The University of Florida
Fredric G. Levin College of Law
Presents the
Marshall M. Criser
Distinguished Lecture:

U.S. Supreme Court
Associate Justice
Clarence Thomas

in a conversation on current legal issues,
with questions by UF Law students:

Lewis Schott (B.A. 1943, LL.B. 1946) of Palm Beach, Fla., created the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture Series in early 2007 as a tribute to his fellow UF Levin College of Law alumnus, former University of Florida President Marshall Criser. Schott’s $600,000 gift for the permanent lecture series at the University of Florida Levin College of Law was matched by the state of Florida’s Major Gifts Trust Fund, which increased the speaker series endowment to more than $1 million.

“The goal of the speaker series is to host prestigious national and international speakers every year on topics of particular interest to law students,” said Levin College of Law Dean Robert Jerry.

Criger served as president of the University of Florida from 1984 to 1989 and was appointed by then-Governor Jeb Bush to be a founding member of the newly formed UF Board of Trustees in 2001. He served as chairman of that board until he stepped down in 2003 to become chairman of Scripps Florida Funding Corp., where he served until Dec. 21, 2006.

During his legal career, Criser spent 31 years as an attorney in the Palm Beach law firm of Gunster, Yoakley, Criser & Stewart before coming to UF. After his presidency at UF he practiced law in Jacksonville until he retired as a partner of the national firm McGuireWoods. Criser now resides in Gainesville.

“Marshall Criser has devoted a major part of his life to the University of Florida,” said Schott. “As president, trustee, healthcare advocate, legal counsel, state regent and student, he has played many roles. It is an honor to be able to continue his influence at UF by establishing this lecture series in his name.”

Criser earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from UF in 1949 and his law degree in 1951. He also has served as a trustee for the UF Law Center Association and as president of The Florida Bar.

“The outstanding leadership Marshall Criser has shown throughout his career provides an example for the aspirations we want our students to hold,” said Dean Jerry. “In honoring Marshall with the named lecture series, Lewis Schott has again enhanced the law school in a way that will enrich the academic experience of our students.”

— UF Law Dean Robert Jerry