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## 2004 Election Panel Today

UF law professors and attorneys will participate in a panel discussion on issues surrounding the 2004 election 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, in 355C. All are invited to the event, which is hosted by the American Constitution Society and will include the following presentations:

- "Election 2004," with Professors Joseph Little, Clifford Jones and Center for Governmental Responsibility/Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, moderated by Professor Winston Nagan, 11-11:55 a.m.
- "Judicial Nominations and What's at Stake," discussion on the important role our next president will have in appointing justices to the federal judiciary, both in the lower federal courts and the Supreme Court. Professors Fletcher Baldwin, Sharon Rush, Michael Wolf, and Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol, moderated by Professor Danaya Wright, noon-1 p.m.

Other speakers to be announced. Refreshments will be served before and after the event. For information, e-mail Sarah Gartell at [garty@ufl.edu](mailto:garty@ufl.edu) or Felix A. Felicier at [felixfelix08@yahoo.com](mailto:felixfelix08@yahoo.com). Food and refreshments will be served. □



Little



Jones



Mills



Nagan



Baldwin



Rush



Wolf



Hernandez-Truyol



Wright



## Vote 2004

You can find your polling place for Nov. 2 online at <http://www.mypollingplace.com/find.php>.

Just type in the street address where you are registered.

## Externing at the Carter Center — By Kirsten Anderson

**Note from Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Gail Sasnett (Externship Faculty Supervisor):** *Kirsten Anderson (at right, with President Jimmy Carter) externed at the Carter Center this summer, where she did amazing things and interacted with dignitaries from all over the country. In particular, she remarked on the high voter turnout in Venezuela, a reminder to all of us to remember to vote in our own elections this week.*

A legal externship — in addition to being a way to earn academic credit in exchange for practical legal experience — can also be a life-changing event. This past summer, I did an externship in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Carter Center, a non-profit organization headed by former President Jimmy Carter with democracy, development and health programs all over the world.

I worked in the America's Program, almost exclusively on the upcoming electoral mission to Venezuela for the historic presidential recall referendum. Just as in California, citizens in Venezuela may petition and then remove their leader from power through a recall provision in their constitu-

tion. A voter-initiated recall of the president had never been attempted before in any country, so the Venezuelan referendum experience was new and challenging for everyone involved.

As an extern, I was given tremendous responsibility and very interesting work. I researched and  
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## Vote on Honor Code Revision

The Honor Committee has worked long and hard to revise the College of Law Honor Code, and the faculty have given it their approval.

Students have been e-mailed a copy of the new code via the ALL LAW listserv, and are encouraged to attend a "town hall meeting" Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 1-2 p.m. in 345 to meet members of the committee, ask questions about the code, and provide input.

The revised code will be confirmed or denied after students vote on it during elections Nov. 16. (Vote at the JMBA or Honor Committee table.)

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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.

Peterson has agreed to be faculty supervisor for the new externships. For more information, contact Carol Kuczora in Career Services (392-0499).

## Career Services & Resources What Do New Lawyers Do?

Newly released NALP data reveals “What New Lawyers Do. After the JD — First Results of a National Study of Legal Careers,” a joint project of the NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education and the American Bar Foundation. The data comes from a longitudinal study of 5,000-plus lawyers first admitted to the bar in 2000, which is tracking their first 10 years after law school.

Characteristics identified in the October 2004, *Career Moves for Law Students*, “What are Your Expectations?” include:

### Work Responsibilities

- It is a fact of life that newer attorneys should be prepared to work on routine matters. However, the study notes that today’s employers seem more aware of the need to provide attorneys with “progressively challenging work” to best develop professionally. Lawyers who can be counted on to perform well on routine work assignments more typically are “rewarded with variety and challenge in subsequent legal work assignments.”
- Associates in smaller firms tend to report a lot of responsibility on relatively small cases with greater independence.
- Associates in larger firms tended to have a lesser roles on bigger cases and are more frequently assigned routine work.
- Government and public interest lawyers reported high levels of autonomy in their work as well as a relatively high level of overall job satisfaction.

### Specialization vs. generalist

- Generally, new lawyers (private, government and public) are developing specialization earlier in their career as they become more associated with a particular topic common to their practice group or from spending much of their time in one area. “The good news is that most firms use client-industry teams to better respond to the complex issues of their clients.” This provides “a wide array of interesting, challenging work and ample opportunity to hone your legal skills accordingly.”

### Number of hours worked

- The average number of hours worked by a national sample of junior associates for a typical work week is 49 hours per week.
- Government and public interest lawyers typically average 45 hours per week.
- Only about 20 percent overall reported working 60 or more hours a week.
- Associates working in the largest firms were somewhat more likely to report work weeks of 60 or more hours.



## ‘Making Strides’ Walk

UF law Center for Career Services and Caribbean Law Students Association (CARIBLAW) team members Khara Kessler (from left), L’Oreal Belfon, Leonard Grill, Christina McCray with son, Derek, Christine Neuhoff, Keisha Usher, Jessie Howell Wallace, Tara Rao, Amy Sell and Linda Calvert Hanson participated in “Make Strides Against Breast Cancer®,” a noncompetitive walk to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer Oct. 23. The funds raised went toward American Cancer Society research, education, patient support, and advocacy programs.

- Young attorneys in the government and public service, public interest, business and nonprofit jobs were least likely to work more than 60 hours a week.
- Overall, it appears that legal employers are sincerely interested in helping associates balance the demands of work with their personal interests and commitments. The hours expectation is often accompanied by unparalleled flexibility.

## On Campus Interview Survey

The Center for Career Services is seeking student input on the best date to begin OCI **next** fall (2005). Absent hurricanes, OCI traditionally runs for five weeks, with the first two weeks being the heaviest interview period.

- In Fall 2003, OCI began at UF law Sept. 15. Some employers commented that it was too late in the hiring season and disadvantaged UF law students.
- This fall, OCI began at UF law Aug. 16, the week before classes commenced, due to construction, while most Florida law schools began OCI the day after Labor Day, Sept. 7.
- All Georgia law schools conduct OCI throughout the month of August.
- Fall 2005 UF law classes begin Aug.16.

To be more competitive, eliminate parking challenges, and minimize class disruptions, the CCS is asking students to indicate if they would prefer to participate in interviews:

- the week before classes begin,
- the first week of classes,

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- on one or two Saturdays around the first week of classes in August (with 20-30 employers visiting),
- the week before Labor Day (Aug. 29-Sept. 2), and/or
- the week of Labor Day (Sept 6-9).

To share your opinion, complete the survey in the JMBA office or in Career Services.

## Upcoming Receptions

Thinking of practicing in Washington, D.C., Tallahassee, Alachua County or Miami? Be sure to attend one of these upcoming alumni receptions to meet alums and network:

- Nov. 5, 6-8 p.m., Washington D.C., Emerging Markets Partnership, 2001 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 1100
- Nov. 18, Tallahassee, Governor's Club on 202 1/2 S. Adams St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec., Alachua County holiday reception, Dean Jerry's home, 6-8 p.m.
- Jan. 20, mid-year Florida Bar reception, Miami, the Miami Hyatt

To RSVP, e-mail [careers@law.ufl.edu](mailto:careers@law.ufl.edu). Space is limited, and 3L's have top priority.

## Program Tips & Tricks

### Preparing For The Final Mile: Bar Application & Exam

The presentation, "Preparing For The Final Mile: Bar Application & Exam," was presented to a group of interested students by Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson and PMBR Regional Rep. Aarti Surtani. They recommend that students:

- Submit accurate and consistent information to avoid an investigatory hearing.
- The application is lengthy and time consuming, so do not delay submitting the application since costs will increase substantially.
- There is an affirmative obligation to amend a submitted application following a change of circumstance up until the applicant is sworn in to the Bar.
- Topics also included how to obtain copies of your records (drivers license, marriage and dissolution documents, credit reports, and transcripts), information about the availability of bar exam loans, and services provided by the Florida Lawyers Assistance Program for applicants with chemical or mental health issues.
- A comprehensive handout was provided that included a recap of how to prepare applications for: 1) Admission to the Bar, 2) Admission to the Bar Examination, and 3) the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam. The handout also included resources for obtaining documentation to support the applications, a suggested timeline, information on downtown Tampa hotels, Bar Review courses and more.

This program was taped and can be viewed in Media Services, or stop by CCS to pick up a copy of the handout.

## Programs

- **MANDATORY Career Services Orientation** for 1L's, Monday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. for Section **ONE** students and Wednesday, Nov. 3, noon for Section **TWO** students. The Center for Career Services welcomes all first semester UF law students. Come meet the staff and find out what assistance is available.
- **One Quick Question**, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 9:30-11 a.m. Ask Director Jessie Howell Wallace at the CCS table in the courtyard about resumes, cover letters, the pro bono project, externships, OCI, job searches, interviews, receptions or other career related issues.
- **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop**, Friday, Nov. 5, noon, 355D. Join Career Services Director Jessie Howell Wallace and Assistant Director Carol Kuczora for this interactive workshop on the "basics" and specific challenges students face in creating a stellar resume and cover letter. This workshop is geared toward all class years and will benefit students who need to create or update a resume or cover letter. □

## The Practice of Criminal Law

Assistant State Attorney Francine Turney, Assistant Public Defender Arthur Jones and student extern Edrene Johnson joined Career Services for a candid discussion on a day in the life of a criminal law attorney Oct. 22. The event was co-sponsored by Career Services and the Criminal Law Association (CLA), which provided pizza for participants.

Panelists discussed their respective career paths, why they chose the criminal law arena and their daily experiences in and outside of the courthouse.

Johnson discussed her role as a student extern and how her experiences assisted her in choosing a career path, and Turney and Jones shared suggestions on which classes to take or externships to participate in during law school.

Students interested in exploring this area of law are welcome to stop by the Center for Career Services to pick up the handouts from this program, and encouraged to make an appointment with a CCS counselor to discuss career development. □



## Make Your Voice Heard

*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.



## 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](http://www.accessgroup.org)
- Key Education Resources  
800-539-5363  
[www.key.com/educate/grad](http://www.key.com/educate/grad)
- LawLoans  
800-984-0190  
[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

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wrote memos about the legal and political issues surrounding the upcoming recall referendum.

I was also responsible for monitoring current legal and political news and developments, and I wrote weekly briefings that were distributed to all members of the electoral mission, including President Jimmy Carter. As a final project, I wrote a paper about recall referendum provisions in other countries that represented the culmination of two months of comparative constitutional research.

The highlight of my externship came at the very end, when I traveled with the Carter Center to Venezuela as a part of an international delegation to observe the recall referendum. I was deeply involved in preparation of the electoral mission, and ultimately was credentialed as an elections observer by the Venezuelan government and had the opportunity to observe the voting process in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela.

My day started at 5 a.m. Aug. 15, the day of the referendum, when I went to my first voting center to observe the opening of the polls. Even at that early hour, with polls not scheduled to open until two hours later, there were already hundreds of people in the streets, waiting in lines. By the time I left that first polling center at 7:30 a.m., there were thousands of people in the streets waiting to vote.

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As an elections observer, we had access to polling centers and were able to talk to elections officials, party representatives and the military (who are actually present in the centers during the voting process). The Carter Center had deployed teams all over the country to collect both qualitative and quantitative data to be reported throughout the day to our central office. The information was used to brief the leadership of the mission,

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especially President Carter, who met with party leadership and elections officials throughout the day. Venezuela was implementing the use of touch-screen voting machines for the first time, in addition to thumb-print capture machines, to prevent fraud. This new voting process, in addition to several other factors, led to excessive delays, with many Venezuelans having to wait in line for up to 10 hours just to vote.

The spirit of democracy among the Venezuelan people was both extraordinary and moving. I spoke with people who had been waiting in line all day in the hot sun, but told me adamantly that they would not leave until they had voted, because it was their “constitutional right.” Voter turnout that day approached 80 percent of the electorate, more than 11 million Venezuelans voting, some not able to do so until almost 3 a.m., when the last polling centers closed.

The results were certified by the Carter Center the next day, in favor of keeping President Chávez in power. The center faced much criticism from an increasingly hostile opposition that was convinced the results must have been fraudulent, although an audit and the center’s observers found no evidence of tampered results.

This experience made me realize that elections work is controversial and grueling. On the other hand, I know we made the process more transparent, fair and worthwhile for people who stood in line for 10 hours, so they could know their votes counted.

My externship not only enabled me to learn about electoral and constitutional law in other countries, it also made me realize that the most fundamental right in a democracy is the right to vote. And in a democracy, I have realized that if there are doubts about the voting process, then the entire legitimacy of the system is shaken.

After watching people who would wait in line all day just to exercise that right, I could not wait until November 2 to be able to cast my vote in our own presidential election. □

## Events & Opportunities

### End of Life Planning and Probate Practice Information

A brief informational session will be held at 5 p.m. Nov. 8 in 285C on "End of Life Planning and Probate Practice from the Perspective of a Practicing Attorney." Information also will be available on student opportunities in the Estates and Trusts Practice Certificate Program and through the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society, probate externships, and volunteering in the Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning under the direction of Professor C. Douglas Miller. Refreshments will be served.

### Pro Bono Dependency Courts & Spanish Programs

Cariblaw and SALSA will host a meeting for students interested in participating in pro bono dependency courts and Spanish programs Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m. in 355C. Hearing Officer H. Steven Pennypacker will discuss the dependency process.

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## Trial Team Makes Final Four in National Competition

UF law Trial Team members Matthew Horton and Elizabeth Wulff (Defense) and Pennie Mays and Adria Toledo (Plaintiff) made it into the Final Four out of 16 other schools — including FSU — in recent competition at Michigan State University in the National Trial Advocacy Competition. The team lost only to North Carolina, which went on to win the tournament, and Horton won the top award for Best Direct Examination.

"These members represent not only the Trial Team, but our entire law school as they compete with teams from other law schools across the nation," said Suzannah Gilman. "To the other competitors, **they are UF LAW**. Our school's reputation is a direct reflection of them."

The case concerned a plaintiff who was suing his insurance company over a denied claim for health benefits. The insurance company defended based upon material



## 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](mailto:brookebornick@yahoo.com).



## 'Toys for Tots' Underway, Support Soldiers & Spouses

### 'Toys for Tots'

The Military Law Students Association (MLSA) annual "Toys for Tots" drive is underway. Look for a drop box near the JMBA office 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.

### Care Packages for Soldiers

MLSA also continues to sponsor Care Packages for as long as items continue to be donated. A list of needed items 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](mailto:brannenm@ufl.edu).)

### Deployed Spouses Support Operation

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.

For information about MLSA and its projects, e-mail C. Matthew or Heather Brannen at [g8rbrannen@earthlink.net](mailto:g8rbrannen@earthlink.net). □



## Legal Research & Writing Teaching Assistant Positions Open

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.



## Spring 2005

### Pre-Registration

Spring 2005 pre-registration is Oct. 25-Nov. 9. Appointment times are available on ISIS ([www.isis.ufl.edu](http://www.isis.ufl.edu)). You must have your gatorlink user name and password to access the system.

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.

### 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. Collection boxes will be set up next to the JMBA office and in the breezeway near 180A through Friday, Nov. 5.

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### 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.

- Thursday, Nov. 4: Former Chief Judge, WTO Dispute Resolution, Jim Bacchus, now a managing partner with Greenberg Traurig in Orlando, on "The Future of WTO."
- Thursday, Nov. 18: Dean & retired U.S. Ambassador Dennis Jett, UF International Center; Dr. Terry McCoy, UF Center for Latin American Studies; and International Trade Program Director Steve Powell discuss current trade, labor and environmental issues.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a pro bono organization that assists students and low-income residents in filing their income tax returns. To receive more information about volunteering for the Spring 2005 tax season, contact Brooke Bornick at [brookebornick@yahoo.com](mailto:brookebornick@yahoo.com) by Nov. 24.

### ABA Basketball Tournament

The American Bar Association-Law Student Division will host its semiannual three-on-three basketball tournament this Sunday, Nov. 7, at the outdoor courts of the Southwest Recreation Center.

The deadline for registering to play in the tournament is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. (You can register by e-mailing [bufhouse@ufl.edu](mailto:bufhouse@ufl.edu) with the names of the players on your team.) Even if you don't play, all are welcome to come out and watch the games, enjoy free pizza and drinks, and win prizes donated by local Gainesville establishments.

### 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](http://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



### Students Attend National Lawyers Guild Convention

UF law students (front left) Bethany Stevens, Steckley Lee, Cody Doran, Vatrice Patrine and (in back, from left) Kara Coggins, Angelique Knox, Tim McCourt, Andrea Costello (president of NLG Gainesville Chapter) and (not pictured) Andy Ingram attended the 2004 National Lawyers Guild Convention in Birmingham, AL, in late October.

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](mailto:bachman@ufl.edu).

### 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. To participate, sign up via e-mail to [gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com) as soon as possible, since there is usually a waiting list.

### JMBA Champagne & Jazz

The John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) will host its annual Champagne & Jazz social Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m.-midnight, at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art. Tickets are on sale now, and are \$15 for JMBA members, \$25 for non-members.

### Improve Skills at Toastmasters

The Florida Law Toastmasters Public Speaking Organization will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in 345. Observers and newcomers are welcome. For information, e-mail Florida Law Toastmasters President Ray Dominick at [r12345@ufl.edu](mailto:r12345@ufl.edu). □

## Faculty Profile:

### Teresa Rambo — By Whitney Untied (3L)

Who has the best seats in the Swamp on football game Saturdays?

Unless you long for an air-conditioned box, the answer is, undoubtedly: Teresa “Tracy” Rambo and her husband. You can find them along the sidelines of the student section, chatting with the players, cheering on the Gators, and checking the atmospheric conditions.

Rambo’s husband, Keith, a lightning expert, is the Gators’ official gameday weatherman – it’s his job to call a timeout during hazardous weather. (Remember the Eastern Michigan game?) Professor Rambo works right alongside her husband, checking the computer screens for nearby lightning strikes and monitoring the skies.

“On a cloudy, bad-weather day, we’re sitting there staring at the screens for little white dots, or I’m out looking at the clouds,” Rambo said. “If it comes within six miles of the stadium, we have to stop the game.”

During the week, however, Rambo usually can be found in the Legal Research and Writing office or in front of a class of first-year law students. After several years in California, Rambo returned to her roots as a Florida Gator and chose a career teaching legal writing because she sees those skills as essential to a lawyer’s professional success.

Success is something Rambo knows something about. A Native American, she spent her formative years outside, learning to shoot a bow and arrow, building playhouses, climbing trees, and discovering an appreciation of nature.

After graduating at the top of her high school class and excelling at the University of Florida – where she earned a 4.0 GPA as a Four Year Scholar – Rambo moved to California with her husband and attended the University of Santa Clara Law School on scholarship. She graduated first in her law school class, and joined a prestigious San Francisco firm to work on high-profile environmental cases.

Although Rambo enjoyed her job and believed she was doing good work, she and her husband ultimately decided to return to Florida to raise their family. Rambo says her two sons, Thomas, age 16, and Matthew, 13, are the most important accomplishments of her life – above all else, she says, she is a mother. Her family is her top priority.

Rambo’s pride in her family extends to her law school “family,” and she delights in the successes of the students she teaches. “I love my



Senior Legal Skills Professor Tracy Rambo is a world-class fencer, author of *Judicial Opinion Writing and Legal Writing By Design: A Guide to Great Briefs and Memos (with Leanne J. Pflaum)*, and part-time lightning rod.



students,” she says. “I know that sounds corny, but they’re wonderful. I’m hard on them, but they know I love them.”

Rambo combines legal theory and practical skills in her classroom, where she teaches students through lectures, class discussion, and the occasional fencing analogy. That’s right, fencing. Rambo’s third love, just behind her family and the Gators, is a sport of deft maneuvers and high precision – which fits in nicely with a discussion on building the case and attacking the adverse party’s arguments.

“There’s so much more to law than what you get out of the books,” Rambo says. “You really have to develop the full person. I try to teach my students that, too.”

Like her other commitments, Professor Rambo takes her job seriously. She hopes her students will look back fondly on their days at the Levin College of Law. Rambo encourages her students to try their best in all they do, and over the course of a year she helps them develop their research and writing skills – and often a top-notch writing sample to show potential employers.

For complete faculty resumes and publications, go to [www.law.ufl.edu](http://www.law.ufl.edu), click on “faculty.” □

## Conferences

- **Music Law Conference**, Jan. 29, J. Wayne Reitz Union. Student-produced. Contact Aisha Salem at [aisha@musiclawconference.com](mailto:aisha@musiclawconference.com).
- **Richard E. Nelson Symposium**, Feb. 11, Hilton UF Conference Center. Organized by Professor Michael Allan Wolf.
- **Public Interest Environmental Conference**, Feb. 24-26, J. Wayne Reitz Union. Coordinated by Environmental and Land Use Law Society. Contact Ashley Cross-Rappaport at [cross711@ufl.edu](mailto:cross711@ufl.edu) or Adam Regar at [aregar@ufl.edu](mailto:aregar@ufl.edu).
- **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.
- **Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas**, Spring 2005, Gainesville. Organized by Center for Governmental Responsibility.
- **“Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration: What Does It Mean and How Does It Work?”** 2005. Center on Children and Families fourth annual conference. 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

FlaLaw is published each week school is in session. Submit news of interest to the law school community by 10 a.m. Tuesday for the following Monday's issue to Debra Amirin, amirin@law.ufl.edu, Levin College of Law Communication's Office, Phone 392-9586.

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## College of Law Administration

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## Faculty Scholarship & Activities



Perea



Slobogin

- Professor **Juan Francisco Perea** has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute.
- **Stephen C. O'Connell Professor** Christopher Slobogin taught a continuing education course on mental health law in West Palm Beach in late October, and was keynote speaker in a judicial education program at Brooklyn Law School entitled "Science for Judges."

### In the News

- Professor **Fletcher Baldwin** was quoted in the *Gainesville Sun* Oct. 19 on obscenity and probable cause in article about a war activist's suit against Gainesville; and in *Orlando Weekly* Sept. 15 on a case concerning public nudity.
- Associate Professor **Jonathan Cohen** was quoted in the *Daily Mail* (London) Oct. 8 on the importance of apologizing in article about apologies.
- Professor **Thomas Cotter** was quoted on the Recording Industry Association of America's argument in an article about piracy lawsuits.
- Assistant professor **Mark Fenster** was cited in the *Newark Star-Ledger*, *The Biloxi Sun Herald*, and *Austin-American Statesman* in mid-October on the president's power to control and manipulate information in an article about "October theory."
- Legal Skills Professor and local homeless advocate **Joe Jackson** was quoted in *The Gainesville Sun* Oct. 8 on city policies concerning the homeless.
- Professor **Michelle Jacobs** was quoted in an Associated Press national wire story, on KCTV-TV CBS 5 Kansas City, in the *Belleville News-Democrat* (Illinois), *Columbia Daily Tribune* (Missouri), *Jefferson City News Tribune* (Missouri), *Kansas City Star* and *Springfield News-Leader* (Missouri) about a Kansas City mother charged in the deaths of her children.
- Visiting Professor **Clifford Jones** was interviewed on WRUF AM 850 Sept. 16 on the Nader ballot issue.
- Professor **Joseph Little** was quoted by the Associated Press, *Gadsden Times* (Alabama), *Herald-Tribune* (Southwest Florida), *The Ledger* (Lakeland), *Winter Haven News Chief* and on WKMGTV CBS 6 Orlando Oct. 8 on the probability of lawsuits after the election in an article about mounting Florida election-related lawsuits.
- Research Foundation Professor **Diane Mazur** was quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle* Oct. 12 and in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* Oct. 13 about military voting and civilian control of the military; in the *Mobile Register* (Alabama) Oct. 5 and *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Scripps Howard News Service*, and *Knoxville News-Sentinel* Oct.12 on civilian control of the military; and in the *Danville Register & Bee* (Virginia), *Tampa Bay Online*, *The McDowell News* (North Carolina), WBTW-TV Channel 13 (North Carolina), WRBL-TV CBS 3 Columbus, and *The Tampa Tribune* Oct. 4 on military voting patterns.
- Professor and former Governor **Kenneth "Buddy" MacKay** was cited in the *Lakeland Ledger* Sept. 23 as first speaker in Florida Southern College lecture series.
- Center for Governmental Responsibility Director/Dean Emeritus **Jon Mills** was quoted in the *Gainesville Sun* in October about an amendment allowing write-ins in primary elections; his op-ed on computers and the election was published in the *Tallahassee Democrat* Sept. 27; he was quoted in *The Ledger* Oct. 1 on an amendment allowing write-ins in primary elections; and he was quoted in the *Broward Daily Business Review*, *Miami Daily Business Review*, and *Palm Beach Daily Business Review* Sept. 29, along with fellow Florida Constitution Revision Committee member **Andrew Adkins**, director of the Legal Technology Institute, on identity thieves and legal requirements of posting paper documents in Internet form.
- Affiliate Professor **James C. Nicholas** was referred to as a technical consultant reviewing community development project costs in *New Mexico Business Weekly* Oct. 18.
- Assistant Professor **Christopher L. Peterson** was interviewed on his book, *Taming the Sharks: Towards a Cure for the High Cost Credit Market*, by WAKR-1590, Fanny Brown Show, Ohio, Oct. 17; was quoted in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* Oct. 2 on financial fallout related to the recent hurricanes; and spoke on AM 850 WRUF and Classic 89 WUFT Public Radio in late September on financial impact of recent hurricanes.
- International Trade Law Program Director **Stephen Powell** was cited in *The Independent Florida Alligator* Oct. 14 on World Trade Organization regulations and the need for global energy at a global level at a UF forum focused on conservation costs.
- Professor **Mike Seigel's** op-ed on the Martha Stewart case and white-collar crime was published in the *Orlando Sentinel* Oct. 13; he was quoted in the *Gainesville Sun* Oct. 10 on bond reduction in a local murder trial and in the *Orlando Sentinel* Oct. 6 as an expert on legal ethics in article about a judge and Code of Judicial Conduct; and his op-ed on Kerry's presidential campaign was published in the *Orlando Sentinel* Sept. 22.
- **Stephen C. O'Connell Professor** Christopher Slobogin was quoted in the *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Sept. 29 on effects of excessive DeKalb County vehicle tag checks, and in the *Tallahassee Democrat* Oct. 3 on change of venue.

## • UF LAW CALENDAR •

### November

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| <p>1 • <b>1L Section 1, Career Services Orientation</b>, 11 a.m., 180A</p> <p>2 • <b>ACS Panel on Elections</b>, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 355C</p> <p>2 • <b>VOTE</b></p> <p>• <b>Career Services 1 Quick Question</b>, 9:30-11 a.m., courtyard</p> <p>3 • <b>1L Section 2, Career Services Orientation</b>, noon, 180A</p> <p>• <b>Pro Bono Dependency Courts &amp; Spanish Programs</b>, 5 p.m., 355C</p> <p>• <b>Toastmasters</b>, 5 p.m., 345</p> | <p>4 • <b>Former Chief Judge, WTO Dispute Resolution Jim Baccus</b>, 5-7 p.m.</p> <p>5 • <b>Resume and Cover Letter Workshop</b>, noon, 355D</p> <p>6 • <b>JMBA Champagne &amp; Jazz</b>, 8 p.m., Harn</p> <p>7 • <b>ABA-LSD Basketball Tournament</b></p> <p>7-8 • <b>CGR Board of Advisors Meeting</b></p> <p>8 • <b>Career Services: Walk-in Resume Review</b>, 2:30- 4:30 p.m. Room 244 BG</p> <p>• <b>End of Life Planning &amp; Probate Practice Information Session</b>, 5 p.m., 285C</p> <p>9 • <b>Career Services: Walk-in Resume Review</b>, 8:30-10:30 a.m. 244 Bruton-Geer</p> |
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