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Federal Clerks Chosen

— By *Nekita Robinson*

Six UF law students have been chosen for prestigious federal judicial clerkships, where upon graduation they will work closely with judges in the federal court system.

According to Assistant Dean for Career Services Linda Calvert Hanson, many top legal employers recruit former judicial law clerks after their terms.

“We are very proud of these six accomplished students,” said Hanson. “The competition for these highly coveted positions is intense, and their selection is not only an excellent reflection of the student’s achievements but also on the UF Levin College of Law’s reputation with members of the judiciary.”

The students agreed this is a wonderful opportunity and will ease the transition into their careers. They expect to gain a better understanding of how judges come to their decisions, which will aid them in creating well written, more effective verbal advocacies. The six are:



New clerks (from left) Ted Afield, Scott Bauries, Janelle Weber, Amanda Reid, Michael Sayer and Corey Andrews.

- LL.M. in Taxation student Ted Afield will serve a year at the U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit under Judge Charles Wilson in Tampa. “This experience will increase my insight and analytical ability,” said Afield. “I will get the opportunity to see how the judge will attack each case.”
- Cory Andrews will serve a two-year term with U.S. District Court Judge Steven Merryday, Middle District of Florida, in Tampa, and will train his successor during his second year. “It will be invaluable to see so many trials and

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Lunch With UF Leaders

Please join University of Florida President Bernard Machen, Student Government President/Trustee Jamal Sowell, and Dean Robert Jerry for lunch at the law school at 11:30 a.m.



Machen



Sowell



Jerry

Monday, Nov. 29, in the Ceremonial Classroom (180A).

The event will enable participants to ask questions and discuss their views in an open, casual atmosphere. It is believed to be the first time a UF president has come to the law school just to meet with students.

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Events, Programs & Opportunities

Election Today for LCC Secretary

Those interested in running for the vacant Law College Council (LCC) secretary position must place a completed nomination form in LCC President Lee Harang’s mailbox (adjacent to LCC in Student Organizations Office) by 3 p.m. today, Nov. 15, since elections will be held at 6 p.m. today in room 285D. All law students are eligible. Nomination forms are available in the wall folder by the LCC Office or from Coordinator Noemar Castro in Student Affairs. For further information, e-mail harang@ufl.edu.

APIL Student Discussion Panel

The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) will sponsor an open-forum discussion panel focusing on the social atmosphere at the UF College of Law at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in

room 355B. The student panel will focus on race relations on campus from the student perspective. Panelists will include Ron Antonin, Lee Harang, Jill Mahler, Mitesh Patel and Ann Puenta.

APIL hopes to create a “safe” environment for student body members to express their feelings on an issue that is rarely addressed. All members of the UF law community are invited to attend and participate.

Business Law Meeting & Roundtable

The Association for Law and Business (ALB) will hold a general meeting at noon Wednesday, Nov. 17, in room 285C. Students will present project progress reports and discuss potential initiatives and social events. Students interested in business law (corporate, securities, bankruptcy,

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Study Space

A list of 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."

Vote on Honor Code Revision

The UF College of Law's Honor Committee has revised the law school's Honor Code. Students will vote to confirm or deny the revised code during elections this Tuesday, Nov. 16. (Vote at the JMBA or Honor Committee tables.)

Career Services

Summer Employment

The Center for Career Services (CCS) welcomed Fall 2004 students last week through a series of orientation programs designed to help them prepare for their first summer experience. (Students who did not receive handouts on the 1L Timeline, Florida Law Firms Who Hire 1L's, CCS Services for Students, and/or Preparing Your Bar Application should stop by CCS.) Also note:

- Even though they post Dec. 1 as a date for receipt of resumes, most law firms will not consider a law student for a summer position without grades. Therefore, it is critical to have materials ready to mail as soon as you receive your grades.
- Several government employers have Dec. 15 or Jan. 1 deadlines. You must have your materials in by the published deadline for these employers, even without grades. (Indicate that your grades or required transcript will be forthcoming.) To further explore these opportunities, consult the *Government Honors & Internship Handbook*, a resource with lists of deadlines, salary, and agency information and a chart of opportunities available for 1L's along with full application details, online at www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm (username = radish, password = red1). Also available in hardcopy in CCS.

1L Summer Activity Survey Findings Released from NALP

NALP surveyed 3,467 students from 101 law schools nationwide to learn about first-year summer experiences. The results indicate:

- 73.8% worked only
- 16.8% worked and attended summer school or studied abroad
- 7.7% attended summer school or studied abroad
- 1.7% neither worked nor took classes

A look at the types of jobs that were taken during the summer reveals:

- 60% were paid legal positions
- 14% were volunteer legal positions (no-credit internships)
- 10% were employed in a nonlegal capacity
- almost 8% worked as research assistants
- 7% were judicial externs

An analysis of types of employers shows:

- Only 35% of employed first-year students were employed in law firms
- 13% were employed by the federal government
- 12% by the state government

Resume Writing Tips

- Inventory your skills, experiences, accomplishments, education, personal strengths, weaknesses, likes and dislikes before writing your resume.
- Use action words like prepared, researched, drafted, and organized.
- Focus on aspects of your background that demonstrate characteristics that will make you a successful lawyer.
- Avoid using personal information (i.e. age, marital status, etc.)
- Make your resume visually attractive and try to make it fit neatly on one page.
- Make sure there are no spelling or grammatical errors.
- Use reverse chronological order for education and experience.
- Do not use the word "I."
- Be honest!
- Utilize the Center for Career Services, including individual counseling, handouts, career resource library and website.



- 10.5% in public interest
- 8% in business
- remainder in other areas

The timing of the 1L summer job offer shows that almost 80% of the offers were made in the spring, with approximately 33% made in April, 25% in March, 20% in May and only 16% in January or February. The most often cited source of the summer job varied by type of employer, with the most common in:

- **business:** have had a prior job (31%), from job postings (21%), or from a referral (20%)
- **public interest:** by a job posting (30%), self-initiated (20%), or referral (19%)
- **government:** by job posting (26%), referral (24%), self-initiated (22%) or job fair (11%)
- **law firms of 101+ attorneys:** self-initiated (30%), with referral and spring OCI about 20% each
- **law firms of 26-100 attorneys:** spring OCI (26%), referral and self-initiated around 20%
- **law firms of 1-25 attorneys:** almost 34% referral, 31% job posting, 18% self-initiated

Armed with this information, fall entering students can better plan how best to spend their first summer and how to pursue those options. The

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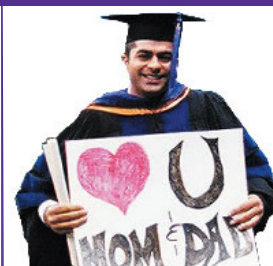
- to have a chance to see great lawyers,” said Andrews.
- Scott Bauries will serve a year at the U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit with Judge Emmett Ripley Cox in Mobile, AL. “This will help me develop, sharpen and hone my legal talents,” he said. “More students need to know that this is an option.”
 - Amanda Reid will serve with U.S. District Court Judge Harvey Schlesinger, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville. “I hope to gain a better understanding of what happens in and out of the courtroom,” she said. “This is an opportunity of a lifetime and great transition to private practice.”
 - Michael Sayer will work with U.S. District

Court Judge Virginia Covington, Middle District of Florida, in Ft. Meyers. “I knew this was what I wanted to do, and I pushed up my graduation to be part of it.”

- Janelle Weber will serve a year at the U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit with Judge Edward Carnes in Montgomery, AL. “I hope to gain lots of experience and make a nice transition into private practice,” she said.

All six also have agreed to participate as alumni judicial clerk mentors and assist other UF law students interested in judicial clerkships.

Learn more about clerkships online at www.law.ufl.edu/career/pdf/clerkships.pdf, or stop by the Center for Career Services. □



Before You Graduate

Federal regulations require loan recipients to complete exit counseling prior to commencement. You will not receive your diploma, final transcript or other services until exit counseling is completed. To conduct your session, log on to ISIS (www.ISIS.ufl.edu). Select “Financial Services,” then “Student Loan Exit Counseling.”

You also must properly complete the required Proof of Completion Form. You will need to list two references, and whomever you list as a nearest relative cannot be one of the two. Also, none of the three individuals can live in the same household. (Example: husband and wife or aunt and uncle.) You also must provide your driver’s license number.

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

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summer goal for all students should be to gain meaningful experience that permits career exploration while building credentials. Summer options to consider include: summer abroad (*see page 4*), participating in a government program, serving at a public interest fellowship, volunteering, clerking for a law firm, doing pro bono, participating in externship, or being a research assistant. Watch for upcoming 1L deadlines, some as soon as Dec. 15.

Sponsor CCS Programs

The CCS’s fall programming has concluded as students shift their focus to exam preparation. The center is assembling an informative series of programs for spring, so student groups interested in co-sponsoring a program are urged to contact Carol Kuczora now at Kuczora@law.ufl.edu.

Judicial Externships Change

Beginning Spring 2005, CCS will coordinate the selection process for summer and fall judicial externships apart from the rest of the externship program. This process will start in mid-January with collection of applications from interested students and culminate in mid-February with students being notified of the selections.

This is necessary because CCS routinely hears from judges that they need more time to review applicants, interview and select judicial externs; other Florida law schools handle placements early in the term and CCS wants to ensure that UF law students remain competitive; and the lecture series detailed in the next section is scheduled to begin later in the spring term to permit spring and summer judicial externs to attend.

Judicial Process Lecture Series

The CCS is launching a Judicial Process Lecture Series on a pilot basis this spring designed to encourage students to consider a judicial clerkship post-graduation and provide a well rounded experience for students who choose to participate in judicial externships. The presentations are expected to better prepare students for the judicial experience by providing exposure to all levels of the federal and state courts and information that will help them succeed in their judicial externship role.

The not for-credit series is scheduled for five consecutive Wednesdays, March 9-April 6, at 6 p.m. Guest lecturers will include judges from federal and state courts, law clerks and judicial assistants.

Graduating Next Month?

December 2004 graduates who have yet to accept a job offer or have questions about employment options should schedule an appointment with a CCS attorney counselor as soon as possible.

Network at Alumni Receptions

Alumni receptions are an excellent opportunity to hone networking skills, meet members of the legal community and make valuable professional contacts. Space for students is limited, so to attend send your name, class year and the reception location to careers@law.ufl.edu as soon as possible.

- Nov. 18, Tallahassee, Governor’s Club, 202 1/2 S. Adams St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14, Alachua County holiday reception at the Dean’s home, 6-8 p.m.
- Jan. 20, Florida Bar meeting, Miami Hyatt □



Long Term Emergency Loans

Application forms for Fall Lewis Memorial Long Term Emergency Loans (\$500) are available in Student Affairs and will be accepted through Nov. 22. Applicants must:

- Have at least a 2.00 GPA and be registered for at least 12 credit hours.
- Have a “financially stable” co-signer (not a student or spouse, and not retired, semi-retired or unemployed).
- Be attending UF Spring 2005 semester.

Within ten business days of submitting a completed request form, University Financial Services will mail a loan application to your local address (as listed in the UF Directory).

Return applications to University Financial Services (S-108 Criser Hall).

Plan Now for Summer Study Abroad — By Whitney Untied (3L)

Wondering what to put on your gift list this holiday season? A summer spent studying abroad is a memorable and educational experience that will introduce you to other cultures as you earn academic credit. The UF College of Law sponsors ABA-approved summer study abroad programs for its students in Montpellier, France; Cape Town, South Africa; and San Jose, Costa Rica.

Montpellier, France

The Montpellier program is open to students from other American and European law schools and offers students the opportunity to study European Union and comparative law in an international setting. Classes are taught in English and held in the morning and early afternoon, allowing participants time to explore the rich cultural history of Montpellier and beautiful Mediterranean coast.



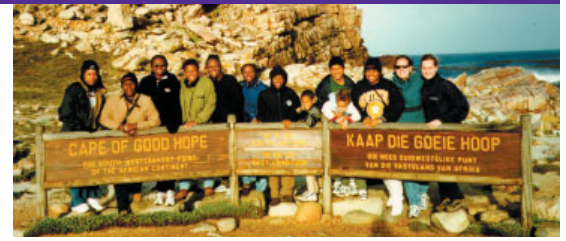
“The Montpellier program introduced me to the study of law on an international basis,” said Meredith Fields (3L). “Hands down, it was one of the best experiences of my life – what could be a better place to study than the coast of France?”

Cape Town, South Africa

Participants in UF law’s joint program with the University of Cape Town Faculty of Law also enjoyed their summer abroad experience. As South Africa emerges as a political and economic force in the 21st century, the Florida/Cape Town program enables students to study law from the South African perspective at one of that country’s top universities. Classes are offered in areas such as dispute resolution and human rights law in addition to comparative and international law, focusing on U.S. and South African legal systems.

UF law students in Cape Town often can transfer skills they learn in the classroom to the community. This past summer, negotiation students held a seminar for South African high school students, teaching them the basics of effective negotiation. Many students travel through Africa on weekends and after completion of the program.

“There wasn’t a weekend that went by where we weren’t doing something new and exciting,”



said Ali McGraw (3L). “Among the more exciting excursions were diving with great white sharks, climbing Table Mountain, touring the Cape Peninsula, and visiting the vineyards.”

San Jose, Costa Rica

The college sponsors a Joint Environmental Law Program with the Universidad de Costa Rica, where Latin American attorneys and law and graduate students sit side by side with their American counterparts, enriching the learning experience of all involved.

“The Summer 2005 program will offer even more than before,” said Program Director Tom Ankersen. “In addition to our core curriculum, the conservation clinic and issue-based field trips, we plan to offer an additional skills course in environmental dispute resolution.”

Limited to 20 participants, the Costa Rica program offers students the opportunity to study environmental law in both English and Spanish. In addition to classes focusing on legal issues, students can take specialized Spanish courses and participate in a home stay language immersion program. (Learn more about the program online at http://conservation.law.ufl.edu/summer_costarica.)

“The summer abroad program in Costa Rica was an amazing experience, since it allowed me to apply what I had learned in various environmental law courses I took at UF in a hands-on setting, immerse myself in a welcoming culture, and meet great friends in the process,” said Katrina Thomas (3L).



Participants in all three programs pay a flat course fee that covers all academic and administrative costs; however, students are responsible for their own housing, meals, travel, and insurance costs. For more information about study abroad opportunities, visit the Student Affairs website, www.law.ufl.edu/students, or contact coordinator Noemar Castro in the Office of Student Affairs, 392-0421 or castro@law.ufl.edu. □

Career Paths: Florida Supreme Court Justice Charles Wells — *By Deborah Cupples (3L)*

He's a very busy man, and always has been. On a typical day, Florida Supreme Court Justice Charley Wells (right) arrives at the court at 6:30 a.m. to read his newspapers — the *Wall Street Journal*, *St. Petersburg Times* and *Orlando Sentinel* — before the rush begins. Because once the court building comes alive, it's non-stop until the day ends.

"If there are no oral arguments on a given day, I'll probably have 15 jurisdictional decisions to consider," Wells said. "After jurisdictional questions are decided, I work through cases trying to develop opinions."

Then there's preparation for the Wednesday conferences, where the justices come together to discuss circulated opinions. Cases are assigned randomly, and oral arguments are heard in about half of them.

"I have three law clerks," Wells said. "But I like to do a lot of my own research."

A proud "Double-Gator" who has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Florida, Wells earned his bachelor's in 1961 and law degree in 1964. As an undergraduate, he participated in UF's homecoming and Florida Blue Key, and was elected to the UF Hall of Fame in 1961.

After graduation, Wells received one of the three highest bar exam scores in the state in 1965, and spoke at the induction ceremony at the Second

District Court of Appeals. He practiced in his father's firm in Orlando 1965-69, then spent a year as a trial lawyer for the U.S. Justice Department. In 1970, he returned to his father's firm and remained there until 1976, when he formed his own Orlando firm, Wells, Gattis, Hallowes & Carpenter, P.A. He practiced there until 1994, when Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Florida Supreme Court.

He became chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court in July 2000, a position that rotates among the justices every two years, and made history when presiding over cases that came before the court during Election 2000.

During his 28 years of private practice, Wells also found time for civic activities, including involvement in the Orlando Area Chamber of Commerce, Orlando Jaycees, Orange County YMCA, and Professional Division of the United Appeal of Orange County.

"Community involvement is very important," Wells said.

He feels pro bono work is equally important, and spent 14 years working with the Orange County Legal Aid Society, serving on the Society's Board of Trustees 1988-89. The society gave him its Award of Excellence in 1989 for outstanding pro bono service. He also volunteered for nine years in the Guardian Ad Litem Program, representing dependent and abused children in court proceedings.

Wells similarly served the legal profession. He participated in the Orange County Bar Association for years, and was president 1989-90. He also served on The Florida Bar's Board of Governors.

He also manages to find time to give back to his alma mater, serving as president of the Orange County Chapter of UF's Alumni Association and returns to Gainesville — along with his fellow justices — to judge the Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Final Four competition each fall.

Among other credentials, Wells has been a certified mediator in both state and federal courts and was admitted to practice by all Florida courts and several federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. □



Win a STLA Scholarship to Mardi Gras

The Southern Trial Lawyers Association is seeking applications for its 2005 Civil Justice Scholarship competition. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus an all expense-paid trip to 2005 Mardi Gras. Applicants must submit an essay of 1,000 words or less, double spaced, on this year's topic, "The Future of Justice — The American Civil Jury in the 21st Century." More information is on the Financial Aid Bulletin Board on the concourse.

Choose Graduation Speaker

The Levin College of Law's Fall 2004 commencement ceremony begins at 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, at the Center for Performing Arts. A reception will follow in the law school courtyard.

Graduating students have until 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, to e-mail nominations for student and faculty graduation speakers to johnsons@law.ufl.edu. Nominations should be accompanied by a 100 word essay on why that person should be chosen. (No self-nominations.) Contact the Office of Student Affairs at 392-0421 for more information.



Support 2004 Class Gift

Class Gifts enable you to support areas of your choice at the law school while "giving back" in a memorable and meaningful way.

For more information, e-mail Fall 2004 Class Gift Co-Chairs Lauren Cury (LaurenCury@aol.com) or Edrene Johnson (career2@law.ufl.edu).

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. Time spent preparing tax returns counts toward the Pro Bono Certificate. No tax experience is required. To receive more information about volunteering for the Spring 2005 tax season, contact Brooke Bornick at brookebornick@yahoo.com by Nov. 24.

Research Assistants Needed

Professor Juan Francisco Perea seeks one or two research assistants to work 10 hours a week, beginning immediately. Demonstrated excellence in legal research is a must; and interest in legal history and race relations is preferred.

Students will assist with revisions for the forthcoming second edition of Professor Perea's textbook, *Race and Races: Cases and Resources for a Diverse America*. Submit resumes to Professor Perea in 329 Holland Hall.

Your School, Your Reputation

Each year, all students at the Levin College of Law are asked to participate in a survey drafted by the *Princeton Review* in order to evaluate and rank UF against other law schools for their annual publication on top law schools. A significant part of their evaluation of our law school comes directly from the student surveys they receive from our students. In order for the *Princeton Review* to fairly evaluate and rank UF, it is extremely important that they receive evaluations from as many of our students as possible.

Although a myriad of factors go into a prospective student's decision on where to attend law school, many prospectives look at the rankings that the *Princeton Review* publishes and consider that as they make their choice. As current students here at UF, we have an interest in the reputation of our school, and in the quality of students that our school is able to attract each year. Although we know of the accomplishments of our students, student organizations and faculty, and also what life as a law student here at UF is like, prospective students do not. Unless we share our experiences and opinions, those prospective students will not have an accurate picture of what our school is all about. Thus, I strongly encourage all of my fellow students to complete the *Princeton Review* surveys so that we may continue to attract the best of the best. After all, only the best deserve to be Gators!"

— Julie Miller, President, John Marshall Bar Association



Julie Miller

The *Princeton Review* is giving students, faculty and administrators the opportunity to voice their opinions of academics, career preparation, and social life at the College of Law.

Participation is quick and easy. Just go online to <http://survey.review.com/>, and log in to the student survey with your Gatorlink e-mail address. (You will have the option to receive information and offers. To decline, indicate this on the login page.)

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intellectual property, etc.) are encouraged to attend the meeting, get involved and utilize ALB's many networking opportunities.

ALB also is co-hosting a roundtable discussion and reception with the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in room 285B. Prominent attorneys will discuss their practices and answer questions about careers in business law. For information, contact ALB President Brian T. Degnan.

JMBA Elections Nov. 16

- Elections for the John Marshall Bar Association (JMBA) are this Tuesday, Nov. 16.
- JMBA Movie Night is Wednesday, Nov. 17. Contact the JMBA Office for details.

International Trade Presentation

All are invited to a presentation this Thursday, Nov. 18, from 5-7 p.m. in room 355D during a Trade, Labor & Environment seminar

taught by Governor Buddy MacKay and Professor Berta Hernandez-Truyol. 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 will discuss current international trade issues.

MicroMash Position Available

Students are invited to apply for an open position as a MicroMash Bar Review campus representative. For more information, e-mail Terra DuBois at terra7@ufl.edu.

Toastmasters' Last Meeting

Florida Law Toastmasters will have a special meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in room 345, and encourages newcomers or those interested in learning more about Toastmasters to attend.

This will be the last meeting of the semester and last chance to get involved with a very supportive group of students. Refreshments served following the meeting. For information, e-mail President Ray Dominick at r12345@ufl.edu.

St. Thomas More Society Meeting

The St. Thomas More Society Catholic student organization will meet at noon Wednesday, Nov. 17, in room 355D. The event will feature guest speaker F. Gillespie from St. Augustine Catholic Church. □

Help Others This Holiday Season

Thanksgiving Basket Drive

The W. George Allen Chapter of the National Black Law Student Association (BLSA) and Military Law Student Association (MLSA) Thanksgiving Basket Drive ends Nov. 18. Place donations — toiletries, food, and miscellaneous items to fill baskets for the homeless and for care packages to send to troops abroad — in boxes around the law school campus or in the Student Organization Office.

Feed the Homeless

BLSA will feed the homeless at the plaza in downtown Gainesville Friday, Nov. 19, from 2-5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist. For information, contact NBLSA Secretary Brandy Grant.

'Cans for Canines & Cats'

The Animal Law Association is sponsoring their second annual "Cans for Canines & Cats" food drive to benefit the Alachua County Humane Society (ACHS). Donations of canned dog and cat food will be collected on the concourse this week from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ACHS will use the food to feed animals at their shelter and provide food for pets of Meals on Wheels recipients. For information, contact Tammi Driver at tjdriver@ufl.edu.



'Toys for Tots' & Troop Support

- The Military Law Students Association (MLSA) annual "Toys for Tots" drive — a national effort assigned to the Marine Corps Reserves — is underway. Look for a drop box near the JMBA office to donate a new, unwrapped toy to help kids have a great Christmas.
- Also donate items through MLSA for Care Packages for soldiers serving overseas. (A list of needed items is at drop off points.) MLSA will consolidate items, then mail them.
- MLSA's Deployed Spouses Support Operation provides services such as child care, yard work, shopping and moving.

For information, e-mail Matt Brannen at brannenm@ufl.edu or contact any MLSA member.

Help Stop Child Abuse

The Family Law Society will sell bumper stickers and pins depicting the Children's Memorial Flag on the concourse through Nov. 29. All proceeds will be given to the Children's Welfare League, an association of 1,000 public

and private nonprofit agencies that assist over 3.5 million abused and neglected children and their families each year with a wide range of services.

The Children's Memorial Flag honors each child lost to violence, and raises public awareness about the continuing problem of violence against children. Donations are greatly appreciated. Donors receive a card with their names acknowledging their efforts to prevent child abuse. For information, contact Tamara Washington at legalt@ufl.edu.

'Operation Christmas Child'

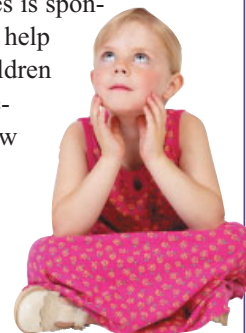
The Christian Legal Society will collect shoeboxes Thursday, Nov. 18, for "Operation Christmas Child." Millions of shoeboxes will be collected and distributed in 120-plus countries to children, along with a copy of the Gospel message. Just wrap a shoebox (with top and bottom separate) and fill with small toys, toiletries, candy, and school supplies. Groups or individuals can participate. To learn more and/or get a brochure with specific instructions, e-mail Mollymetzler@aol.com. You also are invited to join CLS for a pizza party and to pack boxes Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. in room 285C.

Help Others for Pro Bono Credit

If you speak Spanish and are interested in volunteering hours toward a Pro Bono Certificate or just to help the community, you may qualify for a joint Career Services, CaribLaw and Alachua County Court project to help indigent Spanish speaking families in need of translators. Students will work on different cases with the Department of Children and Families, the families' lawyers and, in some cases, with parents or children. For details, contact Keisha Usher at kusher@ufl.edu or ka_usher@yahoo.com, or visit Career Services.

'Wish Upon a Star'

The holidays are close, and the University of Florida's Office of Community Service and Partnership for Strong Families is sponsoring "Wish Upon A Star" to help fulfill the wishes of needy children falling into the "abusive/protective" category. The Family Law Society is organizing efforts at the law school. To participate, e-mail Jenna Partin at jennap324@yahoo.com. □



Scholarships

Available scholarships include:

- **William L. Graddy Law School Scholarship** for students who have completed their first year course load at an accredited law school (\$1,000). Must have completed first year of law school; have a GPA of 2.8 or above and be in top 25% of class; have been a resident of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee counties in Florida for at least three years; and demonstrate financial need.
- **Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Award** for first and second year Latino students attending law school in the U.S. PRBA selects recipients based on financial need and academic promise. (Recipients contacted directly by PRBA.)

See Carol Huber, Financial Aid Coordinator, Office of Student Affairs, 141 Bruton-Geer Hall, for applications and any required supplemental materials.

Submit News for FlaLaw

FlaLaw is published each week classes are in session. Submit news of interest to the law school community by 10 a.m. Tuesday for the following Monday's issue to the Levin College of Law Communication's Office (phone 392-9586, e-mail: amirin@law.ufl.edu).

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- Debra D. Amirin, Director of Information & Publications



Faculty Scholarship & Activities

- Professor **Jeffrey Davis** moderated a panel discussion Nov. 3 between Middle District of Florida bankruptcy judges, Middle District Chapter Thirteen trustees, and representatives of the office of the United States Trustee on methods for harmonizing Chapter Thirteen procedures throughout the district.
- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon** was appointed vice-chair of the Programs Committee and the Publications Board of the American Bar Association Section of International Law. For the fourth consecutive year, he will develop, moderate and be a panelist on the two Fundamentals of International Business Law programs that annually open the section's spring meeting, to be next held April 2005 in Washington, D.C. on "International Letters of Credit" and "Processing an International Trade Dispute." International Trade Law Programs Director **Stephen Powell** will again join the panel.
- UF Research Foundation Professor **Diane Mazur** published "Is 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Unconstitutional after Lawrence? What It Will Take to Overturn the Policy," 15 *U. Fla. J. L. & Public Policy* 423 (2004).
- Clarence J. TeSelle Professor **Martin J. McMahon, Jr.** did CLE presentations Nov. 5 at the University of Montana School of Law's 52nd Annual Tax Institute in Missoula on "Recent Federal Income Tax Developments"; and Nov. 3 at the University of Texas School of Law's 51st Annual Taxation Conference in Houston on "Recent Federal Income Tax Developments" (with Prof. Ira Shepard).
- Irving Cypen Professor **Sharon E. Rush** will give the keynote speech at the Third Annual Worldwide Forum on Education in Rome, Italy, Nov. 19, on "Beyond the Multicultural Curriculum: The Importance of Multicultural Relationships."
- Professor **Michael Seigel** published "On Collegiality," 54 *J. Legal Ed.* 406 (2004).
- Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** participated in a Criminal Procedure Forum at Brandeis Law School in Louisville, Kentucky, where an essay he wrote with Professor **Michael Seigel**, "Prosecuting Martha: The Use (and Abuse?) of Federal Prosecutorial Power" was discussed.
- Professor **Walter O. Weyrauch** spoke Nov. 5 at Cornell Law School on "The Study of Law in

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November

- 15 • Election for LCC Secretary, 6 p.m., 285D
- 16 • JMBA Elections
- 17 • Business Law Meeting, noon, 285C
- St. Thomas More Society Meeting, noon, 355D
- APIL Student Panel, 5 p.m., 355B
- Toastmasters' Meeting, 5 p.m., 345
- 18 • Business Law Roundtable, 4-6:30 p.m., 285B
- International Trade Presentation, 5-7 p.m., 355D
- 22 • Last day to drop course by petition without failing grade
- 25-26 • Thanksgiving holidays, classes canceled
- 29 • Lunch with UF President Bernard Machen, Student Gov. President Jamal Sowell & Dean Robert Jerry, 11:30 a.m., 180A



Frankfurt, Germany, During the Second World War: A Personal Reminiscence."

- Professor **Danaya Wright** published "The Logic and Experience of Law: Lawrence v. Texas and the Politics of Privacy, 15 *U. Fla. J. L. & Public Policy* 403 (2004).

In the News

- Professor/ Director of the Center for International Financial Crime Studies **Fletcher Baldwin** was quoted on WRUF AM 850 Nov. 4 about top issues for the new presidential term.
- Associate Professor **Mark Fenster** was cited in *The Toronto Star* Oct. 29 as an expert on conspiracy theories in an article about the "October theory"; in the *Independent Florida Alligator* Nov. 4 as a panel participant advising students on how to succeed in the legal profession; and in *The Baltimore Sun*, *Everett Herald* (Wyoming), *Fremont Argus* (California), *Manchester Union Leader* (New Hampshire), *The Spokesman-Review* (Wyoming) and *The Union Leader* (New Hampshire) Nov. 5 on conspiracy theories and voting machines.
- Professor **Joseph Little** was quoted on amendments Nov. 5 in the *Orlando Sentinel* and Nov. 6 in the *Sun-Sentinel* (Ft. Lauderdale).
- Visiting Professor **Clifford Jones** was cited Oct. 26 in *The New York Sun* on election challenges and provided off-air election commentary to NBC, MSNBC, and NBC's Dan Abrams show Nov. 2. He was interviewed by Tallahassee MSNBC on an ACLU lawsuit against Florida's secretary of state and elections supervisors for Miami-Dade and Broward counties.
- Professor/Director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility **Jon Mills** was on the cover of *The Florida Bar News* this month. As chair of Florida's Supreme Court Committee on Privacy and Court Records, he was quoted on the danger of personal information used in courtrooms being leaked and becoming public record. Mills also was quoted Oct. 31 in *The Ledger* (Lakeland) about concerns that courts, instead of votes, could decide the election.
- Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson** was quoted Nov. 5 in the *Jacksonville Business Journal* about Armor Holding Company's defective bullet-proof vests.
- Associate Dean of Library & Technology **Kathleen Price** was cited in the *Naples Daily News* Nov. 9 about electronic access.
- An op-ed written by Professor **Michael Seigel** about making speed limits more realistic was published in the *Orlando Sentinel* Nov. 3. □