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Events, Programs & Opportunities

APIL Donate-A-Day Fundraiser

The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) "Donate-A-Day" fundraiser encourages students who have accepted or worked in paid summer associate positions to donate the equivalent of one day's salary to the Summer Fellowship Program. APIL will be tabling on the concourse today, Nov. 29, through Wednesday, Dec. 1, to collect tax-deductible donations and provide information about the project.

The scholarships cover summer living expenses for students committed to careers in public interest law, allowing them to volunteer for nonprofit legal organizations without the added burden of summer loans. APIL and the Levin College of Law are able to provide the scholarships each year thanks to generous financial donations from local firms, faculty, students and community members.

In recent years, APIL summer fellows have worked with legal aid, prisoners' rights, human rights, and union organizations. For more information, stop by the APIL table on the concourse or contact APIL Treasurer Meredith Fields at mcfields@ufl.edu.

Ecology & Law Journal Write-On

The newly formed *Interdisciplinary Journal of Ecology and Law* is having an open write-on competition for third-semester and higher graduate students. Students may write on any current topic, including prominent cases, trends and issues in the environmental arena. Comments should be between seven and 10 pages (not including footnotes) and are due Feb. 15. E-mail submissions or questions to ufijel@hotmail.com.

Help Stop Child Abuse

The Family Law Society will sell bumper stickers and pins depicting the Children's Memorial Flag on the law school concourse this

Lunch Today With UF Leaders

Students, faculty and others in the law school community are invited to join University of Florida President **Bernard Machen**, Student Government President/Trustee **Jamal Sowell**, and Dean **Robert Jerry** for lunch at the law school today, Nov. 29, at 11:30 a.m. in the Ceremonial Classroom (180A). Food will be provided free-of-charge by UF Student Government.

"I urge everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to share their views with Presidents Machen and Sowell," said Dean Jerry. "The suggestions Dean Sasnett and I have received at my biweekly breakfasts and lunches with students have been extremely helpful, and I'm certain that Bernie and Jamal look forward to Monday's luncheon for the same reasons."

The three UF leaders will discuss vital issues pertaining to the student body, and participants will be able 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.

For more information, contact event moderator Lynda Figueredo at figgy@ufl.edu or 392-1665 (ex. 274). □



Machen



Sowell



Jerry

Reception for Fall 04 Graduates

Dean Robert Jerry will host a coffee and cookies reception for Fall 2004 graduates in the Faculty Dining Room Thursday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m.

"In addition to congratulating students graduating this December, I want to thank them for their perseverance and patience during the substantial disruptions associated with our massive construction project, and to say a few words of appreciation to those who are helping with the class gift," said Jerry.

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UF Spring 2005 Career Showcase

The Career Resource Center on main campus will hold its Spring 2005 Career Showcase in the O'Connell Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 1-2. New to the event will be the following industry-focused days:

- Feb. 1: Focus on employers seeking internship, co-op, and full-time candidates in technical fields.
- Feb. 2: Focus on employers seeking internship, co-op, and full-time candidates in non-technical fields such as accounting, banking, consulting, government, human services, management, retail, sales, and other fields without a scientific or technical focus.

The showcase may be of particular interest to law students investigating non-traditional legal careers. Details about the event and resources to help students are available at <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/showcase>.

Career Services

Exit Interviews For Dec. Grads

December 2004 graduates should call or come by the Center for Career Services to sign up for a 10-minute **mandatory** exit interview or come in during Walk-In Exit Interview times Tuesday and Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon or 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Those who have not yet accepted a position are strongly encouraged to schedule an individual appointment with a counselor in Career Services for valuable guidance and assistance.

On-Campus Interviews

FALL OCI RESULTS

Nearly 38 percent of all eligible UF law students (second-semester and above) interviewed during Fall 2004 On-Campus Interviews (OCI). Legal employers selected and interviewed 367 different students. Of those, 102 students had one interview, 78 students had two, and 205 students had three or more. A total of 2,224 interviews were conducted.

In comparison to previous years, significantly more resumes were collected (22 compared to only seven in Fall 2002), while the number of employers visiting was down (140 compared to 153 last year and 138 in Fall 2002), in part due to the impact of hurricanes on the state.

Originally scheduled for six weeks, fall OCI ended after 13 long weeks of rescheduling and making accommodations following Florida's four hurricanes (the first of which impacted employers on the opening day of OCI). Given the travel and logistical challenges, some employers converted their intended visit into a resume collect.

OCI EMPLOYERS VISITING HERE

- Sixteen were government (four State Attorney Offices, three Public Defender Offices, two County Attorney's Offices, four branches of the military plus the Naval Legal Services Office, Department of Children & Families, and the IRS)
- Three accounting firms
- The civilian U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- One hundred and twenty private law firms.
- Seven employers were first time OCI participants at the UF College of Law
- Six employers were sufficiently impressed that they returned for a second set of new interviews

FLORIDA CITIES EMPLOYERS RECRUITED FOR

- Twenty-eight for Orlando
- Twenty-five for Tampa/Clearwater area
- Twenty-one for Miami



Business Law Presentation

Association of Law and Business President Brian T. Degan (2L, above) addressed students at a roundtable discussion and reception with attorneys from the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar Nov. 18. Students interested in business law were able to hear prominent attorneys from across Florida speak about their practices and the changing legal environment in Florida.

- Fourteen for Jacksonville
- Twelve for West Palm Beach/Boca Raton area
- Nine for Ft. Lauderdale
- Seven for Lakeland/Winter Haven/Bartow/Lake Wales area
- Six for Sarasota/Naples area
- Five for Tallahassee
- One for the Panhandle
- One for Daytona Beach

OUT-OF-STATE CITIES & STATES RECRUITED FOR

- Fifteen for Atlanta
- Six for Washington, D.C.
- Three each for California and Texas
- Two each for North Carolina, Louisiana, and Virginia
- One each for Kansas, Connecticut, Arizona, Illinois, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Michigan

WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

Many students are just concluding call-back interviews and CCS is still collecting data about summer and permanent positions obtained as a result of these interviews. If you have not reported your employment yet, please do so.

WHAT DID EMPLOYERS HAVE TO SAY?

- "The students are terrific. They interview very well and all bring unique talents."
- "All students were professional, prepared and a pleasure to interview."
- "Program was well run this year. Parking situation has improved. Good at rescheduling after hurricanes."

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International Professors Teach Spring Enrichment Course

Students can still apply for a spring elective in Comparative and International Property Law (LAW 6930; Section 2453; 3 credits). This interdisciplinary course, which fulfills elective requirements for certificates in international law and environmental law, traces the historical, philosophical and legal origins of property and addresses contemporary systems of land tenure and administration across legal systems and cultures. Special consideration will be given to the integration of indigenous land tenure in western legal systems,

the human right to property, and comparative and international standards for expropriation (“takings”). The course will feature visiting professors from Australia, Latin America and South Africa and has been cross-listed in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment. The class meets 10-11:50 a.m. Thursdays and 10-11 a.m. Fridays. For details, guest professor bios and copies of the course schedule and syllabus, contact Professors Danaya Wright (wrightdc@law.ufl.edu) or Tom Ankersen (ankersen@law.ufl.edu; 392-2237). □



Student Affairs Returns to Holland Hall

The Office of Student Affairs has returned to its original location on the first floor of Holland Hall, and is accessible through the glass door at the northwest corner of the courtyard.

Student Affairs staff — including (pictured above, from left) Coordinator Noemar Castro, Associate Dean Gail Sasnett, Registrar Kim Thomas and Assistant Dean Richard Ludwik — are available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, for guidance and assistance. Their former quarters on the ground floor of Bruton-Geer Hall are now open 24 hours a day for study. (Desks and chairs are being located and will be placed there soon.)

Apply for Fellowship

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) will accept applications for the 2004-05 Yegelwel Fellowship until Feb. 4. Details are available on the CSRRR website: www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/.

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- “Many people are still dropping resumes indiscriminately without regard to the employer’s stated needs: eg. looking for summer position that are not being offered.”
- “We requested 2L’s only and received more than 50 from 1 & 3L’s, so it wasted our time.”

IS SPRING OCI THE SAME?

No. While the process is the same, a different segment of legal employers tend to interview in spring. Traditionally, CCS hosts more smaller and medium-sized law firms, rather than the large firms who visit in the fall, and more government employers. Students should carefully review the list of employers and their hiring criteria, since most students will meet the qualifications.

WHEN IS SPRING OCI?

Phase One bids for Spring 2005 OCI are open Jan. 10-16, and Spring OCI runs Feb. 15-March 18 (except for the week of Spring Break).

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR SPRING OCI?

- Mark your calendar and attend an eAttorney Orientation Jan. 11 at 5:15 p.m. or Jan. 12 at noon.
- Attend the resume and cover letter workshop Jan. 11 at 11 a.m.
- Bring your resume to the Walk-in Resume Review Jan. 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Jan. 13 from 1-3 p.m.
- Read the stated criteria carefully to be sure you meet employers’ needs. Do not fall into the categories employers described above by “dropping indiscriminately” or “wasting their time.”
- Do not make the mistake one student made this fall after he bid on 93 employers and was selected for 28 mind-numbing interviews. Remember, you can only decline three interviews, so bid selectively.

SURVEYED STUDENTS FAVOR EARLY OCI

The results of the student OCI survey show:

- Of those who participated in Fall OCI, 100 percent favored starting OCI the week before classes begin.
- Of those who did not participate in OCI, only 62 percent favored starting the week before classes begin.

FALL 2005 OCI STARTS AUG. 15

Factoring in the results of the student surveys and following discussions with the administration, Fall 2005 OCI has been scheduled to start the week before classes begin to be more competitive with Georgia law schools, eliminate parking challenges, and minimize class disruptions. Fall 2005 OCI will run for five weeks, Aug. 15-Sept. 16, and all interviews will be at the law school. Bidding on legal employers will begin in mid-July.

If you will be fulfilling military obligations and won’t have computer access during that time, please be sure to make advance arrangements with CCS so they can meet your special needs.

Network at Alumni Receptions

Students thinking of practicing in the Alachua County area or Miami are encouraged to attend one of the following receptions:

- Dec. 14, Alachua County Holiday Reception at Dean Jerry’s home
- Jan. 20, Florida Bar Reception at Miami Hyatt

To RSVP, e-mail careers@law.ufl.edu. Space is limited and first priority is extended to 3L’s.

Internship Deadlines

- **Paid Summer Corporate Internship:** Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund. Deadline Dec. 17. Details at www.prldef.org.
- **Summer Environmental Law Internship in Alaska.** Deadline Dec. 17. Details at www.trustees.org. □



Exam Numbers Online

Students receive a new exam number each semester. Fall 2004 exam numbers are available online at www.isis.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/nirvana?MDASTRAN=rsi-lwex. Use your gatorlink signon to receive your exam number.

IMPORTANT: Sign on using Netscape, MSN or other proven Internet service provider to receive your exam number. Some providers, such as AOL, do not enable the proper display of ISIS pages, or their security systems prevent access to ISIS pages.



Moot Court Team



Florida Law Review Team

Review Beats Moot Court to Take the Lexis Cup

Florida Law Review and Moot Court teams met in the semi-annual Lexis Cup Softball Championship in late November. The *Review* retook the cup in this year's competition with a 15-11 win. After the game, participants returned to the law school for an afternoon barbeque.

"Both teams were cheered on by boisterous fans, making it a loud, fun-filled afternoon," said *Review* member Meredith Fields. She added that "although an actual Lexis Cup does exist, it is in storage due to construction, so *Law Review* will have to wait to fill it with champagne and pass it around."

Moot Court Intramurals Chair Ryan "Slugger" Santurri said, "Our hat is off to our *Law Review* classmates, who are softball champs — at least for this semester!" □

Gators Observe Protest

— By Elizabeth Baird Illsley, 1L

A record 16,000 Americans gathered for the 15th annual protest against the School of the Americas, more recently known as the Western Hemisphere Institution for Security Cooperation at Ft. Benning, a military base in Columbus, Georgia. Among the crowd were 10 UF students acting as legal observers, watching for potential legal conflicts between law enforcement officers and protesters. The turnout also included such celebrities as Martin Sheen and Susan Sarandon, who arrived to speak out against the "School of Assassins."

The newest twist was a fence surrounding the protest area and swarming with police officers, making it easier for them to regulate the crowd. John Meehan sees the fence as a mistake by police.

"I thought it backfired," he said. "It provided much more opportunity for protesters to hang crosses, to hang banners. I thought it was counter productive for the police. It did work for them in a sense because it had the effect of reducing the amount of police they had on staff, but it was absolutely unnecessary. This protest in its entire history has been non-violent."

The students participated in the event through the National Lawyers Guild, which joined the legal collective to monitor illegal police practices and make the protesters aware of their rights.

Sara Denny got involved to protect the right to peacefully dissent. She voiced observers' concerns about potential legal problems.

"I was really concerned with freedom of assembly and freedom of speech, and that the police didn't treat the protestors inappropriately," she said. "I was

expecting intimidation, harassment, just basically violating peoples' constitutional rights under the law without any kind of consideration."

The legal observation team manned checkpoints and kept a close watch on the city police, county sheriffs and prison guards monitoring the crowd. Part of the program every year involves members of the crowd crossing the line between Columbus and Ft. Benning and being arrested for trespass, which carries a penalty of up to six months in prison and up to

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New Florida Law Review Editors

Florida Law Review's new editors (above) will serve as assistant editors in Spring 2005 and full editors next fall. Elected this month were (seated, from left) Doyle Campbell, communications editor; Robert Caplen, articles; Seth Traub, student works; Marty Fulgueira, symposium; (standing) Jennifer Barrett, research; Laura Murray, galleys; Kelly Lyon, managing; Marissa Lopez, research; (photo at top right) Monica Vila, editor-in-chief; and (photo at bottom right) Paul Vicary, notes and comments. □

Development & Alumni Affairs Welcomes Staff

One staff member has returned and another has been hired in the Development and Alumni Affairs Office, enabling it to better serve alumni and increase private support, according to Senior Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Donald Hale.

Director Kelley Frohlich worked in the UF law development office before leaving to work at Emory Medical School. Hale said the college was fortunate to bring her back to the college and benefit from her strong knowledge.

“Kelley has evolved as a person and professional since she started in this field four years ago. The opportunity to welcome her back to the alumni office generated an enthusiastic response from our alumni and friends of the college,” he said.

Joining the staff is Associate Director Andrea Shirey, a West Virginia University graduate who honed her development expertise in the WVU Foundation.

“Andrea has a strong track record of annual giving success. She has genuine enthusiasm for this profession and looks forward to meeting with alumni throughout Florida and Georgia as they consider their gift to the college’s annual fund,” Hale said.

Alumni, friends, law firms and others are crucial in providing private support that enhances

the law school’s quality and national reputation and meets needs not covered through limited state funding or tuition. The development staff works closely with alumni across the nation as well as the school’s advisory and fund-raising boards.

Frohlich knows many of these alumni and friends, and said, “The opportunity to return to the UF College of Law was a dream come true. I enjoy working with our alumni, and the University of Florida will always be home to me.”

Shirey, already on board and meeting with alumni, said she was “thrilled” to be at UF and the College of Law. “I knew a long time ago I wanted to work in development and fund-raising and I look forward to a long career at the University of Florida.” □



Development & Alumni Affairs staff (from left) Kori Carr, senior secretary; Brittany Meng, office assistant; Andrea Shirey, associate director; Kerrie Mitchell, assistant director; Donald Hale, senior director; Kelley Frohlich, director; Kristin Muire, program assistant; and Laura Warren, office assistant.

(Protest, Continued)

a \$5,000 fine. Bail was typically set at \$1,000 in past years. Meehan objects to the stiff bail.

“I think the bail is excessive in that this type of crime, trespassing, normally involves people being released on personal recognizance, as opposed to a thousand dollar bond,” he said.

At last count, 20 members of the crowd had been arrested and faced potential jail time, including a 78-year-old blind man who crossed the fence topped with barbed wire with assistance. Trisha Low



Student legal observers at the SOA protest included (from left) John Meehan, Tim McCourt, Steve Illsley, Libby Baird Illsley, Steckley Lee, Trisha Low, Kara Coggins and Sara Denny. (Participating but not pictured were Kate Dozark and Amanda McLernan.)

was on hand when the first two people were arrested.

“I thought the most powerful part of the protest was seeing the guy and girl holding hands walking through the base for a quarter of a mile before getting stopped,” she said. “They prayed in between the two gates and it was very moving.”

Saturday was a day of peaceful vigil. Nonviolent civil disobedience was on the schedule for Sunday, when the crossings occurred and a reading of the names of victims from South America took place. Following was a solemn funeral march with thousands of members of the crowd adorning the gates with crosses bearing victims’ names.

Both days featured a parade of puppetistas — puppeteers operating huge, colorful puppets signifying such noble ideas as farmers’ rights. The parade concluded with a 16-foot tall face touting democracy made of cardboard and carried by 15 people.

Problems protestors encountered in past years include speakers blasting from behind military gates, illegal searches of protestors and low flying, hovering helicopters, which were a problem this year as well. □



Support 2004 Class Gift

Time is running out for December graduates to enable the 2004 spring and fall graduating classes to attain the donation level — \$45,000 for the fall class — needed to have a Reading Room in the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center named in their honor.

Support the area(s) of your choice at the law school while “giving back” in a memorable and meaningful way and increasing the value of your UF law degree. Contact Co-Chairs Lauren Cury (above, at LaurenCury@aol.com) or Edrene Johnson (career2@law.ufl.edu) today.

MicroMash Position Available

Students are invited to apply for an open position as a MicroMash Bar Review campus representative.

For information, e-mail Terra DuBois at terra7@ufl.edu.



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 — see page 7 for details on its expanded exam hours — and in the nearby Campus Church of Christ. (Details in the online Sept. 13 issue of *FlaLaw*. Go to the college home page, www.law.ufl.edu, click on publications, then *FlaLaw*.)

Women's Leadership Conference

The Women's Leadership Conference is scheduled for Feb. 15 at UF.

For details, contact Sasha Muradali at 305-498-5000 or SashaHalima@aol.com.

Honor Committee Revises Code, Elects Members

Honor Code Revision Passes

UF law students voted to accept the revised Honor Code Nov. 16. The revision becomes effective in Fall 2005 when the final legislative process is complete. Florida Administrative Law also was revised, since the current Honor Code is in the Florida Administrative Code as Chapter 6C1-4.2012 Student Affairs: Law School Honor System, and this revision will replace it.

The Honor Committee believes the revised code will help students become professionally responsible attorneys.

What is the Honor Committee?

The Honor Committee is a student-elected and -run committee charged with administration of the Law School Honor Code. It consists of two students from each semester, a representative of the LL.M. program, two faculty members, and the associate dean of student affairs. (First-semester students are unrepresented by their class until JMBA elections in their entering semester.) Often asked questions include:

- **What does the Honor Committee do?** It receives reports from students and faculty who believe the actions of one or more students violates the Law School Honor Code. When the committee receives a report of a suspected violation, it forms a probable cause panel to 1. investigate and assure that the report is valid, 2. investigate the report by talking to the accused student, the accuser, and any other witnesses, and 3. based on the investigation, determine if the reported occurrence has probable cause as a violation of the Honor Code.
- **What happens if there is no probable cause found?** The accused student is informed and there is no further action taken by the committee. However, the accused student must include the allegation and finding on his/her Bar application.
- **And if probable cause is found?** The accused student is informed and given three options: 1. a hearing by an Honor Committee Hearing Panel, 2. a trial at the University of Florida Honor Court, or 3. plead guilty and receive sanctions.
- **What's a Hearing Panel?** Three members of the Honor Committee hear the accused student, the accuser, and the report of the probable cause panel. After all testimony is heard, the panel deliberates and decides whether the accused's actions are a violation of the Honor Code. If the accused is found guilty, the panel also deter-

mines sanctions for those actions. Another panel reviews sanctions before they are instituted — the accused may appeal to this panel if dissatisfied with the sanctions. If the panel determines **no** guilt as to an Honor Code violation, there are no further actions taken by the Honor Committee except to add the findings to their statistics. However, the accused must include information as to the accusation and findings to the Bar.

- **What's the University of Florida Honor Court?** A student-run court that exists generally for purposes of the main campus. An accused law student may choose to go to this body for adjudication of an accusation regarding the Law School Honor Code. There are student 'attorneys' (prosecution and defense). A jury is selected to hear whether the actions of the accused are a violation of the Law School Honor Code.
- **What are sanctions?** There are guidelines in the Honor Code itself that list examples of sanctions for particular offenses. The sanctions themselves can be anything from a reprimand to expulsion from the law school. There are many variations in between. The list is too long to place here, but is in the Levin College of Law *Handbook & Honor System* (available in the Student Affairs Office or online as a link from the publications section of the college website, www.law.ufl.edu).

Remember...

Consider carefully the actions you take while writing papers and during exams. Your choices will reflect on you as a student and future attorney, as well as on the law school. Study appropriately and show honor for the profession in what you do.

If you have questions, contact a member of the Honor Committee: Chair Mitesh Patel, mitesh@ufl.edu, fourth semester; Vice Chair Adam Artigliere, adamartigliere@yahoo.com, third semester; Secretary Liz Touchton, touchto@ufl.edu, first semester; Nathan Bess, nbess@ufl.edu, second semester; Jeff Glassman, glassman@ufl.edu, second semester; Mike Tempkins, mdt1124@ufl.edu, third semester; Allison Lane, lanealli@hotmail.com, fourth semester; Barbara Nolan, barbara_nolan05@yahoo.com, fifth semester; Aisha Salem, aisha3@msn.com, fifth semester; Faculty Advisor/Professor Margaret Temple-Smith, Temples@law.ufl.edu; Faculty Advisor/Professor Tracy Rambo, rambo@law.ufl.edu; or Faculty Advisor/Dean Gail Sasnett, sasnett@law.ufl.edu. □

Student Conservation Efforts Pay Off

UF law student Erika Zimmerman (3L) worked on a petition to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on behalf of the Belize Institute of Environmental Law and Policy (BELPO), a UF law Conservation Clinic client, to list the Belize Barrier Reef as a threatened world heritage site under the World Heritage Convention.

“The petition is particularly noteworthy because it served as the model for two simultaneously-filed petitions involving Mt. Everest and a World Heritage site in Peru,” said Environmental and Land Use Law Program Director Alyson Flournoy. “Since there is no preconceived format for these petitions, Erika developed this one, which was emulated by the non-government organizations submitting the other two. All three petitions are based in part on the impacts of climate change on these world heritage resources, and the Belize petition included supporting letters from some of the world’s leading reef scientists.”

Clinic Director Tom Ankersen provided editorial support, and the petition was further edited by the client prior to submission, but the work was primarily done by Zimmerman.

“The petition demonstrates what our best students can do when they are motivated,” said Flournoy.

The submissions were noted by the *New York Times* and BBC this month.

“This is what I came to law school to do,” said Zimmerman.



Zimmerman’s Conservation Clinic clients Godsmen Ellis, president of BELPO, and Candy Gonzalez, vice president, at the Belize reef during a trip to bring attention to the alliance’s efforts.



Erika Zimmerman

The concept for the petition originated as an idea presented at the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-LAW) 2002 annual meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico, which BELPO attended. Work began with the efforts of the University of Florida/University of Costa Rica Joint Program in Environmental Law and its Conservation Clinic to evaluate the legal status of protection of the entire Mesoamerican reef system. Zimmerman provided research support, with Ankersen’s assistance.

Working with BELPO and other environmental law NGOs, the Joint Program Conservation Clinic in Costa Rica helped examine different threats to the multi-national reef system. Support was provided by the John D. and Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation and to E-LAW from the Summitt Foundation, which allowed the participation of environmental lawyers from each of the reef countries, including Belize.

Technology allowed Zimmerman to work on the project from Gainesville.

“I worked on the petition while here in the Conservation Clinic, only communicating with our client in Belize via e-mail,” said Zimmerman.

More information and photos connected with the project are online at www.climatelaw.org/media/UNESCO.petitions.release. □

Hearing Simulation Dec. 2

The Conservation Clinic will conduct a quasi-judicial hearing simulation in the Alachua County Commission meeting room in the County Administration Building Thursday, Dec. 2, from 3-5 p.m. Faculty and students are welcome to observe and serve as the gallery during the citizen comment period.

Current and former elected officials and staff will assist in the exercise and debrief students. The exercise was developed by UF law student Ashley Cross-Rappaport through her externship at the County Attorney’s Office. □

Library Hours Extended

The UF law Legal Information Center will offer extended exam hours at its Butler Plaza annex. **Beginning today, Nov. 29, through Wednesday, Dec. 15, the annex will be open 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.** It will close at 5 p.m. the last day of exams, Dec. 16.

The annex hours were set due to a county regulation requiring closure before the nearby Publix Supermarket at 11 p.m., and for safety and security of students and staff studying and working later.

“The staff of the Legal Information Center hope our extended hours will contribute to a successful study period at the end of the fall term,” said Assistant LIC Director Rick Donnelly. “Please call us at 392-0417 if you have any questions about our hours or need directions to the annex.”

Note: Hours at the Bruton-Geer Hall location remain regular fall term hours, and are posted there.

Next FlaLaw Jan. 10 Issue

FlaLaw suspends publication after this issue. Weekly publication will resume with the Monday, Jan. 10, issue. Submit news of interest to the law school community for that issue or for use in *UF Law E-News*, the college's e-mail newsletter, to the Levin College of Law Communication's Office (phone 392-9586, e-mail amirin@law.ufl.edu).

College of Law Administration

- Robert H. Jerry, II, Dean
- Stuart R. Cohn, Associate Dean for International Studies
- George Dawson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Michael K. Friel, Associate Dean & Director, Graduate Tax Program
- William H. Page, Associate Dean for Faculty Development
- M. Kathleen "Kathie" Price, Associate Dean for Library and Technology
- Gail E. Sasnett, Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations
- J. Patrick Shannon, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs
- Linda Calvert Hanson, Assistant Dean for Career Services
- Richard L. Ludwick, Assistant Dean for Students
- J. Michael Patrick, Assistant Dean for Admissions
- Donald J. Hale, Senior Development Director
- Debra D. Amirin, Director of Communications

Faculty Scholarship & Activities

- Affiliate Professor **Paul Magnarella** recently authored "Internationally Protected Human Rights: Fact or Fiction?" *Human Rights and Human Welfare* v. 4, pp. 69 (2004).
- Clarence J. TeSelle Professor **Martin J. McMahon, Jr.** did a CLE presentation at the 47th Annual Kentucky Institute on Federal Taxation, Louisville, Kentucky, Nov. 19 on "Recent Federal Income Tax Developments."
- Professor **Juan F. Perea** was a panelist and author at a conference commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Hernandez v. Texas*, an important decision decided two weeks before *Brown v. Board of Education* that expanded equal protection to include Mexican Americans.

In the News

- Assistant Professor **Jonathan Cohen** was quoted about the value of apologies Nov. 17 in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Belleville News-Democrat*, *Bradenton Herald*, *The Charlotte Observer*, *Columbia Ledger-Enquirer* (Georgia), *Contra Costa Times* (California), *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* (Indiana), *The Kansas City Star*, *Lexington Herald-Leader* (Kentucky), *The Miami Herald*, *Monterrey Herald* (California), *The Mercury News* (California), *San Luis Obispo Tribune* (California) and *The Wichita Eagle* (Kansas).
- Assistant Professor **Mark Fenster** was quoted Nov. 12 on post-election and post-9/11 conspiracy theories in *The Wall Street Journal*, and on anti-Semitic conspiracy theories in the October 2004 issue of *New Internationalist Magazine* (based in Britain).
- Professor **Joseph Little** was cited Nov. 19 in an article about the UF faculty senate rejecting change in *The Independent Florida Alligator*; quoted in the *Chiefland Citizen* Nov. 12 and in *Williston Pioneer Sun News* Nov. 13 about the legality of a sheriff firing his top aide two days after being re-elected; and interviewed Nov. 2 on News 5 about Ohio election challenges.
- Center for Governmental Responsibility/Professor



Jon Mills was quoted Nov. 1 in *Star News* (North Carolina) in an article about lawyers addressing pre-election challenges; cited as an expert Nov. 18 in a *Palm Beach Post* article about electronic records access that also ran in *Black Enterprise Magazine* Nov. 20; quoted in an Associated Press article on open court files that ran in *Fort Myers News-Press*, *Herald Tribune* (Southwest Florida) and *Tampa Bay Online* Nov. 15 and in the *Tallahassee Democrat* Nov. 17; quoted about a transparent court system in an Associated Press article that ran in the *Jacksonville Florida Times-Union*, *Miami Herald* and *Tallahassee Democrat* Nov. 13 and in the *Bradenton Herald*, *The Gainesville Sun*, *Herald-Tribune* (southwest Florida), *The Ledger* (Lakeland), *Naples Daily News*, *Ocala Star-Banner*, *Orlando Sentinel* and *St. Petersburg Times*; and interviewed on WFOR-TV CBS 4 Miami and WINK-TV CBS 11 Fort Myers Nov. 14 about a Florida Supreme Court panel seeking balance on privacy and court records. His op-ed about Florida citizens' access to court records was printed in *The Tampa Tribune* Nov. 8.

- Environmental and Land Use Law Professor/Affiliate Professor **Jim Nicholas** was quoted in a Nov. 19 *St. Petersburg Times* article about a new Tampa subdivision and government oversight of community development districts.
- Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson** was quoted in *The Florida Times-Union* Nov. 21 about Florida death row entrance falling, and in a *Bloomberg News* article online at <http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=nifea&&sid=ayYDo5tpjTY8#>. A story from MSNBC (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6554955/>) highlights an article he is co-authoring on payday lenders targeting military personnel.
- Professor and Associate Director of the Center on Children and the Law **Sharon Rush** was quoted in an article about parents and children and issues of race in *The Ledger* (Lakeland) in late September. □

• UF LAW CALENDAR •

November

- 29 • **Lunch with UF President Bernard Machen, Student Gov. President Jamal Sowell & Dean Robert Jerry**, 11:30 a.m., 180A (Ceremonial Classroom)
 • **JMBA meeting**, 6-9 p.m., 285C

December

- 1 • **JLSA meeting with Rabbi Goldman**, noon-1 p.m., 355D
 • **Association for Law and Business Election meeting**, noon-1 p.m., 345

- 2 • **JTLP general board meeting**, 6-7 p.m., 355C
 • **Dean Jerry's Coffee & Cookies Reception for Fall 2004 Graduates**, 2 p.m., Faculty Dining Room
- 3 • **Fall classes end**
 • **Christian Legal Society meeting**, 5-6 p.m., 285A
- 6 • **Reading/final exam period begins**
 • **JMBA meeting**, 6-9 p.m., 285C
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- 13 • **Alachua County Alumni Holiday Party**, Dean Jerry's Home
- 14 • **Reading/final exam period ends**
 • **Levin College of Law Commencement**, 3 p.m., Center for Performing Arts. Reception follows in law school courtyard.