

## *Kelo* Controversy at Heart of Conference

Can the government force you to sell your home to make way for a factory or shopping mall? Should a city council have the power to take land for development by private companies? And should the courts intervene when they do?

These are some of the questions to be discussed at the Richard E. Nelson Symposium Nov. 17-18 in Gainesville. Sponsored by the University of Florida's Levin College of Law, the symposium will bring together legal experts from around the country to debate one of the most controversial court decisions of recent years.

"The backlash against *Kelo* has been kind of amazing," said Richard E. Nelson Professor Michael Allan Wolf, organizer of the conference. "This is a ruling on eminent domain – a concept that isn't exactly a topic of dinner table conversation – and it has become a subject of nationwide debate."

*Kelo v. New London* is the recent case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the cities could use the power of eminent domain to take



land for economic development purposes – including the building of privately-owned factories, hotels, and conference centers. The ruling sparked a nationwide backlash, with activists accusing the court of overreaching its authority, and some state legislatures moving to ban local governments from taking land for private development.

Wolf has been active in the *Kelo* debate since the day the ruling was handed down. He believes activists have vastly

overstated the threat the ruling poses to private property. While *Kelo* does grant cities and counties the power to take property to make way for a factory or shopping mall, he said, it won't spark a land grab by local governments. Buying land is expensive even under eminent domain, Wolf notes, and popular opposition to such takings will make elected officials think twice about pursuing them.

"The Court ruled that the Constitution allows these takings, but the elected officials are the ones who have the power to decide whose land



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### Dean's Town Hall Meeting with Students Oct. 6

Dean Robert Jerry will update students and take questions on the "State of the College" and topics ranging from tuition to Tulane students at a special town-hall style meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Bailey Courtroom.

All are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

### Library Closes for Game Days

The Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center will close on days when home football games are being played. Home game days include Oct. 8 (Mississippi State), Nov. 5 (Vanderbilt) and Nov. 26 (FSU).

The closure is due to the scarcity of parking on game days and the university's effort to reduce building utility costs.

### Law School Closes at 1 p.m. Friday

Classes will be held on the law school campus until 1 p.m. on Oct. 7, the Friday before Homecoming. Law school offices will be closed Friday afternoon.

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## Soros Fellowship

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship Program recognizes the contributions “New Americans” have made to this country.

The program defines “New Americans” as (1) resident aliens (i.e., anyone who holds a Green Card), (2) naturalized U.S. citizens, or (3) children of two parents who are both naturalized citizens.

The fellowship is a grant for up to two years of graduate study in the United States. Thirty fellowships will be awarded each year.

A successful candidate will give evidence of at least two of the following three attributes or criteria for selection: (1) creativity, originality, and initiative (2) a commitment to and capacity for accomplishment (3) a commitment to the values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The deadline to apply is Nov. 1. For more information, see <http://www.pdsoros.org/>.



# CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

## Equal Justice Works

What do the AFL-CIO’s General Counsel, the U.S. Department of State and the Animal Legal Defense Fund have in common?

They’re among the 100 government agencies and public interest groups that will interview students at the Equal Justice Works Conference & Job Fair, to be held Oct. 27-28 at the Hilton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. To learn more, go to [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) — and register with Career Services as soon as you can.

## Experience Counts

If you’re interested in pursuing a career in public interest law, experience and desire can outweigh grades. Public interest employers always ask for candidates with a demonstrated commitment to public interest law work. The public interest community is tightly knit, and experience will help you get to know people and organizations. Being in the right place at the right time is the key to beginning a rewarding career in this field.

Unlike jobs in other fields, public interest opportunities cannot be predicted very far in advance. Being “in” with the organization gives you the advantage of being known as someone who can fill an opening when it arises, often as a volunteer.

Your resume suggests competence, but working with a particular organization demonstrates it. If you are passionate about an issue, having experience with related organizations can also assist in your development of expertise in the area. All in all, experience



## Help Habitat

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association is continuing work on its Habitat for Humanity house this weekend, and work will go on almost every weekend for the next two months. No construction experience is necessary to participate in this project, which will give you the chance to work elbow-to-elbow with practicing lawyers while helping a family build a much-needed home. To help, contact John Jopling at 372-4381 or [jdjop@earthlink.net](mailto:jdjop@earthlink.net) or Chris Tharp at [execdir@8jcba.org](mailto:execdir@8jcba.org).

helps you develop maturity, no matter what area of law you hope to pursue.

## Public Interest vs. Pro Bono

All pro bono is public interest, but not all public interest is pro bono. Public interest law is the field of law encompassing service to the people through non-profit organizations, government work, direct legal services and even policy and legislative work. Pro bono is legal work done in the public interest through volunteer efforts.

Volunteering for a law firm, while a valuable experience, is not pro bono in that it does not reach the larger goal of pro bono: bringing services to an underserved or under-represented individual or group. The UF Pro Bono Project offers local place-

ments that provide valuable experience in assisting with children’s issues, prisoners’ rights, and the general concerns of people with low income, including access to public benefits, landlord-tenant issues and more. There are also many other opportunities to do pro bono work in your hometown during breaks from school, or elsewhere. To participate in pro bono, see Jessie Howell Wallace in Career Services.

## Fellowships: During and After Law School

Historically, fellowships were designed only to provide law grads with employment for one or two years following graduation. Today, however, it is not uncommon to also find fellowships available to law students for summer or for a year-long program. These highly competitive *paid* fellowships are

funded through various sources and typically match law students or graduates with public service organizations or law school programs. Concentrations can include civil and human rights, legal services to the disadvantaged, children and women's issues, immigrants and immigration, innocence projects, farm workers, environmental and wilderness issues and much more. Deadlines for many fellowship opportunities occur during the fall.

To learn more, check out PSLawNet's "Fellowship Corner" at [www.pslawnet.org/](http://www.pslawnet.org/). This resource includes a calendar of fellowship application deadlines, a PDF version of Yale's *Fellowship Application Tips for 2005-2006* and *Fellowship and Grant Resources*, as well as Georgetown University's *Post Graduate International Fellowship Guide*.

## Discover IP Careers

Assistant Professor Elizabeth Rowe and Jeff Lloyd, of Saliwanchik, Lloyd & Saliwanchik of Gainesville, will present "Careers in Intellectual Property Law" at noon Tuesday, Oct. 4, in room 285C.

Rowe is a former partner and IP litigator with Boston-based Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr, and her research focuses on intellectual property and business issues, including areas such as theft of trade secrets in the workplace.

## Understanding Public Interest Law

Career Services and the Association for Public Interest Law are co-sponsoring "Understanding Public Interest Law Careers," Wednesday, Oct. 5, at noon in room 285B. Join several UF

alums, including Shelly Beach, an Americorp Fellow with Three Rivers Legal Services; Shelbi Day, an Equal Justice Works Fellow with Southern Legal Counsel; Andrea Costello, a staff attorney for Southern Legal Counsel; and Kristin Cooley, an Equal Justice Works Fellow with Florida Institutional Legal Services, as they speak about their work and career paths to their public interest law positions.

## One Quick Question

Come to have your one quick question answered on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the table outside of the former Media Center on the second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.



## 2004-05 Bar Results Released

Seventy-nine percent of UF law graduates taking the bar exam in July 2005 passed on their first attempt, according to numbers recently released by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

The pass rate for UF graduates was well over the 70.5 percent overall rate. It did represent a dip in the numbers for UF, which finished third among Florida law schools in the July test, behind Florida Coastal (81.9 percent) and the University of Miami (79.4 percent).

However, when the July numbers are combined with numbers from the February 2005 exam, UF has a total pass rate of 78.5 percent for the 2004-05 school year – the highest in the state. UF has been ranked first in annual pass rate for five out of the past seven years.

UF also did well on the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Exam, with 91.6 percent of first-time takers passing the test.

## Finding Balance in Life

BY NICOLE STERN,  
Resource Counselor

In order for anyone to feel a true sense of satisfaction with one's life, certain needs must be attended to first. If we spend too much time and energy in any one area, other areas become neglected and eventually remind us of their need for us to attend to them. They remind us of their existence in a number of ways. They may make us feel tired, sad, frustrated, irritable, hungry, lonely, jealous, bitter, anxious, obsessive, or generally



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dissatisfied with the way things are in our life.

Luckily, if we learn to listen to ourselves (body, mind, and spirit), we can figure out what it is we are neglecting, and we can attend to it. This can be done by simply pausing and opening ourselves up to "listening" to our instincts. Once we see what is wrong or out of balance, we can then figure out what can be done to nourish the part of ourselves that needs it most.

It can be helpful to talk to a good friend, family member, or professional counselor who will truly hear your concerns and help you figure out how to go about finding the balance you need to

succeed in your life overall. By paying attention to yourself and trusting that you can figure out what you need, you will be on your way to finding what balance is right for you.

Once you've found your sense of balance, it can be easier to find it again later when life has tipped its scales again, which is bound to happen. Things in life tend to ebb and flow. If we can learn to go with the flow (and ebb), we can travel more easily on our journey of life and take things in stride as we are faced with them. Again, it's important to learn the skill of trusting yourself and listening to your body, mind, and spirit.



# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Research Workshops This Week

Learn how to use secondary sources and digests in a series of legal research workshops this week. These classes, which meet at the library's reference desk, are useful both to 1Ls and to experienced students seeking to brush up on their research skills. The class schedule for this week is as follows:

### Secondary Sources

Monday, Oct. 3  
3-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4  
2:30-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5  
4-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6  
4-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9  
2-2:30 p.m.

### Finding Case Law

Monday, Oct. 3  
4-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4  
2-2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5  
2-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6  
2-2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9  
7-7:30 p.m.

The workshops will be limited to 10 students per session. Please sign up at the reference desk if you plan to attend.

If you have any comments or suggestions, e-mail Maryellen O'Brien, electronic services librarian, at [obrien@law.ufl.edu](mailto:obrien@law.ufl.edu).

## Attention Fall 2005 Graduates

Are you sure you've met all the requirements for graduation? If you aren't, arrange an appointment with Lori Smith, the law school's registrar, by calling 273-0620.

If you didn't get your senior photo taken last week, you have another chance Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5-6. To sign up for this make-up date, inquire in the Office of Student Affairs. Wear court attire for your session: if you wish to be photographed in regalia, schedule a second appointment.

If you don't have your regalia yet, Oct. 14 is the last day to order. Order forms are available in PDF format at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/resources/seniorinfo.shtml#form>.

Nov. 4 is the last day to submit your information for the commencement program. Please submit information even if you do not plan to walk.

Check future issues of *FlaLaw* for more information.

## War on Drugs?

Professor Joseph Spillane of UF's Department of Criminology, Law and Society will discuss the topic, "Is 'War' Just a Metaphor? Drugs, Policing, and Liberties in Historical Perspective," at noon Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Bailey Courtroom.

The event is part of the American Constitution Society's "Constitution in the 21st Century" speaker series.

## Chemerinsky to Speak on Campus



Duke University Law Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, nationally known for his involvement in several high-profile court battles, will speak at UF on Oct. 11.

Chemerinsky frequently argues appellate

cases, including many that have been heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. He recently argued *Lockyer v. Andrade*, a challenge to the application of California's three strikes law, on behalf of an individual who had been sentenced to 50 years to life in prison for stealing \$153 worth of videotapes.

Chemerinsky will come to UF as the guest of the American Constitution Society. For more details on his appearance here, check the next issue of *FlaLaw*.

## Learn About Employment Law

Professor Juan Perea will lead a roundtable discussion on careers in employment law today, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. in room 345. The event is sponsored by the Labor and Employment Law Society.

## IPTLA to Meet

The Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 5 p.m. in the faculty dining room. Food will be provided.

## Faculty Enrichment Speaker

Rebecca Tsosie, a law professor at Arizona State University, will present "Cultural Challenges to Biotechnology: Native Ameri-

can Genetic Materials and the Concept of Cultural Harm," in a faculty enrichment event at noon today, Oct. 3, in the faculty dining room.

## 'Throat' Showing Here

Before Mark Felt started whispering to reporters in parking garages, the words "Deep Throat" had an entirely different meaning. The documentary "Inside Deep Throat" tells the story of the movie that made porn mainstream, and examines its effect on popular culture and the law.

See the film Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the faculty dining room, courtesy of the Law Association for Women and the Entertainment and Sports Law Society.

# Professor Investigates Hurricane Missteps

Before Congress began its inquiry into the mistakes that turned Hurricane Katrina into one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, a University of Florida law professor led an investigation into the policy decisions that created a nightmare scenario in New Orleans.

Professor Alyson Flournoy, director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program, led a group of 17 legal and policy scholars in drafting “Unnatural Disaster,” a 56-page white paper that traces the post-storm fiasco to years of bad environmental, energy, and urban planning policy decisions. She presented the paper to the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives on Sept. 29.

“It’s clear that, in the days after the hurricane, government failed to do the job that people expected it to do,” Flournoy said. “But the disaster was also the result of years of bad policy choices. We, as a society, knew this was going to happen, and our failure to correct these problems is due to more than incompetence.”



Flournoy

Flournoy is a member of the Center for Progressive Reform, a policy think tank that addresses environmental, health and safety policy issues. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, she and other scholars affiliated with CPR recognized a need for a research project that would help identify the policy failures that



Photo Courtesy of NASA

led to the chaos in New Orleans.

The report identified key questions needing investigation, including:

- Did the loss of wetlands in southern Louisiana rob the city of natural protection from flooding?
  - Why did the Army Corps of Engineers fail to plan to protect the city from anything stronger than a Category 3 hurricane? (Katrina made landfall as a Category 4).
  - Did elimination of funding sources for the Superfund law contribute to toxic contamination of the floodwaters in the city — and will this impair clean-up efforts?
  - Did inadequate enforcement of environmental rules on the storage of petroleum products contribute to pollution in those floodwaters?
  - Did downsizing, privatization and decentralization at the Federal Emergency Management Agency lead to an agency unable to respond to an emergency?
- Did depletion of the National Guard by the war in Iraq impair Louisiana’s ability to respond to the storm?
  - Did the failure to adopt policies that would reduce our dependence on foreign oil leave the nation vulnerable to economic disruption as a result of Gulf hurricanes?

Little more than a month has passed since Katrina came ashore — seemingly little time to conduct a scholarly study. Even so, Flournoy notes, the CPR white paper draws largely on extensive research done before the hurricane hit — studies and papers that warned about the potential for disaster well in advance.

“Compiling this white paper on such short notice has been a major undertaking,” Flournoy said. “But many of us had worked on issues that came to the forefront in the wake of Katrina, and knew these issues needed to be addressed.”

The full report is at [www.progressivereform.org/Unnatural\\_Disaster\\_512.pdf](http://www.progressivereform.org/Unnatural_Disaster_512.pdf).

## Loans for Bar Exam Expenses

A number of private companies will make bar exam loans to students in their final year of law school. These loans can be used for living expenses while studying for the bar, exam prep classes and other bar-related expenses. You may borrow as little as \$1,000 or as much as \$11,000. Contact the lenders directly at:

Access Group  
800 282-1550  
[www.Accessgroup.org](http://www.Accessgroup.org)

Key Education Resources  
800 539-5363  
[www.Key.com/educate/grad](http://www.Key.com/educate/grad)

LawLoans  
800 984-0190  
[www.Salliemae.com](http://www.Salliemae.com)

## Please Don’t Smoke at Law School

Smoking is prohibited in law school facilities or within 50 feet of law school buildings. This includes the courtyard and walkways between buildings.

If you do smoke outside the law school, please choose a spot outside of areas non-smokers must pass to enter or exit buildings. This is more than an aesthetic concern: cigarette smoke can cause serious problems for people with allergies and other health issues.



# PEOPLE SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES



Davis



Dowd



Woodhouse



Peterson



Wright



Rowe



Tritt



Nicholas

## Scholarship & Activities

Professor **Jeffrey Davis** spoke to 300 lawyers at a seminar in Orlando sponsored by the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association on Sept. 23. His topic was “Traversing the Maze of Exemptions Under the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005.”

Chesterfield Smith Professor **Nancy Dowd** presented her paper, “Right from the Start: Parentage and Nurture from Birth,” at the Reforming Parenting Laws Conference at the College of William and Mary Oct. 1. Center on Children and Families Director **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse** was a commentator at the conference. Both professors’ papers will appear in the *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*.

Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson** delivered a

speech on “Disclosure of Risk Information and the Informed Consent Doctrine: A Legal Perspective” at the Southeast Eye Specialists Contemporary Topics Lecture Series in Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 26.

Professor **Danaya Wright** presented a paper on the topic of gender-relevant legislation in 19th-Century Anglo-American contexts at a workshop at Harvard Law School’s Islamic Legal Studies Program on Oct. 1-2.

## In the News

Assistant Professor **Elizabeth Rowe** was quoted in a Sept. 15 *Independent Florida Alligator* story about a potential lawsuit against BOWLS, a Gainesville café that sells cereal. Seattle-based Cereality, a similar business which has a patent pending on its business method, is reportedly considering a lawsuit against BOWLS.

Assistant Professor **Lee-ford Tritt** was quoted in a Sept. 28 *Gainesville Sun* story on the effects New Orleans refugees have had on Gainesville’s culture and economy. Tritt scheduled makeup classes for Louisiana students after transfers from Tulane and Loyola swelled the numbers in his estates and trusts class.

Affiliate Professor **James Nicholas** was quoted in a Sept. 28 *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* story about an attempt to raise construction fees in Palm Beach County.

Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson** was quoted in a Sept. 28 *San Diego Union-Tribune* story on new federal rules that allow credit card companies to increase the minimum payments customers must make on their monthly balances. Peterson said the change would likely lead more card-holders to turn to high-interest payday loans.

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gets taken,” Wolf said. “That’s why it’s so upsetting to hear people describing Kelo as ‘judicial activism.’”

Wolf is inviting some of the nation’s most respected scholars on property rights to take up both sides of the debate at the symposium. Speakers include:

- James E. Krier, Earl Warren Delano Professor of Law at the University of Michigan
- Nicole Stelle Garnett, a Lilly Endowment Associate, Professor of Law at Notre Dame University and a former attorney for the Institute for Justice, which represented the

homeowners in *Kelo*

- Eduardo M. Peñalver, Associate Professor of Law at Fordham University
- Douglas M. Kmiec, Caruso Family Chair in Constitutional Law at Pepperdine University
- Mark Fenster, Associate Professor at UF’s Levin College of Law

Also featured in the program are several experts on Florida eminent domain law.

The event is free upon registration to all UF law faculty and students. For others, registration

is \$50, and includes all program activities. The conference is worth 7.5 general CLE credits. To attend, you must register by Nov. 11. For more information, contact Director of Conference Planning Barbara DeVoe at (352) 273-0615 or devoe@law.ufl.edu.

The symposium is held in honor of Richard E. Nelson – who served with distinction as Sarasota County attorney for 30 years – and Jane Nelson. The Nelsons, both UF alumni, gave more than \$1 million to establish the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, which sponsors the event.

# Why Wait? Practice Law Now in Clinics

It's never too early to start thinking about taking a clinic in your third year of law school. Among other benefits, most clinics allow you to become a Certified Legal Intern (CLI), which gives you the right to actually practice law under the supervision of a faculty member. CLI status can be extended to allow a student to practice law after graduation and before being admitted to the Bar if employed by a state attorney's office, public defender, city government or legal services office. Students graduating with CLI status are highly sought after by public employers, and CLI could mean the difference between being hired to start working immediately after graduation or waiting until your Bar results.

If you are interested in applying for a Spring 2006 clinic, now is the time to act. **Applications are available on the Student Affairs website as of today, Oct. 3, and must be turned in to Student Affairs by 5 p.m., Oct. 17.** Selections will be announced Oct. 21. If you want to learn more about the clinics, **a workshop will be held today, Oct. 3, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom**, to explain both clinics and simulation skills courses.

Here is a glimpse of what UF's clinics have to offer:

The **Pro Se/Unbundling Clinic** allows students to give advice and counsel to litigants representing themselves in family court. This is a two-semester sequence; a three-credit preparation class the first semester, followed by the six-credit clinic the second. For more information, contact Peggy Schrieber at [schriebe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:schriebe@law.ufl.edu) or 100B in the Clinic Suite.

Students enrolled in the **Virgil**



**Pictured here are two students working in the law school's Pro Se/Unbundling Clinic. Clinics give you the chance to experience the practice of law before graduation: applications are being accepted this week.**

**Hawkins Full Representation Clinic** represent clients primarily in family law cases. Students fully represent clients from the initial interview through non-jury trial. This is a one-semester, nine-credit course. For more information, contact Jeff Grater at [grater@law.ufl.edu](mailto:grater@law.ufl.edu) or 100D in the Clinic Suite.

Students enrolled in the **Gator TeamChild** juvenile advocacy clinic provide free legal services to indigent children. This is a two-semester sequence; a three-credit preparation class the first semester, followed by the six-credit clinic. For more information, contact Claudia Wright at [wright@law.ufl.edu](mailto:wright@law.ufl.edu) or 105K in the Clinic Suite.

The **Child Welfare Clinic** allows students to provide advice, interpretations and representation for a multi-disciplinary team of doctors, nurses and psychologists responsible for investigating and evaluating the most complex cases of child abuse and neglect in an eight-county area. This is a two-semester sequence, for a total of nine credits. For more informa-

tion, contact Monique Haughton Worrell at [haughton@law.ufl.edu](mailto:haughton@law.ufl.edu) or 341 Holland Hall.

Students in the **Criminal Clinic** work in either the State Attorney's Office or the Public Defender's Office. Students have their own caseload. This is a one-semester, six-credit course. For more information, contact Colleen Flanagan at [flanagan@law.ufl.edu](mailto:flanagan@law.ufl.edu) or in the Clinic Suite.

Through the **Conservation Clinic**, students work in teams with clients in the governmental, non-governmental and private sector to advance local, state, national and international conservation objectives. This is a maximum two-semester course, worth three credits per semester. CLI certification is not part of this clinic.

The **Mediation Clinic** allows students to observe and co-mediate disputes in county court. CLI certification is not part of this clinic, but students become certified county court mediators. This clinic is worth six credit hours.

## Interested in Being a CLI? Apply to Bar Early

There are some important proposed changes to The Florida Bar's Student Practice Rule that make it critical to apply for Bar admission during your first 180 days of law school if you intend to become a Certified Legal Intern.

Previously, you could become a CLI simply by filling out an application that was mailed by the clinic to the Florida Supreme Court.

Under the proposed new rule, anyone hoping to become a CLI must be an applicant to the Bar, and **must have their letter of initial clearance as to character and fitness.** The clearance process can take six months or more, so it is important that you apply for admission early.

For more information about the Student Practice Rule and the proposed changes, contact Peggy Schrieber at [schriebe@law.ufl.edu](mailto:schriebe@law.ufl.edu) or 100B in the Clinic Suite (105 Bruton Geer), or Linda Calvert Hanson at [hansonl@law.ufl.edu](mailto:hansonl@law.ufl.edu) or in Career Services (244 Bruton Geer).

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# Law Professors Celebrate Constitution

BY NATASHA CRESPO (2L)

UF professors and state officials came together to discuss and celebrate the U.S. Constitution at the inaugural Constitution Day panel discussion, held Sept. 21 in the Grand Reading Room in Smathers Library East.



Baldwin

UF law faculty, including Chesterfield Smith Professor



Slobogin

**Fletcher Baldwin**, Irving Cypen Professor **Sharon Rush**, Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher**

**Slobogin** and Affiliate Professor **Elizabeth Dale**, joined State Representatives Larry Cretul and Ed Jennings in a panel discussion about the simplicity and flexibility that make America's founding document the oldest

written constitution still in use.

"It is a living document because we have judicial review," said Slobogin. "Many world constitutions can't be enforced, but ours can be interpreted and kept up to date."

The Constitution's flexibility, panel members said, has allowed the document to win the trust of groups who were originally disenfranchised in America

— people besides the white, male, Protestant landowners represented at the Constitutional Convention.

"Women, African Americans and other minorities didn't have rights in the original Constitution," said Jennings. "In most other places, that would have led to revolt and the creation of a new document. But here the people had faith in the Consti-

tution and believed...that the country they lived in would apply those rights to them."

It would have been politically impossible to grant those rights to everyone in the Framers' time, Jennings said. The beauty of the Constitution, he said, is its ability to adapt and be interpreted throughout the ages.

With the appointment of the new justices to the Supreme Court, a new era is emerging, panel members noted. It is possible that the new court may revisit former decisions. More explicit attention is being paid to political views as they may play a part in analyzing former split decisions, panel members said.

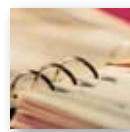
"The office of justice is becoming more politicized," said Slobogin.



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## CALENDAR

### October

3 **Clinics and Simulation Skills Courses Informational Meeting**, noon, Bailey Courtroom

**Faculty Enrichment: Rebecca Tsosie**, noon, faculty dining room

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

**Careers in Employment Law**, 6 p.m., room 345

4 **Careers in Intellectual Property Law**, noon, room 285C

**Is War Just a Metaphor: Drugs, Policing and Liberties in Historical Perspective**, noon, Bailey Courtroom

5 **Understanding Public Interest Law**, noon, 285B

**Inside Deep Throat**, 5 p.m., faculty dining room

6 **Dean's Town Hall Meeting**, 1 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

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

**IPTLA Meeting**, 5 p.m., faculty dining room

7 **Day Before Homecoming; Law School Closes at 1 p.m.**