

## Panel to Discuss Federal Courts, Nomination Process

Judges and law professors will discuss federal judicial nominations and the confirmation process in the Fall 2005 *Florida Law Review* Panel Discussion held Friday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom.

Panelists include Judge Gerald Tjoflat of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Stephan Mickle of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Dean Emeritus Jon Mills and Professor Sharon Rush. Associate Dean Lyriisa Lidsky will moderate the discussion.

"In light of the recent controversy surrounding the withdrawal of Harriet Miers and the nomination of Samuel Alito, this discussion will be extremely timely," said Monica Vila, editor-in-chief of the *Review*.

Panelists will discuss various aspects of the judicial nomination and confirmation process, including the Senate's role in Miers' withdrawal, the shortcomings of the system, how the federal system compares to the Florida judicial nomination system, and the Alito nomination.

The event is free and open to the public. If you have questions for the panelists, you can submit them in advance to [Review8@law.ufl.edu](mailto:Review8@law.ufl.edu).



Moot Court Team member Oshia Gainer presents her case to current and former members of the Florida Supreme Court in the Final Four Competition, held Nov. 4 in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom.

## Judges Weigh Final Four

Current and former justices of the Florida Supreme Court were on hand to judge the UF Moot Court Team's Final Four Competition Nov. 4, as competitors argued a problem with a distinctly post-Sept. 11 flavor.

Respondents Brad Barrios and John Rains IV won Best Team in the competition, debating petitioners Oshia Gainer and Laura Post. Jason Hawkins acted as alternate for both teams. Rains was named the team's best advocate.

Students, faculty and staff packed the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom to see the

competition, which was judged by four sitting members of the Florida Supreme Court (Chief Justice Barbara Pariente and Justices Harry Lee Anstead, Charles T. Wells and Raoul Cantero), two former justices (Parker Lee MacDonald and Ben Overton) and District Court Judge Fred Hazouri.

"It's a great honor to have so many members of the Supreme Court regularly appearing at this event," said Moot Court Team President Chris Carmody. "This is something you typically see only at national competitions, but we've been fortunate enough

to regularly host most or all of the justices during Final Four."

Carmody said that despite their prominent positions, the justices were quite accomodating.

"It's like having a rock concert, without all the rock star egos," he said.

The problem in the case involved a 17-year-old suspect who was arrested in connection with the terrorist bombing of a bus. The suspect invoked his right to counsel, but spoke to investigators, without a lawyer present, after being presented with a charging statement which

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# CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

## Graduating in December...

... and have yet to accept an offer? Have questions about employment options? Schedule an appointment as soon as possible with an attorney counselor in Career Services. They can help you explore the career paths available to you.

## Clerk in the Garden State

The Center for Career Services now has information on 480 one-year judicial clerkship openings in New Jersey for the 2006-2007 court term. These positions do not require New Jersey residency or membership in the New Jersey Bar.

Applications must be received by Dec. 31 for inclusion in the resume book (you can also apply to the justices or judges directly).

Additional information is on the web at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/jobs/j050427g.pdf>.

## New Jersey Fellowship

Applications are being accepted, on a rolling basis, for paid Public Interest Legal Fellowships in New Jersey for Summer 2006. Early applications are recommended. Find out more at [www.lsnj.org](http://www.lsnj.org).

## Clerking to the Top: Supreme Court Positions

How would you like to be the first UF law alum to clerk for the United States Supreme Court? Only a handful of the best and brightest lawyers around the country have achieved this honor (Professor Barbara Woodhouse is among them), and it's only a matter of time before a UF graduate gets the nod. The Center for Career Services is ready to help talented, well-qualified alums pursue this goal.

While each Supreme Court justice has a highly individualized approach to selecting clerks, there are a few common factors applicants should keep in mind:

- Not all Supreme Court law clerks are graduates of the "top" law schools. Justices seek outstanding credentials, but they also tend to hire **well-rounded candidates** from a variety of backgrounds.
- A clerk's **typical term is one year**, beginning in July.
- The Chief Justice employs **three clerks**, associate justices each employ **four**.
- "Retired" justices do remain involved in proceedings, and **each typically employs one clerk**.
- It is customary to **apply to all nine justices**, regardless of your ideology. The assumption is that you have the intellectual capacity to objectively represent the views of any of the justices.
- None of the sitting justices has hired a clerk without **previous**

**clerking experience**, usually at the appellate level.

- Some applicants are accepted on the first try: some successful applicants have applied **as many as three times**.
- Most justices hire clerks about **one year in advance**.



A typical Supreme Court clerk files for the position while still in law school, after accepting a federal clerkship. This allows the applicant to list a "prospective" clerkship on a resume. (This is exactly what happened to Professor Barbara Woodhouse, who filed for a clerkship with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in her final year at Columbia, while waiting to begin a clerkship with Judge Abraham Sofaer. Justice O'Connor called the judge halfway through that clerkship to find out how Woodhouse was doing, then called Woodhouse to offer her a position.)

For those unable to catch a jus-

tice's attention on the first try, an important strategy is to submit a second, fully updated application the next year, and even a third application a year or two after completing a clerkship. Given the highly competitive nature of the process – only about 35 clerks are selected every year – there is no stigma or penalty attached to applying more than once.

Many people have carefully studied the application process. In fact, it is possible to contact the U.S. Courts and obtain a list of all Supreme Court clerks since 1940. Many students do assimilate this information, looking for trends that will give them an edge in the application process.

One thing is clear from this data: certain appellate courts contribute a higher-than-average number of clerks to the Supreme Court. These courts have become known as "feeder courts," and positions on these courts are highly coveted. Some court-watchers have compiled "feeder court charts" that track appellate judges' history of supplying clerks to the high court: the University of Michigan makes just such a chart available on its website as a downloadable file.

As one might expect, the 2nd, 9th, and District of Columbia circuits all have high numbers of "feeder" judges. A few 11th Circuit positions have also served as stepping stones for to the Supreme Court; former clerks for Judges Edward Carnes (Montgomery), Phyllis Kravitch (Atlanta) and Gerald T'jofflat (Jacksonville) have gone on to the nation's highest court.

One rationale behind the “feeder court” phenomenon is that justices are more likely to seek and accept recommendations from judges who have already established a working relationship with them. Don’t let this discourage you if you are seeking or have accepted a position in a non-“feeder” court. Justices do not always follow the pack.

Aside from clerkship in a feeder court, it is difficult to track the qualities that set past and present clerks apart from the general pool of applicants. People who try for a Supreme Court clerkship are invariably from respected law schools, with law review experience and excellent academic records, and many have other types of practical or life experience.

Don’t be afraid to mention outside experiences or extracurricular interests in your resume. Anecdotal evidence indicates that sharing a common interest with a justice can make a difference in the selection process. According to *Behind the Bench: the Guide to Judicial Clerkships*, Chief Justice Rehnquist’s attention was often piqued by applicants who shared his interest in tennis, or hailed from his home state.

It will take more than a few paragraphs of advice to help you achieve this highest prize of post-graduate employment – but with a great resume and the right strategy, this is an achievable goal. So don’t be afraid to set your sights on a Supreme Court clerkship. You could become the first UF graduate to obtain one.

## UF Law Students to Become Federal Judicial Clerks

Five students from the Levin College of Law have been chosen for federal clerkships – highly competitive positions that will allow each student to work for a federal judge after graduation.

“These positions are highly sought-after by the top students in every law school,” said Assistant Dean for Career Services Linda Calvert Hanson. “These five students have shown that they are the best of the best, and their accomplishment reflects great credit on UF as well.”

Clerks chosen this year include:

- Tobi Butensky, who will work for one year with U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Jones in Ocala.
- Meaghan Gragg, who will spend two years as clerk for District Judge Ursula Ungaro-Benages in Miami.
- Christine Menendez, who will serve as clerk for Judge Susan Bucklew in Tampa during 2007 and 2008.
- Monica Vila, who will clerk for Judge Susan Black of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeal in Jacksonville.
- Kurt Zaner, who will clerk with Judge Kenneth Marra in West Palm Beach.



**This year’s federal judicial clerks include, clockwise from top: Kurt Zaner, Meaghan Gragg, Tobi Butensky and Monica Vila, as well as Christine Menendez (not pictured). A term as a federal law clerk can be a stepping stone to a brilliant career.**

Serving as a judicial clerk can be a great start to a legal career, notes Calvert Hanson. Top law firms often hire former clerks, and a federal clerkship – particularly at the appellate level – can be a stepping stone to a clerkship with the U.S. Supreme Court.

You can learn more about clerkships online at [www.law.ufl.edu/career/pdf/clerkships.pdf](http://www.law.ufl.edu/career/pdf/clerkships.pdf), or by stopping by the Center for Career Services.

### Attention 1Ls: Get Your Password

Symlicity passwords and login information have been sent to your e-mail address of record. If you haven’t received a password, contact Career Services.

### Catch Up On Open House

If you are a first-year student and were unable to make it to the 1L Open House in the Center for Career Services, there’s still time to catch up on information you missed. Stop by Career Services for important handouts from the event, including the 1L timeline, a list of Florida firms that hire 1Ls, a list of services available from Career Services, and a primer on preparing your bar application.

### Employer Deadlines for 1Ls

Even though an employer may post a Dec. 1 deadline for the submission of resumes, most firms will not consider a 1L for a summer position without grades. It is therefore vital that you have your materials ready to send as soon as your grades are posted January.

Many government employers do post Dec. 15 or Jan. 1 deadlines for the submission of resumes. You must have your materials to these employers by the published deadline, even if you don’t have grades. Just indicate to them that the desired transcript is forthcoming.



## Scholarship Available

Applications for the William L. Graddy Law School Scholarship are available at the front desk in the Student Affairs Office. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must 1) have completed their first year of law school; 2) have a GPA of 2.8 or higher, or be in the top 25 percent of their class; 3) must have been a resident of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee counties for at least three years, and; 4) must demonstrate financial need.

## Civil Liberties Fellowship Available

Applications are now available for the Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties, a \$1,000 fellowship that is open to students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer in the areas of civil rights and civil liberties. Proposed activities include writing or research projects, work with public interest organizations, or work on civil liberties cases under the supervision of a faculty member or lawyer. For more information, inquire at the front desk in Student Affairs.

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# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Panel to Discuss Storm's 'Silver Lining'

Could there be a good side to Hurricane Katrina? Will the harsh images of the storm's aftermath teach Americans important lessons about racial bias, poverty and environmental degradation?

Government officials and environmental law experts will discuss these issues in "The Silver Lining of Katrina," a panel discussion to be held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. in room 285D. Panelists include state Rep. Ed Jennings (D-Gainesville); Professors Alyson Flournoy, Sharon Rush and Michael Allan Wolf; and law student Josh Walker, an officer in the National Guard.

## Eco-Run This Saturday

The organizers of the Public Interest Environmental Conference will hold the law school's first Eco-Run, a 5K fun run starting at the law school, at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Registration forms are available at [plaza.ufl.edu/countach](http://plaza.ufl.edu/countach). For more information, contact Ricky Thakrar at [countach@ufl.edu](mailto:countach@ufl.edu).

## Homelessness Panel Rescheduled

The Public Service Law Fellows' panel discussion on "Criminalizing Homelessness," originally scheduled for last week, will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bailey Courtroom. Pizza and soda will be served. For more information, contact Thomas Allison at [tcauf@ufl.edu](mailto:tcauf@ufl.edu).

## Research Opportunity in Jamaica



The Law and Policy in the Americas Program is seeking law students to spend one month of the coming summer working in the areas of human rights, citizens' security, and women's and children's issues in Jamaica. Two selected law students will join a group of other graduate level students working with non-governmental organizations to conduct focus groups on these issues in the island nation. These positions will likely be funded by Management Systems International, the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Students interested in this opportunity are encouraged to enroll in the political science course POS 6933, which is offered in the spring. The course addresses governance in Jamaica, with a focus on crime. For more information on the course or the summer position, contact Meredith Fensom, director of the Law and Policy in the Americas Program at [fensom@law.ufl.edu](mailto:fensom@law.ufl.edu).

## Costa Rica Meeting Next Week

The meeting for students interested in summer study in Costa Rica has been rescheduled. The meeting will be held Nov. 22 at noon in 285A. Students who are interested in the program should feel free to contact Program Director Tom Ankersen at [ankersen@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ankersen@law.ufl.edu) or 273-0840.

## Democrats Hold Final Fall Meeting

The Law School Democrats will hold their last meeting of the semester at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in room 345. The group will have a roundtable discussion on the recent troubles in the White

House and on pre-war intelligence.

## Brazilian Judge Speaks Wednesday

Brazilian Federal Judge Saulo Casali, professor of law at the University of Bahia, will speak on fundamental aspects of the Brazilian Constitution at noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, in room 345. The event is sponsored by the American Constitution Society, the Law and Policy in the Americas Program and the International Law Society.

## CaribLaw Holiday Drive This Week

Don't forget to drop off nonperishable food, clothing and other items at the CaribLaw table

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# Students Receive Book Awards

Students, faculty and friends of the law school gathered in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom Nov. 4 to honor Book Award recipients for the spring and summer semesters.

Presented every semester, Book Awards recognize the top performers in each class, and give alumni a chance to support academic excellence at the Levin College of Law.

More than 100 students were honored for their performance in classes over the past two semesters. Multiple award winners include Kirsten Anderson, Ron Antonin, Drew Altman, Jessica Furst, Daniel Glassman, Kelly Lyon, Nicholas Purvis, Kevin Shuler, Sarah Stoddard and Adam Zeidel.

For a full list of winners and award sponsors, go to <http://www.law.ufl.edu/alumni/bookawardwinners.shtml>.

If you have received a Book Award, but weren't able to attend the Nov. 4 ceremony, you can pick up your plaque in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 267 Holland Hall. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.



**Dozens of students, faculty and staff gathered for the Nov. 4 Book Awards ceremony, honoring top performers in each spring and summer class. The awards are made possible by gifts from alumni.**



**Law student Kimberly Lorenz accepts a Book Award from Dean Robert Jerry. Lorenz was one of dozens of students who were recognized at the Nov. 4 ceremony.**

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on the concourse this week. From Monday, Nov. 14, to Thursday, Nov. 17, the Caribbean Law Students Association will be collecting the items to benefit hurricane victims.

## Get Involved in LCC

The Law College Council has three open seats, and students are encouraged to apply for them. Interested students should attend the LCC's next meeting, held in the faculty dining room at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, and make a brief presentation introducing

themselves. The LCC will vote on new members at the same meeting. Any law student can be a candidate for a council seat.

## Get Lucky at Casino Night

A group of student organizations are teaming up this year to co-sponsor the John Marshall Bar Association's Casino Night and Poker Tournament, to be held Nov. 18 at Eventfuls in Newberry. Tickets are available in the JMBA office; all proceeds go to the Red Cross Disaster Relief

Fund. The event is co-sponsored by the International Law Society, the Jewish Law Students Association, the Military Law Student Association, and the American Bar Association's Law Student Division.

## JMBA Ski Trip

The John Marshall Bar Association is planning a Spring Break ski trip to Breckenridge, Colo. JMBA will hold an informational meeting on the trip Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m. in room 285B.



## Flu Shots Today

Flu shots will be available for students in the courtyard near the Student Affairs office today, Nov. 14, from noon to 1 p.m. or as long as supplies last. Students must pay \$5 per shot.

## Writing Contest Deadline Soon

The magazine *Legal Affairs* is holding its third annual writing contest for law students. Entrants are asked to make an argument of 1,500 words about a pertinent topic in the law, written in a style accessible to general readers and lawyers alike. The first-place winner will receive a prize of \$2,000 and be published in *Legal Affairs*, a general interest magazine on the law.

Entries must be submitted by Dec. 1. For more information, go to <http://www.legalaffairs.org/contest.msp>.

## Student Wins Scholarship

Law student Kenneth Angell (2L) has been chosen as the recipient of the James F. Bailey Jr. Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a law student who intends to practice in Jacksonville. Angell came out on top of a record number of applicants from law schools around the state.



# PEOPLE SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES



Adkins



Collier



Davis



Dowd



Gordon



Jordan



Magnarella



McMahon

## Scholarship & Activities

Director of Technology Services **Andrew Adkins'** book, *You Can't Get Much Closer Than This*, has been released by Casemate Publishing. The nonfiction book, based on the World War II diaries of Adkins' father, is now a main selection of the Military Book Club.

Professor **Charles Collier's** essay, entitled "Affirmative Action and the Decline of Intellectual Culture," has been published in *55 Journal of Legal Education* 3 (2005).

Professor **Jeffrey Davis** participated in a panel discussion on "Chapter 11 Puzzlers: In Pari Delicto (Are Innocent Creditors the Victims?)" at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in San Antonio Nov. 4.

Professor **Nancy Dowd** submitted testimony to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights for its Oct. 20 hearing, entitled "An Examination of the Constitutional Amendment on Marriage." Her testimony was in opposition to the proposed amendment banning same-sex marriage.

John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professor **Michael W. Gordon** was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the United States/Mexico Law Institute. He also was elected vice chairman of the board and a member of the Executive Committee. The board includes eight members from the United States and eight from Mexico.

Gordon moderated and served as a panelist on two panels at the institute's 14th annual symposium in Mexico City. The panels were on the Bridgestone/Firestone tire litigation and the enforcement of foreign judgments in Mexico and the United States. Gordon also was recently elected editor-in-chief of the *U.S.-Mexico Law Journal*.

Professor **Cally Jordan** has recently been selected as an external peer reviewer for a World Bank study on capital markets and directions for development in Vietnam. She joins two other peer reviewers, one from the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the other from the International Monetary Fund.

Jordan has also been appointed to the Advisory Board to the Chaire en Droit des Affaires et Commerce International at the University of Montreal.

Affiliate Professor **Paul J. Magnarella** served on the Board of Advisors of the recently published *Encyclopedia of the Developing World* Vol. 1-3. New York/London: Routledge, 2005. He also contributed the following four articles to the encyclopedia: "Human Rights: Definitions and Violations," pp. 777-784; "Military and Human Rights," pp. 1053-1057; "Self-Determination," pp. 1393-1395; and "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," pp. 1638-1639.

Clarence TeSelle Professor **Martin McMahon** delivered a CLE presentation on "Recent Federal Income Tax Developments" Nov. 2 at the 52nd Annual Taxation Conference at the University of Texas.

## In the News

Assistant Professor **Mark Fenster** was quoted in a Nov. 6 (New York) *Newsday* story about the growing culture of conspiracy theories surrounding the Sept. 11 attacks.

Professor **Jon Mills**, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, was quoted in a Nov. 3 *Gainesville Sun* story about police use of surveillance cameras. Mills said the government has the right to use such cameras in public places, though he noted that such a measure would probably not be cost-effective in a city such as Gainesville, where crime is already on the decline.

Professor **Sharon Rush** spoke to Mid-Florida Public Radio about the nomination of Samuel Alito as U.S. Supreme Court Justice on Nov. 3.

Professor **Michael Seigel** was quoted in a Nov. 3 *St. Petersburg Times* story on independent counsels and special prosecutors. Seigel said these positions "can take on a life of their own."

Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** was quoted in a Nov. 3 *Gainesville Sun* story about the killing of a UF student after the Florida-Georgia game. Slobogin said that, based on the evidence available to the public so far, the five alleged attackers would be more likely to face charges of second-degree murder or manslaughter than charges of first-degree murder.

# Learning to Relax: How to De-Stress During Hectic Times

I know that at the end of a hectic week you most likely want to find some way to unwind and de-stress. You may be in the mood to be social and go out with friends to a bar, club, restaurant, or movie; or you may feel like spending some quality time with a companion or by yourself. Whatever the case may be, doing what you need to in order to allow yourself a break from studying is important for your well-being overall.

If you are in a social mood or are feeling like you want a release from your stress and are drinking alcohol, be sure you take it slow and pace yourself, making sure to stay hydrated by drinking a glass of water between drinks, and being sure to have some food in your stomach.

The feeling of being “buzzed”

happens after the first two or three drinks. If you try and intensify that feeling by drinking much more after that, all you are doing is intensifying the depressive effects of the alcohol, which leads a person to experience some of the more negative consequences of not moderating their intake of the drug: decreased libido, periods of blackout, decreased speech and motor functioning, and sometimes an increased dependence on the drug, leading to addiction.

So, if you’re going to go out and drink, remember the steps above and take it slow because you will be more likely to enjoy your time and remember it.



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Here are some ideas for fun ways to relax: watch a sunrise, sunset, or meteor shower; pamper yourself with a bubble bath; read a book; make yourself a cup of hot tea or hot chocolate with marshmallows; go for a walk and observe nature’s wonders; dance; write a letter to a friend; go see a movie; draw a picture or paint something; window shop; take a nap; catch up with family; have a picnic; or have a good laugh with a friend.

Whatever you decide, do it because it makes you feel good, nourished, and complete.

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incorrectly stated he could be tried on a capital murder charge.

Gainer and Post, representing the suspect, argued that his statement should be suppressed, while Barrios and Rains represented the government, who argued that it should be admitted. Both sides fielded tough inquiries from the judges – particularly the respondents, who faced withering questions about why the defendant spent several hours in police custody without a lawyer.

Chief Justice Pariente praised both teams as “extremely well-prepared,” and noted that, while the respondents won, the petitioners seemed to have the more difficult case. She praised the problem, written by Moot Court team member Christine Fuqua, and commended Barrios for “exhibiting grace under pressure” during



Chief Justice Barbara Pariente, left, chats with law students Laura Lothman, center, and Lesley Bowling, right, after the competition.

intense questioning by the judges.

“I hope what you learn from this is not that there are winners and losers in life, but that in the court, our process is a truth-seeking process,” Pariente said.

Pariente also offered advice for future competitors – and litigators in general.

“The way you win is through preparation, preparation, preparation,” she said.

## Professor Wins Sutherland Prize

Professor Danaya Wright was awarded the 2005 Donald Sutherland Prize of the American Society for Legal History, given each year to the author whose recently-published work “made the most significant impact” on the study of English legal history, on Nov. 12.

Wright’s article, “Well-Behaved Women Rarely Make History: Rethinking English Family, Law and History,” examined the outcomes of divorce cases under the 1858 British law which replaced coverture – a system in which a woman’s rights were effectively erased when she married – with a family court system.



Wright

The 1858 reform is generally viewed as a watershed moment for women’s rights. But after more than a decade of research into outcomes of actual divorce cases in the decades following the reform, Wright found that women obtained relatively few divorces under the new law, and often did so at the expense of their parental rights, reputations and livelihoods.

Wright accepted the award at the society’s annual conference in Cincinnati over the weekend of Nov. 12. She also presented a related paper, “Family Law and the Unfulfilled Promise of the 1858 Divorce Court.”

Wright plans to travel to England this winter to do further research, tracking the outcomes of historical divorce cases that were withdrawn from the court system before they were resolved.

## College of Law Administration

- Robert H. Jerry, II, Dean
- George L. Dawson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- J. Patrick Shannon, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs
- Lyrisa Barnett Lidsky, Associate Dean for Faculty Development
- Michael K. Friel, Associate Dean & Director, Graduate Tax Program
- Stuart R. Cohn, Associate Dean for International Studies
- M. Kathleen "Kathie" Price, Associate Dean for Library and Technology
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## Send Us Your News

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- Tim Lockette, Editor, *FlaLaw*
- Kristen Hines, Photographer



# Help Law Students Far From Home

In a few weeks, many law students in Gainesville will be heading home for a much-needed holiday break. But some will spend the holidays very far from home – and in a high-stress environment.

Many students from the Gator Nation are now serving their country in Iraq, Afghanistan and surrounding countries. The Military Law Students Association is asking the law school community to keep these students in their thoughts over the holidays. The group is also asking students to send care packages to their colleagues overseas – and send them soon, to assure they arrive on time.

Among the students currently deployed are:

- 1st Lt. David Oliver, a 2L who is serving in Afghanistan with the Florida National Guard. Oliver is executive officer of a medical unit.
- Capt. Christian Torres, who has been in the Fallujah area since mid-August. He is part of a team that is training an



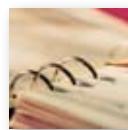
**1st Lt. David Oliver shows the Gator colors on a mountaintop in Afghanistan. He is one of several law students serving overseas.**

Iraqi light infantry battalion to become self-sufficient as an infantry unit.

- Sgt. Mark Tober, a 3L who was called up as part of the Inactive Ready Reserve this summer, and is leading small unit convoy operations in Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Tober also served in Afghanistan in 2002.
- Capt. Dan McKillop, who is deployed to Balad Air Base in Iraq, where he is in charge of

a joint forces communications support center. McKillop expects to return to the campus in December and resume his studies during the spring semester.

If you would like to send a letter or care package to any of these students, contact MLSA president Alex Hadjiligiou at [hadjil31@ufl.edu](mailto:hadjil31@ufl.edu) for addresses and other information.



# CALENDAR

## November

- 14 **Flu Shots**, noon- 1 p.m., courtyard, near Student Affairs
- 15 **The Silver Lining of Hurricane Katrina**, 5 p.m., room 285D
- Law School Democrats**, 5 p.m., room 345
- 16 **JMBA Ski Trip Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., room 285B

**Saulo Casali on the Brazilian Constitution**, noon, room 345

**LCC Meeting**, 6 p.m. faculty dining room

17 **The Criminalization of Homelessness**, 5:30 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

18 **Nelson Symposium**, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Conference Center

**Law Review Panel**, 2 p.m., room 180

19 **PIEC Eco-Run**, 8 a.m., outside law school campus

## More Dates Available Online

For more information on the dates and locations of upcoming meetings, check the calendar on the law school's website at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendars/>.