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Conference to Highlight International Issues

Terrorism, dispute resolution and the rule of law are topics at the Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas Conference, to be hosted in Gainesville May 15-17 by the Center for Governmental Responsibility.

Lawyers, scholars and law enforcement officials from across the Western Hemisphere will come to the University of Florida's Levin College of Law in May to discuss the rule of law, dispute resolution, and techniques for fighting terrorism.

The sixth annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas will bring dozens of law and policy experts together to discuss pressing legal and policy issues facing the United States and its neighbors in both North and South America.

"One reason we have the conference is to compare and contrast the different justice systems in countries throughout the Americas," said JoAnn Klein, director of development for the law school's Center for Governmental Responsibility, which is organizing the conference. "These differences are becoming increasingly important in the age of global commerce, because the workings of the justice system can affect the ability of a person or company to work in a given country."

Attendees will meet May 15 and May 16 for discussions on the similarities and differences



Scholars and legal professionals gather for the annual Legal Policy Issues in the Americas Conference. Shown here is last year's conference, held in Costa Rica.

between justice systems throughout the Americas, with a focus on countries that are currently or have recently undergone justice system reform.

The conference will reconvene May 17 for a series of discussions on efforts to stop money laundering and fundraising for al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups. The tri-border area of Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina has been linked to activity by Islamic fundamentalists, and Latin American countries such as Colombia face ongoing battles with domestic guerrilla groups.

Speakers at the event include:

- Former Florida Governor Kenneth "Buddy" McKay, who served as special envoy of the Americas under the Clinton Administration

- Dennis Jett, dean of UF's International Center and former United States ambassador to Peru
- Peter German, director general of the Financial Crimes Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- George Henry Millard, police chief of São Paulo State in Brazil
- Alan Lambert, consultant for the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office's anti-money-laundering program.

The conference is free and open to the public with registration. Lawyers who wish to obtain CLE credits must pay a \$150 fee. Seating is limited, and registration ends April 11.

For more information, contact Lenny Kennedy at 392-2237.

All Invited to Diversity Session

Associate Dean Gail Sasnett and Lexis-Nexis Representative Bonita Young will present the interactive session "Multiculturalism and the Law" at noon March 30 in room 345. Refreshments will be served. Both Sasnett and Young participated in a training session held last summer by The Florida Bar, and are eager to share their insights with you. This participatory session is co-sponsored by the Association for Public Interest Law, National Lawyers Guild, Black Law Students Association, CaribLaw, Asian/Pacific-American Law Student Association, International Law Society and Spanish-American Law Students Association.

CSRRR Spring Lecture April 11

A leading authority on the history of slavery will be the speaker at this year's Spring Lecture hosted by the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations.

Paul Finkelman, the Chapman Distinguished Professor at the University of Tulsa's College of Law, will deliver a speech titled "Affirmative Action for the Master Class: Understanding the Proslavery Constitution and Its Implications for 21st Century America" at 1 p.m. April 11 in the teaching classroom at Emerson Alumni Hall.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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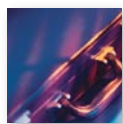
Should a defendant raised in a foreign culture be excused for criminal acts acceptable in that culture? When can a “black rage” defense help a defendant in a criminal case?

These questions and more will be discussed at the Culture and Crime Symposium, to be held April 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the faculty dining room.

Sponsored by the American Bar Association’s Criminal Justice Section and its Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, the symposium will address the use of culture as a criminal defense.

Scheduled speakers include New York University Law Professor Holly Maguigan, author of a 1995 article that sparked debate on whether multiculturalists and feminists were on a collision course in the courtroom; University of Southern California political science professor Alison Dundes Renteln, author of the 2004 book “The Cultural Defense”; and several other scholars who have written about cultural defenses, as well as practitioners who have used such defenses in court.

The event is free and open to UF law students and faculty.



CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

Fall OCI to Begin Early

The on-campus interview process for Fall 2005 semester will begin Aug. 15 – a week before fall classes begin.

Staff at the Center for Career Services decided on the date after surveying students and discussing the issue with the administration. The early start is expected to make UF more competitive with Georgia law schools, eliminate parking challenges and minimize class disruptions. Every OCI-participating student surveyed after Fall OCI favored the early start.

Fall 2005 OCI dates will run for seven weeks, from Aug. 15 through Sept. 30. All interviews will be held at the law school. Bidding on legal employers will begin in mid-July. If you will be fulfilling military obligations and will not have computer access during that time, be sure to make advance arrangements with the Center for Career Services.

On-Campus Interviews will be done in seven phases, each noting the chronological week of OCI and nothing more. Bidding for Phase 1 will run July 4-10, Phase 2 July 11-17, Phase 3 July 18-24,

Phase 4 July 25-31, Phase 5 Aug. 1-7, Phase 6 Aug. 8-14, and Phase 7 Aug. 15-21.

Also, as of April 1, Career Services will replace eAttorney with Symplicity Software to improve the recruitment process and job bank capabilities. It will be critical to obtain new Symplicity instructions prior to leaving for the summer. Before any student may participate in Fall OCI, they must sign and return an updated OCI policy and procedure form that will be available online on April 15.

Offers and Acceptance

When you receive an offer, be aware that, although it sounds impersonal, employers must consider numbers seriously in the employment process. They extend only a certain number of offers because they know from past experience that X percent (this percentage differs from employer to employer) are accepted. If you receive an offer and have no intention of accepting it, decline by telephone, e-mail, or letter as soon as possible. If you wait to decline, you may be preventing the employer from making an offer to another student. If you are unable to decide, you must reconfirm your interest within 30 days of the date you received the offer. An employer can withdraw an offer if you do not respond in 30 days.

In addition, you should be familiar with the *NALP Principles and Standards for Law Placement and Recruitment Activities, Part V., General Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions* (available online at www.nalp.org under “Principles & Standards” and in Career Services). As outlined in “Part I, General Principles,” students and employers are encouraged to keep the lines of communication open. If unusual circumstances or particular organizational constraints require a law school, a candidate, or an employer to modify any provision in the Standards, every effort should be made to find an alternative acceptable to all parties concerned.

Do not be defensive if a hiring administrator asks where you will be working when you reject an offer. Employers often keep statistics about where students work. They may also be interested in the reasons for your decision and would appreciate candor.

For a more in-depth discussion of professionalism and ethical responsibilities during the entire hiring process, from preparation of your resume and cover letter to interviewing and joining your new employer, see the online brochure “Ethics and Employment – A Guide for Law Students” at <http://www.nalp.org/jobseekers/ethics.htm>.



Career Services Programming This Week:

One Quick Question

Career Services Assistant Director Carol Kuczora will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today, March 28, in the courtyard to answer your questions about externships, mock interviews, resumes, cover letters, career development suggestions and more.

Practicing Health Care Law

Join Research Associate Barbara Noah and a panel of guest speakers, including Charles "Chip" Koval (JD 85), Richard Jones (JD 60), and David Delaney (JD 97) at noon March 30 in the faculty dining room to discuss the real world aspects of practicing health care law. This expanding field of the law has opportunities in corporate for-profit and non-profit categories in addition to federal, state, county and city governments.

Judicial Process Lecture Series, No. 4

Join the Hon. Maurice Paul, District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida, for his discussion of the role of externs and clerks, characteristics that judges seek in a clerk, the Absentee Doctrine, multi-district

litigation, federal preemption and more, at 6 p.m. March 30 in the faculty dining room. Paul's judicial law clerk, Scott Underwood (JD 03), will also be joining the discussion to give perspectives on a successful judicial externship. This is the fourth class of a five-class series that is mandatory for all Summer and Fall 2005 judicial externs. All students are welcome. Students who have not yet been placed in judicial externships are strongly advised to attend the live lectures, as space for video make-up sessions will be very limited.

The Unlicensed Practice of Law

Come to room 285B at noon March 31 to hear Lori Holcomb, director of The Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Division, provide practical advice for law students who plan to work as law clerks, perform pro bono work or participate in the law school's clinical programs. Holcomb will focus on the many pitfalls law students may encounter, such as the use of business cards, title on correspondence and limits on advising and representing clients as a certified legal intern.

Applications are available from Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber, 164 Holland Hall. Applications are due April 15.

Summer Financial Aid

To be considered for summer financial aid, you must have a completed 2004-05 FAFSA on file with UF and have indicated you will be enrolled for Summer 2005 Term for a minimum of three credit hours for J.D. students and four credit hours for

Mandatory 1L Career Services Orientation

First-semester students must attend a career services orientation April 1 in room 180A. Sessions for Section 1 are scheduled for 10 am and Section II students are scheduled for noon. This is your opportunity to meet the Career Services staff and counselors and learn about externships, career opportunities, recruitment, job fairs and more. Discover the many ways you can benefit from utilizing the programs, services, counseling and assistance of Career Services.

Paying for Your Ideals

Want to spend your career working for the public good – and pay off your student loans at the same time? Come to "Myths and Realities in Funding a Career in Public Service," a workshop held at 11 a.m. March 30 in the faculty dining room. Co-sponsored by the Center for Career Services and the Association for Public Interest Law, the event is ideal for anyone thinking about government service, work as a public defender, or legal aid and other non-profit positions. Lunch will be served.

graduate students.

The yearly limit on Federal Direct Loans is \$18,500. Many students may be unable to meet expected summer enrollment costs with their remaining eligibility for this type loan. Options for additional summer funding include limited Federal Perkins' loan funds, private student loans and Federal Work Study.

For information or to review aid options, contact Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber, 164 Holland Hall.



Student Loan Interest Rates Rising

Interest rates are now at an all-time low for Federal Student Loans. This will change July 1, when interest rates are expected to go up by more than 1 percent.

You may want to consider consolidating your federal student loans before that date to lock in a fixed rate.

For information about Direct Loan Consolidation go to: www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov or call 1-800-557-7392.

Attorney-CPA Foundation Scholarships

The Attorney-CPA Foundation now offers scholarships to law students who are entering their third year of law school and have obtained a CPA certificate. This year the Foundation will award amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to 10 students who will be graduating from law school in 2006.

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, leadership in the school and community, and need for assistance in completing their studies.

Scholarship applications should be postmarked by April 30. Applications are available online at www.attorney-cpa.com or from Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber, 164 Holland Hall.

James F. Bailey, Jr. Scholarship Award

Applications are available for the James F. Bailey, Jr. Scholarship Award.

To be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must: 1) be a first- or second-year student attending a Florida law school; (2) have a grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and (3) be from or have strong ties to the Jacksonville, Florida area and plan to return to Jacksonville to practice law.



Awards Gala April 7

Dean Robert Jerry, Associate Dean Gail Sasnett and Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson will be among those recognizing students and student organizations who give their time to help others at a Volunteer Awards Gala April 7. The Center for Career Services, Office of Student Affairs, John Marshall Bar Association and Law College Council have teamed up to transform the annual Career Services Pro Bono Brunch into an elegant evening invitation-only affair in the Reitz Student Union Arredondo Room, and have added five new recognition categories in addition to honoring students who donate 35 hours or more through UF's Pro Bono or Community Service projects.

"They are friends, classmates or coworkers. They attend classes with you, live in your community and give back to their communities in so many ways. They don't look for gain or glory; they just do it because it needs to be done and because they care," said Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro. "The law school wants to recognize these heroes in our midst."



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Title Examination Workshop

On April 1 at 1 p.m., the Office of Student Affairs will hold a title examination workshop for interested students. David Mesnekoff from the Attorneys Title Fund will do the presentation. The workshop will be held in room 180A.

LAW Clothing Drive

The Law Association for Women (LAW) is holding a clothing drive through the end of March. All items will be donated to the Peaceful Paths Women's Shelter. Law students, faculty and staff are encouraged to donate new or gently used clothes and toiletries (lotions, sample make-up, hair dryers, etc.) by leaving them in the pink boxes outside the JMBA office. Donations are needed for males and females of all ages; baby items are especially needed.

JMBA Golf Tournament Saturday

The John Marshall Bar Association will host its sixth annual charity golf tournament April 2. All students and faculty are invited to come out to the Ironwood Golf Course and play. Proceeds will go to the Make a Wish Foundation. A \$50 per-player cost covers greens fees, cart fees, food and drink. Come by the JMBA office for more details or to sign up.

Donate a Day to Promote Public Interest Law

The Association for Public Interest Law encourages stu-

dents who have accepted paid summer or permanent positions to make a tax-deductible donation of the equivalent of one day's salary to APIL's summer fellowship program. The program allows UF law students to spend their summers volunteering for nonprofit legal organizations without the added burden of summer loans. To participate in the Donate-a-Day fundraiser, come to APIL's table on the concourse from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., March 28-31 and April 4-6 or send an e-mail to ufpublicintere

be held April 6 at the Purple Porpoise from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and will showcase the bands of UF law students including The Kindred, featuring Jon Lorimer (1L), and Lux, featuring Cameron Siggs (1L).

Tickets for this year's Lawlawpalooza cost \$5 and can be purchased starting today, March 28, on the concourse. Tickets will also be available for \$5 at the door. Anyone who buys an advance ticket from the APIL table on the concourse will be entered into a drawing for a free iPod Shuffle. APIL will also give out gift certificates to local businesses. For more information, e-mail APIL at ufpublicintere@slaw@yahoo.com.

CLA Officer Elections

The Criminal Law Association will hold officer elections for the 2005-2006 school year March 30 at 5:30 p.m. in room 355A. All positions are available (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.) For more information, contact CLA at gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com.

Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes

Celebrate Diversity Day April 4 by joining students from the American Constitution Society, the Black Law Students Association, the Jewish Law Students Association and CaribLaw for a symposium on discrimination and diversity in education. Held in the faculty dining room from 2-4 p.m., the event, titled "Brown Eyes/Blue Eyes: Diversity and Discrimination in Education," will include a screening of the documentary "Eye of the Beholder," a guest



slaw@yahoo.com.

Win an iPod at LawLawPalooza

After a one year hiatus, Lawlawpalooza is back. The Association for Public Interest Law hosts the event each year to help raise money for the Summer Fellowship Program. This year's Lawlawpalooza will

speaker from the Anti-Defamation League, and a roundtable discussion of diversity issues on the UF campus and at the law school. The event will be catered by the Hillel Foundation.

FIJL Welcomes Write-Ons, Grade-Ons

The Florida Journal of International Law welcomes its Spring 2005 write-on and grade-on members.

Write-ons include Ivan Ivanov, James Kirkconnell and Jennifer Staman. Grade-ons include Thomas Allison, Ryan Corbett, Jason Hawkins, Christine Menendez and Sarah Slaughter.

JTLP Board Meeting Wednesday

The Journal of Technology Law and Policy will have a general board meeting March 30 at 6 p.m. in room 285C. This meeting is mandatory for all members of the *Journal*. Items for discussion include an upcoming banquet, grade-on and write-on invitees and changes to bylaws. For more information, e-mail Radha Thakkar at uf_jtlp@yahoo.com.

Registration Begins Today; Keep it Honest

Registration for the next semester begins today, March 28. The Office of Student Affairs would like to remind all students that they should only register for classes they intend to take—and avoid registering for classes to hold them for friends who have lower registration priority.

Discuss Disabled Issues at Conference

Join activists, scholars and others to discuss issues affecting disabled people—including higher education, sexuality, and media coverage—at the “Building a DisAbility Movement” conference on the UF campus April 7.

Featured speakers include sexologist Dr. Mitch Tepper, artist Sunny Taylor, and talk-radio host Greg Smith, star of the PBS documentary “On the Roll.” For information and registration go to <http://grove.ufl.edu/~usd/>.

Free Copiers? Yes Free Paper? No

The Office of Student Affairs would like to remind all students that the existence of free copiers on campus does not imply that an unlimited supply of free paper is available.

In recent weeks, some students have been spotted taking large amounts of blank paper from free copiers on campus. Staff at Student Affairs and the Library say this paper is not for personal use.

Florida Law Review Welcomes Write-Ons

The *Florida Law Review* Welcomes the following new members from its write-on competition: Joshua Curry, Ryan Koslosky, Francisco Ferreiro, John Siebert, Susan Warner, Michelle Reiss and Juliet Sy.

Environmental Moot Court Tryouts

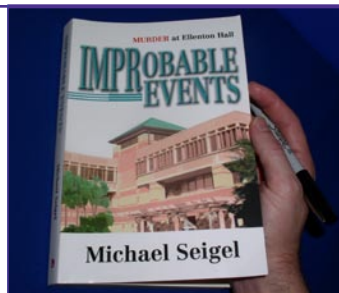
Interested in environmental law? Want to hone your brief-writing and appellate advocacy

skills? Students in their third semester or higher are invited to try out for the Environmental Moot Court team, which will represent UF at the National Environmental Moot Court Competition in February 2006 in White Plains, New York. The application process includes a written submission and oral argument tryout, described below. Written applications are due April 1 by 4 p.m. in room 319.

Oral argument tryouts will be held during the week of April 11. To apply, submit a copy of the argument section of your appellate advocacy brief to Marla Wolfe in room 319, along with a resume that lists relevant courses you have taken or are currently taking, any relevant extra-curricular or work, and whether you are enrolled in the environmental certificate program. For more information, contact Professor Alison Flournoy at flournoy@law.ufl.edu or 392-3572.

Professor At-Home Lecture Series Continues

The American Constitution Society, National Lawyers’ Guild, CaribLaw, and the Law School Democrats are sponsoring a lecture by Professor Fletcher Baldwin on “The Role of the First Amendment in Terrorist Financing.” Everyone is invited to attend this event on April 1 at 6 p.m. at Baldwin’s home. To RSVP and for directions, contact Felix Felicier at megator08@ufl.edu or Steckley Lee at steckll@yahoo.com



Improbable Events Author to Sign Book

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Michael Seigel will read passages from and sign copies of his novel, *Improbable Events: Murder at Ellenton Hall*, at Goerings Books at 8 p.m. March 30.

Improbable Events is a mystery novel set on the campus of the fictional Tampa Bay University School of Law, where a student is found murdered in a classroom. Mark Bolton, an associate dean at TBU, sets out to solve the murder, while navigating the political minefields of academic life.

The reading is the latest installment Goerings’ “University Professor Book Talk Series,” held Wednesday nights at the bookstore. The event is free and open to the public.



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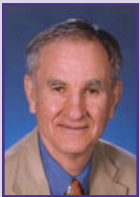
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PEOPLE SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Scholarship

Legal Skills Professor **Alison Gerencser** and her mediation clinic students spoke to mediators from the 8th Judicial Circuit on “The Quality of Mercy: Apology and the South African TRC.”

Professor **Cally Jordan** was invited to participate in the fifth annual Law and Business Conference at Vanderbilt University Law School March 18, 2005. The topic was “International Corporate Governance.”

Affiliate Professor **Paul Magnarella** recently published “Communist Chinese and ‘Asian Values’ Critiques of Universal Human Rights,” in *The Journal of Third World Studies*, v. 21, n. 2, pp. 179-192 (2004).

UF’s **Environmental and Land Use Law Society** has successfully bid to host the 2006 Conference of the National Association of Environmental Law Societies. Organizers expect to hold the conference in conjunction with the Public Interest Environmental Conference Feb. 24-25, 2006.

Faculty Weigh in on Schiavo Case

Several faculty members were asked to comment last week on the case of Terry Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged woman whose husband and parents disagree about the removal of her feeding tube.

Chesterfield Smith Professor **Fletcher Baldwin Jr.** spoke on AM850 on March 22. Baldwin agreed with a federal judge’s decision to refuse reinsertion of the feeding tube. He said the judge acted appropriately in the situation, while members of Congress

had overstepped their bounds.

Alumni Research Scholar/Professor **Joseph Little** was quoted in *The Orlando Sentinel* March 18 regarding a subpoena being issued to Schiavo by Congress. The story was carried in a number of newspapers around the country, including:

The (Ft. Lauderdale) *Sun Sentinel*, *Bradenton Herald*, *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Grand Forks* (N.D.) *Herald*, *Philadelphia Daily News*, *Macon* (Ga.) *Telegraph*, *Columbus* (Ga.) *Ledger-Enquirer*, *Duluth* (Minn.) *News Tribune*, *Myrtle Beach* (S.C.) *Sun News*, *Wilkes-Barre* (Pa.) *Times Leader*, *Ft. Wayne* (Ind.) *News-Sentinel*, *Biloxi* (Miss.) *Sun Herald*, *Kansas City Star*, *The Sacramento Bee*, (New York) *Newsday*, *Palm Beach Post*, and *The* (St. Paul, Minn.) *Pioneer Press*.

Little also was quoted in *The St. Petersburg Times* March 21 in an article titled “What the Experts Say.” Little predicted the case would continue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Center for Governmental Responsibility Research Associate **Barbara Noah** was quoted in *The Palm Beach Post* March 19. She said the Schiavo case serves as a painful reminder of the need for living wills. She was quoted in a March 25 *Orlando Sentinel* story, in which she said the case could lead to a flood of similar issues reaching U.S. Congress. Noah also spoke about the case March 22 with AM 760, an Air America affiliate in Boulder, Co.

Professor **Lars Noah** was quoted in a March 23 *New York Times* story on the case. Noah said a federal appeals court would rule in favor of Schiavo’s parents “in a heartbeat” if two or three

of the judges on the panel were Republicans.

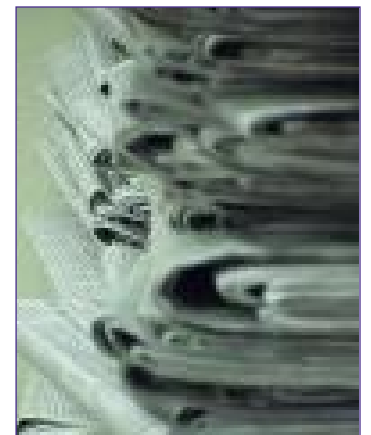
Professor **Sharon Rush** appeared on *The Dan Abrams Show* on MSNBC on March 22. Rush commented on the federal appeals process and how it would apply in the case. Rush also spoke about the case on AM850.

Director of the Center on Children and Families/Professor **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** spoke on AM850 March 21 regarding Congressional intervention in the case. She said the Florida Legislature is capable of coming up with sufficient guidelines without action from the U.S. Congress.

Also in the News

Joan Flocks, Director of the Social Policy Division of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, was quoted in a March 20 *Palm Beach Post* article on birth defects found in a farm-worker community in southwest Florida.

Dean **Robert Jerry** was quoted in *The Independent Florida Alligator* March 24 regarding a bill before the Florida Legislature that would establish a statewide code of academic freedom.



Miami Controversy Set Stage for Modern Politics

Anita Bryant's campaign against a gay rights ordinance set the tone for a generation of social conservatives, says Yale law scholar William Eskridge in this year's Dunwody Distinguished Lecture at UF's law school.

Singer Anita Bryant gained nationwide notoriety — and became an object of ridicule in some circles — for a series of statements she made about the gay lifestyle in the late 1970s.

But Bryant's 1977 crusade against a Miami/Dade County gay rights ordinance set the tone of American politics for more than a quarter of a century, according to Yale law scholar William Eskridge.

"Anita Bryant revolutionized American politics," Eskridge told a crowd of more than 100 people at the 2005 Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law.

A widely cited constitutional scholar, Eskridge is also one of the nation's leading experts on gay rights and the law. His 1996 book *The Case for Same Sex Marriage* examined the idea of gay matrimony years before the issue came to dominate the headlines. His work was also cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in its decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*, the 2003 case that overturned state sodomy laws.

Eskridge is now working on a book that traces the history of gay rights under American law. Eskridge believes the battle over the Miami/Dade discrimination ordinance, dismissed by some as a sideshow of the gay rights struggle, was actually a pivotal point in American politics.

Bryant led Save Our Children, an organization dedicated to repealing an anti-discrimination ordinance that extended protection to homosexuals. Dade County voters repealed the ordinance by a two-to-one margin, but Bryant's provocative statements about the gay lifestyle sparked scorn from people in many other



More than 100 people gathered for this year's Dunwody Lecture. Shown here are (from left) Neil Chrystal of Dunwody, White and Landon; Dunwody speaker William Eskridge, John A Garver Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale Law School, Florida Law Review Editor Meredith Fields; and Review Editor-in-Chief Cory Andrews.

parts of the country, permanently sidelining her singing career.

Even so, Eskridge contends, Bryant's arguments were more sophisticated than the rationales many jurists were using in gay-rights cases at the time.

Judges upheld sodomy laws largely because earlier judges had done the same, Eskridge said — but Bryant couched the issue as a conflict between the rights of gay people and the rights of parents who wanted to "protect" their children from exposure to the gay lifestyle.

"What was novel about Save Our Children was its mating of a body politics of disgust and contagion with a family politics of protecting our children," Eskridge said.

Speaking at the annual Dunwody Dinner the night before the lecture, Eskridge praised crusading attorneys who advocated reform of sodomy laws years before the gay rights movement came into the mainstream — including UF's own Professor Jerry Israel and

Professor Emeritus Frank Allen, who drafted proposed penal codes for commissions in Michigan and Illinois that urged repeal of state sodomy laws.

Eskridge is the 24th speaker in the annual Dunwody Lecture Series, which brings preeminent legal scholars, selected by the editors of the *Florida Law Review*, to UF for a lecture every spring. The series is funded by gifts from the law firm of Dunwody, White and Landon, P.A.; the law firm of Mershon Sawyer, Johnson Dunwody and Cole; and the U.S. Sugar Corporation.

Law Review editor-in-chief Cory Andrews said he and other members of the *Review* were "excited and overwhelmed" by the interest the law school community showed in this year's lecture.

"An event like this shows that the law school is indeed a community," he told the crowd at the Dunwody dinner. "I want to thank you all for making this possible."

Loans for Bar Exam Expenses

Wondering where you'll find the money to cover your expenses while taking the Bar exam? There are private loan companies who will make Bar Exam loans to students in their final year of law school. These loans can be used for a student's living expenses, Bar-prep classes and other expenses. You may borrow as little as \$1,000 or as much as \$11,000. For more information regarding these private loans, contact Carol Huber in the Financial Aid Office, or contact the lenders directly at:

Access Group
800-282-1550
www.accessgroup.org

Key Education Resources
800-539-5363
www.key.com/educate/grad

LawLoans
800-984-0190
www.salliemae.com

UF to Phase Out Forwarding Addresses

As of Oct. 1, students at UF will no longer be able to forward their Gatorlink e-mail to third-party addresses, the university announced last week.

UF administrators rely on Gatorlink to disseminate important announcements to all UF students. But the growing problem of spam has forced many e-mail providers to install spam-blocking software that blocks messages from the university. The result is that many students miss important news about events on campus.

Students will still be able to forward Gatorlink accounts to other e-mail accounts with ufl.edu addresses.

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200 Attend Professionalism Symposium

Large crowd of students and local lawyers urged to balance life and work to keep stress under control.

By CORRINE SIMON (1L)

Coping with stress was a major theme at this year's Professionalism Symposium, an event for second-semester law students, lawyers and judges, held March 18.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, the 8th Judicial Circuit Bar Association and the law firm of Levin Papantonio, the event attracted a crowd of around 200 — including more than 50 local attorneys, who attended the event to collect CLE credits.

"The response from local attorneys has been very positive," said Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations Gail Sasnett.

Speakers covered a wide variety of topics. Keynote speaker Carl Zahner, director of the Florida Bar's Center for Professionalism, told the crowd that stress management is a key to survival in the legal profession.

Zahner cited a 1991 Johns Hopkins study that listed suicide as the third leading cause of death for lawyers. According to that



More than 200 law students and local attorneys gathered at the Levin College of Law March 18 for the annual Professionalism Symposium.

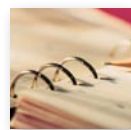
study, the suicide rate among lawyers is double the national average, and attorneys are 33 percent more likely to suffer from serious mental health diseases than other professions. Eighteen percent of attorneys suffer from alcoholism, according to the study — three times the rate for the rest of the population.

"Stress causes all of these problems — it's the most destructive thing about our profession. We can't eliminate stress, but one way to make

the stress manageable is to act professionally," Zahner said.

Lawyers can practice zealously, profitably and professionally all at the same time, Zahner said. But to do so, he said, an attorney must make a conscious decision: the decision to live your life ethically and professionally, or to concede to the "winning is all" mentality.

"In the long run, whether you practice with honor and integrity will determine how successful you will be," Zahner said.



CALENDAR

March

- 28 **One Quick Question**, 10:30 a.m., courtyard
- 30 **Career Services: Myths and Realities of Funding a Career in Public Service**, 11 a.m, faculty dining room
- Multiculturalism and the Law**, noon, room 345
- Career Services: Practicing Health Care Law**, noon, faculty dining room
- CLA officer elections**, 5:30 p.m., 355A
- 30 **JTLP board meeting**, 6 p.m. room 285C
- Career Services: Judicial Process Lecture Series**, 6 p.m., faculty dining room
- 31 **Career Services: Unlicensed Practice of Law**, noon, room 285B
- 1 **The Role of the First Amendment in Terrorist Financing**, Fletcher Baldwin's residence, 6 p.m.
- 2 **JMBA Golf Tournament**, Ironwood Golf Course, time TBA
- Culture and Crime Symposium**, 10 a.m., faculty dining room
- 4 **Brown Eyes/Blue Eyes: Diversity and Discrimination in Education**, 2 p.m., faculty dining room

April

- 1 **Career Services: Mandatory Orientation for 1Ls**, 10 a.m. and noon, 180A
- Title Examination Workshop**, 12:30 p.m., room 180A