2003–2012
A decade of renovation, construction concludes with Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center
Since 1862 when Abraham Lincoln signed it into law, the University of Florida has carried out the Morrill Act’s mission by remaining one of the most affordable and accessible universities in the nation. Being a lawyer himself, Lincoln would be proud to know that UF Law has continued to carry out the same mission. According to 2011-12 American Bar Association Data, UF Law is the second most affordable top-tier law school.
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• Justice Clarence Thomas answer student questions in the UF Law courtyard
• A list of alumni deaths since April

Cover Art by James Ayres (JD 12)
A month to remember

Each month in the academic year is an important one at your law school, but this past September was special. On Sept. 21, some of you attended a ceremony that for the first time at our law school combined two events to project in one program the themes of “past, present, and future.” With many Law Center Association trustees and other alumni in attendance, we inducted three new members of the Heritage of Leadership Society and celebrated their many past accomplishments and achievements. (See page 37 for more on the inductees.) Over 100 current law students attended to receive their Book Awards, where we celebrated their academic excellence as manifested by “leading their courses” in academic performance. The program also stressed our future responsibilities as leaders in the profession, our workplaces and our communities, something which the Heritage inductees exemplified during their careers. Indeed, I’m certain that at least a few future Heritage inductees were in the room as current students or active alumni.

At the end of September, we concluded the seven-year “Florida Tomorrow” major capital campaign, which was celebrated during a set of campuswide events the first weekend of October. Alumni and friends contributed more than $32 million to the college in gifts, pledges and bequests. (The number is actually higher, because bequests and other planned gifts of individuals who were not at least 65 years of age by the close of the campaign do not count in the official campaign total.) And as a sign of our support of the mission and goals of the broader University, our alumni and their families—many of whom have multiple Gator degrees—contributed over $70 million to other university colleges, centers, institutes, and programs. This, too, is leadership, and it is to be celebrated as well.

I hope that it is apparent to our alumni that the administration, faculty, and staff at your law school are focused on how we can continuously improve our academic program, the services and opportunities we provide our students, the quality and broad diversity of our student body, the quality of our faculty as projected through their teaching, research, and service, and everything else we do to prepare our students for entry into the profession and other opportunities for which a law degree is a desired credential. But the end of the campaign this past September is an occasion for pausing to think about what has been made possible because of you and your support.

The changes in the law school’s facilities this past decade are the most overt manifestations of our progress in recent years. These changes are illustrated by this issue’s cover art drawn by recent UF Law graduate James Ayres (JD 12). Those of you who last visited the college prior to 2005 would hardly recognize the campus today; I know this is true because I see the reaction each time I am with an alumnus returning to the law school after a long absence. (See page 16 for more on the law school’s facilities.)

As a result of the campaign, we now have several major endowed lecture series, which are making it possible for our students to have unprecedented access to U.S. Supreme Court justices, other prominent jurists and practitioners, lead-
ing thinkers in tax law and policy, antitrust law, real property law, and other fields, and programs like the panel of five former Florida governors discussing the future of Florida. (You can watch this program online via a link from our website, www.law.ufl.edu.) These presentations also help expand our college’s reputation nationwide. For example, the interview in September of Justice Clarence Thomas by four of our students, which occurred under the auspices of the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture Series, was covered in more than 200 newspapers, including the Wall Street Journal (this conversation can also be viewed online via a link at our website). The campaign created new and augmented existing chairs and professorships that help us recruit and retain a high quality faculty. (You can review the recent accomplishments of our faculty, both nationally and internationally, in the 2012 Report From the Faculty, which is aptly titled “Impact, Influence, Innovation,” and is available from a link on our website.) September was also significant because it was the first full month of our new first-year curriculum, which now includes the course “Introduction to Lawyering.” This new required course, which is one facet of the implementation of the college’s new core-competency based mission statement (link to it via our “About” page on the Web), includes instruction in professional responsibility (setting the table for the three-credit required professional responsibility course now moved to the second year), an introduction to lawyering skills, and a major section on the nature, culture, and values of, and changes occurring in, the legal profession. We are finding things in this course that we will change and improve in the future, but we are pleased with the early results.

The 103rd September at your law school is now in the books, but for our students there are things that happened in September 2012 they will remember for the rest of their lives. We are fortunate to have alumni whose support make these occasions possible. We are very grateful for all you do, and I take this opportunity to say, once again, “thank you.”
UF Law brings together five former governors

Florida’s environment, education, economic development and growth management were the primary topics of conversation on Friday, Oct. 12, when five former Florida Governors convened at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts for the Florida Law Review’s Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series.

The panel discussion, “Florida’s Future: A Conversation with Florida Governors,” featured Govs. Reubin Askew (JD 56), Charlie Crist, Bob Graham, Buddy MacKay (JD 61) and Bob Martinez. The discussion was moderated by UF Law alum Ben Diamond (JD 03).

The two-hour conversation ranged from economic development to the environment and education.

“With a state moving as rapidly as Florida, we need to be thinking not just to the next election or the next decade, but for the next generations,” Graham said, “and the way in which we do that most fundamentally is an investment in education.”

The Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series was established by Betty K. Poucher in honor of her late husband, Allen L. Poucher Sr. A humanitarian who lived a life dedicated to service, Allen Poucher graduated from UF Law in 1942 and practiced law for more than 60 years.

The Poucher Legal Education Series seeks to provide a venue for prominent legal, political and business leaders to discuss important issues facing our nation and world.

The governors agreed that mindfulness of water management and the environment in Florida are among the most crucial issues facing Florida’s future. And Crist, who was governor during the 2010 BP oil spill, pointed out the lessons that can be learned from the incident.

“What did we learn from the spill? Well, I think No. 1, the last thing you ever want to do is drill off the coast of Florida,” Crist said. “I think the greatest wakeup call of all time, in terms of how sensitive Florida is and how dependent we are on tourism as a very important part of our economy, was evidenced by the BP oil spill.”

Go to the UF Law website at www.law.ufl.edu/ for a link to a webcast of this event.

UF Law, alumni to sponsor tax institute

UF Law alumni are teaming up with the college’s Graduate Tax Program, one of the nation’s top programs, to organize the UF Tax Institute, a national conference featuring some of the premier speakers in the United States on tax, business and estate planning. The institute is scheduled Feb. 19-21, 2014, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay.

The UF Tax Institute will provide tax practitioners and other leading tax, business and estate planning professionals with a program that covers the most current issues and planning ideas with a practical, informative, state-of-the-art approach. The institute’s schedule will devote separate days or half days to individual income tax issues, entity tax issues and estate planning issues. Speakers and presentations will be announced as the program date nears to ensure coverage of the most timely and significant topics. UF Law alumni have formed the Florida Tax Education Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to organize the conference.
UF Law honors Allen, first African-American graduate

When W. George Allen (JD 62) became the first African-American to graduate from the University of Florida in 1962, it was not only a victory for him, but also for countless others who had fought for equality for decades at the university.

On Oct. 12, the University of Florida and UF Levin College of Law celebrated the 50th anniversary of Allen’s graduation from UF Law by looking back at the struggle leading to the acceptance of black students at the university and the groundwork laid for future generations by Virgil Hawkins, whose persistence in the courts led to UF Law’s integration, and George Starke, the first black person admitted to UF Law.

The Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom was filled to capacity and visitors filed into overflow areas as speakers reflected on the civil rights struggle and Allen’s role.

Allen delivered the keynote speech, where he described his experience at UF Law as both bitter and sweet. He said he was met with much opposition when he began law school in September of 1960 as the only black student on campus. He said one of the sweet parts came when he realized that he was a direct beneficiary of the compromise made by Hawkins when he withdrew his application from the law school in exchange for the university agreeing to accept black students.

“We were engaging in an era that would open up higher education in Florida for all.” —W. GEORGE ALLEN (JD 62)

“All another sweet part was that (my wife) Enid and I realized we were engaging in an era that would open up higher education in Florida for all, including our children, our grandchildren, and many of you and your progeny,” Allen said.

Go to the UF Law website at www.law.ufl.edu/ for a link to a webcast of this event.

UF LAW ALUMNA NEW FLORIDA BAR LEADER

Gwynne Young (JD 74) was sworn in as president of The Florida Bar June 22. The Tampa-based partner for Carlton Fields specializes in business litigation.

She made her top priority assuring adequate funding for the judicial system. Young has also criticized the politicization of Supreme Court justice retention during the November election. All justices on the ballot were retained by voters.

When President-elect Eugene Pettis (JD 85) succeeds Young in June, UF Law alumni will have held the post for four successive terms and five of the last six terms. UF Law graduates have accounted for more than half the presidents of The Florida Bar since it was unified in 1950. Today, The Florida Bar has 94,000 members and a $43 million budget. Among state bars, only California has more members.
C. David Brown II (JD 78) is chairman of the UF Board of Trustees and leads the search for the next university president.

By Richard Goldstein
David Brown II (JD 78) is looking for a new CEO. It’s a task he’s getting used to. As a member of the CVS/Caremark board, Brown helped select a new CEO last year. Now he’s in the market to find the 12th president of the University of Florida.

Brown, chairman of the UF Board of Trustees and chairman of the statewide law firm Broad & Cassel, calls the UF presidency the second most important job in Florida.

“It’s a very demanding job,” Brown said in an interview from his law offices overlooking Orlando’s downtown. “They’re running one of the nation’s premiere public universities with some of the top students in the country, a prestigious faculty and a research component that is one of the largest in the country. In addition, they oversee a major health care system, one of the largest in the state of Florida, hugely involved in research and quality of care issues. And not to mention a world-class athletic program they have to manage.”

Brown noted that leading a great academic institution is only half the job. UF is a 150-year-old land-grant university with the state’s largest land-grant agriculture and natural resources program (IFAS).

“In their spare time, the president must maintain relationships with the Legislature and carefully monitor the political environment of the state in order to maintain funding levels, which is a very complicated task,” Brown said. “Not to mention they have to raise hundreds of millions of dollars in private donations and keep our 340,000 alumni informed and satisfied as to the progress of their beloved alma mater.

“Now I think that’s a pretty complex job.”

Bernie Machen, who has held the post since 2004, announced in June that he will leave at the end of 2013. The lead time gives Brown, the 23-person search committee that he chairs and the Board of Trustees “a long runway” to find a replacement. Brown hopes to have a new president in place by the summer. As UF LAW magazine was going to press in December, a decision on a new president appeared imminent.

Dianna Morgan, a search committee member and past chairwoman of the UF Board of Trustees, told a group of UF administrators that a new president could be in place by the end of the calendar year.

The new president must shape a fast-changing higher education environment, says Brown, but he has a traditional idea in mind about where he should take the university: boost its academic rigor.

Admission to the University of Florida “shouldn’t be the peak,” Brown said. “I don’t think in all cases it’s like that but I think in some cases (it is). I just find it amazing how good these students are, and I want to make sure we’re pushing them to achieve what they can achieve.”

A long-time scholar of and active participant in higher education governance agrees that Florida should keep academic improvement in the forefront as it finds a new leader. James V. Koch is president emeritus of Old Dominion University and co-author of a book about the characteristics of successful university presidents.

“The University of Florida needs a president whose vision includes moving UF into the elite ranks of public universities, i.e., Michigan, Virginia, UC-Berkeley,” Koch wrote in an email. “UF should not be satisfied with anything less as its ambition. However, this must be more than simply a goal for the next president. He or she must enunciate credible plans for moving the institution to that position over a 10-to-20-year period.”

Koch and co-author James L. Fisher conclude that university presidents are most likely to succeed when they have held the job of a university president before.

“The evidence … is unmistakable. It tells us that the best predictor of successful presidential performance is that individual’s previous successful experience as a president,” Koch said.

The presidential search committee headed by Brown has laid down desired traits for a new president. No candidate will have all the characteristics, but academic governance figures prominently.

Brown earned an accounting degree from UF before studying law, in which he specializes in real estate transactions. Brown noted UF Law Professor Fletcher Baldwin, now emeritus and who continues to teach, as an especially effective and influential instructor.

Brown rose to the chairmanship of the 170-lawyer, 8-office law firm of Broad and Cassel, where he has worked since shortly after leaving UF Law. Brown credits no dramatic court or business success with his ascension, but steady work building a stronger organization.

Brown’s family has lived in Florida since the 1860s. As a Florida native, he watched his state grow in population and economic power. In the 1950s, while Brown was in grade school, Florida was a post-war backwater with a population of nearly 3 million. Today, it is a Sun Belt megastate of more than 19 million people.

As the state became more powerful, Brown lent his talents to aid in its growth on more than one occasion.

Brown’s transaction expertise came in handy as he worked with then-Governor Jeb Bush to lure Scripps Research Institute, a bio-medical powerhouse, to Palm Beach County in 2003. He structured the complex public/private transaction that Bush pushed through the Legislature to seal the deal. Bush had previously appointed Brown to the Florida Transportation Commission from 1999 to 2004, and served as its chairman from 2000 to 2003.

Brown first served on the UF Board of Trustees from February 2004 to 2008, and was later reappointed in June 2011. He has served as chairman since April 2012. The married father of two grown children doesn’t want to say how much time he’s spending on the most recent public service for his state and alma mater, though he allowed that finding a UF president is eating up much more time than expected.

“If you don’t have a good CEO you’re really hamstringing,” Brown observed. “I’ve had the benefit of having a great CEO to work with. I want to make sure we find a successor who can build on President Machen’s accomplishments.”

For his part, Machen figures Brown’s the ideal person to recruit his successor.

“David Brown is a smart guy whose thoughtful, measured leadership style has been great for the University of Florida,” Machen said. “He understands and appreciates the university in all its complexity, and he is well-known and well-liked in Florida’s business, education and political circles. We couldn’t ask for a better person to head up the UF Board of Trustees and the university’s search for its next president.”

For more information about the search for a new UF president go to http://presidential-search.ufl.edu/.

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

As the Florida Tomorrow campaign came to a close at the end of September, I paused and reflected on all we’ve accomplished during the last seven years. We planned, built, and opened a new advocacy center building, where we have already hosted U.S. Supreme Court justices, the Florida Supreme Court, other state and federal judges in moot and live settings, symposia, lectures, intramural competitions, undergraduate trial competitions, other university programs, and more. We have added four major endowed lecture series, all of which have brought and will continue to bring distinguished visitors to speak to our students, and we have added an endowed jurist-in-residence program. The college now offers more scholarships to its students than ever before, has more permanent and term professorships, has new endowments that fund professional development activities of our students, an expanded array of unrestricted endowments that will help the college in areas of greatest opportunities and greatest needs, and much more. The success of the campaign is a testament to the strength and commitment of our UF Law alumni, friends and family who strive to make this institution one of the best in the nation, and we thank you most sincerely and profoundly.

However, our work is not finished. With continued state budget cuts, your support is more important than ever. Your gifts to the UF Law Annual Fund support scholarships, important postgraduate fellowships, student research assistants, student organizations such as trial team and moot court, faculty enrichment, career development and placement for students and alumni, outreach programs, alumni networking activities and much more.

None of this would be possible without your continued annual support. Every single gift adds to the college’s margin of excellence. To make a gift or learn more about how your dollars are used to benefit our students and improve your college, visit www.law.ufl.edu/give. We are aiming this year to break the UF Law Annual Fund record of $836,460.50. The fiscal year ends June 30, so please make your gift in time to count.

In addition to the Annual Fund, student scholarships remain our greatest need. You can help by establishing an endowed scholarship beginning at $30,000, which may be pledged over a five-year period or funded with a planned gift. For more information, please contact me at 352-273-0643 or wilcox@law.ufl.edu.

We are very grateful for your continued support of the college.

Go Gators!

—Lauren Wilcox, Interim Senior Director of Development and Alumni Affairs
MAJOR GIFTS ANNOUNCED FOR UF LAW

Those committing $25,000 or more from April 1 through Sept. 30 to UF Law include:

- Anonymous alumni made pledges totaling $90,000 and an anonymous cash gift of $45,000.
- The Al and Nancy Burnett Charitable Foundation made a $50,000 gift to the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic Fund.
- Susan Black (JD 67) made a $100,000 bequest pledge for the Law Endowment. Black is an emeritus member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and an 11th Circuit Judge with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Jacksonville.
- W. Dexter Douglass (JD 55) and Terese Vernon Douglass made a $600,000 bequest pledge to establish a professorship in state constitutional law with an emphasis on teaching the Florida Constitution. Douglass is an emeritus member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and founder and owner of Douglass Law Firm, P.A. in Tallahassee.
- The Everglades Foundation made a $50,000 gift to create an endowed scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of Professor Michael Jonathan Moorhead, the first tenured African-American professor at the law school. Moorhead, who taught property law, administrative law and labor law, strove throughout his career to make a quality legal education available to high-achieving students regardless of race, gender or socioeconomic status.

- Paul Linder (JD 82) and Michelle Jernigan made a $50,000 pledge for the UF Law Annual Fund. Linder is an attorney with Griffin & Linder, P.A. in Orlando.
- Virginia Lipton (JD 77) made a $250,000 bequest pledge for the college and the Law Review Endowment.
- Robert Merkel (JD 74) and Joelen Merkel made a $102,250 trust pledge to establish the Merkel Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust II. Merkel is an emeritus member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and an attorney with Adams, Coogler, Watson, Merkel, Barry & Kellner, P.A. in West Palm Beach.
- Brian Phillips (LLMT 90) made a $37,500 pledge for the Janice Dawson Quinn Graduate Tax Program Assistantship. Phillips is the founding shareholder of Phillips Law Firm in Orlando. He also holds the position of adjunct professor of law at the University of Florida where he teaches Procedures in Tax Fraud Cases.
- Jesse Rigby (JD 77) and Margo Rigby made a $25,000 bequest pledge. Rigby is an emeritus member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and shareholder and attorney with Clark, Partington, Hart, Larry, Bond & Stackhouse in Pensacola.
- Lewis Schott (JD 46) made an additional gift of $300,000 for the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture Series. Schott is the founder and president of LMS Securities Corp. in Palm Beach.
- Glenn Waldman (JD 83) and Sheryl Waldman made an additional $50,000 pledge for the Florida Water Law Endowment. Waldman is a member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and manages Waldman Trigoboff Hildebrandt Marx & Calnan, P.A. in Weston, Fla.

- Paul Huck (JD 65) and Donna Huck made a $25,000 UF Law Annual Fund pledge and a $25,000 bequest pledge. Huck is an active member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and the Senior United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Miami.
- Robert Kramer (JD 74) and Judith Kramer made an additional $50,000 gift to create an endowed book award: Richard H. Simons Charitable Trust Book Award in Taxation of Gratuities Transfers. Kramer is President of Kramer, Green, Zuckerman, Greene & Buchsbaum P.A. in Hollywood, Fla.
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Drive for Opportunity Scholarships

Lorie M. Gleim (JD 95), a shareholder in the Palm Beach County offices of international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, is spearheading a drive on behalf of the Florida Opportunity Scholars Scholarship in Law endowment. Fostering diversity and excellence in education, the endowment will provide an annual scholarship to a first-generation, native Floridian legal scholar.

The scholarship is in memory of Professor Michael Jonathan Moorhead, the first tenured African-American professor at the law school. Moorhead, who taught property law, administrative law and labor law, strove throughout his career to make a quality legal education available to high-achieving students regardless of race, gender or socioeconomic status.

The college seeks pledges towards the goal of building a $100,000 endowment by March 2013 in order to award the first scholarship in the fall of 2013. For more information, contact Lauren Wilcox at wilcox@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0643.
**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IT’S A WRAP: UF LAW RAISES $32.3 MILLION**

The final numbers for the seven-year Florida Tomorrow Campaign are in. As of Oct. 15, the University of Florida total is $1,720,305,394 of which UF Law raised $32,309,807. UF Law alumni and their families — many of whom have multiple Gator degrees — contributed an additional $70.2 million university-wide during the campaign.

Donations for professorship endowments were among the campaign’s successes. Dexter Douglass (JD 55) was part of a celebration luncheon to honor those who had established professorships during the campaign. Douglass and his wife Terese created a UF Law endowment: the W. Dexter & Terese Vernon Douglass Professorship in State Constitutional Law with an emphasis on teaching Florida constitutional law.
United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas made national news at UF Law in September when he dismissed U.S. News & World Report rankings and suggested that a law degree from an Ivy League school shouldn’t carry more weight than any other law degree. While those remarks – made during the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture in Law – garnered the most attention in the press, they were just a small portion of Thomas’ message to UF Law, which emphasized the importance of positivity and hard work.

Thomas touched on legal topics, but he also mixed lighthearted humor with hard-won advice for students about the difficulties of law school, and insights into how his experiences growing up in the segregated South helped shape his worldview as an adult.

“I found law school to be as clear as cement,” Thomas said in his opening remarks. “It was a very, very difficult experience.” He said that the law does eventually reach a point of clarity, but for him it wasn’t until years after he had earned his J.D. from Yale.

“It’s one of the reasons I’ve asked during my visits to spend more time with students,” Thomas said, “to reassure students in many ways that (law school) isn’t always unclear; that it may be difficult and complex but at some point the clouds open and you begin to see things a little better. Maybe it’s experience, maybe it’s maturity. Maybe it’s just life.”

This was Thomas’ second visit to UF Law – he delivered the Criser Lecture in 2010. Thomas dined with students, fielded numerous questions in a casual classroom atmosphere and spoke to hundreds gathered in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard.

Before heading back to Washington, the diehard Sooners fan took in Florida’s bludgeoning of Kentucky at the Swamp. “The students asked excellent and broad-ranging questions,” said UF Law Professor Amy Mashburn (JD 87), whose Introduction to Lawyering classes received visits from Thomas. “Justice Thomas was willing to answer all of them and was extremely warm and approachable.”

His willingness to discuss his personal life before joining the Supreme Court put students at ease, and many were surprised at how easy it was to engage in a discussion with him, Mashburn said. A common thread in Thomas’ advice to students was that they should not allow rankings, prejudices, elitism or bad job prospects to define them.

Mashburn said she also learned a few things from Thomas’ classroom visits, including the fact that commercial cases were largely disappearing from the Supreme Court’s docket because of the prevalence of arbitration clauses. She also learned that he watches “Man vs. Food.”

The Criser Lecture was structured as a “conversation” with UF Law students. Lauren Humphries
(1L), David R. Maass (3L), Eric Netcher (3L) and Zack Smith (3L) shared the stage with Thomas in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard at UF Law on Sept. 21, passing a microphone among the group as they asked questions of the justice.

Smith, who is editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review, said he and the other students met Thomas briefly before the lecture and, along with about 20 other law students, had lunch with him afterward.

“Justice Thomas was very personable in these settings and was genuinely interested in talking to students and answering our questions,” Smith said. “I was impressed with his ability to recall everyone’s names and with the fact that he made a point to speak to everyone in the room.”

Thomas, who graduated from Yale Law School, discussed how the most important mentors he’s had in his life weren’t the ones with the most formal education, but rather it was his family growing up, and the people he surrounds himself with every day.

“I don’t know if you saw the movie ‘The Help,’ but that’s basically where I grew up,” he said. “That’s my family, that’s my neighborhood, those are the people who were the wisest people … those people are wise because they’ve managed to get through life in a good way.”

Those were the people who instilled in him a sense of hope and positivity, Thomas said, and it wasn’t until he was surrounded by privileged Ivy Leaguers that he was exposed to, and filled with, a sense of cynicism and negativity. When asked about advice for graduating law students, Thomas said to stay positive.

“I can’t tell you to use my experience because I was decidedly negative when I got out of law school and quite bitter and even quite cynical – that’s why I try to counsel young people not to go there. It took a long time to overcome that,” Thomas said.

Smith said one of the points he took away from the conversation with Thomas was that, “America is still a land of opportunity.”

One of the most memorable moments in the lecture came in response to a question about Thomas’ thoughts on law school rankings and how attitudes toward the law school hierarchy can impact the legal profession.

Thomas said he has never paid attention to law school rankings and doesn’t think it should matter when being considered for a clerkship or job which law school someone graduated from.

“There are smart kids everywhere,” he said, “they’re male, they’re female, they’re black, they’re white, they’re from the West, they’re from the South, they’re from public schools, they’re from public universities, they’re from poor families, they’re from sharecroppers, they’re from all over.”

He said that while he isn’t biased against having Ivy Leaguers clerk for him, he intentionally seeks out those who aren’t from the nation’s most elite schools.

Automatically excluding someone from consideration for a position based on the school they went to is the antithesis of what the United States is about, Thomas said.

Thomas also said that Supreme Court opinions should be accessible to the average person.

“Without condescension we are obligated to make what we say about the Constitution and (the people’s) laws accessible to them,” he said.

The Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture Series was created in 2007 by Lewis Schott (JD 46) of Palm Beach, as a tribute to his fellow UF Law alumnus, former UF President Marshall Criser (JD 51). The goal of the speaker series is to host prestigious national and international speakers every year on topics of particular interest to law students.

A webcast of the Thomas Criser Lecture is available on the UF Law home page at www.law.ufl.edu.
Could Supreme Court still invalidate Obamacare?

Perhaps the most dramatic decision taken by the Supreme Court in recent years was over the fate of the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. Justice Clarence Thomas would have struck down the act under taxing power, and the court said the government could use its powers to require individuals to buy health care.

UF Law Professor Steven Willis also had a dog in that fight. Willis, a tax law specialist and member of the UF Law faculty for 31 years, argued that the law is unconstitutional in an amicus brief for the Supreme Court and in three related law review articles.

The Supreme Court in National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius declared the individual mandate portion of the act constitutional. Although the case was a challenge of Congress’s commerce power, the Court upheld the act under taxing power, and the court said the government could use its powers to require individuals to buy health care.

Willis debated Andrei Boyarshinov (JD 07), a UF Law adjunct professor and associate general counsel for Shands HealthCare, about the fate of Obamacare on the occasion of Constitution Day Sept. 17, in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center Courtroom.

Boyarshinov highlighted the problems with today’s health care system and how the act seeks to fix those problems.

“The U.S. spends more on health care than it does on its defense,” he said. Boyarshinov said the act seeks to decrease the cost of health care and simultaneously broaden health care availability through delivery system and insurance reform.

However, to affectuate the changes, individuals are required to either have insurance or pay a tax penalty.

“The glue through (the Affordable Health Act) is the individual mandate,” he said.

But could that decision represent merely a stopgap?

Is the conservative chief justice who sided with the court liberals to uphold the law biding time until provisions of the law have taken effect?

Willis recalled his initial dismay over the ruling.

“And when that decision came down, and I read it … needless to say, I was disappointed,” he said. However, upon reflection, Willis realized “we have a truly brilliant chief justice of the Supreme Court.”

Willis used Chief Justice John Roberts’ opinion to argue that the act will be challenged in 2014 on tax grounds and ultimately found unconstitutional.

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Some of the nation’s top legal and government figures regularly appear at UF Law, including former ABA Presidents Stephen N. Zack (JD 71) and Martha W. Barnett (JD 73), former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former EPA Administrator and Climate Czar Carol Browner (JD 79). Since 2005, a string of U.S. Supreme Court justices have visited the campus. Justice Clarence Thomas’ return this fall marked the seventh from a current or former Supreme Court justice in as many years. Here’s a rundown:

SEPTEMBER 2005 – Justice Sandra Day O’Connor speaks during the dedication ceremony for new classrooms at UF Law and the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center.

SEPTEMBER 2006 – Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg speaks at UF Law and helps dedicate the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom in honor of her close friend.

SEPTEMBER 2008 – Chief Justice John Roberts judges the Justice Campbell Thoral Moot Court Final Four competition.


FEBRUARY 2010 – Thomas visits for the first time to deliver the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture where he candidly interacted and fielded questions from UF Law students.

SEPTEMBER 2011 – O’Connor returns as a featured panelist at the inaugural Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series, held at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

SEPTEMBER 2012 – Thomas returns to deliver the Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture in Law.
A new glass-fronted Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center beckons from Village Drive and 2nd Avenue. Wandering into the courtyard visitors find the key buildings – Holland Hall, the Legal Information Center and Bruton-Geer Hall – bigger and more beautiful than ever. The bridge that used to link the buildings is gone, replaced by a causeway on the exterior of Holland, Bruton-Geer and the library. The square is completed by the 2003-2005 construction project that includes the Stephen A. Zack Tower on the west side and the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom on the east. On the ground level, the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard buzzes with activity. In fair weather, it plays host to barbecues, auctions and law school clubs recruiting new members. But mostly, the courtyard is where students...
and faculty mix on a daily basis, strolling between classes, lunch, the library or meetings.

Construction to rebuild the law school began in July 2003, a project made possible by a fund-raising campaign that kicked off in 2001. And soon after the square and buildings were completed, alumni and friends started giving toward construction of a new advocacy center. In all, the new and improved law campus represents a $30 million investment from donations combined with state funds.
Spessard L. Holland Hall, home to most classrooms and professors’ offices, was extensively remodeled and it blends seamlessly with the library on the outside. Inside, glass walls divide Holland Hall from the library so one sees inside the library and vice-versa without being able to walk between one building and the other on the upper floors. The layout ensuring security for the LIC collection.

As the largest lecture hall, The Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom, Holland 180, hosts many of the visiting speakers at UF Law.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

James Ayres’ (JD 12) day job is as webmaster for UF Law’s sprawling website. But with a bachelor’s of fine arts from the University of South Florida and his history as former president of the UF Law Art Law Society, he is also one of the law school’s more accomplished artists. For this issue of UF LAW, we asked Ayres to draw the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard and key buildings to take readers on a tour of the law school’s new layout. We wanted a presentation that illustrated change over time and Ayres delivered a graceful magazine...
The Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center’s centerpiece is a courtroom, a venue that functions either as an appellate or trial court. Raised student seating with monitors make it an ideal teaching tool. This year, the finishing touches on the building came as faculty offices and study areas were completed on the second floor with the Allen and Teri Levin Advocacy Education Suite.

The law library – the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center – underwent extensive remodeling and expansion. It came out the other side as one of the largest law libraries in the Southeast.
Postgraduate fellowships, D.C. alumni give new Gator lawyers a hand up

BY LINDSEY TERCELLA (4JM)

Waiting for results from the bar exam is nerve-racking. Pile on searching for a job and law school debt that demands servicing, and you’ve got one stressed out Gator law grad.

UF Law’s Graduate Public Interest Law Fellowship Program and a new Gator networking initiative are giving recent graduates more opportunities, especially as they navigate the professional limbo after law school but before qualifying for a law license.

Started in 2008, the fellowship program serves as a transition for students buffeted by the tough job market, said Pascale Bishop, assistant dean of career development.

The program is similar to those offered at other leading law schools, and it requires graduates to work for government agencies, nonprofit law firms or judges. UF Law’s Career Services can also help with placements.

In 2011, two-thirds of those in the program ended up with jobs at their fellowship locale or somewhere else. Of the 2010 graduates, 16 of the 18 program participants have permanent employment, eight of which are with the host employer.

Each fellowship lasts about three months and typically starts in November after the employment spike that usually occurs after bar results and the swearing in of new attorneys, Bishop said.

“Various students don’t have the opportunity to get legal experience for whatever reason. Without experience it’s difficult in a market this competitive,” she said.

UF Law pays graduates $10 per hour and fellows are limited to working 20 hours a week.

“It’s a nice chance for the agency to get an extended tryout from the student. It’s a win-win for everyone,” Bishop said.

The program has room for approximately 18 to 20 students but can make more spots if needed. For 2011, there were 18 postgraduate fellows.

Stephanie Falcon (JD 11) signed up for the fellowship program after taking The Florida Bar exam in July. Falcon filled out the paperwork and went to work at Gainesville-based Southern Legal Counsel.

“Without a license I was pretty limited in the type of work I could do,” Falcon said.
Falcon gained additional legal experience, while maintaining the relationships she had cultivated at Southern Legal Counsel as a UF Law extern.

Her work included legal research and writing on two cases.

Not only did the fellowship swing her a part-time job, but Falcon said she has been able to work on a prominent water law case, which has been a networking bonanza. She is the first postgraduate fellow from UF Law to have a fellowship at Southern Legal Counsel.

“It was a great experience and I can’t think of any reasons someone wouldn’t want to do this,” she said.

Graduates aren’t the only ones benefitting from the program. Southern Legal Counsel attorney Kirsten Clanton also praised the arrangement.

“The postgraduate fellowship program is beneficial to us because it allows us to have an individual who has already graduated law school and is able to do substantial legal work that is at a level that’s different from our student interns or law clerks,” Clanton said.

And as a nonprofit public interest law firm, its budget is limited.

“We were able to have someone work for us that we wouldn’t have been able to afford to pay, and they were able to get paid through the fellowship while providing us with needed legal services,” Clanton said.

An additional benefit is that the fellowship lets recent graduates broaden their work experience.

“It allows students to engage in some form of public service and get exposure to a different type of law they might not have had an opportunity to experience otherwise,” Clanton said.

D.C. alumni join forces

Fellowships aren’t the only way for recent graduates to make themselves more marketable. Gator alumni in Washington, D.C., have created the UF Law D.C. Alumni Group to aid recent graduates and other alumni in the area with job placement and networking.

Hap Shashy (JD 73) and Marti Cochran (JD 73) have been at work with about 20 other core alumni to form committees and get people motivated.

Over the summer the group hosted a “Welcome to D.C.” event for recent graduates and current students working in D.C. for the summer to meet other alumni in the area. The group hopes to hold a similar event each summer.

Shashy says that aside from networking, he hopes the group can create and fund a D.C. law fellowship for recent graduates.

His idea is to have one or two graduates come and work in the capital for a few months. The fellowship, he said, would fund living expenses and help to elevate the quality of UF Law graduates in the area.

One of the group’s primary motivations is to aid alumni with employment.

“One of the things I care most about is job placement,” Cochran said. “Before this group was formed I was helping students episodically but not in a focused way.”

Cochran’s vision for the future of the group is that it will continue to grow and slowly take on a more formal structure, and above all, that the group will be successful in aiding graduates with job placement.

“If we can point to several successful job placements in the D.C. area, then that is the most valuable gift we can provide to a law school that has given us all so much.”

The idea for the group emerged from a UF Law alumni reception in Washington, D.C., in January. The D.C. group is the first of its kind, said Lauren Wilcox, interim senior director of development and alumni affairs.

With close to 600 alumni in the area, the group seemed like the natural next step.

Wilcox spoke of creating a second alumni group in another large city.

“My goal is to go to New York next and see if there’s interest for a group there,” she said. “It’s a way to reminisce and stay connected. It allows for a sense of community. This may be something we can do in other cities too.”

For more information on postgraduate fellowships contact the Career Development office at careers@law.ufl.edu. For more information on the D.C. alumni group or how to start a group in your city contact Lauren Wilcox at wilcox@law.ufl.edu.
CONSERVATION CHAMPION
Phyllis Harris (JD 85) deploys environmental expertise in EPA, and now as Wal-Mart vice president

BY ROBERTA O. ROBERTS

Almost 30 years ago at the University of Florida, one law student embarked on a career in conservation—conservation of land, the environment and, finally, of cooking grease.

Last year, Phyllis Harris (JD 85) was promoted to senior vice president and chief compliance officer for the largest private employer in the world: retail giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Among her duties, Harris oversees a grease recycling program.

“Several years ago, Wal-Mart’s sustainability initiative really led the way for many retailers as a self-sustaining business model,” Harris explained.

Wal-Mart provides grease interceptor maintenance and oil and water separator maintenance for its facilities. Grease traps/interceptors are pretreatment devices designed to remove fats, oils and grease in wastewater from food preparation areas and tenant restaurants. The oil and grease portions are recycled at the majority of locations, such as Tire Lube Express centers, and reused in beneficial ways, including energy production (anaerobic digestion), boiler fuel, compost material, bio-fuel production and ethanol production. Likewise, plastics are recycled and reused to make products such as dog beds, cat litter pans and hangers.

The program has generated substantial income and products to offset the cost of environmental services.

Companies “struggle with whether or not sustainability is actually a good business endeavor,” Harris said. But looking at Wal-Mart’s results, “it really is possible to do well while doing good.”

Harris got her start in a $28,000-a-year government job straight out of law school.

As a UF Law 3L, she interviewed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and was hired 18 months later as a part-time staff attorney. Harris worked with the EPA for 19 years and was conferred the Presidential Rank Award by President George W. Bush in 2001. It is the highest award a senior executive branch official can receive.

Harris left the EPA in December 2005 and eventually became vice president of environmental health and safety compliance for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Her duties expanded in 2011 as she became the chief compliance officer responsible for all aspects of compliance including product safety, privacy, employment, and environmental health and safety for thousands of Wal-Mart stores and facilities.

These compliance programs include the Global Food Safety Initiative, which requires Wal-Mart suppliers to participate in rigorous audits of their supply chain to ensure that the food is safe, and Wal-Mart’s partnership with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission through the creation of Wal-Mart’s Toy Safety Net program, which has lowered lead levels in children’s jewelry.

In addition to her corporate responsibilities, Harris looks out for students in the Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

“Back in the early to mid-80s there was a very minimal environmental law program at UF,” Harris said. “It was not as big as it is now. I am now fortunate to be on the board for the program and it has come a long way—it has great leadership and a great vision. I think we’ve made some great strides in the LL.M. program and I’m just proud of it.”

Harris joined Wal-Mart to create a $10,000 fellowship to encourage minorities to pursue a field in environmental law. The fellowship is offered through the Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

According to UF Law Professor Mary Jane Angelo, director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program, the LL.M. program has seen an increase in students and job market success for its graduates. Recent graduates have landed associate jobs at environmental and land use law firms, government agencies, and one former student is now executive director of a nonprofit environmental group. Another UF Law LL.M. graduate is a tenure-track professor at another law school.

“The next step,” Harris says, “is getting the program some of that national recognition that it deserves.” UF’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program ranked No. 9 overall and No. 5 among public law schools by U.S. News and World Report.

While rankings are important, what Florida brings to the table is what students get with faculty,” Harris said. “Students want quality time with professors who are nationally recognized and want the opportunity to go abroad.”

Angelo called Harris a role model.

“Phyllis is very supportive of the program—and not just financially,” Angelo said. “It’s great having someone who graduated from our program who is so successful—she is an inspiration and a great role model for students in the program.”

Harris says she is just doing what she loves.

“Find something you are passionate about—that is what has sustained me for as long as I’ve been a lawyer,” Harris said. “It makes your time fly by when you’re able to do something you care about.”

Now, almost 30 years since Harris got her start in environmental law, her 21-year-old daughter is considering a legal career in environmental policy.

“It’s pretty gratifying,” Harris said. “It’s come full circle.”
CLASS NOTES

JOHN K. VREELAND (JD 71), of the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson, P.A., was honored by the UF Foundation’s Board of Directors with the Annual Volunteer Award, along with his wife, Weezie Vreeland. The award acknowledges the Vreelands for their outstanding service to UF and the UF Foundation. In addition, Vreeland has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of estate planning and probate. He also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the area of trusts and estates.

He has also been named to the Best Lawyers in America 2013 “Bet the Company Litigation,” for his work in commercial litigation and named as a member of the legal elite in the 2012 issue of Florida Trend Magazine for his work in commercial litigation.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Send your class notes to classnotes@law.ufl.edu or to: UF LAW magazine, Levin College of Law, University of Florida, P.O. Box 117633, Gainesville, FL 32611. The class notes deadline for the spring issue of UF LAW magazine is March 10. Please limit submissions to 75 words or less by focusing on new endeavors and recognition.

1954

Robert L. Trohn of GrayRobinson, P.A., has made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of personal injury litigation and commercial litigation.

1964

Gerald F. Richman, president of the commercial litigation and business law firm of Richman Greer in Miami and West Palm Beach, has received the 2012 Justice Harry Lee Anstead Award naming him The Florida Bar Board Certified Lawyer of the Year. The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education created the Anstead Award in 2005 to recognize “exemplary professionalism and excellence in the practice of law and character and commitment to The Florida Bar's certification program.” The BLSE annually presents the award to a Florida Bar board certified lawyer or judge. Richman was recognized for promoting jury trials worldwide, advancing the legal profession and his contributions to the nonprofit organization on a national and local level spanning the last 23 years.

1965

Benjamin H. Hill, founding shareholder at the Tampa law firm Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and has been named to the 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition. In addition, Hill was recently highlighted as attorney of the month in Attorney at Law Magazine’s premier issue. Hill established his career as a top trial lawyer representing private clients in all types of civil disputes, and developed a specialty representing lawyers charged with legal malpractice.

R. Donald Mastry, of Trenam Kemker Attorneys in Tampa was named to the Florida Super Lawyer list for 2012 and to the 2013 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices in the area of real estate.

Sidney A. Stubbs, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list in the area of business litigation for the 2012 edition of Law & Politics magazine.

1966

Mike Colodny, founding partner of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky Abate & Webb, P.A., has been named managing partner of the firm. Colodny, who founded the firm in the mid-1970s with Joel Fass and Howard Talenfeld, successfully developed it into its current prominence in the areas of commercial litigation, insurance regulatory law and governmental consulting. In recent years, the firm was named as one of Florida Trend’s Top Five Lobbying Firms for its work in Tallahassee, and has also been named 2012 law firm of the year by Lawyers World, a publication devoted to corporate law.

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A president’s journey

Newly selected Henderson State University President Glendell Jones (LLMT 96) has joined an elite group. As of July 1, he became one of 11 UF Law alumni to rise to the presidency of a university or college.

In doing so, Jones also became the first black president of any traditionally white institution in Arkansas.

“Growing up a poor kid from an uneducated family was the biggest obstacle I’ve had to overcome,” Jones said. “It’s because of this that I believe there is no better place to make a difference in the lives of young people than higher education.”

The Henderson State presidency had been open three times in the last 10 years, Jones said. As a Henderson State alumus with an accounting degree, Jones felt called to the 3,779-student public liberal arts college. He applied for the position the third time it opened.

“The fact that it’s my alma mater had a special role in it,” he said. “It’s a very special opportunity for me to pay it forward.”

Jones earned a juris doctor from the University of Arkansas. After taking tax courses while at Arkansas, Jones decided to specialize in tax and attend UF Law. He said his time in UF Law’s Graduate Tax program taught him how to advocate and analyze.

“I’ve had to be an advocate and a strong communicator and that’s a skill set you can only acquire through such a program,” he said. “It’s the best LL.M.T. program in the country, period.”

Jones taught at both Arkansas State and Henderson State after leaving private practice. Jones believes that tax played a large role in preparing him for where he is today.

“Learning to communicate complex matters in a manner that is easily understood by others has served me very well. As a result, I truly believe that if you can do taxation you can do anything,” he said.

Friel also believes that Jones' understanding of what a professor does will allow him to excel in his position as president.

In addition to understanding the needs of faculty, Jones has a drive for community service. “When you dealt with Glen you recognized you were dealing with someone who really cared about the community he was a part of,” Friel said.

Jones’ advice to current law students revolves around service.

“Pursue your dreams and make serving others your passion,” Jones said. “Live a life in which you strive to make a difference in the lives of others and you will find that everything else will take care of itself.”

—LINDSEY TERCILLA (4JM)
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Larry B. Alexander, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list in the area of real estate for the 2012 edition of Law & Politics magazine. He has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2013 list for his practice in real estate law.

Daryl M. Bloodworth, of Dean Mead’s Orlando office, has been named a leader in his field in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. Bloodworth was also named to the Top 100 Super Lawyers list, and he was an honoree of Florida Super Lawyers 2012. Bloodworth’s practice focuses on commercial litigation.

Phillip R. Finch of GrayRobinson, P.A., was recognized in the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the area of real estate law.

Stephen N. Zack, immediate past president of the ABA and a former Florida Bar president, of Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Miami, is the new chair of the National Center for Access to Justice. The center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, national advocacy organization based at Cardozo Law School in New York City, dedicated exclusively to achieving reform on behalf of vulnerable people in the civil and criminal justice systems. During Zack’s chairmanship, the NCBA plans to release “The Justice Index,” the center’s model for relying on performance measurement, on a dedicated website to highlight the center’s model for relying on performance measurement, on a dedicated website to highlight and improve the quality of justice delivered by the legal systems in all 50 states.

1972

Cesar L. Alvarez of Greenberg Traurig, LLP has been selected for inclusion in 2013 Best Lawyers in America list for his work in international trade and finance law.

William H. Andrews, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Jacksonville office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of employment & labor. Andrews also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of employment law – management, labor law – management, litigation – labor & employment. In addition, Andrews has been recognized on the Chambers USA 2012 list in the area of employment & labor.

Christopher M. Fear, of GrayRobinson, P.A.‘s Lakeland office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of real estate.

Franklin R. Harrison, founding partner of the law firm Harrison Sale McCloy in Panama City, was elected chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners at an August meeting held in Burlington, Vermont. NCBE develops the tests that are used as part of the bar examination in virtually every U.S. jurisdiction, including Florida. Harrison has served as the committee chair of the Multistate Bar Examination, the organization’s flagship test, since 2008. He concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate, commercial and education law.

1973

Paul W.A. Courtell Jr., of Gunster’s West Palm Beach office, is one of the firm’s 21 attorneys that have been designated leaders in their field in eight different practice areas by Chambers USA. Courtell received the designation for his expertise in the areas of leisure and hospitality.

Lynn J. Hinson, of Dean Mead’s Orlando office, was named as a 2012 honoree for Florida Super Lawyers. Hinson’s practice focuses on business litigation and bankruptcy & creditor/debtor rights.

Pamela O. Price, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of estate planning & probate. Price also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of trusts and estates and tax law.

Ronald S. Reed, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of family law.

1974

David T. Knight, of Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and listed in 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition.

Above: Fredda Peele stands with Andrew Fawbush (JD 74) and he was an honoree of Florida Super Lawyers 2012. Bloodworth’s practice focuses on commercial litigation.

Andrew Fawbush (JD 74) became the first recipient of the S. Austin Peele Distinguished Service Award in May during the Law Center Association Board of Trustees meeting at UF Law. The award — which was created in memory of the Lake City lawyer and 1963 UF Law graduate who passed away last December — will be given annually in recognition of a Board of Trustees member who goes above and beyond the normal call of duty in his or her service to UF Law.

Fawbush has served on the LCA Board of Trustees since 2005 and is the chair of the Career Development Committee where he has played an important role in UF Law’s recent career development activities. Fawbush commuted between his home in Jacksonville and Gainesville for every meeting and interview during the college’s search for Assistant Dean for Career Development Pascale Bishop; and has helped graduates secure interviews, post-graduate fellowships and full-time positions. Fawbush is a partner with the Smith Gambrell & Russell law firm in Jacksonville.

First Peele Award recipient is Andrew Fawbush (JD 74)
Frederick W. Leonhardt, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of government relations. Leonhardt also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of real estate law and government relations practice. In addition, he has been recognized on the Chambers USA 2012 list for the area of real estate: zoning/land use.


Robert D. McAliley has been reappointed as a judge of compensation claims by Gov. Rick Scott. Lewis has served in this capacity in the Port St. Lucie region since 1997. Previously, he practiced with Bradfield and McAliley from 1987 to 1997, with Brennan, McAliley, Albury and Hayskar from 1974 to 1987; and was a conflict construction supervisor with Florida Gas Transmission Company from 1961 to 1970.

1975

Wayne Flowers, a shareholder of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been named a Super Lawyer in the area of environmental litigation.

Terry A. Moore of GrayRobinson, P.A., has made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of real estate law and litigation – real estate.

1976

Tyrie W. Boyer was appointed to the circuit bench after having served as county judge since 2001. He is a charter member and past president of the Jacksonville Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a board certified civil trial lawyer since 1983. Boyer chaired The Florida Bar Civil Procedure Rules Committee, twice chaired the Professional Ethics Committee and serves on the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions, Civil.

Michael J. Dewberry of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of health care.

M. Lynn Pappas of Gunster’s Jacksonville office is one of the firm’s 21 attorneys that have been designated Leaders in their field in eight different practice areas by Chambers USA. Pappas received the designation for her expertise in zoning and land use real estate law. In addition, Pappas has been named a Super Lawyer in the area of real estate by Florida Super Lawyer Magazine.

Ronald L. Rowland of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP has been included on the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list in the areas of tax law and trusts and estates.

Olin Shinholser, 10th circuit court judge, has been elected to serve as the chair of the State Conference of Circuit Court Judges for a one-year term. The conference consists of 599 active judges and more than 100 retired judges. He is the second judge from the 10th Circuit to serve in this capacity. Shinholser is a resident of Highlands County and is assigned to hear family cases. He has been on the bench since 1990.

Gerald “Jerry” Weedon, president of Marks Gray PA., was reappointed to the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind by Gov. Rick Scott for a 2012-2014 term. His community involvement includes serving on the board of directors for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville, as president of the Jacksonville Community Council Inc., on the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, and on the Jacksonville Community Relations Commission.

1977

Linda Conahan of Gunster’s Miami office has been named a Super Lawyer on the 2012 Florida Super Lawyers list in the practice area of business litigation.

Lauren Y. Detzel, shareholder at Dean Mead, has been named a Leader in her field, estate planning, in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. Detzel was selected to the nationwide rankings for her work in wealth management in the eastern region. She was named to the Top 100 Super Lawyers, in addition to being selected among the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Florida. Detzel is an honoree of Florida Super Lawyers 2012 for her practice in estate planning & probate and tax.

Deborah Getzoff has joined Lewis, Longman & Walker, a statewide law firm specializing in government and environmental issues, as of counsel. Getzoff worked as southwest district director for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for 11 years, and has extensive experience with permitting, compliance, enforcement and outreach management.

Dennis Wall, of the Law Firm of Dennis J. Wall, Attorney At Law, is the national co-chair of the Health, Life, and Disability Insurance Subcommittee of the American Bar Association’s Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee. Wall recently published an article, “Avoiding and Defending Against Bad Faith” in Claims Management Magazine. Another article, “Rulings Have Consequences: One-Year Value of Adding One Person to Medicaid = $2,800.00, Max.” I am worth it. Are you?” was published in the Insurance Litigation Reporter. Wall is also the author of Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith, and he is the co-author of CAT Claims, Insurance Coverage for Disasters.

1978

William A. Boysles, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation.

Lennard B. Register III, of Pace, was appointed to the 1st Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Rick Scott. Register has been an assistant U.S. attorney for the United States Attorney’s Office in Pensacola since 2002.

Thomas C. Saitta, of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of intellectual property.

Thomas J. Wilkes Jr., of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of government/ cities/ municipalities.

Richard M. Zabak, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation. Zabak also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys for the area of commercial litigation.

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Fred D. Franklin Jr., of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation.

John L. Holcomb, of Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and has been recognized in the 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition.

N. Diane Holmes, founder of N. Diane Holmes, PA. Family Law Group, is a 2012 Summit Award winner of The Central Florida Women’s Resource Center. This prestigious honor is bestowed on
only a handful of women pioneers each year, recognizing outstanding community service and leadership. Holmes was nominated to recognize her selfless commitment to the American Cancer Society, the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County (Fla.) Bar Association and the Florida Lawyers Assistance Program.

Steven C. Lee, an attorney at Dean Mead’s Orlando office, was recognized as an honoree of Florida Super Lawyers 2012. Lee’s practice focuses on tax and business/corporate matters.

Morris “Skip” Miller, Esq., a shareholder with Greenspoon Marder’s Public Finance Group in West Palm Beach, was a panelist at the 31st Annual Seminar of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association on the topic of bond refinancings. The seminar is a discussion of the basic issues attendant to a city’s decision to refinance outstanding indebtedness.

John J. Scroggin, of Scroggin & Company in Roswell, Ga., published “Planning in 2012 for Clients with Shorter Life Expectancies” in Leimberg Information Services. The article discusses the unique tax and estate planning opportunities in 2012 and covers many of the traps that clients need to avoid when implementing their plans. The article provides detailed research sources for advisors.

1980

Jeff Ashton, who prosecuted Casey Anthony, spoke at the Clay County Bar Association Law Day Event May 14. Ashton is a 30-year career prosecutor, and has taken 300 cases to trial, including 70 murder trials. In 1987, Ashton was the first prosecutor in America to introduce DNA evidence which he used to convict a serial rapist. Ashton is a best-selling author of his book, Impefect Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony, which details the famed murder trial.

Christine B. Fisher, of Quarles & Brady LLP, has joined the firm’s Chicago office as a partner in the real estate group. Fisher has represented clients throughout the United States in a broad range of sophisticated commercial real estate transactions. Fisher’s finance experience includes more than 25 years of representing major institutional lenders in bridge, construction and permanent loans and loan workouts. In addition, Fisher has extensive experience in retail, office, and industrial acquisitions, dispositions, leasing, and development.

Denis Noah, managing partner of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holtz, PA., in Fort Myers, was named by Best Lawyers in America as the Fort Myers Best Lawyers Litigation – real estate lawyer of the year. Only a single lawyer in each specialty within each community is honored as lawyer of the year. The current edition of Best Lawyers in America is based on more than 3.9 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers. Noah focuses his practice in the areas of commercial real estate transactions, commercial and residential real estate development, real estate finance and the resolution of title problems and title insurance claims.

David L. Smith, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of government/cities/municipalities.

1981

Luis A. Abreu of Danville, Va., has been named to the Virginia Super Lawyers list as one of the top attorneys in Virginia for 2012. He has also been selected as one of Virginia’s legal elite for the past ten consecutive years for his practice in the area of family law/domestic relations.

R. Mason Blake, an attorney at Dean Mead, has been listed as an honoree on the 2012 Florida Super Lawyers list. Blake’s practice focuses on real estate, business/corporate and schools & education.

Richard B. Comiter, senior partner of Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, LLP in the field of taxation and estate planning, spoke on March 15 at FAU Honors College in Jupiter. This panel presentation focused on topics including: legal and tax strategies involved with charitable giving based on today’s legal and tax environment; charitable lead and remainderman trusts; donor advised funds and alternative asset giving. Comiter’s practice is focused on federal income and estate tax planning, partnership and limited company state law, structuring of business transactions for passthrough entities, succession and wealth transfer planning, probate and asset protection. Comiter was recently selected as the 2010-2011 recipient of the Tax Section of The Florida Bar Gerald T. Hart outstanding tax attorney of the year award, and was selected as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in Florida as published in the Wall Street Journal for 2011.

Kimberly Leach Johnson, of Quarles & Brady LLP, has been named among the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Florida by Florida Super Lawyers magazine. The Top 50 Women list includes attorneys who received the highest point totals in the 2012 Florida Super Lawyers nomination, research, and review process. This is the second consecutive year for Johnson to be named to the Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyers. Johnson practices in the area of trusts and estates. She represents numerous families in the planning of their estate and handling their affairs after their demise. In addition to her responsibilities as managing partner, she serves as chair of the Naples office Trusts & Estates group, serves on the firm’s Executive Committee and chairs the firm’s Finance Committee.

Thomas R. Julin, of Hunton & Williams LLP, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer, and he was also recognized in the 2012 Florida Super Lawyers – Business Edition.

Daniel A. Lewis has been reappointed as a Judge of Compensation Claims by Gov. Rick Scott. Lewis has served in this capacity in the Fort Lauderdale region since 1988.

Howard M. Rosenblatt, of the law firm of Howard M. Rosenblatt, PA, in Gainesville, was recently elected at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting to serve as president of the Florida Lawyers Legal Insurance Corporation. Rosenblatt currently serves as president of the Florida Lawyers Insurance Plan and will temporarily continue to serve in both roles until a new president is selected for Florida Lawyers Insurance Plan, Inc.

Lynn D. Rosenthal was appointed to the 17th Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. Rosenthal has been an assistant United States attorney since 1985 where she has prosecuted international drug trafficking, money laundering, human smuggling, firearms trafficking, arson, tax fraud, bank fraud, bank robbery and many other federal crimes.

J. Mason Williams III, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Melbourne office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of construction litigation.

1982

David R. Brittain of Trenam Kemker has been named to the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. Brittain’s practice focuses on real estate law.

Terence J. Delahunt Jr., of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the areas of real estate and banking.
Linnes Finney Jr., who previously served as president of Greenspoon Marder’s Personal Injury Law Group in Fort St. Lucie, was recognized with the National Bar Association’s C. Francis Stratford Award at the NBA’s 87th Annual Convention Award Gala on July 18 in Las Vegas. The award honors members whose leadership and devotion to duty has been an inspiration to his or her colleagues.

Michael D. Minton, an attorney at Dean Mead’s Fort Pierce office, has been named as a leader in his field in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. Minton was recognized as an honoree of Florida Super Lawyers 2012 edition. His practice focuses on tax and environmental matters.

Michael J. Nolan II, of GrayRobinson, P.A. has made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the area of trusts and estates.

1983

William Hamilton, of Quarles & Brady, and an adjunct professor at UF Law, was named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer.

Scott G. Hawkins, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., has been named to the Florida Super Lawyers list in the area of business litigation for the 2012 edition of Law & Politics magazine. Hawkins has also been named in the 2012 issue of Florida Trend Magazine’s Legal Elite for his work in commercial litigation. He was named to the Best Lawyers in America 2013 “Bet the Company Litigation,” for his work in commercial, intellectual property and land use and zoning litigation.

Stephen L. Kussner, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of real estate. Kussner also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the area of real estate law.

James C. Polkinghorn, a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2013. Polkinghorn was honored for his labor and employment work and has been included on the prestigious list since 2009. He is head of the litigation practice in Fort Lauderdale and a certified mediator.

Paralympic practitioner

On the afternoon of June 14, 1993, life as Bradley Johnson (JD 97) knew it changed forever.

Driving to his LSAT in Gainesville, Johnson realized that his tires needed to be replaced, but he shrugged it off. This was the most important exam he’d ever take, and the tires could wait until afterward.

After the test, Johnson’s car hydroplaned into a guardrail. His left leg was instantly severed and his right leg was damaged beyond repair.

“I put the exam before my own safety,” he said. “I thought I was invincible.”

Not long after, he found himself lying in a hospital bed, contemplating what the future would be like.

“I had accepted my new physical state,” he concluded.

“Accepted” might be an understatement. Johnson is a sole practitioner in Fort Lauderdale and he trains for a minimum of four hours a day, three to four times a week in addition to the five to six times a week he exercises at the gym. This regime allows him to compete at the elite level of international athletics in the Paralympic Games.

In September, he competed in his third Paralympics. Johnson’s three-man sailing team raced in London where they had qualified for the United States. Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour on the English Channel were the venues for 80 athletes in the Paralympic sailing events.

Johnson competed in the 2000 Paralympics in sitting volleyball.

“Sailing offers a different challenge,” he said. “It’s intellectual as well as physical.”

The International Paralympic Committee says the Paralympic movement evolved in Britain after World War II to give war-veteran athletes and others injured in the conflict a forum to compete internationally. The Paralympic Games are for people with any disability, and are held a few weeks after the Olympics in the same city.

Following his 1993 accident, Johnson spent six weeks in the hospital. He looked forward to getting prosthetics and starting his new life. He retook the LSAT and started at UF Law in 1994.

That year he met UF Law Professor Sharon Rush. Rush said that what stood out to her the most about Johnson was his ability to put others first.

This quality, Rush believes, has contributed to Johnson’s success.

“Well wouldn’t want an attorney who was that focused on you and your case?” she said. “He can see the good in whatever the situation is and I imagine his clients really like that.”

Johnson returns the compliment about his education. “The training I received at UF Law was bar-none stellar,” Johnson said. “It’s helped me analytically in sports and law.”

Johnson is a general practitioner of personal injury law and civil rights with an emphasis on disability. He said running his own firm allows him to manage his own time to compete in sailing.

Johnson does not look at the accident that set his life on this path as a tragedy. Instead, he attributes much of his success to it.

Rush sees a lesson.

“I think all of us can learn from Brad to be grateful for the present moment and to be grateful for the opportunities ahead, even though there is uncertainty,” Rush said.

—LINDSEY TERCILLA (4JM)
Porcher L. Taylor III, professor of paralegal studies at the University of Richmond, has had law review articles published in *Indiana Law Journal Supplement, Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal, University of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law* and *The Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship*. Taylor’s primary appointment is in the university’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies and as an associate professor of management in the university’s school of business.

**1984**

David J. Akins, of Dean Mead’s Orlando office, was listed as a *Florida Super Lawyers* honoree. Akins’ practice focuses on estate planning and probate; tax; and estate and trust litigation.

Christopher C. Hazelip, of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of general litigation.

Ronald A. Levitt, Sirote attorney, has been elected to the American College of Tax Counsel board of regents. The board is the governing body of the college and is comprised of one regent for each federal judicial circuit and two at-large regents. In 2012, Best Lawyers selected him as a 2012 Best Lawyer of the Year in tax law. Levitt recently co-authored an article in *Taxation of Exempts*, as well as the Lexis Nexis treatise *Tax Planning for S Corporations* (2011).

Lawrence J. Marraffino, an adjunct professor at UF Law, has been awarded the Walter S. Crumbley Practice Management and Development Award. Marraffino was nominated for this award by his former students because of his teaching of law practice management course.

**1985**

W. Michael Clifford, of GrayRobinson, P.A., has made the 2013 *Best Lawyers in America* list of outstanding attorneys in the area of trusts and estates.

Phyllis Kotey, clinical associate professor of law at FIU Law, has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar and will teach constitutional law and criminal procedure in Ghana at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Stephen R. Looney of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Federal Tax Institute. Looney currently chairs Dean Mead’s Tax Department. Looney has been named as a leader in his field in their field in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. He was also an honoree of Florida Super Lawyers 2012. Looney’s practice focuses on tax, business/ corporate and health care.

Michael E. Neukamm, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of business/corporate. Neukamm has also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of securities/capital markets law, corporate compliance law, and corporate law.

Guy Whitesman, of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida Law Center Association, Inc. The association assists the law school in the budgetary process, provides financial and volunteer resources, facilitates student mentoring programs and funds a number of student and faculty programs, scholarships and activities. Whitesman chairs Henderson Franklin’s business and tax division and concentrates his practice in business, income tax and estate tax planning and mergers and acquisitions in a variety of industries ranging from agriculture, health care, insurance to retail.

**1986**

Frederick S. Schris, of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation.

**1987**

Mayanne Downs, a shareholder in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been selected to serve on the Wells Fargo Advisory Board. As a board member she will provide support and counsel to the bank. She has also been named to the *Florida Trend* legal elite.

**1988**

Jack Bovay, managing shareholder of Dean, Mead & Bovay’s Gainesville office, has received the Professional Advisor Legacy Award from the Gainesville Community Foundation in partnership with the North Central Florida Estate Planning Council. Bovay has been named an honoree on the *Florida Super Lawyers* 2012 list. Bovay’s practice focuses on estate planning and probate, and tax.

Gerald D. Davis, of Trenam Kemker, has been named to the 2013 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America* for the first time. Davis focuses his practice on commercial litigation.

Michael D. Simon, of Gunster’s West Palm Beach office, has been listed as a Super Lawyer in the area of estate and trust litigation by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine.

**1989**

Marie A. Borland, of Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer.

Mark Stein, a partner with Higer Lichter & Glwnr who focuses his practice on cyber and social media law and intellectual property law, was recently appointed to the Government Officials Education and Training Committee of the Inter-
national Trademark Association and to the subcommittee working with the European Community Organization for Harmony in the Market. Stein has presented at several social media strategies summits this year. He spoke about legal and practical issues related to mobile device usage, and the current issues raised by the SOPA/PIPA bills in Congress. Stein works with all aspects of Internet law, including cyber and social media law.

**Joe Wargo**, a partner at the Atlanta-based law firm of Wargo & French, recently expanded the firm with a new Miami office, joining its Los Angeles location. Wargo & French is a full service corporate and litigation firm with 45 lawyers. Wargo focuses his practice on complex commercial, financial services and intellectual property litigation.

**Steven Bernstein**, a partner in the Tampa office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, was included in the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*. Bernstein has more than 20 years of experience as a labor and employment attorney, and represents employers nationally in state and federal courts, and before the National Labor Relations Board, U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and other agencies. Bernstein has been listed as one of the “Top 100 Labor Attorneys” in the U.S. by the Labor Relations Institute, and was listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* in 2012.

**Edward McCarthy III**, of Rogers Towers, PA., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation.

**Robert G. Stern**, of Trenam Kemker, has been named to the 2013 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*. Stern’s practice focuses on real estate law.

**J. Eric “Tate” Taylor** of Trenam Kemker has been named to the 2013 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*. Taylor’s practice focuses on trusts and estates.

**Todd L. Bradley**, a partner at Cummings & Lockwood LLC’s Naples office in the trusts and estates practice, was selected by the American Registry as one of the Top Attorneys in Florida. Bradley also received the AV Preeminent Rating from LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell, which identifies lawyers with the highest rating legal ability and professional ethical standards. Bradley was also selected by his peers for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* list.

UF Law dominates list of female *Florida Super Lawyers*

At least fifteen alumnae of the University of Florida Levin College of Law landed in the top 50 list of women lawyers in the 2012 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Many of the alumnae listed were consistently ranked in the top 50 women lawyers in past years. Sylvia H. Walbolt (JD 63) and Leslie J. Lott (JD 74) are two alumnae who are no strangers to the Super Lawyers list. Walbolt is a shareholder in Carlton Fields, P.A. and has been featured in *Super Lawyers* since 2006. Meanwhile, Lott is a founding partner of Lott & Fischer, PL and has been featured in *Super Lawyers* since 2005.

The list represents an acknowledgment by the legal community of an individual lawyer’s skill, which holds significant meaning for those ranked.

“It is a huge honor, and very meaningful because it is a peer ranking. It reflects a vote of confidence from practicing lawyers, a group I hold in very high regard and for whom I have the greatest respect,” Lott said.

However, neither Walbolt nor Lott has forgotten the impact of UF Law on their careers.

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Lott reflected on the quality of education provided by UF Law, which has helped her to make the Super Lawyers rankings.

“There is a standard of excellence at UF that is unspoken. It is taken for granted that excellence is required in your work product and in your professionalism,” Lott said.

UF Law alumni who made the list outnumber women graduates from other Florida law schools, including the University of Miami, Florida State University, and Stetson University.

Walbolt was not surprised.

“I would have expected UF to lead the way on this list,” Walbolt said.

The practice areas of the female super lawyers span an array of legal topics, from business litigation and tax to family law and intellectual property.

The Super Lawyers rankings are based on the number of peer nominations, research evaluations by the magazine, and a peer evaluation among the candidates. Some notable female Gator alumnae, including current Florida Bar President Gwynne Young (JD 74), were not included on the list, but featured in other lists assembled by Super Lawyers.

—Felicia Holloman (3L)
Nelson T. Castellano, of Trenam Kemker, has been named to the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. Castellano’s practice focuses on corporate law and securities/capital markets law.

Julio C. Jaramillo was elected second vice president of The Florida Bar Foundation. Jaramillo represents plaintiffs and defendants throughout the state in personal injury and first party insurance matters. He is a fellow of the foundation and has served on the board from 2005 to 2011. He has been a member of the Administration Committee, the executive committee and has chaired the Investment Committee.

Brad Kimbro, executive partner of Holland & Knight LLP’s Tampa Bay Region, has been elected vice president of the University Club of Tampa’s Board of Directors. Kimbro has been a member of the board since 2009. He practices in the area of commercial litigation and is certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a circuit mediator. In addition, he is consistently recognized as a top litigator by The Best Lawyers in America, Florida Trend magazine’s Legal Elite and Florida Super Lawyers magazine, where he is included in the “Top 100” attorneys in the state.

Steven J. Solomon, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Miami office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights. Solomon also made the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list of outstanding attorneys in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, and litigation – bankruptcy. In addition, Solomon has been recognized on the Chambers USA 2012 list for the area of bankruptcy/restructuring. Attorneys recognized by Chambers USA are considered the best in their particular field.

1992

O. David Barksdale, a partner in the Bedell Firm in Jacksonville, was selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers of America 1992 edition for the seventh consecutive year as well as Florida Super Lawyers 2012 for the sixth consecutive year. He was also named as one of Florida Trend’s 2012 Legal Elite. Barksdale was also appointed to the executive council of The Florida Bar’s Criminal Law Section.

S. Katherine Frazier of Hill Ward Henderson has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and has been recognized in the 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition.

Courtney K. Grimm, a partner in the Bedell Firm in Jacksonville, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America 2013 edition, for the third consecutive year, Florida Trend’s 2012 Legal Elite and Florida Super Lawyers 2012. Grimm was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. She serves on The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section Executive Council and was appointed to the Annual Meeting Convention Committee.

1993

Paul D. Bain of Trenam Kemker has been named to the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. Bain’s practice focuses on eminent domain/condemnation law.

Ross L. Bilbrey, of Pace, was appointed to the First Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. He has served on the Santa Rosa County Court since 2006. Previously, he was managing partner with the Bilbrey Law Firm from 2003 to 2006. From 2000 to 2003, he was a civilian attorney with the Naval Legal Service Office of the Judge Advocate General Corps. Bilbrey will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Paul Rasmussen.

Debra L. Boje of Gunster’s Tampa office has been named a Super Lawyer in the area of estate planning and probate by Florida Super Lawyer magazine.

Perry W. Doran of Vorvys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP has been included on the 2013 Best Lawyers in America list in the area of mass tort litigation/class actions defendants.

Erik P. Shuman, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Melbourne office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of estate planning and probate.

Troy K. Smith of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of construction litigation.

1994

Michael Caruso currently serves as the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Florida. Caruso was appointed in 2012 by the judges of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

R.H. Farnell II, a partner in the Bedell Firm in Jacksonville, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America 2013 edition for the seventh consecutive year as well as Florida Super Lawyers 2012 for the fourth consecutive year. Farnell was also named as one of Florida Trend’s 2012 Legal Elite.

Clinton S. Payne has joined the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as a partner in its Defense Litigation Practice at the firm’s Coral Gables office. Payne focuses his practice in defense litigation in the areas of premises liability, products liability, personal injury, insurance coverage, professional liability and medical malpractice defense.

Paul M. Renner of Milam Howard has been appointed to the 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.

Paul Scheck, a partner with Shutts & Bowen LLP’s Orlando office, began his term as president-elect of the Orange County Bar Association on June 1. An active member of the OCBA for many years, Scheck previously served as both secretary and treasurer, and is also a past president of the OCBA’s Young Lawyers’ Section. Scheck is a partner in the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice Group. He concentrates his practice primarily in the area of labor and employment on behalf of management.

John Washington II, has recently joined Florida A&M University’s College of Law as assistant dean for admissions. Washington previously served as director of the pre-professional program at FAMU. Washington has also taught at FAMU as an adjunct professor of business law, and was also an instrumental collaborator with the college of law’s establishment of the FAMU All-Stars Program and Inaugural All-Stars Tour. Washington has also served for the Florida Department of Corrections as a legislative affairs director.

1995

Tod Hyche, of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP has been named a top attorney in 2012 by South Carolina Super Lawyers magazine. Hyche was also selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2013.

Wayne Wooten has been appointed to the 9th Judicial Circuit Court. Wooten has served as an assistant state attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit since 1995.
Ryaland F. Mahathey has joined the firm of Broad and Cassel’s Boca Raton office as of counsel in the estate planning and trusts practice group. Mahathey brings to the firm experience in sophisticated estate planning, asset protection planning, charitable planning and tax-exempt organizations, business succession planning and business entities. As a certified public accountant, certified management accountant and certified exit planner, Mahathey has valuable insight into the needs of his clients.

Dennis M. McClelland, of Phelps Dunbar LLP, served as co-editor-in-chief of the recent BNA Books publication of the 2011 Supplement to The Fair Labor Standards Act treatise. The supplement provides the latest updates on case law and regulation related to the Fair Labor Standards Act, the federal law governing overtime and minimum wage requirements. The treatise was published in cooperation with the Federal Labor Standards Legislation Committee of the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. McClelland also authored the “Retaliation” and “Recordkeeping” chapters in the supplement.

William T. Hennessey III, of Gunster’s West Palm Beach office, has been named a Super Lawyer on the 2012 Florida Super Lawyers list in the practice area of estate and trust litigation.

Steven A. Lessne, a shareholder in the Fort Lauderdale office of GrayRobinson, P.A., was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Leadership Broward Class XXX. The 10-month leadership development program is designed for individuals who currently hold leadership positions in the private, government and non-profit sectors, and are involved in the community. Following graduation, the 60 members of Class XXX elected Lessne to serve as their class representative and to sit on the Board of Directors of the Leadership Broward Foundation. Lessne focuses his practice in the areas of civil, probate and trust litigation. For 15 years, he has represented and counseled banks, receivers, fiduciaries, private and public companies and individuals in a wide range of litigation.

Marve Ann Alaimo, of Cummings and Lockwood LLC, was selected by the American Registry as one of the Top Attorneys in Florida – Outstanding Young Lawyer.

F. Eugene Atwood, of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Super Lawyer in the area of construction litigation.

J. Matthew Belcastro, of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., in Fort Myers, was named to Florida Trend magazine’s Ninth Annual Legal Elite, which recognizes and honors the top 2 percent of all Florida lawyers. Belcastro practices in the areas of construction litigation, construction contracts, business and real estate litigation. He also has an active appellate practice. He is a founding officer of the Lee County A.C.E. Mentoring Program and a member of the Lee County Building Industry Association.

Brian D. Burgoon has been re-elected as one of the out-of-state members of The Florida Bar Board of Governors, and has been appointed to serve as chair-elect of the Disciplinary Review Committee and as a member of the executive committee. Burgoon has also been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the University of Florida Alumni Association. Burgoon is a sole practitioner with the Burgoon Law Firm, LLC in Atlanta, and focuses his practice on civil and business litigation.
Mark J. Criser, a shareholder in the Litigation Group at Tampa law firm Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and has been recognized in the 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition. In addition, Criser has been appointed to a three-year term on The Florida Bar’s Professional Ethics Committee. The committee answers ethics inquiries, reviews informal advisory opinions and publishes formal advisory opinions to guide bar members in interpreting and applying the ethics rules.

Jennifer Gabardi has been appointed to the Hillsborough County Court of Tampa. Gabardi has been an assistant state attorney with the State Attorney’s Office since 1997 and served as chief of the county court division for two years.

Lara J. Tibbals, of Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer.

1998

Timothy C. Ford, of Hill Ward Henderson, has been named a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer.


K. Tyler Hill, a shareholder of Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa, graduated from the Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Tampa program. Leadership Tampa’s selection process is rigorous and competitive and only has 50-60 seats available each year. Through the program, Hill was introduced to major facets of the Tampa Bay community through an intensive nine-month course.

John Howe, who serves as counsel for Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, P.L.L.C., has been named one of South Florida’s 25 Most Recognized Lawyers.

Wasting no time, alumnus elected to Statehouse

A week after he was elected to a seat in the Florida Statehouse, winning a Democratic primary that left him unopposed in the general election, David Kerner (JD 10) dropped his old law school dean a note.

“Thanks to you and UF law for instilling in me the sense of leadership and courage it takes to run and win,” Kerner wrote. And he added: “I want to encourage UF Law students early on to run for office and be leaders, just as I was encouraged to do when I was there.”

An attorney in the West Palm Beach office of Schuler, Halvorson, Weiss & Zoeller, P.A., Kerner is headed to Tallahassee as representative in the Florida House.

At 29, he is among the youngest members of the House or Senate, representing District 8, which includes West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Greenacres, Palm Springs, Glenridge and Cloud Lake.

Before embarking on politics, Kerner’s path took him through law enforcement, law school, prosecution and civil litigation.

Kerner spent four years working as a police officer with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and city of Alachua before applying to law school.

At UF Law, Kerner was chief justice of the UF Supreme Court and vice president of the Law College Council. He was also a member of the Gainesville Board of Adjustments and Alachua County Environmental Protection Board and he continued to work as a police officer part-time to help pay his way through law school.

“Don’t be interested in a career in politics; be interested in serving your community,” Kerner recommended to UF Law students and graduates considering following in his footsteps.

Reflecting on the campaign trail, Kerner found that the most rewarding part of running for office was talking to people who are passionate about causes.

As he transitions into public office, Kerner continues to contribute to the community. Kerner serves on the UF Law Alumni Council and volunteers as a police officer.

According to Kerner, opportunities arise for individuals who commit themselves to responsibilities and have a record of service.

There is “no better springboard” than an education at UF Law for pursuing one’s aspirations, he said. For now, he is still getting used to being called “Representative Kerner.”

—Felicia Holloman (3L)
Powerful Black Professionals by Legacy Palm Beach Magazine. Howe was recently elected as the first African-American president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Lori R. Keeton, a partner in the Charlotte, N.C., office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP was named chair of the Mecklenburg County Bar’s Social & Networking Committee. Keeton began her one-year term on July 1. She is a litigator who concentrates her practice on products liability, professional negligence and insurance coverage and defense. Keeton represents a broad range of clients, including manufacturers, municipalities and their employees, insurance companies, physicians and other health care providers.

Daryl J. Krauza has rejoined the Fort Pierce office of Dean Mead as Of Counsel in the Litigation Department. Krauza was previously at the firm from 2008 to 2010. He focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, construction law and litigation, real estate litigation, quiet title actions, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights.

Peter J. Melaragno, of Fowler White Burnett, PA’s Miami office, has been selected as a shareholder of the firm. Melaragno’s practice focuses on toxic tort litigation and he represents manufacturers, distributors, insurers and retailers in the defense of claims that arise from alleged exposure to hazardous materials, including asbestos, silica, benzene, mold and pesticides.

Richard E. Mitchell, an equity shareholder in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, PA., has been appointed co-chair of Windermere’s Police Chief Selection Committee. Along with four other town residents and the town manager, Mitchell will help ensure the new chief of police is well-suited for leading and administering the town’s police department and serving and protecting its residents and visitors.

Gregory S. Weiss, of Leopold Law, PA., was sworn in as president of the Martin County Bar Association on May 19. Weiss has practiced his practice on commercial, business, antitrust and class action litigation. Weiss has served as special counsel for the new enhanced benefits group representing Lowe’s customers in a defective drywall class action and is a frequent speaker on both domestic and Chinese drywall.

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Brian K. Oblow, a shareholder of the Tampa office of GrayRobinson, P.A., was awarded by Martindale-Hubbell an AV Preeminent rating signifying the highest accolade an attorney can receive for legal ability and adherence to professional standards of conduct, ethics, reliability and diligence. The civil trial lawyer concentrates his practice on commercial, landlord-tenant, banking and product liability litigation. Oblow also has an extensive insurance practice, which includes first and third-party defense, coverage disputes and subrogation litigation. In addition, Oblow was named a Florida Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

Joel E. Roberts, of GrayRobinson, PA’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation.

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James O. Birr III, of Gunster’s Jacksonville office has been named a Rising Star on the 2012 Florida Super Lawyers list in the practice area of Construction.

Spencer N. Cummings joined the Jacksonville office of Gunster, as a shareholder. Cummings focuses his practice on real estate law, and has experience in complex commercial real estate transactions, including commercial leasing, purchase and sale of underdeveloped land and completed projects, real estate financing, general real estate development, and representing master developers of large developments of regional impact in North Florida.

Landis V. Curry III, of Hill Ward Henderson has been named to the 2012 Florida Rising Stars. Curry is a shareholder in Hill Ward Henderson’s Litigation and Appellate Practice Groups, and serves as the firm’s assistant general counsel.

Bret Feldman, a partner with Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa, has earned board certification from The Florida Bar in construction law. Feldman practices in the areas of construction law and commercial litigation, representing project developers, engineers, architects, contractors, sub-contractors, material suppliers, property owners, and condominium and homeowners’ associations in a variety of matters.

P. Alexander Gillen, of the Didier Law Firm, PA. in Orlando, received the Mickey Smiley Award from the Florida Justice Association’s Young Lawyers Section for his dedication to young lawyers statewide. He is the youngest ever recipient of this prestigious award. Gillen is actively involved in the American Association for Justice and Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association.

Mark D. Kiser, of Trenam Kemker, has been named to the 2013 edition of the Best Lawyers in America for the first time. Kiser’s practice focuses on commercial litigation.

Michelle L. Naberhaus, a shareholder in the Melbourne office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been appointed chair of The Florida Bar’s Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee for a one-year term. Naberhaus will serve as a liaison between The Florida Bar and the voluntary bar associations in Florida. Naberhaus will also oversee the annual Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference in 2013. She has also been elected to the Brevard County Bar Association Board of Directors.

Robert J. Naberhaus III, of Dean Mead’s Viera/Melbourne office, has been elected to shareholder. Naberhaus is a member of the Estate & Succession Planning Department. Naberhaus currently serves as the president of the Indian River County Estate Planning Council and is a member of the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar. In addition, Naberhaus is a member of the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of the Space Coast and a board member of the Visiting Nurse Association of the Space Coast.

Louis C. Taormina became a shareholder in Frederick W. Cook & Co., Inc.’s New York, N.Y. office earlier this year. Taormina consults with corporate board of directors and senior-level executives providing management compensation consulting services, focusing on performance-based compensation programs that help companies attract and retain key employees, motivate and reward them for improved performance, and align their interests with shareholders.

CLASS NOTES
Dean Xenick, an associate at Burman, Critton, Luttier & Coleman Law, was recently named co-chair of the 2013 Palm Beach County Bar Association Bench Bar Program. The conference which will be held on March 1, 2013, and is an annual event designed to foster and improve the working relationship between Palm Beach County attorneys and judges from the county court, circuit court and district court of appeals. In addition, Xenick has been selected a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine.

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Trevor B. Arnold, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Rising Star in the area of construction litigation.

John B. Burns has joined the law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC in Nashville as of counsel. Burns regularly handles controversies and other tax issues for clients at the local, state and federal levels. He has helped numerous clients obtain property tax incentives and has successfully litigated and resolved tax incentive compliance disputes. He handles a variety of estate planning issues and serves on the executive committee of the American Bar Association’s State and Local Tax Subcommittee.

Kevin Cook, a partner in the Bedell Firm in Jacksonville, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America 2013 edition. He serves on Civil Rules Committee of The Florida Bar and also chairs the Jacksonville Bar Association Mentoring Committee.

Brad Gould, a shareholder in Dean Mead’s Fort Pierce office, was elected to the Board of Governors of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA). Gould’s two-year term as a member-at-large began July 1. Gould practices in the areas of federal income, estate, and gift tax law and family business succession planning. In addition, Gould represents individuals, companies and fiduciaries before the Internal Revenue Service.

Nikie N. Lomax has joined Young DeLoach as an of counsel family law and immigration law attorney. Lomax has a sincere desire to help families resolve their issues and improve the lives of children involved in divorce, paternity and dependency cases.

Christine A. Marlewski, a shareholder in the Tampa office of GrayRobinson, P.A., has been selected to participate in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity’s Fellow Program. Inaugurated in 2011, it is an ambitious, year-long mentoring program designed to increase diversity at the leadership levels of the nation’s law firms and corporate legal departments. Marlewski focuses her practice on commercial and banking litigation, product liability and pharmaceutical and toxic tort litigation.

Duané L. Pinnock and his colleague Allison R. Sabock (JD 03) presented “Probate Litigation: Hot Topics and Trends” to the Broward County Bar Association on May 11. The program was sponsored by The Pankauski Law Firm, PLLC and provided up to two hours of intermediate level CLE credit. Pinnock is Board Certified in Wills, Trusts and Estates.

Maggie Mooney-Portale of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been named a 2012 Rising Star in the area of government/cities/municipalities law.

Steve Walker has joined the law firm of Burman, Critton, Luttier & Coleman in West Palm Beach as an associate. Walker has over a decade of experience practicing in the areas of complex commercial and construction litigation, as well as marital and family law. Walker has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine.

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T. Robert Bulloch, of Quarles & Brady, was named as a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and a 2012 Florida Rising Star.

Avery A. Dial, of Fowler White Burnett, P.A.’s Ft. Lauderdale office, became a shareholder of the firm. Dial is a member of the firm’s insurance group and his practice focuses on products liability, professional and medical liability, general liability, bad faith and transportation issues.

Debra Deardourff Faulk, of GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, has been named a Florida Rising Star in the area of intellectual property.

Kimberly D. Healy joined the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A. as an of counsel attorney in the Complex Litigation Section for the State of Florida. Having previously worked with recently hired attorney and co-chair of the firm’s Complex Litigation Section, Mayanne Downs (JD 87), Healy will provide overall support for the team focusing on complex commercial litigation, domestic relations and appellate matters.

Theodore S. Kypreos, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. in West Palm Beach, has been re-elected to the Board of Directors, Palm Beach County Bar Association. Kypreos, a firm shareholder, practices in the areas of probate and trust litigation, trust and estate administration, guardianship law, and fiduciary litigation. He has been recognized as a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers magazine, and has been recognized as an Up & Comer in Florida Trend’s Legal Elite.

Phillip Lammens has been newly appointed to be the federal magistrate judge in Ocala. Lammens served as editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review during his time at UF Law.

Kimberly Madison, of Adams and Reese LLP, has been appointed by Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham as his representative on the Economic Prosperity Stakeholders Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on improvements to the Land Development Code and the surrounding procedures for the betterment of the economic environment. Madison is a litigation associate representing numerous clients before several local municipalities and assisting clients with governmental contracts and the procurement process. Madison was recognized among the Who’s Who: Leading African American Attorneys in major corporate law firms by The Power Broker Who’s Who Tampa Bay 2009.

Bevery A. Pascoe, of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Rising Star in the area of health care.

Jacob J. Payne of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Rising Star in the area of business litigation.

Michael J. Pike, a partner at the law firm of Burman, Critton, Luttier & Coleman, has been appointed by the Palm Beach County Justice Association to serve as the president for the 2012 calendar year. Prior to his appointment, Pike held the positions of treasurer and
Three take places in Heritage of Leadership

Three distinguished graduates of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Lucius Durham Battle, Rebecca Bowles Hawkins and Gerald A. Williams, were inducted posthumously into the Heritage of Leadership Society during a ceremony in the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center.

UF Law Professor Stuart Cohn presented Battle’s biography to alumni and families who joined students receiving book awards for the previous semester.

“Those were heady times, full of Cold War intrigues, global chess games,” Cohn said. “Our college of law included into that mix a remarkable graduate who exemplifies the best of his generation, as humanitarian, skilled diplomat, visionary, and force for good in this world.”

Jonathan Marks, Hawkins’ son, described how his mother graduated second in her class when there were only three women in the entire law school.

She worked mostly as a legal secretary because the pay she commanded as a lawyer was so low. She moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the War Production Board and was married.

“It’s hard for me to imagine now how much gumption and determination it took to come back to Florida in the 40s after divorcing my father then to set off on her own and seek a job as a lawyer more than a decade after graduating from law school,” Marks said.

Monica Williams (JD 01), the daughter of Gerald Williams, told assembled students, alumni and family members that her father loved “all things Gator.”

“He would be deeply honored to know that he was being inducted, especially as the first African-American,” she said.

Battle, Hawkins’ and Williams’ images, along with their most significant accomplishments, are etched into glass on the second floor of Holland Hall on the law school campus as a permanent tribute to their contributions to the nation, the state and the university. An electronic display accompanies the etchings. For more about the Heritage of Leadership go to www.law.ufl.edu/alumni/leadership/heritage-of-leadership.

Battle, 1918-2008, was a 1946 graduate of UF Law. The Dawson, Ga., native reorganized State Department operations in the 1960s and was chosen by President Lyndon B. Johnson as ambassador to Egypt and as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Hawkins, 1910-2000, graduated in 1935 and continued to blaze paths for women as the first assistant attorney general of Florida in 1948. The native of Big Sandy, Tenn., served as the long-time chief of the Attorney General Office’s Opinions Division. She served as president of the Florida and National Association of Women Lawyers.

Williams, 1950-2010, was a 1975 graduate born in Pensacola. He was a labor lawyer and counsel for major South Florida school districts, including Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. He was among the first African-American graduates of UF Law and in 1992 became a managing partner of Atlanta-based Mack, Williams, Haygood & McLean, one of the largest African-American-controlled firms in the country.

Battle, Hawkins and Williams join 29 others in the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society, representing illustrious personalities in the history of UF Law since it was founded in 1909. Members are preeminent graduates and others who have been involved in the college in significant ways. They assumed national leadership positions and distinguished themselves in legal, governmental, academic and corporate sectors. They labored to improve the administration of justice and received the highest commendations for contributions to the profession and service to education, civic, charitable and cultural causes.

Members are selected by the Heritage of Leadership Committee, which presents the slate for discussion and approval to the full membership of the University of Florida Law Center Association, Inc. Board of Trustees.

—RICHARD GOLDSTEIN
secretary of the PBCJA. He has been on the PBCJA’s board of directors for five years and has sat on the executive board for three years. Pike was also named trustee of the Wellington (Florida) Chamber of Commerce. He was selected as a Florida Super Lawyer magazine’s 2012 Rising Star. Pike was also selected for America’s Most Honored Professionals of 2011.

Jim Robinson has been named a partner in the Miami office of White & Case LLP in the Global Commercial Litigation Practice. Robinson joined the firm in 2002 and represents a wide range of corporate clients. Many of his recent cases include representation of banking institutions in lender liability and related actions. Robinson has also successfully represented numerous regional and national law firms in legal malpractice lawsuits.

David Scileppi, a shareholder in Gunster’s Tallahassee office, has been named a Florida Rising Star in the area of business litigation.

Sarah Cortvriend was recently elected as a shareholder of Carlton Fields where she practices real property litigation.

Brian R. Dorn, Ph.D., has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP’s Minneapolis office as an of counsel attorney in the firm’s Intellectual Property Department. Dorn has experience in intellectual property with particular emphasis on biotech, pharmaceutical, and medical device patent prosecution and opinion work. Dorn’s practice also includes international patenting, where he works with universities, companies and patent attorneys outside of the United States to obtain patents both inside and outside of the country.

Brian T. Coughlin has become a partner in The Bedell Firm of Jacksonville. The promotion was effective on Aug. 1, 2012. Coughlin has been at The Bedell Firm for five years. Coughlin was chosen to serve on The Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee, and he has been named a Florida Trend 2012 Legal Elite Up and Comer.

Nicole “Nikki” Fried has joined Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate as an associate in the firm’s Governmental Consulting and Insurance Regulatory Divisions. Prior to joining this firm, Fried practiced as a senior associate at a Fort Lauderdale law firm, for which she managed a foreclosure defense litigation department.

Bradley G. Harper, of Olds, Stephens & Harper, P.A., was selected as a Man of Excellence by the West Palm Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for his commitment to education and was recognized during the sorority’s awards banquet on June 9 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

Cristina Papanikos of Gunster’s West Palm Beach office has been named a Rising Star in the area of estate and trust litigation by Florida Super Lawyer magazine.

Sarah Rumpf will be joining the campaign of Rep. Congressional candidate Sean Bielat as his communications director. Rumpf is an experienced political consultant and communications strategist, and has worked on a long list of Senate, Congressional, and state legislative races. Most recently, Rumpf was the conservative media outreach director for Adam Hasner’s Senate campaign. Rumpf is also an election and campaign finance law attorney, and has taught legal education seminars on a variety of election law topics.

Allison R. Sabocik and her colleague Duane L. Pinnock (JD ’01) presented “Probate Litigation: Hot Topics and Trends” to the Broward County Bar Association on May 11. The program was sponsored by The Pankauski Law Firm, PLLC and provided up to two hours of intermediate level CLE credit.

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Denniele M. Downes has joined the Naples office of GrayRobinson, P.A., as an associate in the firm’s wealth transfer practice. Since 2006, Downes has served as vice president and senior trust officer for the local branch of U.S. Trust, Bank of America’s private wealth management group. Downes participates on the Annual Budget Review Committee for the United Way of Collier County, and serves as a director for the Collier County Women’s Bar Association and the Care Club of Collier County. She is a member of the Estate Planning Council of Naples, and holds membership to The Florida Bar and New York State Bar Associations.

Stephanie Mickle, general counsel for Sen. Bill Nelson, has been recognized by Loop 21 and IMPACT as one of the 40 under 40 Most Influential on Capitol Hill. Both Loop 21 and IMPACT are emerging leadership organizations expanding the voice for traditionally underserved communities.

Beranton Whisenant Jr., an attorney in Foley & Mansfield’s Miami office, has been named to the Florida 2012 Rising Star List. This is the third year Whisenant has been acknowledged in the area of personal injury defense: products. Prior to joining the firm, he served as an assistant state attorney in Jacksonville.

2005

Andy Bardos has re-joined the Tallahassee office of GrayRobinson, P.A. as an of counsel attorney. Bardos will focus on civil and appellate litigation with an emphasis in election law and constitutional law. Bardos served as special counsel to the president of the Florida Senate where he assisted in development of legislation, including reforms of the state’s pill-mill laws and Medicaid program. He also served as the policy coordinator to the Judiciary Committee, Health Regulation Committee and the Ethics and Elections Subcommittee.
Huck gives law students taste of federal litigation

U.S. District Judge Paul C. Huck (JD 65) stands with UF law students at the 2012 Federal Court Observer Program. The program, sponsored by Judge Huck, brings together students from law schools throughout the United States to give them a taste of what goes on in the real world of litigation in federal courts. Students were also welcomed by Chief Judge Federico Moreno, observed oral arguments on motions filed on pending cases before Judge Huck, and heard valuable professional advice from judges and practitioners, including a three judge panel featuring 11th Circuit Judge Adalberto Jordan, Judge Huck, and Magistrate Judge Andrea Simonton. The theme of advice centered on professionalism and civility, the importance of professional reputation and making the transition from law students to lawyers.

Benjamin B. Brown, of Quarles & Brady, was named as a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and a 2012 Florida Rising Star.

Christopher Carmody Jr., of GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, has been named a Florida Rising Star in the area of government relations.

David L. Luikart III, of Hill Ward Henderson has been named to the 2012 Florida Rising Stars list. Luikart is an associate at Hill Ward Henderson’s Litigation Group.

Samantha H. Padgett was named as general counsel for the non-profit trade association representing the retail industry in Florida by the Florida Retail Federation. Padgett is a member of The Florida Bar and is a registered lobbyist. She serves as the executive coordinator for the FRF Beauty Industry, Tourism, and Sustainability Councils, advises the Retail Beverage Council, and oversees the FRF Emergency Preparedness Network. Padgett also serves on the Board of Managers for FRF Benefits, LLC.

Yelena Shneyderman of Fowler White Burnett, P.A.’s Ft. Lauderdale office has been elected as a shareholder of the firm. Shneyderman is a member of the insurance group and focuses her insurance defense practice on coverage disputes and bad faith litigation.

2006

Brian S. Coursey, of Hull Barrett, PC, has been selected into the 2012-2013 Leadership Columbia County class. Coursey has also been selected as one of Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce’s 2012 Top 10 in 10 Young Professionals to Watch. He is an associate with Hull Barrett and focuses his practice on business & corporate matters, estate planning and employee benefits.

Kelly Lyon Davis, an associate at the Naples office of Quarles & Brady LLP, was named as a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and a 2012 Florida Rising Star. She was also installed on the Board of Directors of the Collier County Women’s Bar Association. Davis’ practice focuses on labor and employment law with an emphasis on employment-related litigation and counseling of employee-related matters. She represents employers in federal and state courts.

Kimberley A. Dillon, of Quarles & Brady, was named as a 2012 Florida Super Lawyer and a 2012 Florida Rising Star.

Stephen E. Kelly, of Rogers Towers, P.A., was recognized as a 2012 Rising Star in the area of intellectual property.

Eviana J. Martin, an attorney at Martin Law Firm, P.L., has been named to Florida Trend’s Elite Up and Comers. Her practice focuses on family law and bankruptcy.

Steven E. Martin, an attorney at Martin Law Firm, P.L. in the Cape Coral office, has been named to Florida Trend’s Legal Elite Up & Comers. Martin previously served as the president of the Cape Coral Bar Association. His practice focuses on estate planning, family law and real property law.
Brian Morrison has joined the Wilmington office of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP. As part of the firm’s corporate practice group, Morrison’s practice focuses on corporate and estate planning matters for individual and corporate clients in matters of taxation, estate planning and estate administration, as well as business, corporate and securities.

Mariana R. Ribeiro, of Gunster’s Miami office, is one of the firm’s 21 attorneys that have been designated “Leaders in their Field” in eight different practice areas by Chambers USA. Ribeiro received the designation for her expertise in immigration law. In addition, Ribeiro was named a Rising Star in the area of immigration law by Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

J. Allen Sullivan Jr. has joined the Birmingham office of Burr & Forman LLP as an associate in the firm’s Corporate and Tax Practice Group, where he focuses on tax planning for entrepreneurs and their closely held businesses. Sullivan guides clients through all aspects of business tax planning, from entity formation and acquisition to wealth transfers, and on issues related to estate planning.

2007

Ian M. Alperstein has joined the law firm of Butler Pappas’ Miami office where he is an associate and handles first party insurance disputes.

Joshua C. Webb, of Hill Ward Henderson, has been named as a 2012 Florida Rising Star. Webb is an associate with the firm’s Litigation Group.

Jessica L. Young has joined Greenspoon Marder’s Complex Commercial Litigation Group in the firm’s Orlando office. Young previously represented insurance companies with clients including Walt Disney World, McDonald’s, Wal-Mart and Universal Studios. She previously worked in the Office of the Public Defender for the 9th Judicial Circuit of Florida, handling myriad cases involving theft, battery, drug possession and other felonies. As a public defender, she had various jury trials— all resulting in complete defense verdicts.

2008

Christopher B. Cortez, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., in West Palm Beach has been elected to the board of governors for Leadership Palm Beach County. Cortez is a 2011 and soon to be 2012 graduate of the program. As an associate attorney, he serves on the Palm Beach County Bar Association’s Professionalism and Judicial Relations committee.

Craig Dawson joined Phelps Dunbar’s Tampa Office as an associate in the labor and employment practice group. Dawson belongs to the Labor and Employment and Administrative Law sections of The Florida Bar, and is a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division.

Luis J. Delgado, of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC in West Palm Beach, has been elected as treasurer of the Palm Beach County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section. He also serves as a member on the University of Florida Law Alumni Council, a select group of alumni whose primary function is nationwide outreach to continue to build upon the success and traditions of UF Law. Delgado focuses on the practice areas of personal injury, automobile accidents, premises liability and products liability.
Regina Rabitaille has joined the Estate Planning and Trusts Practice Group of Broad and Cassel’s Orlando office. Rabitaille recently served as a summer associate at Broad and Cassel’s Orlando office, where she handled a variety of matters, including the drafting and revision of numerous estate planning documents. She also worked for the United States Attorney’s Office in Ocala, where she performed legal research concerning various issues in the civil context.

2011

Benjamin D. Babcock joined Cummings & Lockwood LLC’s Naples Office as an associate in the trusts and estates practice.

David W. Hughes has joined Hill Ward Henderson as an associate in the firm’s Litigation Group. Hughes’ practice focus is in medical malpractice, hospital liability, defense of nursing home and long-term care facilities, professional liability, premises liability and handling a diverse array of personal injury claims.

Vanessa S. Kim is serving as law clerk to Judge John Doran at Gwinnett State Court in Atlanta.

Alicia L. Taylor has joined Quarles & Brady LLP’s Naples’ office as an associate in the group. Taylor is a member of The Florida Bar’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, and Tax Sections as well as the Collier County Bar Association.

R. Andrew “Drew” White has joined the law firm of Trenam Kemker in Tampa as an associate. He will practice in the Private Client Services Practice Group with an emphasis on estate planning, wills and trusts, tax planning and business transactions.

**CORRECTION:** Keith W. Rizzardi (JD 94) is assistant professor of law at St. Thomas University in Miami. His job status was incorrectly stated in the spring issue of Class Notes.
In Memoriam

Richard Arthur Angorn (JD 68), an emeritus professor in the UF College of Pharmacy, passed away on April 12, 2012, at the age of 84.

Angorn, one of the earliest pharmacist-attorneys in the country, served as a pharmacist’s mate in the Pacific theater of World War II. After the war, Angorn attended Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and later worked as a pharmacist, eventually opening his first pharmacy in Jacksonville.

After selling his pharmacy in 1965, Angorn enrolled at UF Law. Upon graduation from UF Law, Angorn accepted a teaching position with the UF College of Pharmacy, where he retired after 23 years of service with emeritus status. An expert in legal drafting, food and drug law, and pharmacy practice law, Angorn also taught a course in hospital law through the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions. His mentorship led many students to pursue dual careers in law and pharmacy. Angorn also organized the College of Pharmacy’s first Law and Management Conference in 1970. The conference continues today.

Angorn is survived by his wife, Janice; his daughters, Marcia Hoppenstein and Amy Eriksson; his granddaughters, Rachel and Julie Hoppenstein and Sarah and Hannah Eriksson; and his brother, Dr. Robert Angorn.

Ronald C. LaFace (JD 66), a member of the UF Law Board of Trustees, passed away on April 27, 2012, due to complications from a recent stroke. He was 71 years old.

LaFace, a double Gator, received undergraduate and law degrees from UF, and during his studies he served as president of Florida Blue Key. After graduating from UF Law, he joined the U.S. Army’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps. After his JAG service, he was a founding member of the law firm Roberts, Baggett, LaFace and Richard. He continued to practice at the succeeding firm, now known as Greenberg Traurig LLP, until his illness in early 2012.

LaFace served as a founding member and the first chairman of the Administrative Law Section Committee of The Florida Bar and served in leadership roles on many other Florida Bar committees. In addition, LaFace served as a member of the Florida Chamber Board of Trustees, the UF Law Board of Trustees and UF Executive Committee. LaFace was an ardent Gator supporter, and was recognized as a Bull Gator for his significant contributions to UF for the past 17 years. LaFace was also active in politics, advocating for the consolidation of law enforcement services in Tallahassee for many years and serving as a U.S. presidential elector.

LaFace is survived by his wife Sara and their children Charlotte and Samuel.

Lucille Cairns George (JD 40) passed away August 18, 2012, at her home in Gainesville. She was 96.

As one of UF Law’s first female graduates and a lifelong Gainesville resident, George was employed after graduation in private practice in the Trust Department of Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville and then clerked for Circuit Judge John A. Murphee. She was offered a clerkship for Florida Supreme Court Justice H.L. Sebring but declined because of her impending wedding. After marrying Theodore S. George, the pair moved around the United States as necessitated by her husband’s career as a university professor.

When George returned to Gainesville, she became active in charitable causes, serving on many boards and in elected offices, especially related to the Gainesville and University of Florida communities.

In 2002, George was honored by the Florida Supreme Court during a special ceremonial session as one of Florida’s first 150 women lawyers. A plaque with the engraved names was hung in the Supreme Court Chambers.

George is survived by her daughter Courtney Hyers (Kemp), daughter Beverly George and son Theodore George.

Donald Joseph Lunny (JD 58), who served 16 years as the Plantation city attorney, passed away on June 14, 2012, after a long illness. He was 80 years old.

Lunny served a tour of duty in the United States Army as a 1st Lieutenant and then enrolled at UF Law. As a pioneer resident of the city of Plantation, Lunny used his post as city attorney to shape the growth and development of the budding city. He served on the city’s Planning and Zoning Committee and handled Plantation’s legal affairs. During his 30-year career practicing law, Lunny also managed his own law firm and served on many committees of The Florida Bar.

Lunny, described as a family man and lover of the outdoors, was an avid Gator supporter who enjoyed attending Gator football games and supporting UF through contributions to the University of Florida Foundation.

Lunny is survived by his wife, Janice; his daughters, Marcy Hoppenstein and Amy Eriksson; his granddaughters, Rachel and Julie Hoppenstein and Sarah and Hannah Eriksson; and his brother, Dr. Robert Angorn.

Richard Weinstein (JD 49) passed away on May 12, 2012. He was 86.

Weinstein was a renowned conservationist, serving an unprecedented 20 years on the national board of governors for the Nature Conservancy, according to a Palm Beach Post obituary. His service with the Nature Conservancy led to his receipt of the Oak Leaf Award, the organization’s highest honor, as well as being named Florida’s National Conservation Hero by the state chapter.

Weinstein grew up in Connecticut and moved to Florida to attend UF Law after serving in World War II and receiving a Purple Heart medal. After graduation, he began a legal career that included a lifetime of serving on the national legal committee of the Anti-Defamation League.

During his 28-year post on the Board of Trustees for the Nature Conservancy, Weinstein helped create Florida’s Preservation 2000 Program, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and helped establish protected sites across the United States.

In 2002, the State Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks dedicated the Richard S. Weinstein Satinleaf Nature Trail in MacArthur Beach State Park in recognition of Weinstein’s land conservation efforts.

Weinstein was preceded in death in 2009 by his wife of 53 years, Pearl. He is survived by his children Abigail Weinstein, Donald Joseph Lunny, Jr., Gregory F. Lunny and Christopher B. Lunny.

For a list of alumni deaths reported to the Levin College of Law since April 6 go to Web-Xtras at www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw/12fall.
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UF LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW ANNUAL REPORT

Gifts received July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

FALL 2012
It is great to be a Florida Gator! The past year serving as president of our Law Alumni Council has been a wonderful experience due to your commitment to our law school, in addition to the enthusiasm that continues to exist with our recent graduates. Despite difficult economic times, you have answered the numerous calls to help contribute financially to the college of law, thereby providing valuable resources to transform our law school into the premier law school in the nation.

I cannot thank you enough for showing your commitment to the culture of giving, through your contributions to the UF Law Annual Fund this year. Due to the generosity of dedicated alumni and friends, $834,053 was given to the college through our annual fund during the most recent fiscal year. Further, our recent graduating class has clearly shown their commitment to the culture of giving through their amazing class gift. The spring 2012 class gift totaled $55,750 in pledges. Your giving has allowed our college of law to thrive, despite a significant reduction in public funding. We have continued to attract great students, while also strengthening our law school through the continued improvement of its facilities and the amazing work being conducted by our distinguished faculty.

Matthew Posgay (JD 94), President, University of Florida Law Alumni Council
One of my law partners recently related to me a conversation he had with his college-age son on the importance of making sound investments. His son asked him what the best investment he had ever made was. My partner quickly replied that the answer was obvious. He told his son that his best investment was his law degree from the University of Florida. He recognized that it was his law degree that had allowed him to make other investments, raise and support his family, and to actively support various groups and charities.

Why do Gators give so generously of their time and money to the college of law? The usual responses are a desire to give something back, an appreciation for the education received through the College of Law, the hope to make UF Law even stronger and to support current law students who need financial assistance. Simplified to its essence, the gift of time and money is based on loyalty and appreciation.

Our law school alumni have a long and rich history of giving their time and money to the College of Law. The college’s capital campaign, which concluded this fall, has raised more than $32 million while at the same time, our UF Law Annual Fund contributions remain at record levels with $834,053 raised this past year. In addition to strong monetary support, many alumni give generously of their time by service on the Law Center Association Board of Trustees, the Alumni Council, as adjunct faculty, guest lecturers, recruiting superior students and as mentors for current students.

In today’s society, lawyers are called upon regularly and generously to give their time and money to a broad range of charitable institutions. Lawyers are often the leaders in their community service organizations, their religious institutions, local education, governments and many civic groups. With so many worthwhile causes, why do UF law graduates give so generously to the college of law? The answer is simple. Most alumni recognize that their law education is the foundation of the success they have achieved and that without their law degree that they would not be in the position to support all the other worthy causes.

There is no doubt that a law degree from the University of Florida is a great buy. Our tuition has always been and remains extremely low. Tuition pays only a portion of the expenses of the college. The balance of the expense is paid by state support and private contributions. Every UF Law graduate has benefited greatly from the support provided by the citizens of Florida and the prior alumni who supported the college while they attended. Our alumni give generously out of their loyalty and appreciation to the university and their recognition that a UF Law degree was indeed the foundation of their success. The support of our alumni to our College of Law makes it possible for students of today and tomorrow to gain the advantages of being a Gator lawyer.

I thank you for your generous support of the college of law.

Ladd H. Fassett (JD 79), Chair,
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Total Cash Received

2008-2012: Represents all gifts from all sources (including realized bequests) to the Levin College of Law. State matching money has been excluded.

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UF Law Annual Fund

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Building a career

“I’m fortunate to have done well in my class action consumer law practice, while also getting good results for the consumers I represent. It’s a huge privilege to pass some of that good fortune back to UF Law School, which laid the groundwork for my career.”

CAROL MCLEAN BREWER (JD 79)
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CLASS OF 1966
Class Total: $11,915.00
No. in Class: 167
Participation: 8%
Friends Society - Platinum
W. Kelly Smith
Founders Society - Silver
Richard M. Robinson
Trusler Society
J. Thomas Cardwell
Allan P. Clark
Charles P. Pillans III
Gregory A. Presnell
Enrichment Society
L. Kinder Cannon III
Robert B. Cochrane
Thomas C. Dunn
Rutledge R. Liles
Stephen J. Powell
John F. Roscow III

CLASS OF 1967
Class Total: $15,280.00
No. in Class: 204
Participation: 9%
Founders Society - Silver
Frederick A. Hazouri
E. C. Deeno Kitchen
Associates
Barry S. Sinoz
Samuel C. Ullman
Trusler Society
Barry R. Davidson
John A. DeValt III
Bill Hoppe
Enrichment Society
Susan H. Black
Jeanne Dawes-Crenshaw
W. Ford Duane
Robert J. Head, Jr.
Allen I. Hirsch
Louis Kwall
Roger A. Larson
Alexander C. MacKinnon
William H. Seaver
Edward B. Woodbery
Jim H. Woodrove III

CLASS OF 1968
Class Total: $8,110.00
No. in Class: 184
Participation: 7%
Founders Society - Gold
Andrew C. Hall
Trusler Society
Herbert L. Allen
Richard C. Ausness
Enrichment Society
Fred R. Basden, Jr.
Douglas D. Batchelor, Jr.
Stephen J. Bozarth
Robert D. McIntosh
John D. McKey, Jr.
Charles T. Sands
Donald D. Silesnick II
Mitchell H. Spingarn

CLASS OF 1969
Class Total: $20,421.66
No. in Class: 176
Participation: 10%
Founders Society - Gold
F. Wallace Pope, Jr.
### Class Gift

The Class of 2012 continued the tradition of 3Ls presenting a class gift at commencement by raising $55,750 in cash and pledges. Many thanks to the class gift co-chairs: Jessica Couvertier, David Lazaro, Sarah Moore and all who donated.

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Memorials & Tributes

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In Memory: Dr. W. Scott Van Alstyne
Fletcher N. & Nancy T. Baldwin
In Memory: Evan Kamida
Robert S. Forman
In Memory: Harryet Hand
Andrew J. Hand
In Memory: J. Carter Perkins, Sr.
Barbara K. Perkins
In Memory: James & Audrey Malin
Cameron H. Malin
In Memory: Joseph G. Heyck
Denis M. Plumb
In Memory: Joseph P. Milton
Boyle Brasher
In Memory: Richard E. & Janet E. Boyle
R. Templeton & Pamela C. Fitch
James Gordon III
Harrell & Harrell
Kirby Camille Jefferson
Manuel & Linda L. S. Menendez
James Orlando
Kitty & Philip B. Phillips
Charles P. & Judith H. Pillans
Allen J. & Cheryl S. Plotkin
R.G. Sullivan
Harvey E. & Lois B. Schlesinger
In Memory: Leonard Ezra Stern
Richard I. & Zulma I. Stern
In Memory: Marietta Smith
Michael W. Smith & Jodi L. Scheurenbrand
In Memory: Matilde H. Landrum
Bruce D. & Elizabeth C. Landrum
In Memory: Professor Robert Berry
Fletcher N. & Nancy T. Baldwin
In Memory: S. Austin Peele
Bruce H. & Joanne K. Bokor
Robert H. & Lisa J. Frohlich
Cameron H. Malin
In Memory: In Honor: Bill Patterson
Ben Z. Williamson
In Honor: Bruce H. Bokor
Roger A. & Melinda K. Larson
In Honor: Elysia R. Merlin
Robert J. & Michelle D. Merlin
In Honor: James and Audrey Malin
Cameron H. Malin
In Honor: Kelley W. Frohlich
Benjamin H. & Marta A. Hill
In Honor: Michael B. Verille
Eric Guthoff
In Honor: Neil & Pat Shonin
Jeffrey D. & Karen L. Segal
In Honor: Professor Dennis A.
Callie and Dr. Michael K. Friel
Ariana F. Wallizada

TRIBUTES

In Honor: In Memory: S. Austin Peele (JD 63)
Donald J. Lunney, Sr. (JD 58)
2011-2012 Fiscal Year
their giving.

In Memoriam
We honor those donors who passed away during the year of their giving.

2011-2012 Fiscal Year
June F. Allen*
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Donald J. Lunney, Sr. (JD 58)
S. Austin Peele (JD 63)
Martin Sack, Jr. (JD 56)
“The friends I made at UF Law School are still instrumental to my success more than 30 years later as a real estate and business lawyer. I was introduced to a law firm full of Gators at an on-campus interview, and I’ve been with them ever since. The Gator Nation is everywhere, and so is Gator Law.”

JACK O. HACKETT II (JD 79)
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Tax Alumni of the No. 1 Ranked Public Graduate Tax Program provided significant financial support so the college could continue to meet the challenge of achieving top-tier excellence.

Tax Alumni By Class (Loyalty Society members are recognized in the online version of the Annual Report). Please note: Names are listed for gifts of $100 and up.

CLASS OF 1961
No. in Class: 3
Participation: 33%
Enrichment Society
Edward B. Woodbury

CLASS OF 1975
Class Total: $4,430.43
No. in Class: 36
Participation: 13%
Founders Society - Silver
Robert E. Glennon, Jr.
K. Lawrence Gragg
Trusler Society
Dennis A. Caffee
Enrichment Society
Harry S. Colburn, Jr.

CLASS OF 1976
Class Total: $3,225
No. in Class: 43
Participation: 14%
Trusler Society
James B. O'Neal
Robert A. Pierce
Enrichment Society
Walter G. Clayton III
John H. Jones
Ronald L. Rowland

CLASS OF 1977
Class Total: $117,468
No. in Class: 39
Participation: 15%
Founders Society - Platinum
Ellen Bellet Gelberg
Associates
Nathaniel L. Doliner
Peter M. Machamara
Enrichment Society
John J. Collins, Jr.
James A. Watson

CLASS OF 1978
Class Total: $4,810
No. in Class: 67
Participation: 7%
Partners
William A. Byoles
Associates
Everett R. Moreland
Tax Alumni
Paul D. Fritzpatrick
Enrichment Society
Bradley C. Grossenburg
Ronald L. Siegel

CLASS OF 1979
Class Total: $5,635
No. in Class: 44
Participation: 18%
Partners
Martha A. Hartley
John J. Scroggin
Enrichment Society
Cheryl L. Gordon
C. Gray Johnsey
Kimon P. Karas

CLASS OF 1980
Class Total: $6,295
No. in Class: 47
Participation: 21%
Founders Society - Gold
Paul M. O'Connell
Founders Society - Silver
Lindy L. Paul
Associates
Peter T. Kirkwood
Enrichment Society
Curtis J. Haines
Gary E. Lakritz

CLASS OF 1981
Class Total: $3,600
No. in Class: 64
Participation: 16%
Founders Society - Gold
David E. Brown
Enrichment Society
Craig P. Hoffman
William R. Lane, Jr.
Gerald F. Stack
Thomas J. Stueck
Anton H. Zidansek

CLASS OF 1982
Class Total: $4,451.98
No. in Class: 67
Participation: 11%
Trusler Society
Michael D. Minton
Patricia A. Willing
Enrichment Society
Steven C. Frol
Stephen B. Hatcher
Alan L. Rubens
Julie M. Wolf

CLASS OF 1983
Class Total: $6,370
No. in Class: 60
Participation: 17%
Partners
John N. Giordano
R. Lawrence Heinkel
Trusler Society
Ellen R. Gershow
Gregory F. Wilder
Enrichment Society
Stephan L. Cordell
Michael A. Levey
Robert L. Miller
Mark A. Stiebel

CLASS OF 1984
Class Total: $2,900
No. in Class: 72
Participation: 6%
Partners
Mark T. Tate, Jr.
Enrichment Society
Linda Suzanne Griffin
Sharon A. Zahner

CLASS OF 1985
Class Total: $2,275
No. in Class: 73
Participation: 9%
Associates
Guy E. Whitesman
Enrichment Society
Charles L. Balch III
Stephen R. Looney

CLASS OF 1987
Class Total: $14,440.00
No. in Class: 62
Participation: 8%
Partners
Louis A. Nostro, Jr.
Enrichment Society
Scott E. Hunt
Melton E. Knotts, Jr.
Lisa S. Odom

CLASS OF 1988
No. in Class: 44
Participation: 9%
Enrichment Society
Dirk A. Williams

CLASS OF 1989
Class Total: $1,560
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 8%
Enrichment Society
Charles L. Cooper, Jr.
William H. Johnson
Joe F. Yonek

CLASS OF 1990
Class Total: $5,860
No. in Class: 53
Participation: 9%
Founders Society - Silver
A. Brian Phillips
Enrichment Society
Glenn A. Adams
William L. Curry
Jonathan H. Nason

CLASS OF 1991
Class Total: $1,050
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 8%
Enrichment Society
Todd A. Hauss
Kristin A. Hess
Michael G. Little
Charles Pittline
Daniel H. Waters, Jr.

CLASS OF 1992
Class Total: $1,805
No. in Class: 57
Participation: 9%
Trusler Society
Wilton B. Hyman
Enrichment Society
Dwayne W. Barrett
Elizabeth A. Carrie
Tance E. Roberts

CLASS OF 1993
Class Total: $3,170
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 11%
Trusler Society
David A. Brennen
Gary W. Huston
Enrichment Society
Samuel A. Donaldson
Donna L. Longhouse
Camille L. Worsnop

CLASS OF 1994
No. in Class: 74
Participation: 9%
Enrichment Society
Bruce R. Jacob
Frank M. Talbot II

CLASS OF 1995
Class Total: $400
No. in Class: 77
Participation: 5%
Enrichment Society
Scott C. Loo
Peter A. Rivellini
Linda L. Snelling

CLASS OF 1996
No. in Class: 64
Participation: 3%
Enrichment Society
Keith M. Olivia

CLASS OF 1997
No. in Class: 64
Participation: 3%
Enrichment Society
Robert J. Bana
Susan L. Hodges

CLASS OF 1998
Class Total: $1,950
No. in Class: 79
Participation: 9%
Founders Society - Silver
A. Brian Phillips
Enrichment Society
Glenn A. Adams
William L. Curry
Jonathan H. Nason

CLASS OF 1999
Class Total: $1,050
No. in Class: 58
Participation: 8%
Enrichment Society
William J. Liss

CLASS OF 2000
Class Total: $525
No. in Class: 80
Participation: 6%
Partners
Enrichment Society
Bradley T. Borden
Lani Starkey

CLASS OF 2001
Class Total: $225
No. in Class: 27
Participation: 3%
Enrichment Society
Alton D. Bain
Denise M. Cordes

CLASS OF 2002
No. in Class: 71
Participation: 3%
Enrichment Society
Elena Kaplan

CLASS OF 2003
Class Total: $6,680
No. in Class: 92
Participation: 5%
Partners
Terrence T. Dariotis
Trusler Society
Telly J. Meier
Enrichment Society
Benjamin A. Swift

CLASS OF 2004
Class Total: $920
No. in Class: 91
Participation: 7%
Enrichment Society
Alexander D. Devriis
Joanna D. Dosik
Adam N. Frisch
Ashley D. Money

CLASS OF 2005
Class Total: $650
No. in Class: 88
Participation: 5%
Enrichment Society
Michael Black
Thomas B. Chrirstenson II
Erik E. Houck-Toll

CLASS OF 2006
Class Total: $6,680
No. in Class: 92
Participation: 5%
Enrichment Society
Kimberly A. Dillon
Yong Peng

CLASS OF 2007
Class Total: $1,275
No. in Class: 99
Participation: 6%
Enrichment Society
Jolyon D. Acosta
Alan K. Ragan
Jeffrey T. Troiano
Richard I. Withers

CLASS OF 2008
Class Total: $2,250
No. in Class: 97
Participation: 8%
Enrichment Society
Scott A. Bowman
Burns A. Dickens IV
Daniel J. Glassman
Brian M. Malec
David F. Pressly
Anne K. Russell
Joseph R. Worst

CLASS OF 2009
Class Total: $2,285
No. in Class: 103
Participation: 10%
Trusler Society
Hyejuung Byun
Enrichment Society
Andy Corrider
Brandon C. Dixon
Jamie L. Meola
Das O. Nelson
Lindsay A. Roshkind
William B. Spottswood, Jr.

CLASS OF 2010
Class Total: $910
No. in Class: 135
Participation: 7%
Enrichment Society
Dana M. Apfelbaum
Sarah Z. Collins
Mitchell W. Goldberg
James C. Hamilton
Nicolas O. Procopio

CLASS OF 2011
Class Total: $400
No. in Class: 110
Participation: 2%
Enrichment Society
Bryan D. Flagg
Ariana F. Wallizada

CLASS OF 2012
No. in Class: 39
Participation: 3%
Enrichment Society
Pablo J. Rivera Rosario

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UF Law’s international connections stretch from the cape of South Africa to the heartland of France’s rich legal tradition. They include aiding indigenous people in Central America and applying environmental law in Costa Rica. Faculty take the measure of antitrust regulation in China, and they train tax professionals in Taiwan. What follows is just a taste of the UF Law faculty’s international reach.

*BY MARCELA SUTER & RICHARD GOLDSSTEIN*
Daniel Sokol helped organize a conference on Competition and the Role of the State at the University of Hong Kong and co-edited a book on the same topic. Over the summer, he trained the Supreme People’s Court on antitrust law. Meanwhile, Sokol is surveying the way merger decisions are made by Chinese government regulators.

Under an exchange with the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing set up by UF Law Professor Stuart Cohn, the first Chinese law professor taught at the College of Law in the fall of 2011.

One of the pins in the faculty map marks Ecuador, indicating the work of Professors Yariv Brauner, a tax law professor, and Winston Nagan, who specializes in human rights. “I served as the abogado defensor (defense attorney) of the Shuar Nation in the Ecuadorian Amazon,” explained Nagan, Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar. “I was advising them on their strategies in terms of protecting their economic resources and civil and political rights.”

Nagan, who is director of the UF Law Institute of Human Rights and Peace Development, has helped this indigenous nation claim legal rights to their land.

“I tried clarifying this by developing a petition, which is currently before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which seeks to clarify and provide the legitimately good title of the land they occupy to the Shuar themselves,” he said.

Faculty with international experience boost the prestige of the law school, but the experience also translates into greater scholarly and pedagogical depth, said Michael Seigel, the Samuel T. Dell Term Professor of Law. “As academics our job is to broaden our horizons,” Seigel said. “The more you broaden your horizons the better scholar and teacher you are going to be.

—UF LAW PROFESSOR MICHAEL SEIGEL

abroad influences how I teach at UF. It has influenced the way I teach white collar crime.”

Another of UF Law’s French connections is Associate Dean for Legal Information and Law Professor Claire M. Germain. A native Parisian who came to UF Law after 18 years at Cornell, Germain holds the Chevalier de La Légion d’Honneur, France’s highest honor, thanks to her work bridging French and American legal cultures.

UF Law Professor Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol, who has taught and researched in Argentina, Uruguay, Nicaragua, Italy and Spain, views global influence and impact as an important aspect of teaching, writing, and speaking because it requires understanding of culture, different legal systems, multiple perspectives and diverse methodologies.

Hernández-Truyol has come across many such instances. “As teachers we learn and share knowledge that progressively develops, expands and transforms meanings and understandings of law,” she said.

Hernández-Truyol teaches courses such as international law and human rights. She learns through exposure to new viewpoints.

“Teaching and presenting in other places is both a learning experience and a teaching experience because different cultural frameworks have different lenses through which they preserve things,” Hernández-Truyol said.

Pedro Malavet, director of the L.L.M. in Comparative Law Program and affiliate professor of Latin American studies, suggested that international scholarship improves the law school’s reputation, which in turn improves its performance in national rankings and attracts better students.

“It also improves our influence as scholars. We do not only have a U.S. audience for our scholarship and for our classes, but we have an international audience as well,” Malavet said. “Often our international audience is comprised of people who are already professionals, which means we have real policy impact.”

The L.L.M. in Comparative Law Program is designed for students who have received law degrees in countries other than the U.S. They learn about American legal culture and they position themselves to provide service to American clients and to cooperate with American lawyers.

“It is not just about speaking English, it’s really about understanding each other’s legal system and legal culture,” Malavet explained.

There is yet another practical effect of UF Law’s international reach.

“...the more you broaden your horizons the better scholar and teacher you are going to be.” —UF LAW PROFESSOR MICHAEL SEIGEL
Since its inception in 1994, the LL.M. in Comparative Law Program has enrolled students from 43 countries, providing students and graduates with professional connections worldwide.

“It is a potential source of clients and jobs for our J.D. students. It exposes them to people from other countries and cultures and gives them a better understanding of other legal systems,” Malavet said.

Summer is globetrotting time for UF Law

Each summer, UF Law faculty and students scatter to disparate corners of the globe where they engage scholars and legal problems abroad to enrich their law school back home in Gainesville.

The Costa Rica Program, for example, immerses students and faculty in the environmental and legal milieu of one of Central America’s lushest landscapes. Tom Ankersen (JD 86), program director and UF Law professor, notes that UF Law students are joined by Ph.D. students, law students from throughout the United States, and students from Costa Rica and elsewhere in Latin America. Ankersen brings the applied research that he conducts in Costa Rica to bear for students during the five-week, six-credit hour program.

“From an academic standpoint, it’s very serious,” Ankersen added, while also noting the exploration of rainforests, cloud forests and rolling rivers that go along with the visit. “It’s also about (gaining) a broad perspective on the world’s legal systems in a country renown for environmental policy experimentation.”

The Paris-Montpellier study abroad program provides up to six law school credits while offering participants the beauty, history and culture of France.

A French professor explores the impact of the European Union on business formation and legal issues. The other two courses, taught by UF Law professors, deal with business or economic-related subjects. All classes are in English and include French students from the University of Montpellier.

Surrounded by mountains and bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, the breathtaking city of Cape Town is home to UF’s South Africa Study Abroad Program with the University of Cape Town. The program is the only one approved by the American Bar Association with the University of Cape Town. The program includes The Times Higher Education World University Ranking.

During the five-week program, students from UF Law and countries throughout Africa study comparative and international law in three two-credit courses taught by UF and UCT faculty. Students visit historic sites to learn about apartheid, how it ended and how the new South African constitution is transforming the country by protecting equality, dignity and the freedom of all South Africans. Students consistently relate that the program enriched their legal education beyond expectations.

Another example of UF Law’s international outreach each summer is the Law & Policy in the Americas program. Sponsored by the Center for Governmental Responsibility, the program bridges geographical boundaries and often-conflicting bodies of law to foster connections between legal scholars and lawyers in the United States and those in Latin America. The Law & Policy in the Americas Conference is led by CGR Director and Dean Emeritus Jon Mills and alternates between Gainesville and a Latin American country. The host locations have included Buenos Aires, Argentina; San Jose, Costa Rica; Lima, Peru; Montevideo, Uruguay; as well as Rio de Janeiro and Curitiba, Brazil.
Students do not “shed their constitutional rights … at the schoolhouse door.” The Supreme Court handed down that oft-quoted maxim in the 1969 case of Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District.

However, in this post-Columbine and Virginia Tech world of metal detectors, random searches and police officers patrolling school grounds, balancing the privacy rights of students and the legitimate safety concerns of school administrators and parents has proven problematic. Often, students’ rights are curtailed or infringed upon, especially when it comes to the privacy of their person and their belongings.

“There has been a steady diminution of students’ rights over the years,” said UF Law Assistant Professor Jason Nance.

Nance, a former inner-city schoolteacher in Houston, joins other experts in the fields of sociology, criminology and education policy who argue that intrusive searches do not reduce violence and, in some cases, violence and disorder in schools actually increase.

Nance described his forthcoming paper slated for publication in the University of Colorado Law Review as a “legal, normative and empirical analysis” of random, suspicionless searches of students’ belongings. As part of this study, Nance draws conclusions from a restricted database published by the U.S. Department of Education. That database contains information reported by school officials across the country regarding incidents of school crime and school search practices.

Nance said that schools function best when administrators foster an “environment of trust,” and that conducting intrusive school searches of students and their belongings creates, instead, an environment of distrust that impedes the learning environment. In addition, such practices send students a negative message regarding their constitutional rights, or lack thereof, Nance said.

A troubling aspect of Nance’s research is his finding that among schools that report no incidents of school crime during the 2008-09 school year, intrusive searches are “much more likely to occur in those schools serving high minority populations, even after controlling for other salient factors.” Nance said. “Such practices perpetuate racial inequalities and condition minority students to accept intensive surveillance from government authorities.”

These disparate practices also convey harmful messages that white students are privileged and minorities should not be trusted, exacerbating racial tensions rather than promoting equality, Nance said.

Nance said school violence is better addressed by instituting programs that build school community, foster collective responsibility, and strengthen relationships between students, teachers and the community at large. This approach increases the ability of schools to reduce violence and, at the same time, enhances the educational environment.

Professor Sharon Rush, associate dean for faculty development at UF Law, praised Nance’s research for its depth and potential impact in the education field.

“I think it’d be very hard to look at his work if you’re an educator and not do something,” Rush said. “I think that what he’s doing with his ability to do this empirical research is bringing a stark reality to what many people intuitively do know – that there is a lot of racial inequality in our public schools.”
“If he’d said, ‘I’m not going to play this game, here’s my fancy A&M band uniform, I’m not going to take the field with you,’ that would be hard to do. I would expect the argument that because of the situation, this young man was under a lot of compulsion.”

—JOSEPH LITTLE
Emeritus Professor

“Blaming the Victim: Florida A&M argues hazing death was student’s fault, not school’s” (Sept. 12, 2012, The Daily)

“You lead with your best case and get a conviction, and that sometimes creates a domino effect on the willingness of others to go to trial. It’s a chess game.”

—BOB DEKLE
Master Legal Skills Professor

“Charges expected in FAMU drum major’s hazing death” (May 2, 2012, Associated Press)

“Water democracy: Even as supply threatens to run out, public shows little interest” (July 3, 2012, Orlando Sentinel)

— MARY JANE ANGELO, Professor of Law; Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program

“It (water management policy) has also become very sophisticated scientifically. The water district has these Ph.D. scientists running these complicated models, and the permit applicants have their own experts with their own modeling and complex scientific information. So I think it is hard for the public to have meaningful input or access.”
“I’ve argued cases in front of the Florida Supreme Court numerous times in the last four to six years. And I haven’t always agreed with their conclusions, but that doesn’t mean I don’t think they are competent, good justices, so I think it’s most important to look at the entire record and their competency rather than any particular case.”

—JON MILLS
Dean Emeritus; Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility
“Florida GOP opposes three Florida Supreme Court justices” (Oct. 1, 2012, Florida’s WUFT-FM)

“The idea that service members are fuller citizens than the rest of America is a disaster for military professionalism.”

—DIANE MAZUR
Professor of Law

“The distinction between lobbying and political activity is one I stress in my course. Tax students tend to get it quickly, but I caution them that their clients will not. It is not intuitive.”

—STEVEN WILLIS
Professor of Law
“How close is too close? The bishop of Orlando encourages Catholics to vote ‘yes’ on two amendments. Over the line?” (July 1, 2012, Ocala Star-Banner)
“First, it’s close to extortion, although not quite because there is not a threat to harm reputation, but to improve it. Second, it’s fraudulent in the sense that there is little value in paying to have the mugshots removed from the commercial site when they can be Googled on a sheriff’s department website.”

—KENNETH NUNN
Professor of Law

“Businesses Charge Hundreds To Remove Mug Shots Online” (April 23, 2012, ABCNews.com)

“The opportunity for a law student to interact with a Supreme Court justice is very special. To engage a justice is an opportunity to get insights into the workings of the highest court in our nation. This deepens our students’ education.”

—DEAN ROBERT JERRY
Levin Mabie & Levin Professor of Law

“UF gets Supreme Court visitor” (Sept. 19, 2012, The Independent Florida Alligator)

“We do have racial groups mixing together more than they used to, so it makes sense that there would be more homicides across race.”

—KATHRYN RUSSELL-BROWN
Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law; Director, Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations

“Interracial murder on the rise” (April 19, 2012, Scripps Howard News Service)
In the last issue of UF LAW, we highlighted faculty who were go-to sources for the media in the Trayvon Martin shooting case. George Zimmerman, a Hispanic neighborhood watch volunteer, is charged in the fatal shooting of the unarmed black teen. Over the summer, the college’s Criminal Justice Center was asked to provide research support to a task force appointed by Gov. Rick Scott. The CJC evaluated how Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law has been applied in past cases, and whether there is a correlation between the homicide rate in Florida and the implementation of the controversial law.

In September, acting Criminal Justice Center Director Monique Haughton Worrell reported to the task force that the CJC research was inconclusive about whether there is a definite relationship between the homicide rate in Florida and 2005’s “Stand Your Ground” law. “The data that we collected in response to the task force is insufficient to provide a conclusion on this issue. It’s a complex issue, requiring complex analysis,” Worrell said at the September meeting, according to the Tampa Bay Times. A more in-depth study would be necessary to make a correlation between Stand Your Ground and increasing crime rates, she said.

The task force released its final report in November, backing the framework of the law, while suggesting more specific guidelines about the roles of neighborhood watch volunteers and removing automatic immunity from criminal prosecution for those who claim Stand Your Ground as a defense.

“Here you have the highest state court in a state ravaged by foreclosures deciding on their own to address this issue, and that is significant. They seem to be anxious to enter the fray on this, and there is no question this is a fascinating topic.”

—MICHAEL ALLAN WOLF
Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law

“Florida Supreme Court to review dismissed foreclosure lawsuit against Greenacres man” (May 8, 2012, Palm Beach Post)
BOOK ROUND-UP

YARIV BRAUNER AND MARTIN J. MCMAHON (editors)
The Proper Tax Base: Structural Fairness from an International and Comparative Perspective—Essays in Honor of Paul McDaniel

UF Law Professors Brauner and McMahon have compiled 12 essays from some of the world’s most renowned tax experts in honor of the late UF Law Professor Paul McDaniel (one of McDaniel’s essays is among those 12). With new tax rules on the horizon, these writings examine whether tax fairness is truly possible and how it can be incorporated into tax reform. The essays focus on tax expenditure analysis, the quest for a just income tax, and division and/or harmonization of the income tax base among jurisdictions. (Kluwer Law International)

D. DANIEL SOKOL (editor)
The Global Limits of Competition Law

Along with Ioannis Lianos, University College of London’s director for the Centre for Law, Economics and Society, UF Law Professor Sokol served as editor for the Global Competition Law and Economics series, which examines key ideas at the forefront of antitrust law. With more than 100 countries enacting competition law statutes in the last 30 years, this first installment focuses on the importance of global competition law, its emergence in modern practice and its global limits. It serves as a resource not only for antitrust scholars and practitioners, but also those involved in economics, business strategy and administrative sciences. Sokol also contributed to chapters to the book. (Stanford University Press)

CAROLINE JOAN S. PICART (3L)
Speaking of Monsters: A Teratological Anthology

At its Greek origins teratology is the study of monsters, and here Picart – a joint degree law student who is expected to graduate in the spring – and co-editor John Edgar Browning – the Arthur A. Schomburg Fellow and a Ph.D. student in the Department of Transnational Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo – offer a general anthology of teratologies, tracking it across multiples fields and communities. The book “is a cross section of how ‘monster narratives’ intersect with ‘outsider’ positions, from different perspectives – such as those of literary critics, film critics, criminologists, law professors, historians (and) philosophers.”
NEW LEADERS AND PROMOTIONS

■ Lauren Wilcox is the interim senior director of Development and Alumni Affairs. She was previously director in the Development and Alumni Affairs Office. She moves into the senior director’s position with the departure of Kelley Frohlich from the law school in July.

■ Mary Adkins (JD 91) is the new director of the Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy Program. The long-time UF Law legal skills professor replaces Henry Wihnyk, who has led the program for 20 years and continues teaching at UF Law as a legal skills professor. The program has just undergone a name change and shift of focus with the advent of a revised curriculum.

Promotions among the faculty include Lea Johnston and John Stinneford to associate professor. Adkins, Bob Dekle, Leanne Pflaum and Meshon Rawls (JD 98) have been promoted to master lecturer.

TENURE-TRACK PROFESSOR

■ Omni Marian joins the University of Florida Levin College of Law faculty as an assistant professor of law specializing in taxation after most recently working as a tax associate for Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York City.

Originally from Israel, Marian served in the Israeli Navy for six years as a submarine officer before attending Tel-Aviv University.

Marian graduated magna cum laude in 2006, earning a bachelor of art in political science and an LL.B. from Tel-Aviv.

In Israel, law degrees are conferred after completion of undergraduate studies. Graduates may sit for the Israeli bar exam after completion of a one-year post-graduate internship with a law firm. He fulfilled his internship at Gornitzky & Co. Advocates and Notaries.

Marian moved to the United States to attend the University of Michigan Law School. There, he earned his LL.M. in International Taxation in 2008 and a S.J.D. in 2009.

Marian worked as a tax associate for Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York City for two years before realizing he wanted to teach.

“I’ve had great teachers,” Marian said. “They are the reason I want to teach.”

The tax program is what attracted him to UF Law. Marian called it the “hallmark of all tax programs.”

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS

Curriculum changes at UF Law include a renewed focus on legal research. Three new reference librarians will bolster legal research instruction.

■ Shamika Dalton joins the UF Law faculty as a reference librarian and adjunct professor of law. She provides reference service to students, faculty, and others who come through the UF Law Library. Beginning in fall of 2013, Dalton will teach a 1L Legal Research course section.

In 2008, Dalton graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina Central University with a bachelor of social work. After completing her undergraduate degree, she entered law school at her alma mater. It was in an Advanced Legal Research Course that she found her passion for legal research and writing. Her law school had a dual J.D./M.L.S. program, from which she graduated in December 2011.

This is Dalton’s first job in the law librarianship profession, and she said she’s looking forward to teaching legal research.

“Everyone was so welcoming,” she said. “I enjoyed the fact that I would be a part of the 1L legal research curriculum.”

■ Michael G. Moore (JD 99) returned to his alma mater in the fall as reference librarian and adjunct professor of law. He teaches legal research to 1Ls and provides faculty and students with reference services.

Moore graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of philosophy and earned a master of arts degree in African-American studies from the University of Iowa. He earned his law degree, with honors, from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review.

Moore was a lawyer at a private practice in Miami before enrolling in the law librarian-ship program at the University of Washington. He graduated from UW in 2012, earning a master of library and information science degree and a special certificate in law librarianship. While at UW, he received the prestigious Earl C. Borgeson Research in Law Librarianship Award and completed directed fieldwork at the University of Michigan Law Library.

“I’m excited to support an amazingly talented faculty, and I look forward to working with the next generation of Gator lawyers.”

■ Loren Turner joined the UF Law faculty as a reference librarian and adjunct profes-
sor of law. She serves as a library liaison to faculty and provides research reference services to faculty, students and members of the public.

Turner earned a bachelor of arts degree in Italian studies from Loyola University in Chicago and a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law. After graduating from law school, Turner practiced law at a boutique law firm in downtown Chicago specializing in family law litigation.

After a couple years of practicing law, she advanced her research and writing interests by transitioning from practice to the field of law librarianship and returned to school to earn her master of science in library and information science from the University of Illinois. While pursuing her master’s, Turner worked at the Pritzker Legal Research Center at Northwestern University School of Law.

She said she chose UF Law because of the support the library receives from the UF Law administration, faculty and alumni.

“I look forward to further developing my professional expertise through my work with students and faculty here at UF Law and the greater UF community,” Turner said.

LEGAL SKILLS PROFESSORS

New UF Law Legal Skills Professor Stacey Steinberg (JD 03) teaches legal writing and appellate advocacy. She has been an adjunct professor at the law school since 2009 and became a full-time faculty member in the fall.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Florida in 2000 and graduated from UF Law in 2003.

Steinberg is an associate director for the Center on Children and Families where she speaks to non-lawyers, giving tips and advice on how to understand the child welfare system and court.

She said sometimes it takes extra effort to help children and parents reach their goals.

“I learned that no two circumstances are the same,” she said.

She was a senior attorney for Children’s Legal Services in Alachua County from 2009 until 2012 and was responsible for more than 50 cases involving child abuse and neglected children.

Steinberg was an assistant state attorney in the felony child abuse and sexual violence division from 2003 to 2009.

“My goal is to help others reach their goals and help students reach their full potential,” she said.

- Jill Womble (JD 03) has joined the UF Law faculty as a legal skills professor, teaching Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation and a new 1L class, Introduction to Lawyering, which has replaced Professional Responsibility in the first-year curriculum and will cover problem solving, team building, people skills, and general legal skills related to law practice.

Womble has served as an adjunct professor since 2005, Negotiation and Mediation; Mediation Advocacy; Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiations; and Introduction to Lawyering. She has previously worked at Florida Power & Light as an engineer. Most recently, Womble served as the chief negotiator for the city of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities on large construction projects and labor agreements, as well as doing consulting work for the city’s pension plan bargaining.

Womble is excited about her new position teaching full-time.

“I love law students, and feel that I have been successful in my career, so I want to give back to the students here,” she said.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- James Ayres (JD 12) became the online communications coordinator for the Levin College of Law in April. He is in charge of the day-to-day maintenance of the UF Law website and helps to shape its long-term strategic direction including design and content.

Ayers graduated from UF Law in May and he passed the Florida bar exam over the summer. He earned his bachelor’s degree in fine arts from the University of South Florida.

- Anju Kaduvettoor Davidson began in September as the new assistant director of the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations.

Before coming to UF, Davidson worked at Loyola University Maryland as a staff psychologist. She received her master’s and Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Lehigh University.

Her academic career has centered on research related to racial discrimination, namely discrimination against South Asians. She hopes to tie in this experience with her work for the CSRRR, where she will be assisting the center with research, collaborating with law students and other members of the law school and UF communities, and seeking to increase student involvement in the center’s programs and initiatives.

Davidson replaces Melissa Bamba, who left the college in July.

- As new public functions coordinator for UF Law, Colleen Flage will assist departments and student groups with implementing logistics for special events, meetings and travel. She is keen to learn the history of the law school and its groups, share insights about planning their events and to cultivate new ideas.

Flage’s career developed from her education at the University of Florida where she earned a bachelor of science in recreation and event management, and a master of science in tourism, recreation and sport management. Before the Levin College of Law, she was the event services manager at the J. Wayne Reitz Union for more than three years.

She is actively involved with the Society of Government Meeting Professionals Central Florida Chapter, and recently achieved the Convention Industry Council Certified Meeting Professional designation.

Flage replaces Barbara DeVoe, who retired in April.
For Assistant Professor Wentong Zheng, both law and life are about transcending borders.

Zheng traveled a long road to his current position. He was born and raised in a small city 200 miles south of Beijing. Zheng attended college and graduate school in Beijing, and moved to the United States in 1998 to pursue a Ph.D. in economics at Stanford University. Four years into the Ph.D. program, he went on to enroll in the J.D. program at Stanford Law School and earned both his Ph.D. and J.D. from Stanford in 2005.

After three degrees earned in postgraduate education, Zheng practiced law at a premier international trade law firm in Washington, D.C., for four years, before joining the faculty of the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School in 2009.

Zheng moved to Florida from New York with his family and joined the UF Law faculty in 2011 where he teaches secured transactions, international trade law, and international business transactions.

The secured transactions course focuses on Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and is a subject that was recently added to the list of topics covered on The Florida Bar Exam.

“This class is very important because the economy runs on credit,” Zheng said.

Zheng transports students across borders through his course on international trade law. That course covers the law and policy of the World Trade Organization, and Zheng said it seeks to answer the question, “to what extent can governments restrict international trade,” whether through tariffs, subsidies, or regulations on the environment, worker safety or health.

International trade law is also the subject of Zheng’s current research.

Currently, Zheng focuses on the international regulation of subsidies. Under the WTO rules, countries are allowed to impose higher duties on imports to “countervail” subsidies conferred by the governments or public bodies of exporting countries. The imposition of countervailing duties, however, may be problematic when the same foreign product is simultaneously subject to antidumping duties, another kind of duties permitted under the WTO rules for cheap foreign products.

“The issue of subsidies is becoming one of the most contentious issues in international trade,” Zheng said. Many international regulatory bodies have gotten involved, including the WTO, but “none appears to have a good solution – no one is taking a holistic view.”

UF Law Associate Professor D. Daniel Sokol said Zheng’s work is important because it presents new and practical ideas to reform the international trade system.

“These are complex issues that are not really well understood, except by a very small group of specialists,” Sokol said. “It’s an area that’s ripe for reform given that more effective rules will make society better off and may in fact blunt some of the worst protection-based tendencies that countries have.

“He’s really pushing a really novel and interesting proposal that hopefully will get some policy traction,” Sokol said.

International trade takes professor around the world

BY NICOLE SAFKER (JD 12)

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International trade law is also the subject of Zheng’s current research.

Currently, Zheng focuses on the international regulation of subsidies. Under the WTO rules, countries are allowed to impose higher duties on imports to “countervail” subsidies conferred by the governments or public bodies of exporting countries. The imposition of countervailing duties, however, may be problematic when the same foreign product is simultaneously subject to antidumping duties, another kind of duties permitted under the WTO rules for cheap foreign products.

“The issue of subsidies is becoming one of the most contentious issues in international trade,” Zheng said. Many international regulatory bodies have gotten involved, including the WTO, but “none appears to have a good solution – no one is taking a holistic view.”

UF Law Associate Professor D. Daniel Sokol said Zheng’s work is important because it presents new and practical ideas to reform the international trade system.

“These are complex issues that are not really well understood, except by a very small group of specialists,” Sokol said. “It’s an area that’s ripe for reform given that more effective rules will make society better off and may in fact blunt some of the worst protection-based tendencies that countries have.

“He’s really pushing a really novel and interesting proposal that hopefully will get some policy traction,” Sokol said.
Allie Menegakis (3L) plays her part by leading bar’s Law Student Division

BY JARED MISNER

It seems that Allie Menegakis’ life is composed of a series of starring roles.

In high school, the St. Andrew’s School in Boca Raton, she was an accomplished athlete, musician and thespian. Menegakis played the preteen Patrick in the musical “Mame.” It was a role that required her to dress up like a 10-year-old boy, which she was initially reluctant to do. Until she found out it gave her a solo song.

“I’ve always had this confidence,” Menegakis said. “I love performing on stage.”

These days Menegakis is performing as a busy third-year law student, as president of the UF Law Criminal Law Student Association, an executive board member of the Law College Council and recently as head researcher of the Florida Innocence Commission.

But her star turn arguably comes with a statewide leadership role for The Florida Bar. Menegakis this year became the first Gator to lead The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division since its inception in 2007. As president, she’s in charge of all Florida Bar-sponsored events at Florida law schools.

“Most law students don’t really understand what The Florida Bar does,” Menegakis said. “The division’s main purpose is to educate law students on what The Florida Bar is and what it has to offer young lawyers entering the profession. Being a lawyer is more than just going to the office and billing hours. As a lawyer, people respect your advice. It is your responsibility to get involved and educate your community. This is what the bar does.”

She learned first-hand how hard the members of the bar work to improve the laws and legal community of Florida. She fondly recalls going to law conferences across the state with her mother Patty, especially the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar that her mother served on.

As president of the Law Student Division, Menegakis presides over a board of governors comprised of 66 elected law students from each of the Florida law schools. The division currently has over 4,000 members and is growing fast.

Menegakis has restructured the division by appointing an executive board and other committees. She has also extended the presence of a mentoring program for division members to each Florida law school.

She graduated magna cum laude in criminology after writing a senior research thesis titled, “The Dark Figure of College Crime,” based on a survey of over 3,000 UF students about self-protective factors (precautions to protect against crime) and victimization.

Menegakis is pursuing a Criminal Justice Certificate through the Criminal Justice Center at UF Law and hopes to work as a public defender.

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“As a public defender you’re defending the most fundamental rights of those who can’t afford to pay for their own attorney,” said Menegakis, who was a certified legal intern last summer at the Palm Beach Public Defender’s Office in West Palm Beach.

Even for a seasoned performer, musician and intramural tennis champion, shining moments bring stage fright. Every time she would play the trumpet in front of people, whether a group of two or 200, Menegakis said her hands would shake. She said that the first time she stepped in front of the jury in her first trial in West Palm Beach, her hands steadied.

“I’m so thankful to everyone: my family, my teachers, my friends, who helped me get to this point,” Menegakis said. “It’s kind of cheesy, but I do think I found my calling.”

ABOVE: Allie Menegakis (3L) plays trumpet as UF Law Dean Robert Jerry looks on during the dean’s annual music night for students, faculty and staff. (Photo by Marcela Suter)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB. 8
Richard E. Nelson Symposium
“Preemption Puzzles: Firearms, Fracking, Foreigners, Fuels and Farming”
Location: Hilton UF Conference Center

MARCH 13
Wolf Family Lecture
MARCH 20
Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Spring Lecture
Location: UF Law

MARCH 22
Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law
Location: UF Law

APRIL 4-5
E-Discovery Survival Skills
Location: Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center

MAY 10
Spring Commencement Ceremony
Location: Stephen C. O’Connell Center

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