiced in real estate and domestic relations in the Washington, D.C. area. "I moved to Florida for a man," she said. Here, she focused on criminal appeals for 15 years before Lawton Chiles appointed her to Florida's Second DCA. In 1998, she was dual-appointed to the Florida Supreme Court by Lawton Chiles and Jeb Bush.

Born in Spain, Justice Raoul Cantero majored in English and business at FSU, later graduating from Harvard Law School. His practice areas were appeals and class-action litigation, though he wanted to be a writer. "I did work on my novel while practicing, but after my first child born, I didn't have time to write anymore," he said. □



Haitian Relief

The American Constitution Society (ACS) and Caribbean Law Students Association (CARIBLAW) are co-sponsoring a Haitian relief effort to help the hundreds of thousands of victims whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Jeanne. Your assistance is gravely needed.

Collection boxes will be set up next to the JMBA office and in the breezeway near 180A through Nov. 5. Needed items include: water, rice, canned goods (milk, tuna, sardines, etc.), beans, powdered milk, cooking oil, spam, spaghetti, salt, flour, band-aids, peroxide, alcohol, cotton, gauze, first aid kits, matches, blankets, tools, diapers, clothing, candles, batteries and flashlights.

Coat Drive for Local Homeless

The Center for Governmental Responsibility and Phi Delta Phi are collecting winter coats, sweaters and boots through Wednesday, Nov. 3, for distribution to the homeless at the "Breakfast on the Park" event held by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry. Bring items to collection boxes outside Career Services, in the lobby next to the JMBA Office, and in the cafeteria. For information, e-mail brookebornick@yahoo.com.

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Trial Team Members Shine in Final Four — By Whitney Untied (3L)

The UF Trial Team held its Fall 2004 Final Four competition Oct. 15 in the Bailey Courtroom. Fourth-semester student Najah Gibson and third-semester student Loreal Belfon represented the plaintiff, and third-semester students Teesha McCrae and Sara Holliday-Tobias represented the defendant in *Tina Lay v. Los Diablos Police Department and Terry Hooper*. The competition was the culmination of this semester's Trial Team tryouts. The four new members with the highest tryout scores, along with four new members acting as witnesses, prepared for seven days before participating in the mock trial.

"Sara and I worked extremely hard preparing our case. We practiced every night for hours," McCrae said. "Preparing for Final Four was a team effort."

The fact pattern used in tryouts and the Final Four competition was a negligence action for wrongful death. In Final Four, competitors presented motions in limine, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing statements. Trial Team Senior Vice President for Intramurals Pennie Mays (3L) was impressed with the Final Four competitors.

Trial Team members JaDawnya Butler, Edrene Johnson, and Stephanie Mickle are competing in the Tournament of Champions in Los Angeles hosted by Loyola and Pepperdine.

"The Final Four is a perfect indicator of the caliber of people who join Trial Team," Mays said. "Since they are only coached for a few weeks by current team members; making sure that our new team members have natural talent is important."

"The UF Trial Team is regarded as one of the best in the nation, so any opportunity to be involved with the best is a personal honor," Gibson said, adding she was excited to develop her litigation skills and to get to know the team.

Top Final Four awards — Teesha McCrae (Best Advocate), and McCrae and Sara Holliday-Tobias (Best Team) — were announced at a banquet at the Savannah Grande in honor of new members and Final Four competitors.

"I just tried to do my very best throughout the competition, and I was pleased to find out all my hard work had paid off," McCrae said. □

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

- Professor **Christine A. Klein** published, "On Integrity: Some Considerations for Water Law," *56 Alabama Law Review* (2005).
- Associate Professor **Cally Jordan** was recently asked by the World Bank to assist the Chinese government in drafting a new Company Law for the People's Republic of China. The drafting committee invited Professor Jordan to Beijing later this year to present her comments.

- **CGR** Associate in Law Research **Richard Hamann** and Legal Skills Professor **Tom Ankersen** were named statewide extension specialists in the area of coastal and marine law at Florida SeaGrant's annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale. □

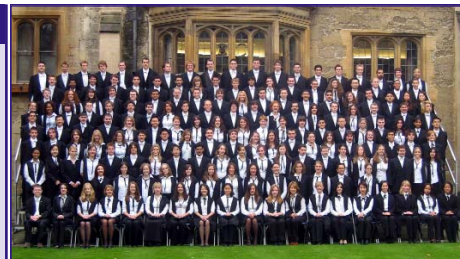


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• UF LAW CALENDAR •

October

- 25 • Career Services and ETELS: The Day to Day Practice of an Elder Law Attorney, 2 p.m., 285D
- Career Services, Attorney General Charlie Crist, Government Honors Program, 3 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Career Services & CLA presentation, Practicing Law at the State Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Division, 5:30 p.m., 355A
- Advanced registration for Spring 2005 Semester begins, ends Nov. 5
- 26 • Career Services One Quick Question, 9:30-11 a.m., courtyard
- IPTLA Speaker on IP rights, 6 p.m., Alehouse
- 27 • Career Services: Environmental Law Opportunities, noon, 355D
- Family Law Society meeting, noon, 345
- Toastmasters, 5 p.m., 345
- "Meditation in the Fishbowl," 5:15-6 p.m., 103 Bruton-Geer
- 28 • LSR/CLA, w/ Alachua County Sheriff Oelrich, 4 p.m., 180A
- Fahrenheit 9/11, 4 p.m., 285D
- JMBA Halloween Party, 9 p.m., Fat Tuesdays
- 29 • Florida Law Review Speaker on Election, 11 a.m., 180
- 30 • Election Protection Poll Watcher Training, 1-3p.m., Bailey Courtroom



S. Russell-Brown at Oxford

Professor Sherrie Russell-Brown is shown above (front row, far right) at her recent Oxford matriculation ceremony, where she and other "fresher" graduate and undergraduate students officially became members of Oxford University. She is on leave until May 2005 in order to pursue a DPHIL (international law) at Brasenose College, Oxford University.