

New Leaders in Law Clinics

A veteran prosecutor and an experienced defense attorney – both UF law alumni – are taking charge of two of the Levin College of Law’s clinical programs.

Former Columbia County Assistant State Attorney George R. “Bob” Dekle began work as director of UF’s Criminal Law Clinic-Prosecution earlier this month. Meshon Rawls, who worked in the Eighth Judicial Circuit Office of the Public Defender, will take the reins at Gator TeamChild upon the retirement of Director Claudia Wright.

great-grandfather had been a non-lawyer county judge.

Dekle decided he wanted to become a prosecutor in the seventh grade, after he skipped school to attend the trial of a man accused of killing two

school, but it was somewhat accidental,” Dekle said. “I was determined to stay in the local area, and there were not a lot of jobs to choose from at the time.”

Dekle soon made the jump to the State Attorney’s office in Lake City, where he worked for three decades. Among other accomplishments, Dekle prosecuted Ted Bundy for the kidnapping and murder for which the serial murderer was executed.

In 1986, the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association gave Dekle its Gene Berry Memorial Outstanding Prosecutor Award. In July 2005, the FPAA gave him its Lifetime

Achievement Award, citing his many years of work in prosecutorial education.

Gator TeamChild

Rawls, incoming director of Gator TeamChild, admits that when she was first assigned to the juvenile division of the Eighth Circuit Public Defender’s



Former public defender Meshon Rawls (left) and veteran prosecutor George R. “Bob” Dekle are taking over key positions in the law school’s clinical programs.

Criminal Clinic

Dekle comes back to UF after 30 years as a prosecutor in Lake City.

“I guess you could say I’m the first lawyer in the family, but not the first lawman,” said Dekle, who grew up in Lake Butler, where his father served as a part-time deputy, his grandfather had been sheriff, and his

deputies in Lake Butler. By the time he completed law school at UF, the soft-spoken Dekle had decided he “didn’t have the personality to make a good trial lawyer” and was looking for jobs in property law. Fate steered him back toward his original goal.

“I went to work for the Public Defender’s office when I left law

Discuss Scopes Trial Aspects With Cast of Play Today

The cast of “The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial” – a play based on the famous 1925 trial of biology teacher John T. Scopes – will talk about the trial, the actor’s craft and other topics in a free-ranging discussion in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom at noon today, Jan. 17.

Ed Asner, James Cromwell and Sharon Gless are among the well-known actors who appear in the play, which is based on transcripts of the Scopes trial. Several members of the cast



Cromwell

are expected to speak at today’s event (because similar events are being held on campus today, the roster of speakers is subject to change).

Price said panelists will discuss the trial itself, as well as the difficulties of reconstructing a play from trial transcripts and the process of getting “into character” while playing famous orators such as Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan.

The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17 and again at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the University Auditorium. For more information on tickets, call 392-ARTS.

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Study Abroad This Summer

It's not too early to begin making plans for the summer, particularly if you intend to study abroad. You can learn more about the law school's study-abroad opportunities at an informational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18 at noon in room 345. UF offers programs in the following locations:

Costa Rica

Held June 18-July 31 at the University of Costa Rica in San Jose. An informational meeting about this program will be held at noon Jan. 24 in room 283.

France

Held June 25-July 28, with the first week in Paris and the next four weeks in Montpellier, France. An informational meeting will be held at noon Feb. 1 in room 360.

South Africa

Held June 19-July 27 at the University of Cape Town. To find out more, attend an informational meeting Feb. 8 at noon in room 360.

The deadline to apply for these programs is March 24. For more information, contact Noemar Castro at castro@law.ufl.edu.



CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

Symplivity OCI Orientation Today

Learn how to access Symplivity for On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) and non-OCI career opportunities today, Jan. 17, at noon in room 285D. Emphasis will be placed on how to obtain your password, how to log in and surf the Symplivity site, and other useful information.

Beyond OCI: Job Search Strategies

Bonita Young of Lexis/Nexis and Derek Moreton of Westlaw will talk about how to conduct a national career search utilizing online search services at noon today, Jan. 17, in the Bailey Courtroom. The class will focus on formulating demographic searches, conducting background information searches and searching for information on prospective employers.

One Quick Question

Stop by the Center for Career Services' table on the concourse Thursday, Jan. 19, from 9:45-11:15 a.m. to talk to a career counselor about externships, mock interviews, resumes, cover letters, career development suggestions and more.

Beyond OCI: Corporate Opportunities

Come learn about non-traditional corporate career opportunities available to law graduates Thursday, Jan. 19, at noon in the faculty dining room. Career Services staff will discuss how students can find out about posi-



tions with legal and non-legal employers.

Alachua/Marion County Reception

Have you sent in a request to attend the law school's reception for area alumni and the local bar association? Only a limited number of students will be able to attend this networking reception, to be held Jan. 26 at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested, e-mail careers@law.ufl.edu indicating your class year.

Campus-Wide Job Fair Jan. 24-25

UF will hold its Spring 2006 Career Showcase – a two-day event that hosts more than 200 companies and thousands of students – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. UF law students are eligible to attend. See <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/careerfairs/Events/Showcase/showcase.php> for more details.

OCI Bidding Underway

Bidding for Phase One of Spring 2006 OCI has begun, and will continue until noon Jan. 23. Login to Symplivity to begin submitting resumes. If you have not completed and returned your OCI Policies and Procedures form, your access to Symplivity will be blocked. Stop by the Center for Career Services to complete the form, or obtain one from the CCS website at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/career/students/> under the Fall OCI dates.

Learn About Externships

Thinking about earning credit while gaining practical experience this summer or fall? Be sure to attend one of the externship information meetings scheduled for Jan. 24 at noon, or Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. in room 285B.

Volunteer for Three Rivers

Three Rivers Legal Services is a local non-profit corporation funded for the sole purpose of

providing free civil legal services to low-income, eligible clients in a 17-county area of North Florida. The group offers a number of volunteer programs for law students. All volunteers must have completed their first semester of law school, and returning volunteers have registration preference. Volunteers can work in the following areas:

- Environmental Health Assessment
- Spanish Translation
- Pro Se Family Law
- General Legal Intake
- Veterans Outreach
- Housing Clinic
- Elder Law

For additional information or to sign up, visit the Three Rivers Legal Services table on the concourse Wednesdays through Fridays.

Paid Corporate Legal Internships

The Asian-American Legal Defense Education Fund is collaborating with Pfizer, Inc. to offer qualified first-year law students (with a minimum 3.0 GPA) the opportunity to gain experience in a corporate legal environment. Summer interns will work in such areas as employment, intellectual property, commercial transactions, regulatory and international law. This will not lead to a permanent position; however, Pfizer provides student interns with mentors who will provide professional guidance and career counseling. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 20. Additional information is available in Symplicity.

Minority Scholarship and Summer Job

In memory of Paul D. White, the law firm of Baker & Hostetler offers an annual scholarship for first-year minority law students. The scholarship program was established six years ago to assist deserving minority law students and to facilitate the recruitment and employment of minority attorneys by providing law students with valuable experience early in their careers. The scholarship includes a paid summer law clerkship and a \$6,000 (net) cash award. The clerkship will begin in May 2006, and pays \$1,600 per week. All 2005 entrants (spring and fall) are eligible to apply.

Last year's scholarship recipient was Natalia Medina, now a 2L, who spent the summer working in the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler.

"Students need to understand what a great opportunity this is," said Assistant Dean for Career Services Linda Calvert Hanson. "In addition to a substantial scholarship, this program offers you a chance to gain experience at a major law firm at a very generous rate of pay."

Application packets are available in Career Services. Electronic applications can be obtained by e-mailing ksearcy@bakerlaw.com or calling (407) 649-3929. Your application, resume and personal statement must be received by Career Services no later than Jan. 30.

1L Minority Clerkship Job Fair

The Nashville Bar Association's Annual Damali Booker First-Year Minority Clerkship Job Fair will be held Feb. 25 in Nashville. This event will begin with a reception and mixer for all candidates and participating employers on Feb. 24. This job fair involves recruitment and screening of applicants for summer clerkships with firms and organizations. All interested candidates are encouraged to bring a resume, writing sample and law school transcript to Career Services no later than Jan. 20. For more information, go to www.nashbar.org.

Intern in South Florida, Puerto Rico

The U. S. Immigration Court seeks several first- and second-year students to work as interns for immigration judges located at various courts throughout the United States – including Miami, Florida and San Juan, Puerto Rico – on a volunteer, unpaid basis this summer. Applications must be postmarked Jan. 27 or earlier. Full details are available on Symplicity.

HUD Internship Available

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of General Counsel, has legal intern positions available throughout the nation. An information booklet is available in Career Services or at www.hud.gov/offices/ogc. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15.

Dates to Remember

Career Services will hold a variety of classes and programs this semester to help you learn more about your career options. Here are a few upcoming events of note:

Jan. 17

Symplicity JobBank & OCI Training, noon, room 285D

Jan. 17

Beyond OCI: Job Search Strategies, noon, Bailey Courtroom

Jan. 19

Beyond OCI: Exploring Corporate Opportunities, noon, faculty dining room

Jan. 24

Summer & Fall Externship Information Meeting, noon, room 285B

Jan. 25

Summer & Fall Externship Information Meeting, 5 p.m., room 285B

Jan. 31

Interview Preparation Workshop, noon, faculty dining room

Feb. 1

Interviewing from the Employer's Perspective, noon, faculty dining room

Feb. 7

What I Did Last Summer, noon, faculty dining room

Feb. 8

Life as a State Attorney, noon, faculty dining room

Feb. 9

Life as a Public Defender, noon, faculty dining room

Feb. 14

Dress for Success, noon, Bailey Courtroom





Faculty Lunch Addresses Panhandling

A Faculty Brown Bag Lunch to be held Friday, Jan. 20 in the faculty lounge at noon, will feature Legal Skills Professor Joe Jackson, who will speak on "The Right to Bear Alms," exploring the constitutionality of anti-panhandling laws. All are welcome to attend, though interested students should first contact Associate Dean Lyrrisa Lidsky at lidsky@law.ufl.edu for further information.

Dean Jerry to Host Music Night

Got a hidden musical talent? Show it off at the upcoming Music Night, to be held Feb. 19 at the home of Dean Robert Jerry. All students and faculty are invited to the event.

To participate, you must bring a dessert and agree to perform a musical piece (play an instrument or sing a song). A piano will be available. Each participant can bring one guest.

Space is limited. To register, stop by the Dean's Office and see Dorris Perron.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Democrats to Hold Panel on Alito

A panel of UF law professors will discuss the Supreme Court nomination hearings for Judge Samuel Alito today, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. in Bailey Courtroom. Professors Nancy Dowd and Barbara Woodhouse will be among the speakers. Free lunch will be served at the event.

Learn About Trial Team

If you are interested in trial advocacy, either civil or criminal, attend the Trial Team's informational meeting today, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in room 382. The Trial Team is one reason the Levin College of Law's trial advocacy program is nationally renowned. Last semester, the group competed in three national competitions, winning one and placing second in another.

The team will soon hold its annual Intramural Competition to welcome new, highly qualified advocates to the group. For more information, contact Oshia Gainer at ogainer@ufl.edu or Thomas Allison at tcauf@ufl.edu.

Get a \$50 Gift From ABA

The American Bar Association has a gift for UF law students. Stop by the ABA-Law Student Division table at the Student Organization Fair Wednesday, Jan. 18, and pick up a free \$50 American Express gift card. ABA members can also tell you how to join the ABA and explain the benefits of signing up now.

The Law Student Division will elect two new first-semester representatives from the incoming class at a general meeting Jan. 25.

For more information, contact Michael Wild at bufhouse@ufl.edu.

Meet Legislators With Elder Law Society

Students interested in elder law, health law or state politics will have the opportunity to meet state senators and representatives Feb. 8-9, when members of the Elder Law Society travel to Tallahassee.

Any law student can participate. No prior advocacy experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rebecca Brown at brownr@law.ufl.edu for more information.

FJIL Write-On Competition Begins

Do you want to be on an outstanding journal that focuses on international law in a wide variety of contexts? If you do, the *Florida Journal of International Law* is for you.

The journal begins its Spring 2006 Write-on Competition with an informational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. in room 355C. If you cannot make that meeting, a second meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. in room 355C. Journal members will discuss the competition and take your questions about the comment-writing process.

If you have questions be-

Win Free Books Through IPTLA

The Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association (IPTLA) is observing "Intellectual Property Month." The group will give away a number of prizes throughout the month, including a \$50 UF Bookstore Gift Certificate to one person who correctly answers a weekly trivia question. Last week, the group gave a gift certificate to a student who correctly guessed the amount of money UF made from royalties on Gatorade (\$80 million).

This Week's Question:

Was the Statue of Liberty patented?

- a) No, patents did not exist back then
- b) No, France could not apply for a US patent
- c) Yes, it was patented in 1879
- d) Yes, it was patented in 1957



E-mail your answer to lptlatrivia@yahoo.com before noon Friday, Jan. 20. A winner will be randomly selected from among the correct answers. For more chances to win prizes, look for the IPTLA table at the Student Organizations Fair in the courtyard Jan. 18.

tween now and then, e-mail Student Works Editor Thomas Allison at tcauf@ufl.edu, or Assistant Student Works Editor David Sams at dsams123@ufl.edu.

Apply for Homecoming Positions

Interested in being a part of Homecoming/Gator Growl 2006? Applications for first-round directorship positions are now available. Applications are available at the Florida Blue Key Office in room 312 of the J. Wayne Reitz Union. Completed applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. For more information, contact Eric White at fergi85@ufl.edu.

Help Student Government with Elections

UF's Student Government is accepting applications for assistant supervisors of elections. Application forms are available in Reitz Union, room 305. For details, contact Supervisor of Elections Erika Kane at 392-1665 or elections@sg.ufl.edu.

JLSA Welcomes New Students

The Jewish Law Students Association will hold a welcome dinner for first-semester law students at Chopstix Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Jan 26. Both members and non-members are welcome. RSVP to Lori Lustrin at lustrin@ufl.edu or Lisa Kanarek at lkanarek@ufl.edu if you plan to attend.

Learn About Public Interest Law

The Association for Public Interest Law will kick off the semester with a get-together at The Top Restaurant Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. Come meet other law students interested in working in public interest law. Contact Lisa Kanarek at lkanarek@ufl.edu for more information. The Top is located on Main Street, one block north of University Avenue.



Learn more about the law school's diverse array of student groups at the Student Organization Fair, Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Marcia Schott Courtyard.

JLPP Spring 2006 Write-On-Competition

The *Journal of Law and Public Policy* will kick off its Spring 2006 Write-on Competition on Jan. 30 with an introductory meeting. All third-and fourth-

semester students are invited to attend and participate in the competition. As the law school's only interdisciplinary journal, *JLPP* particularly encourages participation by joint degree candidates. For more information stop by the *JLPP* table at the Student Organization Fair, or e-mail Student Works Editor Jon Carroll at jcarroll@ufl.edu.

New Code, New Members for Honor Committee

The Levin College of Law's Honor Committee welcomes new members this semester. New officers include Chairman Adam Artigliere (adamartigliere@yahoo.com), Vice Chairman Bryon Carroll (bryon322@ufl.edu) and Secretary Christine Garcia (cmg0203@ufl.edu). New members include Lauren Cooney, Jordan Evert, Andre T. Hammel, Bernhard Huland, Hema Jaipershad, Adam Josephs, Jeff Lieser, Jessica M. Lillesand, Max McCord, Todd Rich, Tashiba Robinson, Susan Warner and Cyrus Williams.

A new Honor System for the Levin College of Law has been approved. You will find it included as an insert in this issue of *FlaLaw*. Please read and familiarize yourself with the new document, which replaces the Honor System in the 2005-06 edition of *The Levin College of Law Handbook & Student Honor System*.

Toastmasters to Meet

Toastmasters meets every Monday at 5 p.m. in room 345. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Flournoy Seeks Student Assistant

Professor Alyson Flournoy will hire a research assistant to work 10 hours per week between now and mid-March, undertaking research on the nature of the information provided to the Corps of Engineers by applicants for permits to dredge or fill wetlands. Completion of Administrative Law, Environmental Law or Natural Resources Law or a regulatory background, is desirable. To apply, submit a resume to flournoy@law.ufl.edu by Jan. 23.



VITA Seeks Volunteers

Learn more about the federal income tax system while helping your neighbors this semester by working with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or VITA.

Every year, VITA volunteers help hundreds of UF students and low-income Alachua County residents file their income taxes. Last year, the group did returns for more than 400 local residents.

No prior experience is necessary, and training and equipment are provided. For more information, e-mail UFVITA@yahoo.com.

Summer Opportunities in Latin America

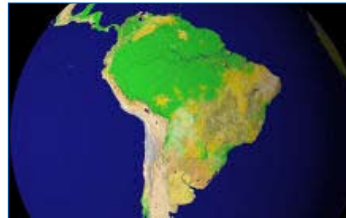
The Law and Policy in the Americas program is offering a number of exchange opportunities in Latin America for Summer 2006 and beyond.

Law students can apply for programs that will allow them to work in Costa Rica, Peru, Chile or Brazil in the areas of human rights, property rights and judicial reform.

For summer 2006 only, externship credit is available for students interested in pursuing opportunities in:

- human rights with the **Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos** in San José, Costa Rica or the **Instituto de Defensa Legal** in Lima, Peru.
- regional judicial reform efforts through the **Centro de Estudios de Justicia de las Américas** in Santiago, Chile or **Justicia Viva** in Lima, Peru.

All four of these positions require Spanish proficiency and are eligible for **Coca-Cola World Citizenship Program** awards, which



provide for reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Students seeking externship credit for one of these positions are required to attend the Externship Informational Program Jan. 24 at noon in room 285B or Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. in room 285B, and follow all externship application procedures through the Center for Career Services. Students interested in pursuing these opportunities but not seeking externship

credit should contact Meredith Fensom, director of the Law and Policy in the Americas Program, at fensom@law.ufl.edu.

An additional non-credit, legal clerkship opportunity is available to UF law students or recent graduates with **Terra de Direitos** in Curitiba, Brazil. Selected participants will work in human rights and property rights, principally from the perspective of social movements. Projects will include research into Terra de Direitos cases pending at the Inter-American Court for Human Rights; agrarian reform issues; housing and labor issues; and economic, social and cultural rights of the landless. Solid Portuguese proficiency is required. The clerkship is available for any period of time running from a semester to a full year. For application information, please contact Fensom at fensom@law.ufl.edu.

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Office, it “felt like a demotion.”

“People underestimate the importance of juvenile justice,” she said. “We put a great deal of time, effort and money into the adult justice system – but if we work on the front end, intervening when people are young, we can take much of the pressure off the adult system.”

A Miami native, Rawls is herself a product of UF’s clinics. As a law student, she became a Certified Legal Intern and worked in the Public Defender’s Office, which hired her when she graduated in 1998. She quickly

moved from the misdemeanor to the felony division, but found her calling with the switch to the juvenile division.

“After a few court appearances in delinquency court, I began to understand how challenging it was, and I also saw the need to get more involved in the community,” said Rawls, who now volunteers with several community organizations, including the Gainesville’s Black-on-Black Crime Task Force and the Gainesville Wilderness Institute, a school for at-risk youth.

Rawls says she loved her time as

a public defender, though with a 200-plus case load, there was little time to try new approaches that could lead to better outcomes for children in the legal system.

“That’s the beauty of Gator TeamChild,” she said. “We’re able to do the kind of follow-through these cases deserve, and when we discover something that works – like a new intervention program – others can follow our lead.”

For details on how you can become involved in any of UF’s clinical programs, go to: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/hawkins/>.



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Scholarship & Activities

Chesterfield Smith Professor **Nancy Dowd**'s article "Fathers and the Supreme Court: Founding Fathers and Nurturing Fathers," was printed in 54 *Emory L. J.* 1271 (2005). The article argues that the constitutional definition of fatherhood should be based on nurture or social fatherhood.

Dowd edited the *Handbook of Children, Culture and Violence*, which was recently released by Sage Publications. The book arose out of issues discussed at the second annual conference of the Center on Children and Families.

Associate Professor **Mark Fenster**'s article, "The Birth of a 'Logical System': Thurman Arnold and the Making of Modern Administrative Law," was published in *Oregon Law Review*.

John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professor of Law **Michael W. Gordon** has received the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in International Commercial and Trade Law at the Universidade Católica Portuguesa Faculdade de Direito in Lisboa, Portugal. He will be in residence in Portugal from April through July 2007, teaching Business Transactions and International Litigation.

Gordon also has been invited to speak at the annual convention of the Defense Research Institute – the principal organization of corporate defense counsel – in May. He will speak on the problems encountered when international litigation involves civil law tradition nations.

Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol** published "Traveling Boundaries of Statelessness:

Global Passports and Citizenship," in *Cleveland State Law Review*.

Communications Office Photographer **Kristen Hines** won Third Place in UF's Global Culture Photography Contest, in the "Faculty, Staff and Alumni" category. Her winning photo, taken in Berlin, will be part of an exhibit on display in Grinter Hall until Feb. 9.

Professor **Pedro Malavet** wrote the afterword to the 8th Annual LatCrit Conference for *Cleveland State Law Review*.

Professor **Robert Moffat**'s article, "Not the Law's Business: The Politics of Tolerance and the Enforcement of Morality," appeared in *Florida Law Review*.

Professor **William Page**'s article "Bargaining and Monopolization: In Search of the 'Boundary Section 2 Liability' Between Aspen and Trinko," was published in *Antitrust Law Journal*.

Center on Children and Families Director **Barbara Woodhouse**'s article "Ecogenerism: an Environmentalist Approach to Protecting Endangered Children," appeared in the *Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law*. Woodhouse also contributed an article to the *Handbook of Children, Culture and Violence*, edited by Chesterfield Smith Professor Nancy Dowd.

In the News

Associate Dean **Lyrissa Lidsky** commented on the Alito nomination hearings for AM 850 Jan. 10. Lidsky said the public has already decided which issue will take center stage at the hearings. Abortion is by far the most emotional issue being discussed, she said.

Professor **Jon Mills** was quoted in a Jan. 6 Associated Press article about the Florida Supreme Court's decision that the state's school voucher program was unconstitutional. Mills, who was a member of the commission that revised the Florida Constitution in 1998, said the decision was a correct reading of that document. The story appeared in *The Gainesville Sun* and *The Lakeland Ledger* and the Web site for WINK-TV in Ft. Myers.

Professor **James Nicholas** was quoted in a Jan. 11 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* article about impact fees in Charlotte County. Nicholas was hired by the Charlotte County Commission to study that county's fee structure. He was quoted in a story on the same topic in the Jan. 11 *Charlotte County Sun-Herald*.

Professor **Mike Seigel** was quoted in a Jan. 6 *Gainesville Sun* story about the decision to drop charges against Jeffrey Groczniaik, one of the men accused in the beating death of a UF student during the weekend of the UF-Georgia football game. Groczniaik agreed to testify in the upcoming trials of three other men accused in the crime. Seigel said the prosecution appears to be "cutting their losses" and choosing the defendants they believe they are most likely to convict.

Professor **Michael Allan Wolf** commented on the Alito hearings for WCJB-TV Jan. 10. Wolf noted that, like Alito, Justice David Souter was criticized during confirmation hearings for past stances against abortion – though Souter took a different stance while on the court.



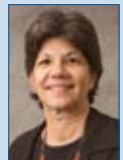
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Major Events Planned For Spring 2006

Spring is always a busy time at the Levin College of Law, and this semester is no exception. The law school will host a number of thought-provoking conferences in Spring 2006. Here's a look at a few of them:

"Data Devolution: Corporate Information Security, Consumers and the Future of Regulation," is the first event held by the newly-formed Center for Information Research, headed by Assistant Professor Andrea Matwyshyn.

More than 20 speakers – including law scholars, industry representatives, privacy activists and journalists – will discuss the future of data security regulation at this event, held Feb. 3-4 at the law school.

Admission to the conference is free for UF law students and faculty. Registration is available through the CIR website at www.centerforinformationresearch.org.

The **Music Law Conference** is an annual student-run event that brings law scholars, musicians and industry representatives to Gainesville to discuss trends in music law. The featured speaker at this year's

conference is Southwestern University Law Professor Robert Lind. For more information, go to: www.musiclawconference.com.

The **Public Interest Environmental Conference** will feature Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. of the Natural Resources Defense Council, former EPA administrator Carol Browner, oceanographer Sylvia Earle and other well-known names in environmental law and policy. Held March 8-11 at the J. Wayne Reitz Union, the event is free to UF law students. Early registration ends in mid-February. Go to <http://www.ufpic.org> for details.



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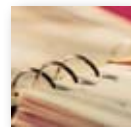
The **Gwendolen Carter Conference** will be held March 5-7 at UF and the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Featuring leading writers, scholars and attorneys from the U.S. and South Africa, the conference celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of UF Professor Gwendolen Carter, a founding figure in the study of African history and culture.

For more information, contact Professor Winston Nagan at nagan@law.ufl.edu

The **25th Annual Dunwoody Lecture** will feature George Yin, chief of staff for the U.S. Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation and Howard W. Smith Professor of Law at the University of Virginia. The lecture will be held March 24.

The **2006 Annual Askew Conference: Child Abuse and Neglect - Building Partnerships to Meet Children's Needs.** UF's Askew Institute and the law school's Center on Children and Families will host a statewide conference March 30 on collaboration between agencies that handle cases of child abuse and neglect. For details, go to <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/askew/calendar.htm>.

The **Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Spring Lecture** will feature Fordham University Law Professor Sheila Foster. She will discuss the significance of race, place and class in the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The event will be held April 11.



CALENDAR

January

17 **Panel w/cast of "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial,"** noon, room 180

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Beyond OCI: Job Search Strategies, noon, Bailey Courtroom

Law School Democrats on Alito Nomination, 2 p.m., Bailey Courtroom

Trial Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m., room 382

18 **Student Organization Fair,** 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., courtyard

FJIL Write-On Competition Informational Meeting, 6 p.m., room 355C

Study Abroad Informational Meeting, noon, room 345

19 **One Quick Question,** 9:45-11:15 a.m., concourse

More Dates Available Online

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