

Displaced Students Find Home at UF

Aaron Hutchinson, a 2L student at Tulane University, has no idea whether the 19th century house he rents is underwater. He doesn't know if his car, which is parked on the top floor of a parking garage, has been looted. He doesn't know what happened to any of his possessions, save two suits of clothes and his laptop computer.

But he does know he is lucky to get out ahead of Hurricane Katrina, the storm that devastated New Orleans. Like more than two dozen other students from Tulane and Loyola University-New Orleans, he's hoping to keep his career on track for graduation by temporarily enrolling here at UF.

"Everyone here has been really great," Hutchinson said. "They have offered me places to stay and clothes to wear. The administration has been really helpful and professors have offered to help me after hours so I can catch up."

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, law schools around the country have opened their doors to the roughly 2,000 students displaced by the storm. With 29



Jackie Brettner (3L), Aaron Hutchinson (2L), and Alejandra Lopez (3L) are among the 29 New Orleans-area students who have come to the Levin College of Law to continue their studies after Hurricane Katrina shut down higher education – and everything else – in the Big Easy.

New Orleans students enrolled and space for a few more, the Levin College of Law is doing its part to help Louisiana law students get back to normal.

"It's something we can do," said Associate Dean for Academic Affairs George Dawson. "If you've watched television lately, you know there are people in New Orleans with far larger problems than an interrupted education – but it's going to take a lot of work, in a lot of areas,

to get life back to normal, and accepting new law students is something we have the power to do."

Dawson said Louisiana students aren't likely to compete with regular UF students for space in coveted classes. He said the law school is accepting only 2Ls and 3Ls, and admitting them to classes only on a space-available basis.

Finding a local place to live has been a major concern for

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O'Connor Speech Draws Hundreds

U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor delivered a lecture to hundreds of students on the UF law campus Sept. 9, as the law school celebrated the dedication of its new facilities.

For detailed coverage of this and other dedication events, check the next issue of *FlaLaw*.

Organization Fair This Week

The annual UF law Student Organization Fair will be held in the courtyard Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Student Affairs at 273-0620.

Get Weather Updates

As *FlaLaw* goes to press, Hurricane Ophelia swirls off the coast of Florida – a reminder that we are at the peak of hurricane season, and not out of the woods yet.

When tropical weather threatens, UF's home page (www.ufl.edu) offers up-to-date information on closings and cancellations of events.

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Cuban-American Bar Scholarship

Students have until Sept. 23 to apply for the Cuban-American Bar Foundation Scholarship.

To apply for the \$1,000 scholarship, you must submit a transcript, an updated resume and a 1,000-word essay describing your qualifications. Applications must be turned in to Carol Huber at 164 Holland Hall. For more information, contact Huber at 273-0620.

Apply for Continuing Student Scholarships

Continuing student scholarships of \$1,000-\$2,500 are available for second- and third-year law students. The scholarships are now listed, along with eligibility requirements, on the Financial Aid bulletin board on the concourse. (Current scholarship recipients are not eligible.)

Applications can be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs, 164 Holland Hall (front desk) and must be filed by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23.



CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

Don't Call Them: They'll Call you

Your level of professionalism in your dealings with legal employers can set the tone for your career, as reputations are cultivated early. Employers visiting our campus specifically ask that students not contact them directly. It is critical to adhere to this request because this time of year is crushingly busy for the employers as they collect information about interested students from numerous law schools and schedule their visits. To honor the employers' requests, the law school's policy is that students cannot directly contact the interviewing firms prior to their on-campus visit. Your adherence to this policy is important for all.

Disability Mentoring Day

Florida Disability Mentoring Day, to be held Oct. 19, is designed to promote career development for students and job-seekers with disabilities through hands-on career exploration, job shadowing, internships and employment opportunities. Funded by a grant from The Florida Bar Foundation, the event is being coordinated by the Disability Independence Group (DIG), which currently is working with lawyers who have disabilities. For additional information, visit the Disability Mentoring website at www.floridamd.org, contact Danielle Strickman at DIG at (305) 267-3488, or e-mail dstrickm@earthlink.net.



Florida Supreme Court Clerkship Openings

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Pariente, Justice R. Fred Lewis, Justice Raoul Cantero, III, and Justice Kenneth Bell all are accepting applications for post graduate judicial clerkships for two-year terms beginning in August 2006. Justice Peggy Quince is accepting applications for a vacancy in January 2006. For full details, consult the law school's job bank in Symplicity.

Out-of-State Job Searching

Do you plan to work or practice law outside Florida? Learn how to structure your out-of-state search for employment in a workshop to be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Discover the databases and resources available to assist in your job search. This event is co-sponsored by Career Services and LEXIS.

Explore International Careers

Matthew J. Wilson, associate dean of Temple University's campus in Japan, will offer advice on how to find inter-

national law positions and how to make yourself more marketable for those positions, in "Career Opportunities in International Law," to be held at noon Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the Bailey Courtroom. The event is co-sponsored by Career Services and the International Law Society.

One Quick Question

Questions on pro bono, externships, mock interviews, resumes, cover letters or job searches? Stop by and ask at the Career Services table outside 244 BG Thursday, Sept. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

After the Interview

So you've found your dream job and met with the people who could hire you. What next? Career Services offers some tips on how to gain an edge after the interview is over.

Follow-Up

- Be sure to send thank-you letters. In deciding whether to hand-write or type the note, consider the employer. If the interviewers are from a conservative, traditional firm, then type the letter. If the firm is a more modern, contemporary firm, hand-write the note. Additional suggestions about thank-you letters can be found on the Career Services website under career resources, letters www.law.ufl.edu/career/pdf/letters.pdf.
- If several weeks go by and you hear nothing from the firm or the interviewers, give them a call.
- Be polite, yet show enthusiasm and interest in the position.
- If you have to leave a message, do so, but try calling back. Do not be a pest.
- Know what information you are seeking. Where are they in their hiring process? When do they anticipate making a decision? Do they require any additional documents or information from you?

Traveling

- Learn the firm's travel reimbursement policies before you confirm your travel. Know what expenses are considered reasonable and reimbursable. Do not submit charges for expensive dinners or entertaining friends.
- Keep receipts and submit requests for reimbursement promptly. If interviewing with more than one organization

on a single trip, establish who is reimbursing what portion before traveling.

- The Student Travel Reimbursement Form is available on the web at www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=68.

The Call-Back

- When setting your call-back date, request a copy of your interview schedule, including interviewers' names, to better prepare yourself for any events included such as a reception, dinner, or breakfast. Check to see whether you will have a series of individual interviews throughout the day or a panel of interviewers.
- At the end of the session, ask when you should expect to hear about a decision.

The Offer

- Salary offers for summer employment typically are non-negotiable. Beginning and end dates may be negotiable.
- A permanent offer of employment requires you to make a very important decision. If there are particular issues that are important to you, ask about them before you accept or decline an offer. Employers expect you to honor your commitment, so if you have doubts or concerns, please contact Career Services for guidance before accepting an offer. To accept an offer and then back down is considered unprofessional.
- Before you accept, ask the employer to flesh out their position on signing bonuses, financial assistance for bar preparation, relocation expense reimbursement, bar dues and CLE cost reimbursement, paid parking and other benefits.

- Be familiar with the National Association for Law Placement's Principles and Standards for Law Placement and Recruitment Activities, which include "General Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions." Visit NALP's website at www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=28.
- If you are not prepared to accept the offer immediately, keep in touch with the recruiting coordinator or an attorney at the organization, typically at one month after the offer. Let them know what you are doing, even if you are interviewing with other employers. Be honest.
- The employer's letter confirming your offer should indicate a deadline for your response. If you are not ready to accept by your offer deadline, it is critical to call the employer to reaffirm your interest and request an extension. Be aware that if you do nothing, you could lose the offer. Do not wait until the day before or the day of the deadline to ask for an extension.
- If you decide to decline the offer, do so graciously, being mindful that the legal community is small and you do not want to burn your bridges. For helpful suggestions, consult the Career Services website at www.law.ufl.edu/career/pdf/letters.pdf.

Career Deadlines Approaching

Application deadlines for a number of important clerkships, internships and other opportunities are approaching rapidly. The following are a few key deadlines for September.

Sept. 20

- Equal Justice Works Fellowship: Paid public interest programs funded to provide direct legal services to the poor or disadvantaged and/or for policy work.

Sept. 30

- Central Intelligence Agency: Paid Summer Legal Clerkship Program for 2Ls
- Comptroller of the Currency: Chief Counsel's 2006 Employment Program for 3Ls & LL.M. students
- Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the General Counsel: Paid Summer Honors Program for 2Ls
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Paid Two-Year Clerkship for 3L with Atomic Safety & Licensing Board Panel

For further information or hiring specifics on the above opportunities, refer to the *Government Honors and Internship Handbook*, available on the web at <http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm> or in hard copy in the Center for Career Services. Contact Career Services for the password.

ABA Olympics

The American Bar Association–Law Student Division will host its first law school field day Sept. 25.

Titled “ABA Olympics: Battle of the Semesters,” the event will pit athletes from all six semesters (plus our visiting colleagues from Louisiana) against each other in various races and contests. Participation is free for all law students, and refreshments will be plentiful. The event kicks off at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Norman Field (near the intersection of Archer Road and SW 13th Street).

To register for the event, contact the appropriate team captain from the following list:

1st semester: Dana Israel;
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sarabeck@ufl.edu

3rd semester: Jose Flores;
jrflore@ufl.edu

4th semester: Matt Klotsche;
mklotch@ufl.edu

5th semester: Brian Bokor;
brbokor@ufl.edu

6th semester: Chris Carmody;
chrisc2@ufl.edu

Visiting Louisiana students:
to be announced

For more information, contact ABA-LSD President Michael Wild at buhouse@ufl.edu.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CLA Takes on Katrina

The Criminal Law Association will host a roundtable discussion titled “Criminal Law and Natural Disasters: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina” on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m. in room 285C. The discussion will center on criminal arrests, detention, and prosecution during natural disasters. Other topics include martial law, emergency powers, suspension of civil rights, suspension of Miranda rights, emergency government by military authority, and the role of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments.

This will be the first CLA meeting of the Fall semester. Free membership is open to all law students and law faculty. CLA organizes police ride-alongs, prison tours, courthouse tours, and social events. If you have any questions, please contact CLA President Bryon Carroll at bryon322@ufl.edu.

Minority Reception

The Josiah T. Walls Bar Association will host a minority law student reception Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the faculty dining room from 5:30–7 p.m. The group is a voluntary minority bar organization under the auspices of The Florida Bar, consisting of more than 30 attorneys from Alachua and surrounding counties. Keynote speaker for the reception is Jamie Billotte Moses, president of The Florida Bar Board of Governors Young Lawyers Division. The event is co-sponsored by the Black Law Students Association, the Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association, and the Spanish-American Law Students Association.

Trial Team Helps Hurricane Victims

The UF Trial Team will hold an informational meeting today, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in room 355B. All students interested in trying out for the team should attend. A portion of the proceeds from tryout packets will be donated to the Red Cross in support of hurricane victims.

Dems Table in Courtyard, Meet at Swamp

The Law School Democrats will have a table at the Student Activities Fair in the courtyard Sept. 14 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Stop by if you want to join the group’s listserve.

At 6 p.m., the group will hold a kick-off meeting at the Swamp Restaurant. Everyone is invited to attend.

FJIL Members Hold Mandatory Meeting

The *Florida Journal of International Law* will hold a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 in room 285B. The meeting is mandatory for all *FJIL* members.

ICAM to Meet

The International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team will hold a meeting today, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in room 359.

JMBA to Meet

The John Marshall Bar Association will meet today, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in room 285C. JMBA is offering free membership to all law students, including those from Tulane and Loyola.

JLPP Write-On Nearing End

The *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy* write-on competition is ongoing, and ends on Sept. 26 for *Law Review* case comment writers and Sept. 30 for *JLPP* Case Comment Writers. For more information, access the TWEN course page on lawschool.westlaw.com titled “*Journal of Law and Public Policy* Fall 2005 Write-on Competition.”

Welcome to Comp Law

The Comparative Law program extends a warm welcome to this semester’s new LL.M. students, including Andreas Baerlin (Germany), Magdalena Grzeskowiak (Poland), Maciej Huzior (Poland), Pin Ly (China), Queen Meheux (Sierra Leone), Dara Sanchez (Puerto Rico), Bogumila Strublewska (Poland), Vishal Vora (India) and Wendy Figueroa O’Neill (Puerto Rico).

FJIL Welcomes New Members

The *Florida Journal of International Law* welcomes its newest research members, including: Brenda Appledorn, Steve Burres, Jessica Casciola, Kristin DellaPenna, Datan Dorot, Brian Frankel, James Jones, Jr., John Kochkerian, Amal Laassel, Ryon Little, Kimberly Low, Amanda McLernan, Mark Moon, Guna Ose, Srujani Pagidipati, Sally Peng, David Sams, Carlos Sandoval, Shannon Seither, Victoria Sheppard, Dwayne Simpson, James Stowers, Brikena Tomasic, Joshua Walker and Steven Wernick.

FJIL Moves up in the Rankings

The *Florida Journal of International Law* made a significant jump this year in Washington and Lee University's annual list of "most-cited legal periodicals." Of 912 journals listed, *FJIL* came in at 462. That is 35 slots above its previous ranking.

The journal saw a five-fold increase in membership over the last few years, and is scheduled to be ahead of publication schedule by the end of the semester.

To learn more about the *Journal* and see the editorial board, log on to <http://grove.ufl.edu/~fjil>.

Sign up for Law Review Tutoring

Florida Law Review tutoring sessions have begun for all first-semester classes. To participate, sign up for the "*Florida Law Review Tutoring*" TWEN page. The page includes the tutoring schedule and locations of tutoring sessions. Tutoring for second-semester classes begins the week of Sept. 26. For more information, contact managingeditor@floridalawreview.org.



Paddling the Prairie

Students and faculty in the Environmental and Land Use Law Program used the long Labor Day weekend to launch their activities for the fall semester. On Friday, Sept. 2, Professor Mark Fenster hosted a "kick off the semester" reception at his historic Duck Pond neighborhood home.

The following morning, five faculty members and 16 students paddled out onto Payne's Prairie, which has once again become a lake in the wake of last year's hurricanes and a wet 2005. Students and faculty were treated to the spectacular yellow blooms of the American lotus, which covers large portions of the Prairie.

For more information on the Environmental and Land Use Law program, go to www.law.ufl.edu/elulp.

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arriving students, said Director of Admissions Lewis Hutchison. So far, however, there has been no shortage of people willing to take law students in.

"The students and faculty have been eager to open their homes to these students," he said. "So far, we have more housing than we have students in need of it."

Hutchison said the registration of Tulane and Loyola students has run smoothly, in part because the law school's leaders reacted quickly to news of the storm.

"You can tell everyone had this on their minds even before the storm hit," Hutchison said. "For instance, when we asked Dean (Patrick) Shannon how

many students we could take, he was able to give us a number instantly."

Of course, UF administrators have good reason to devote their attention to hurricane planning.

"This is Florida, after all," said Dawson. "We're always aware that in a week or a month, we could be in a similar situation."

Environmental Moot Court Tryouts

Interested in environmental law? Want to hone your brief-writing and appellate advocacy skills? Third-semester students have a chance to try out for the team that will represent UF at the National Environmental Moot Court Competition in February 2007 in White Plains, New York. Because of the need for continuity, the team is now beginning the process of training a new member to participate in next year's competition. Apply by Sept. 23. For more information, contact Marla Wolfe at 273-0777 or e-mail elulp@law.ufl.edu.

Mandatory LEXIS Classes

LEXIS will offer its mandatory classes for second-semester appellate advocacy students this week. The class schedule is as follows:

Sept. 13

- Tomlinson, 11 a.m., room 355B
- Adkins, 2 p.m., room 355B

Sept. 14

- Jackson, 10 a.m., 355B
- Thomson, 2 p.m., 285B

LEXIS will also hold a house-warming in the Internet café at noon Sept. 14. Food will be provided, and everyone is invited to attend.

College of Law Administration

- Robert H. Jerry, II, Dean
- George L. Dawson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Stuart R. Cohn, Associate Dean for International Studies
- Lyrisa Barnett Lidsky, Associate Dean for Faculty Development
- Michael K. Friel, Associate Dean & Director, Graduate Tax Program
- 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
- Jennifer Cope, Interim Assistant Dean for Students
- Adrian Jones, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Community Relations
- J. Michael Patrick, Assistant Dean for Admissions
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Send Us Your News

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PEOPLE

SCHOLARSHIP
& ACTIVITIES

Scholarship & Activities

Joan Flocks, director of social policy for the Center for Governmental Responsibility, received a \$30,000 Seed Funding Grant from the School of Natural Resources



Flocks

and Environment to conduct an environmental health needs assessment in Lake Apopka communities. She will work with faculty from the School of Public Health and Health Professions and the Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology. She is also an investigator on a grant just funded to the College of Nursing that will use community-based participatory research to reduce health disparities among women

receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF).

Affiliate Professor's **Paul Magnarella's** article, "Protecting Indigenous Rights," appeared in *Human Rights and Human Welfare*, vol. 5, pp. 125-35 (2005).



Magnarella

In The News

Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson** was quoted in a Sept. 1 *Independent Florida Alligator* article on UF's practice of applying a surcharge when students pay their tuition on a credit card.



Peterson

Peterson said that despite some ambiguous wording, Florida law probably allows such a charge.

Legal Skills Professor **Joe Jackson** was profiled in the Sept. 6 issue of *The Gainesville Sun*. The story highlighted Jackson's efforts to help the homeless in the Gainesville area.



Jackson

Associate Dean **George Dawson** was quoted in a Sept. 7 *Gainesville Sun* story on the law school's offer to accept students from Tulane University and Loyola University-New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.



Dawson



CALENDAR

September

12 **Toastmasters Meeting**, 5 p.m., room 345

ICAM Team Meeting, 6 p.m., room 359

Trial Team Meeting, 6 p.m., room 355B

JMBA Meeting, 7 p.m., room 285C

13 **Out-of-State Job Searching**, noon, Bailey Courtroom

Mandatory Lexis Training (Tomlinson's Class), 11 a.m., room 355B

Mandatory Lexis Training (Adkins' Class), 2 p.m., room 355B

14 **Mandatory Lexis Training (Jackson's Class)**, 10 a.m., room 355B

Career Opportunities in International Law, noon, Bailey Courtroom

Mandatory Lexis Training (Thomson's Class), 2 p.m., room 285B

Criminal Law and Natural Disasters: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, 5 p.m., room 285C

Minority Student Reception, 5:30 p.m., faculty dining room

15 **One Quick Question**, 10:30 a.m. - noon, room 244 BG

FJIL Meeting, 7 p.m., room 285B