

## Regional Victory for Moot Court Team

For the second year in a row, the University of Florida's Moot Court team has captured first place in the Thomas Tang Southeastern Regional Moot Court Competition.

Team members Chris Carmody (3L) and Anne Zerbe (3L) defeated a team from George Washington University to win the competition, which drew teams from law schools around the Southeast. The pair will travel to Chicago in early November to compete for the national title.

Competitors were asked to argue a hypothetical appeal regarding a man charged with unlawful possession of firearms and government documents after a police officer found a sub-machine gun and blueprints for an Aegis-class naval cruiser in his car. The officer searched the car after arresting the man on drug charges – though the defendant was on foot, about to enter the car, at the time of that arrest.

"The case raised some interesting Fourth and Fifth Amendment issues," Carmody said.

UF students Kimberly Lorenz (3L) and Amy Fletcher (3L) also

competed in the event. The two UF teams actually competed against each other at one point in the contest, after schedules

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### Judges praised UF's trial advocacy program.

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were adjusted to make up for the hurricane-related withdrawal of the Tulane team.

After the UF teams competed against each other, Carmody said, the judges "commented on how UF always seems to do well in these competitions."

Carmody and Zerbe were coached by Alissa Lugo (2L), Elizabeth Paulk (3L) and Marty Fulgueira (3L). Lorenz and Fletcher were coached by Natalia Medina (2L), Gina Civin (2L) and Valerie Brennan (3L).

UF's moot court team will compete in two other competitions this semester. Ajda Demirdoken (3L), Brady Ward

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### Am I On?

Chris Carmody (3L) prepares to film a parody newscast to be played at Gator Growl, UF's Homecoming pep rally. For more on the integral role law students played in UF's Homecoming festivities, see page 5.



### Chemerinsky to Speak Tuesday

Duke University Law Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, nationally known for his involvement in several high-profile court battles, will speak at a meeting of the American Constitution Society at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, in room 180A.

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.

### Apply Today for Spring 2006 Clinics

Today, Oct. 10, is the last day to apply for a Spring 2006 position in one of UF's clinical programs. Applications are available on the Student Affairs website and must be completed and returned to the Student Affairs office by 5 p.m. Selections will be announced by 5 p.m. Oct 17.

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# CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

## 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.

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

## Federal Employment: Pros and Cons

When you think about the career paths available to you with a law degree, you may want to consider working for the federal government. There are plenty of good reasons why a federal job is a good way to begin a legal career.

First of all, the federal government is a **very large employer**. The Department of Justice employs more than 8,000 lawyers, while the Defense and Treasury departments employ about 2,500 attorneys each. Many other departments hire attorneys as well.

The government is facing a **looming retirement boom**. Older workers make up more than half of the federal government work force, with many employees – particularly those in specialized professions such as the law – scheduled to “age out” in coming years.

**Work experience** in a federal agency provides a solid career path toward future employment within law firms and the corporate world. If you wish, for instance, to be an immigration lawyer, the experiences and contacts you acquire while working for the Immigration and Naturalization Service could prove invaluable.

Entry-level government lawyers typically are given **greater responsibility** in handling a case load and trying cases much earlier than a new associate in a private firm – who could still be doing research and writing memos.



Government work also fulfills a strong desire to **serve the public**.

The federal government offers work in a **wide variety of locations**. A sizable number of positions are located in Washington, D.C., but 88 percent are in other large cities with regional offices.

While starting salaries tend to be lower than in the private sector, federal employment offers **attractive benefit packages** that include student loan repayment assistance plans, flextime, retirement pensions and a more predictable work schedule.

A government position offers **job security**. Even in an economic downturn, your job is protected.

## Challenging Job Market

However, there are a few challenges to finding a federal government job. Federal employers are **less likely to interview on campus**, though

a number participate in Equal Justice Works and other job fairs.

**Decentralized hiring** means that each agency hires separately and lists openings in different places, so it can be difficult to locate openings.

Attorney positions in the federal government are in the **“excepted service,”** usually found under an appointment called “Schedule A.” These positions are not covered by regular civil service hiring procedures. Agencies may hire for attorney positions directly, outside of the Office for Personnel Management (OPM).

A rigid **bureaucratic process** requires strict adherence to procedure in completing appropriate forms and meeting deadlines.

Stop by the Center for Career Services for more information about opportunities in the federal government.

## Federal Opportunities Guide

The National Association for Law Placement has released its 2005-06 *Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide*. The guide is now available in PDF format at [http://www.nalp.org/assets/190\\_fedemplguide2005.pdf](http://www.nalp.org/assets/190_fedemplguide2005.pdf). Prepared in collaboration with the Partnership for Public Service and the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, this guide is a comprehensive source of information on federal departments and agencies as well as the federal government hiring process.

## Upcoming Federal Hiring Deadlines

### October 14

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chief Counsel's Civilian Honors Program for 3Ls
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Honor Law Graduate Program for 3Ls & LL.M.s
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Presidential Management Fellows Program for 3Ls

### October 17

- U.S. Department of Labor, Honors Program for the Office of the Solicitor for 3Ls and LL.M.s

### October 31

- General Accounting Office, Summer Intern Program for 2Ls
- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (ERISA), Attorney Honors Program for 3Ls & Summer Law Clerk Program for 2Ls

## CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS

### Practice Family Law

Join the Center for Career Services and the Family Law Society for "Practicing Family Law" with Professor Barbara Woodhouse and Stephanie Mack (JD 03), family law practitioner in the law offices of Stephen K. Miller, P.A., on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at noon in 285D. Come learn about different areas of family law practice, career paths to make yourself more marketable in this area, and the types of issues dealt with on a daily basis.

### The Final Mile

Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson and Interim Assistant Dean Jennifer Cope will guide you through the Florida Board of Bar Examiners application process in "Preparing for the Final Mile, Part 1: the Bar Application Process," at noon Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Bailey Courtroom. Remember: in addition to the financial incentive for filing

early, you need to be cleared by the FBBE before you can work as a Certified Legal Intern. The first in a two-part series of programs that address the final details you need to complete before graduation, this program is co-sponsored by Career Services, Student Affairs and the Black Law Students Association.

### Just Ask

Career Services staff will be available for "One Quick Question," Thursday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 – noon outside the former Media Center on the second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.

### Coming Next Week

- **Career Opportunities with the FBI**, noon, Oct. 18, faculty dining room.
- **Preparing for the Final Mile: Part II, Complete the Application and Prepare for the Bar**, noon, Oct. 19, Bailey Courtroom.

## Symplicity: Not Just for OCI

Every day, the Center for Career Services receives job listings – full time, part time, summer and entry level – from many types of employers. These openings are all posted in UF's job bank in Symplicity. To view these listings, log in to your Symplicity account and choose the "jobs/internships" tab. You can search postings by geographic area, practice area and hiring criteria. Remember, the narrower your search, the fewer firms that will meet your criteria. Try searching under just your class year for a complete listing of available opportunities.



## Breakfast with the Dean

If you are interested in attending "Breakfast with the Dean" on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 8 a.m. in the faculty dining room, RSVP to [robinsone@law.ufl.edu](mailto:robinsone@law.ufl.edu).

This is your opportunity to discuss any concerns, ask questions or share ideas with Dean Robert Jerry.

## 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.



## 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)



# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Lambda on Family

Lambda Legal Alliance will host a lecture by Karen Doering, attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, on marriage and adoption in a “post 11-2” world on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Doering will discuss the legal and political atmosphere in the wake of the Nov. 2, 2004, elections, in which 11 states passed measures banning gay marriage. Food will be available before the event, starting at 11:45 a.m.

## SALSA at Emiliano’s

The Spanish American Law Students Association will host a meeting Oct. 12 at Emiliano’s Restaurant downtown at 7 p.m.

## JTLP Deadline Approaches

Students who intend to compete in the *Journal of Technology Law and Policy* Write-On Competition must submit their topic sheets by Wednesday, Oct. 12. Topic sheets should be dropped off in the editor-in-chief’s mailbox in the *Journal* offices or emailed to [uf\\_jtlp@yahoo.com](mailto:uf_jtlp@yahoo.com).

## International Law Breakfasts

The International Law Society hosts breakfasts – with discussions on international law topics – every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the faculty dining room. On Oct. 13, the breakfast will feature Associate Professor Cally Jordan, who will speak on the subject of gender and the practice of international law. Next Thursday, Oct. 20, the group will

host Assistant Professor Elizabeth Rowe, who will discuss international intellectual property law. Seating is open to all law students on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up on the ILS Westlaw TWEN site.

## JMBA to Meet

The John Marshall Bar Association will meet at noon Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the faculty dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## LAW Auction Next Week

The Law Association for Women will hold its annual silent auction Oct. 18-20 in the law school courtyard. Students, faculty and staff will be able to bid on a variety of valuable items, including a half-course of BarBri, gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants, and outings with professors including Christopher Slobogin, Alyson Flournoy and Mark Fenster. Proceeds will go to Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network and to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

## Cabinet Applications Due

Applications for assistant director positions within the Graduate-Professional Student Affairs Cabinet are available in Student Affairs, and are due Oct. 12. For more information, contact Alex Hadjiligiou, [hadjil31@ufl.edu](mailto:hadjil31@ufl.edu).

## Katrina Funds Still Coming

Students at the Levin College of Law are continuing their efforts to raise money to benefit

those displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The John Marshall Bar Association raised \$560 during its “Lunch with a Purpose” event in late September. The Trial Team will donate \$480 – money it raised through sales of tryout packets – to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The American Bar Association-Law Student Division raised more than \$300 through its field day Sept. 26. Those totals are in addition to the \$2,270 raised during last month’s “Party with a Purpose” fundraiser, sponsored by several student groups.

## ETELS Raises Alzheimer’s Funds

The Estates Trusts and Elder Law Society participated in the Alzheimer’s Association’s Gainesville Memory Walk, held Oct. 2. With the help of family, friends, faculty and alumni, the ETELS team raised over \$450 to help local families affected by Alzheimer’s disease.

## Learn About Environmental Law

Learn more about the Environmental and Land Use Law Program at an informational meeting Oct. 19 at noon in room 285D. The meeting will provide details about the ELULP curriculum, as well as the Conservation Clinic, summer externships and opportunities to study abroad in Costa Rica. Students will have the chance to meet and talk with some of the ELULP faculty. This is a mandatory meeting for all students currently enrolled in the program.



**Florida Blue Key Treasurer Lauren Fackender (2L) films the parody news program that was played between acts at this year's Gator Growl. Once again, this year's Homecoming events were organized largely by law students.**

## Law Students Organize Homecoming

To people in Gainesville, the word "Homecoming" carries all sorts of meanings. A huge party. A shorter school week, with less time to study. A game you can't afford to lose.

To Brian Roof (2L), Homecoming is all that and a great deal more. Roof is president of Florida Blue Key, the group founded to organize the events surrounding the big game. For decades, FBK has been charged with putting together UF's beloved homecoming parade, managing the world's largest pep rally, hosting a banquet for alumni and other duties.

This year – as happens often – the group is run largely by law students. Roof is in his second year as president of FBK, and Vice President Chris Carmody (3L), Treasurer Lauren Fackender (2L) and Secretary Cecily MacLeod (2L) all hail from the Levin College of Law. For the past few weeks, they have been working around the clock to balance their studies with their

Homecoming responsibilities.

"The phones have been ringing off the hook this week," Roof said in an interview from the FBK offices a few days before the game. "We have people calling non-stop for tickets to Gator Growl, and we've been inundated with questions about the parade."

Roof said he typically spends the week before Homecoming dealing with last-minute crises. This year, for instance, an eleventh-hour problem with insurance policies almost kept the group from getting the portable buildings it uses as headquarters for Gator Growl.

By last week, one of the group's toughest jobs – the nationwide search for a comic to perform at the Growl – was already done. The group chose improv virtuoso Wayne Brady to headline the show.

"We wanted to find someone people know and like, but we also wanted someone with an unusual take on comedy," Roof said.

FBK advises comics to "keep it

PG-13," but Roof acknowledges that, in the past, some acts have ventured into material that is a little more racy than the group expected.

"We do our best to keep it clean, but in a crowd of thousands, you're always going to have at least a few people who find something offensive," Roof said.

Roof and other FBK officers were also part of the show: Fackender and Carmody appeared in a pre-recorded comedy newscast shown between acts. Roof and others appeared in a skit described as a "self-parody" of Florida Blue Key.

After the show, Blue Key's law-student organizers will get back to business as usual – which means studying round-the-clock to make up for material they missed in the weeks before Homecoming.

"I wish I could say we all had a chance to relax after Homecoming is over," Roof said. "But I don't see that happening for a few weeks at least."



### Keep Library Clean

The staff of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center would like to thank all who use the center for helping keep this beautiful new space clean and food-free.

The library hosts many visitors, including potential employers, donors who helped make the new furnishings possible, prospective fellow students, and other UF faculty and students. Their first impression can have a lasting impact on their view of the law school and our community. Keeping the center clean also helps the law school extend the use of the library for years to come. Please remember not to bring food or beverages other than water into the library when you study.



# PEOPLE

SCHOLARSHIP  
& ACTIVITIES



Klein



Peterson



Wolf



Dowd



Lidsky



Rush



Davis

## Scholarship & Activities

Professor **Christine Klein** published “On Integrity: Some Considerations for Water Law,” 56 *Alabama L. Rev.* 1009 (2005).

Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson** testified at an administrative policy hearing held by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Washington, D.C. headquarters Sept. 29. The title of the meeting was “Affordable, Responsible Short-Term Credit,” and Peterson spoke on debt problems and solutions for military borrowers. Peterson presented his article “Predatory Lending and the Military: The Law and Geography of ‘Payday’ Loans in Military Towns,” at the faculty enrichment series at Florida State University Oct. 3.

## In the News

Continued change at the U.S. Supreme Court kept several

UF law professors in the media spotlight in late September and early October. Richard E. Nelson Professor **Michael Allan Wolf** appeared on WCJB-TV on Sept. 29, explaining to viewers the significance of John Roberts’ confirmation as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

On Oct. 3, Chesterfield Smith Professor **Nancy Dowd** did a similar interview at the studios of WUFT-TV, discussing the appointment of White House Counsel Harriet Miers to fill the seat left open by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. Associate Dean for Faculty Development **Lyrrisa Lidsky** was interviewed by AM 850 shortly after the announcement of Miers appointment on Oct. 3.

Much of the early coverage of the Miers appointment focused on the candidate’s lack of judicial experience. Wolf and Irving Cypen Professor **Sharon Rush**

both told *The Gainesville Sun*, in an Oct. 4 story on the appointment, that the Constitution doesn’t require a Justice to be a judge – or even a lawyer, for that matter. In the early days of American independence, Wolf noted, there was no uniform definition of what it meant to be a lawyer. Rush commented that “a personality type that makes one open-minded and reflective” is as important as judicial experience. Rush also commented on the Miers nomination for AM 850 on Oct. 3.

In other news, Professor **Jeffrey Davis** was quoted in an Oct. 2 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* article on Rod Khleif, a Casey Key landlord accused by his tenants of defaulting on “lease-purchase” contracts that would allow them to buy homes they are now renting. Davis called Khleif’s practices “wide-ranging abuse.”

## Moot Court from Page 1

(3L), Isaac Wannos (3L), and Joe Darr (3L) will compete in the San Diego Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition later this month. The team also will send Christine Fuqua and Jarrett Deluca to compete in the Florida-Georgia Annual Battle in Jacksonville. These competitions provide students an excellent opportunity to hone their advocacy skills in a realistic setting while at the same time dealing with important legal issues.

All third- and fourth-semester students are encouraged to try out for Moot Court. For more information, go to [www.ufmootcourt.org](http://www.ufmootcourt.org).



The winners of the Tang Moot Court Competition pose with the judges of the contest. Shown here are (from left) U.S. District Court Judge William S. Duffey, Chris Carmody (3L), Ann Zerbe (3L), Georgia Supreme Court Justice P. Harris Hines, Georgia Supreme Court Justice Carol Hunstein, and Will Wang of the National Asian/Pacific American Bar Association.

# Get Involved in Family, Child Law

Want to get involved in a fast-growing field of law? Want to study under UF professors who are doing cutting-edge research in their field? You may want to consider the law school's Family Law Certificate Program.

Faculty and staff of the certificate program will hold an **orientation and informational meeting at noon Oct. 17** in the Bailey Courtroom to introduce you to this dynamic program. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Debbie Willis at [Kelley@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Kelley@law.ufl.edu) by Oct. 13.

With the increasing complexity of divorce law and children's law and the rise of the nontraditional family, family law is one of the fastest growing legal specialties – and one of the most complex. Practitioners and judges have expressed a need for better training of family advocates in areas such as child development, the economics of the family, negotiation and drafting, and courtroom advocacy for families and children. Graduates with a family law certificate from UF are particularly well equipped to meet those needs.

Faculty of the program were instrumental in helping the state of Florida establish its Unified Family Court system, designed to handle all family, juvenile and delinquency matters. They regularly submit amicus briefs in high-profile court cases involving children and families, including recent U.S. Supreme Court cases regarding gay adoption and the juvenile death penalty. And they are working with the First Star Foundation to establish a Multi-disciplinary Center of Excellence that will train lawyers, doctors,



law enforcement officers and others in dealing with children in the legal system.

Faculty will guide students through a course of study that involves both clinical and classroom experiences, with each course building on the last.

**What:** Family Law Certificate Program Informational Meeting

**When:** Noon, Oct. 17

**Where:** Bailey Courtroom

**RSVP by Oct. 13 to**  
**[kelley@law.ufl.edu](mailto:kelley@law.ufl.edu)**

Students must meet certain basic academic requirements to obtain a certificate, although students who enroll are counseled on an individualized basis regarding course selection, requirements and career focus. Basic requirements include:

- students who entered the college of law after the program was initiated (Fall 2002), must complete eight additional credits to the normal 88 for

graduation (total of 96)

- completion of 20 or more credits (of the 96) in designated courses, with at least 15 of those credits receiving the equivalent of an average of 3.0 or better
- completion of a writing project such as a seminar paper or equivalent written work product in a topic related to the student's field of specific interest.

Students follow a curriculum divided into three core requirements and a menu of elective courses and seminars. To complete the core requirements, a student would take one or more courses from each of Core I (Fundamentals), Core II (Advanced Principles) and Core III (Practice-Based Learning).

The balance of the required 20 credits can be earned in seminars, elective courses or independent study. Family Law Certificate students have registration priority in family law-related courses.

## 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 a 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).

## College of Law Administration

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## Send Us Your News

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# Estates and Trusts Careers Highlighted

Lee-ford Tritt likes to joke that, as a trusts and estates (or T&E) lawyer, he counseled his clients to die "bankrupt" – so they could avoid estate taxes and will contests.

Tritt, in his first semester as an assistant professor at the Levin College of Law, gave students an overview of T&E career opportunities in a Sept. 29 workshop co-sponsored by the Center for Career Services and the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society.

Law students often think of T&E lawyers as people who spend most of their time working on will forms. Tritt disagrees, saying the profession requires a "Renaissance-type" personality and education. Lawyers in this field are counselors in both a legal and personal sense, he said, and serve their client's family members at every stage of life – from birth to death. Beyond estate planning, T&E lawyers advise individuals and corporate fiduciaries regarding comprehensive wealth management and wealth protection, admin-

istration of trusts and estates, tax matters, charitable giving and governance of non-profit organizations. Tritt said T&E lawyers need excellent drafting, reasoning, organizational and personal skills – and an ability to be discreet doesn't hurt.

A concentration in T&E can open a number of doors to a law school graduate, Tritt said.

In addition to providing traditional private client services, T&E lawyers are well equipped to oversee matters related to charitable giving for non-profit organizations, work in fundraising and development capacities, work as in-house advisors for banks and trust companies, and serve many other roles.

To prepare, enter the field, and excel in a T&E practice, Tritt recommended joining T&E-oriented organizations and bar sections, attending CLEs and bar association meetings, and engaging in

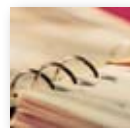
informational interviews with T&E lawyers. Several upcoming opportunities at the law school will allow students to gain practical knowledge, experience and connections.

The Mary Moers Wenig 2006 Student Writing Competition, sponsored by the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) gives students the chance to transform their interest in T&E law into cash and an opportunity to have their writing published. Open to both J.D. and LL.M. students, the contest will award \$5,000 and publication in the *ACTEC Journal* for the first prize essay. Submissions must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2006.

Students should also take advantage of an extraordinary opportunity to meet attorneys in January, when the Hecklerling Institute will be held at the University of Miami. The Levin College of Law is hosting an alumni reception in Miami the week the institute is being held.



Tritt



## CALENDAR

### October

11 **Practicing Family Law**, noon, room 285D

**ACS Meeting with Erwin Chemerinsky**, 2 p.m., room 180A

**Lambda Legal Alliance: Marriage and Adoption in a Post 11-2 World**, noon, Bailey Courtroom

12 **Preparing for the Final Mile, Part 1: The Bar Application Process**, noon, Bailey Courtroom

**JMBA Meeting**, noon, faculty dining room

**SALSA Meeting**, 7 p.m., Emiliano's Restaurant

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

**International Law Society Breakfast w/ Prof. Cally Jordan**, 10 a.m., faculty dining room

17 **Family Law Certificate Program Informational Meeting**, noon, Bailey Courtroom

19 **Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program Informational Meeting**, noon, room 285D