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CORRECTION The caption accompanying this photo of Elizabeth Jenkins (JD 76) and her father, Joe C. Jenkins (JD 49) was in error in the spring 2011 issue of UF LAW. The caption should have said that the photo was taken in front of the federal courthouse in Tampa where Elizabeth Jenkins was sworn in as a judge.
Because of you, UF Law is special

Each day I have the privilege to spend at our law school as your college’s dean, at least once during the day the phrase “because of you” springs into my mind. The “you” refers to our alumni and friends, i.e., those of you who are reading this message. The “because” references so much of what occurs at the college every day. In other words, it is because of the support the college receives from its alumni and friends — in other words, it is because of you — that our students are able to experience the many things that make our college special.

For example, as of September, five U.S. Supreme Court justices have made six visits to the college in six years; all of these visits are made possible by private support. The Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Lecture Fund made the most recent of these visits possible, that being the return visit of retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor on Sept. 12. Later in September, the Ellen Bellet Gelberg Tax Policy Lecture Fund made possible a spectacular panel discussion before a packed Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom audience (our largest classroom, also funded by private support). Moot court and trial teams have already had significant success this fall; their budgets are created by private funds. Many of the students on these teams — and in the rest of the student body — receive financial assistance through privately endowed scholarship funds. The events I mentioned take place in beautiful, modern facilities, also made possible by alumni and friends’ support. The list goes on and on.

It seems particularly appropriate to touch gratefully on the generosity of our many donors listed in this Annual Report issue of UF LAW magazine. By the time this issue hits your mailbox, the most ambitious fundraising effort ever undertaken by the University of Florida — the $1.5 billion Florida Tomorrow campaign, which includes the college’s $47 million goal — will be less than a year from its conclusion. This will not be my last time to thank you for your support during the campaign, but it will be one of the last time in UF LAW when I can request those of you who have not yet participated in the campaign to consider making a gift or pledge — or a planned gift or bequest — as a part of Florida Tomorrow.

Alumni engagement and support throughout Florida Tomorrow have done more than make enhancements in your college possible. They have been absolutely vital in enabling us to survive state cutbacks and budget reductions that could otherwise have proved crippling.

Thus, it is remarkable in this extremely difficult economic environment that the UF Law Annual Fund set a new all-time record this past year. Details are in the Annual Report, which follows, but alumni participation is up along with increased giving levels. The faculty and the administrative team are working hard to create an outstanding educational experience for our students, but our true “margin of excellence” is your support of the Florida Tomorrow campaign, including the UF Law Annual Fund. In other words, our success is “because of you.”
There is another reason I frequently think about the words “because of you.” The placement market is difficult, but it is because of you that UF Law graduates are finding opportunities at rates higher than the national averages for law graduates generally. Our alumni have really stepped up — it’s the “power of the Gator network” — to help our graduates with externships and other similar positions while they wait for permanent positions to open up. (Much more detail on our placement results are available on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu/career/employers/2010gradinfo.shtml.)

Pascale Bishop, our new assistant dean for career development, joined us Aug. 1, 2011, and has hit the ground running. It is “because of you” that her team is able to implement successfully the new strategies to help our students. And it is “because of you” that I have been able to fund — with private support — a number of post-graduate fellowships to help graduates transition from law school to permanent employment.

In other words, alumni and friends are making many good things happen for your college. On behalf of current and future students who benefit from this support, I thank you. On behalf of these same students, I will respectfully request that if you are not already a contributor to your college that you consider a gift that shows your interest in participating and supporting our efforts to prepare the next generation of legal professionals and to build upon and improve the value of your degree.

Thank you for all that you do and for all things that have been made possible “because of you.”
Trial Team, Moot Court make impressive showings

During its 2010-2011 competitions, members of the Florida Moot Court team won three regional championships, including the regional title at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, a Best Brief award at the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition, three Best Oral Advocate awards at the ABA National Competition, the National Tax Competition, and the Navy JAG Competition, and competed on UF’s team that won the national championship at the National Tax Competition.

The 32 ranking points earned by the Florida Moot Court teams, when combined with the ten points earned by UF’s team for the National Tax Competition, has resulted in the University of Florida Levin College of Law being ranked 11th among all U.S. law schools and third among public law schools in the most recent Blakely Advocacy Institute rankings of moot court programs.

This ranking has earned Florida Moot Court an invitation to compete with the other top 15 programs in the nation in the Kurth Moot Court National Championship in Houston in January.

Meanwhile, the UF Law Trial Team sent third-year law students to the 12th annual National Trial Advocacy Competition at Michigan State University College of Law. The four students competed as advocates and witnesses, alternating roles depending on which side they were assigned to represent during trial. Though nearly 55 teams applied to compete, the tournament selected only the top 28 teams from law schools around the nation. In the quarterfinals, the prosecution, represented by Anita McNulty and Trae Weingardt, won the trial and the team moved on to the semifinals. The defense, represented by Tara Tedrow and Brandon Rose, won the semifinal round, pushing the team to the finals, narrowly missing first place in a split decision.

Nearly 1,400 listen to O’Connor, distinguished guests at Poucher Lecture

UF Levin College of Law’s Florida Law Review brought a quartet of the legal profession’s heavy hitters together at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts where they blasted the practice of using elections in Florida and other states to choose and retain judges.

Nearly 1,400 people packed the Phillips Center to see retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and three other distinguished members of the legal community for the inaugural Allen L. Poucher Lecture Series.

Joining Justice O’Connor in the panel discussion for the Poucher lecture were former ABA President Martha Barnett (JD ’73), who served as the moderator, Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Rosemary Barkett (JD ’70).
Law Review staff brought the panel together using the endowment provided by Betty Poucher, Elizabeth Poucher Reynolds and Allen L. Poucher Jr., which was donated in memory of Allen L. Poucher Sr. All of the panelists appeared without honorarium so the endowment was used to pay expenses and activities surrounding their visit.

Allen L. Poucher Sr. was a 1942 graduate of UF Law where he was active in Florida Blue Key, the debate team, and on the staff of The Alligator. Poucher practiced law for more than 60 years in Jacksonville with the law firm of R.P. Daniel and later joined Knight, Kincaid, Poucher & Harris. See page 12 for a story about O’Connor’s visit.

UF Law Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center construction completed

The advocacy center’s second floor, the Teri and Allen Levin Advocacy Center Suite, was completed over the summer. This completes the total reconstruction of the college’s academic space during the past decade.

The Legal Research and Writing faculty have moved to the new space, which also contains two new multi-purpose courtroom-classrooms. The Environmental and Land Use Law Program moved into the former Legal Research and Writing offices.

Other major office moves over the summer included the Center for Career Development relocating to the first floor of Bruton-Geer Hall, between the cafeteria and the lounge; the Communications Office to the former CCD space in 244 Bruton-Geer Hall; and student organizations to the second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.

Finally, the student commons area on the first floor of Bruton-Geer hall received a facelift and new furniture.

Browner to headline law school conference on environmental issues

The 18th annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference will feature keynote speaker Carol Browner (JD 79), the longest serving administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and a former key environmental adviser to President Barack Obama.

The conference is scheduled Feb. 23-25 and is presented by the University of Florida Levin College of Law and co-sponsored by The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section and student government and the UF Office of Sustainability. For more information go to www.law.ufl.edu/piec.

Browner was EPA administrator from 1993 through 2001. Most recently she was assistant to President Obama and director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy. In that position — known as the president’s environment czar — she coordinated federal climate change, energy and transportation policy. Browner left the administration in the spring and is currently senior counselor of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm in Washington, D.C.

1st District Court of Appeal hears arguments in advocacy center

UF Law students saw Florida’s 1st District Court of Appeal in action in October, when the court heard oral arguments in four cases at the college.

“The 1st District Court of Appeal scheduled this special session here at UF so that our students could enjoy the unique opportunity to observe appellate arguments in actual cases,” said Legal Research and Writing Director Henry Wihnyk.

The court travels to UF Law each fall to provide students with this chance to further their understanding of the appellate arguments and to interact with the judges.

‘Sidewalk Judge’ comes and goes

Throughout most of the fall semester, UF Law students had company in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard in the form of “Sidewalk Judge,” by internationally renowned sculptor Seward Johnson.

The life-size bronze sculpture was part of the “Crossing Paths” exhibition, which consisted of 25 sculptures throughout Gainesville and the UF campus. The display was hosted by the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency and the University of Florida.

“Crossing Paths” was intended to give students and Gainesville residents more opportunities to explore and experience art and culture.
New interactive display remembers struggle for equality at UF Law

The Legacy of Virgil D. Hawkins: The Struggle for Equality at the University of Florida, an innovative multi-media exhibit in the lobby of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, was unveiled Sept. 2 at a reception during UF’s Black Alumni weekend.

Speakers included UF Law Dean Robert Jerry; chief judge of the Northern District of Florida Stephan P. Mickle, the first African-American to earn an undergraduate degree from UF (BA 65, M.Ed 66, JD 70); and W. George Allen (JD 62), the first African-American to graduate from UF Law.

A broader grand opening of the exhibit is tentatively scheduled Feb. 9 to coincide with the 50th anniversary celebration of Allen’s graduation from UF Law.

In 1958, after nine years of battle in the Florida and United States Supreme courts, Virgil D. Hawkins withdrew his application to the University of Florida College of Law in exchange for UF desegregating all of its graduate and professional schools. In 1989, Gov. Bob Martinez signed a bill into law naming UF Law’s civil clinics as the Virgil Darnell Hawkins Civil Legal Clinics. And in 2001, Hawkins was awarded UF’s first posthumous honorary degree in its 150-year history.

The exhibit showcases a physical timeline, an accompanying virtual timeline in a touch-screen display, and a panel explaining the integration of education in America in the context of UF Law. A companion website is at www.law.ufl.edu/history/hawkins_exhibit.shtml.

Dean Robert Jerry’s band opens at Gator Growl

This year’s Gator Growl featured the Goo Goo Dolls, but UF Law alumni and students might also be interested in the opening act — Dean Robert Jerry’s rock band, in crisis.

Jerry manned the electric piano and synthesizer, while the band played hits from the ’50s through ’80s.

In crisis was formed to give the musicians — all UF faculty or staff — a chance to share their musical talents, but the dean doesn’t intend to give up his day job.

In addition to Jerry, in crisis is comprised of College of Design, Construction and Planning Dean Chris Silver, School of Architecture Director Martin Gold, School of Architecture Assistant Director John Maze, Architecture Adjunct Professor Mick Richmond and Computer Programmer-Analyst Andy Shivers.

UF Board of Trustees heavy with UF Law alumni

One of the most important duties of an effective attorney is to provide sound counsel to a client. Now four UF Law alumni will provide counsel for the University of Florida as members of the Board of Trustees.

William Michael Heekin (JD 78) and Juliet M. Roulhac (JD 87) were appointed to the UF Board of Trustees in May by Gov. Rick Scott, and Charles B. Edwards (JD 68) was appointed in June by the Board of Governors. Heekin and Edwards were appointed for five-year terms and Roulhac was appointed for a four-year term. The new appointees join alumnus C. David Brown II (JD 78), a member of the Board of Trustees since 2010, who was appointed in June for a two-year term as vice chairman. Brown previously served on the board from February 2004 to January 2008. The board has a total of 13 members, including one student member.

Heekin is the president of Heekin Advisors LLC, a consulting firm in Atlanta, and is a founding board member and first chief operating officer of WebMD. Heekin is also an emeritus member of the UF Law Center Association Board of Trustees.

Roulhac is a senior attorney for Florida Power & Light Company and serves on The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors. Roulhac, like Heekin, is also an emeritus member of the UF Law Association Board of Trustees. Edwards is a member of the law firm of Geraghty, Dougherty & Edwards, P.A., in Fort Myers. In 1995, he received the University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Award. Edwards is also trustee emeritus of the UF Law Center Board of Trustees. Brown is chairman of Broad and Cassel, a state-wide law firm specializing in commercial law. He is also an active member of the Florida Council of 100, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
“You don’t just go to war, you prepare for it first,” said UF Law’s new assistant dean of the Center for Career Development. “The job search is the same. There is a lot of preparation and research before you start the application process.”

And Pascale Bishop — who comes to UF from the Chicago-Kent School of Law — is arming law students and alumni with the necessary tools to find success in today’s job market.

Bishop acknowledges that the legal job market is tight, owing partly to the soon-to-be-12 law schools in Florida and economic woes throughout the country, but she is working hard to provide the best opportunities for students.

“My plan is to make us as visible as possible starting on day one,” said Bishop, who took over the office Aug. 1.

In this case, increased visibility isn’t just a figure of speech; the Center for Career Development moved this summer to a new location on the ground-floor of Bruton-Geer Hall near the cafeteria, a high-traffic and high-visibility spot for students.

The CCD will employ new ways of connecting students — and alumni — with internships, training and jobs, which will also raise the office’s profile, Bishop said. She also emphasizes the importance of one-on-one attention.

“With individual students assigned to a single counselor for the duration of their legal education, the idea will be establishing a more proactive role for the counselor to do follow-up and connect to the student in a more profound way.”

Not only do alumni get to participate in events that the CCD offers, but the center provides access to job postings in Symplicity, an online jobs database, and an intercollegiate job bank. Alumni can receive updates on job opportunities, networking events and receptions through an alumni listserv. UF alumni can gain access to the job listing for other law schools. For more information go to www.law.ufl.edu/career/alumni/.

The center will continue to help students with setting up resumes, networking and explaining expectations of employees. Alumni can participate by entering the mentor program in which they are assigned a current student to mentor.

Wes Stephens, 2L and treasurer of the John Marshall Student Bar Association, is hopeful the center can help find his first job in a medium-sized practice or working for the state.

“I don’t expect them to do it for me,” Stephens said. “I just expect the proper tools for me to help myself.”

Stephens said the most important change the CCD has made is Bishop.

“She is very intelligent, poised and dedicated to improving the CCD,” he said. “I think every student will benefit from her becoming a part of our school.”

The center will be advising in new market areas, such as alternative legal careers — anything that doesn’t involve the traditional practice of law, Bishop said. Some students pursue J.D.s to help them in career paths outside of the legal world.

The CCD also began publishing bi-weekly newsletters for 2011 graduates and 1Ls that will point out volunteer and networking opportunities and job leads, and in the spring virtual resume books will be implemented that will put student resumes in front of more employers.

Bishop said helping students is a matter of constant relationship building, and working with motivated students in the career development field keeps her own motivation high.

“The students are excited and it’s sort of infectious,” she said.
O’Connor, Graham join naming ceremony for Stephen N. Zack Hall

Stephen N. Zack (JD 71) was honored Sept. 12 during the naming ceremony of UF Law’s Stephen N. Zack Hall.

“His Cuban roots, the University of Florida and this law school all gave him the opportunities to do what he has now so grandly achieved.”

—Former Gov. Bob Graham

“His Cuban roots, the University of Florida and this law school all gave him the opportunities to do what he has now so grandly achieved,” UF Law Dean Robert Jerry said.

Zack Hall is an existing part of the UF Law campus, now bearing new lettering unveiled during the ceremony. Well over a hundred people observed the ceremony, including former Gov. Bob Graham, University of Florida President Bernie Machen, past ABA president (2000-2001) Martha Barnett (JD 73), Judge Rosemary Barkett (JD 70) of the 11th Circuit United States Court of Appeals and Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince.

“Without diverse students, we’re not going to have diverse lawyers,” Zack said.

“Without diverse lawyers, we’re not going to have diverse judges. And without diverse judges, the rule of law is in jeopardy.”

Zack, who moved to Cuba from Detroit with his parents at 2 months old, came back to the United States at the age of 14 and went to high school in Miami Beach. After earning his J.D. from UF Law in 1971, he immediately began working in Washington, D.C., as Sen. Claude Pepper’s legislative aide. He returned to Miami and has been active in civic and philanthropic organizations. He was the youngest person elected to be president of The Florida Bar (1989-1990).

“His Cuban roots, the University of Florida and this law school all gave him the opportunities to do what he has now so grandly achieved,” said Graham, who is also a former U.S. senator from Florida.

Among Zack’s other accomplishments are working in 2000 as a trial attorney for Vice President Al Gore in Bush v. Gore, serving as general counsel on Graham’s gubernatorial staff, serving as chair to the Florida State Ethics Commission, and serving on the Florida Constitution Revision Commission. He is administrative partner with the firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP, in Miami.

“Today is a great day for diversity,” Zack said. “I appreciate the opportunity to be a small part of that effort.”
Florida Tomorrow Campaign update — how every gift matters

As the Florida Tomorrow Campaign nears its close in September 2012, the University of Florida is approaching its overall goal of $1.5 billion. The law school has raised approximately 60 percent of its goal with just under a year remaining to reach $47 million. We need your help. Every gift matters. Please consider extending your annual gift in the form of a five-year pledge. The full amount of your pledge and future payments will count in our campaign totals.

If each law alumnus who has not yet made a campaign commitment signed a pledge of just $1,000 ($200 per year), we will most certainly reach our goals because of you. Go to www.law.ufl.edu/pledgeform to make a pledge and mail or fax it to the address indicated or call 352-273-0640 and ask a staff member to send you a form. To make a one-time gift or to learn more about how your dollars are used, visit www.law.ufl.edu/give. We are grateful for your support at any level.

While we are behind in reaching our overall goal for the campaign, we are pleased to report that because of you we had a record year for the UF Law Annual Fund. Please refer to the Annual Report section for more details, but the most important message here is: thank you. The UF Law Annual Fund record is proof positive that every dollar does make a difference.

Thank you to all who participated in our recent online survey that was distributed to all alumni for whom we have an active e-mail address. Over 1,000 of you shared your thoughts, comments, compliments and concerns with us. Multiple departments are evaluating the results to see where we can improve our service. If you think we don’t have your e-mail address, please send an e-mail to development@law.ufl.edu and ask us to add you to our lists.

—Kelley Frohlich, Senior Director of Development, frohlich@law.ufl.edu

New gifts

New commitments to the Levin College of Law $25,000 or more from May 1 through Sept. 15, include:

- Anonymous alumni bequest pledges of $1 million and $100,000.
- Martha “Marti” L. Cochran (JD 73) for a $250,000 retirement bequest pledge. Cochran is a partner with Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, D.C.
- Ladd (JD 79) and Renee Fassett for an additional $40,000 unrestricted pledge, which brings their law school campaign commitment to a total of $90,000. Fassett is a founding partner of Fassett, Anthony & Taylor, P.A. in Orlando and incoming chairman of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees. He also serves as the law school campaign chairman for the Florida Tomorrow Campaign.
- Elizabeth A. Jenkins (JD 76) for a $50,000 life insurance bequest to establish the Elizabeth A. Jenkins Scholarship for Public Service. Jenkins is the United States magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa.
- Roger (JD 75) and E.J. Lambert for a $100,000 bequest. Lambert is a retired trial attorney from West Palm Beach currently living in Gainesville.
- Eugene K. (JD 85) and Sheila L. Pettis for a $30,000 pledge to establish the Eugene Pettis Family BLSA Academic Support Endowment. Pettis is a partner with Haliczer, Pettis & Schwamm in Ft. Lauderdale.
- Raymond W. (JD 61) & Catherine S. Royce for a $50,000 pledge to establish the Raymond W. and Catherine S. Royce Law Scholarships. Royce is a partner with Shutts & Bowen in West Palm Beach.
- Jill White, widow of Professor Walter Weyrauch, for a $25,157 gift to fund the endowment for the Walter Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture Series in Family Law.
- The Honorable Anne C. Conway (JD 75), Lauren Detzel (JD 77), Mayanne Downs (JD 87), Pam Price (JD 73) and Marjorie B. Thomas (JD 76) who together contributed $50,000 to establish the Central Florida Women’s Leadership Scholarship Fund.

UF Law seeks book award sponsors

Did you win a book award while you were a law student? Are you looking for a way to directly market your law firm to top students in a particular practice area? Perhaps you would like to honor a mentor, colleague or family member. Sponsoring a book award is an excellent way to meet these goals and support the law school at the same time.

You will receive a recognition plaque for your office, and a plaque bearing the sponsor’s name is presented to the student award winner in your selected course each year by UF Law Dean Robert Jerry at an awards ceremony on campus. Sponsors are invited to attend the ceremony and a reception to meet the student book-award winner. Book award sponsors are recognized at each of our regional events and in the Annual Report.

Book award sponsorships are $2,500 per year for a five-year term with an option for continuous renewal. For more information, available courses and current sponsors, call Grace Northern at 352-273-0640 or go to www.law.ufl.edu/bookaward.
Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor tours the Florida Museum of Natural History’s Butterfly Rainforest before zeroing in on judicial reform Sept. 12 in the inaugural Poucher Lecture Series sponsored by Levin College of Law’s Florida Law Review. (Photo by Jeff Gage/Florida Museum)
Of butterflies, bats and judicial reform

Sandra Day O’Connor leapt into the public eye as the Supreme Court’s first woman; her opinions have kept her there

BY RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

Ninety minutes before she was to appear as the main attraction on a panel of distinguished legal minds hosted by the UF Levin College of Law’s Florida Law Review, retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor veered away from the meticulously choreographed handshakes and photos ops awaiting her. She strolled next door into the Florida Museum of Natural History for a different sort of attraction.

One expects excitement when a justice of the Supreme Court shows up at a legal function. And even though it was the sixth Supreme Court justice visit to UF Law in the past six years, O’Connor’s appearance fairly tingled with electricity.

But what kind of reception can a retired Supreme Court justice expect inside a butterfly rainforest? It turns out that O’Connor generates excitement among the entomological set, as well. Florida Museum Center Director Thomas Emmell, one of the world’s foremost butterfly experts, guided O’Connor and her college of law retinue among the rainforest’s fluttering, multihued inhabitants.

The woman widely described as the most powerful in America during her 24-year tenure as Supreme Court Justice left no doubt who was in charge of this particular butterfly tour.

“These students need to hear this,” O’Connor told Emmell, and she turned toward the dark-suited law students chatting among themselves. “Now listen! You’re missing out.”

When she departed the Lepidoptera sanctuary to turn her attention to the judiciary, O’Connor emerged on stage of the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in front of almost 1,400 people. It distinguished the Sept. 12 inaugural Allen L. Poucher Lecture Series as what UF Law professors emeritus Joseph Little and Fletcher Baldwin, members of the faculty since the 1960s, said was the best-attended law school-sponsored event they could remember.

UF Law Dean Robert Jerry noted later that by kicking off the lecture series with O’Connor, the Poucher Lecture Series instantly earned the credibility to attract high-octane speakers in the future.

O’Connor was joined by panel moderator Martha Barnett (JD 73), a former ABA president and partner in the Tallahassee Office of Holland & Knight, by Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Rosemary Barkett (JD 70).

O’Connor was Senate majority leader of the Arizona Senate before becoming a judge. But her familiarity with elections has not made her sanguine about that method for selection and retention of judges. On stage, she quickly warmed to her subject.

“No other nation in the world elects its judges. That’s a novel proposition,” O’Connor told the near-capacity crowd. “When I tell people in other countries about it they’re appropriately shocked.”

For an encore, O’Connor drew another 860 to the University of Florida Graham Center during a lecture the same evening.

So what is it that makes O’Connor so popular?
The O’Connor legacy

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s background lies in electoral politics as majority leader of the Arizona Senate. She was also the swing vote in many Supreme Court cases. These two facets of her public life may not be a coincidence. Like a legislative leader who forges compromises between political parties to cobble together a majority, her opinions are often seen as compromises between competing ideological wings of the court. Here are five key Supreme Court decisions that pivoted on her opinion, reasoning, vote or all three.

- **Planned Parenthood of Se. Pennsylvania v. Casey**, 505 U.S. 833, 112 S. Ct. 2791, 120 L. Ed. 2d 674 (1992) This landmark abortion rights case raised the issues of whether a state could, without violating rights guaranteed by Roe v. Wade, require women who want an abortion to obtain informed consent; wait 24 hours; if married, obtain consent from their husbands; and, if minors, obtain parental consent. In a 5-4 opinion co-authored by O’Connor, the Supreme Court devised a new standard of “undue burden” by which to judge laws infringing on abortion rights and held that all the requirements except the one regarding a husband’s consent passed that standard and were constitutional.

- **Shaw v. Reno**, 509 U.S. 630, 113 S. Ct. 2816, 125 L. Ed. 2d 511 (U.S.N.C. 1993) In this landmark congressional redistricting case, plaintiffs challenged the constitutionality of a 47 percent black congressional district in North Carolina under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. In an opinion authored by O’Connor, the Supreme Court held that North Carolina’s redistricting legislation was unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause because it was so irregular on its face that it could rationally be viewed only as an effort to segregate races for purposes of voting, without regard to traditional districting principles and without sufficiently compelling justification.

- **McConnell v. Fed. Election Comm’n**, 540 U.S. 93, 124 S. Ct. 619, 157 L. Ed. 2d 491 (2003) overruled by Citizens United v. Fed. Election Comm’n, 130 S. Ct. 876, 175 L. Ed. 2d 753 (U.S. 2010) In this campaign finance case, a sharply divided Supreme Court upheld most of the bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 as constitutional. Many of these rulings were highly contentious, including the Court’s holding that a provision banning state and local political parties from using unregulated “soft money” for federal election activities did not violate parties’ free speech and free association rights. O’Connor was the deciding vote in this 5-4 ruling and co-authored two of the three separate majority opinions.

- **Grutter v. Bollinger**, 539 U.S. 306, 123 S. Ct. 2325, 156 L. Ed. 2d 304 (2003) In this affirmative action case, a white applicant who was denied admission to the University of Michigan Law School challenged the use of racial factors in the admissions process as a violation of her 14th Amendment Equal Protection rights. O’Connor cast the deciding vote and wrote the 5-4 opinion, in which the Court held the law school’s policy constitutional because race was not the only factor on which admissions decision were made, emphasizing the “individualized approach” undertaken by the school.

- **McCreary County, Ky. v. Am. Civil Liberties Union of Ky.**, 545 U.S. 844, 125 S. Ct. 2722, 162 L. Ed. 2d 729 (2005) In this religious expression case, a divided Supreme Court held that two government-sponsored displays of the Ten Commandments in Kentucky county courthouses were in violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment separating church and state because the religious purpose of a display must be joined by a secular purpose at least as compelling. O’Connor’s deciding vote and concurrence in a preceding case provided the basis for the Court’s reasoning in McCreary that “a secular purpose must be serious to be sufficient.”

Compiled and summarized by Nicole Safker (3L)

Jon Mills, dean emeritus and director of the Levin College of Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility, is a former speaker of the Florida House who earlier this year chaired an American Bar Association panel discussion with O’Connor. Mills says O’Connor’s position as the first woman on the Supreme Court has thrust her into the public eye. Her key role in court decisions kept her there.

“She is a historic figure in the sense that she is the first woman. I think people know that she was a decisive member of the court in terms of being a very important part of a lot of decisions from individual rights to voting rights, etc., and she is an engaging personality for all of those reasons,” Mills said.

In fact, three years after she retired, a C-SPAN-sponsored survey found 41 percent could name O’Connor as the first woman on the high court. That far exceeded the percentage who could name any of the sitting justices (Justice Clarence Thomas was the most widely recognized at 14 percent).

In her introduction of O’Connor on the Phillips Center stage, Barnett noted that she was so central to the court’s jurisprudence that shorthand-references included her name.

“People often called it the O’Connor Court. Many times, when cases were 4-4 it was Justice O’Connor’s vote that decided it,” Barnett said.

O’Connor was nominated to the court by conservative Republican President Ronald Reagan in 1981. But Mills said her centrist — sometimes she aligned with conservative justices; other times she teamed up with the liberals — makes her a less controversial figure than a reliably liberal or conservative justice. Her centrism “appeals to a broad spectrum of people,” Mills said.
The problem with electing judges, the Poucher lecture panelists agreed, is that it undermines the judiciary as an independent branch of the government while compromising impartiality.

O’Connor noted that most campaign contributors are the lawyers and interest groups who will appear before the judges as advocates or parties to a legal case.

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—Martha Barnett (JD 73), former ABA president and partner in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight

“Huge amounts of money are going to judicial campaigns, which is why we shouldn’t have that system. Campaign contributions have effects on judicial decisions. Even judges say this,” O’Connor said. “If you have a chance in Florida, get rid of popular election.”

O’Connor’s status as judicial rock star does not make her immune to disagreements.

William H. Pryor Jr., a judge on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and former attorney general of Alabama, is one of the dissenters. In a 2007 Virginia Law Review article, Pryor questioned claims by O’Connor and others that the judiciary faces unprecedented assaults on its independence.

On Sept. 30, Pryor spoke at UF Law under the auspices of a Federalist Society speaker series. He told UP LAW magazine after his formal speech that it is not obvious that electing judges is better or worse than the alternative.

“I don’t think there’s a perfect way to pick judges. I’ve stood for election as a statewide official and there are problems with that, and I’ve been through an appointment process and can say there are problems with that,” Pryor said. “Judges take it as a given and lawyers take it as a given that a process of judicial se-

Senate with sufficient majorities to appear on a ballot.

Barkett, the U.S. 11th Circuit appeals court judge and a colleague of Pryor, decried these initiatives.

“The efforts the Florida Legislature presently is making to take away power from the judiciary and allocate that power to themselves are really damaging to any concept of the principles established in this country by our constitutional fathers,” Barkett said during the Poucher panel discussion.

Since leaving the Supreme Court, O’Connor has turned most of her energies toward a goal less contentious than judicial reform — improving the nation’s civic knowledge, especially among young people.

“Three out of four people in the U.S., according to recent polls, can name at least one of the three stooges,” O’Connor told the Phillips Center audience. “Two-thirds of Americans cannot even name the three branches of government.”

O’Connor is working to change this state of affairs by sponsoring a website, www.icivics.org, that uses games to teach young people about executive, legal, legislative, local government and budgetary decision making.

But if her trip to the University of Florida was any indication, the 81-year-old jurist is not restricting herself to law, civics education — or even butterflies.

As the sun sank low on the day of O’Connor’s visit, Jerry, the law school dean, found himself on the phone searching out an expert on bats. Next stop for the justice: the University of Florida Bat House.
Does the fate of the republic depend on the supercommittee? The Washington Post says, “It must restore the nation’s financial stability and the reputation of Congress.” Time Magazine declares, “It will succeed because it has to: the long-term U.S. deficit and debt problems are too dire.” And the committee’s Texas co-chairman asks: “Will history record that we wrote the first chapter of America’s decline or... left the next generation with greater blessings of liberty and vaults of limitless opportunities?”

It’s up to the supercommittee — six Republicans, six Democrats, half from the House and half from the Senate — to make at least $1.5 trillion worth of deficit-cutting decisions by Thanksgiving. If they can do this, the legislation will be on a fast legislative track through Congress, which must act before Christmas. Failure to produce a law triggers $1.2 trillion in cuts to domestic and defense spending.

Enter Mark Prater (LLMT ’87), a well-respected if low-profile Washington, D.C.-insider who is a tax-and-budget-policy specialist serving on the Senate Finance Committee staff since 1990. Low profile, that is, until Aug. 30.

That’s when co-Chairmen Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, and Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, appointed the UF Law Graduate Tax alumnus legislative staff director for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, better known as the supercommittee.

“It’s a very unique legislative power and I think expectations are very high,” Prater acknowledged from his Capitol Hill office. “These 12 members have been presented with a unique set of tools and resources with a vehicle that is almost unprecedented in both the power and the privilege it would enjoy in both the House and the Senate.”

In the age of gridlock, that ubiquitous allusion to legislative traffic jams, the metaphor for this committee is fast track. It’s a thoroughbred pointed down a hardened straightaway. The procedural roadblocks are cleared for its legislation: No filibusters — the requirement for 60 votes in the Senate — and no amendments, which can shave votes from legislative proposals.

But before kicking its stirrups in the House and Senate horse track, the supercommittee must reach its own agreement.

As legislative staff director, it’s Prater’s job to oversee the supercommittee’s care and feeding so members can fashion a majority behind a plan to contain the growth of federal deficits and debt.

**GO SOUTH, YOUNG MAN**

Prater came to UF Law from his home in Portland, Ore., juris doctor in hand from Willamette University College of Law. He was aiming to complement his undergraduate accounting degree with an advanced tax law qualification.

The Oregonian remembers getting off the plane in North Central Florida where
summer smacked him in the face. “Coming to Gainesville in the middle of August for somebody who has never experienced that kind of humidity requires a physical adjustment.”

As the weather turned cooler, he found himself ensconced in a year-long program with great diversity among the student body and a great deal of rigor in the coursework. High expectations of UF Law professors, Prater said, have served him well as he climbed the ladder of the Senate to become lead tax counsel for the Finance Committee. In his temporary job on the supercommittee he heads a staff of 14, of whom 11 are policy experts on everything from national defense to health care.

Prater held up UF Law Professor Michael Oberst (JD 68), now emeritus, as a model. “He’s kind of a tough professor, but he treated everybody the same and insisted on a high standard of preparation and communication and technical accuracy. A good teacher expects a lot out of his or her students and expects them to perform and pushes them to perform. I think those are all values of leadership, too,” Prater said. “When you move up in an organization a lot of times you’re teaching, guiding, counseling them, sometimes disciplining them.”

After Prater earned his degree from UF Law, he returned to Oregon where he began his tax law practice. It was not long before Lindy Paull (JD 79, LLMT 80) came calling during a staff recruiting swing through Oregon, home of Sen. Bob Packwood, the longtime top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee. Paull is a principal with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She served as the legislative staff director for Senate Finance Committee Republicans from 1986 to 1998.

“The most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings placed UF Law as No. 1 among public universities and No. 2 overall behind New York University. “I was influenced that he had his LL.M. from the University of Florida,” Paull said.

Prater said he had intended to stay in Washington, D.C., for a couple of years but he soon caught the political bug and two years have become 21.

On the supercommittee, Paull said, it’s Prater’s job to keep the “trains rolling.” “Make sure the public meetings go well, they have good speakers, good witnesses that are going to inform the members, good dialogue, substantive issues,” she said. “They have to assemble all of the data in a usable format so that they can make decisions, and all of that has to happen, like, yesterday.”

“Yesterday” because the timeframe for the committee requires an effort that is nothing short of “herculean,” she said. The committee must report a bill to the House and Senate floor by Nov. 23 and the House and Senate must pass the legislation by Dec. 23.

“I’ve never seen a committee like this before, and I’ve never seen a timeline like this before,” Paull said.

The committee held three public meetings through mid-September then largely fell from public view for more than a month. Prater’s staff and committee members continued to hold meetings in private.
Prater estimates he’s been working 80 to 90 hours per week to keep those trains rolling.

“it’s no wonder that the supercommittee co-chairmen issued a statement calling him a “workhorse” when they announced his appointment. Since then he has recruited his staff and laid the groundwork for legislative business. “This 52-and-a-half year old body is definitely feeling it,” he said.

The father of 4-year-old James and husband of fellow congressional staffer Lori, Prater said he keeps tabs on the Gators football team. He also keeps in touch with friends he met during his year in Gainesville as well as other UF Law Gators in the Washington, D.C., area. And despite the brutal schedule, he gets regular exercise.

“I think it’s really important in these jobs to stay in good physical shape, keep yourself sharp,” he said. “I frequently go to the gym — did some cardio this morning as a matter of fact. It helps you deal with the stress and the pressures that come with these Capitol Hill jobs.”

Beyond the sheer work ethic, Prater’s tax expertise was seen as a sign that supercommittee members are serious about tax reform as part of the budget solution. Prater’s appointment also signaled a stab at bipartisanship.

“The Finance Committee has a tradition of problem-solving, a bipartisan tradition,” Prater said. “From what the members say, that track record is why I was selected to come over here. By definition it is a bi-partisan, bi-cameral product for it to succeed.”
D.C. POWER PLAYERS CONTINUED

Ede Holiday (JD 77) was an assistant to President George H. W. Bush and general counsel of the United States Treasury Department. She is director and chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and Member of Compensation Committee for RTI International Metals, Inc., and on the Board of Directors for the H.J. Heinz Company, Hess Corporation, White Mountains Insurance Group Ltd. and Canadian National Railway.

Bill McCollum (JD 68) was congressman from 1981 until 2001 representing Central Florida. He became known as an expert on terrorism and served as one of the 13 House Republican managers, or prosecutors, in the 1998 impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton. He was elected Florida attorney general 2007 through 2011 when he led the 26-state challenge to the constitutionality of the federal Affordable Care Act — the national health care reform law — which the U.S. Supreme Court will likely hear this term. McCollum is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of SNR Denton’s Public Policy and Regulation practice. He is a member of the UF Law Board of Trustees.

Esther Olavarria (JD 86) serves as counselor to Secretary Janet Napolitano at the Department of Homeland Security, advising the secretary on immigration policy matters, including comprehensive immigration reform. Previously, she was senior fellow and director of Immigration Policy at the Center for American Progress.

Lindy Paull (JD 79, LMT 80) was Republican staff director and chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee from 1986 to 1998. She was chief of staff to the Joint Committee on Taxation from 1998 to 2003, and is now principal at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP where she guides clients through the governmental tax and regulatory thicket.

Mark Rosman (JD 91) served as assistant chief of the National Criminal Enforcement Section in U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division where he was lead attorney for the investigation into air transportation price-fixing resulting in a record $1.8 billion in fines in 2010. He is now a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

Everett J. Santos (JD 66) has worked as the chief executive officer of the AIG-GE Capital Latin American Infrastructure Fund and served as director for Latin America and director, infrastructure with the World Bank Group (IFC). Before that he served as an attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and Civil Rights Commission. He is the co-founder and past chairman of the Latin American Venture Capital Association (LAVCA) and served as a member of the board of the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (EMPEA).

Hap Shashy (JD 73) was chief counsel to the IRS from 1991 to 1993. Shashy is a member of the UF Law Board of Trustees and is currently managing partner at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, where he is partner-in-charge of the tax practice and chairman of the Tax Opinion Committee.

Janet R. Studley (JD 76) is a partner at Holland & Knight’s Washington, D.C., office where she provides legal advice on public policy and federal legislation. Studley is the past chair of Holland & Knight’s Government Law Section and a previous chief counsel to the subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices and Open Government of the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Prater said he has noticed a seriousness and collegial approach among staff and members of the supercommittee.

Paull credited Prater’s rise to his easy-going manner and photographic recall of political and policy intrigues since his arrival on Capitol Hill.

“A Democrat picked him off a Republican staff … so that speaks miles for him and his abilities to really work together and find solutions, and he’s really good at that. He has been through every major budget bill since 1990,” she said.

HOW WE GOT INTO THIS MESS

Prater is now in the middle of what may be the mother of all budget bills. Born from the summer’s deal to raise the debt ceiling in return for budget cuts, the supercommittee was created as the venue for Round 2 of that budget fight.

The supercommittee’s goal is “trying to get at least $1.5 trillion. Of that, $300 billion would be interest savings, so it’s about $1.2 trillion in savings,” Prater said. “That’s a daunting task and a lot of members would like to do a lot more than that.”

Hap Shashy (JD 73), chief counsel to the IRS from 1990 to 1993 and now partner
in Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, explained the forces that have led to this budgetary reckoning.

During the Ellen Bellet Gelberg Tax Policy Lecture held Sept. 30 at UF Law, Shashy pointed to two line graphs showing the deficit bouncing along with a small gap between spending and revenue through most of the post-war period. Until, that is, there came an economic shock to the system.

"The deficit transcends time, it transcends political parties — and it also transcends different versions of the tax system," said Shashy, who sits on the Levin College of Law Board of Trustees. "And then the meltdown hits and the Great Recession hits and that’s when the deficit — the gap — became very big, unsustainable, and got everybody’s attention and people started thinking seriously about what needs to be done with it."

Three years since the economic meltdown of 2008 and the national debt has grown rapidly, equal to about 100 percent of the economy’s yearly output. Even after the economy recovers from its current doldrums, rapidly expanding health care costs and interest on the national debt will keep deficits high, Shashy noted.

Legislating a solution despite these obstacles is the mission of the supercommittee. And what if it fails? What if the short timeframe, partisan intransigence and the sheer complexity of the task conspire to block an agreement to contain the deficit and the debt?

Prater harkens back to his days as a quarter-miler in Portland’s Parkrose Senior High School. He called himself a skinny 5-foot 9-inch kid lined up against the 6-foot-ers who looked like half-backs. Those half-backs might be able to beat him through the first 100 meters. But it takes speed and endurance to cross the finish line first after circling the entire track.

If a majority votes a bill out, Prater said the staff work will lighten somewhat for the next step of shepherding the measure through the House and Senate.

But for now, he’s on the back stretch of that quarter-mile. “This committee has extraordinary opportunities and extraordinary responsibilities, and it doesn’t have much time so it’s like a 400 (meter dash) to me,” he said. “You’re going to have to give it your best, run as hard as you can, and there are going to be factors working against you, too.”
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in 140 characters or less
Gators try Casey Anthony case in a new kind of media storm

BY MATT WALKER

The hottest news story of the summer was undoubtedly the Casey Anthony trial. A young mother accused of murdering her 2-year-old daughter; a family meltdown on our television screens in real time. While America watched their every move, University of Florida Levin College of Law alumni filled key roles on both the prosecution and the defense teams. These officers of the court were well-aware of the stakes for justice and for the accused, but none of them predicted the avalanche of public attention once the case went to trial.
As Jeff Ashton (JD ’80) stands up from the prosecution table to approach the witness, a gallery full of journalists barely look up from their cell phones or iPads, their necks arching as they tap at touchscreens (physical keyboards weren’t allowed in the courtroom). They are updating Twitter feeds and live blogs with minute details of the trial. On the 23rd floor of the Orange County Courthouse, it’s the O.J. trial for the Tweet Generation. Get your verdict in 140 characters or less.

Ashton, assistant state attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit of Florida and assistant prosecutor in the Anthony case, dives into a legal sparring match with defense team member Dorothy Clay Sims (JD ’81). The two Gators go head to head as Sims seeks to establish the credibility of the witness, while Ashton objects at every turn in an attempt to undercut his expertise. Anthony sits motionless and expressionless at the defense table, staring straight ahead. Next to Anthony, her attorney Jose Baez leans in to confer with co-counsel Cheney Mason (JD ’70).

Meanwhile, Lawson Lamar (JD ’72), state attorney for the 9th Circuit, remained mostly out of sight. As the officeholder, he was ultimately responsible for the prosecution but stayed in the background to provide guidance to Ashton and prosecutor Linda Drane Burdick. UF Law Adjunct Professor Bernard Raum served as a forensic evidence consultant to the prosecution, while Ann Fennell (JD ’78) was a key member of the defense team during jury selection and for the penalty phase.

It was the trial of our young century, and UF Law was at the heart of it — from the alumni working the trial to the expert faculty members who helped the media understand the legal twists and turns unfolding in the courtroom. It was a trial set apart from all that came before it, a media maelstrom fueled by emerging communication technologies and a case study in the changing world of news consumption.

While it may look like a twist of fate that so many UF alumni and faculty filled so many key roles in this highest of high-profile national cases, UF Law Professor Amy Mashburn suggested otherwise. She pointed out that it’s not uncommon for UF Law alumni to be thrust into the spotlight in Florida.

“Thanks to the state’s large population and its pivotal role in law, politics and media, Florida often becomes the venue for high-profile or landmark legal issues,” Mashburn said. “So UF Law alumni wind up in leadership and high-profile roles.”

When the Casey Anthony trial was getting underway in May, UF Law Legal Skills Professor George “Bob” Dekle was happy to lend his criminal law expertise to the media writing about the case even as his own book recounting his experiences in an even more notorious murder case was hot off the presses.

In *The Last Murder: The Investigation, Prosecution and Execution of Ted Bundy*, Dekle recounts his experience as the lead prosecutor of the infamous serial killer in the murder of 12-year-old Kim Leach — Bundy’s final victim.

He draws some comparisons to the Anthony trial when discussing the Bundy case.

“You had a truly innocent victim and a physically attractive suspect. ... He was articulate and social,” Dekle said. “So you had a little bit different context, but some of the same ingredients from one case to the next.”

Dekle said it was the first first-degree murder case he ever prosecuted.

“You might as well start off big, right?” he joked.

The book begins with the disappearance of Leach from the Lake City junior high school and follows Bundy’s trial after he escaped from a Colorado jail in 1977, where he was being held on murder charges, to his arrest in Pensacola several months later.

Dekle said the book then looks at the investigation of the case, the extensive media coverage that ensued and the legal issues surrounding the case.

Ultimately, his aim was to write an academic textbook rather than a memoir.

“My idea was not to write a book about Ted Bundy, it was to write a book about prosecuting somebody like Ted Bundy, and what was involved in it,” he said.

—Matt Walker
RECRUITING EXPERIENCE

Soon after he took on Casey Anthony as a client, Baez began calling Mason on the phone — out of the blue — to ask his legal advice. Mason said he was glad to help.

“I can remember as a young lawyer, me being on the receiving end,” Mason said. “I had no problem at all asking other lawyers I met, older lawyers, about things that I did not know.”

When Baez’s phone calls evolved into more and more frequent visits to Mason’s office, Mason finally asked, “What are you trying to do? You’re trying to get me to try this case with you?”

The answer was yes.

Mason, who has handled a number of high-profile cases throughout his 40-year career in Orlando, said he thought long and hard before committing to assist Baez. He knew it would mean dedicating a lot of time and money. But he didn’t envision the coming media frenzy.

“There was more media of different types by a substantial margin in this case than there was in O.J. Simpson,” Mason said in a phone interview. “But the reason for that was technology; they didn’t have all that Twitter and stuff and whatever you call it back then.”

Sims — who was asked to join the defense team after Mason and Baez saw her present at a “Death is Different” conference in Orlando — was also a bit surprised by the media coverage.

“I haven’t owned a television set since 1982, so when I went into my interview and I was introduced as the third member of the team and saw all the media trucks, I was definitely not expecting it,” she said.

And on the other side, Ashton, who recently retired from the state attorney’s office after 30 years, had words strikingly similar to Mason’s.

“Nothing compared to this, but I don’t really think anyone had ever handled anything that compared to this in terms of scope,” Ashton said. “I don’t think any of us could have anticipated what it would turn into, particularly at the trial.”

OLD MEDIA, NEW MEDIA AND SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

What did it turn into?

On the afternoon of the verdict, the No. 1 worldwide Twitter trend was: Not Guilty. But for traditional media it was not as important as it might have seemed at the time. The online news site The Daily Beast found that the Anthony trial ranked as only the 26th biggest trial of the last 20 years based on mentions in newspapers, magazine and nightly news programs. The Simpson trial topped the list. The second biggest trial? Martha Stewart. The ranking did not factor in newer innovations in media consumption, including social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. And without a system like TV’s Nielsen ratings in place for social media, it’s difficult to
know the true depth and breadth of coverage of the Anthony trial.

The Simpson trial had almost 1,200 credentialed reporters covering the case, while the Anthony trial had a little over 600. On the other hand, according to the Pew Research Center’s State of the News Media 2011 report, the number of newspapers and newspaper circulation have been on a steady decline over the past two decades.

At the same time the popularity of social media has exploded. Twitter had gone from 5,000 Tweets per day in 2007, according to The Daily Telegraph, to about 65 million Tweets per day in June. That’s 750 Tweets per second.

When the verdict came down not guilty on all counts except misleading law enforcement, the reaction from the general public was outrage. Facebook posts opposed to the verdict accumulated at a rate of at least 10 per second, according to All Facebook, a website that monitors Facebook activity.

Similarly, the top trending topics on Twitter that afternoon revolved around the Anthony verdict and according to Mashable, Akami — a website that monitors Internet traffic — reported a spike from 2 million news site page views to more than 3.2 million per minute when the verdict was announced.

The way people consume news is changing.

Yet the presence of the traditional media was very much felt by the attorneys.

“I would say the toughest part of this case was having to be subjected to the incompetence of the news media every single day,” Mason said. “They would report on the news things that clearly did not happen in the courtroom — that they made up — or if they did happen, they convoluted the report as to not really resemble it.”

Mason told Baez early on in the case, “No more press interviews.”

On the prosecution side, Ashton said the media circus made it more difficult selecting a jury — eventually chosen from Pinellas County residents instead of Orange County ones — but it didn’t have much impact on the trial itself.

Lamar, the state attorney, said his office never speaks to the media until the end of a trial.

“It is our policy not to discuss the facts of cases until the jury is back and the defendant is sentenced,” he said. “We think that the defendant’s day in court should not be prejudiced by some prosecutor crowing about the quality of their evidence and the guilt of the defendant.”

WHY ALL THE COMMOTION?

The strong emotional reactions the Casey Anthony case garnered from people throughout the country begs the question, why? Unfortunately, homicide — even child homicide — is not that uncommon. As the Casey Anthony
trial continued on the 23rd floor, several floors below actor Billy Bob Thornton’s daughter was on trial for first-degree murder in the death of a friend’s 1-year-old daughter. She was eventually convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

So what set the Anthony trial apart from the rest?

“To be quite blunt about it, what they had going in this particular case is the defendant was an attractive young lady and that goes against the stereotype of what a criminal is,” said George “Bob” Dekle, a legal skills professor at UF Law. “You’ve got a truly innocent victim and an attractive suspect, and you had some ingredients there that the media could conjure with, which they did.”

UF Law Professors Dekle, Jennifer Zedalis (JD 84) and Michael Seigel, were consulted and interviewed regularly by various media on the Anthony trial.

Seigel, director of UF’s Criminal Justice Center, followed the Anthony trial closely. In addition to being quoted on National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered,” he served as a behind the scenes legal adviser for ABC News.

“It pulls at some very strong emotions in people when it’s a mother accused of killing her own child,” Seigel said. “And then it was a very, very troubled family. I mean this whole family, the relationships between the Anthonys and among the Anthonys was problematic, so I think that drew a lot of interest.”

From a legal standpoint, Seigel pointed out that the Anthony trial did have at least one unique aspect: air as evidence.

“That was a huge topic,” Seigel said. The fact that Judge Belvin Perry allowed it to be presented as evidence was a significant event, “given that the standard for the admission of novel scientific evidence is still in contention to some degree.”

The air, which was collected from the trunk of Casey Anthony’s car, was said to reveal the presence of decomposition. It was the first U.S. trial to allow such evidence.

For Ashton, whose main focus for the prosecution was in forensic evidence, it wasn’t the first time he was involved in introducing a never-before-used type of evidence in a criminal trial. In 1988, Ashton was the first prosecutor to present a case, and get a conviction, based on DNA evidence. He acknowledges that the air-as-evidence approach was a unique tactic, but he never had any notion of pioneering a new revolution in forensic evidence.

“While this particular type of evidence is not going to be like DNA, where it’s going to alter the forensic universe, but it was an interesting application of science,” he said.

THE VERDICT

When Anthony was found not guilty on all charges related to the death of her daughter, Caylee, and guilty only of misleading law enforcement officials, it fueled outrage in the general public. The reaction from the legal community was a little different.”Was I surprised? No,” said Zedalis, a UF Law legal skills professor. “I said the day the verdict came out, nothing surprises me. … We’re not sitting in the room every day, eyeballing the witnesses, scrutinizing the evidence up close. We’re not in that jury room actually looking at the exhibits and the evidence and thinking about the testimony and deliberating.”

Seigel said he was initially surprised that there wasn’t a lesser conviction of manslaughter, but in hindsight he could understand the jury’s verdict.

“The prosecution was banking on the credibility of the mother and the father and they were not very credible witnesses, and you know, you don’t have control over that as a prosecutor,” Seigel said.

Ashton put the jury’s decision in perspective.

“I was quite shocked, quite shocked,” Ashton said. “Ultimately, as a lawyer you have to respect the jury’s verdict and that’s sort of the position I’ve taken.”

Ashton, whose book about his experiences in the trial, Imperfect Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony, was published in November, said all the publicity and commentary surrounding the Anthony case has an upside.

“It was good in that a lot of people actually got to see how the system works from soup to nuts,” he said. “I hope people have a better understanding of how it works and that people can see that the verdicts don’t always go the way you want, but that’s the beauty of the system.”
It’s the job of Reggie Garcia (JD 85) to win for his clients the rights and freedoms that no judge or jury can grant.

Garcia is a clemency lawyer who for 17 years has appeared before three Florida governors and numerous Cabinet members of both parties seeking mercy for clients convicted and sentenced for their crimes.

“There are six general criteria, some rules of procedure, but no rules of evidence,” the Tallahassee lawyer explained. “It’s half law and half lobbying. It’s more about equity and common sense.”

Garcia is adept at guiding clients and even fellow state-government insiders through the murky world of Florida clemency, said Steve Bousquet, Tallahassee bureau chief for the St. Petersburg Times.

“Any form of advocacy or lobbying relies on the professionalism and the savviness of the person making the case for the client,” Bousquet said. “The clemency process in Florida is highly secretive and it has been for a long time and (as a result) an advocate such as Reggie Garcia is even more valuable.”

Garcia’s role became more public this year with a change in clemency rules promulgated by Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet. Garcia’s analysis of the rule changes was published in newspapers and a legal journal. But his primary work as a clemency lawyer is winning the restoration of rights and pardons for clients.

At the tail end of Gov. Charlie Crist’s term of office, one of Garcia’s clients, the chief financial officer of a Florida-based real estate investment trust, wanted a full pardon. Aside from getting out of prison early through commutation, a full pardon is the most difficult form of clemency to obtain and the most sweeping because it includes firearm authority.

In 1992, the then-rowdy teenager — who asked that his name be withheld from this story — ran from police during a drinking party and kicked an officer as he jumped a fence trying to escape. He was charged with resisting arrest with violence. That incident revived a conviction a year earlier when he was put on probation for punching a man during a brawl.
outside a St. Petersburg Subway restaurant. The man he punched turned out to be a corrections officer, and the conviction was for aggravated battery. He was placed under house arrest.

Since these run-ins with the law, his record is clean, he has earned two University of Florida degrees and has risen to responsible positions in business. Clemency or not, his felony convictions must be disclosed as his companies offered stock to traders. His goal now was not only to receive a seal of approval from the governor, but to volunteer at his two sons’ schools, something the felonies would prevent.

The case, Garcia figured, was ripe for a pardon.

But time was running out in Crist’s clemency board — to put the St. Petersburg-area man on the clemency docket.

Meanwhile, Garcia slipped the governor’s cell phone number to his client, who had a 10-minute conversation with the state’s chief executive. “He’s from this area. He’s from St. Pete — he’s an FSU grad, but that’s OK. … He could hear it in my voice that I had remorse,” said the man seeking a pardon.

Crist and the clemency board granted a full pardon Dec. 10, 2010.

“If he brings me a case and says this is a Rule 17 — I’m going to listen,” said Leon County Judge Robert R. Wheeler (JD 88), former general counsel and clemency counsel for Crist. “That’s the strength Reggie has. He knows how to evaluate a case and knows the system.”

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If Garcia’s strength is credibility and knowledge of the system, his nightmare is that one of his clients will commit a new crime after winning clemency.

Garcia said it hasn’t happened, but he tries to limit the risk. He requires prospective clients to fill out an extensive questionnaire and submit to an in-depth interview, while Garcia pores over arrest reports and court records.

That question of reoffending, Garcia knows, is also on the mind of the politicians who compose the clemency board because clemency is a political decision as much as a legal one.

“Ultimately, I think the governor and the Cabinet are sitting there trying to give clemency applicants the benefit of the doubt,” Garcia said. “But they are also elected officials and sensitive to public opinion, and I think in their gut they’re saying is this person going to reoffend? Do we have a public safety issue here? Do we have a political issue here that if we give this person a chance is it going to come back at us?”

term and the press of clemency requests meant that Garcia’s petition to skip the line was informally rejected by the governor. As the double Gator with a bachelor’s degree in journalism says, gaining clemency is about lobbying and lobbying means relationships. Garcia is not shy and he turned to other Cabinet members.

Garcia knew the officeholders toward the end of 2010, but all of them, including Crist, would be out soon after the New Year. There were 90,000 people waiting for clemency of all types and Garcia figured that to avoid a potential five-year wait for a pardon hearing, he better maneuver his client before the outgoing officeholders.

Alex Sink, then the state’s chief financial officer, and Charles Bronson, who was agriculture commissioner, listened to the story and both agreed the case had “exceptional merit.” Bronson and Sink invoked the seldom-used Rule 17 — which allows such cases to be proposed by the governor or members of the

A quest for dignity delayed?

As director of the Restoration of Civil Rights Project, UF Law Legal Skills Professor Meshon Rawls (JD 98) guides people on a quest.

“It’s really about dignity, it’s about getting back into society,” Rawls said of applicants for executive clemency. “Applicants are searching for a way to get away from the stigma of being a felon.”

Have new clemency rules imposed by Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet made that quest more difficult? Rawls and groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida believe so.

“The rule changes as of March are definitely a problem for people seriously seeking to have their rights restored,” Rawls said. “It disenfranchises so many people, people who really want to become full-fledged citizens — they’re prevented from doing so.”

Seeking the restoration of civil rights — the right to vote, sit on a jury and hold public office — requires filing an application and to be crime-free for approval without a hearing. For the 35 most serious offenses, an applicant must be crime-free for seven years and must be approved at a hearing of the clemency board. For a full pardon and restoration of firearm authority, the respective 10- and 8-year waiting periods may no longer be waived. For those seeking prison commutations, at least one-third of the sentence — half the sentence for a mandatory minimum — must be served before commutation is considered.

Meanwhile, a new state law, SB 146, makes it easier for convicted felons to find jobs by allowing them to obtain occupational licenses unless their crimes are directly related to the occupation.

Rawls and Tallahassee Clemency Lawyer Reggie Garcia (JD 85) see the law as a step forward by making it easier for felons to become productive members of society.

But on the clemency rules, they part ways. Garcia notes that it typically took years for the clemency process to run its course even before the changes.

“I wouldn’t characterize it as limiting it, all of the options are still there,” Garcia said. “There are just some new eligibility periods where they want to see people demonstrate a track record of rehabilitation to earn the clemency and certainly reasonable people can differ on whether that makes sense.”

—Richard Goldstein
You might say the history and environment of Florida are woven into the very being of Harvey Oyer III (JD 98).

Oyer is a scion of the Pierce family, one of the first Anglo-American families to settle in southeast Florida immediately following the Seminole Wars and the Civil War.

His diverse professions include work as a land-use lawyer, children’s book author and archaeologist — always concentrating on the vitality that makes Florida unique.

“In South Florida, it is unique to have a family that goes back five generations,” he said, “but I take more pride in the role my family played in the development of Florida.”

Notable members of Oyer’s family include United States President Franklin Pierce, Army Lt. Col. Benjamin K. Pierce, for whom the Florida town of Fort Pierce is named, legendary “barefoot mailman” Charlie Pierce, Oyer’s great-granduncle, and Lillie Pierce, the first Anglo child born between Jupiter and Miami. She was Oyer’s great-grandmother.

Among many contributions to the area, one of the Pierce family’s most notable was the planting of coconuts in 1878 from the shipwrecked Providencia of Spain. From these coconut trees sprouted the beginnings of the landscape and name for West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County.

Being a part of this lineage exposed Oyer to an in-depth knowledge of Florida’s geography and wildlife, and he is determined to help preserve it.

“I love Florida,” he said. “I love all things about our natural world, our history, our archaeology, our flora and our fauna.”

Oyer’s fervor combined with what he called his “hardwiring to be a lawyer” produces a zealous legal advocate for Florida’s most pressing environmental and land-use issues.

In his four years at the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, Oyer has represented large rural land owners, governmental agencies, and real estate developers. He also chairs the office’s Land Use Practice Group.

“A lot of my work has to do with responsible sustainable development and agriculture,” Oyer said, “including the growing of commodities to be used for biofuels and synthetic fuels.”

One of Oyer’s biggest legal projects was the creation of privately owned conservation banks for the Florida panther. Of the four conservation banks that exist in Florida, Oyer served as counsel in the implementation of three. His responsibilities included conceptualizing the idea, drafting all necessary documents and cre-
ating endowment and trusts to provide for perpetual maintenance.

“I feel good about what I’m doing,” Oyer said. “At the end of my career if the Florida panther still exists, I can genuinely say that I was part of saving that species.”

Oyer did not make a direct transition from his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida to the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He spent almost five years traveling to Turkey, Colombia, Australia and other remote parts of the world for archaeological excavations and earning his master’s degree in archaeology from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Oyer also served in the U.S. Marine Corps and rose to the rank of captain before becoming a reservist to attend UF Law.

“There were a lot of things I wanted to do with my life that I knew couldn’t be done while I was in law school or after,” Oyer said. “Once I felt ready to come back to America, I knew Florida was the obvious choice for law school.”

Oyer’s strong ties to Florida and interest in environmental law made UF Law a perfect fit. UF Law’s Environmental and Land Use Law program is ranked 13th nationally by U.S. News & World Report.

“If you want to practice law in Florida, then you need to go to UF Law,” Oyer said. “I was able to learn about Florida law and develop a network within Florida that I maintain today.”


“We need to grow the next generation of Floridians to have a better fundamental understanding of the uniqueness of Florida,” he said, “and I think there’s a greater opportunity to do that with our children.”

The book since became popular with children and adults, receiving gold medals in 2010 from the Florida Publishers Association in both Children’s Fiction and books about Florida.

The overall acclaim for the first book encouraged Oyer to write a sequel, The Adventures of Charlie Pierce: The Last Egret. The book, published in early 2010, focused on Charlie Pierce’s journey across South Florida as a teenager to hunt for bird plumes. The plumes were a fashion statement in the late 19th century that Pierce came to oppose after witnessing the negative impact the hunting of these birds had on the environment. The Last Egret meets more than 50 Sunshine State Teaching Standards for the fourth grade and became required reading in 2010 for fourth graders in Palm Beach County, the 11th largest school district in the country.

“The books have a really powerful message for today’s youth about conservation,” Oyer said, “and children unwittingly learn the history and archaeology of Florida along the way.”

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recently licensed the characters of The Adventures of Charlie Pierce to be used in their youth conservation programs statewide. Oyer is working on another book for his children’s series to be released in 2012. “These books are a knockout,” said Tim O’Neil, coordinator of marketing for the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. “We plan to use these characters as part of an outreach program for kids.”

Oyer also is a philanthropist in his community. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and a trustee and general counsel of the South Florida Science Museum. He served as chairman of the Historical Society of Palm Beach for seven years and director of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council for six years. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and the Florida Atlantic University Honors College.

“Harvey is an asset to this community,” said Palm Beach County State Attorney Michael McAuliffe. “His love and passion for Florida history guides his many community activities and contributions.”

In May, Oyer received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations. The medal is awarded to U.S. citizens from diverse ethnic backgrounds who excel in their professional and personal lives and continue to celebrate their heritage. Oyer was one of 100 recipients in 2011 to receive the award at a weekend ceremony on Ellis Island in New York. He was joined by entertainer Jerry Lewis, former Miami Dolphins Head Coach Don Shula and Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, the first living recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War.

“I sat among these extraordinary people and was able to enjoy their heritage, as well as mine,” Oyer said.

“We need to grow the next generation of Floridians to have a better fundamental understanding of the uniqueness of Florida.”

—Harvey Oyer III (JD 98)
CLASS NOTES

CHARLES H. (CHUCK) BAUMBERGER (JD 66), a founder of the Miami plaintiff trial law firm Rossman, Baumberger, Reboso, Spier & Connolly, P.A., was recently inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers at the organization’s annual meeting in New York City. He is board certified as a specialist in civil trial law.

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1954

Robert L. Trohn, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Lakeland office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for commercial litigation/personal injury litigation.

1964

Gerald F. Richman, president of the commercial litigation law firm of Richman Greer, PA., with offices in Miami and West Palm Beach, has been elected chairman of the 4th District Court of Appeal Nominating Commission. The commission’s role is to identify and nominate individuals to fill open judiciary positions in the 4th District. Richman will serve on the commission for a term of four years.

1965

Robert Donald Mastry, a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s St. Petersburg office, was named to the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for his work in real estate law.

1966

Sidney A. Stubbs Jr., a board member of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was named to the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Top 10 list. He was also named a Leading Lawyer in Chambers USA 2011. Stubbs practices in the areas of commercial and corporate litigation and law firm litigation.

1967

John J. Lazzara, judge of compensation claims, Tallahassee, was elected to the Board of Governors of the College of Workers’ Compensation Lawyers, an affiliate of the American Bar Association, for the 2011-2013 term.

Hubert C. Normile, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Melbourne office, has been appointed to serve on the Florida Judicial Nominating Commission. This statewide panel is responsible for selecting nominees for presidential appointments to federal judgships, U.S. attorneys and U.S. marshals.

1968

Stephen J. Bozarth, a shareholder of the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list for his practice in real estate law.

1969

Charles H. Egerton, a shareholder of the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers and Chambers USA 2011 lists for his practice in tax law.
John P. Kuder, senior chief judge of the 1st Judicial Circuit Court, has been appointed to a three-year term starting July 1 on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization that works to expand access to justice on behalf of Florida’s legal profession. Kuder established the Chief Judge’s Children’s Council, Youth Gang Task Force and Task Force on Minority Issues. He also founded the John P. Kuder Children’s Foundation, an orphanage and school for abandoned and orphaned children in India.

Joseph P. Milton, past president of the Jacksonville Bar Association (JBA), was honored with the Justice Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Award by the JBA in June. The award is given to a person who exemplifies steadfast obedience to ethics, professionalism, preparation, respect to all participants in the legal process, aggressive advocacy, mentorship, scholarship and a driving force to do what is right. Milton is a founding partner in Milton, Leach, Whitman, D’Andrea & Eslinger, P.A. in Jacksonville.

John Patterson, partner with Livingston, Patterson, Strickland & Siegel, P.A. in Sarasota, will serve as first vice president of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization that works to expand access to justice on behalf of Florida’s legal profession. Patterson, a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow, began his term July 1. He chairs the Foundation’s Development Committee and serves on the Foundation’s Executive, Finance and Audit and Grant Program committees. Patterson specializes in real property, business and banking law.

William Knight Zewadski, a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s Tampa office, was named to the 2012 edition of the Best Lawyers in America for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law and litigation — bankruptcy.

1970

William E. Williams, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tallahassee office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for administrative and regulatory law.

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Gator grad wins top TV award

When Nick Nanton (JD 04) won an Emmy Award, he won more than distinction and prestige. He also won recognition for children with special needs and nonprofit organizations with financial needs of their own.

In July, Nanton and his Gator co-executive producers, Lindsay and J.W. Dicks, were nominated for an Emmy Award in the Human Interest – News section for “Jacob’s Turn.” It’s an inspirational short film documentary about Jacob Titus, a Floyds Knobs, Ind., boy with Down syndrome who loves playing T-ball and having his turn at bat, and ultimately, at life.

Nanton and co-director Amardeep Kaleka won an Emmy Award in the Director – Short Form category. Nanton and J.W. Dicks, both entertainment attorneys and founders of The Dicks and Nanton Celebrity Branding Agency, a personal branding media, marketing and PR firm based in Orlando, used their positions in the media industry to help get the film off of the ground.

Nanton met Jacob’s father in an airport on a layover. After hearing about Jacob and his family’s fundraising efforts, Nanton, who is also a father, said he knew Jacob’s “story had to be told.”

The seven-minute film, which can be seen at www.jacobsturn.com, is based on an essay Jacob’s mother, Patricia Titus, wrote and submitted to the local newspaper. The film illustrates the motivational effect that 4-year-old Jacob’s perseverance had on his small community.

Through the film, Jacob’s story is being used to inspire the wider world. It has launched a campaign to benefit children who have Down syndrome and other special needs so that they too can get their “turns” at life.

Nanton said that everyone, especially Gators, can take their talents and use them to help the greater good.

“We learn how to give back at UF,” Nanton said. “There’s a lot of emphasis on community and gathering together to help others.”

—Roberta O. Roberts (4JM)
1971

Darryl M. Bloodworth, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list and the Chambers USA 2011 list for business and commercial litigation.

Phillip R. Finch, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for real estate.

John K. Veeland, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Lakeland office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for trusts and estates.

1972

William H. Andrews, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Jacksonville office, was named to the Chambers USA 2011 list and Florida Trend Legal Elite list for his work in labor and employment law. He was also named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for employment law/labor law — management.

Gene K. Glasser, a shareholder in Greenspoon Marder, P.A.’s Fort Lauderdale office, has been named as a Key Partner for 2011 by the South Florida Business Journal. The award program recognizes South Florida’s top 25 attorneys and top 25 accountants based on demonstrated success over the past year to 18 months. Glasser is a Florida Bar board-certified lawyer in tax law and estate planning and administration. He was also included in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list and Best Lawyers in America 2012 list. He focuses his practice on tax law, estate planning and administration, and probate.

Robert A. Mandell, chairman and chief executive officer of Greater Properties, Inc., a commercial real estate venture in Central Florida, has been appointed ambassador to Luxembourg by President Barack Obama. Mandell serves on the Board of Directors of Florida Hospital, the Burnham Institute for Medical Research of La Jolla, Calif., and the Vermont Studio Center. He also serves on the Audit and Finance Committee of the Adventist Health System. In 2010, he was appointed to the President’s Export Council.

Carson McEachern, a partner in the Naples office of Roetzel & Andress, LPA, was named to the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list.

Andrew D. Owens Jr. has been elected to serve as chief judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, which encompasses Desoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties. His two-year term began July 1. This is his second stint as chief judge of the 12th Circuit, having previously served from 1995 through 1999. He was appointed to the bench in 1983 by former Gov. Bob Graham.

Jake Schickel, a founding partner of Coker, Schickel, Sorenson & Posgay, P.A. in Jacksonville, won a Florida Bar President’s Award of Merit for creating the new Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Bar. Schickel also serves on The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors.

1973

John D. Baker II, executive chairman of Patriot Transportation Holding, Inc., received the Children’s Champion Award from the Southside-based Episcopal Children’s Services on March 1 for his efforts to increase access to and improve the quality of early childhood education. Baker played a leading role in building and opening First Coast YMCA’s Tiger Academy and bringing the KIPP School to Jacksonville. He is also involved in Teach for America and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund.

Martha L. Cochran, a partner in Arnold & Porter LLP’s legislative and public policy practice group in Washington, D.C., has been named to the Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2011 list for government relations, the Washington, DC Super Lawyers list each year since 2007 for securities & corporate finance and government relations and The Best Lawyers in America list each year since 2006 for both government relations law and securities law.

Lynn J. Hinson, a shareholder of the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list for his practice in business litigation and bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights.

Pamela Price, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for trusts and estates.

Gerald A. Rosenthal, senior partner in Rosenthal, Levy & Simon, P.A., was named to the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list in the workers’ compensation category. Rosen-
that was also recently elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance. He is serving a three-year term as the Union and Employee co-chair of the Workers’ Compensation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. Last year marked the 20th anniversary since the board-certified workers’ compensation attorney received the Martindale-Hubbell AV rating.

Ronald Swanson, of Pensacola, was appointed to the 1st District Court of Appeals by Gov. Rick Scott in June. Swanson has sat on the circuit court bench in Pensacola since 2003 and before that was a county court judge in Santa Rosa County from 2000 to 2003. Previously, he was an assistant state attorney and served in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Swanson replaced Judge Peter Webster who resigned.

William C. Vose, chief assistant state attorney in the Office of the State Attorney in Orlando, was installed as a 2011-2012 executive council member of the Orange County Bar Association.

1974

David B. Beck of Ormond Beach was appointed to the 7th Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. Beck has been a Volusia County judge since 2003, after practicing as a sole practitioner, principally as a mediator and arbitrator, from 1998 to 2003. Previously, he practiced with Upchurch, Watson, White and Fraxides from 1997 to 1998, and with Tindell, Beck and Davis from 1992 to 1997. Beck will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge John W. Watson III.

J. Bruce Hoffmann has been named chief of staff for the Florida Lottery by Florida Lottery Secretary Cindy O’Connell.

Frederick W. Leonhardt, of GrayRobinson P.A., has been selected as one of Orlando Magazine’s 2011 list’s 50 Most Powerful People in Orlando. Leonhardt rose from No. 30 in 2010 to No. 23 this year. He was also named to the Chambers USA 2011 list for real estate: zoning/land use and the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for government relations practice/real estate law.

Leslie J. Lott, of Lott & Fischer, PL, has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list in the intellectual property category. Lott, a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors, is also named among the Top 100 Super Lawyers and the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in the state of Florida. Lott was quoted in The New York Times “Digital Domain” column in June. The column, “Our Geeks Are Better than Your Geeks,” was about the trademark dispute between Best Buy and Newegg, based on Newegg’s advertisement parodying Best Buy’s sales staff.

J. Thomas McGrady, chief judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit, has been named by the American Board of Trial Advocates as its Florida Jurist of the Year.

Gwynne A. Young, shareholder of Carlton Fields in Tampa and as Florida Bar president-elect, will serve as a designated director on the Board of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization that works to expand access to justice on behalf of Florida’s legal profession. Young serves on several Florida Bar sections and committees, including the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section, Business Law Section and the Judicial Independence Committee. She also served on the American Bar Association’s Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children and was president of the Hillsborough County Bar Association and the Hillsborough County Bar Foundation. Young, a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow, began her term July 1.

1975

John R. Crawford, of Marks Gray in Jacksonville, has been named to the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list. This is Crawford’s third year to be selected in the Florida Super Lawyer listing.

Robert T. Cunningham, a senior partner with Cunningham Bounds, LLC, has been named by Alabama Super Lawyers magazine among the top attorneys in Alabama for 2011. His areas of practice are complex litigation, environmental torts, class actions, personal injury, products liability, insurance fraud, bad faith, medical negligence, intellectual property, and admiralty and maritime law. Cunningham is currently serving on the plaintiffs’ steering committee for MDL 2179 regarding the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill.

Edmund T. Henry, a partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP’s Miami office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite list for his work in business litigation.

Terry A. Moore, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Jacksonville office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for real estate litigation/real estate law.

S. Grier Wells, an attorney in the Jacksonville office of GrayRobinson, PA., has been appointed to serve as the board liaison to Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. on behalf of The Florida Bar. Wells was also appointed to serve on a statewide task force established by Florida’s Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater to analyze personal injury protection (PIP) insurance. Wells serves on the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and chairs the Special Committee on Lawyer Referral Services. The committee conducts public hearings on the role and conduct of lawyers in lawyer referral services.

1976

Roy B. “Skip” Dalton Jr., of counsel to The Carlyle Appellate Law Firm since 2005, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become a federal judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

1977

Lauren Y. Detzel, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers Top 100 list for her practice in estate planning and probate. She was also named to the Chambers USA 2011 list for her work in estate planning and wealth management.

David B. Rothman, a partner in Rothman & Associates, P.A., in Miami, has been appointed by The Florida Bar to serve a three-year term on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization that works to expand access to justice on behalf of Florida’s legal profession. For more than a decade, Rothman has served on The Florida Bar Board of Governors. Rothman, a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow, began his term July 1. He practices federal and state criminal defense.

Hans G. Tanzler III was selected as director of the District’s Office of General Counsel by the St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board. Tanzler will be responsible for providing legal counsel to the governing board, executive director and district staff, while also managing the agency’s legal staff. Tanzler currently serves on the boards of the University of Florida Foundation and The Conservation Trust of Florida. Tanzler served on the district’s governing board from April 2008 until his new appointment.
Dennis J. Wall, of Winter Springs and Orlando, was a featured speaker on “Catastrophic Damages: Insurance Coverage and Insurance Bad Faith Issues in Catastrophe Claim Handling” in May. The seminar was sponsored by the Insurance Law Committee of the Orange County Bar Association in Orlando. Wall is the co-author of “CATClaims: Insurance Coverage for Natural and Man-Made Disasters,” most recently updated in May. Wall’s article addressing the issue of “Discovery of Claims File Materials in Bad Faith Cases: the Florida Experience” was recently published in Insurance Litigation Reporter.

1978

Lori Boyer, owner of a real estate investment and property management company, was elected to the District 5 City Council seat in Jacksonville’s San Marco and Southside area.

Richard M. Zabak, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in commercial litigation. He was also named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for commercial litigation.

1979

Steven C. Lee, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list for his practice in tax law.

1980

Alfred A. LaSorte, a partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP’s West Palm Beach office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in business litigation. LaSorte is Florida Bar board certified in civil trial law and business litigation. He counsels lenders, businesses, property owners and title insurers throughout the state on commercial disputes, real estate litigation, foreclosure and title insurance matters. He represents clients concerning large, complex commercial foreclosure actions, title encumbrances and other legal disputes.

Gary R. Saslaw, of the Law Offices of Gary R. Saslaw, PA. in Aventura, Fla., was recently elected for a second term as chair of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida, an organization serving the 13 Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations throughout Florida. Saslaw was also elected president of the Gold Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of CPAs, an organization serving certified public accountants in the North Dade, South Broward area.

Stephen “Steve” Tabano, a shareholder with Tremnam Kernker, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Volunteers of America of Florida, a national organization devoted to helping vulnerable and underserved groups such as at-risk youth, homeless veterans, and people with disabilities through human service programs designed to address community needs. Tabano specializes in property rights and transportation law and is a Florida Supreme Court certified circuit civil mediator.

1981

Richard B. Comiter, of Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, LLP, a regional tax law firm in Palm Beach Gardens, presented on current trends, strategies, hot topics and issues in estate planning in Fort Lauderdale and on “Hot Topics in Entity Planning” in Orlando. He presented on “Selected Topics and Current Developments in Entity Selection” in a Tampa seminar and on “Current Developments in Partnership Taxation and COD Income Partnerships” at another Tampa seminar. He was awarded The Florida Bar Tax Section’s 2010-2011 Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year Award, which is for lifetime achievement and recognizes major contributions in the advancement of the practice of tax law and for exemplifying the highest standards of competence and integrity. Comiter was named to the Florida Super Lawyers list for 2011, and he was listed in The Florida Top 100.

Kimberly Leach Johnson, managing partner of Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples and Tampa offices, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list. She is among the top 50 women named as Florida Super Lawyers. She is the Naples office chair for trusts and estates, is chair of the firm’s finance committee and is a member of the firm’s executive committee. She practices in estate planning and probate.

Jeanne T. Tate, of Tampa, is the managing partner of Je Anne T. Tate, PA. She was appointed for a term on the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission beginning July 2 and ending July 1, 2015. Tate has an extensive and exclusive
practice in the area of adoptions and owns domestic and international adoption agencies. She was certified in adoption law in 2011. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law where she teaches adoption law and procedure.

1982

David R. Brittain, a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s Tampa office, was named to the 2012 edition of the Best Lawyers in America for his work in real estate law.

Terence J. “Terry” Delahunty Jr., of the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A., was honored with the Industry Affiliate award by the Central Florida Commercial Association of Realtors (CFCAR). The award recognizes outstanding members for their service and dedication to CFCAR. Delahunty was also named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite list and elected chair of the Orlando Transportation Advisory Committee. Delahunty is of counsel to GrayRobinson and focuses his practice in real estate, land use and development, commercial real estate transactions, sustainable development, title insurance and mortgage financing.

Denise Morris Hammond, of Law Offices of Denise Morris Hammond in Orlando, spoke at The Florida Bar Association’s Construction Law Institute in April on “Effective Discovery in Arbitration.” Hammond has been a frequent arbitrator of commercial and construction disputes, primarily in Florida markets, for the past 15 years.

Michael Minton, a shareholder in the Fort Pierce office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list and 2011 Chambers USA list for his practice in tax law. He is also president of Dean Mead.

Michael J. Nolan II, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for trusts and estates law.

1983

James A. Gale, a founding shareholder with the intellectual property law firm Feldman Gale, PA, has been named to the 2011 United States Lawyer Rankings’ list of the nation’s top 10 intellectual property lawyers. He is the only lawyer in the state of Florida to receive this honor. Gale has been selected as a top 10 intellectual property lawyer within the nation by United States Lawyer Rankings for the past four years. He serves on The Florida Bar Board of Specialization and Education.

William F. Hamilton, partner in Quares & Brady LLP’s Tampa office and part of the firm’s Records Retention and Electronic Discovery Group, earned the designation of Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS) from the Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS), part of the inaugural class that took the ACEDS’s independent certification examination. Hamilton was also named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. He teaches electronic discovery and digital evidence as an adjunct professor at UF Law. He was also named to the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list.

Scott G. Hawkins, 2011-2012 Florida Bar president and board member in Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., in West Palm Beach, was the featured speaker at a Law Day and Donor Scholarship Luncheon at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami in April. Hawkins was installed as president of The Florida Bar on June 24. As Florida Bar president, Hawkins, who is also a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow, will serve as a designated director on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation.

Stephen L. Kussner, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in real estate transactions. He was also named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for real estate law.

Glenn J. Waldman, founder of Waldman Trigoboff Hildebrandt Mars & Calnan, P.A., a complex commercial litigation firm in Weston, was selected as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Law Center Association of the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law. Waldman is also a member of the Environmental & Land Use Law Program Advisory Board.

1984

David J. Akins, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers and Chambers USA 2011 list for his practice in real estate and estate planning and probate.

Bill Bone, founding member of the law firm of Larmoyeur & Bone, P.L. in West Palm Beach, has been recognized by Martindale-Hubbell for his 15th consecutive year of having the highest rating in the categories of legal ability and general ethical standards. Bone is board certified as a specialist in civil trial law: personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death. He is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, The Florida Justice Association and The American Association for Justice.

1985

William Michael Clifford, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Orlando office, was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for trusts and estates.

Alan B. Cohn, a shareholder in Greenspoon Marder, P.A.’s Fort Lauderdale office, was named to the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers list for his work in tax, trust and estate law.

Michael A. Hanzman, of Coral Gables, has been appointed to the 11th Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. Hanzman fills the vacancy created by the death of Judge Maynard “Skip” Gross.

Mark W. Klingensmith, of Stuart, was appointed to the 19th Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. Klingensmith is the mayor of Sewall’s Point, Fla. He has practiced with Sonneborn, Rutter, Cooney and Klingensmith since 1993. Klingensmith will fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Burton Conner to the 4th District Court of Appeal.

Elizabeth Kentzman, a principal with Deloitte Consulting LLP in Washington, D.C., and former Investment Company Institute general counsel, has been appointed to lead Deloitte’s U.S. mutual fund practice. Kentzman will oversee the national development and delivery of mutual fund strategies.
across Deloitte’s audit, tax, financial advisory and consulting businesses to mutual fund complexes, boards of directors and service providers.

**John Elliott Leighton**, managing partner of Leighton Law, P.A., was elected to the executive committee of the National College of Advocacy (NCA) Board of Trustees at its annual meeting in New York in July. The NCA develops all curriculum and programming for CLE for The American Association for Justice, which represents 50,000 trial lawyers around the world. Leighton was also re-elected chairman of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America’s Inadequate Security Litigation Group. In addition, Leighton has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* 2012 in the field of personal injury litigation.

**Stephen R. Looney**, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the *Florida Super Lawyers* list and the Chambers USA 2011 list for his practice in tax law.

**Michael Neukamm**, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, was named to the *Best Lawyers in America* 2012 list for corporate and compliance law/securities and capital market law.

**Ron A. Rhoades**, assistant professor in the business department of Alfred State College in New York state, and curriculum coordinator of its financial planning program in August presented at the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.’s registered programs conference in Washington, D.C. Rhoades addressed how faculty and students can better integrate with financial planner organizations and practitioners. Rhoades focuses his practice in estate planning, tax planning, and retirement plan distribution planning.

1986

Fred S. Schris, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, was named to the *Florida Trend Legal Elite* for his work in commercial litigation.

1987

Nancy Hill Dowling has been appointed the general counsel of The Dannon Company, Inc., in White Plains, N.Y. In June, Dowling co-chaired a two-day American Conference Institute seminar in New York, “Litigating and Resolving Advertising Disputes.” Her husband, Donald C. Dowling Jr. (JD 85), is a partner at White & Case in New York.

Mayanne Downs, a shareholder with King, Blackwell, Downs & Zehnder, P.A. in Orlando and immediate past president of The Florida Bar, will serve as a designated director on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization that works to expand access to justice on behalf of Florida’s legal profession. She practices civil, trial, appellate and domestic relations law. She is also the attorney for the city of Orlando. Downs, whose term on the board began July 1, is a Florida Bar Foundation fellow.

Jo Thacker recently joined Broad and Cassel’s Orlando office as a partner. During her 13-year tenure as Osceola County Attorney, Thacker also served as interim county manager. Prior to this, she served as a partner in the law firm of Overstreet, Ritch and Thacker. Thacker also serves as a trustee for the Levin College of Law.

1988

Jack Bovay, the managing shareholder in the Gainesville office of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been named to the *Florida Super Lawyers* list for his practice in estate planning and probate.

Jane Callahan, a shareholder of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando, was selected as a recipient of this year’s Pro Bono Project Award of Excellence for her work in the Tax Clinic Project. She was awarded in May by the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association. For the project, Callahan prepared individual tax returns for lower income taxpayers.

**Maurice C. Grant II**, an assistant federal public defender in the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division, recently became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Grant has been practicing criminal defense for 22 years.

1989

**Sean C. Domnick**, of Domnick & Shevin, PL, has been selected by his peers to be listed in the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for both personal injury litigation and medical malpractice law. He has earned Florida Bar board certification for the competency and experience of a civil trial attorney. Domnick also is currently on The Florida Bar’s Code & Rules of Evidence Committee and is on the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Justice Association.

**Howard Andrew Swett** of Fort Myers was appointed to the Lee County Court by Gov. Rick Scott. Swett has practiced with Consoer, Ebelini, Hart and Swett P.A. since 1995. Previously, he served as an assistant state attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit from 1990 to 1995. Swett filled the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge John E. Duryea to the 20th Judicial Circuit Court.

1990

**Steve Bernstein**, managing partner in Fisher & Phillips LLP’s Tampa office, is featured in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for*
U. F Law grads were featured, along with the Alachua County Courthouse where they work, in a front-page New York Times story Sept. 26, 2011.

“Sentencing Shift Gives New Leverage to Prosecutors” says laws have placed more power in the hands of prosecutors because they can use the threat of mandatory minimum sentences in plea-bargain negotiations. The article also says the result is far fewer criminal trials in the United States.

Bill Cervone (JD 73), 8th Judicial Circuit state attorney, and 8th Circuit Judge James P. Nilon (JD 72) said judges must sometimes impose an inflexible punishment because of mandatory state laws.

Craig DeThomasis (JD 83), a UF Law adjunct professor and criminal defense lawyer in DeThomasis & Buchanan, PA, said defendants can be punished for exercising their right to trial.

Business 2011. Bernstein has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2012. Bernstein is recognized for his work in labor law management and litigation in labor and employment. It is the first year that he is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

Andrea Stone Hartley, a shareholder in Akerman Senterfitt LLP in Miami, has been inducted as the 95th president of the Dade County Bar Association. She serves as national chair of the American Bar Association’s Law Practice Management Section and is the past chair of the ABA Women Rainmakers. She is also a fellow of the ABA. She specializes in bankruptcy and creditors’ rights.

Robert G. Stern, a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s Tampa office, was named to the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for his work in real estate law.

J. Eric Taylor, a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s Tampa office, was named to the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for his work in trusts and estates law.

1991

Todd L. Bradley, a principal in the Naples office of Cummings & Lockwood LLC, has been appointed to the Leadership Collier Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. He was also rated an AV Preeminent (five out of five) lawyer by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell for the fifth consecutive year.

Nelson T. Castellano, a shareholder in Trenam Kemker’s Tampa office, was named to the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for his work in corporate securities/capital markets law.

Glenn Rissman, a shareholder in the Labor and Employment Department of Stearns Weaver

Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, PA., was honored in Florida Trend’s Legal Elite. He advises employers regarding hiring, termination, and discipline of employees; compliance with federal, state, and local discrimination laws and wage and hour issues; sexual harassment matters; I-9 compliance and unauthorized employment; and mass layoffs and plant closings.

Steven J. Solomon, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Miami office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in bankruptcy and workout. He was also named to the Best Lawyers in America 2012 list for bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law/bankruptcy litigation.

1992

David Barksdale, of Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe, PA. in Jacksonville, was appointed to serve on The Florida Bar’s Committee to Study the Decline in Jury Trials. Barksdale is a board certified criminal trial lawyer.

Steven R. Becker, managing partner and founder of Becker Drapkin Management, L.P. in Dallas, has been appointed as an independent member of the Board of Directors of Ruby Tuesday. Prior to founding Becker Drapkin, he was a partner at Special Situations Funds, a New York-based asset manager. Previous to this position, Becker worked at Bankers Trust Securities in distressed debt and leveraged equities research.

Courtney K. Grimm, of Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe, PA. in Jacksonville, completed her term as president of the Jacksonville Bar Association. She was appointed to serve on The Florida Bar Annual Convention Committee and continues to serve on the Trial Lawyers Executive Council.
Kenneth B. Jacobs, managing shareholder of GrayRobinson, P.A.'s Jacksonville office, was honored with the 2011 Federation Young Leadership Award at the 20th annual celebration of Jacksonville's Jewish Agencies. The annual award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated leadership with the potential for future engagement and community involvement.

Caren Loguercio was elected as a family court judge in Suffolk County, N.Y. She presides over child welfare cases as well as juvenile delinquency, PINs (Persons in Need of Supervision), family offense and custody cases.

William D. Umansky, founder of the Law Office of William D. Umansky in Orlando, was installed as a 2011-2012 executive council member of the Orange County Bar Association.

1993

Harry A. Shevin, of Domnick & Shevin, PL, has been selected by his peers to be listed in the 2011 edition of Best Lawyers in America for personal injury litigation. Shevin has been practicing law in Palm Beach County for more than 18 years. He has earned Florida Bar board certification for the competency and experience of a civil trial attorney.

Jason Unger, a shareholder with GrayRobinson, P.A., has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. Unger was appointed for a term beginning July 18 and ending July 1, 2015. At GrayRobinson since 1998, Unger has represented George W. Bush and Richard Cheney in the 2000 presidential election, the Florida House of Representatives in redistricting, the Republican Party of Florida, and members of the Legislature in election law matters.

1994

Kevin D. Johnson, a shareholder in Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A. in Tampa, has been appointed by Florida Bar President Scott Hawkins to serve as chair of The Florida Bar’s Civil Procedures Rules Committee for the 2011-2012 term. Johnson has served on the committee since 2007.

Kenneth J. McKenna, named partner of the Orlando-based personal injury law firm, Dellecker Wilson King McKenna Ruffner & Sok, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Florida Justice Association (FJA). The FJA is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Florida’s civil justice system and protecting the rights of Florida’s citizens and consumers. McKenna will work in the legislative, political and public arenas to ensure that Floridians know their rights and make sure these rights are protected.

Paul J. Scheck, partner in the Orlando Labor & Employment Practice Group at Shutts & Bowen, LLP, was installed as the 2011-2012 secretary of the Orange County Bar Association.

Rosesmarie Scher, of Palm Beach Gardens, was appointed to the 15th Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. Scher has practiced with Schwed, McGinley and Kahl, LLC and served as a traffic hearing officer since 2008. Previously, she was of counsel to Fisher and Bender, PA, in 2007 and a sole practitioner from 2006 to 2007. Scher filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Elizabeth T. Maass.

Nicholas A. Shannin, of Page, Eisenblatt, Bernbaum & Bennett, P.A., in Orlando, was installed as the 2011-2012 treasurer of the Orange County Bar Association.

1995

Nichole M. Mooney, a shareholder of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA, in Orlando, was installed as a 2011-2012 executive council member of the Orange County Bar Association.

Daniel T. O'Keefe, Shutts & Bowen partner and co-chair of its real estate department, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the governing board, South Florida Water Management District, representing Glades, Okeechobee, Highlands, Polk, Orange and Osceola counties. O’Keefe practices in the area of real estate and land use law with a focus on multi-family developments, residential developments, representation of financial institutions and large scale multi-use projects.

Thomas A. Zehnder, shareholder with King, Blackwell, Downs & Zehnder, P.A., was installed as the 2011-2012 president of the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA). Zehnder has served in various leadership positions with the OCBA and received the OCBA’s highest honor awarded to a young lawyer, the Lawrence G. Mathews, Jr. Young Lawyer Professionalism Award. Zehnder also provides pro bono service as a Guardian ad Litem.

1996

C. Joy Lamply Fortson, assistant chief counsel with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and member of the Leadership Georgia Class of 2009, was recently selected to serve as a program chair for Leadership Georgia 2011. As a program chair, Fortson planned a three-day program in LaGrange, Ga., for 200 state leaders. Fortson has also been nominated and selected to become a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2012.

1997

Marve Ann Alaimo, a principal in the Bonita Springs office of Cummings & Lockwood LLC, has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Tax Court.

Brian D. Burgoon, a sole practitioner with The Burgoon Law Firm, LLC in Atlanta and an out-of-state member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors, has been appointed to serve as co-chair of The Florida Bar Disciplinary Review Committee, which oversees the prosecution and appeals of disciplinary offenses committed by Florida lawyers. Burgoon has also been selected to serve on The Florida Bar Executive Committee. Burgoon focuses his practice on civil and business litigation.

Mark J. Criser, a shareholder in Hill Ward Henderson’s litigation group in Tampa, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the University of Florida Alumni Association. The Board of Directors serves in a strategic capacity, providing advice and counsel to the UFAA staff.

Nicole L. Goetz, former managing shareholder of the Naples marital and family law firm of Asbell, Ho, Klaus, Goetz & Doupé, P.A., opened her own practice. Goetz was also named special
Enclosed in his self-constructed tomb, he hung from the inner walls of his bedroom closet.

So began the essay by Jon Philipson (JD 11) that won him the national James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest on Dispute Resolution sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution.

“The Kids Are Not All Right: Mandating Peer Mediation as an Anti-Bullying Measure in Schools” argues that, as a complement to existing programs, states should implement peer mediation at an early age to stunt certain bullying triggers.

Philipson’s essay was an extension of an assignment for UF Law’s Institute for Dispute Resolution Director Robin Davis’ (JD 88) Spring 2011 mediations skills course.

“The final paper requirement is eight pages and the competition requires a 15- to 25-page essay. It takes a motivated student to do more than double the assignment,” said Davis.

Philipson is nothing if not motivated. He finished No. 1 in his law school class and served as editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review. Now he adds national essay contest winner to his resume and a $1,000 check to his bank account as the prize.

Issues of child policy and advocacy come naturally to the New Orleans native whose family moved to Lakeland, Fla., when he was in middle school. Before law school, Philipson worked on and off Capitol Hill serving as a congressional aide and public policy consultant. He was active with child development and education policy work and he also started a mentoring program for at-risk youth. Today he coaches a local YMCA youth basketball team.

“It starts with each individual giving back,” said Phillipson, who serves as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Anne C. Conway (JD 75) of the Middle District of Florida. “As members of the Bar we can do something immediately to create an impact on education and on the lives of children in and out of the school systems.”

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UF Law assignment becomes national winner

Goetz 97  Rattray 97  Howe 98

Tammie L. Rattray, a partner in Ford & Harrison LLP’s Tampa office, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Aaron Resnick, managing partner of the Law Offices of Aaron Resnick, P.A., was named by the South Florida Business Journal as one of its 40 Under 40 award winners. The award is given to South Florida’s best and brightest professionals under 40 for their professional success and community involvement. He was also recognized as one of Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars and Florida Trend Legal Elite in the field of commercial litigation.

Lara J. Tibbals, of Tampa, is a shareholder with Hill Ward Henderson. She was appointed for a term on the 3rd District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission beginning July 2 and ending July 1, 2015. Tibbals clerked for United States District Court Judge James S. Moody Jr. (JD 72), of the Middle District of Florida, from 2000 to 2001. Active in Florida Bar activities on both the local and state level, Tibbals has served on the Board of Directors for the Hillsborough County Bar Association and served as program chair and as past president of the Young Lawyers Division.

1998

John M. Howe, founding attorney of the Law Offices of J.M. Howe and president of Palm Beach County Bar Association, has joined Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC (LLL&S) on an of counsel basis. He will be focusing in the practice areas of personal injury, commercial litigation and criminal defense. He was sworn in as president of Palm Beach County Bar Association in June.

Richard E. Mitchell, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in business law.
Harvey E. Oyer III, an author and a partner in Shutts & Bowen’s West Palm Beach office, has won the James J. Horgan Award as the best book on Florida history and heritage intended for young readers for his book The Last Egret from the Florida Historical Society. In November, 2010, The Last Egret was awarded the prestigious Mom’s Choice Award, which recognizes the best family-friendly books in America, and in May, Oyer received a bronze medal in the Florida Book Awards. The Last Egret is one of the best-selling children’s books in Florida. Oyer was also named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in business litigation.

Adi Rappoport, a shareholder in Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, PA’s West Palm Beach office, earned his board certification in tax law by The Florida Bar. Rappoport practices in the firm’s corporate, private wealth services and tax practice groups.

Tasha Rodney, of West Palm Beach, recently opened her own practice, The Rodney Law Firm, where she focuses on criminal law. Rodney has practiced law for more than 12 years and has tried over 100 bench and jury trials. She worked as a public defender, prosecutor and human rights attorney before opening her own firm. She has represented clients charged with crimes ranging from DUI to murder. Rodney is a member of the Florida, Georgia and Jamaican bars.

David Seifer, a shareholder practicing in the corporate department of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadef & Sitterson, PA., was selected as a finalist in the corporate category by the Daily Business Review at the newspaper’s Top Dealmakers of the Year luncheon. Seifer led an eight-attorney team representing four of the member holding companies of FaìSouth, a fabricator and erector of structural steel products, in the $105 million sale of FaìSouth to Canam Steel. The finalists’ track records and creativity were also factors. Seifer was also honored in Florida Trend magazine’s 8th annual Florida Legal Elite.

Greg Weiss, a shareholder in Leopold-Kuvin, PA. in Palm Beach Gardens, was sworn in as vice president of the Martin County Bar Association in May. He was also recognized as a Rising Star for the 2011 selection of Florida Super Lawyers for the third time. He focuses his practice on commercial, business, antitrust and class action litigation. He is currently serving two-year terms as a member of the Florida Supreme Court Bar Admissions Committee and The Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee. He also serves as president of the University of Florida College of Law Alumni Council and general counsel of the Urban League of Palm Beach County.

1999

Katie L. Dearing, a shareholder with Liles, Gavin, Costantino, George & Dearing, PA., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list as one of the top attorneys in Florida for business litigation. Less than 3 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected to the list. Dearing’s practice includes business and commercial litigation, products and professional liability defense, and general civil litigation.

Mariane L. Dorris, of Latham, Shuler, Eden & Beaudine, LLP in Orlando, has been selected for inclusion on the 2011 Florida Rising Stars list for the second consecutive year. Her primary practice area is bankruptcy & creditor/debtor rights, as well as business litigation and bankruptcy appellate work.

Bryan Gowdy, of Creed & Gowdy, PA. in Jacksonville, was co-recipient of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ 2011 Stephen Goldstein Award. Gowdy received the award for his work as counsel of record in a U.S. Supreme Court decision that advanced the constitutional rights of juveniles. In addition, Florida Super Lawyer magazine named Gowdy one of the Top 100 lawyers in Florida, and he was named to Florida Trend magazine’s Legal Elite list.

Kenneth H. Haney, of Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples office, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. He specializes in personal injury defense: products.

Joe Jacquot was named senior vice president of government affairs by Lender Processing Services in his hometown of Jacksonville. Jacquot, who served as deputy state attorney general from 2007 to 2011, is also an adjunct law professor at Florida State. Before his job in Florida government, Jacquot was deputy chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and managed the Supreme Court confirmations of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito.

Joel E. Roberts, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in commercial litigation.

E. John Wagner II, of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, served on a speaker’s panel at the American Bar Association Taxation Section in January in Boca Raton. The panel addressed common problems, planning opportunities and pitfalls regarding the billions of dollars of outstanding installment obligations that taxpayers currently possess.

Michael J. Wilson, a shareholder with Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, was recently re-elected to a three-year term on the firm’s management committee, appointed to The Florida Bar Tax Certification Committee, and appointed to the 12th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee for The Florida Bar.

2000

Michelle L. Naberhaus, of the Melbourne office of GrayRobinson, PA., was promoted from of counsel attorney to shareholder. She was also honored at the 4th annual Women of Excellence Awards Dinner on June 23 hosted by the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce. This award represents the chamber’s commitment to empower professionals through collaborative initiatives focusing on networking, professional development and community outreach. Naberhaus practices in the areas of guardianships, estate planning, trust and estate administration, and litigation.

Michael Stanton and Sean Cronin have established Stanton Cronin Law Group, PL.
They recently left Greenberg Traurig, LLP after completing a multi-year trial in The Hague, Netherlands, to found their new firm in Tampa. Stanton Cronin Law Group focuses on general corporate representation, commercial litigation and white collar defense. Both Stanton and Cronin were named Rising Stars by Florida Super Lawyers again in 2011.

2001

Larry B. “Ben” Alexander Jr., a shareholder in Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, PA.’s West Palm Beach office, earned the distinction of Florida Bar board certified real estate attorney. Alexander is a member of the firm’s real estate, business/corporate services, agricultural law and private client services practice groups.

Bradley R. Gould, shareholder in Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA.’s Fort Pierce office, received an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell. He practices in the area of federal income, estate, and gift tax law and family business succession planning. Gould, who is also a certified public accountant, represents businesses and business owners in all types of business and tax matters. He represents individuals, businesses and fiduciaries before the Internal Revenue Service and counsels clients on estate and wealth preservation planning.

Rachel Albritton Lunsford has been elected a shareholder in Trenam Kemker. Lunsford joined the firm in 2008 and practices in the area of wealth planning and preservation in the firm’s Tampa office. Prior to joining Trenam Kemker, Lunsford had an estate planning, probate and tax practice in Tampa.

Maggie Mooney-Portale, a shareholder in Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA., has achieved board certification in city, county and local government law from The Florida Bar. Mooney-Portale’s practice focuses on environmental, governmental, special taxing districts, administrative law, and litigation. She serves as general and special counsel for several local government clients and provides legal counsel on issues including taxation and assessments.

Sarah P. Reiner, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, has been promoted from senior associate to shareholder.

2002

T. Robert Bulloch, a partner in Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples office, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for the third consecutive year. He was also selected to the Up and Comers list in the 2011 Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine. Bulloch specializes in the areas of estate planning and administration, probate litigation, and closely held business succession planning.

Debra Deardourff Faulk, from the Tampa office of GrayRobinson, PA., recently became board certified by The Florida Bar in intellectual property. The certification distinguishes her as a specialist and expert in intellectual property. Faulk was also named to the Rising Stars list by Florida Super Lawyers in 2010 and 2011.

LaShawnda K. Jackson, a partner in Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, PA.’s Orlando office, was installed as 2011-2012 president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association.

Michael J. Pike, a partner in the law firm of Burman, Critton, Lutter & Coleman, was appointed by the Palm Beach County Justice Association to serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida Justice Association to represent the interest of the Palm Beach County Justice Association and its membership.

Jameil McWhorter, a partner in Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed’s Orlando office, was nominated by the National Bar Association (NBA) and IMPACT as one of the 2011 Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40. The NBA celebrates African-American legal professionals nationwide who are working as advocates in their communities. IMPACT fosters civic engagement among young professionals.

2003

Christopher P. Benvenuto, of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, PA.’s West Palm Beach office, became a shareholder in the firm. Benvenuto is a member of the firm’s business litigation and environmental and land use practice areas. He concentrates his practice in the areas of business and complex commercial litigation and land use development and land use litigation.

Sarah Cortvriend, an associate in Carlton Field’s West Palm Beach office, was installed as the president of the Palm Beach County chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers in May. She was also named as a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers.

Brian T. Crevasse, an associate with Bachara Construction Law Group in Jacksonville, recently achieved board certification in construction law. Crevasse has also been named a Florida Rising Star by Law & Politics Publishing for the third consecutive year.

Whalen Kuller, of Atlanta, has joined James Bates Pope & Spivey as of counsel. His practice areas include representation of financial institutions, mergers and acquisitions, general corporate and business law, and representation of nonprofit organizations.

Gisela Then Laurent of Orlando recently opened her own law firm — Laurent Law Firm, PA. She will specialize in the areas of bankruptcy, criminal defense, family law and immigration.

Lori L. Moore, an associate in the Fort Myers office of Roetzel & Andress, LPA, was listed as a Rising Star in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

Juliana Canales Schmidt became a shareholder of Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe, PA. in Orlando. Schmidt defends employers, insurance carriers and third-party administrators in workers’ compensation claims. She is a member of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, handling numerous appeals before the 1st District Court of Appeal. She is also a member of the Hispanic Bar Association and is a certified instructor of continuing education classes.
Richard L. Weldon, II, the managing member of Weldon & Rothman, PL, has recently been awarded the AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings. The AV Rating is the highest possible given by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review for a lawyer and is established wholly on a peer-review basis. Weldon focuses on personal injury and commercial litigation.

Ricki L. Whipple became a shareholder of Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe, PA, in Orlando. Whipple defends employers, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators in workers’ compensation claims. He is a member of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, handling numerous appeals before the 1st District Court of Appeal. He serves on the advisory board of Best Buddies Orlando.

2004

Brent A. Gordon, founder of The Gordon Law Firm, PA, in Oldsmar, Fla., has been elected to the Board of Directors of the University of Florida Alumni Association. The board of directors serves in a strategic capacity, providing advice and counsel to the UFAA staff.

M. Travis Hayes, an associate in the Naples office of Cummings & Lockwood LLC, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Probate Rules Committee for The Florida Bar Association. Hayes was also appointed to the Board of Directors for the United Way of Collier County.

Rebecca Abrams Sarelson has been named a partner in the Miami office of Aronstain & Lehr LLP. Sarelson focuses her practice on international and domestic corporate transactions, taxation, wealth preservation, estate planning, tax-exempt organizations and real estate transactions. She handles complex business and tax planning and counsels clients in entity selection, joint ventures, general corporate and partnership matters and advises on complex tax and estate planning strategies, asset protection, gift planning and trust administration.

2005

Benjamin B. Brown, of Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples office, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. He has also achieved board certification in business litigation from The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization & Education. Brown practices in the area of commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. He focuses primarily on complex real estate disputes, including title claims, construction defects, landlord/tenant matters, insurance disputes, as well as enforcement of judgments.

Brenda Edgerton Byrne was elected to shareholder in Trenam Kemker. Byrne joined the firm in 2004 and practices in the area of wealth planning and preservation in the firm’s Tampa office.

Chris L. Carmody, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Orlando office, was promoted from associate to senior associate. He was also named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite for his work in government and administrative law.

Kimberly Davis, an associate in the Fort Myers office of Roetzel & Andress, LPA, was listed as a Rising Star in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

Natalia Medina Burnett has been appointed an assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Columbia.

Kelly Lyon Davis, of Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples office, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. She specializes in business litigation.

Kimberley A. Dillon, of Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples office, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. She specializes in real estate planning and probate.

Modest Kwapisz recently joined the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., as an attorney-adviser. He is responsible for managing the department’s Civilian Response Corps office, which sends former federal and state prosecutors to more than two dozen posts overseas, including national security priorities such as Afghanistan and the Sudan.

E. Carson Lange has joined Rogers Towers, PA, as a member of the firm’s litigation department. Carson will concentrate her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, torts and civil trial practice. Prior to joining Rogers Towers, Lange worked for the National Veterans Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C., where she represented veterans in disability litigation before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Steven E. Martin, of Martin Law Firm, PL., has been appointed by The Florida Bar to serve on the Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee. The committee reviews legislation pertinent to the judiciary and makes recommendations to the board of governors or the legislation committee, and it assists the Florida Supreme Court in the judicial feedback program. Martin’s practice focuses on estate planning, civil litigation, business planning, family law and real property law.

2007

Nava Ben-Avraham has joined Burr & Forman LLP as an associate in the Central Florida office. Ben-Avraham focuses her practice on financial services litigation and has experience in bankruptcy litigation and product liability defense. She is a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association and Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, and is admitted to practice in all federal districts in Florida.

Andrew Lee joins Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale, L.L.P. in the New Orleans area office. Lee’s practice will center on insurance defense, insurance coverage, general casualty defense and complex civil litigation.

Jill Davis Simon, of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA, in Orlando, has been appointed as the Young Lawyers Reception Committee Chair of the Orange County Bar.
Love in the Law School

Carly Cohen (JD 09) and Wesley Todd (JD 09) met in 2006 during their first year at the Levin College of Law. They moved to Tampa and are currently engaged to be married Dec. 18, 2011, in Orlando. Cohen is a second-year litigation associate at Holland & Knight, LLP, and Todd is beginning his third year as an insurance defense litigation associate at Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.

Jeffrey T. Troiano, of the Sarasota law firm of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen, received an AV Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Troiano focuses his practice in taxation, estate planning and in the administration of estates and trusts. Troiano was formerly a certified public accountant and practiced with a worldwide accounting firm.

2008

Zachary D. Kravitz has joined Chester, Willcox & Saxbe LLP in Columbus, Ohio, as an associate. Kravitz will concentrate his practice in the area of environmental law, electric, natural gas, communications, water/wastewater industries, local government law and related litigation. Kravitz comes to the firm from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office where he was assistant attorney general in the labor relations section and the attorney general’s Special Litigation Group.

Nina Lacevic has joined the Tampa office of GrayRobinson, P.A., as an associate in the business and finance practice group. Lacevic’s experience includes business organization, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and civil litigation. Before joining GrayRobinson, Lacevic was an associate in the business practice group.

Katie McFarland, former associate with Levin Papantonio Thomas Mitchell Rafferty & Proctor, P.A., in Pensacola, has joined the Pensacola News Journal as a reporter on the metro staff.

Tae Shin, an associate in the Orlando office of Roetzel & Andress, LPA, was listed as a Rising Star in the 2011 Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

2009

Genie Key has joined Rogers Towers, P.A., as an associate in the firm’s litigation department. She focuses her practice on residential mortgage foreclosures.

Michael E. Lockamy, of Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe, P.A., in Jacksonville, was recently appointed to The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors.

Elizabeth M. Manno recently completed a two-year term clerkship with U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida Richard Smoak (JD 47). Manno started a one-year term clerkship with Chief Justice Michael Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court earlier this year.

Lindsay M. Saxe has joined Quarles & Brady LLP’s Tampa office as an associate in the Commercial Litigation Group. Prior to joining Quarles & Brady, Saxe served for two years as a law clerk for Steven D. Merryday (JD 75), U.S. District Court — Middle District of Florida.

Steve Sparks has joined the public finance law firm of Peck, Shaffer & Williams LLP as an associate. Sparks will practice in the firm’s Cincinnati office.

2010

Michael J. Brevda has joined the law firm of Domnick & Shevin, P.L. as an associate. He will represent the firm’s clients in personal injury, wrongful death and general civil litigation matters.

Michael R. Kassower, an associate at the Fort Lauderdale office of Katzman Garfinkel & Berger, has been appointed vice chairman for the Planning Board of Highland Beach. Kassower specializes in representing the interests of community associations throughout Florida, with a focus on litigating construction defect disputes and recovering property insurance proceeds for communities damaged by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Alyse M. Reiser recently joined the West Palm Beach office of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A., as an associate. Reiser focuses her practice on private wealth services. Prior to joining Gunster, Reiser was a law clerk with Salpeter Gitkin, LLP in Fort Lauderdale.

2011

Brandon C. Rosser has been hired as an associate in Rogers Towers, P.A.’s Real Estate Department. Rosser will concentrate his practice in all areas of commercial real estate, including real estate acquisition, development, disposition and secured financial transactions.

William G. Smith has joined Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. as an associate. Smith will concentrate his practice in estate planning and taxation.
IN MEMORIAM

John Bargas (JD 55) passed away on June 28 at the age of 88. He was a distinguished real estate developer and lawyer in Florida and Connecticut, a U.S. Navy veteran and played minor league baseball during his youth.

Bargas made a positive name for himself in South Florida, where he developed land and built many of the area’s condominiums and homes.

Prior to starting his legal career in Connecticut, Bargas served in the Navy during World War II. He was stationed in Europe and Japan. Upon his return at the end of the war, he played minor league baseball in South Florida and Cuba for the Philadelphia Athletics organization. He played on six teams from 1946 to 1951.

After ending his baseball career, he earned his bachelor’s degree at Florida State University and attended UF Law, from which he graduated in 1955. He subsequently moved to Bridgeport, Conn., where he worked at Capital Realty with his brother and eventually opened his own law practice. He was forced to move to the warmer climate of South Florida in 1961 due to health problems.

He is survived by his wife, Nina, and his children, Nancy Janik, Susan Griffin and David Bargas. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Genelle, the mother of his children.

Alphonse G. Condon Jr. (LLB 61), longtime civil litigator passed away June 2 at the age of 76. Condon was a founding director of the Pensacola law firm Emmanuelle, Sheppard and Condon, where he worked for 45 years before retiring in 2010.

While graduating with a bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University in 1956, Condon served in the U.S. Marine Corps. After his military service, he enrolled in UF Law, where he became executive editor of Florida Law Review.

Immediately after graduation from UF Law in 1961, he moved to Tampa to practice civil litigation as an associate with Shackleford, Farrior, Stallings and Evans. In 1965, he returned to his hometown of Pensacola, where he resided until his passing.

Board certified as a civil trial lawyer by The Florida Bar, Condon retained an AV Rating, the highest rating attainable, on Martindale-Hubbell. He was recognized in 2011 for his 50 years of membership with The Florida Bar.

Condon was active in the legal and local communities. He was president of the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association in 1980, special counsel to Gov. Bob Graham, a past member of the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and an emeritus member of The Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Condon is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy Condon, and their five children, Jim Condon, Robert Condon, Bill Condon, Julie Kellen and Jenny McGarvey.

William Lee Durden Jr. (LLB 47) an admired lawyer, politician and judge, passed away on March 12 in Jacksonville at the age of 89.

Durden’s legal career spanned more than 50 years, beginning in Gainesville at Clayton, Amnow and Johnson after graduating from UF Law. He then moved back to Jacksonville, to work in both the private and public sectors as a founding member of Durden, Whitehead, Hadlow and Adams, beginning in 1953, and a part-time commissioner of the Duval County Industrial Commission.

In 1954, Durden accepted an appointment as judge of Florida’s Industrial Court of Claims. In 1957, he was chosen as a senior legal assistant for Gov. LeRoy Collins and the following year he began serving as executive assistant, now the position of lieutenant governor, to Collins.

After his term as executive assistant ended in 1961, Durden presided as a circuit judge in Jacksonville until 1968. Upon his departure from the bench, he became general counsel for the consolidated city of Jacksonville for two years, where he authored more than 200 legal opinions interpreting the new charter of the city’s government.

Jacksonville held a celebration in 2009 honoring his dedication to the university following his retirement. Hulsey remained dedicated to the university following his retirement. Hulsey was elected president of Florida Blue Key and served on the Judicial Qualifications Commission from 1992 to 1984 and assisted in the creation of The Florida Bar Foundation’s Interest on Trust Account Program, which provides funding for legal aid for impoverished Florida residents.

Prior to enrolling at UF Law, Hulsey enlisted in the United States Navy as a communications officer during World War II. On D-Day, he was on a ship that landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy. He returned to active duty with the United States Navy in 1951 during the Korean War and retired as captain in 1965.

After retiring from active duty, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Florida for nearly two years, he joined Smith, Hulsey and Busey in 1969. He remained at the firm as a senior partner until he retired in 2005.

For his commitment to Florida’s legal community, Hulsey was awarded The Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor and The Florida Supreme Court Historical Society’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, June Thornton. He is survived by his four children, Judge Mark Hulsey III, Katherine Hulsey, Mary Ellen Brown, and John Hulsey.

E. Thom Rumberger (LLB 61), known as “defender of the Everglades,” passed away Sept. 7 in Tallahassee at the age of 79.

Rumberger was a highly respected attorney whose commitment to advocacy and superior client representation was evident throughout his legal career. Among his largest clients were General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and The Everglades Foundation, Inc., which he served as lead counsel since 1989 and aided in the implementation of one of the first protection laws for the Florida Manatee.

Before college, Rumberger served in the United States Marine Corps. While attending UF Law, he was a member of Florida Blue Key and associate editor of the Florida Law Review in 1960. As a double Gator alumnus, he served on the Law Center Association’s Board of Trustees.

During the years immediately after his graduation, Rumberger held many public service jobs in Central Florida, accepting brief appointments as acting sheriff and circuit court judge at the age of 35, making him, as of 1967, the youngest circuit court judge in modern Florida history to be appointed. Following his judgeship, he took on the role of assistant to the Florida governor and became county attorney for Seminole County from 1971 to 1974.

In 1978, Rumberger established the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, which now maintains five offices in Florida and Alabama. However, his work in the private sector never took him away from his commitment to public interest. He continued to aid in the preservation of the Florida Everglades and in the reform of Florida’s election procedures following the ballot issues during the presidential election in 2000. Rumberger was honored on the floor of the United States Senate by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., in August for his service to the state.

Rumberger is survived by his wife Debbie Rumberger and his seven children, Susan McKinley, Hayden Dempsey, Todd Rumberger, Matt Dempsey, Katie Lehr, Molly Domin and Chris Garret.
What a Difference You Make

“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”
—SYDNEY I. HARRIS

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Gifts received July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
As I approach the end of my two-year term as chairman of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees, I spend as much time looking back on our successes and accomplishments as I do looking forward to our enormous potential, exemplified by the human capital of superior faculty and administration, and an abundance of gifted and motivated students. Allow me to share with you just a few of the law school’s achievements, which point toward great future success:

- In the most recent compilation, UF Law was ranked fourth among public law schools, and eighth among all law schools, in the number of degrees granted to sitting federal district court and circuit court of appeals judges;
- UF Law was ranked 47th overall, and tied for 24th among public law schools in the most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings of the nation’s top graduate schools. The UF Law Graduate Tax Program continued to rank first among public law schools, and rose to second overall this year. In all U.S. News & World Report categories, UF Law is ranked as the top law school, public or private, in the State of Florida.
- In its first-ever ranking of the nation’s law schools, Super Lawyers ranked UF Law eighth in the country among all law schools, public and private, and fourth among public law schools.
- Despite a legal and economic environment which has resulted in severe reductions, and in many cases elimination, of the hiring of associates in private law firms, corporate law departments and governmental agencies around the country, our 2010 graduates had a 99 percent “placement success rate” as of Feb. 15, 2011, compared to a 94 percent success rate among comparable graduating classes.
- Our new Planned Giving Task Force of the board has literally “hit the ground” soliciting bequests and other testamentary gifts from alumni who will incorporate our law school into their estate plans. Please contact your estate planning lawyer or financial adviser, or any one of our extremely talented group of estates and trusts lawyers on the Task Force to assist you in incorporating the law school in your estate plan. Especially in a challenging economy, gifts in the form of bequests represent one of the more significant opportunities that we have to develop revenues for the law school in years to come.
- Finally, but by no means least important, 2011 featured the first in memory faculty/administration/trustees Strategic Planning Retreat held on and off campus in Gainesville. The decision to hold this retreat reflected the confidence of the faculty and the administration that the trustees should be involved not only in the very important activity of fundraising, but additionally in helping to shape the direction of the college of law. The quality of the interactions among faculty, administration and trustees, and the depth of the understanding achieved by the trustees of the aspirations of the faculty and the challenges facing the college of law convinced all who attended that this would be the first of many.

A chairman’s message would be incomplete without reference to the UF Law Annual Fund. Our UF Law alumni have, once again, responded in an incredibly positive way in the face of our unpredictable economy. Dean Robert Jerry has communicated with all of us personally, but it bears repetition that the UF Law Annual Fund had its best year ever. A total of $836,460.50 was raised this year for the fund. That represents a 15 percent increase over last year’s figure, from more than 316 additional donors, and is larger than any previously reported annual giving total! I join Dean Jerry, our very talented and hard-working development staff, and our trustees in thanking you for your dedication and commitment to UF Law and its mission to provide the very finest legal education possible.

President Bernie Machen and Dean Jerry continue to be resourceful and creative in allocating limited resources to maintain the quality of UF Law’s faculty, curriculum and facilities in the face of shrinking state funding. These challenges underscore the importance of private giving, not only with current resources, but also through bequests and other estate planning devices. Please incorporate UF Law into your estate plans, because only through such gifts can we hope to achieve our goal to be one of the top five public law schools in the United States. Thank you for continuing to give to our law school generously from your current resources, and, most importantly, to recruit and employ our outstanding graduates as often as your staffing requirements dictate.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the law school, and on campus in the near future.

Go Gators!

Peter W. Zinober (JD 69), Chair, University of Florida, Law Center Association, Board of Trustees

Thank you
“Your generosity has directly enhanced our college, resulting in current students enjoying the most distinguished faculty, greatest facilities and the strongest learning environment UF Law has ever provided.”

Your leadership enables the University of Florida Levin College of Law to transform from the premiere law school in Florida and the Southeastern United States, to one of the premiere public law schools in the nation. The transformation is ambitious and challenging, and the fuel that drives the transformation is your financial support for the college of law. The primary mission of the Law Alumni Council is to assist in generating resources for the law school’s Annual Fund, through not only individually demonstrating commitment to our culture of giving, but also reaching out to our fellow Gators to encourage them to commit to leading our law school into the future.

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation to each of you who showed your commitment to the culture of giving and made a contribution to the Levin College of Law Annual Fund this year. Dedicated alumni and friends of the college of law, like you, generously gave a total of $836,460.50 to our Annual Fund, the highest annual cumulative total ever reported in our college’s history.

Your generosity has directly enhanced our college, resulting in current students enjoying the most distinguished faculty, greatest facilities and the strongest learning environment UF Law has ever provided. The college attracts the best and brightest students from every state in the country and keeps home the best and brightest Florida residents. Further, we are recognized nationally for our high quality alumni who practice throughout the U.S. by Super Lawyers magazine (ranking UF Law first in Florida, eighth overall nationally, and fourth among public schools nationally).

Our newly graduating classes continue to commit to the culture of giving you demonstrate to them as an alumnus. Over the past five years, the graduating class gift has demonstrated a remarkable level of commitment by the current students, with the Spring 2011 Class Gift totaling $48,650. A typical pledge from these recent graduates was $200 per year for five years.

The current state of public funding has made our college of law even more reliant upon the financial support of our fellow alumni, and we have answered the call. Your contributions to the Annual Fund provide Dean Robert Jerry the ability to improve financial support for students, attract and keep top notch professors, and fund important enriching and academic programs. Gifts to the Annual Fund influence national rankings, recruitment of students and faculty, support co-curricular student organizations, and services and programs for students and alumni.

Finally, I offer my gratitude for the personal and professional dedication, effort and commitment of Bob and Lisa Jerry, and our wonderful Development & Alumni Affairs Office, to our college of law. Thank you again for your support, and Go Gators!

Greg Weiss (JD 98), President, University of Florida Law Alumni Council
Financial Summary
Gifts received July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Total Cash Received
2007-2011: Represents all gifts from all sources (including bequests) to the Levin College of Law. State matching money has been excluded.

New Pledges
Includes new documented expectancies and new gifts for each fiscal year
Thank you to the many UF Law alumni and friends who, from the beginning, have made contributions of time, treasure and talent to bring us here — full circle.

UF Law Annual Fund Contributions
Contributions received to non-endowed, non-building funds

Endowment Income
Gifts to the law school’s endowment are not spent, but instead are carefully invested to yield a dependable, stable source of income in perpetuity. Approximately 4 percent of earned interest from the market value of the endowment fund balance was transferred and spent for specific uses designated by donors and by college administrators for annual operating and administrative costs. (The additional earned interest above the 4 percent is returned to the fund balance.) The fund is managed by the University of Florida Foundation Investment Company (UFICO), which oversees investments and law school endowment income.

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Record for annual fund
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“From the time I was recruited 30 years ago for my summer clerking position with my first law firm employer, through the current day handling legal matters in state circuit and appellate courts, and federal district and appellate courts, the Gator connections are pervasive. The badge of a Gator law school alumnus engenders camaraderie, respect, professionalism and courtesy.”

Glenn J. Waldman (JD 83)
Founding and Managing Shareholder, Waldman Trigoboff Hildebrandt Marx & Cahman, P.A., Weston
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Felipe Guerrero (JD 05)
Associate, Dean Mead, Orlando
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The Class of 2011 continued the tradition of 3L’s presenting a class gift at commencement by raising $48,650 in cash and pledges. Many thanks to the class gift co-chairs: Kathryn Kellam, Sarah Moore, Salvatore Picataggio, Megan Policastro and all who donated. Class gift committee members are indicated by an asterisk.

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No. In Class: 382
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No. In Class: 282
Participation: 11%
Founders Society - Gold
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Partners
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No. In Class: 358
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No. In Class: 378
Participation: 9%
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Founders Society - Silver
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Sam T. Steger
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CLASS OF 1980
Class Total: $58,770.60
No. In Class: 354
Participation: 7%
Founders Society - Gold
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Partners
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TruStar Society
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CLASS OF 1981
Class Total: $37,918.33
No. In Class: 379
Participation: 10%
Founders Society - Gold
Casey Johnson

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CLASS OF 1992
Class Total: $12,019.06
No. In Class: 264
Participation: 5%

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John A. Sapata
Natalie N. Tanghow
Diane A. Tipl国王
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CLASS OF 1993
Class Total: $19,465.00
No. In Class: 409
Participation: 6%

Barriers

Mark O. Bagnoli
Frank S. Goldstein

Partners

Scott G. Bierer
Bruce M. Harris
Truster Society
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Enrichment Society
Todd A. Bannert
Yahn W. Berens
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Rtys L. Williams

CLASS OF 1994
Class Total: $8,351.00
No. In Class: 380
Participation: 6%

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CLASS OF 1995
Class Total: $7,160.00
No. In Class: 380
Participation: 7%

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Class Total: $6,280.00
No. In Class: 373
Participation: 5%

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CLASS OF 1998
Class Total: $12,085.68
No. In Class: 387
Participation: 9%

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Class Total: $10,245.00
No. In Class: 388
Participation: 7%

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CLASS OF 2000
Class Total: $7,605.00
No. In Class: 393
Participation: 4%

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CLASS OF 2001
Class Total: $6,665.00
No. In Class: 384
Participation: 5%

Partners

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CLASS OF 2002
Class Total: $2,776.00
No. In Class: 402
Participation: 3%

Partners

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Enrichment Society
Jason H. Baruch
Enrichment Society
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Danceescu
Christina L. Dunn
Joel R. Feldman
David L. Gay
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"My experience at UF Law school and in the Tax LLM program provided an incredible education, which has formed the basis of my successful legal career. In addition, the relationships I developed while there have proved to be lifelong and enriching! It is a privilege to be a part of the Gator Nation!"

William A. Boyles (JD 76, LLM 78)
Shareholder, GrayRobinson, PA, Orlando

Enrichment Society
Don H. Goode
Bradley C. Grossenburg
Ronald L. Siegel
Howard L. Zoller

CLASS OF 1979
Class Total: $69,330.00
No. in Class: 44
Participation: 16%
Founders Society - Silver
David H. Peek
Trusler Society
Cheryl L. Gordon
John J. Scruggins
Enrichment Society
Jonathan C. Gordon
C. Gray Johnsey
Kim P. Karas
Steven C. Lee

CLASS OF 1980
Class Total: $21,950.00
No. in Class: 47
Participation: 19%
Founders Society - Gold
Brian M. O'Connell
Founders Society - Silver
Lindy L. Paull
Trusler Society
Peter T. Kirkwood
Enrichment Society
Alfred M. Falk
Gary E. Lakritz
Clinton M. Tarkoe

CLASS OF 1981
Class Total: $5,620.00
No. in Class: 65
Participation: 18%
Trusler Society
Randolph J. Rush
Enrichment Society
David E. Bowers
Richard B. Camilleri
Phillip W. Hegg
Jennifer C. Hepler
Craig P. Hoffman
William R. Lane, Jr.
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—MICHAEL SEIGEL, UF Research Foundation Professor of Law; Director, Criminal Justice Center and Clinics

May 18, NPR’s All Things Considered on the introduction of new science in court cases, such as air as evidence in the Casey Anthony trial

“You can have the greatest constitution in the world, but without courts it doesn’t matter.”

—JON MILLS, Dean Emeritus; Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility

AUG. 8, ABA Now “Time to act for adequate court funding is now, say O’Connor, Bar leaders”

“Used to be that nothing would send your congressman into fight mode like the thought that constituents wouldn’t be getting their promised benefits. That calculus is changing.”

—PATRICIA DILLEY Professor of Law

July 21, Bloomberg News “Retirement benefit-cut talks put Miami on edge, Congress on notice”
“I think that's pretty clever because now what was simply a commercial matter has now become a political matter. It may be he transformed it into political speech, which raises the right of the speech to a higher plane than purely commercial speech.”

—JOSEPH LITTLE
Emeritus Professor
APRIL 27, Pensacola News-Journal “From hawk to squawk: Solicitor turns protestor after cited by city”

“It's not the way the system should work. Originally, death row was meant to be a temporary holding facility for somebody that should be executed in short order. That's not the way it is now.”

—GEORGE “BOB” DEKLE
Legal Skills Professor
SEPT. 5, The Gainesville Sun “Florida executions in legal limbo”

“Congress wants to make higher education more affordable for families, but Congress needs to think about the effect of subsidies and what they do to the marketplace.”

—MARTIN MCMAHON
Stephen C. O’Connell Professor of Law
MAY 31, Tax.com “Taxpayer advocate says home buyer credit led to ‘worst filing season’ in her tenure”
“It’s the oldest problem in the book ethically. The idea is how do you protect people from in-person pressure from people skilled in the art of persuasion. A letter will not put people under the same kind of pressure as a lawyer or their representative at the foot of a hospital bed.”

—AMY MASHBURN
Professor of Law

JULY 25, St. Petersburg Times “Law firm’s strategies in mortgage holders’ struggles provoke ethics issues”

“Right now we have nothing but the good will of police and prosecutors that misidentifications won’t happen.”

—KENNETH NUNN
Professor of Law

AUG. 29, The Orlando Sentinel “Florida cops water down Innocence Commission lineup recommendations”

“The merging parties usually have a better shot when they are going up against the DOJ than the FTC.”

—D. DANIEL SOKOL
Associate Professor of Law

AUG. 31, The Associated Press “AT&T gearing up for rare antitrust fight with DOJ”

“It may be that the trustee can re-characterize their claim to get around the in pari delicto defense. That’s the game that’s afoot right now.”

—JEFFREY DAVIS
Professor of Law

SEPT. 27, Reuters “Auditor defense may have holes in Deloitte case”
Florida on her mind
Prominent Cornell law library director joins UF Law

BY RICHARD GOLDSCHNITZ

n a lecture hall full of UF Law faculty

days before the fall semester, the brand
new director of the law library rose to
her feet.

Earlier in August, Claire M. Germain
had taken over as head of UF Law’s
Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center
after 18 years leading the Cornell law
library, where she was widely credited with
helping to shepherd the profession into the
digital age and with forging connections
between American law and foreign legal
communities. This especially applied to her
French homeland, which awarded Germain
the Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur
(Knight, Legion of Honor) medal, France’s
highest honor, for her efforts in bridging the
American and French legal cultures.

Now, standing before the assembled UF
Law faculty, Germain conveyed her desire
for individual meetings with them to find out
how the library could serve them better; she
described her plans to hold workshops using
technology to aid research and teaching.

Before sitting down, the woman who
spent 18 winters in upstate New York had
100,000 square feet and 600,000 volumes,
replacing Kathleen Price, who retired in 2010
as associate dean for library and technology.

As associate dean for legal information
and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law,
Germain talked about how the law library
can stay relevant in the age of Google.

“We are in a deep transition from print
to digital so I think the emphasis now is to
organize the digital library so that people
know what there is to uncover,” Germain
said. “Sometimes we buy a lot of digital
products but nobody knows that we have
them. I think it is going to be a big goal,
through the website, to organize the digital
resources in a systematic way and promote
them so that people will know that they are
there.”

Judith C. Russell, the dean of University
of Florida Libraries, said Germain’s
international connections and her dedication
to marrying library services with the needs
of faculty and students will strengthen the
reputation of the library and the law school.

“The background she has in international
law brings a new richness,” Russell said.
“Anytime you bring a new director you get
an opportunity to re-evaluate services and to
decide where services are needed.”

Russell described Germain’s academic
credentials as exceptionally strong.

In addition to serving as president of the
American Association of Law Libraries, she
has authored numerous articles and two books
including the award-winning Transnational Law Research. She advocates
for the authentication of digital law, most
recently at the Hague Conference on
Private International Law in the Netherlands.
She also promotes the introduction of a legal
research test on U.S. bar exams.

Germain makes her home in northwest
Gainesville with husband Stuart Basefsky,
who continues to teach online courses for
Cornell. The dual American-French citizen
intends to continue her regular summer
journeys to France as a key addition to
UF Law’s summer programs in Paris and
Montpellier. She figures she can do for UF
Law what she did for Cornell.

“Because of my being a French lawyer,
I developed these contacts,” Germain said.
“Now (Cornell Law) has very high level of
contacts: judges, law professors, law schools.
And I’ve started telling people: ‘Wouldn’t
you like to come to Florida?’”
WILLIAM HAMILTON (JD 83) AND RALPH ARTIGLIERE (JD 77)
LexisNexis Practice Guide Florida E-Discovery and Evidence

In this book, co-authors Hamilton — an adjunct professor at UF Law — and retired 10th Judicial Circuit Judge Artigliere illuminate the complex area of e-Discovery. Hamilton said the book serves as a comprehensive practical guide to the field with its primary emphasis on Florida, but it also delves into federal court proceedings.

“The focus of the volume is on Florida practice and it’s a hands-on guide,” Hamilton said. “It’s designed to help both courts and practitioners get through this sea change — or this paradigm shift — that electronic discovery is bringing to litigation.”

The book provides a guide to new Florida e-Discovery rules, to be enacted in the near future, as well as tips on cost management, avoiding ethical traps and pitfalls, and a comprehensive look at Florida case law on e-Discovery.

Hamilton said Artigliere brought to the text a wealth of experience from a judicial perspective, while Hamilton — as a practicing litigator — brought a perspective of “what is happening in the field and in the trenches.”

He said the result is a book in which the reader will understand problems and dynamics that are facing practitioners who are managing e-Discovery and how courts are addressing, evaluating and handling the same problems. (LexisNexis)

NANCY DOWD
Justice for Kids: Keeping Kids Out of the Juvenile Justice System

Dowd, director of the Center for Children and Families and David H. Levin Chair in Family Law at UF Law, served as editor of this book, which presents scholarly works from leading academics and activists on preventing children from becoming caught up in the juvenile justice system. While some youths in the system quickly move out, never to return, others continue on a path that takes them deeper into the system. This book looks at ways to intervene at an early stage to prevent kids from going down that path in the first place. (NYU Press)

GEORGE “BOB” DEKLE
The Case Against Christ

Dekle, a UF Law legal skills professor, has published a forensic investigation that seeks to piece together the evidence of what really happened prior to the execution of Jesus Christ. Dekle approaches the case as a prosecutor searching for whom — if anyone — to hold legally accountable for Christ’s death. Dekle said through extensive research, he attempted to reconstruct and adhere to the substantive and procedural laws that would have been in place in the Roman Empire during that time to make the investigation as fair and historically accurate as possible. (Cambridge Scholars Publishing)

CLIFFORD A. JONES
More Common Ground for International Competition Law?

Jones, an associate in law with the Levin College of Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility, collection of essays by international scholars. Jones also authored a chapter in the book titled, “Penumbra of European Union Competition Law: External Governance, Extraterritoriality, and the

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Shifting Borderlands of the Internal Market.” The book looks at the most relevant topics facing the area of competition law today, including whether there is a trend toward convergence or greater diversity. (Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd)

**RALPH C. LOSEY (JD 79)**
*Adventures in Electronic Discovery*, 2011 ed.

Through his e-Discovery Team blog, UF Law Adjunct Professor Losey explains the latest topics in e-Discovery in a cultural context. His posts are developed into peer-reviewed articles and transformed into entries in this book series. Losey’s latest book also includes expert interviews, coverage of the biggest issues in e-Discovery and other topics covered in the previous year’s blog. (West Thomson Reuters)

**ELIZABETH DALE**
*Criminal Justice in the United States, 1789-1939*

Dale, who is an affiliate professor of law at UF Law and an associate professor of law in U.S. legal history, looks in depth at the development of criminal law and the criminal justice system from the founding of the United States through the New Deal era. Dale also includes analysis of the role popular justice, such as lynching mobs and community shunning, played in shaping the justice system. (Cambridge University Press)

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**New Faculty**

**Claire M. Germain**
Germain comes to the University of Florida Levin College of Law faculty as an associate dean and director of legal information after working as Edward Cornell law librarian and professor of law at Cornell University Law School. Germain’s current teaching and scholarship interests are French and comparative law, international and foreign legal research, and legal information and technology. She is a graduate from the University of Paris, Louisiana State University School of Law and the University of Denver, where she received her master’s in law librarianship. Germain has authored two books, including the award-winning book *Germain’s Transnational Law Research* and numerous articles. In 2007, Germain was honored with the Knight Legion of Honor medal (France’s highest honor) for her efforts in bridging American and French legal studies.

**Jason P. Nance**
Nance comes to the University of Florida Levin College of Law faculty as an assistant professor of law after most recently working as an associate in the Wilmington office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Nance received his B.A. at Brigham Young University and then spent three years as a public school teacher before receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. in educational administration at The Ohio State University. While pursuing his graduate degrees, Nance became interested in educational law and empirical studies.
and remained at Ohio State for one year following graduation as a visiting assistant professor of applied statistics in the School of Educational Policy and Leadership. Nance then attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she earned her law degree. Nance worked as an associate at Skadden practicing securities and corporate litigation. In Fall 2010, he took a leave of absence from Skadden to become a visiting assistant professor of law at the Villanova University School of Law teaching torts, returning to Skadden afterward. In 2012, Nance will teach torts, remedies and a seminar in education law.

- **Wentong Zheng**
Zheng joins the faculty of the University of Florida Levin College of Law as an assistant professor of law after teaching at the University at Buffalo Law School in Buffalo, N.Y. While at Buffalo Law, Zheng taught courses in international business transactions, comparative Chinese law and secured transactions. Zheng is originally from China, where he attended undergraduate and graduate school. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in economics and received his J.D. from Stanford University. Zheng practiced law at the Washington, D.C., office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP before joining full-time academia. Zheng specializes in international trade law, antitrust and competition policy, law and economics, Chinese law and commercial law. He will teach International Trade Law in the spring.

- **Silvia Menendez**
Menendez joins the University of Florida Levin College of Law staff as a legal skills professor after teaching previously as a lecturer in the legal drafting department. Menendez is a graduate from Wesleyan University and University of Minnesota School of Law, where she received her J.D. She will teach two sections of legal drafting in the spring.

**Affiliate Faculty**

- **Michael Olexa** is the director of the UF/IFAS Center for Agricultural and Natural Resource Law and a professor in the Department of Food and Resource Economics. He has a Ph.D. in plant pathology from UF and a J.D. from Nova Southeastern University. Olexa will teach agricultural law and policy at the law school.

- **Larry DiMatteo** is a Huber Hurst Professor at the Warrington College of Business Administration. DiMatteo has a J.D. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from Monash University in Australia. His legal areas of expertise include contracts, international sales law and corporate ethics.

**New Staff**

- **Pascale Bishop**
Pascale Bishop joins the University of Florida Levin College of Law staff as assistant dean of Career Development. Bishop comes from Chicago, where she most recently served as a director and recruitment manager in the Chicago-Kent College of Law Career Services Office. She also worked as an associate director in John Marshall Law School Career Services Office. With both jobs, Bishop was responsible for fall recruitment, including tracking results, scheduling interviews, conducting outreach to employers and designing brochures. At UF Law she plans to implement new programs such as an assigned counselor for every student and a resume book, which proactively compiles student resumes for employers.

**Report from the Faculty**
The depth and variety of scholarship by UF Law faculty is documented in this just-released publication, which transmits a sense of the intellectual vibrancy at the Levin College of Law. For the 2011 Report from the Faculty go to www.law.ufl.edu/news/pdf/2011_faculty_report.pdf. To request a hard copy of the report send your address to: flaflaw@law.ufl.edu or write to University of Florida, Levin College of Law, P.O. Box 117633, Gainesville, FL 32611-7633
The Linemen of UF Law

Florida is known for football heroes; three NCAA football players turned law students take an academic star turn

BY JARED MISNER (4JM)

Here are the stories of three gridiron stars and how they set themselves on the path leading to the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

HIGHFLIER

Sean Bedford (1L) — a first-year law student, 6-foot-1, two-time first team All Atlantic Coast Conference center, aerospace engineer, former Gainesville Sun Scholar Athlete of the Year and seemingly perfect embodiment of everything a young man should be — is tired.

The former Georgia Tech offensive line standout isn’t tired from his twice-daily workout regimen, which is a shadow of his football-playing days, or from the demands of his first weeks in law school — after undergraduate classes like fluid dynamics and aero-elasticity at Georgia Tech, Bedford talks about his torts textbook like it’s a vacation.

Bedford is tired of being the poster child for athletes who excel in the classroom.

“Pressure isn’t going to class and taking an exam. (It) is being 280 pounds and wearing Spandex in front of 2 million people on TV.”

—Sean Bedford (1L), a former Georgia Tech center

He flashes an ear-to-ear smile at the compliment, but he wants to be remembered as more than the athlete/intellectual.

“I don’t think of myself as Sean Bedford: Georgia Tech Athlete, Sean Bedford: Burlsworth Trophy Winner,” he said, referring to the award he received that recognizes the best walk-on football player in all of college athletics. “I’m hardly the exception to the rule.”

For Bedford, ranked by Sporting News as one of top-25 smartest people in sports last year alongside the likes of Peyton Manning and Grant Hill, is just being Sean.

“I don’t look at myself as actively redefining that student-athlete mold. I just think of finding my own way of fitting that mold, and it just happens to have a huge emphasis on academics,” Bedford said.

Bedford’s road to Georgia Tech started while building model rockets with his dad, also an engineer, when he was 4. Bedford’s childhood love of space even took him to space camp three times. The decision to learn how to build life-size rockets at Georgia Tech, he said, was an easy decision.

But how does Sean Bedford: The Rocket Man become Sean Bedford: The law student?

That, he owes to Frankenstein.

Too busy thinking about NASA missions and aerodynamics, Bedford never considered law school until his freshman English class staged a mock trial of Dr. Frankenstein as a class lesson for the 19th-century novel.

“It was such a silly assignment, but it made me really think about law school,” he said.
From there, Bedford began taking pre-law classes in addition to his rigorous engineering curriculum. He was also a walk-on — meaning he had no scholarship offer — for the Georgia Tech football team.

When Paul Johnson took over as head football coach for the Yellow Jackets he saw something that the college scouts hadn’t and the coach tapped Bedford as starting center.

From there, the Gainesville native poured “blood, sweat and tears” into the football field and a host of academic challenges.

Now planning to study intellectual property and patent law, Bedford said he’s glad he chose an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering because it taught him how to think, how to reason and how to examine problems in a step-by-step process, all of which he uses in law school.

“It’s incredibly interesting, the idea of who owns ideas,” Bedford said. “But I’m getting used to reading a lot more.”

He added that the first-year law school jitters have yet to phase him.

“Pressure isn’t going to class and taking an exam,” he said. “Pressure is being 280 pounds and wearing Spandex in front of 2 million people on TV.”

Bedford isn’t the only former college football player starting at UF Law this year. He isn’t even the only offensive lineman.

A GPA THAT WOULDN’T QUIT

Bert McBride (1L) will tell you the only good things about growing up in the tiny town of Thonotosassa, Fla., are the strawberries and the football.

And football is big business in this Tampa suburb.

“We were a football powerhouse, and that’s all we tried to do,” said McBride, former Armwood High offensive lineman.

McBride helped power Armwood to back-to-back state football championships in 2003 and 2004 and then moved on to Stanford University’s offensive line. But he did more in high school than just football.

He was the valedictorian with the grade point average that couldn’t be stopped, coming to rest at 6.37.

He was a National Merit Scholar. He founded Armwood’s debate team. He was the Junior Orange Bowl Committee Scholar-Athlete Award winner in 2005 as the player with the highest grade point average in the state title game.

He’s also the son of Alex Sink, the former Florida CFO and 2010 Democratic nominee for governor, and Bill McBride (JD 75), the 2002 Democratic nominee for governor.

His football prowess and academic ability transported him into the halls and onto the gridiron of Stanford University. But for the 6-foot-3 first-year law student, it’s all about the academics.

“You can be the best football player in the world, but no one’s going to remember who you are in 20 or 30 years,” McBride said. “But the college you choose is going to stay with you for the rest of your life.”

And for the younger McBride, the choice to attend UF Law was an easy one.

“I was looking to get back in Florida, and this is by far the best law school in Florida,” he said. “Plus, my dad would kill me if I went anywhere else.”

INJURY LEADS TO LAW SCHOOL

You might say that Jin Barrie (1L) was born to be a Gator.

“I was going to football games in my mom’s” the first-year UF Law student said of those early trips to Florida Field.

And if there’s a central thread in Barrie’s life it’s football. The 6-foot-5 man who, at age 7, was deemed too big to play football with his peers, hopes to practice sports law after he graduates.

“I want sports to be part of my life until I’m gone,” he said.

But for Barrie, that thread was almost cut short.

The heavily recruited lineman suffered a career-ending injury during a 2008 UF practice.

“Someone just got thrown into the back of my knee,” he said. “It just blew up the inside of my knee.”

Barrie described the accident as “devastating” and as “the worst thing to ever happen to me,” but he also described it as an eye-opener. He is where he is today because he could no longer play football.

“The injury definitely helped me,” Barrie said. “After my injury, I felt like I had all the time in the world.”

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— Bert McBride (1L), a former Gators offensive lineman

Barrie remained steadfast in his rehabilitation, doing everything he could to stay on the team that had won two national championships in as many years.

Even after nine months of rehabilitation, Barrie realized he just couldn’t keep up at practice.

He became a student assistant during the 2009 season, helping former offensive coordinator Steve Addazio coach younger players on the best techniques and formations.

Finding he now had more time to himself, Barrie’s interest in law came alive while taking a foreign policy class. Dreams of starring in the NFL were no more. But dreams can change. Now, Barrie wants to intern with the NFL.

He’s happy about his new path and glad the time-management lessons he learned while playing football apply to law school.

What’s more, as a former football player, Barrie has a thick skin, a quality he says few of his peers share.

“It’s a lot easier to get yelled at by a professor than it is Coach Addazio,” he said. “I can assure you of that.”
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