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As most of you now know, in August I announced that the current year (2013-14) will be my last year as dean at the Levin College of Law. When I turn in my “dean’s master key” on June 30, 2014, I will have served 11 years as your law school’s dean. In the law dean world, that’s a long time, even if for me these years have passed extraordinarily quickly.

Since my August announcement, I’ve said on numerous occasions that accepting the offer extended to me in 2003 to serve as your college’s dean was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I hope the consensus among alumni, faculty, staff, and students is that all of us working together have taken an excellent college built by our predecessors and made it stronger today than it has ever been. From my vantage point, all credit is due to an outstanding administrative team with which I have been privileged to work, a faculty dedicated to providing a high-quality program for our students, a committed staff, and an alumni base with seemingly unbounded willingness to give both time and financial resources to make our law school better.

Although we have accomplished a great deal, much unfinished business remains. In 2002 as a dean candidate, I said that in a state as dynamic and important as Florida, there is a need for at least one law school to be regarded as one of the five best public law schools in the nation. One reason for that is the need to keep Florida residents in Florida to help build better communities, serve our state, and be leaders in the professions, a goal that is at risk if our Florida higher education institutions, including the law schools, are not regarded as being among the very best. I said that by implementing a differential tuition strategy (which at that time we lacked authority to do), we could reach that goal — because we were already very good, and unlike other public law schools in other states, we had not yet embarked on this funding strategy. Much changed around us as we obtained the authority and went after that goal, and it’s no small matter that a Great Recession intervened. Yet the fact remains that in 2014 we are not yet in that highest tier of public law schools. I believe that goal remains attainable, but the world in which we will continue to pursue it is dramatically different than it was in 2003.

At the top of the list of changes is the fact that the legal profession is in a state of enormous flux and is changing in profound and unprecedented ways. Almost all of us now have an understanding, even if we have not fully internalized the implications, of advancing technology, globalization, disaggregation of the lawyering process via project and workflow management systems, and nonlawyers doing an increasing amount of the work traditionally viewed as the domain of practicing lawyers. Around the corner are limited license legal technicians (the rough equivalent of the nurse practitioner in the medical world), consumers becoming aware of apps (which already exist) that can draft a reasonably serviceable contract or lease on a smartphone, decision-making software replacing calls to counsel for business planning advice, computers and consumer-friendly websites replacing routine lawyer tasks, and artificial intelligence systems replacing some analytical work that lawyers do. Eleven years ago, most of these changes were unimaginable, but this is the new reality.

There is no single blueprint for how legal education should address this changing environment. Rather than
force all law schools to be cast in one image, law schools should be empowered to experiment, innovate and reinvent their academic programs. Law schools should strategically calculate how to take advantage of their individual strengths and respond to their individual constraints. UF Law is doing that right now — in a process that is also unfinished business (and, frankly, will never be finished, because we must do this continuously). Among our constraints is the fact that UF Law is not located in a large metropolitan area. This means we need to involve adjunct faculty in our program in innovative ways, facilitate “semester away” opportunities that enable students to extern and network in larger urban areas where they intend to practice, and create more public service fellowship opportunities for students who wish to work in the government offices that are typically located in urban areas, state capitols, and Washington, D.C. Among our strengths is the fact that UF Law is part of a major, comprehensive, AAU-member research university, which gives us important advantages. For example, when we prepare students for specialized practice areas, we can take advantage of the rich offerings of other disciplines represented at UF, and we can design curricular tracks that use these offerings to add value to the skills and knowledge that graduates bring to their first professional position. In an area like e-discovery, where we have established arguably the best set of programs of any law school in the nation, we can tap the expertise in the computer engineering department to take our students and programs to the highest level.

As the dean search process proceeds and we prepare ourselves to welcome a new dean in 2014, it is important, rather than talking retrospectively about the last decade, to focus on the issues, problems, and opportunities currently facing legal education and the legal profession. It has been a distinct honor and privilege for me to serve as your college’s dean these past years, but I look forward to working with all of you — from the new vantage point I will have next year — to improve the educational experience for our students and prepare them to be future leaders in our workplaces, our profession, our communities, and our state and nation.

Accepting the offer extended to me in 2003 to serve as your college’s dean was one of the best decisions I have ever made.
UF Law celebrates 50 years of right to counsel

UF Law’s Criminal Justice Center commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark decision in Gideon v. Wainwright, guaranteeing criminal defendants the right to counsel. The symposium, held Sept. 19, featured the winning attorney in the case and Stetson University Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob (LLMT 95) as the keynote speaker, along with Paul Rashkind, supervisory assistant federal public defender for the Southern District of Florida.

The Supreme Court’s 1963 decision overruled Betts v. Brady, ruling that the assistance of counsel, if desired by a defendant, was a fundamental right under the U.S. Constitution.

“Fifty years have passed since the court made its decision in Gideon, but have we made 50 years of progress?” Jacob asked. “The answer is a definite no. Under the current conditions, effective representation is just not possible.”

Problems include extremely high case loads, lack of public defenders and a shortage of time for proper investigations.

Huck hosts more than 85 UF Law students for professional development

U.S. District Court Judge Paul C. Huck (JD 65) held an Aug. 1 professional development program in the federal courthouse in Miami for more than 85 UF Law students. “The legal market is changing, and law students and new lawyers must be vigilant and take charge of their own careers,” said Huck, a UF Law Center Association trustee.

The inaugural program — sponsored by local trustees of the LCA — featured networking opportunities for students with UF Law alumni, including South Florida practitioners, law clerks and federal judges. It also included two hourlong discussions about how to navigate law school and the job market.

Coif lecturer explores ‘covering’ identity

New York University Law Professor Kenji Yoshino explained that three out of four workers, including more than half of straight, white males, cover at least one aspect of their identity in the workplace.

His presentation, “Uncovering Talent: A New Model of Inclusion,” addressed how people hide disfavored aspects of one’s identity in the workplace to avoid stereotypes. His study found that many workers say they have “covered” in some way, despite ideals of diversity and inclusion.

The Coif Distinguished Lecture at UF Law on Sept. 25 was hosted by the UF Chapter of the Order of the Coif, with co-sponsors including UF Law and the college’s Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, and the Center on Children and Families.

The Coif Distinguished Visitor Program brings distinguished members of the legal profession to Coif Chapter campuses. UF Law is one of only three campuses in the country to be selected for a Coif Distinguished Visitor lecture this year.
Since 9/11, the issue of national security has never been far from the national spotlight and the Florida Law Review’s Poucher Legal Education Series made that clear. The ongoing threat of terrorist attacks, chemical weapons use in Syria, the cycle of controversies swirling around the National Security Agency, and advancing technology point to national security being as important now as ever.

The Oct. 4 panel inside the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Florida campus was sponsored by UF Law’s Florida Law Review and featured former Florida Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, former CIA operative James Olson, U.S. Army Gen. (Ret.) James T. Hill, and American University Law Professor Kenneth Anderson. The panel discussion was moderated by former Florida Law Review Editor in Chief Jon Philipson (JD 11).

Graham, who chaired the Senate Intelligence Committee before and after 9/11, kicked off the discussion with a bit of prescience from his old Senate committee. He cited an investigation that predicted the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

“Our first finding was that it was more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction would be used someplace on Earth before the end of the year 2013,” Graham said.

“That event occurred on Aug. 21, 2013, when a chemical weapon was used to kill over 1,400 people in Syria.”

Graham emphasized that the threat of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction is very real, primarily because they are extremely easy to assemble and are harder than traditional weapons to defend against.

Anderson, who spent time in Iraq in the early ’90s with Human Rights Watch, fears that biological and chemical weapons are actually a “good” strategy from a military standpoint for regimes callous enough to use them.

“It might turn out that regimes make calculations in urban counterinsurgency that it’s actually an effective weapon for them.”

—Former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham

Olson said that he has never seen America in as much peril domestically and overseas as it is now. He said quality intelligence is extremely important, but penetrating groups is very difficult with such tight-knit cells of terrorists who often grew up in the same villages.

Turning to questions of privacy, panelists struggled with the proper line between security, transparency and privacy.

“What are the tools that the public is willing to accept and embrace and the tradeoffs that have to be in a democracy between liberty and security in these areas?” Anderson asked.

Anderson and Hill, the retired Army general, cautioned that Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor who has revealed many of the agency’s information-collection practices, and Bradley Manning, who gave sensitive diplomatic communications to WikiLeaks, are not whistle blowers as they have sometimes been portrayed in the media, but are serious threats to national security.

Ultimately, the panelists said that the future of the United States and the planet may hang on U.S. national security and quality intelligence.

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 today.
Florida beats Georgia — in the courtroom

The Florida Moot Court team of Heather Kruzyk (3L) and Andrew Silvershein (2L), coached by Dee Dee Scheller (3L), beat the University of Georgia’s team in the 33rd annual Hulsey Gambrell Florida-Georgia Moot Court Competition on Nov. 1.

The competition in Jacksonville’s federal courthouse traditionally is held the day before the football game and more often than not, the team that wins the moot court competition ends up losing the football game. This year was no exception.

A panel of five federal judges decided the outcome. Preparation was the biggest factor when it came to this year’s win, said Mary Adkins (JD 91), a UF Law professor and the team’s faculty adviser.

“They did not let any questions from the judges distract them, they kept their good demeanor toward the court and answered all the questions that were asked to them and handled it in an extremely professional manner,” Adkins said.

Expert praises UF Law e-discovery curriculum as ‘cutting edge’

Electronic discovery expert Craig Ball spoke in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom to law students and professors as part of UF Law’s International Center for Automated Research e-Discovery Project lecture series.

Ball said the digitization of information is changing the procedure of pretrial discovery — the paper trail is disappearing, replaced by a stream of digital documentation.

Ball, who received his J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, possesses proficiency in electronic discovery and computer forensics that has made him a sought-after expert. Students from Professor William Hamilton’s Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence attended Ball’s Oct. 10 discussion where he extolled Hamilton’s curriculum as cutting-edge and emphasized the importance of the material.

“What you’re doing here isn’t just making you a better lawyer,” Ball said. “It’s making you a better employee.”

The inexorable flow of digital information means it will soon be impossible to cling to paper documentation. Even now, Ball said, 92 percent of all information is born digitally.

UF Law class lectures honor Justice Overton

Four Florida Supreme Court justices lectured this fall in Professor Jon Mills’ Florida Constitutional Law course to honor the late Justice Ben Overton’s (JD 52) legal career and service as a professor at UF Law. The lectures were the inaugural series in the Overton Lectures in Florida Constitutional Law, a new program initiated by friends and colleagues of Overton.

Participating in the fall lectures were: Justice Jorge Labarga (JD 79) on Sept. 23; Justice Barbara Pariente on Sept. 30; Justice Fred Lewis on Oct. 28; and Justice Charles Canady on Nov. 18. In addition to UF Law students who are enrolled in Florida Constitutional Law, the Overton Lectures were open to UF Law faculty and students.

Panel features Anthony prosecutor and Zimmerman attorney

Jeff Ashton (JD 80), who prosecuted Casey Anthony and published a book about the case, and Mark O’Mara, who defended George Zimmerman against second-degree murder charges, spoke as guests in UF Law’s Introduction to Lawyering class.

The other two panelists were Renee Roche (JD 84) and Frederick Lauten, both circuit court judges with Florida’s 9th Judicial Circuit.

UF Law Professor Jennifer Zedalis said students asked questions about sensitivity to racial issues in criminal cases, how to work with opposing attorneys and how to handle adverse public feelings toward clients.

“The students really wanted to know about those difficult issues — issues that call for courage,” she said.

She said the Oct. 23 presentation rewarded students’ probing questions with frank answers that gave students insight into what to expect in the workforce.
One judge resigned because he was told what sentences to hand out before trials. Another attorney was beaten for refusing to swear allegiance to the government and turned to roofing work for a decade. Neither thought they could practice law again once they fled Fidel Castro's Cuba, but UF Law changed that.

"Long before diversity was an objective of The Florida Bar, UF helped diversify the field through the Cuban lawyer law school program," said Harley Herman (JD 78), immediate past chair of the Equal Opportunities Law Section of The Florida Bar.

The program, which allowed about 200 lawyers to earn certifications to apply for admission to The Florida Bar in the '70s, recently won UF Law a diversity award from The Florida Bar. The award comes as UF Law plans a 40th anniversary commemoration of the program in the next school year.

Stephen N. Zack (JD 71), who spent his formative years in Cuba and became the first Hispanic president of The Florida Bar in 1989 and of the American Bar Association in 2010, said the UF program was instrumental in shaping today's law culture.

"I believe the program has paved the way for this generation of lawyers to feel accepted and valued in their new homeland," he wrote in an email. "Many great lawyers came out of this program with warm feelings toward the University of Florida and the assistance it has given them."

Launched at UF in the fall of 1973 and running until 1976, the program was one of two of its kind in the country, and it bridged a growing culture gap in the courts.

According to a 1973 Florida Supreme Court opinion, "An increasing number of cases in the courts of Florida involve Cubans or Cuban Americans, and there are presently approximately only 40 attorneys fluent in the Spanish language to adequately represent the increased Spanish-speaking population."

The first class of 207 students consisted of more than 180 former Cuban lawyers living in the greater Miami area and included attorneys who had been judges and faculty at law schools in Cuba. The students ranged in age from mid-30s to mid-70s. One former judge, Adalberto Tosca, said he decided to resign from his position in his homeland because judges were told prior to their trials to impose death and other sentences on defendants charged with crimes against the revolution.

The move to Florida was "absolutely devastating" for some, said Herman, who has researched the program in detail. "They went from positions of prominence where they got to use their intelligence to only being able to find menial jobs."

Jose Villalobos, now a partner at Ackerman Senterfitt in Miami, worked as a roofer in Miami for a decade before the program was established. Herman said Villalobos spoke of being called in for questioning by the justices of the Supreme Court of Cuba and being taken from the court and beaten after he refused to swear allegiance to the Castro government.

Completion of the Cuban Lawyer Program at UF Law allowed him to resume his career as an attorney upon admission to The Florida Bar.

Once the legal framework was in place, UF Law personnel developed the curriculum and birthed a functioning program in a matter of months. In addition to classes in Gainesville, organizers made arrangements for UF faculty to fly to Miami each week to teach because it was cheaper to fly the instructors down than to have hundreds of students fly to Gainesville. By 1975, the work had paid off, and the first class of Cuban lawyers graduated prepared to re-enter the field they prized.

"When you realize these people rose above all that — came to the university to study and sought admission to The Florida Bar — it’s really mind-boggling with everything else they had to deal with,” Herman said. “They loved the law so much.”
UF Law Dean Robert Jerry is stepping down after 11 years. He has orchestrated more than you might realize.

Teaching students the law is one thing, publishing scholarship is another, keeping the facilities up (including building new ones on occasion), making sure services run smoothly and raising money to support each of the above. All are responsibilities of law school deans. They lead faculty, staff, students and alumni in pursuit of the college’s collective goals. In other words, they get everyone to act in harmony. You could compare it to an orchestra performing a symphony; or, if you happen to be UF Law Dean Robert Jerry, a rock band belting out a guitar anthem.

Jerry announced Aug. 9 that 2014 would be his last year as dean of UF Law. He has served in the position since 2003, and when he steps down and remains a member of the faculty, he will have tied for the second-longest serving college dean among 15 deans in 105 years of college history.

During his tenure, Jerry reduced the number of students at the law school in response to changing conditions in the legal profession. This allowed UF Law to concentrate its resources before many other law schools were forced into the same policy. He oversaw millions of dollars in renovations and reconstruction, including the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center. Five permanent lecture series were created and annual giving increased as the endowment remained in the top 10 among public law schools. He led a revamping of the college’s admissions and career services.

Jerry responded to a tough labor market by creating a post-graduate fellowship...
program, supported expansion of the pregraduate summer externship program, and initiated a program to assist students seeking judicial clerkships. This enabled UF Law to rank 26th in the nation last year in the number of graduates obtaining federal judicial clerkships.

How did the UF Law dean realize his long list of accomplishments? Well, he works long hours, of course. On the day of an interview for this story, his new phone racked up 1,700 emails because he had been unable to answer his usual 120 per day. Normally, he said, only a few hundred are outstanding.

What a law dean does
A typical day consists of “strategy meetings – some of the days I’m traveling, on the road meeting alums, and working with our development team. There are new things that come up every day.

“I like to listen to different ideas, because no chief executive of any organization has all the ideas,” Jerry added. “I mean, I get talked out of things I dream up all the time and that’s good.”

He continues to maintain close touch with scholarship and teaching, including his own. In the fall semester, Jerry published a journal article about social media with UF Law Professor Lyrissa Lidsky.

Sharon Rush, associate dean for faculty development, noted Jerry’s interest in the particulars of faculty work. She said he is quick to ask how he can help faculty do their jobs better.

“He has provided tremendous support for the faculty to go off and do research,” Rush said. “He is very creative at coming up with ways to help you do what you need to do.”

University of Tennessee Law Dean Doug Blaze explains the responsibilities of the boss of a law school like this: “You’ve got to keep everybody happy, herd cats, deal with the central administration bureaucracy and raise money and somehow make it all seem effortless. And Bob makes it all seem effortless.”

Not only must Jerry get disparate parties to work in harmony, he also looks to the future. Jerry has noted the sea change coming in legal practice. In response, he is raising the profile of e-discovery education and stresses preparation for the technological and organizational upheaval in legal practice.

“The risk of institutions not adapting to change is very real. If you don’t think about where things are going to be in five, 10, 15 or 20 years from now you’re just not going to be ready to compete in the future,” Jerry said.

As he saw the demand for lawyers shrinking along with state support for higher education, Jerry moved to reduce the law school’s student body, concentrating the same resources over a smaller group of students.

“When the opportunity presents itself, you have to recognize it and grab it,” Jerry said. “The (university) president was looking for things that colleges on this campus could do that would be significant and transformative in responding to the financial stresses that were just emerging.”

The move proved prescient as others have followed in UF Law’s footsteps. “That took a lot of courage because that was a significant decline in tuition revenue. He just made a hard call and did the right thing,” Blaze said. “A lot of law schools have followed suit. We’ve downsized. I think it was the only way to do it.

It’s only rock ‘n’ roll
But enough about administrative maneuvers. Let’s go back to music.

Jerry plays Roland D-50 and Roland Fantom keyboards for the ‘60s and ‘70s cover band named “in crisis,” which, in addition to Jerry, includes six fellow University of Florida professors and administrators.

For the third year in a row his band was the warm-up act for headliners at Gator Growl, the Homecoming show in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium where they played songs like “Rock and Roll All Nite” for a crowd of about 30,000.

This most musical of law deans also holds an annual music night for faculty, students and staff at his and wife Lisa Jerry’s home. Guests are admitted to these fetes for the price of a song in which faculty form kazoo lines, students strum a guitar or play the piano.

Musicality runs in his family. Jerry took piano lessons for seven years growing up in Terre Haute, Ind., where his parents were professors at Indiana State. As a high school senior, Jerry and his partner won the Indiana state debating tournament and made it to the national high school tournament. The word “jovial” comes to mind for those who know the dean, but Lisa Jerry also notes the highflier within.
“He’s a competitive achiever and he likes to do things well. He was a high school and college debater, and he likes to win debates,” Lisa said. “He wants to do a good job and to make a place better because he’s been there.”

After graduating from the University of Michigan and practicing law in Indianapolis, Jerry entered academia and became dean of the University of Kansas at 35, a job he held for five years. Looking back from age 60, he figures he got some bad advice to begin with. Get to know the dean’s office during the summer before classes start, he heard at the University of Kansas. But Jerry found out that the thing to do is get to know the people, especially alumni.

Jim Theriac (JD 74) tells the story of the day he and son Jet came to the law campus to look around as Jet was deciding where to apply for law school. There was a man sitting in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard.

“He had a box full of bagels; he was sitting at a table outside there in the courtyard,” Theriac remembers. Dean Jerry introduced himself. After an hour, father and son were sold. After five years. Looking back from age 60, he figures he got some bad advice to begin with. Get to know the dean’s office during the summer before classes start, he heard at the University of Kansas. But Jerry found out that the thing to do is get to know the people, especially alumni.

“Attending law school is difficult,” Sanchez said. “He’s made it so it’s a much more welcoming place by being part of the larger community and part of the law school family.”

The law school, Jerry says, is not only about teaching law. It’s also about building future leaders.

“Getting students to understand what is expected of being a Gator lawyer. I think that is very powerful. We have just great alumni to model that,” he said.

In fact, the last four presidents of The Florida Bar were Gator lawyers, and five presidents of the American Bar Association since 1973 were UF Law graduates. Jerry talks of the “holes in the room” at fundraisers, in little league parents meetings, inside religious organizations and all kinds of community groups and service organizations without UF Law alumni.

“It’s not just being famous as a governor or bar leader. It’s making a difference in communities,” Jerry said.

**Down on the farm**

On a windswept field in rural Alachua County, a horse stamps a hoof as a law student tries to grab it for cleaning. A group of nine students, first through third years, are grooming and checking horses at Mill Creek Farm for Retired Horses. Dean Jerry is on a fundraising trip in San Francisco this particular fall weekend, but the horse farm is a place where that community spirit he talks about is under construction.

The volunteers are an outgrowth of a program that Jerry started. During their first week of law school, 1Ls spent a day performing community services aiding clients of Habitat for Humanity, helping abused children and working with the humane society shelter.

“When students spend three hours together painting a Habitat for Humanity house, they get to know each other very well, very quickly,” Jerry observed. “It creates friendships and bonding and helps create a sense of community within the college.”

Cara Fraser (3L) and others have expanded the 1L community service day to encompass all the law classes and to continue the community service throughout the school year.

“Community service is something that’s important to Dean Jerry,” Fraser said. “Hopefully, this continues 20, 30 years.”

**Finding a new leader of UF Law.** The search firm Korn/Ferry International has been employed and a search committee formed to recommend a new dean. The search committee is composed of UF Law faculty and staff and chaired by University of Florida College of Education Dean Glenn E. Good. The search committee makes a recommendation to University of Florida Provost Joseph Glover who, with UF President Bernie Machen, will choose the new UF Law dean. A decision is expected before the end of the spring semester.
On a recent trip to Los Angeles I found myself, the small-town Gainesville girl, overwhelmed with the traffic, the sights and the overall pace of city life. I felt like a fish out of water, until I saw a familiar sight: a University of Florida Alumni Association Lifetime member bumper sticker. Suddenly, I felt at home and realized that the Gator Nation truly is everywhere. I wanted to give this fellow Gator the “Gator chomp,” but wasn’t sure if that was as acceptable in California as it is in Florida!

The next day I proceeded to my meetings with UF Law alumni and heard a familiar theme throughout the day: the impact of UF Law on their lives. Cheryl Priest Ainsworth (JD 04), a successful lawyer in entertainment litigation at a prestigious LA firm, told me that her first two clients in LA were law school classmates who had litigation needs. Terri Lubaroff (JD 96) told me that when the economy went bad and the entertainment industry was adversely affected, she knew she would need to shift her focus. She thought back to her time at UF Law and remembered thoroughly enjoying her classes in alternative dispute resolution. She now runs her own mediation practice, offering greater work-life balance and the ability to spend more time with her children.

As I made my way from Los Angeles to San Francisco, I was equally impressed with the high-caliber positions our alumni hold at firms and companies in the area. Sibel Owji (LMMT 00) is a partner who co-heads a large global firm’s U.S. international tax practice. Another is Debra Grassgreen (JD 91), a partner at a successful boutique bankruptcy firm. Again, no matter what our graduates are doing, UF Law has impacted their lives. I began to wonder how many more of our alumni have stories like this to share. How many are out there representing UF Law by doing great work that we don’t know about?

We lose touch with many of our alums as they move both within and outside the state — but we want to hear your stories and where life has taken you since your UF Law days. We want to connect with you! If you have been away for a few years, you’ll find that the face of your law school has changed substantially and will begin to see even more changes.

As Dean Bob Jerry retires June 30 and we welcome a new dean, we will be getting on the road to introduce him or her, and most importantly to connect with you, our alumni. In order to not miss out on these opportunities, I urge you to update your contact information with us today. You can email the alumni office at development@law.ufl.edu or call 352-273-0640. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

In the meantime, I want to thank everyone who contributed to this year’s record breaking annual fund — more important than a new record is that your gifts went to work immediately and are helping today’s students. I can’t help but imagine the day when we reach our goal of raising $1 million annually! This is an attainable goal: if each of our living alumni gives $100 to the annual fund, we would raise $1,984,600. Not only would these funds impact the next generation of Gator lawyers, they would continue to strengthen and grow your institution. Please consider making this a reality by donating today at www.ufl.edu/Appeals/LawAnnualFund.

Go Gators!

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

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

- W. Kelly Smith (JD 66) made an additional $100,000 gift to the W. Kelly and Ruth Smith Law Endowment. He is a partner with Smith MacKinnon, P.A. in Orlando.

- Paul T. Jones II made a $78,925 gift to the E. Thom Rumberger Everglades Fellowship. Jones is the chairman of The Everglades Foundation in Palmetto Bay, Florida.

- Jill Carolyn White made an additional gift of $25,000 to the Walter Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture Series in Family Law Fund.

- Buddy Schulz (JD 73) and Mrs. Mary Lou Schulz made a gift of $25,000 to help establish the Bill McBride Public Interest Practice Fellowship. Buddy Schulz is a partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Jacksonville.

- Mary Lyn Barley made a pledge of $25,000 to the E. Thom Rumberger Everglades Fellowship. Barley is vice chairperson of The Everglades Foundation in Palmetto Bay, Fla.

- Judge Karen Miller made a pledge of $25,000 to the E. Thom Rumberger Everglades Fellowship. Barley is vice chairperson of The Everglades Foundation in Palmetto Bay, Fla.

- The John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation made a pledge of $25,000 to establish the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship Program.

Putting the international in ICAM

Alum’s life experience drives support for commercial moot team

BY JENNA BOX (4JM)

Eduardo “Eddy” Palmer (JD 85) was born in Havana and raised in New York and Miami. Growing up as a political refugee sensitized him at an early age to geopolitics and how important the rule of law is to preserve freedom around the world. Once in law school, his interest in international relations naturally evolved into his fascination with international law.

Palmer says one of his greatest passions is to make Florida a leading jurisdiction in the world for the practice of international law. When then-Dean Jon Mills approached Palmer more than 10 years ago about the International Commercial Arbitration Moot team, it was an instant sell.

“I fell in love with the program because it married two of my greatest passions: oral advocacy and international law,” he said.

“I love giving back to the University of Florida,” Palmer said. “I was very fortunate as a Cuban refugee to have obtained an outstanding education at a public university at a very reasonable price, and I want to do my part to give back and afford that same opportunity to others.”

Palmer has supported the team with financial donations for more than a decade and as an adjunct coach for nine years.

Each spring the team competes against groups from law schools around the world at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna and at a pre-moot for that competition in
Miami. The Vienna competition is one of the most prestigious of its kind and focuses on a problem that is drawn from the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. The team members present arguments and briefs for both sides of the issue.

Palmer, with more than 25 years of experience in international litigation and arbitration matters, is a key component in getting the team prepared to face off with the competition in Vienna. His financial donations, along with the donations of The Florida Bar International Law Section, keep the team functioning and performing at a high level. The team is coached by UF Law Professors Jeffrey Harrison and George Dawson. In the past few years, the team has routinely finished in the top quarter or above among nearly 300 international teams.

“Participation in an international competition — even with a small team — is expensive, and Eddy’s financial contribution to the team is important in ensuring that we are able to take a team to Vienna every year,” Dawson said. “Beyond his financial contribution, the students on the team each year get to know a practitioner in the arbitration field and understand how important it is when an alumnus of the college of law goes out of his way to support our programs.”

The results of Palmer’s efforts are shown not only in the team’s stellar performances, but also in the members’ appreciation.

“In both the Vienna and Miami ICAM competitions, Eddy was our biggest advocate,” said team member Dane Ullian (3L), who received an honorable mention in the spring 2013 competition. “Eddy introduced the team members to well-known practitioners and offered practical tips based on his extensive experience. We were a much better team thanks to Eddy’s contributions.”

Welcome New Alumni Affairs Staff Members

The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs has several new faces and others with new positions, joining Senior Director Lauren Wilcox. The staff gathered behind the library for a photo this fall. From left, standing, are Development Coordinator Missy Poole, Secretary Anne-Marie Kabia, Wilcox and Associate Director Lindsay Farah. Sitting are Adrienne Campbell, Program Assistant, and Assistant Director Matthew Hall. (Photo by Elise Giordano 4JM)
Architects of our future

As the legal establishment wrestles with transformation of legal practice, futurist Richard Susskind says it’s time that lawyers open their eyes to a Brave New World.

BY ANDREW STEADMAN (2L)

Speaking to an audience of law students and professors at the Levin College of Law, he calmly predicted the end of the legal profession as it is now constituted. Rather than cries of outrage, those gathered in UF Law’s Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom simply listened with rapt attention.

To hear Richard Susskind tell it, the future looks mighty bleak for present and prospective lawyers. At least at first glance. His predictions are filled with yawning chasms of uncertainty broken only by more definite indications of lawyers being replaced by modern technology. Even the title of Susskind’s 2008 book — *The End of Lawyers? Rethinking the Nature of Legal Services* — paints a less-than-rosy picture.

However, as Susskind and other experts point out, change may hurt the bottom line at big law firms, but the end result will likely be beneficial to the public at large and to lawyers ready to surf the coming waves of technological and organizational change.
A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE

Susskind traveled from his homeland in the United Kingdom to speak Sept. 12 before a receptive audience at the Levin College of Law. Dean Robert Jerry wants to incorporate technology and legal futurism concepts into more law school classes, while Susskind’s own writings have been distributed among faculty and they are required reading in the new Introduction to Lawyering classes for 1Ls. The pivot toward the future is evident in technology-focused legal research classes and in the Electronic Discovery Project and courses by William Hamilton, adjunct UF Law professor and partner at Quarles & Brady LLP.

Susskind commended UF Law for a progressive approach to legal education — adding with a smile that including his books in the curriculum was key to successfully preparing students.

“In many law schools, the law is taught as it was in the 1970s,” Susskind said.

He said taking the legal revolution in stride requires law schools to focus on teaching students to be flexible rather than simply prepping them for traditional careers at law firms.

In fact, the legal profession was well represented during the all-day symposium as The Florida Bar also is taking Susskind’s prophecies seriously. Florida Bar Executive Director Jack Harkness (JD 69) attended with the immediate past president, current president and president-elect of The Florida Bar — Gwynne Young (JD 74), Eugene Pettis (JD 85) and Gregory Coleman.

Under Pettis, the bar is seeking to keep lawyers on the cutting edge with its Vision 2016 Commission. The commission, composed of thought leaders in the bar, community and industry, will study four areas of law — technology, legal education, bar admission, and pro bono and legal services — with an eye to help the bar and its members continue to meet the demands of clients with maximum efficiency. Pettis said there will be opportunities for all Florida Bar members to have input as well, through public hearings and other means.

“It is critical for lawyers in The Florida Bar to be architects of their future and not just reacting to it,” Pettis said. “We have to look at the practice. What do we want it to look like going forward?”

END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT?

Susskind argues that today’s law firms handle many tasks for clients that don’t actually require the expertise of a bar-certified lawyer. Although lawyers are certainly required for complex legal issues and advocacy, firms waste billable hours on work that could easily be done by less costly laborers.

So clients are increasingly looking for alternatives to traditional bill-by-the-hour, personalized legal advice. Websites like LegalZoom are already providing these consumers with tools, like standardized forms, that allow them to handle basic legal matters on their own. Companies like Axiom Law, which employ veteran lawyers, offer clients alternatives to standard law firms and the freedom to pick and choose which tasks are handled by lawyers. Even online auction site eBay is providing its customers with an electronic means to sidestep traditional lawyers’ fees with its online dispute resolution system.

Susskind pointed to the United Kingdom’s Legal Services Act of 2007 as an engine for change. The act, which allows nonlawyers to own and run legal businesses, means traditional law firms are now forced to compete with companies that treat legal advice like a commodity to be produced and sold more than a personalized, individually tailored service. Susskind believes similar change is on the horizon for American lawyers.

David Vetter (JD 84), whose position as legal counsel for Florida-based Tech Data requires him to weigh the costs and benefits of legal services offered to his firm, sees the differences in the way associates are deployed.

“Outside of the United States we find more firms that tend to be open to that dialogue,” Vetter said.

But leaders of The Florida Bar argue there are good reasons for maintaining tight self-regulation and a ban on nonlawyers owning law firms, which has been one result of the UK’s legal services liberalization.

Young said The Florida Bar’s current rules on the unlicensed practice of law have an impact on the implementation of new technologies and alternative legal services.

“I’m not a person who says that you just need to throw out regulation of lawyers,” Young said. “I also think regulation is best done, as it is now, by the Supreme Court. That’s not to say that on a case-by-case basis we shouldn’t look at aspects of the regulation of lawyers to see how they might need to be changed in order to better serve the public.”

Young said The Florida Bar handles the discipline of lawyers as well as providing the services that are offered by a professional association. The bar’s focus, Young said, is to ensure clients get the best service possible. This goal is complicated by nonlawyers who enter the legal arena and may be beyond the reach of the bar’s disciplinary arm.

Lack of disciplinary control may not be the only reason for the hesitation to deregulation.

Roger Blair, professor at the University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business and an affiliate UF Law professor, said lawyers are feeling the pinch of a down economy just as much as other professions. Lean times mean lawyers are likely to cling to restrictions on competition that could result in even slimmer pickings.

“I think monopolies very rarely are going to give up their monopoly power,” Blair said.

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EFFICIENCY’S UPSIDE

Susskind said growing liberalization could have another positive effect on customers by lowering the cost of legal services.

“The cost of lawyering has become too high,” Susskind said. “Most people find it difficult to afford the services of lawyers.”

Susskind said future legal matters will be routinely broken into parts, with the basic, routine tasks handled quickly and cheaply and only the most specialized areas still given individual attention by lawyers.

“For any deal or dispute, we can analyze it and break it down,” Susskind said.

As for why firms are so hesitant to modernize their business models, Susskind said it often comes down to pride. Law firms have a monopoly on the market that they are unlikely to give up without a fight.

“It’s hard to convince a room full of millionaires that you’ve got your business model wrong,” Susskind said.

Some of the technological and organizational efficiencies that Susskind is talking about already are apparent in legal practice — including in Gainesville.

Court reporting companies, which traditionally have provided services firmly grounded in the ink-and-paper realm, are now offering higher-tech options allowing lawyers to increase their efficiency. Cynthia VanLandingham, of VanLandingham Durscher & VanLandingham in downtown Gainesville, said the company installed videoconferencing equipment about four years ago that links lawyers with clients, witnesses and opposing counsel.

Phil Beverly (JD 83), a practicing Gainesville attorney, uses VanLandingham’s videoconferencing to reduce costs for clients. Instead of traveling for meetings, witness interviews and certain depositions, which represent billable hours, he can go next door inside the Seagle Building and engage in a videoconference.

However, Beverly said, there are other situations in which a lawyer needs to be able to read a witness, from facial expressions and tone of voice to body language — a skill Beverly referred to as the lawyer’s “sixth sense.” Those readings are nearly impossible to do when the subject of a deposition is miles away.

The e-discovery edge at UF Law

The UF Law E-Discovery Project strives to keep the law school community abreast of the advancements in legal technology with free webinars, expert speakers and the release of tools aimed at helping attorneys navigate the treacherous territory of e-discovery. Among recent and upcoming programs are:

• International e-discovery expert Craig Ball spoke about the future of electronic discovery and its impact on the legal profession at UF Law. After the event, Ball met in small groups with students to field questions about the intricacies of electronic discovery.
• Publication of a free beta version of its Random Sampler software. The software gives attorneys the ability to test the results of e-discovery searches in order to avoid failing to find responsive documents.
• Jason Baron, partner with Drinker Biddle and former director of litigation for the National Archives and Records Administration, will visit in the spring to speak about e-discovery.
• The annual E-Discovery Conference on March 14, 2014, which will feature in-person and live-streaming webcast speakers. The 2013 E-Discovery Conference is still available for CLE credit at www.law.ufl.edu/academics/ediscovery-conference.
“We’re in a people profession,” Beverly said. “A lot of it is translating nonverbal communications.” Beverly said current technology still can’t completely replace face-to-face meetings, but the future could hold changes that seem impossible now. “If you told me 10 years ago there would be something like the iPhone, I wouldn’t have believed you,” he said.

COURTROOM ALTERNATIVES

Perhaps nowhere are the soaring costs of legal services more apparent than in the courtroom. Going to trial is an extremely expensive option that simply is not available to a majority of the population.

Judge Anthony Porcelli, federal magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, said alternative dispute resolution, which helps parties reach agreements without the time and money expenditures associated with litigation, is slowly supplanting trial litigation as the preferred method for settling disputes. Such alternatives to litigation would have an obvious impact on the demand for the services of trial lawyers — and, by extension, judges.

“I joked when I met Richard that he should have named the book *The End of Judges?*” Porcelli said.

Scary though they may be for lawyers and judges hoping for job security, these changes represent an opportunity for Americans to obtain legal aid in ways that were previously unavailable. The model of civil law suit leading to judge or jury trial is shifting toward less costly alternative dispute resolutions.

Florida statutes, for example, require some civil suits, including medical malpractice and family law cases involving children, to go to mediation before trial. Robin Davis, director of UF Law’s Institute for Dispute Resolution, said most civil disputes will be sent to mediation at some point in the legal process, and it is increasingly common for contracts to include clauses requiring mediation or arbitration of civil disputes.

UF Law, meanwhile, hosts a robust alternative dispute resolution program that is ranked among the best by *U.S. News & World Report* and which includes nationally recognized scholars such as Leonard Riskin, who this year won the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution’s award for Outstanding Scholarly Work.

Experts say these shifts should not mean fewer jobs for those educated in the law. Hamilton, UF Law’s e-discovery guru, argues that lawyers with knowledge of technology and a willingness to dive into new opportunities will continue to provide value to their clients.

“Let’s not look at our skill set as only being relevant for working at a law firm or in-house counsel,” Hamilton said.

THE FUTURE IS NOW

Susskind, himself, sees his predictions as presenting an exciting opportunity for the forward-thinking lawyer. During his Sept. 12 presentation, he showed slides illustrating how technology would revolutionize the way lawyers meet and interact with clients.

“The future has already arrived, it’s just not equally distributed yet,” Susskind said, quoting science fiction author William Gibson.

Improving technology, in particular, will drive down the costs of legal work by allowing lawyers to focus on complex legal issues while computers handle simpler tasks. Susskind cited Cisco’s Telepresence video conferencing system, which uses immersive high-definition video to simulate an in-person meeting with a client who could be on the other side of the globe.

“The table’s configured so you feel like you are in the same room,” Susskind said. “You will very rarely see clients in person.”

Porcelli also predicted video conferencing technology would continue to seep into courtrooms and depositions, areas that have historically been limited to face-to-face interactions.

Susskind pointed to other ways in which technology-conscious firms can embrace new innovations to maintain relevance. He pointed to Google Flu Trends, a pandemic-tracking program that uses Google searches for illness symptoms to pinpoint the geographic spread of disease. Susskind hypothesized that similar monitoring could help connect lawyers with potential clients. Likewise, social media networks are helping those in need of legal advice to find lawyers.

Firms that are unwilling to embrace these tools, Susskind said, may be plagued with the problem of “irrational rejection.” He spoke of partners at prestigious firms who scoff at the idea of using Twitter as a valid legal tool, despite the service’s 500 million registered users.

Architects of the Future: Experts discussed the coming revolutions in legal practice during a UF Law symposium

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"Are you waiting for it to take off?" Susskind quipped, to laughs from the audience. "We’re living in some kind of La La Land, it’s remarkable."

At the Levin College of Law, embracing technology is not a new initiative. Professors at the school have worked to incorporate social networks into their classes. For example, Professor Michelle Jacobs utilizes the online world of Second Life as a virtual classroom to teach criminal law and illustrate legal concepts through the program’s pixelated simulations of real life. Meanwhile, Hamilton’s e-discovery program has just produced its own software to assist document review.

The rate at which technology is advancing means the impact on the legal profession is still hard to predict. Susskind cited the writings of Ray Kurzweil, a proponent of Moore’s Law, which states that the processing power of modern computers will continue to grow exponentially.

"By 2020, the average desktop will have the processing power of the human brain," Susskind said. "By 2050, the average desktop will have more processing power than all of humanity put together."

By leveraging this massive data processing power, Susskind said, law firms will eventually eliminate the need to spend clients’ money on routine but time-intensive tasks like legal research.

One of Susskind’s predictions is that not all of his predictions will come true. But Susskind recalled that during the ‘90s that he forecast email would become a major mode of communication in the legal profession. This bit of foresight was greeted with much derision.

Put the future to work in your legal career

L awyers may be required to change their mindsets about what it means to work with clients. Indeed, they must adapt to new technology while still managing day-to-day business.

Legal futurist Richard Susskind likened the problem to "trying to change the wheel on a moving car." Here is his advice for bridging the divide:

• Take a “blank sheet” approach: Step back and try to imagine how the legal profession would be if it were created today;
• Chart a course for where you want your practice to be in five years, taking into account technological innovations and staying flexible about reaching your goal;
• Embrace new technologies like Skype, videoconferencing and online legal services;
• Start using social networks such as Twitter and LinkedIn; and
• Realize change will happen gradually, rather than as a single "big bang" revolution of the legal profession.

Law students may be in a better position to evolve and adapt with the changes than are practitioners. Susskind said law schools should focus on teaching students to be flexible rather than simply prepping them for traditional careers at law firms.

"In many law schools, the law is taught as it was in the 1970s," Susskind said.

This, Susskind said, is where the Levin College of Law sets itself apart from many of its peers. He commended UF Law for taking a progressive approach to legal education — including, he added with a laugh, placing his books in the curriculum.

Ways law students can take the legal revolution in stride and prepare themselves to enter a new-look legal profession, drawn from Susskind and Michigan State Law Professor Renee Knake include:

• Immersing themselves in the literature projecting the profession’s future;
• Researching online to discover emerging technologies;
• Becoming conversant in new professional options that interest the student;
• Leveraging a background in technology, business, computer science or engineering as a selling point to employers;
• Taking electives like project management or supply chain management in the business school; and
• Reading books like Reid Hoffman’s The Start-up of You and Daniel Pink’s To Sell Is Human to better understand the commoditization of the legal profession.

—Andrew Steadman (2L)
Franklin Harrison (JD 72) likened improving the bar examination process to the time his 8-year-old granddaughter ran up to him and asked excitedly: “Can you see anything different about me?”

Harrison was perplexed until she told him. “She was wearing deodorant,” he chuckled.

The anecdote illustrates ongoing changes in the bar exam. “There really are things going on,” he said. “To the world it looks the same, though.”

The bar examination process has the potential to make or break the careers of budding lawyers, and for Harrison, it’s a process that is constantly evolving.
He is outgoing chairman of the National Conference of Bar Examiners and an emeritus member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. During his years in the field, he’s seen “a great improvement in the quality of the bar exam,” but not the kind of thing that’s always obvious to the casual observer.

The Florida board, on which Harrison served for five years, is an arm of the Florida Supreme Court that administers the bar exam. It acts as the gatekeeper determining who should (and should not) be admitted to practice in the state, and it investigates the background of applicants in the process.

Harrison goes to hearings that vet applicants when fitness and character issues arise during the application process. For students seeking admission to the bar, he said honesty is often their saving grace.

He said members of the Florida board visit each law school in the state each year to speak to 1Ls about remaining transparent throughout their stints in law school.

“They emphasize if you didn’t tell the truth on your law school application, go and amend it,” he said.

For example, he said some students lie about or don’t include details on law school applications about minor incidents that by themselves might never block entrance to the bar, such as a DUI citation, misdemeanor arrests and juvenile records. But if it’s discovered that a student was not candid on their law school application or bar application process, it could be a cause for denial.

The August revision of the board’s Beginning Student Information guide, which encourages applicants to “err on the side of disclosure.” The national conference, which Harrison has chaired for the past year, produces the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE). It also produces multistate essay, performance, and professional responsibility exams, which are used in every jurisdiction except Louisiana.

He noted a movement toward implementing the Uniform Bar Exam, in which each jurisdiction agrees to certain parameters for the exam. In turn, all jurisdictions would honor the scores applicants receive on the test.

Another area in the board examination process receiving attention is how to test would-be lawyers for legal research and legal writing skills — a deficiency some new lawyers take flak for.

In response, he said, the MultiState Bar Exam recently completed an extensive survey of lawyers in their first three years of practice to determine the nature of their practice as well as the skills they tend to use the most. Research and legal writing were shown to be of high importance, which could foretell a shift in the testing regime. But right now, this research is simply adding to a bank of knowledge that will be aggregated over a long period of time.

“You don’t change the bar exam overnight,” he said. “That’s years in the making.”

While changing the bar exam is a slow-moving process, Harrison pointed to improvements in its clarity during the last generation.

“It’s not your father’s bar exam, as they say. I think the bar exam of today is much more straightforward. The questions are designed to find out if you understand a point of law, not to trick you.”

Another improvement is the increasing availability of online help. The national conference is getting ready to roll out the fourth online practice exam — a real multistate bar exam that test-takers can use to focus their prep work at a modest price.

“I think in the future you'll see online bar exams — computerized instead of sitting down with pen and paper.” Harrison said. “I think something else we can look to in the future is a legal research test that you can do online — doing real, live research.”

Although online tests present security problems and can be expensive to implement, those are issues the national conference is actively looking into.

Gail Sasnett-Stauffer, the outgoing chairwoman of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, confirmed that being forthcoming about any discrepancy is the best path.

“The Florida Supreme Court has held that candor is the most important quality for being an attorney,” said Sasnett-Stauffer, the former UF Law associate dean for students. “That is why it’s so important to be up-front with The Florida Board of Bar Examiners.”

The August revision of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners’ Beginning Student Information guide encourages applicants to “err on the side of disclosure” and advises that “what may seem like an insignificant event can loom large in the bar application process if you are not candid with the board.”

Because of the thorough vetting process, Harrison said lawyers already established in the profession can rest assured that newly admitted lawyers will be a credit to the profession.

“I think that lawyers should know that bar admissions in Florida are in good hands,” he said. “They’re in the hands of a board that holds applicants to high standards.”
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1954
Robert L. Trohn, an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A. in Lakeland, is marking 30 years of board certification with The Florida Bar this year. He is board-certified in civil trial law.

1963
Larry S. Stewart has been appointed to the executive committee of the American Law Institute. Stewart has also been appointed to the board of the RAND Corporation’s new Center for Catastrophic Risk Management and Compensation. The center will conduct research and recommend policy alternatives to mitigate the adverse effects of catastrophes and to provide compensation to those suffering losses.

1964
Gerald F. Richman, president of Richman Greer, P.A. in West Palm Beach, has been elected treasurer of the Florida chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was also named Best Lawyers’ West Palm Beach litigation-construction “Lawyer of the Year” (2014).

1965
Sidney A. Stubbs, Jr., of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. in West Palm Beach, was listed on The Florida Bar’s “legal milestone” list. The list is comprised of 221 members who have maintained their board certification status for 30 years. Stubbs has more than 40 years of experience in the areas of commercial and corporate litigation and law firm litigation. He was also named in Super Lawyers for Florida (2013).

1966
Richard A. Richman has been named in Florida Super Lawyers magazine (2013).

1967
Robert Leslie Moore has received the Pillar of the Community Award from the Kiwanis Club of Venice, Fla. A member of the organization for 44 years, he has participated in international service projects to improve the health of women and children in underdeveloped countries.

1968
Don Slesnick, managing partner of Slesnick & Casey, LLP in Coral Gables, was elected as the 2013-2014 chairman of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Membership in the nonprofit, which supports academic research, is limited to one-third of 1 percent of the lawyer population.

1969
Charles H. Egerton, one of the founding shareholders of the law firm of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando, was recently recognized as one of 221 Florida Bar members — and only 19 Orange County lawyers — who earned legal board certification in civil trial or tax law in 1983 and have remained certified for 30 years. Egerton has more than 40 years of experience as a tax and corporate attorney.

1970
Rosemary Barkett recently announced she will step down from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit to join the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal at The Hague in the Netherlands. After serving 20 years in the position, she resigned in September and will become one of three U.S. judges in the international arbitral tribunal.

1971
Larry B. Alexander, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. in West Palm Beach, has been...
peer-selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014) for real estate law. Additionally, he has been named West Palm Beach “Lawyer of the Year” in real estate law.

John K. Vreeland, an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Lakeland office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers’ list in the area of estate planning and probate (2013).

Stephen N. Zack, of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP in Miami, has been selected to chair the Miami Beach Charter Review Board. Zack previously chaired the board, which recommends changes to the City Charter, during the only other two periods it operated, beginning in 1993 and 2003. He has also been appointed by President Barack Obama as the alternate U.S. public representative to the general assembly of the U.N. Upon Senate confirmation, his title will be U.S. State Department senior adviser to the U.N.

1972

William H. Andrews, of GrayRobinson P.A. in Jacksonville, has been named to the Chambers USA list for notable achievements, client service and excellence in the practice area of labor and employment (2013). He also has been recognized on Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013).

Carson McEachern, of Roetzel in Naples, has been named in Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Steven G. Wenzel, of Wenzel Fenton Cabassa P.A. in Tampa, was listed in Super Lawyers in employment litigation plaintiff (2013).

Gene K. Glasser, of GreenspoonMarder in Fort Lauderdale, has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014).

1973

Michael T. Callahan has been awarded the Joseph P. Milton Professionalism and Civility Award, given by the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has 39 years of trial experience, including cases involving the Skyway Bridge and Choctawatchee Bay Bridge accidents and a lost Spanish galleon. His cases have established precedents in medical malpractice, landlord liability to tenants and insurance bad faith.

John R. Crawford, an attorney with Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers in the area of estate planning and probate (2013).

S. Daniel Ponce, a partner at Berger Singerman LLP in Miami, has been appointed to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission established by Sen. Bill Nelson and Sen. Marco Rubio. He will serve a two-year term.

Wesley R. Poole, a partner with Poole & Poole in Fernandina Beach, Fla., has been appointed to the Nassau County Court by Gov. Rick Scott. He previously served as an attorney with the City of Fernandina Beach.

Pamela O. Price, an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A. in Orlando, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers in the area of estate planning and probate (2013). She has also been recognized on Florida Trend’s annual legal elite list (2013).

Ronald S. Reed, an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers in the area of family law (2013).

Gerald A. Rosenthal, senior shareholder with Rosenthal, Levy, Simon & Ryles in Port St. Lucie, has been included in the National Association of Workers’ Compensation Organizations’ Compensation Educational Conference, held Aug. 18-21 in Orlando.

Frederick W. Leonard, of GrayRobinson, P.A. in Orlando, recently joined Gov. Rick Scott and other Florida business leaders to strengthen the economic partnership with Chile. As chairman of GrayRobinson’s policy board, Leonhardt has supported the governor’s plan to promote the state of Florida as a business destination. Additionally, he has been named one of Orlando’s 50 most powerful people by Orlando Magazine. He was included in the Chambers USA 2013 list for notable achievements, client service and excellence in the practice area of real estate: zoning/land use. He has also been recognized on Florida Trend’s annual legal elite list (2013).

Leslie Lott, a partner at Lott & Fischer in Coral Gables, has been named in Florida Super Lawyers (2013) and the Best Lawyers in America (2014). Lott was additionally ranked among the top 50 women in the state by Super Lawyers. Managing Intellectual Property magazine named her an “IP star” in its 2013 IP Handbook. Additionally, Lott was named 2014 Miami copyright law lawyer of the year by Best Lawyers.

Robert K. Rouse Jr. received The Florida Bar’s William M. Hoeveler Judicial Award during the organization’s annual conference June 27 in Boca Raton. The award recognizes judges who are dedicated to the ideals of justice and demonstrate diligence in inspiring others to professionalism. Rouse, a 7th Judicial Circuit judge since 1995, currently presides over civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand.

1975

Wayne E. Flowers, a Lewis, Longman & Walker shareholder in Jacksonville, has been selected to Florida Super Lawyer (2013) in the area of environmental litigation. Flowers shares this designation with 5 percent of attorneys statewide.

1976

Gary D. Fox has been named Plaintiff Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Florida Chapters American Board of Trial Advocates. He has been involved in high-profile cases including the Terri Schiavo medical malpractice case and the Carnival cruise lines’ sexual assault case, which resulted in an order requiring Carnival to report data from sexual assaults occurring on its ships.

Ronald Rowland (LLMT), of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus, Ohio, has been named to the Best Lawyers in America (2014) listing in the areas of tax law and trusts and estates.

Gerald W. Weedon, an attorney with Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers in the area of business litigation (2013).
1977

Nathaniel L. Doliner (LLMT), of Carlton Fields, has been named by The Best Lawyers in America (2014) as Tampa corporate governance law “Lawyer of the Year.”

Jeffrey S. Kannensohn, an attorney with Porter Wright in Naples, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Charles S. Modell, of Larkin Hoffman law firm in Minneapolis, has been recognized by Chambers USA in its 2013 listing of leading individuals nationwide in franchising. He was also selected for inclusion in the 20th edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the practice area of franchise law and was named Best Lawyer’s 2014 Minneapolis franchise law “Lawyer of the Year.”

Linda Loomis Shelley, managing shareholder of Fowler White Boggs’ Tallahassee office, has been reappointed as chairwoman of the Northern District Federal Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission recommends candidates to serve in certain federal, judicial and law enforcement positions including U.S. district judge, U.S. attorney and U.S. marshal in Florida.

Dennis J. Wall, an attorney in Winter Springs, has recently published his third edition of Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith. The edition supplements his first two volumes. He also had an article, “Lessons in Bad Faith,” published in Claims Management Magazine. He presented a webinar to the Clearwater Bar Association titled “Forensic Examination of Insurance Policies.” His presentation June 27 has been awarded the Continuing Legal Education Credit by The Florida Bar. In the spring, his article series about the Affordable Care Act was published, including, “What Are Health Insurance Exchanges? A First Look” and “Report from the ACA Battlefront: Medicaid, the ACA, and the United States Supreme Court.”

1978

William A. Boyles (JD 76, LLMT 78), an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA., in Orlando, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers’ 2013 list in the area of tax. He is also marking 30 years of board certification with The Florida Bar this year.

Simon Ferro has joined the Miami office of Gunster as a shareholder. A member of the firm’s environmental and land use practice, Ferro brings more than 30 years of experience in the areas of zoning, land use and governmental relations.

Peter J. Gravina, of Pavese Law Firm in Ft. Myers, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers as one of the top attorneys in the state for 2013.

Dale Swope, of Swope, Rodante P.A. in Tampa, has been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America (2014) in recognition of his work in personal injury litigation plaintiffs. Swope has been listed in the publication since 2005.

Thomas J. Wilkes, an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Orlando office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013) in the area of government/cities/municipalities. He has also been recognized on Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013).

Richard M. Zabak, an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A.’s Tampa office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013) in the area of business litigation.

1979

Larry D. Hardaway, a Lakeland attorney, was inducted into the Polk County School District’s hall of fame.

N. Diane Holmes, founder of N. Diane Holmes, PA. Family Law Group in Orlando, has been named by The Florida Association for Women Lawyers as a 2013 Leader in the Law for her commitment to the Central Florida community and dedication to advancing the cause of women. She consistently ranks among Florida’s top attorneys and is actively involved in efforts to raise money for breast cancer research, protect children and support the arts.

Jeff Scroggin (JD 77, LLMT 79), of Scroggin & Company in Roswell, Ga., has recently been published in several publications. His article “Tax Complexity, History and Humor” appeared in Leimberg Information Services Income Tax Planning Newsletter in April, and it was republished in the NAEP Journal of Estate and Tax Planning’s summer 2013 issue. His article “Where is the Estate Planning Profession Going?” was printed in the Leimberg Information Services Estate Planning Newsletter in March and was republished in NAEP Journal of Estate and Tax Planning and on the Society of Financial Services Professionals’ website. Scroggin was quoted in the New York Times on July 19 in an article titled “A Public Debate of the Wisdom of Gandolfini’s Will.” Additionally, he was named for the fifth year in a row in Georgia Super Lawyers.

1980

Mary Wood Bridgman was elected chair of the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling in May. She was appointed to the board in 2004 by Gov. Jeb Bush.

Philippe Jeck, of Jeck, Harris, Raynor & Jones, PA. in Juno Beach, Fl., has received the Above and Beyond Special Recognition award from the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce. The award from the Board of Directors acknowledged his years of service to the community and the chamber as a past director and general counsel.

Terence R. Perkins has been elected as chief judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit, which covers Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties. He was elected by the 42 judges in the circuit and will have administrative supervision over the circuit during his two-year term.

David L. Smith, an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, has been named by Florida Super Lawyers (2013) in the area of government/cities/municipalities. He was additionally elected chair of Tampa Downtown Partnership, an organization fostering vibrant neighborhoods throughout downtown Tampa.

Nicholas V. Pulignano Jr., an attorney with Marks Gray, PA. in Jacksonville, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013) in the area of business litigation.

Jonathan C. Hollingshead, of Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap, PA. in Orlando, has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014).

1981

Kimberly Leach Johnson, of Quarles & Brady LLP in Naples, was appointed as chairwoman
of the firm. The appointment marks the first time in the firm’s history someone outside of Wisconsin has led it. Additionally, she has been named to Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013), Florida Super Lawyers (2013) and the publication’s “top 50 women” list.

Richard B. Comiter (LLMT), senior partner at Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, LLP in Palm Beach Gardens, has recently been named in Florida Trend (2013) and inducted into the publication’s Florida Legal Elite 2013 hall of fame. He was also listed in Florida Super Lawyers’ “Top 100” and in the top 100 attorneys in Florida, as published in The Wall Street Journal and Miami Magazine.

J. Mason Williams III, an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA, in Melbourne, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013) in the area of construction litigation.

1982

Michael Havelin, of Asheville, N.C., has published his fourth mystery novel, Ben Bones and the Galleon of Gold. It is his third genealogical- and legal-themed mystery series. He also runs WNCMysterians.org, a mystery writers’ critique group in Asheville.

Richard A. Jacobson, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, has been named Best Lawyers’ “2014 Tampa’s international trade and finance law lawyer of the year.” His legal practice includes representation of foreign clients seeking pre-residency tax planning assistance; coordination of U.S. tax and immigration planning; foreign investors in U.S. real estate and other business ventures.

Mark K. Somerstein, of Greenspoon Marder in Fort Lauderdale, has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014).

Charles E. Williams, 12th Judicial Circuit judge, was the keynote speaker for the May 24 New College of Florida commencement. Williams is chairman of The Sarasota Bar Association Diversity Committee and a judge member of the Central Division of the Mediator Qualifications Board.

1983

Alan H. Daniels (JD 81, LLMT 83), a partner in Roetzel’s Orlando office, was named in Best Lawyers for tax law. He and about 60 others received the distinction and he was one of four recipients in Orlando.

William F. Hamilton, an attorney with Quarles & Brady LLP, has been selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Stephen L. Kussner, an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013) list in the area of real estate.

Louise B. Zeuli, of Louise B. Zeuli, PA. and Facilitative Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, Inc., in Maitland, Fla., was one of the top women lawyers in alternative dispute resolution in Orlando Home & Leisure Magazine. She was also listed among top area lawyers in the June 26 edition of Orlando Life, which partnered with LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell to share its list of local lawyers who have reached the highest levels of ethical standards and professional excellence.

1935 grad turns 102

One of UF Law’s 1935 graduates, Maurice “Maury” Goldstein, celebrated his 102nd birthday this summer. He lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Hilda, of 73 years. Here is Goldstein, left, walking down the streets of Jacksonville with Herbert Panken, deceased in 1999. Panken was an attorney and around the time of this photo they were trying a case together. For more on the life and times of Maury Goldstein go to www.goo.gl/w3y9HZ
1984

Thomas R. Bolf, of GreenspoonMarder in Fort Lauderdale, has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014).

Cynthia C. Jackson, previously a Jacksonville attorney with Smith Hulsey & Busey, has been appointed as a judge to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the middle district of Florida.

Mitchell E. Widom, a partner at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP in Miami, has been selected to participate in Leadership Florida’s upcoming 32nd class, an eight-month training and development program that connects leaders to work together for the long-term benefit of Florida.

Andrea E. Zelman, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, has been named Tampa litigation — land use and zoning “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers (2014). Zelman concentrates her practice in land use and environmental law, including zoning matters, developments of regional impact and comprehensive land use plans.

1985

Amelia M. Campbell, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, has been elected president of the Athena Society. Founded in 1976, the Athena Society is dedicated to creating a forum for interaction and collaboration and to improving the status of women through equality. Campbell practices in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration and business succession planning.

Amy J. Galloway, former director at Tripp Scott’s Fort Lauderdale office, recently opened her own law firm, Amy J. Galloway, PA. The new firm, also based in Fort Lauderdale, emphasizes real estate and property rights disputes.

Mark W. Klingensmith has been appointed judge to the 4th District Court of Appeal by Gov. Rick Scott. Klingensmith served as a judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit since 2011.

John Elliott Leighton, managing partner of Leighton Law, P.A. in Miami and Orlando, presented on alternative dispute resolution and discovery and depositions at The Florida Bar Basics seminar in Tampa. Leighton was also selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America. He was voted as one of the “Top Lawyers” in the South Florida Legal Guide for the last 10 years, has been named in Florida Super Lawyers and has been designated a “legal elite” by Florida Trend magazine.

William (Bill) J. Schifino, Jr., a partner in the Tampa office of Burr & Forman LLP, has been selected as “Lawyer of the Year” in litigation — securities for the Tampa market by Best Lawyers. Schifino focuses his practice on commercial litigation, including securities, intellectual property and business tort litigation.

1986

Sheree Lancaster has become the first woman to serve as county judge in Gilchrist County. Lancaster was a longtime attorney for the Gilchrist County School Board and also represented the Levy County School Board. Lancaster also served as a child support hearing officer for the 8th Judicial Circuit in Gilchrist and Levy counties for more than 14 years.

H. William Perry, managing shareholder at Gunster, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Law Center Association Inc., at UF. His five-year term began in September.

William E. Ruffer, managing partner of Orlando-based Dellecker Wilson King McKenna Ruffer & Sos, has recently received the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. The award was granted by the local council’s committee to Eagle Scouts who have devoted a lifetime to their profession, vocation, community and beliefs.

1987

Mayanne Downs, of GrayRobinson’s Orlando office, has been selected as the 2013 recipient of the Champion for Justice Award presented by the Barry University School of Law. She also received the Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award, which is the highest award given annually by the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She was additionally named one of Orlando’s 50 most powerful people by Orlando Magazine and selected to Florida Super Lawyers’ (2013) list. She has also been recognized on Florida Trend’s annual 2013 “legal elite” list. She was recently appointed to a six-year term on the Judicial Qualifications Commission and is the city attorney for the City of Orlando.

Bradley R. Johnson, a partner with Taylor, Day, Grimm, Boyd & Johnson, was unanimously selected as the interim president and head of Bolles School in Jacksonville. A member of the Jacksonville Bar Association and The Florida Bar Association, Johnson is a master in the Chester Bedell Inns of Court and is a former executive committee member of the Jacksonville Urban League and The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers’ Section.

1988

Jane Dunlap Callahan (JD 87, LLMT 88), a shareholder of the Orlando-based law firm of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., was recently appointed to the Christian Service Center (CSC) for Central Florida’s Board of Directors. The CSC is a private nonprofit social service agency that works with area businesses and community organizations to combat poverty and homelessness and to promote self-sufficiency.
Spencer H. Silverglate, a managing shareholder and co-founder of Clarke Silverglate, P.A., in Miami, has been named the 2015 International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy Director. The Trial Academy is held every year at Stanford Law School and offers participatory education to young defense trial attorneys.

Michael S. Singer (JD 87, LL.MT 88), of Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, LLP in Palm Beach Gardens, has been named to Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013). He was also named in Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Christi Underwood, a Winter Park mediator and arbitrator, has been appointed to the 9th Judicial Circuit Court by Gov. Rick Scott. She has filled a vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Frederic Rand Wallis. A board-certified construction lawyer, Underwood previously practiced with Foley & Lardner as a commercial and construction litigator and previously practiced with Maguire, Voorhis & Wells.

1989

C. Mark Fowler has been selected as the new appellate bureau chief for the Legal Services Division of the Montana Department of Justice. Fowler has been an assistant attorney general in the Montana Department of Justice since 1994, working in the Legal Services Divisions’ Appellate Bureau and in the Gambling Control Division.

David A. Hallman, a Nassau County attorney, has been appointed chair of The Florida Bar Statewide Standing Committee on Professionalism for 2013-2014. Hallman was also named a “Legal Elite” by Florida Trend Magazine (2013). Hallman is a board-certified specialist in city, county and local government law and has served as Nassau County attorney since 2007.

Michael J. Shapiro, a senior vice president and wealth adviser in Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management’s Boca Raton office, has been named to Barron’s annual list, “America’s Top 1000 Advisors: 2013 State-by-State,” for the fifth consecutive year. The “Barron’s Top 1000 Advisors” is a select group of individuals who are screened on a number of criteria. Among factors the survey takes into consideration are assets under management, revenue produced for the firm and quality of service provided to clients.

Mark Stein, a partner with Miami law firm Higer Lichter & Ginver, has been selected to receive the 2013 Pro Bono “Innovative Project” award from the Dade County Bar Association and Dade Legal Aid’s “Put Something Back” program. Stein received this award as recognition of his leadership of the “Legal Tune Ups for Non Profits” annual clinic that this year engaged more than 40 attorneys from the business and corporate community to provide legal services to almost 60 non-profit organizations.

Charles D. Tobin, of Holland & Knight LLP in Washington, D.C., was selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers (2014) in First Amendment law and litigation, First Amendment and media law. Tobin is the chairman of the National Media Practice Team of Holland & Knight LLP in Washington, D.C. He recently moderated a “Council for Court Excellence” roundtable between judges and the media discussing journalism and the courts.

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Joseph L. Amos Jr., of Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap, P.A. in Orlando, has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014).

Joseph T. Ducanis, Jr. has joined the Fort Lauderdale office of GrayRobinson, P.A., as a shareholder. He brings more than 22 years of estate planning, probate and trust administration experience to the team.

June C. McKinney, an administrative law judge for the state of Florida, was sworn in as the 2013-2014 president of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary on Sept. 18 in Chicago. She was sworn in by Chief Judge Robert Cohen of Florida’s Division of Administrative Hearings. McKinney is the first Florida female, first African-American female and second judge from DOAH to serve as the association’s president.

1991

Todd L. Bradley, a partner in the Naples office of Cummings & Lockwood LLC, was listed in Best Lawyers in America. He practices in the area of trusts and estates and has been listed since 2008. He was also selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Erin R. McCormick, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, will serve a one-year term as the chair of United Way Suncoast Women’s Leadership Steering Committee, a group that provides out-of-school care and financial literacy programs for families.

Alan Pickert, of Jacksonville-based Terrell Hogan P.A., was recently recognized in Florida Super Lawyers. He also was named president of Healing Every Autistic Life, a nonprofit that assists autistic children and their families in North Florida. Additionally, he was appointed to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission by Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown and the Jacksonville City Council.

Steven Solomon, of GrayRobinson in Miami, has been named in Chambers USA (2013) for notable achievements, client service and excellence in the practice area of bankruptcy/ restructuring.

1992

Courtney Kneecce Grimm, of the Bedell Firm in Jacksonville, was selected to serve as secretary/treasurer of the trial lawyers section for The Florida Bar. She has served on the section’s executive council since 2007. She was also re-appointed to serve on The Florida Bar’s annual convention committee.
Kim Bonder Rezanka has been selected as the new managing shareholder of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A.’s Viera/Melbourne office. In her new role, Rezanka oversees 22 attorneys, professionals and administrative staff members. She joined Dean Mead in 2001 and has been instrumental in growing the firm’s presence in Brevard County.

Michael Schwartz (LLMT), of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus, Ohio, in her new role, Rezanka oversees 22 attorneys, professionals and administrative staff members. She joined Dean Mead in 2001 and has been instrumental in growing the firm’s presence in Brevard County.

Paul D. Bain, of Trenam Kemker in Tampa, has been elected as a shareholder at the firm. Bain represents large and small land and business owners.

Matthew K. Fenton, of Wenzel Fenton Cabassa, P.A. in Tampa, was named in Super Lawyers in employment and labor.

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Donna L. Longhouse (JD 93, LLMT 94) has joined Allen Dell P.A. in Tampa as a shareholder. She practices in the areas of tax, trusts and estates, business planning and tax-exempt organizations. She was selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers (2013), was named in The Best Lawyers in America since 2010 in trusts and estates and was named in The Legal 500 United States (2013) in the area of tax, domestic – East Coast.

Kevin D. Johnson, of Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A. in St. Petersburg, was recently recognized in Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013). He was also selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2014).

Alumni celebrate 40 years as law partners

They both have UF Law degrees, are former editors of the Florida Law Review and are founding partners at Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns, LLP. While in law school, Wally Pope (JD 69), left, and Bruce Bokor (JD 72) never imagined using their law degrees alongside each other because they didn’t meet until years after their graduations. This year the firm they founded together celebrated its 40th anniversary. For more, go to Web Extras at https://www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw/.

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Paul Scheck, a partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP’s Orlando office, has been elected president of the Orange County Bar Association. Scheck, a partner in the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice Group, will focus on mentoring lawyers from basic skills training for new bar members to expanding continuing legal education offerings.

Marc A. Wites, of Wites & Kapetan, PA., in Lighthouse Point, Fla., recently announced the online publication of the 2013 edition The Florida Litigation Guide at FiaLitGuide.com. The guide, published since 1997, lists the elements of popular common law causes of action, the citations for the most recent Florida state and federal court cases that cite each action’s elements followed by the applicable statute of limitations and defenses.

Hetal H. Desai has recently joined Tallahassee firm Sniffen & Spellman, P.A. Desai practices in the areas of employment and civil rights, ethics, public records, local government and land use law. She served as assistant city attorney for the city of Tallahassee for almost nine years.

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Caryn L. Bellus, a shareholder in Kubicki Draper’s Miami office, was recently elected chairwoman of the Appellate Practice Section. She is a longtime active member of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar. She also recently spoke at The Florida Bar’s Leadership Academy Program.

Bruce Jacob (LLMT), Stetson University dean emeritus and professor of law, has received the Delano S. Stewart Diversity Award. While serving as Stetson’s dean, Jacob greatly increased the number of minority full-time faculty members. Additionally, he received the Champion of Indigent Defense Award by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In February, Jacob was named a Power 100 Advocate by On Being a Black Lawyer for his efforts to make the legal profession more racially diverse.

Timothy M. Cerio has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the 1st District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission is charged under the Florida Constitution with the responsibility of submitting nominations to the governor to fill vacancies on the 1st District Court of Appeal.

1996

Suzanne E. Gilbert, a partner in the Orlando office of Holland & Knight, has been elected as a top officer of The 11th Circuit Historical Society Inc. Gilbert will serve as vice president-Florida and will be responsible for overseeing the organization’s preservation efforts related to the northern, middle and southern districts of Florida. The purpose of the 11th Circuit Historical Society is to keep a record of the history of the courts of the 11th Circuit as institutions and of the judges who have served these courts. She has also been elected president of the Board of Directors of the Orlando Shakespeare Theater. Gilbert joined the board in 2003 and served as vice president during the past year. Celebrating 25 seasons this year, Orlando Shakespeare Theater features professional theater productions, develops new plays and provides educational experiences to the community.

Monica B. Mason, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, has been named in Best Lawyers (2014) as Tampa trademark law lawyer of the year. She has experience in intellectual property law, including trademarks, copyrights, cybersquatting and trade secrets.

Steven A. Lessne, an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA.’s Fort Lauderdale office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers (2013) list in the area of business litigation.

Cynthia S. Munkittrick was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Dixie County Court. Munkittrick has been a solo practitioner since 1996. From 1974-1976, she served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

F. Scott Westheimer, a managing partner of the Sarasota-based law firm Syprett Meshad, has been named to Florida Trend magazine’s “legal elite” list (2013). In March, Westheimer was elected to The Florida Bar Board of Governors. Westheimer was sworn into office on June 28 during The Florida Bar’s annual meeting in Boca Raton.

Lisa Z. Hauser (JD 95, LLMT 96) an associate at Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun in Palm Beach Gardens, has been named in Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

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Marve Ann Alaimo, a partner at Cummings & Lockwood LLC, was selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers (2013). Alaimo focuses her practice in the area of estate planning and probate.

Darren D. Farfante (JD 96, LLMT 97) a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs, has been elected to the firm’s Board of Directors. Farfante concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, creditor’s rights, tax controversies and commercial litigation.

Christopher C. Nash was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Hillsborough County Court, which serves the Tampa area. Nash has practiced with Leavengood, Nash, Dauval, and Boyle, PA. since 2004.

Leslie Miller Tomczak, a shareholder in Akerman Senterfitt’s Fort Lauderdale office, has become board-certified by The Florida Bar in the area of construction law. Tomczak represents developers, contractors, subcontractors and design professionals in matters including shopping centers, houses of worship and airport projects.
1998

Michael Cavendish, of Gunster’s Jacksonville office, was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the board of the Florida Humanities Council. The council was established in 1973 and is dedicated to building strong communities by exploring the heritage, traditions and stories of Florida. The nonprofit is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for Humanities. Cavendish practices litigation, trial and appellate law in the field of complex business disputes.

James Matthew Colaw, who has served as assistant state attorney in the 4th and 8th Circuits since 1998, has been appointed to the Alachua County Family Court to fill a vacancy left by Judge Martha Ann Lott (JD 81). He will work in the Alachua Family “DR2” division and will handle all family pro se and simplified dissolution cases countywide.

Fabienne Fahnestock of Gunster’s Fort Lauderdale office, has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a civil circuit mediator.

Richard E. “Rick” Mitchell was appointed to the 5th District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Rick Scott. Mitchell’s term began in July and runs until 2016. He has also been recognized on Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013).

Harvey E. Oyer III, a partner at the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP was selected as the Florida Distinguished Author for 2013. Each year, the Board of Trustees of the Florida House recognizes one Florida author and one Florida artist. His books, The American Jungle, The Last Egret and The Last Calusa, have won numerous awards and are used widely by schools throughout Florida.

1999

Paul A. Giordano has joined Roetzel’s business and commercial litigation practice in the Fort Myers office. Giordano has also been selected to serve a one-year term as the first president and chairman of the board of the Bankruptcy Legal Education Series Foundation, Inc. Giordano handles a variety of business and commercial litigation matters with a focus on bankruptcy - creditors’ rights, partnership disputes, commercial foreclosures, contract and corporate disputes and general and professional liability lawsuits. Giordano has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013). Additionally, he has been named a “Legal Elite” in bankruptcy and workout by Florida Trend magazine.

Jason Z. Jones, a partner at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP, was honored as pro bono bankruptcy attorney of the year by the Dade County Bar Association and Dade Legal Aid’s “Put Something Back” pro bono program.

Kenneth H. Haney, a partner in Quarles & Brady LLP Naples office, has received the AV Preeminent peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Haney joins more than 180 Quarles & Brady attorneys who have been rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Laurel Moore Lee was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Circuit Court of the 13th Judicial Circuit (Hillsborough County). She currently presides in the domestic relations division. Lee has been an assistant U.S. attorney since 2007.

William Kratochvil of Henderson Franklin has joined the firm as a stockholder in the Tort and Insurance Litigation practice area. Kratochvil concentrates his tort and insurance defense practice in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, civil rights and construction litigation. He also handles special investigative unit/fraud cases and general commercial litigation matters.
2001

Trevor B. Arnold, an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA.’s Orlando office, has been named to Florida Super Lawyers’ 2013 list in the area of construction litigation.

Brad Gould, a shareholder at the law firm of Dean, Mead, Minton & Zwemer, recently served as the moderator for the Current Developments Program given by the S Corporation Committee of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association (ABA). The program was given at the ABA Section of Taxation’s annual meeting in May in Washington, D.C. Gould led the panel discussion regarding recent legislative, administrative and judicial developments relating to S corporations.

Christine Marlewski, an attorney with GrayRobinson, PA.’s Tampa office, has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013). She has also been recognized on Florida Trend’s legal elite list (2013).

William W. Riley Jr. has joined the Miami office of GrayRobinson, P.A. as a shareholder in the Public Law and Land Use Practice Group. Prior to joining GrayRobinson, Riley served as land use counsel to Variety Children’s Hospital for the expansion of Miami Children’s Hospital. In addition, Riley was recognized by Florida Super Lawyers and designated a “Rising Star” by the publication.

Larry B. “Ben” Alexander Jr., of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. in West Palm Beach, has been peer-selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America (2014) for real estate law.

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T. Robert Bulloch, of Quarles & Brady LLP in Naples, has received the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell with a perfect overall 5.0 peer rating. He has also been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Allen Winsor, previously a shareholder with GrayRobinson’s Tallahassee office, was appointed as Florida’s solicitor general. Winsor takes the place of Solicitor General Timothy Osterhaus. During his time at UF Law, Winsor was editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review.

Nancy Cason, of Sarasota-based Syrett Melesh, was given an AV Preeminent rating in real estate and litigation by the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings. Earlier this year, she was selected as a Florida “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers (2013).

Debra Deardourff Faulk recently presented at The Florida Bar Business Law Section’s annual retreat Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Her presentation was titled “What’s All the Buzz About? Changes to USPTO; Rules for Professional Responsibility.” She has also been designated a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

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Farewell Wilbert’s

Wilbert’s, the longtime tradition for UF Law students across the street from the law school, closed its doors in October. When UF Law moved into the Holland Law Center in 1969, Wilbert’s became a thriving hub for students and sold sandwiches, coffee and even law books over the years. Students relax outside Wilbert’s in this 2003 photo.

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Kellye A. Shoemaker, a partner at Shoemaker and Shoemaker, P.A., was a recipient of the Seminole County Bar Association’s Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Service Award in December 2012. She became a certified member of The Million Dollar Advocates Forum in March 2013. She has also been selected to serve as secretary of Florida Workers’ Advocates after serving on the Board of Directors for several years, and she spoke at the FWA Educational Conference in June 2013.

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Salvatore Bochicchio (JD 02, LLMT 03), of Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone LLP, has become of counsel in the firm’s Trusts & Estates Practice, where he concentrates in sophisticated tax and estate planning for partnerships, corporations, charities, tax-exempt organizations and high-net-worth individuals.

Dwayne L. Dickerson, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs in Fort Lauderdale, has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Florida to serve on the Standing Committee on Unlicensed Practice of Law. Dickerson represents developers, property owners and local governments seeking development entitlements and environmental permit approvals for their real estate projects. He has also been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.

Nicole “Nikki” Fried, of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky Abate & Webb, was sworn in as a member of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division’s Board of Governors in June. The board is responsible for the general management and affairs of the Young Lawyers Division and for providing a program of activities and projects for its members.

Nicole C. Kibert, of counsel in Carlton Fields’ Tampa office, was selected by UF Law as a 2013 Outstanding Young Alumnus. Kibert was honored with this award during UF’s Orange and Blue Breakfast on April 6. She was additionally elected chairwoman of The Florida Bar’s Environmental and Land Use Law Section. Kibert was sworn in for the one-year term Aug. 9.

L. J. Paul Lutz, general counsel for U.S. Security Associates, Inc., has been named the 2013 outstanding general counsel – small legal department by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel. U.S. Security Associates is the fourth-largest security guard company in the U.S.

Lori L. Moore, of Roetzel in Ft. Myers, has recently been certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization. She has been selected as a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers every year since 2010, including 2013.

Hale E. Sheppard (LLMT), of Chamberlain Hrdlicka in Atlanta, was selected for inclusion in the 2013 Thomson Reuters’ list of Super Lawyers for the area of tax litigation. Only 5 percent of the state’s licensed active attorneys are selected to be Super Lawyers.

Melissa C. Pallett-Vasquez, of Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP in Miami, has been appointed vice-chair of the Canada Committee of the American Bar Association, international law section for the 2013-2014 term. She handles complex commercial litigation matters and international arbitration and representing clients from Canada and South America. She was also named one of the South Florida Business Journal’s “40 Under 40.”

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JaDawnya Butler, an assistant district attorney in Fulton County, Ga., has been named one of the “2013 Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40” by IMPACT and the National Bar Association. Butler received the distinction during the association’s annual convention, held in Miami in July.

Christine L. Derr, a Tampa attorney the Law Office of Christine L. Derr, RA., became Florida board-certified in marital and family law. She has been recognized by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine as a “Rising Star” in family law (2013) and as Florida Trend’s legal elite (2013).

M. Travis Hayes, an attorney with Cummings & Lockwood LLC in Naples, co-authored an article published by The Florida Bar in its book about Florida asset protection, titled “Relationship Dissolution Planning.” Hayes was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Collier County Bar Association. Additionally, he has been appointed as the vice-chairman of the Probate Law and Procedure Committee for the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law section of The Florida Bar. He recently presented a lecture at The Florida Bar 2013 Probate Law Seminar titled “Planners on the Ground, Assets in the Cloud: Estate Planning and Administration Issues in the Digital Domain.” He also authored an article on the topic for The Florida Bar’s Actionline magazine.

Robert J. Luck, an assistant U.S. attorney of North Miami Beach, has been appointed to the 11th Circuit Court in Miami-Dade County. Luck previously served as a law clerk for Judge Ed Carnes of the 11th U.S. Court of Appeals.

Michael McCabe has received the AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Recipients are rated on their legal knowledge, analytical capabilities, judgment, communication ability and legal experience. McCabe represents insurance carriers, third-party administrators and employers in the defense of workers’ compensation claims.

Barbara Walker, an associate at Parks & Crump, LLC, has been named one of the “2013 Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40” by IMPACT and the National Bar Association. She received the distinction during the association’s annual convention held in Miami in July.

James E. Watson, of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. in Orlando, has earned an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He has litigated matters involving contracts, title insurance liability, commercial landlord/tenant matters, easements, fraud, deed warranties, boundary disputes, adverse possession, lien priority and access rights throughout the state of Florida.
Daniel K. Weidenbruch, with Roetzel in Naples, has been selected as one of *Gulfshore Business Magazine*’s “40 Under 40.” Weidenbruch focuses his practice on real estate law, and his clients include buyers and sellers of commercial and residential real estate.

Ashley Calhoun Winship (LLMT), of Rush, Marshall, Jones and Kelly, PA, in Orlando, became a shareholder in the firm. She is the chairwoman of the firm’s trusts and estates department. In July, she was recognized as a recipient of the 2013 “Leaders in the Law Award,” presented by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers. In June, Winship was sworn in as president-elect of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers. In June, she was recognized as a recipient of the 2013 “Leaders in the Law Award,” presented by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers. In June, Winship was sworn in as president-elect of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers.

Felipe Guerrero, an attorney with the law firm of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA, in Orlando, was selected as an inaugural fellow in the Florida Bar Leadership Academy. Guerrero was selected as one of 59 inductees out of hundreds of applicants from throughout the state of Florida.

John M. Hemenway, of Bivins & Hemenway in Valrico, Fla., was selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers Florida “Rising Stars” list (2013).

Thomas J. Hunt, an associate with Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, was recently selected for the 2014 class of Leadership Tampa Bay, a program designed to better prepare a diverse group of community, government, business and nonprofit leaders to work collaboratively in addressing regional issues.

Lindsay Patrick Lopez, of Trenam Kemper in Tampa, has been elected as a shareholder in the firm. Lopez serves clients involved in bankruptcy and business reorganizations as well as commercial litigation matters.

Erin Houck-Toll (LLMT), of the Fort Myers law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., has been selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers (2013). Houck-Toll concentrates her practice in the areas of federal and state taxation, including representing taxpayers before the IRS and Florida Department of Revenue.

Adina L. Pollan has been awarded an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell. This rating signifies the highest accolade an attorney can receive for legal ability and adherence to professional standards of conduct, ethics, reliability and diligence. Pollan has also been designated as a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Kimberly Davis Bocelli, of Roetzel, has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013). The designation is for top attorneys who are no more than 40 years old or who have been practicing for no more than 10 years.

Christopher L. Carmody, an attorney with GrayRobinson in Orlando, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the 9th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission selects nominees for judicial vacancies in the 9th Circuit of Florida, which serves Orange and Osceola counties. He has also been reappointed to the City of Orlando Certification Board. He was also selected as a Florida Super Lawyers “rising star.”

Michael K. Gall (LLMT) has joined Cleveland law firm Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP as a partner.

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Andy V. Bardos (JD 04, LLMT 05), an attorney at GrayRobinson, PA, in Tallahassee, has been promoted to a shareholder within the firm.

Jill F. Bechtold, an attorney with Marks Gray, PA, has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Benjamin B. Brown, an attorney with Quarles & Brady, has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Steffan Alexander recently joined Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhop PC. The Portland-based firm specializes in high-stakes business dispute cases, including intellectual property and corporate governance.

Oshia G. Banks, an attorney with Clarke, Silvergate, PA, in Miami, has been selected as Legacy magazine’s “40 Under 40 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow.” She specializes in state and federal civil rights statutes.

Kelly Lyon Davis, an attorney with Quarles & Brady, has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Kimberly A. Dillon (JD 05, LLMT 06), of Quarles & Brady LLP in Naples, has received the AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell. She has also been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Steven Hadjilogiou (JD 05, LLMT 06), of Baker & McKenzie LLP in Miami, was selected as a “Rising Star” by the Daily Business Review. He was among the 40 young attorneys with the highest ratings.

Justin B. Mazzara, of Hahn Loeser in Fort Myers, has been recognized in Super Lawyers (2013). He litigates civil matters within the firm’s Complex Commercial Litigation Group, including business litigation, real estate litigation and construction litigation.
2007

Neil W. Blackmon was recognized by the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers with two hat-trick awards for three consecutive not-guilty verdicts. He will receive the award again in 2014, having achieved the feat a third time.

Christina Locke Faubel and husband, Harris Faubel, have just opened an eco-friendly store in the Oaks Mall in Gainesville called Bird & Bunny. The store sells “green” accessories and focuses on local artists.

Kate Mesic, of the Law Offices of Kate Mesic, PA, was named the “2013 Up and Coming Entrepreneur of the Year” by the Women Business Owners North Florida. Hosted by the Women Business Owners of North Florida, the annual Women In Business Awards 2013 event recognizes and honors women who epitomize success in today’s business world. Mesic serves on the executive boards of the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association and the University of North Florida Pre-Law Board of Advisors. She is a board member of the Women Business Owners organization in the City of Jacksonville.

Anastasia Protopapadakis, an attorney at GrayRobinson, PA, in Miami, has been promoted to senior associate within the firm.

Christopher B. Cortez, of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubb, P.A., has been appointed as General Counsel for Leadership Palm Beach County, a nonprofit that focuses on connecting community leaders across sectors. He previously served on the Board of Governors of LPBC from 2012-2013 and is an active member of the Alumni Relations Committee and Civic Engagement Committee.

Kaleb Bell, of the law firm Rosen, P.A. in Palm Beach Gardens, received the 2013 Bankruptcy Law Pro Bono Award from the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. Bell was recognized for his involvement in his firm’s representation of a homeowners association in its bankruptcy case.

Adam M. Bird, an attorney at GrayRobinson, PA., in Melbourne, has been promoted to senior associate within the firm.

2008

Nico Apfelbaum, an attorney in the West Palm Beach and Port Saint Lucie offices of Greenspoon Marder, has received Martindale-Hubbell’s AV Preeminent rating. It is the highest accolade an attorney can receive from their peers for legal ability and adherence to professional standards of conduct, ethics, reliability and diligence. He was also recently elected secretary of the Port Saint Lucie Bar Association.

Marshall P. Bender, an attorney with Quarles & Brady, has been named a “Rising Star” by Florida Super Lawyers (2013).

Eric D. Nowak, of Tampa’s de la Parte & Gilbert, PA., has been appointed to the Wheels of Success Board of Directors. The organization is Tampa Bay’s only 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to providing personal transportation to keep people working and sustain their independence. Nowak joined the firm as an associate attorney in 2009 and practices primarily in general civil litigation.

Andrew R. Comiter (JD 08, LLMT 09), an attorney at the Palm Beach Gardens tax law firm Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, spoke on March 4 about “Partnership Workouts for New Tax Lawyers” for The Florida Bar. His lecture identified key issues facing debtor partnerships and their partners in the current economic environment. He also presented a lecture on “Selected Recent Developments in Federal Partnership Tax for the 2013 Ullman Year in Review” at The Florida Bar Tax Section Organizational Meeting on July 5. Additionally, he was appointed co-director of the new tax lawyer division of the tax section of The Florida Bar. He also has been elected vice president of membership for the Palm Beach County Estate Planning Council.

Natalie A. Peters joined Broad and Cassel as an associate in the Construction Law and Litigation Practice Group. She will work from the firm’s Orlando office.

2009

Michael Beck, of Gary Roberts & Associates, P.A. in West Palm Beach, was recently named to the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of Florida.
When prominent Florida attorney and gubernatorial adviser W. Dexter Douglass (JD 55) died Sept. 16 at his Tallahassee home, he left behind a unique imprint upon law and politics in his native Florida that was rooted at UF Law.

Douglass, 83, was perhaps best known as an attorney representing Vice President Al Gore during the 2000 presidential election recount. To former Gov. Lawton Chiles (JD 55), whom he met when the two attended UF Law together, he was a trusted adviser. And Douglass’ example in the midst of high-stakes litigation was an inspiration to the generation who came after him.

“Dexter Douglass was the epitome of what I imagined a lawyer to be when I was growing up and first wanted to be a lawyer,” said Jon Mills (JD 72), director of the UF Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility, dean emeritus and former speaker of the Florida House. “He believed passionately in the highest principles of justice, and he had the personality, intellect and commitment to bring justice in the smallest case of a wronged individual and on the biggest stage like his chairmanship of constitutional revision.”

Douglass earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism at the University of Florida and went on to attend UF Law. Douglass interrupted his education to serve in the Korean War. He entered his legal practice the day after he graduated UF Law and took on his first client pro bono. The Tallahassee Elks Lodge had accused Fred Wallace, a black janitor, of stealing $400. Douglass helped clear him of the charges.

As his practice matured, Douglass became an influential figure as a gubernatorial adviser and he successfully represented politicians who had gotten themselves into hot water. Courtroom observers described his tenacity, straightforward manner of speaking and a powerful memory.

On the state level, he served as chairman of the 1997-1998 Constitutional Revision Commission, which was responsible for amendments that downsized the state Cabinet and gave more power to the governor. He served as an adviser to Gov. Charlie Crist.

Douglass took on integral leadership roles at UF Law, where he served on the Law Center Association Board of Trustees and on University of Florida Foundation. He made what was probably his last offer of service to the college in a phone call with Dean Robert Jerry in late August.

“In my last conversation with Dexter, he was once again thinking about, as was so typical of him, how he could be of service to others and what he could do for the law school,” Jerry explained. “And so he told me he would be willing to serve on the search committee to find a new dean for the college if that would be helpful to the provost.”

He is survived by his wife Terese, three daughters, Lee Rice of Tallahassee, Lacy Douglass of Tallahassee and Terese Douglass of Grayslake, Ill., and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, William Dexter Douglass III.

For a list of alumni deaths reported to UF Law since May 20, go to Web Extras at www.law.ufl.edu/uflaw/.
Jason A. Zimmerman, an associate at GrayRobinson’s Orlando office, was recently sworn into The Florida Bar. He joined GrayRobinson’s litigation practice in December 2012.

2011

Jon M. Philipson recently completed a judicial clerkship with Chief Judge Anne C. Conway of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. He has now joined the law firm of Carlton Fields, P.A., in Tampa.

Sasha Funk Granai recently joined Carlton Fields as an associate in the firm’s Tampa office. Granai works with the firm’s Real Property Litigation Practice Group.

William G. Smith (JD 10, LLMT 11), of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., was recently elected vice president of the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach for the remainder of the 2012-2013 term. An associate attorney, Smith is a native of West Palm Beach who practices in the areas of estate planning, taxation and corporate law.

2012


Kathryn B. Rossmell has joined the firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.’s West Palm Beach office as an associate. Rossmell’s practice focuses on land use, environmental and natural resources law. She is a member of The Florida Bar’s Environmental and Land Use Law Section, City County and Local Government Law Section and Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section. She is also a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section.

2013

Wesley Maul has been selected to serve as Gov. Rick Scott’s personal aide. He will assist Scott by handling day-to-day logistics and activities.

Hall Provence (LLMT) has recently joined Smith Moore Leatherwood’s Greenville, S.C. office as an associate in the Corporate Practice Group. Provence will focus his practice on the areas of tax, wealth transfer planning and business transactions. A large portion of his practice is devoted to estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning.

Alexis Segal (LLMELU) has received the Guy Harvey Scholarship Award, a joint $5,000 award she and Caitlin Pomerance (3L) earned for conducting policy analyses for MPA development in the Bahamas.

Thomas J. Hillegonds (LLMT) has joined McShane & Bowie, PLC as an associate attorney with the Grand Rapids-based firm. In this role, he provides legal solutions to clients in areas related to business law, taxation, estate planning and tax-exempt organizations.

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Third-year law student Steve Medina (pictured left) received the 2013 Fall Book Award for Trade Secret Law, which is sponsored by donor Oscar Sanchez (JD 82). Sanchez, an Akerman Senterfitt shareholder, donates in the form of unrestricted funds. He hopes to give the dean and his staff the ability to direct them in the way that is best suited to enhance the student experience.

“As a graduate, I benefited from the excellent legal education I received here,” Sanchez said. “It is my obligation to give back, or ‘pay it forward,’ so that today’s students can get a top-notch legal education, like I did, and become tomorrow’s leaders in government, business and the law.”

—OSCAR SANCHEZ (JD 82)
Shareholder
Akerman Senterfitt, Miami
Thank you to the many UF Law alumni and friends who have made contributions of time, treasure and talent.

ALUMNI GIVING AT RECORD HIGH

Gator lawyers have a long and rich tradition of supporting our law school. The law school’s capital campaign, which concluded during the past year, raised almost $32 million from more than 4,800 donors. At the same time, annual giving from law alumni has remained at record levels with more than $848,000 given last year to the Levin College of Law’s Annual Fund. Every Florida law graduate has benefited greatly from the support given to the law school by those who graduated before them. A law degree from the University of Florida is a great buy. Our tuition has always been and remains low. The tuition and state support does not cover all of the expenses of the Levin College of Law. The balance of support comes from alumni gifts. The alumni support is extremely important as it provides the extra financial resources needed to attract and retain top professors and students and to develop and sponsor programs and opportunities for our law students that would not exist without the alumni support.

In this issue, we recognize the many alumni who have generously given financial gifts to the Levin College of Law within the last year. The alumni who give often characterize their gifts as “paying back a debt” in gratitude for the legal education they received at the Levin College of Law. Most alumni recognize that their legal education is the foundation for the success they have achieved. Alumni give out of a sense of loyalty, appreciation and a desire to help our law school become even stronger.

It is particularly gratifying for the Levin College of Law to receive gifts from our newest alumni. Last spring’s graduating class gave a check as a class gift to the law school of $50,000 at their graduation. Before they even earned their first paychecks as lawyers, these graduating students were motivated to give generously to the law school. Their contributions are a great reflection of how they viewed their experiences at the University of Florida.

If you are an alumnus and have not had the opportunity to financially support our law school, I urge you to join your fellow alumni by giving a gift in the upcoming year. Your gift is not only a thank-you for your experience at the University of Florida but an investment in the future of our great institution. Your support will make it possible for the law school to provide an even-more-positive experience for students of today and tomorrow.

I thank you for your generous support of the Levin College of Law.

Ladd H. Fassett (JD 79), Chair, University of Florida Law Center Association, Board of Trustees

GREETINGS, UF LAW ALUMNI!

The past year serving as Law Alumni Council president has been a wonderful experience due in large part not only to your commitment to our law school but also as a result of the enthusiasm that continues to thrive in our recent graduates. Despite what still proves for many to be uncertain economic times, you have answered the call, contributing financially to the college of law and providing valuable resources to transform our college into one of the premier law schools in the nation.

On behalf of the college of law and alumni everywhere, I cannot thank you enough. Establishing a culture of giving among our alumni is critical to our college’s continued success in this ever-increasingly competitive, global economy. Due to the generosity of dedicated alumni and friends of the College of Law, we have broken all annual fund records, raising more than $848,000 in the most recent fiscal year. Further, our recent graduating class has clearly shown its commitment to the culture of giving through its amazing class gift, which totaled $50,000 in pledges. Your record-breaking generosity in the face of a public funding reduction has allowed our college of law to thrive.

We continue to attract top-notch students, educated by distinguished faculty, and present world-class speakers and programming in facilities that are the envy of our competition. In short, one of Florida’s flagships continues to shine as bright as ever.

With the close of my administration, however, brings the close of one of the great chapters in UF Law’s history. It is with both gratitude and admiration that I sincerely thank Dean Robert Jerry for his unparalleled commitment to the University of Florida Levin College of Law over the last decade. Without his leadership and truly tireless efforts, executing precision and well-thought-out plans that lead to exemplary results, I would not be here boasting of our collective success this day. As alumni, Dean Jerry, we are forever indebted to you. As Gators, we are proud to call you one of our own. Thank you for everything.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future as we continue our mission to strengthen the University of Florida Levin College of Law and produce the best lawyers in the nation. All hail, Florida, hail!

Ian R. Leavengood (JD 00), President, University of Florida Levin College of Law Alumni Council
GIFTS RECEIVED July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013

New Pledges

2008-2013: Includes new documented expectations and new gifts for each fiscal year.
UF Law Annual Fund

2008-2013: Contributions received to nonendowed, nonbuilding funds

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The UF Foundation Investment Company (UFICO) carefully invests this fund to yield a dependable, stable source of income in perpetuity. Approximately 4 percent of earned interest from the market value of the fund was transferred and spent for uses specified by donors and college administrators for annual operating and administrative costs (earned interest above 4 percent is returned to the fund balance).
Jack Bovay and wife, Leslie, established a book award for his Advising the Entrepreneur class.

“Those whom we honored with this award taught us to give back to our community, with both time and treasure, and this gift and the class are a small effort to do so,” said Bovay, an adjunct professor at UF Law.

Bovay said the class is just a small part of a nationwide trend to revamp the third-year law school curriculum. He said it exposes third-year students to what an office practice is like. Bovay, a shareholder in the Gainesville office of the Dean Mead law firm, is board certified in both tax law and wills, and trusts and estates.

—JACK BOVAY (JD 82, LLMT 88)
Shareholder
Dean Mead, Gainesville

Michael Minton said he and his wife pledged $100,000 toward the Michael D. Minton and Mary P. Minton Scholarship in Law to assist students graduating from the UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences who want to pursue a law degree, and if desired, their LL.M. in Taxation.

“It’s important to give back to students who come from within the agriculture industry,” said Minton, who serves as the chair of Dean Mead’s Agribusiness Industry Team. “We want to enhance the breadth of experience these young people receive by giving them the opportunity to attend law school and achieve a well-rounded education.”

—MICHAEL MINTON (JD 81, LLMT 82)
Shareholder
Dean Mead, Fort Pierce
The Endowed Fund. The Endowed Fund provides a permanent foundation for the college and provides ongoing support for important programs and activities.
Honor Roll

The Honor Roll includes the names of all donors to the UF Levin College of Law from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013. If your name is not included and you think it should be, one of the following may be the reason it is not:

- The gift was made before July 1, 2012, and was recognized in a previous report or after June 30, 2013, and will be recognized in a future Honor Roll.
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- We made a mistake. Despite our best efforts, errors and omissions occur. If so, please accept our apologies and notify the UF Levin College of Law Office of Development & Alumni Affairs, 352-273-0640, or email Missy Poole at poole@law.ufl.edu.

For more information on making an endowed or estate gift, please contact: Lauren Wilcox, senior director of Development & Alumni Affairs, at 352-273-0640 or wilcox@law.ufl.edu.

Honor Roll

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“We realized that we were never going to be able to grow to the size that we needed to go to and compete on that national scale unless we had more money,” said Shea, an associate real estate practitioner with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. in Orlando.

C. Andrew Roy (JD 11), an associate with Winderweedle, Haines, Ward and Woodman, P.A. in Orlando who specializes in bankruptcy, creditor’s rights and appellate work, was among the former presidents who answered the call.

“Our competitions are the heart of what we do and it really helps us develop as students and as lawyers,” Roy said after a recent moot court competition in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom. “I competed every semester while I was in school, and it really gave me a passion for doing appellate work.”

Thanks to their efforts, the endowment is well on its way to becoming a reality.

—Dylan Shea (JD 13)
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Louise B. Zeuli
Lorinda M. Schreier
William E. Reischmann, Jr.
Dennis R. O'Connor
Keith G. Medleau
Suzanne D. Lanier
Richard H. Hiers
Cecile B. Hartigan
Susan G. Goffman
Dyanne E. Feinberg
Lavinia J. Dierking
Thomas J. Ali
Enrichment Society
Perry G. Gruman
Trusler Society
Scott C. Ilgenfritz
Associates
Eugenio Hernandez
James A. Gale
Partners
Bruce D. Landrum
Participation: 10%

Mitchel E. Woodlief

Kenneth M. Rubin
Darryl R. Richards
Robert V. Potter, Jr.
Daryl R. Richards
J. Parker Ailstock
Participation: 6%
No. in Class: 387
Class Total: $15,423.64
Class of 1984

Lisa L. Troutman
Lee A. Schreiber
James K. Powers
John E. Leighton
Michael G. Kerman
William F. Langdon
John E. Leighton
Daniel F. McIntosh
Theresa A. Parrish
James K. Powers
Lee A. Schreiber
All Steinbach
Lisa L. Troutman
Salome J. Zikakis

Mary C. Crotty
Jeffrey R. Elkin
Stephen V. Hoffman
Scott E. Hunt
Lucy W. Kerman
Robert M. Loehr
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Johnny L. Miller, Jr.
Bill A. Pavly
Frank A. Pavese, Jr.
Hugh W. Perry
T. Howard Smith, Jr.
James A. Taylor III
Susan K. Warhelt

Class of 1987
Class Total: $11,660.00
No. in Class: 373
Participation: 6%

Laura J. Thacker
Anthony P. Haggerty
John H. Dyer, Jr.
Karen C. Dyer
Enrichment Society
Anne M. Patel
Jane D. Callahan
Canon Kurt H. Dunkle
Harolyn H. Dutt
Wendy R. England
Ronald M. Gache
Kenneth B. Goldsmith
John F. Halula
David S. Lieber
Helen W. McAfee
Denis J. McGlothlin
Gregory Palmer
Gary M. Pappas
Kathleen M. Paustian
Ronnie A. Sabb
David C. Schwartz
Jeffrey S. Weiss

Class of 1988
Class Total: $8,292.40
No. in Class: 364
Participation: 5%

Associates
Kolleen P. Cobb
Darrell W. Payne
Trusler Society
R. Craig Cooley
R. Scott Costantino
Enrichment Society
Glenn A. Adams
Robert B. Battista
Virginia M. Buchanan
Jonathan S. Coleman
Kraig A. Conn
Robin K. Davis
Robert T. Geis
Hanny N. Gillman
Nancy P. Halula
Clifford C. Higby
Frank A. Landgraf
Brian A. McDowell
William E. Tabor, Jr.

Class of 1986
Class Total: $15,423.64
No. in Class: 387
Participation: 6%

Barristers
Douglas A. Wright
Jeffrey R. Dollinger
Trusler Society
Eric S. Gruman
Enrichment Society
J. Parker Alstock
Thomas T. Ankersen
Frank M. Bedell

Class of 1984
Class Total: $13,025.00
No. in Class: 321
Participation: 9%

Founders Society - gold
Edward Downey
Partners
Michael A. Bedke
Trusler Society
Bill Bone
Allen N. Jelks, Jr.
Enrichment Society
David J. Akins
Mark G. Alexander
Stephan M. Durden
Brian T. Fitzgerald
P. Campbell Ford
Michael L. O'Neill
Catherine G. Reischmann
Kelly B. Sims
Jennifer B. Springer
Brian J. Stack
Kimara R. Stratos
David R. Vetter
Sarah Ritterhoff Williams

Class of 1985
Class Total: $18,436.00
No. in Class: 363
Participation: 9%

Barristers
Eugene K. Pettis
Associates
Phyllis P. Harris
Trusler Society
Raul A. Cuervo
Eduardo Palmer
William J. Schilfino, Jr.
Michael W. Smith
Enrichment Society
Anderson L. Baldy III
R. Gregory Colvin
Brenna M. Durden
Steven Ellison
Gregg H. Fierman
Ariadne M. Fitzgerald
Linda C. Hankins
Timothy M. Ingram
Michael G. Kerman
William F. Langdon
John E. Leighton

Class of 1983
Class Total: $18,695.84
No. in Class: 333
Participation: 10%

Founders Society - gold
Scott G. Hawkins
Barristers
James A. Gale
Partners
Eugenio Hernandez
George A. Vaka
Associates
Scott C. Igenfritz
Trusler Society
Perry G. Gruman
Enrichment Society
Thomas J. Ali
M. Robert Blanchard
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—LADD FASSETT (JD 79)
Commercial Trial Attorney
Partner
Fasset, Anthony & Taylor, P.A., Orlando
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BY JENNA BOX (4JM)

Alumni can contribute to UF Law in more ways than writing a check. Giving time to important efforts via task forces and committees, lending expertise and mentoring ensure the success of the law school, too.

Last year, members of the Admissions and Diversity Task Force made such a contribution. Committed to broad diversity and concerned with the small number of black students in the entering class of 2012, UF Law formed the task force and asked its members to join efforts to do better.

With the outside knowledge of alumni Mike Bedke (JD 84), Eugene Pettis (JD 85) and Christopher Chestnut (JD 05), combined with the inside knowledge of faculty, students and administrators, the task force built upon an alumni-student partnering program already in place.

“We have an Alumni Match Program where admitted students are matched with an alum and the alum helps them through the decision-making process of choosing a law school,” explained Assistant Dean for Admissions Michelle Adorno.

Bedke came up with the idea to expand the original program to cover the entire law school experience. He called it Team UF.

Bedke’s Team UF program is designed to recruit and retain minority students in a way that is analogous to how colleges recruit and retain student athletes, he said. Bedke introduced it to the task force as a “cradle-to-grave” approach: alumni would make initial phone calls to admitted students, prepare them for the 1L year and answer questions, encourage them to get involved throughout the 2L and 3L years, help them graduate, pass the bar and land a job in their area of choice.

“I think that in such a competitive market we’ve got to differentiate ourselves,” Bedke said of UF Law. “Frankly, letting people know that we want them and that we’re committed to their success is the key.”

And far from over promising, the task force delivered, Bedke said. The results of Team UF were apparent in the numbers: Black student enrollment in the 1L entering class went from 10 in 2012 to 38 in 2013, and minority enrollment in the entering class was the highest since 1999.

“Team UF … has the potential to change positively the culture of our law school,” said Pettis, co-chairman of the task force and president of The Florida Bar. “Bringing an outside perspective is a positive contribution you couldn’t necessarily have if you’re coming from within the institution, and I think it’s critical that alumni work in partnership with the law school to address issues not only of fundraising but issues such as this diversity task force did.”

The results of this alumni partnership with UF Law proves how critical alumni involvement truly is. For Bedke, he just says he’s “paying it forward.” He wouldn’t be where he is today without having attended UF Law, noted the partner at DLA Piper who heads its Real Estate Group in Florida.

“Even if someone, particularly in these challenging economic times, doesn’t necessarily have the wherewithal to write a check, he or she can absolutely donate some time,” Bedke said. “Participation that puts (alumni) directly involved with other alumni or students on campus and gets them back to Gainesville is more fun and more rewarding than just sending your check.”

Want to get involved?

• To mentor admitted students, contact Assistant Dean for Admissions Michelle Adorno at madorno@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0890.
• To join the Law Alumni Council, contact Associate Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Lindsey Farah at farah@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0640.
• To mentor a current student or recent graduate, contact Assistant Dean of Career Development Rob Birrenkott at rbirrenkott@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0860.
• For information about serving as a judge in intramural moot court competitions or appellate advocacy oral arguments, contact Mary Adkins at adkinsm@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0875.
• For information about serving as a judge in trial team tournaments — including the UF Undergraduate Trial Team Program that UF Law co-sponsors — contact Jennifer Zedalis at zedalis@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0814.
Brian Phillips (facing page) donates toward the book award for Procedures in Tax Fraud Cases and to assistantships just like the one Caitlin Foster received in Graduate Tax. In fact, the assistantship has helped with her decision to pursue an LL.M. at UF Law.

“It’s donations like these that make my position possible and provide positions for many other LL.M. students as well,” Foster said.

Phillips said helping to preserve and grow UF’s nationally recognized LL.M. program is part of his personal commitment as an alumnus, adjunct faculty member and a “giant fan” of the program.

“I think that attracting and rewarding the best students strengthens the program and makes the entire experience better for everyone.”

—BRIAN PHILLIPS (LLMT 90)
Founding and Managing Shareholder
A. Brian Phillips, P.A., Orlando
Tax Alumni By Class. Graduates of the Graduate Tax Program, ranked No. 1 among publics, provided significant financial support so the college could continue to meet the challenge of achieving top-tier excellence in legal education.

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Class of 1975
Class Total: $4,625.00
No. in Class: 38
Participation: 18%
Founders Society - silver
Robert E. Glennon, Jr.
K. Lawrence Graff
Truster Society
Dennis A. Caffee
Enrichment Society
Harry S. Colburn, Jr.
Lee J. Dixon II
David M. Hudson

Class of 1977
Class Total: $2,178.00
No. in Class: 39
Participation: 5%
Founders Society - silver
Charles L. Cooper, Jr.
John E. Lawlor III
Michael R. Nelson

Class of 1978
Class Total: $7,900.00
No. in Class: 66
Participation: 12%
Partners
William A. Boyles
Everett R. Moreland
Enrichment Society
David H. Evaul
Paul D. Fitzpatrick
Don H. Goode
Bradley C. Grossenburg
Ronald L. Siegel
Susan Slagle

Class of 1979
Class Total: $51,065.00
No. in Class: 44
Participation: 20%
Founders Society - gold
David H. Peek
Partners
John J. Scroggin
Richard G. Cherry
Mark W. Cochran
Michael S. Hawley
Jennifer C. Hepler

Class of 1980
Class Total: $21,250.00
No. in Class: 47
Participation: 15%
Founders Society - gold
Brian M. O’Connell
Partners
Michael A. Levey
Alan S. Gassman

Class of 1981
Class Total: $9,069.00
No. in Class: 64
Participation: 22%
Partners
David E. Bowers
Enrichment Society
Richard B. Comiter
Richard G. Cherry

Class of 1982
Class Total: $12,232.00
No. in Class: 61
Participation: 7%
Founders Society - gold
Michael D. Minton
Enrichment Society
Patricia L. Burquest-Fultz
Marvin A. Kirsner
Alan L. Rubens

Class of 1983
Class Total: $7,000.00
No. in Class: 60
Participation: 18%
Partners
Michael A. Abbott
John N. Giordano
Truster Society
Ellen R. Gershow
Gregory F. Wilder

Class of 1984
Class Total: $400.00
No. in Class: 72
Participation: 4%
Enrichment Society
Jonathan L. Hay
Fred Williams

Class of 1985
Class Total: $2,120.84
No. in Class: 74
Participation: 12%
Associates
Guy E. Whitesman
Charles L. Balch III
R. Gregory Calvin
Christopher A. Detzel
Stephen R. Looney
Walter H. Nunnallee
Ricky J. Weiss

Class of 1986
Class Total: $650.00
No. in Class: 47
Participation: 6%
Enrichment Society
David K. Cahoone
Diana B. Chapman

Class of 1987
Class Total: $6,875.00
No. in Class: 62
Participation: 10%
Baristers
Douglas A. Wright
Louis Nostro
Enrichment Society
Scott E. Hunt
Lisa S. Odom
Mark A. Prater

Class of 1988
Class Total: $5,325.00
No. in Class: 44
Participation: 7%
Partners
John C. Bovay
Enrichment Society
Jane D. Callahan

Class of 1989
Class Total: $783.00
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 5%
Founders Society - silver
Charles L. Cooper, Jr.
John E. Lawlor III
Michael R. Nelson

Class of 1990
Class Total: $7,475.00
No. in Class: 53
Participation: 13%
Founders Society - silver
A. Brian Phillips
Enrichment Society
Glenn A. Adams
William L. Curry
Caroline E. Kasper
Jonathan H. Nason

Class of 1991
Class Total: $650.00
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 5%
Enrichment Society
Michael G. Little
Charles Pillitteri
Daniel H. Waters, Jr.
MEMORIALS

In Memory:

Amnon & Marian Graetz
Lucy T. Graetz

In Memory:

Bill H. McBride, Jr.
Anonymous

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James W. & Eunice T. Baros
Dennis V. & Georogene M. Bender
Mitchell W. Berger
Herbert Berkowitz
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Gary B. Lambret
Lieser Skaff
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Anne S. MacKay

In Memory:

John Medica
Manuel & Linda L. S. Menendez
Mark C. Michalowski
Lyne M. Moeller
James S. & Kelli O. Moody
Susan R. Nolan
John A. & Pamela M. Noland
L. Glenn Orr, Jr.
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Tucker/Hall
Bill Wagner
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Andrew W. Zerbock

In Memory:

Johnson S. "Buddy" Savary
Anne L. Apt
Denise N. Barker
Robert J. & Kathryn Angell Carr
Laurence D. Connor
Arthur D. & Laurie S. Ginsburg

Other Graduate Alumni

Alumni from our many graduate degree programs made financial commitments to help the college continue to be an institution of excellence. (Loyalty Society members are recognized in the online version of the Annual Report.) Please note: Names are listed for gifts of $100 and up.

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JustGive
Michele W. Schulman
Bruce D. & Elizabeth C. Landrum
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In Memory:
Kim O’Connor
Lillian T. Coggin-Proctor

In Memory:
Richard S. Olson
Lewis Ansbacher

In Memory:
Manuel & Linda L. S. Menendez
Lacy Mahon, Jr.

In Memory:
Tony R. & Tiffany R. Otero
James Malin
Cameron H. Malin

In Memory:
Joseph G. Heyck, Jr.
Mary L. Grable

In Memory:
Joseph P. Milton

In Honor:
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In Memory:
Walter F. Sauls
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Mandell & Joyce K. Glicksberg

In Memory:
Tricia Bohnenberger Valles
Michael G. Bohnenberger

In Memory:
Wm. Reece Smith, Jr.
Dean Mead

In Honor:
Bryce H. Alley
Cynthia A. Holloway & C. Todd Alley

In Honor:
Dean Bob & Lisa Jerry

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Ellen T. Heffernan

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In Honor:
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In Honor:
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Jody E. Miller

In Honor:
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Top scholars, student immersion keep Grad Tax No. 1

BY ANDREW STEADMAN (2L)

In 1988, Michael Friel assumed the director’s position for UF Law Graduate Tax. He took over a program with a reputation as among the best in America that needed someone who could continue to guide it and maintain that status.

“Don’t screw it up,” Friel says he kept telling himself as he took the helm of the program.

Mission accomplished.

As 2014 approaches, Graduate Tax remains UF Law’s signature program, widely recognized by tax scholars and practitioners nationwide as among the best. Indeed, the UF Law tax program is consistently ranked first among public schools and in the top three by U.S. News & World Report.

Since its inception in 1974 through today, UF Law’s tax faculty have authored some of the most widely used textbooks and treatises in the field. They have been leaders in professional organizations and consultants for the Internal Revenue Service and other major entities. Graduates continue to be principal architects of U.S. tax policies and their application, and alumni of the new LL.M. in International Taxation influence tax laws far beyond America’s shores.

The reputation of Grad Tax, as it is known among friends, was evident just a few years after its creation when a 1980 study by the accounting firm Ernst & Whinney placed Florida’s tax program among the top five in the nation.

Grad Tax is set apart from many of its peer programs by the fact that it is a full-time residential program. The majority of its tax professors are full-time as well. This allows for continued interaction among classmates and professors both inside and outside the classroom, providing an immersive experience.

The program gets students ready to respond to tax issues that arise in practice, whether or not those problems have been encountered before.

“What’s been consistent is a method of teaching and a goal. I tend to express this as providing a foundation for tax practice,” Friel said. “The incredible faculty we’ve had starting in 1974 and continuing today are the ones who have provided that foundation, while building the program’s reputation to its current level.”

And when it comes to value, UF Law stands alone. According to data compiled by U.S. News & World Report, tuition is $21,421 per year for in-state full-time students. That’s less than half the yearly tuition paid by students at all but one of the other schools atop the U.S. News rankings.
The LL.M. in Taxation program enrolled about 60 students per year during its first 25 years, Friel said. Since then, the program has expanded class size to about 90 per year, including the addition of the LL.M. in International Law and the nation’s first Doctor of Juridical Science in Taxation.

David A. Brennen (JD 91, LLMT 94) first became aware of the tax program when he was a J.D. student at UF Law. Realizing he had an affinity for code-based courses while taking environmental law, Brennen applied to the LL.M. program during his third year of law school.

Brennen received his LL.M. in tax and went on to become the current dean of the University of Kentucky’s law school. UF continues to set the standard for taxation law, earning respect from its peers in the process.

“I have kept my eye on the program,” Brennen said. “They have been continuously hiring top-notch faculty.”

As illustrated by the high-powered firms that regularly recruit its students, employers are aware of the high quality of graduates produced by the program as well, Friel said. The program’s reputation proves advantageous for graduates in a competitive job market.

Brennen said he expects UF Law’s tax program to continue to excel. “Tax law is one of those aspects of law that is going to be important for years to come.”

The LL.M. in International Taxation Program places Grad Tax at the forefront in the study of international tax. UF Law created its International Tax program in 2005 to meet the increasing demand from international students. The International Tax degree program attracts students from all over the world. Typically the 20 to 25 who enroll each year have practiced in their home countries and many come from Latin America.

Meanwhile, an interconnected world demands international tax expertise.

Tax experts say legal multinational
Income tax forms from 1913 on display in the UF Law Graduate Tax Office. It was the first year for a national income tax after the 16th Amendment became law.

The Foundations of Graduate Tax

UF Law started its graduate tax program in 1974 with some of the top figures in the field, and they quickly established one of the nation’s top centers for scholarship and tax law education.

James J. Freeland
Freeland was co-founder of the Graduate Tax Program, its second director and a professor for nearly 40 years. He joined UF Law faculty in 1957 and retired in 1995. He co-authored Fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation and Federal Income Taxation of Estates and Beneficiaries. Freeland received the first Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year award from the Tax Section of The Florida Bar. He passed away in 2000.

Stephen Lind
Lind was one of the initial faculty of the UF Graduate Tax Program in 1974. Lind co-authored several influential tax texts with some of his fellow UF Law tax professors, including Fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation and Federal Estate and Gift Taxation. Lind left UF Law in 1998.

Lawrence Lokken
Lokken joined UF Law as an associate professor in 1974 and was one of the initial faculty members of the Graduate Tax Program. He was named professor in 1977. After a decade at New York University he returned to UF Law in 1994 as holder of the first eminent scholar chair in Graduate Tax, the Hugh Culverhouse Eminent Scholar in Taxation. Now an emeritus professor, he continues to teach at UF Law.

C. Douglas Miller
Miller joined the UF Law faculty in 1973 and was one of the initial faculty members of the Graduate Tax Program. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of The Florida Bar Sections of Taxation and General Practice and as consultant to The Florida Bar Wills, Trusts and Probate Certification Committee. Miller attained emeritus status in 2006 and continues to teach at UF Law.

Richard B. Stephens
Stephens was the first UF Law faculty member to receive the Florida Blue Key Distinguished Faculty award. In 1985, he was selected as Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year by the Tax Section of The Florida Bar. He passed away in 1988.

Tax law continues to evolve. UF’s Grad Tax expects to go right on evolving with it.
Corporate taxation and its discontents

It’s a tangled mess and a creature of Congress. Guess who’s trying to fix it.

BY SHANNON KAESTLE (4JM)

If a fundamental test of good law is whether it treats like people in a like manner, the tax code fails. A jumble of intertwined, sometime contradictory edicts, experts blame the corporate tax code, especially, for warping commercial trade and driving revenue into foreign coffers (See: Apple, Ireland). Now, Congress says it will build a better corporate tax code.

Citing the complexity, loopholes and inefficiencies, Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., and ranking member Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, declared: “America’s tax code is broken.” In the letter addressed to colleagues, they ask congressmen for ideas to make repairs.

When it comes to fixing the corporate tax code, UF Law alumni and faculty lie at the nexus of policy and practice.

Mark Prater (LLMT 87), chief tax counsel and deputy staff director for Senate Finance Republicans, said Congress is interested in the topic in part because the world has changed so dramatically since the last major tax reform during President Ronald Reagan’s administration.

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“Business is much more global now,” Prater said. “Borders are much less of a factor. … U.S. companies tend to have future growth based in foreign markets. The world has changed very dramatically on the business side, and our tax code is still rooted in the world of 1986.”

He said the committee has been working on a nonpartisan basis for three years to meet its goal: a system to meet Reagan’s still-relevant criteria of efficiency, fairness and simplicity. Practicing tax lawyers and tax professors are alive to the problems surrounding corporate tax law.

“What good tax lawyers do is help their clients conduct their business affairs and investment activities while minimizing their tax burden in ways that are legal,” explained corporate tax lawyer Abraham “Hap” Shashy (JD 73). “It has not changed structurally, but it has continued to grow in complexity. Much of what is wrong in our tax system comes from the complexity of it.”

And the complexity puts tax lawyers with a working knowledge of its arcana in a powerful position.
“I can describe it (the corporate tax code) concisely only using jargon that is unintelligible to anybody other than a tax policy expert,” said UF Law tax Professor Martin McMahon, the James J. Freeland Eminent Scholar, who teaches corporate, income and partnership taxation.

McMahon offered an illustration of the power wielded by tax lawyers, which also conveniently serves as an example of the code’s inequity.

“Assume that a corporation is going to be acquired in a merger. There are 10 shareholders, all equal. Four of them paid almost nothing for their stock, but it’s very valuable. Six of them paid more for their stock than it is currently worth. I could structure a transaction to give stock to those that were going to make a profit and give cash to those who were going to have a loss,” McMahon said.

“Those who got cash get to put the loss on their tax return. Those who got stock don’t have to put the gain on their tax return. Perfectly legal,” he said. “It’s right there in all the rules. It’s not even a loophole.”

So the tax code has become complicated and unfair.

But here’s the bad news for tax lawyers: Simplifying the code could reduce demand for their services, according to McMahon and Shashy.

“After the 1986 Tax Reform Act, a lot of tax lawyers lost their jobs because it shut down a lot of real estate tax shelters and other kinds of tax shelters,” McMahon said. “The demand for tax lawyers plunged for a couple of years. It rebounded, and it’s probably as strong as ever now.”

In fact, Congress has imposed more than 15,000 changes to the code since the Tax Reform Act of 1986, according to the Baucus-Hatch letter.

“The result is a tax base riddled with exclusions, deductions and credits,” the senators write. “The complexity, inefficiency and unfairness of the tax code are acting as a brake on our economy.”

McMahon says these tensions have come into focus with the rise of economic globalization.

“One has to remember that most of those rules were put into place when U.S. corporations did very little business outside of the U.S.,” McMahon said. “The statutory rules governing international taxation in particular simply have not kept pace with modern business and financial transactions.”

Today, more than 70 percent of the world’s purchasing power is outside of the U.S., according to the International Trade Administration’s website.

Prater said tax reform is particularly relevant on the corporate side because the U.S. is a leader in intellectual property law. But he said policymakers must be careful how they tweak the laws.

“We could make U.S. companies a lot less competitive relative to their foreign counterparts if we impose the tax burden on U.S. companies just by virtue of being U.S. based,” Prater said.

Prater drew a dire picture of the consequences.

“That competitive imbalance could cause out-migration from place of incorporation first. Eventually headquarters, management, and research and other activities that are now U.S.-based could follow,” Prater added. “Moreover, U.S. companies could become attractive targets for foreign acquisition.”

McMahon said Congress is the main reason the tax code no longer functions efficiently, and that businesses are merely applying rules enacted by Congress to their best advantage.

He said many corporations lobby against reforming the corporate tax law because they are afraid of losing special provisions from which they benefit. They are “pouring untold millions of dollars into political contributions lobbying to have all of the profits of their foreign subsidiaries completely exempt from U.S. taxation forever, even if it’s brought back to the U.S.
… One-hundred percent of the problem is caused by Congress.”

McMahon is skeptical that Congress will pass reform legislation, but he favors worldwide consolidation, requiring U.S. corporations to pay U.S. taxes on the worldwide income of all facets of the corporation, including all of its foreign subsidiaries.

UF Law Assistant Professor Omri Marian said worldwide consolidation is one of the best options for tax reform, but that a territorial tax system also is a viable course of action, assuming proper safeguards against tax avoidance are introduced.

“I prefer worldwide consolidation primarily for fairness reasons because I think it means — at least for the United States — that companies of the United States that operate globally will be subjected to the same system as U.S. companies that do not operate globally,” he said.

He said that under worldwide consolidation, Apple would be taxed in the U.S. on its worldwide income, including income earned by its foreign subsidiaries.

Under the current system, Apple’s able to shift much of its income to pocketbook Irish subsidiaries where the income remains untaxed, despite the fact that all of Apple’s research and development is done in Cupertino, Calif.

Another reform alternative is to shift to a territorial system under which the government would only tax incomes sourced in the U.S.

McMahon warned that shifting to a territorial system would risk even more corporations moving outside of the country.

But Shashy, a UF Law Board of Trustees member and former chief counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, argued that the U.S. should take a cue from other nations that use the territorial system. Shashy said a territorial system would enhance capital flows into the U.S. by allowing multinational companies to move cash without tax penalties. America’s current tax system impedes this type of transfer, he said.

“The U.S. at this moment is out of step with the tax systems in most of the rest of the world.”

— ABRAHAM “HAP” SHASHY (JD 73)

Devil is in the details of corporate tax reform

BY KELCEE GRIFFS (4JM) AND SHANNON KAESTLE (4JM)

What’s the best way to transform the business tax code? Well, it all depends on the details, if you ask Karen Burke, the Richard B. Stephens Eminent Scholar and one of UF Law’s newest faculty members.

As one of about 50 eminent scholars universitywide, Burke brings a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of business tax law and policy. She’s written extensively on these subjects and argues that broad solutions may have hidden implications.

Burke, who specializes in federal tax law, says most people agree with the easy part of business tax reform: reducing the corporate tax rate. But doing so could shift part of the tax burden to individuals who earn income through partnerships, a move that would prove politically unpopular.

“Everybody likes reducing taxes,” Burke said. “The difficult part is paying for it.”

Burke noted that cutting the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent could cost the government significant revenue. If the corporate tax rate was cut and individual tax rates increased, more people would be encouraged to leave their money in corporations to avoid the higher individual rates. That also raises the question of how to differentiate between corporations and partnerships: Should all businesses be taxed under the same model? If so, which model?

“There may seem like easy questions,” she said, “but when you get to the details, it’s really difficult.”

One option is to place all businesses under a single-level tax system but collect that single tax at the entity level. This might help the government to audit large partnerships, which can get left by the wayside under the status quo. Even this seemingly straightforward approach has its gray areas.

“There are still plenty of details to work out — what do you do with nonresi-
"The fact that we don’t have a territorial tax system — and the fact that we are different from most of the territorial countries in the world — has become more apparent," Shashy said. "The U.S. at this moment is out of step with the tax systems in most of the rest of the world.”

Shashy said reform passing the Congress would take compromise and a lot of luck. But unlike McMahon, Shashy’s skepticism of the reform effort is tinged with optimism.

"It’s definitely possible, but there’s a lot of distance to be covered between where we stand now and meaningful tax reform,” he said.

Meanwhile, Prater and other Senate Finance Committee staff have compiled a series of "option papers," presenting proposals and perspectives on ways to fix the tax code. The papers are at www.goo.gl/bcBKcm and include surveys of topics such as “Tax exempt Organizations and charitable giving,” “International Competitiveness,” and “Types of Income and Business Entities.”

Prater expressed confidence that Congress could move forward with a package.

But it also also sets a floor, requiring U.S. companies with foreign subsidiaries to pay a minimum rate.

For now, lawmakers remain in the legislative construction phase, and there’s no telling what form a new corporate tax edifice might take.

—Kelcee Griffis (AJM) contributed to this story

"The tax reform policy machinery is in its best shape since 1986. The committee members could end up voting on the product — the reform product," he said.

And Sen. Baucus, the Senate Finance Committee’s Democratic chairman, staked out a preliminary position before Thanksgiving with draft legislation that sets a lower top corporate tax rate than current law.

—Karen Burke

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As one of the country’s leading scholars in income taxation, and partnership taxation in particular, Burke brings national acclaim with her, said Michael Friel, the associate dean and director of UF Law’s Graduate Tax program.

"We are very fortunate that Karen accepted our offer," he said. "We’ve been in contact with her for a while, and I’m very pleased that the stars finally aligned so that it was the right time for her to move here.”

To the classroom, he said, Burke also brings a zest for the profession and a drive to help students individually.

"What I think Karen brings to students is a great breadth of knowledge for teaching taxation,” he said. “But beyond that, she loves teaching. She wants students to succeed."
The days may be coming to an end when Americans could send income to summer tax-free in the Swiss Alps or winter in the Caribbean.

Banks that shield income under bank secrecy laws — hiding earnings from tax authorities in their customers’ home jurisdictions — will be subject next year to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act of 2010. The law will start turning the heat up on foreign banks that do not comply with United States requests for transparency about their clients’ information. Banks must turn over individuals’ previously anonymous information or face a 30 percent withholding tax on certain payments sourced in the U.S., explained UF Law Assistant Professor Omri Marian.

“Almost all banks in the world have substantial activities in the United States,” said Marian, an international tax scholar and a member of UF Law’s international tax faculty. “So decide what you want to do, either tell us about your account holders or we’ll take 30 percent of your profits in the United States.”

He said the levy would be unacceptable to a number of offshore banks, and the IRS expects them to comply with the requests for account holder information.

Monica Gianni (LLMT 95), a visiting tax professor, agrees that the law will have a significant impact on the number of individuals who take advantage of tax havens, but it won’t stop everybody.

“It will have a major effect, however, there will still be people who aren’t truthful and aren’t disclosing that they’re U.S. persons,” she said.

Gianni also notes that the law will have numerous unintended consequences for American citizens living abroad or for those who want to honestly invest their money in overseas banks. Some foreign banks will simply not invest in the United States and won’t deal with Americans in order to completely avoid any financial risk associated with the law.

“I think (the law) goes too far,” she said. “In theory it’s a good thing, but it’s basically the United States imposing its laws on foreign banks.”

Abraham Smith (LLMT 03), a partner at Baker & McKenzie LLP in Miami who counsels clients on undisclosed income from offshore accounts, has seen an uptick in business recently as more individuals come to him to learn how to comply with the law.

“We don’t see clients who say, ‘I want to hide money, how do I do it?’” Smith said. “What FATCA is doing is bringing people out of obscurity and into the light.”

The new law is part of a sea change in offshore account practices, Smith said.

“It is much more difficult to be noncompliant and hide your money and people are noticing that that just doesn’t work,” Smith said. “Today is a transparent world — the whole Swiss banking system has changed, and that’s happened in the last five or six years.”

So if the Swiss and Cayman Islands banking sectors are hammered by this law, what options are left for the tax evaders of the world?

Cryptocurrencies, Marian said.

A 2013 essay by Marian in the Michigan Law Review gained national attention when he suggested that cracking down on traditional tax havens could encourage tax evaders to find a new tax haven in bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin — a recently developed digital currency that only exists in the virtual world but holds real-world value — would be appealing because it can be exchanged anonymously and is not subject to government regulation, much less taxation.

“Banks are becoming agents in the service of tax authorities, they’re intermediaries, basically,” Marian said. “Let’s say that I still want to evade taxes. How do I get the financial intermediary out of the picture?”
He said cryptocurrencies appear to be a perfect choice because they are exchanged peer-to-peer and no party holds any information.

After Marian’s paper came out, the Silk Road takedown illustrated how bitcoin was serving just the sort of role he envisioned. Federal authorities arrested the mastermind behind the website that operated on the seedy underbelly of the Internet known as the Dark Web, trafficking in drugs, guns and other illegal fare. Dark Web transactions are conducted in bitcoin. Even after the bust, the digital currency proved its staying power, holding most of its value. (As of mid-November, one bitcoin was trading at $430.)

Marian is quick to point out that the notion of evading taxes with cryptocurrencies did not originate with him, but it’s an interesting view of what the tax havens of the future might look like.

“You basically lost the traditional way of evading taxes, so I think this course of action is much more plausible now than it was even six months ago,” he said.

Premier tax talk
Grad tax alumni launch high-powered institute

“triple threat” — that’s how UF Law grad Lauren Detzel (JD 77) and UF Law adjunct professor described next year’s inaugural Florida Tax Institute in Tampa. Besides spreading the word about UF Law’s top graduate tax program to practitioners around the country, she said the institute will generate funds to go back into the program and will serve as a teaching tool for students.

The Florida Tax Institute — co-sponsored by the University of Florida Levin College of Law Graduate Tax Program and the Florida Tax Education Foundation, Inc. — is Feb. 19-21 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay.

The two-and-a-half day conference will bring together notable tax experts including speakers from the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, practitioners and tax professors covering the most pressing issues in tax law.

“Our thought was, Florida has, we think, the best tax program in the country, and why aren’t we touting that?” said Detzel, who is also the chair of the Tax Institute Steering Committee.

“Why aren’t we taking advantage of our great professors and all of our graduates and putting together some kind of a program that would really highlight the level of sophistication that we have to the University of Florida Graduate Tax Program?”

Detzel said she joined colleagues Don Tescher (JD 69) and adjunct Graduate Tax Professor David Pratt to pitch the idea to Graduate Tax Director Michael Friel and Professor Dennis Calfee (LLMT 75).

Everyone agreed on the institute, and the planning began — a two-year process leading up to February 2014.

“It is very exciting to see such a huge effort culminate into what we foresee as one of the premier annual tax institutes in the nation,” Friel said. “It’s a natural evolution for a leading law school and a leading tax program to participate in developing a leading tax institute.”

Friel said it is rewarding for the huge investments in time and energy over the past two years by the institute’s steering committee — which include a number of UF Law alumni and friends — finally come to fruition.

For complete details, registration information and agenda, visit www.floridataxinstitute.org/. The Florida Tax Institute has been approved for continuing legal education credits in Florida, Georgia and New York, and Accounting, Certified Financial Planner, Certified Trust and Financial Advisor, and Professional Achievement in Professional Education credits in all states.
Silverware clinked against dinner plates as a group of about 240 people – most of them attorneys and their spouses – gathered at Gainesville’s UF Hilton in April. A who’s who of Florida tax professionals and academics came together for the annual conference and banquet of The Florida Bar Tax Section.

In the morning, UF Law tax faculty joined by high-powered private-sector and Washington, D.C.-based government lawyers delivered talks on the prospects for tax reform and nuances of the tax code. It was a feast of tax law, and it set the table for a real feast in the evening in honor of the tax lawyer of the year, as determined by the tax section.

The first person to receive The Florida Bar’s outstanding tax lawyer of the year award was James J. “Jack” Freeland in 1982. Freeland was a co-founder of UF Law’s Graduate Tax Program. The second UF Law faculty member to receive the award was Richard B. Stephens in 1985, also a co-founder of the Graduate Tax Program. Current adjunct Professor Samuel Ullman (JD 67) received the award in 1994, and former program director David Richardson received it in 2000.

Now it was the turn of Professor Dennis Calfee (LLMT 75).

Appropriately, considering the award’s history, the latest honor for a member of the UF Law Graduate Tax faculty went to someone who has been serving the program and its students ever since he graduated from its first class in 1975.

Even the banquet in Calfee’s honor featured as its centerpiece a major boost to the Graduate Tax Program. The funding of the Dennis Calfee Eminent Scholar Chair in Federal taxation gives the program a significant position to attract another outstanding professor that will further burnish the program’s credentials.

Richard Comiter (JD 80, LLMT 81) described how Calfee’s name eased the way to raising money for an eminent scholar chair.

“When you ask for a contribution in honor of someone who is so beloved by all, who has spent his entire life asking what he could do for you and not what others could do for him, it was only a question of how much,” Comiter said.

UF President Bernie Machen explained to the assembled tax lawyers how Calfee connects with students and graduates.

“Dennis has a reputation for staying at his students’ sides literally forever.”

—UF President Bernie Machen

During his nearly 40 years associated with UF Law, Calfee has served as associate dean of the college of law and as Alumni Research Scholar. He has taught at Peking University in Beijing, the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, the Academy of International Tax in Taiwan, and the University of Montpellier in France. In 2006, the Republic of China Ministry of Finance honored him with a third-level public finance specialty medal for developing Taiwan’s public finance system and training tax officers.

And twice in his career Calfee was elected college of law professor of the year.

“Students in Dennis’ classes say that they get the sense that he’s on the journey with them, and if you’ve ever shared that feeling with a teacher, you know what that’s really all about,” Machen said.
BY KELCEE GRIFFIS (4JM)

Rob Birrenkott (JD 05) chuckles when he remembers the day Dylan Shea (JD 13) sat down facing him at his desk in the Center for Career Development.

“‘I have four kids. I need a job,’” Birrenkott recalls Shea, a 1L at the time, telling him.

“One step at a time,” Birrenkott replied. “We’ve gotta crawl before we run.”

On the other hand, UF Law’s new assistant dean for career development is off and running. The graduate and four-year veteran of career development was handed the reins on May 28 to the office that helps clear the way for the employment of Gator lawyers. Since then, Birrenkott has overseen the launch of a host of initiatives.

“In just a few months, Rob has designed and implemented a number of new, innovative programs that I believe will help our students take advantage of opportunities I believe UF Law graduates are not fully taking advantage of,” UF Law Dean Robert Jerry said.

Jerry said Birrenkott has focused on expanding career services to smaller firms and to the government sector and has been particularly successful at making job connections possible among small law firms, state attorney’s offices and other government sector markets.

City Days is a career development initiative to organize legal recruiting events in Miami, Orlando, Jacksonville, Tampa and Tallahassee with an itinerary of interviews at multiple firms in the area. This is often more efficient for smaller firms than inviting them to visit UF Law in search of students to hire, Birrenkott said, and it also helps students avoid multiple trips to a location they want to work.

Bridge the Gap is another new initiative Birrenkott oversees that pairs students or recent graduates with industry veterans who can provide professional mentorship and connections.

Rachel Inman, associate dean for student affairs, said Birrenkott lends stability to the office. Students have confidence in him, and he’s managed administrative responsibilities to allow time for meeting with students. He is willing to meet after 5 p.m. if their schedule requires that time.

“I think that when you are in charge of running a unit, you’re concerned about being able to do the thing we all love to do — that is work with students,” Inman said. “He’s managed that by leading by example.”

Birrenkott previously served as the office director and interim dean. He took over after the departure of Pascale Bishop. Although he’s been working in the office in various capacities for the past four years, his new role involves heavier administrative duties. He said this greater responsibility means a greater scope for coordinating programs to impact students individually.

“I’ve really worked with almost every single segment of the student population,” Birrenkott said. “I’ve worked with 1Ls, 2Ls, recent graduates, LL.M. students. That’s all been helpful now that I’m overseeing the whole operation.”

One of his first clients was the aforementioned Dylan Shea, whose graduation date was approaching without signs of a job offer. Birrenkott brought him on a visit to an Orlando law firm whose officials wanted to hear a student’s perspective on how it could improve its outreach to students. Shea delivered the talk.

Meanwhile, Birrenkott was pulling for him behind the scenes.

“I shot them an email and said, ‘While he’s down here, I think this is a student you should really, really take a look at. He has a lot of intangibles — strong leader. He’s a candidate I can easily go to bat for.’”

That day scored a job interview for Shea, which resulted in a job at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.

“I was able to see the whole life cycle,” Birrenkott said. “You get to work with them throughout their journey, and then there’s a positive outcome at the end of it.”

In the fall semester, Todd Venie joined UF Law’s Legal Information Center as the new head of research and instruction. In this position, he will manage all of the LIC’s reference, instructional and faculty services.

Venie spent his last five years in Washington, D.C., as a reference librarian at the Georgetown University Law Library. In 2008, he earned his master’s degree in library science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he worked as the graduate assistant in the law library. Venie has a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University where he majored in history and political science, as well as a Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University.

Before he became a librarian, Venie worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he prosecuted adult felony cases and advised the county offices about civil matters.
When Darren Hutchinson moved back after 26 years of studying and teaching across the U.S., he drove through his old East Gainesville neighborhood, and what he saw made him sad.

“Archer Road is totally different than when I grew up here. Then I drive to East University Avenue, and it’s exactly the same,” he said.

The desire for more equal economic development is just one indication of the strong sense of social justice and advocacy for change Hutchinson brings to the UF Law faculty.

Hutchinson, a Gainesville native who taught as a visiting professor last year, writes and teaches about constitutional law, racial justice, LGBT rights and other social issues.

The 1993 Yale Law graduate was awarded the Stephen C. O’Connell Chair this fall, a distinction Hutchinson celebrated because he said it will give him “more resources to do things,” such as continuing his mission to educate about civil rights and equality.

The previous law schools he taught at — Washington College of Law and American University — were private schools with large international populations, and he said this meant teaching very generalized ideas.

Coming to UF, he said, his target audience is more defined, so he has more leverage to address specific issues he knows his students will encounter in the real world.

“I know most of my students grew up in Florida,” he said. “I know most of my students will practice law in Florida. A lot of them will become judges and lawmakers and policymakers here. I feel I have a direct influence on them.”

One such issue is public education.

Hutchinson said the Gainesville elementary school he went to as a child was comprised of a healthy mix of ethnicities and income levels. Now, he said, most of the attendees are low-income, black students.

“Those conditions are really bad for educating kids,” he said, noting that successful students — and lawyers — have multiple influences. “I really would like to see those schools be what they were before, so a kid can go there and become a law professor.”

Social change and social justice: “Those are my passions. That’s the heart of law to me. Lawyers have always been the enforcers of social justice, and I think that we have that role.”

To pass on his passions of social justice and change in the classroom, Hutchinson’s philosophy is to first build trust with his students so they feel they can freely exchange ideas.

“I try to create an environment that is very conducive to students saying their opinions in a legal context,” he said. “I work to get that trust, and then I’ll start questioning them more. I don’t want to bombard them with my ideas.”

He said it’s all about challenging students to sharpen their ideas by helping them pinpoint weaknesses in their arguments and identifying how to strengthen their arguments.

“At the same time, I hope they become conscious of the need for more justice,” he said. “That’s why I love teaching.”

Spencer Winpol, a 2L who was one of Hutchinson’s students last year and who works as his research assistant now, said Hutchinson’s down-to-earth attitude wins his classes over.

“Everyone really likes him because he’s really approachable,” said Winpol, who enjoys chatting with Hutchinson about football. “You wouldn’t know that he knows all that he does because he doesn’t put it in your face. He’s very humble about all his accomplishments.”

Much of Hutchinson’s research deals with gathering concrete facts and figures to illustrate abstract social problems. To that end, Winpol is helping Hutchinson compile numbers to illustrate the “disparate treatment between blacks and Hispanics in government-funded programs.”

Hutchinson is also striving to build collaboration between UF’s law program and social sciences.

He recently received an email from UF’s African-American Studies program office, asking him to open his class seminar, constitutional law and civil rights, to graduate students in that program.

Hutchison used the opening to contact UF’s political science and sociology departments to begin coordinating similar partnerships.

Because you must look at how laws operate within society to understand their full effects, Hutchinson said, fostering conversations between the social science and law fields is essential.

“Lawyers often believe they can solve every problem on their own, but we need the help of other experts,” he said. “Legal problems are bigger than just thinking about the law. You have to think about how society works as well.”
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—DANIEL SOKOL  Associate Professor of Law

“The prosecution became the defense and the defense became the prosecution. And the defense lawyers did a very good job of prosecuting Trayvon Martin. And so, as a consequence, he was profiled in life and he was profiled in death, at least in his trial, as a violent and dangerous black male.”

—KENNETH NUNN  Professor of Law; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families; Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Center

“What this case shows is that we think the military justice system can somehow solve the sexual assault problem, but it can’t.”

—DIANE MAZUR  Professor Emeritus

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“Insight: Flexing antitrust muscle, China is a new merger hurdle” (May 2, 2013, Reuters)

“Untangling The Legal Issues In The Zimmerman Case” (July 14, 2013, NPR)
“What will probably happen is the (life insurance) company is going to sue her, but she’s homeless and doesn’t have any money.”

—LEE-FORD TRITT
Professor of Law; Director, Center for Estate Planning; Director, Estates & Trusts Practice Certificate Program; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families

“What Brenda Heist: How to come back from the dead” (May 2, 2013, BBC News Magazine)

“Let’s say that an employee gets $2,000 in free meals and makes $50,000 a year. The company should report to the IRS that it paid the employee $52,000 in compensation on which the employee would be taxed.”

—MARTIN McMAHON
James J. Freeland Eminent Scholar

“Google, Facebook Workers Could Owe Taxes On Their Free Lunches” (April 8, 2013, The Huffington Post)

“At this moment, however, federal prosecutors have not charged Zimmerman with a crime, not to mention secured a conviction. If he is convicted of a federal felony related to this act, under Florida law, he would lose his right to carry a handgun.”

—DARREN HUTCHINSON
Stephen C. O’Connell Professor of Law

“Zimmerman can legally retrieve gun he used to shoot Martin” (July 14, 2013, MSNBC)

“Many would argue that this is a substantial invasion of students’ privacy rights, especially because states have mandatory attendance requirements, so students are essentially required to be subjected to constant government monitoring.”

—JASON NANCE
Assistant Professor of Law; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families

“Surveillance Cameras Gain Ground in Schools” (May 31, 2013, Education Week)
NANCY E. DOWD  
David H. Levin Chair in Family Law; Director, Center on Children and Families  
In response to Hannah Rosin’s book, The End of Men: and the Rise of Women (2012), this article, part of a symposium, argues Rosin’s book ignores men who never experienced privilege as well as the existence of hierarchy among men. The article focuses on the life situation and challenges of black boys, and its links to the subordinated position of black men.

ALYSON CRAIG FLOURNOY  
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Professor of Law; Alumni Research Scholar  
“Wetlands Regulation in an Era of Climate Change: Can Section 404 Meet the Challenge?” 4 G.W. J. of Energy & Envt’l L. 67 (2013) with Allison Fischman (JD 12)  
Flournoy and Fischman review the scientific literature on the potential threat to wetlands posed by climate change. Finding that the evidence warrants concern, they present an approach for assessing the threat and developing a policy response by linking climate change projections to information about the value of different types of wetlands.

ROBERT H. JERRY, II  
UF Law Dean; Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law  
LYRISSA BARNETT LIDSKY  
Professor of Law; Stephen C. O’Connell Chair; Associate Dean for International Programs  
This article addresses administrative and First Amendment challenges public university officials face regarding the use of social media. Jerry and Lidsky examine current and likely future uses of social media in higher education and provides a map of the complex terrain of First Amendment doctrine and guidance for navigating it.

E. LEA JOHNSTON  
Associate Professor; Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Center  

SHANI M. KING  
Professor of Law; Co-Director, Center on Children and Families  
“Alone and Unrepresented: A Call to Congress to Provide Counsel for Unaccompanied Minors,” 50 Harv. J. Legis. 331 (2013)  
King shows that unaccompanied minors lie at the nexus of human rights standards governing immigrants, children, and civil counsel and that this underscores their need for counsel.

ELIZABETH A. ROWE  
Feldman Gale Term Professor of Intellectual Property Law; UF Research Foundation Professor; Director, Program in Intellectual Property Law  
Rowe is the first to examine bridging the worlds of employment discrimination law and intellectual property law. She recommends including considerations of intellectual property in the employment discrimination jurisprudence.

D. DANIEL SOKOL  
Associate Professor  
Competition Law and Development (Stanford U. Press, 2013) — editor, with Thomas K. Cheng and Ioannis Lianos  
Competition Law and Development investigates whether the competition law and policy transplanted from Europe and the United States can be successfully implemented in the developing world.

DANAYA C. WRIGHT  
Clarence J. TeSelle Endowed Professor  
The Law of Succession: Wills, Trusts, and Estates (Foundation Press, 2013)  
This new trusts and estates casebook takes a radically different approach in both structure and content for teaching upper level courses, replacing long cases with short squib cases to illustrate how different courts address different factual situations, and focusing on the tools of estate planning and planning scenarios.
Grayson McCouch has some practical advice about estate planning: Be careful; be realistic; don’t procrastinate.

McCouch, who joined the UF Law faculty full time in fall 2013 as the Gerald Sohn Professor of Law, teaches estates and trusts; taxation of gratuitous transfers; and estate planning. Although McCouch knows that these subjects can often instill “fear, anxiety, and misgiving,” he thinks everyone should know something about them.

McCouch acknowledges that executing a will, trust, or power of attorney can be daunting. That’s why he urges students to take the subject seriously. Even if they do not end up specializing in estate planning, knowing the basics can help them plan their own affairs and avoid unwelcome surprises, he said.

Before coming to UF, McCouch taught at the University of Miami School of Law and the University of San Diego School of Law.

Estate planning is an especially practical field in Florida. “If you look at the amount of wealth, the legal and professional climate, and the demographics of the state,” he said, “it’s pretty clear that estate planning is an essential part of any lawyer’s basic education — particularly for students at UF.”

He said the real-world applications for his subject areas offer a wide range of career opportunities for law grads. His estates and trusts class is the foundation for more advanced courses dealing with specialized aspects of fiduciary administration, future interests and taxation.

“That’s why I like teaching in these areas,” he said. “I think a lot of students come out with something they will be able to use.”

McCouch became interested in estate planning as a law student and then specialized in the area for several years in practice with a firm in Boston. “The law firm experience was invaluable. I learned a great deal not only about planning and drafting documents but also about client relations and professional responsibility.”

Lee-Ford Tritt, director of UF Law’s Camp Center for Estate Planning, said McCouch brings a high level of scholarship and a personable nature to the college.

“He’s a proven commodity who fits perfectly into our premier tax program while adding to our already outstanding estate planning curriculum,” he said. “And I’m personally lucky to have another friendly colleague with whom to discuss pedagogical and scholarly issues. I couldn’t be happier to have Professor McCouch right down the hall from me.”

The feeling of collegiality is mutual.

McCouch, who noted how much he enjoys his UF faculty colleagues, said he was drawn to UF Law because of its dynamic and stimulating atmosphere. “It’s a very exciting place, with a diverse and talented faculty and first-rate students,” he said.
Fellowships support student career paths

BY ANDREW STEADMAN (2L)

From active duty in the Army to the trenches of government inside the Beltway, from protecting the future of the environment to ensuring a bright future for children — jobs in public interest law can take young attorneys in many different directions. For four UF Law students, those far-ranging opportunities were brought within reach by public interest fellowships.

UF Law boasts three new public interest fellowship options for students. The Bill McBride Public Interest Practice Fellowship, the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship and the E. Thom Rumberger Everglades Foundation Fellowship help fund public interest-related internships and externships, which can be expensive because they are often unpaid and require summertime relocation.

The fellowships eliminate those worries, giving students access to valuable hands-on work experience with agencies across the country. Each fellow received $5,000 to cover the costs associated with their summer opportunities.

The inaugural Rumberger fellow, who will receive up to $5,000 per year, had not yet been selected at press time, but two McBride and two Stevens fellows completed their work over the summer. Their paths are varied, but all have their sights set on careers in the public interest.

Marissa Fallica (3L)

The McBride Fellowship offered Fallica an opportunity to follow her dream of working in the area of civil rights law. She externed in Atlanta at the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, which handles discrimination cases in educational settings.

Fallica spent a large part of the summer assisting in a compliance review of a school district by investigating the district for possible race discrimination violations in its discipline practices. The chief regional attorney, Deborah Floyd, was Fallica’s mentor throughout the fellowship. Fallica said Floyd’s innovative and thorough approach to cases served as an inspiration for her own legal development.

“It was a great opportunity to learn from her,” Fallica said. “The mentoring of many of the attorneys I worked with there reinforced my commitment to do public interest work in the future.”

Patrick Todd (2L)

Looking to expand his horizons in environmental law, Todd got the opportunity to travel across the country and work with veteran attorneys, thanks to the McBride Fellowship.

Todd split his summer between Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., making the most of his time in order to get experience at both the state and federal levels. He spent the first half of the fellowship at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Florida and went to the Department of Justice Environmental Torts Branch for the second half. Todd said the fellowship provided him with the chance to explore public interest law without dealing with the stressful details of arranging housing and covering living expenses.

“If it wasn’t for the help, I don’t know how I would have managed,” Todd said.

Todd said he received constructive mentoring and advice from seasoned trial attorneys, which made a lasting impact on his development as a lawyer.

Joshua Izaak (3L)

Stevens fellow Joshua Izaak, whose interests lie in politics, wanted to work on voting rights issues in the nation’s capital. His wish was granted with a position in the Voter Protection Department with the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C.

Izaak analyzed legislation from individual states to determine how laws were restricting voters from the opportunity to vote.

“I got great first-hand experience in seeing how our nation’s voting laws function in practical terms and how those laws can both expand and restrict a person’s access to the polls,” Izaak said.

Izaak’s drive to break into politics was reinforced by the experience. He said he hopes to hold public office in the near future, beginning with a campaign for a seat in the Florida House of Representatives in 2014.

Kaylee Chabarek (3L)

Kaylee Chabarek said the Stevens Fellowship provided her with a stepping stone toward working in military law.

She said the fellowship opened avenues for her that would otherwise have been impassable because of the costs associated with pursuing her goal of entering the Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

“Without the fellowship funds, I don’t know if I would have been able to do the internship,” Chabarek said.

Chabarek moved to Texas during the summer to extern with the JAG Trial Defense Service in Fort Hood. Because the fellowship allowed her to live in Fort Hood, Chabarek said, she was able to experience the role of an Army defense counsel. The opportunity, in turn, helped her realize she was interested in continuing to pursue a JAG career.

“The internship definitely solidified my future plans,” Chabarek said.
UF Law students march down University Avenue as a briefcase brigade on Nov. 8 during the 90th Annual University of Florida Homecoming Parade. (Photo by Javier Edwards)