Two UFLaw committees are searching the nation for outstanding candidates for a new law school dean and other key positions (see below).

The prestigious search committee formed by University of Florida President Charles Young to find the 13th head of the College of Law hopes by the end of the year to have settled on a small group of outstanding potential candidates.

Dean Search Committee Co-Chairs Barbara Bennett Woodhouse and Christopher Slobogin, two of six law school faculty on the task force, are optimistic candidate visits to campus can then be scheduled before February 2003.

Jon Mills, in his fourth year as dean, announced his intention when appointed by Young to step down in 2003.

A list of more than 100 dean nominees with diverse backgrounds and experience in both public and private institutions has been accumulated since May. The committee, now meeting weekly, is contacting top candidates to determine their interest in the position.

After campus visits by finalists, the committee will forward three names to Young, who will make the final selection.

In addition to Woodhouse and Slobogin, law faculty on the committee are Professors Alyson Flournoy, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, William Page and Henry Wihnyk. Other members are Williard Harrison, UF College of Liberal Arts & Sciences dean emeritus; Marybeth McDonald, chair, Law Center Association Board of Trustees; Charles Wells, former Florida Supreme Court chief justice; Charles Frazier, ex-officio UF vice provost; and law student Dexter Smith.

Updated details are on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu; click on “Dean Search.”

---

**TWO DIRECTORS NEEDED**

The law school’s Appointments Committee (see bottom list) is looking for directors for the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) and Legal Information Center (LIC), with results expected in early 2003. The first of its kind at a Southern law school, CSRRR (www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr) seeks to promote racial understanding, inter racial dispute resolution and racial equality. Assistant Dean Rahim Reed served as the first director, but left in 2001 for a position at the University of California - Davis.

**FACULTY SEARCH**

Candidates are being sought for three faculty positions to open in 2003 due to retirements. Professors David T. Smith (property, estates and trusts), Winton Williams (collection law) and Professor Emeritus Francis T. McCoy (family law and legal history) will step down next year.

(See story on Smith, page 43.)

**CHAIRS**

Endowed positions made possible through a partnership of private and public support help attract leading scholars through competitive salaries and research funding. UFLaw has 23 of these prestigious positions, and the following two are open:

**Richard E. Nelson Chair**

Made possible by a $1 million 1991 contribution from Jane and Richard Nelson (JD 55) of Sarasota, where Richard was county attorney for more than 30 years and recognized nationally for his contributions to local government law.

**Huber C. Hurst Eminent Scholar Chair**

Named in honor of UF Professor Huber C. Hurst (JD 27), who specialized in business law/economics and contributed $1.2 million to the law school in 1984. This visiting position is filled for 2003, and a search is underway for the 2004 scholar.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Searches for candidates for positions listed on this page, except for the deanship, are being conducted by the 2002-03 Appointments Committee, headed by Professor David Richardson, former director of the Graduate Tax Program. Professors serving with him are George Dawson, Jerold Israel, Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, Nancy Dowd (fall only), Elizabeth Lear (spring), Sharon Rush (fall) and Lyrisa Lidsky (fall); Associate Professor Pedro Malavet (spring); Assistant Professor Valerie Sanchez; two students to be named; and ex-officio Assistant Dean Patrick Shannon.
**CONTENTS**

**FALL 2002 • VOLUME 39 • ISSUE 1**

**COVER**
Harry Lee Anstead (ID 63, center) becomes the 55th UF Law grad to serve as chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court (see page 4). Justices joining Anstead in the UFLaw Schott Courtyard are Raoul G. Cantero III (left), Leander J. Shaw Jr., Charles T. Wells (ID 64), Immediate past chief justice), Barbara J. Pariente and Peggy A. Quinn. Retired former Chief Justice Ben Overton (ID 52) is again serving as a law school adjunct professor this term. (Justice R. Fred Lewis not shown).

**UFLAW VISION**
Dedicated to advancing human dignity, social welfare and justice through knowledge of the law.

**MISSION**
Excellence in educating professionals, advancing legal scholarship, serving the public and fostering justice.

**FEATURES**

4 Cover Story: Anstead 50th Chief Justice 12 Strategic Planning Impacts Future 16 JAG - Alumni Serve the Nation 30 Poland - American Firms Benefit From UFLaw Affiliation 38 Dispute Resolution Reduces Court Time

**7 News**
7 UFLaw Remembers 9/11 9 ‘Shadowing’ Benefits Firms, Students 9 Serving The Youngest Clients 10 New Estate and Elder Law Center 11 The Plant ‘Inventor’ 14 ‘Con’ grad’ulations 18 Music Conference First in State

19 Alumni
19 Burger Chef to Burger King CEO 20 Briefs 21 ‘Dignity in Law’ 25 LTI Makes Technology Work for Firms 26 Politics on Campus

**33 Partners**
33 Architects Named at Ceremony, Groundbreaking Set for April 34 Council Seeks Alumni Participation 35 David Levin: A Life for the Law 36 Alums Returns to Campus

**40 Faculty**
40 ‘Artichokes and Lobsters’ 42 Scholarship & Activities 42 Research Has Practical Applications 43 ‘Skeletons in the Classroom’
There was always something special about Harry Lee Anstead (JD 63). Born and raised in a single-parent home in a Jacksonville housing project, he helped support his mother, Loretta Anstead, after his father abandoned the family.

While other boys were out playing baseball in the streets or fishing in the St. John’s River, Anstead was mowing lawns, moving furniture and working odd jobs to help his mother make ends meet. Yet he still gives all the credit to her.

“My mother is my personal hero,” he says. “It was a tribute to her tenacity that she did anything to support and keep us together, and managed to get us a unit in the Brentwood project, which at the time was much sought after due to its nearby schools and parks.”

To those who knew the young Anstead, it was no surprise he far surpassed normal expectations of a young man from the projects — excelling as an undergraduate at the University of Florida after graduating from Jacksonville’s Andrew Jackson High School in 1956, then going on to earn his juris doctor degree from UF’s College of Law.

“I have a tremendous admiration for our public universities, and in particular the University of Florida — the flagship of our state university system,” he says. “It provided me with a wonderful experience, a combination of the wonderful campus environment created by teachers, the administration and the student body composed of people from many other places that I got to know.

Four decades later, Anstead, 64, is still surpassing expectations. On July 2, he was sworn in as chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court — the highest judicial office in Florida state government.

As his wife, Sue, looks on, Anstead (left) is administered the oath by yet another UF alumnus, former Chief Justice and Florida Attorney General Richard Ervin (LLB 28).

But the UF alumnus hasn’t forgotten where he came from nor a childhood surrounded by other children who slipped through the cracks.

“I’m particularly pleased that the courts have the enormous privilege of looking out for our most troubled children, who come to us in juvenile courts,” says Anstead. “I feel privileged that society has chosen our doorstep to put those children on, and I am absolutely committed to providing the finest services to help them resolve their problems at a very early age to get them headed in the right direction to be constructive citizens. That is a major issue on my agenda.”
Also critical to Anstead is professionalism in the courts.

“After I came on the court, we initiated a statewide professionalism initiative among lawyers, judges and law schools,” he says. “My feeling was that we had made a mistake in not previously bringing leadership of the law schools, lawyers and judges together to accept responsibility for raising the level of professional conduct.

“On our initiative, a Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism was created through The Florida Bar, and we have been able to develop statewide and local programs in an educational format that keeps students, teachers, lawyers and judges aware of emerging professionalism and ethical issues.”

Anstead’s emphasis on professionalism goes hand-in-hand with another issue he champions.

“From the moment a lawyer is appointed to be a judge, we mandate judicial education for that lawyer before the lawyer goes on the bench,” he says. “So that lawyer receives practical and academic education as a judge. We are now recognized as having the finest judicial education system in the country.”

Anstead notes Florida also is recognized by group after group, including the federal government and United States attorney general, for innovative ideas like drug courts.

“And we’ve been recognized throughout the country for our mediation,” he says. “Our state court system is recognized nationally as one of the — if not the — finest systems in the United States.”

As chief justice, Anstead intends to keep it that way.

“I’m bragging about the state of the justice system in Florida, but I’m very, very concerned that we maintain it,” he says.

Anstead’s passion is now the law and what it means to the people of Florida. But a career in law wasn’t always the future he planned. In fact, he spent his first two years as a Gator undergrad as an engineering major.

(‘Anstead’ continues page 6)
“Because I was a good high school science and math student, and because the space program was just beginning, my teachers encouraged me to go into engineering,” he says. “I did pretty well initially, but somewhere along the way, a teacher in a particularly advanced course found I didn’t measure up to a particular standard. Staying up all night working on a single physics problem was not something I was enjoying. I knew this really wasn’t for me.”

“I felt like Kennedy was looking right at me when he said, ‘Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.’”

“I began thinking about my love for the humanities and history and government and changed my major, with teachers and counselors encouraging me to follow my heart,” Anstead says.

He followed his heart all the way through UF, working odd jobs to pay for his education, including a recurring summer position as an electrical engineering draftsman at a major engineering firm in Jacksonville.

At UF, Anstead participated in another Gator tradition — triumph on the athletic field.

“Sports were a big part of my life growing up in the projects, because there were nearby playing fields,” he says. “I was kind of a latchkey kid, but I always loved sports. One of the most exciting things for me was to compete on an intercollegiate level wearing the orange and blue and running cross country at UF. I was not one of the high-performance runners, but competing was quite a thrill.”

Anstead had a brief stint as a walk-on with the Gator football team.

“I was just too slow, too small and lacking in talent, but it was exciting while it lasted,” he says. “As a walk-on, you scrimmage the varsity players, and you get beat up in the process. I saw there was no future in it for me. Much later, my children wanted to know why I didn’t at least have a lot of pictures taken in my uniform.”

After he completed his undergraduate education, Anstead was recruited by the National Security Agency, unofficially kicking off his judiciary career.

“I was with the agency stationed in Washington, and attended the inauguration of John Kennedy in January 1961 and was deeply moved,” he said. “I felt like Kennedy was looking right at me when he said, ‘Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.’ I’ll tell you, I was charged up. I started law school at American University just a few weeks later.”

But Anstead, a true Gator, didn’t stick around American University long.

“My heart was always back in Florida, back at the University of Florida,” he says. “Eventually I transferred and received my law degree from UF.

“I think UF prepared me for this career because of the faculty’s tremendous caring and dedication,” he says. “Those running the school obviously believed students should always come first.”

Anstead went on to earn a Master of Laws degree in the judicial process at the University of Virginia, then spent 13 years as a trial and appellate attorney before being appointed to the bench in Florida’s Fourth District Court of Appeal in 1977. In 1994, then-Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Florida Supreme Court.

“We need to remind ourselves every day that we are officers of the court and we carry the Florida justice system on our shoulders. It’s only when we’re operating at our very best that the system is operating at its very best.”

Anstead and his wife Sue, first met on the law library steps when he was a law student and she was an undergraduate. She is now an attorney and former child advocate for the Legal Aid Society, and the two make their home in Tallahassee. They have five children -- Chris, Jim, Laura, Amy and Michael – and one grandchild, Ashlee Marie.

To other Florida attorneys, especially fellow UF alumni, Anstead issues a challenge as he tries to lead the Florida court system to an even higher level.

“We need to remind ourselves every day that we are officers of the court and we carry the Florida justice system on our shoulders. It’s only when we’re operating at our very best that the system is operating at its very best,” he says. “We’re only as strong as the weakest link in our chain.”
UFLaw Remembers 9/11

Ceremony Honors Public Safety and Military Service Personnel Whose Efforts Help Ensure Our Safety

Dean Jon Mills (with Associate Dean Gail Sasnett, inset) began UFLaw’s 9/11 anniversary ceremonies with these remarks:

“A year ago we stared with disbelief at the knife edge of evil. When we awoke from the nightmare, we discovered the nightmare was true. We cried. We grieved. And we were angry.

“But that day also awoke other feelings. We rediscovered our passion for patriotism and freedom. We rediscovered our feelings for family and home.

“And we rediscovered our pride in the people who protect our freedom and our flag — our military, our police and our firefighters.

“We as a college community have many among us who serve (see below). We thank them. Each of us — as a citizen and a member of this college community — now feel more united. We renew our personal duty to seek justice and to honor our country. We will meet our promise.”

The John Marshall Bar Association organized a panel discussion, “9/11 and the Law: One Year Later,” to discuss how the attacks changed political institutions, media culture, law enforcement agencies, relations with foreign countries and legal systems. Panelists included Gainesville Sun Editorial Page Editor Ron Cunningham (left), Senator/Former State Attorney Rod Smith, Former Governor Buddy MacKay, JIMBA President and event organizer Chris Hand (3L), UF Medical Professor Fred Southwick and UFLaw Professor Nancy Dowd.

9/11 Displays

At law school 9/11 ceremonies with Dean Jon Mills (left) were UFLaw students Christopher O’Neal, Gainesville Police Department officer; Cpl. Juan Carlos Tablo, Reservist Marine Corps & Elite 4th Anglico; 2nd Lt. Tae Shin, Army Infantry; 2nd Lt. Jenelle Donze, Marine Corps; 2nd Lt. Jay-Jay Janabjajal, Marine Corps; 2nd Lt. Courtney Walsh, Marine Corps; Capt. Matt Brannen, Marine Corps; Capt. Gregg Pike, U.S. Air Force; Capt. Sean Boynton, Marine Corps; 2nd Lt. Samuel Londono, Marine Corps; and Associate Dean Gail Sasnett.
Brazilian Legal Professionals Visit Campus

In July, Brazilian judges, prosecutors and attorneys attended a week-long summer program provided by the College of Law Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR). The program included lectures by UFLaw professors with site visits to the court system, local government agencies and regional resource management agencies. Among participants were Ana Moura (left), Ruy Alves, Carlos Leprevost, CGR Staff Attorney Tim McLendon, Diocélia Fávaro, Saint-Clair Honorato Santos, CGR Director of Environmental Studies Jeff Wade, UFLaw Adjunct Professor Judge William Wagner, Leila Carla Leprevost, R. Jerome Sanford, Rosana Lima and Robertson Azevedo.

UF Research: Historic Preservation a Boon to State

Historic preservation helps bring an additional $4.2 billion a year to the Florida economy and more than 120,000 jobs a year to Sunshine State workers, according to a study by researchers in the Center for Governmental Responsibility.

Commissioned by the Florida Department of State and conducted by CGR and Rutgers University’s Center for Urban Policy Research, the study is the first of its kind in Florida to research the impact of historical preservation.

“We examined the value of maintaining and renovating historic properties and sites amidst the pressures of new development,” said CGR study authors JoAnn Klein and Timothy McLendon (right). They also considered direct and indirect financial impact of activities, such as rehabilitation of historic properties, heritage tourism, grants, tax incentives, museum operations and investment in Florida’s Main Street Program.

For more information, go to: www.law.ufl.edu/news/releases/021002.shtml.

Law Students UF Leaders

For the first time, UF’s three most powerful student offices are held by women.

Two leaders — 2002-03 Honor Court Chancellor Leslie Press (left) and UF Student Body President Nikki Fried — are UFLaw students. (The third, UF student Kimberly James, is student senate president.)

Florida History on Web

It may be difficult to imagine, but in early territorial Florida — before it became a state — public divorce proceedings before the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee’s state government buildings were commonplace.

This is one of many historical tidbits revealed on the new Florida Historical Legal Documents Web page, among the first of its kind in the country and put together by a UFLaw team.

“If you’re interested in state laws and history, it’s fascinating,” says Mae Clark (right), assistant director of technical services for the law school’s Legal Information Center and coordinator of the online catalog of 1822-1845 Florida laws and legislative proceedings included in the Florida Heritage Collection.

“Mae and other of our library personnel did an outstanding job on this, which is another example of how our College of Law serves all of the people of this state,” said Betty Taylor, law library director and professor of law. “Future state funding would allow Mae and her colleagues to extend information available into the 1900s.”

Visit “Florida Historical Legal Documents” at http://palmm.fcla.edu/law.

‘Haiti Conflict Resolution’

The Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR) and Dean Jon Mills (left, with Port-au-Prince law student Martine Daceus, Jacmel school principal Eddy Simplice and Port-au-Prince lawyer Sandra Louis) hosted 11 Haitian visitors as part of its Haiti Conflict Resolution Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The CGR program is in its sixth year. CGR Development Director JoAnn Klein and Staff Attorney Tim McLendon coordinated the visitors’ two-week visit in Gainesville and Tallahassee. Haitian participants included lawyers, law students, social workers, educators and community organizers. Activities included negotiation and interviewing classes conducted by Professor Don Peters and visits to the Florida Legislature and Supreme Court.
A unique professional shadowing program for first-year law students developed by the College of Law and its Career Services office was formally launched this summer. Ten students volunteered July-August at eight Florida firms to gain experience and assist the organizations.

“First-year students often are hungry to get real-world experience, but few firms are ready to hire them so early in their legal careers,” said Assistant Dean for Career Services Kathy Urbach, who helped organize the program.

It is “designed for a student to follow or ‘shadow’ key firm attorneys and experience their daily routines,” according to student Richard Weldon of Sarasota, who worked in Tallahassee at Akerman Senterfitt during a test run of the program in Summer 2001.

Akerman Senterfitt’s Bruce Culepper described Weldon as “a lifesaver. We ended up putting him on some major projects.”

George Moraititis, partner in the Fort Lauderdale firm Moraitis Cofar and Karney, which participated in the 2001 test and this summer’s implementation, said the program is “a great experience for students, and certainly beneficial for us.”

Moraitis said student Juan Perez of Fort Lauderdale, who is bilingual, helped with foreign clients and participated in real estate closings.

“This is a win-win situation where we can provide first-year students with valuable practical experience,” said Dean Jon Mills, “and participating firms have an opportunity to see firsthand the quality of UF law students.”

Firms and students involved this summer:

- Ocala: Siboni Hamer & Buchanan PA / Barbara Walker
- West Palm Beach: Adams Coogler Watson et al. / Holly Ann Bower, Stacy Paige Feingold
- Jacksonville: Corvina Hodak PA / Geetha Nadiminti
- Coral Gables: George Hartz Lundeen et al. / Jada Wynn Butler, Vanessa Maierana
- Fort Myers: Geraghty Dougherty & Edwards / Michele Gazica
- Ft. Lauderdale: Moraitis Cofar Karney / Heather Runyan
- Tampa: Zinobeer & McCrea / Vivianne Grajales
- Miami: Law Offices of Peter MacNamara / Hollie Noblick

Additional firms participating in the 2001 pilot were Hoppe Law Firm, Miami; Morgan Colling & Gilbert, Orlando; and Zinobeer & McCrea PA, Tampa.

Firms interested in being considered for Summer 2003 should contact Urbach (352.392.0499).

A UF Law Center for Children and the Law (CCL) Director Barbara Woodhouse (center, above), “Children are the least powerful people, but most in need of high quality advocacy. They depend on adults — often lawyers — to vindicate their rights. Each time the system fails a child, society pays a heavy price in lost human capital and ruined lives.”

To help meet this need, CCL was formed and Woodhouse — a nationally recognized expert in family and children’s law — was hired in 2001 to direct it. Assisting her are UF Law faculty/Associate CCL Directors Sharon Rush (left), Iris Burke, Claudia Wright, Alison Gerencser, Kenneth Nunn, Christopher Slobogin, Valerie Sanchez, Sherry Russell-Brown, Nancy Dowd and Mae Clark — experts in criminal law, juvenile justice, child development and child issues, conflict resolution and/or constitutional law.

CCL is playing an integral role in plans for a “Unified Family Court,” recently mandated by the Florida Supreme Court. It hosted an October workshop for judges and statewide law faculty to develop teaching methods reflecting the family-court model. Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente and Judge Sandy Karlan, chair of the Commission on the Legal Needs of Children, were among those participating.

CCL in March will hold its second annual conference, “Children, Culture and Violence,” co-sponsored by UF’s Center for Study of Children’s Literature and Media. The event will explore connections between youth crime and popular culture.

A UF Law Family Law Certificate Program also is now offered, as well as related courses on Perspectives on the Family, Economics of the Family, and Child, Parent & State.

For information: www.law.ufl.edu or http://lic.law.ufl.edu/~woodhouse.
Estate and Elder Law Planning

New Center Unique in Emphasis on Tax Law

“There is no similar institute or center in any state university system, and it is quite unlikely there ever will be,” said Professor C. Douglas Miller, longtime member of the Graduate Tax Faculty, director of the Estates and Trusts Practice Certificate Program, and faculty advisor to the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society (student organization). Miller (above, with students), is speaking of UFLaw’s new Center on Estate and Elder Law Planning. Under his direction, it will integrate teaching, training, research, scholarship and public service. And it will work closely with the Graduate Tax Program and develop a relationship with UF’s Center for Gerontological Studies, which conducts research on aging issues and draws from faculty in multiple UF departments.

Tax issues are pervasive in estate and elder law planning, and no other institution can offer the participation of the faculty of a premier tax program. UF’s Graduate Tax Program is ranked in the top two in the nation.

“Doug has been a leader in our tax program, and is the perfect choice to head the new center,” said Mike Friel, Grad Tax Program director and associate dean for academic affairs. “This center will address issues of critical importance to our state’s burgeoning elderly population and the legal profession that serves their interests.”

While estate planning has occupied the public’s attention for more than 50 years, elder law is a new specialty involving a variety of interdisciplinary issues. Substantial new legislation has been directed at seniors, further adding to this specialty’s complexity and importance. “The center will advance knowledge, professionalism, skills and policy in these key areas and help to educate and train students and lawyers,” said UFLaw Dean Jon Mills.

Miller said, “The focus of the center notwithstanding, a lawyer cannot practice estate planning or elder law without understanding that the needs of the client may extend well beyond legal and tax problems.”

Declining mortality rates suggest the elderly population will more than double by the year 2050. According to Miller, the growth of the senior population has had — and will have — a profound effect on our legal system.

In addition to teaching and research, the center will sponsor continuing legal education programs and offer skills training to professionals. It also will sponsor annual conferences, and provide community service through judicial externship programs — already in place in Ft. Lauderdale, Gainesville and Tampa — where students will do pro bono work in judicial circuit probate divisions.
The Plant ‘Inventor’
Student Beautifies School, Studies to Seek Infringement Rights

Those returning to UFLaw this fall found the Schott Courtyard adrift in a sea of flowers. The blooms are courtesy of first-year law student Dave Chopin (right), who donated his patented Crape Myrtles and is maintaining them as well. He made the gift after noticing the courtyard “lacked color.”

A 25-year veteran of the nursery business, Chopin was the first in the U.S. to miniaturize the Myrtle, and holds seven patents. His “Dwarfs” range from five to 15 feet, while his “Miniatures” are below five feet and make impressive hedges, covers and hanging plants. Chopin’s creations were named the Official Plant of the 1984 World’s Fair and have been featured in publications such as Southern Living and Florida Agriculture.

Chopin moved to Gainesville in 1998, and decided to apply to law school after his patents fell prey to infringement. UF was the natural choice, he said, “because our law school is Florida’s best, and UF is the South’s leading university for agricultural studies.”

Chopin also plans to pursue a Certificate in Intellectual Property. UF is the only law school in the Southeast with an Intellectual Property (IP) program, which focuses on patents, trade secrets, copyrights and trademarks. When he graduates, he may be the first horticulturist-lawyer in the state.

“With expertise in both horticulture and patent law, Dave can make valuable contributions to both fields,” commented IP Director Thomas Cotter.

Chopin has six employees who run his nursery operation — a primarily mail-order business (www.crapemyrtles.com) that serves customers across the U.S. — while he attends law school.

More and Better
UFLAW 2002 FALL CLASS WELL-QUALIFIED, DIVERSE

The UFLaw Fall 2002 class (in two photos at right) is one of the best credentialed and diverse in school history. A record 2,558 students (40 percent increase over Fall 2001) — the largest and one of the most qualified candidate pools in law school history — applied to UFLaw for Fall 2002.

“There were more than 12 applicants for each seat,” said Assistant Dean for Admissions Michael Patrick (left, seated, with new Director of Admissions Lewis Hutchison).

Class statistics indicate a minority enrollment of 26 percent (comparable to past six years), median GPA of 3.57 and LSAT of 159, and average age of 23. The class is 54 percent female and 93 percent are from Florida.
Strategic Plans Shaping UFLaw Future

 Needed: Higher Tuition, Increased Alumni Participation, Out-of-State Students

Thanks to two high-level parallel efforts earlier this year, the future of the Levin College of Law has been brought more clearly into focus. And it looks something like this:

- Achieve recognition as a Top 10 public law school.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness in resource utilization.
- Increase resources.
- Improve quality of education for students and quality and quantity of scholarship and public service.

Those are among major aspects of the College of Law future as determined by both the school’s own Strategic Plan Steering Committee appointed by Dean Jon Mills and in information provided to University of Florida President Charles Young’s Presidential Task Force on the Future of UF (see story page 13).

Headed by Gerald A. Sohn Scholar and Professor of Law Jeffrey Davis (left above, with committee member/Director of Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy Henry Wihnyk), the steering committee identified changes needed in the structure and functioning of the law school in order to adequately prepare students to meet demands of a changing profession and its shifting client demographics, serve the state and its constituents, and join the nation’s Top 10 public law schools.

The committee also emphasized the importance of increasing financial resources of the law school to provide necessary funding to implement these and future improvements.

“This strategic plan represents an imaginative and innovative vision by our faculty,” Mills said. “We are pleased we reached agreement on where we will be in 10 years and on what we need to be one of the best law schools in the United States.”

Among recommendations, as affirmed by law school faculty this spring:

- Raise tuition to approximately the mean of Association of American Universities public law schools, and increase resources for recruiting entering students.
- Reduce student-teacher ratio.
- End twice-a-year admissions by eliminating spring entering classes.
- Dramatically increase efforts to seek financial support from the 87 percent of alumni who do not participate.
- Review school’s “signature” and other special programs to improve or eliminate where necessary.
- Develop high-quality litigation/skills program.
- Increase out-of-state admissions.

“Our tuition for in-state residents ranks among the lowest in the nation,” Davis said. “We anticipate some of the increased resources could be used to provide scholarships to needy students potentially disadvantaged by higher tuition.”

Serving with Davis were Levin Mabie & Levin Professor of Law Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Irving Cypen Professor of Law Sharon Rush, then-Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Mike Seigel and Wihnyk.

The group spent six months developing recommendations and proposals, and then went to small group faculty sessions to discuss and revise the report before its April approval by all faculty.

“A true indicator of how seriously we took this assignment is the overall faculty’s agreement that we will seek to
improve our own effectiveness by experimenting with flexible productivity standards,” Davis said, pointing out a key proposed change is elimination of spring admissions, with the faculty directing the administration to study all aspects of such a move — anticipated to take effect after Spring 2005.

“This could further improve the quality and education of our single entering class, which would average about 300 admissions compared to 400 total fall and spring enrollment,” Davis continued.

Inherent in the committee’s recommendations is the assumption UFLaw’s physical facilities would be expanded as previously announced. (See page 33).

“It is exciting and rewarding that one of the best and most loyal group of law faculty in the nation have come together to agree on what needs to be done to move the flagship law school in this state well along the path to even greater accomplishments in the 21st Century,” Mills said. ■

For a copy of the complete Strategic Plan Steering Committee report, go to www.law.ufl.edu/news стратегический.shtml.

---

**CHARACTERISTICS OF ‘TOP 10’ LAW SCHOOLS**

The College of Law report to the UF Presidential Task Force lists 12 characteristics common to U.S. law schools considered to be in the Top 10:

1. Basically Private
2. High Tuitions
3. Huge Endowments
4. High Faculty Salaries,
   Numerous Endowed Chairs
5. Highly Productive Faculties
6. Educational Strength of Students
7. Low Student-to-Faculty Ratios
8. National Placement of Students,
   Reduced Placement Concerns
9. Programs Supporting Scholarships
10. Excellent Physical Facilities

---

**Road Map to the Top 10**

Early in 2002, as College of Law faculty and staff were developing their own strategic plans for the nation’s 11th largest law school (see adjacent story), President Charles Young asked UF college deans to make recommendations on how their units could best enhance UF’s achievements, advance its reputation and raise it to one of the country’s top educational institutions.

In Young’s “Strategic Approach to Accomplish University Goals and Long Term Success,” announcing formation of his Task Force on the Future of the University of Florida, he singled out the law school as one of the UF colleges that has “played an important role in addressing the needs of the state and advancing its interests.”

Young also said that the law school remains critical to UF’s future, and “we clearly must maintain and strengthen the program of this college.”

In response to Young’s assignment, Dean Jon Mills and then-Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Michael Seigel in February provided an 11-page report to the Task Force. Among highlights:

“The College of Law has taken significant steps in many cutting-edge areas, including globalization, interdisciplinary study, specialization, faculty research and scholarship, and clinical and skills training.

Among main contributors to the excellent reputation of the law school are Graduate Tax, Center for Children and the Law, Institute for Dispute

---

**MAJOR NEW TRENDS AMONG LAW SCHOOLS**

The College of Law report to the UF Presidential Task Force identifies eight important trends among U.S. law schools, impacting students and faculty/staff, with UFLaw having made progress in four:

1. International Focus and Programming
2. Interdisciplinary Approaches to Law
3. Specialization
4. Reduced Course Loads and Frequent Research Leaves
5. Clinical and Skills Teaching
6. Technology Upgrades
7. Loan Forgiveness
8. Associate Dean for Scholarship and Faculty Development

---

**REPORT TO UF PRESIDENT**

Legal Information
Center Director Betty
Taylor (with Associate
Director Rick
Donnelly) is one of
eight faculty who will
step down or retire in
2003. The college
needs additional
faculty — and funds
for competitive salaries
needed to hire the
best.

Resolution, Gator TeamChild,
International Programs, and Certificate
Programs for Environmental and Land
Use, Intellectual Property, Estates and
Trusts, and International and
Comparative Law.

Resources needed to continue our
climb into the ranks of Top 10 public
law schools — which would place
UFLaw in the Top 25 of all U.S. colleges
of law — include:

Additional support to build new
and upgrade current facilities and
technology, fund competitive faculty
and support staff salaries, hire faculty
in priority areas, and add support
personnel for student services (including
Career Services and financial aid),
devolution, admissions, communications
and faculty support.

We also must increase endowments
for chairs, professorships and priority
academic programs, and raise tuition
to reasonable levels and use the additional
dollars for program enhancements.”

NOTE: Complete text of the report to
President Young and his Task Force
available at www.ufl.edu/news/
strategic.shtml.
UF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR/FORMER UF PRESIDENT MARSHALL CRISER ADDRESSES 2002 GRADUATING CLASS

Con‘grad’ulations!
SPRING 2002 CLASS SETS HIGH MARKS

Already 11th in the nation in number of alumni, the Levin College of Law’s 15,532 graduates were joined by 245 more after May’s spring commencement. Among graduates were Jennifer Warfel-Bushnell and Michael Park (photos #1 & 2), Scott and Jill Sausser (#4) — who met and married while in law school and shared their joy at graduation with son Douglas — and Larry Marin (#6, left), Julie Siefkas and Kendra Hinton. Participation of families — like those of Caroline St. Louis (#5) and Kristy Armada (#7) — was particularly meaningful, and helped swell the crowd at a brunch reception following the ceremony to well over 1,200.

Marshall M. Criser (JD 51 [#3]) — a former UF and Florida Bar president — spoke to graduates on the importance of professionalism, competence and service. Criser was named a Distinguished UF Alumnus in 1980, and awarded the E.T. York Higher Education Award in 1982. He spent 30 years as an attorney in the Palm Beach law firm of Gunster Yoakley Criser & Stewart and is now UF Board of Trustees chair.

The May class continued the renewed tradition of the “Class Gift” (resumed by the December 2001 graduating class) thanks to leadership of eight members — Samantha Schosberg (#8, right, presenting a $13,530 check to Dean Jon Mills during ceremonies), Dawn Henrichon, Mack Bernard, Ana Garcia, Natalie Jackson, Allyson Enfinger, Theo Kypreos and George Moraitis Jr.

Mills said the class gift is a wonderful gesture of professionalism, and added, “An important part of being a member of any profession is giving back to support and improve the institution that prepared you and others who will follow.”
During the Gulf War in 1991, two young Black Muslim seamen — James Moss and apprentice Abdul Shaheed — on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ranger were accused of sabotage and plotting to take over the ship on behalf of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. UFLaw alumnus Brendan Ward (JD 87) was the only person standing between Moss, 21, and Shaheed, 22, and life behind bars. Ward meticulously researched the situation and built a case to combat the mutiny charges.

“The case received worldwide publicity and was the subject of numerous articles in national and international newspapers,” Ward says. “We were able to successfully attack the credibility of the sole witness against the sailors and charges were dismissed before trial.”

This may sound like a plot from the popular TV show JAG, but the story is real, and Ward is just one of many UFLaw alumni serving in the U.S. Military JAG — Judge Advocate General’s — Corps. Another is Col. Charles Dorman, USMC (JD 73, see inset story), assistant judge advocate general of the Navy for Military Justice.

JAG attorneys serve as prosecutors and defense attorneys for criminal trials under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. They also practice civil law, including international, operational, personnel and administrative law. But unlike civilian lawyers, their roles stretch far beyond the courtroom as they also play a vital role in the defense of our nation. They provide legal and ethical advice to commanding officers, help draft rules of engagement and act as sounding boards for operational ideas.

“Commanders often look to JAG officers to provide them with a different angle of attack on a problem and to comment on or ‘sanity check’ ideas and courses of action that others may have come up with in a planning process,” explains Ward, most recently chief of the Operational Law Division for U.S. Forces Korea. Now from Ft. Myers, Ward grew up in Montclair, NJ. His wife, Lea, is a businesswoman.

“It has been exciting to be part of the team that stands at the forefront of protecting our country,” says Jack McDonald (JD 84), legal advisor to the commander of the U.S. Navy’s Submarine Force in the Pacific. A Cincinnati native who grew up in Lakeland, he is married to Karen Niemantsverdriet McDonald, a commander in the Nurse Corps of the U.S. Navy and family nurse practitioner assigned to the Medical Clinic at Pearl Harbor.
“I am first and foremost a naval officer,” said McDonald. “My fellow officers drive ships and submarines or fly aircraft. I practice law. As a naval officer, I have sworn to protect and defend the Constitution and the country whose course it directs. I can think of no better way to protect and defend the Constitution than through the defense of sailors prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the enforcement of laws, and legal advice to military commanders carrying out our mission of defending the United States.”

Since Sept. 11, the JAG Corps service to country has grown in meaning and importance to others, particularly to law students considering alternative careers.

One perk of being a JAG officer is the immediacy with which young lawyers are asked to practice.

“I went right into the courtroom in the Navy and gained invaluable experience as a litigator,” McDonald says. “I was trying cases three days a week as compared to classmates who had been to court three times as second chair for an appearance in the same 24 months.”

Jennifer Blazewick of Nashville, TN, graduated from UF’s College of Law just five years ago and already has a wealth of experience. She is now a lieutenant stationed in Naples, Italy. Her husband is Commander Robert Blazewick, JAGC, USN, also a JAG attorney, and staff judge advocate for the commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean.

“I am a legal assistance attorney, but have had the opportunity to do defense cases in Sigonella and onboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk in the Arabian Sea,” Blazewick says. “It was fun to fly to the Kitty Hawk, meet my client, and go to court three days later.

“Soon I’ll be in Kosovo, where I’ll do basic work, brief soldiers on rules of engagement, and possibly be involved in investigating war crimes. Other attorneys who have gone have done everything from examining crops damaged by NATO for claims purposes to investigating battery factories for violations of environmental laws.”

Another JAG perk is variety. After 16 years in the Corps, Ward — who has traveled with the Navy to 25 countries throughout the world — has had adventures difficult to imagine in the civilian world.

“I traveled to Kyrgyzstan as part of a Defense Department team — whose role is to train leaders in newly emerging democracies about our military justice system — in 1997,” he says. “I hosted contingents in the United States from Moldova and Mongolia. I survived the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines as well as six coup attempts, numerous typhoons, worker strikes and assassinations of Americans. I’ve taken off and landed — as a passenger, for sure — on an aircraft carrier many times. I’ve flown in tons of helicopters. I’ve gotten picked up and dropped off from a helicopter to a ship by a winch. I’ve had a piece of the fuselage pop off a helicopter in mid-flight, then had the crew chief of the helo tell us the flight records for that aircraft go back to 1964 and detail many, many bullet holes repaired during the Vietnam war. I would not have traded this for anything. It’s the greatest experience in the world.”

UFLaw alumni in the JAG Corps fondly recall their “Gator roots.” Attending UF’s College of Law prepared Ward, McDonald, Blazewick and their colleagues for life in the JAG Corps in more ways than one, they say.

“I think UF has a nice balance between teaching the practical and the theoretical, which is great for a young attorney who has to take care of clients right away,” Blazewick says.

To Ward, UF’s role was even more profound.

“The training at UF emphasized the importance of truthfulness, ethics and devotion to concepts of fairness and justice,” Ward says. “These are exactly the same characteristics and qualities that make an individual a successful JAG Corps and military officer.”

---

**Gator Earns Top Navy Post**

Col. Charles Dorman, USMC (JD ’73), is now assistant judge advocate general of the Navy for Military Justice, serving as principal legal advisor to the judge advocate general for Navy and Marine Corps military justice/criminal law matters. He oversees policy relating to military trial, defense and appellate counsel, and trial and appellate judges concerning courts-martial and related proceedings at commands worldwide.

Dorman was commissioned in 1970 through the PLC Graduate Studies Program, and has been on active duty since September 1973 as a Marine judge advocate in the U.S. and Japan. Immediately prior to his current post, Dorman served as senior judge, Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. While on the appellate bench, he participated in review of over 1,700 criminal convictions, and wrote more than 900 opinions. His personal decorations include Legion of Merit (two gold stars) and medals for Meritorious Service (three gold stars), Navy Commendation, Joint Services Achievement and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service.

A native of Jacksonville, he earned his undergraduate (BA 70, history/political science) and JD from UF, and Master of Laws (LLM ’80, labor law, with highest honors) from George Washington University. At UF he served in leadership roles for the Student Senate, Honor Court, Interhall Council and Florida Blue Key Speakers, among others. He and wife Mariellen have four children: Alicia (22), Chad (20), Danielle (18) and James (14).
State’s First Music Law Conference

STUDENT-INITIATED/PRODUCED EVENT BRINGS ‘ENTERTAINMENT’ TO CAMPUS

A UFLaw student organization capitalized on Gainesville’s reputation as an incubator for aspiring musicians by hosting the state’s first Music Law Conference in October. Leading American entertainment professionals and some of Florida’s most noted new bands participated in two days of performances and panels on critical issues in music and music law.

“Discussion of Internet music issues was critical, including protection of music online and who controls online music distribution and money collection,” said Brian Mencher (2L, left) of the Entertainment, Art and Sports Law Society. Mencher organized the event with help from more than 30 student volunteers. He noted Gainesville’s history as a launching pad for such nationally known performers as Sister Hazel, Less Than Jake and Tom Petty, plus the intellectual property and Internet law expertise of the college’s faculty “made this a logical setting for this unique event.”

“Certainly no other field of entertainment is as legally involved as the music industry,” said UFLaw Dean Jon Mills, “and we’re pleased our students found an innovative, creative way to focus widespread attention on this important national topic. The conference showed initiative and creativity on the part of the students who organized it.”

Speakers included keynoter Todd Brabec, executive vice president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; national entertainment lawyer Peter Laird; and producer Tony Bongiovi. Also featured was Desta Meghoo-Peddie of the UFLaw Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations and manager for Rita Marley, and Louis Tertocha, chairman of the Entertainment, Art and Sports Law section of The Florida Bar — which assisted with coordination.

Gainesville lawyer/club owner turned Los Angeles entertainment lawyer Laird, who represents acts including Bon Jovi, Prince, Dolly Parton and Bette Midler, told students, “You must learn how the industry and laws have evolved and where they are heading. The days of self-contained artists, such as the Beatles or Bob Dylan, are over.”

Producer and 35-year industry veteran Bongiovi, said, “Today, music is the least important part. It’s all about the business, and lawyers are essential.”

Bongiovi has contributed to more than 40 gold and platinum records for artists such as Aerosmith, Stevie Wonder and Talking Heads.

Brabec oversees ASCAP’s membership division and is co-author of Music, Money and Success.

More than 25 musical groups and soloists from across Florida performed at multiple Gainesville clubs and locations during the two days, while panels explored topics such as recording contracts, intellectual property, taxes, deals, negotiations and ethics.
When John Dasburg (JD 73) was cooking up burgers as a short-order chef at the now-defunct Burger Bill’s restaurant on Gainesville’s University Avenue in the 1960s, he never dreamed his future would revolve around beef patties.

After all, Dasburg, a charismatic overachiever who had grown up in Miami, was an industrial engineering student at the University of Florida, and he had big dreams for his future. “I was inspired by Sputnik, and all the things going on at that time made engineering seem like an exciting and lucrative field,” he says.

Soon after graduating, the Vietnam War took hold of the country, and Dasburg went off to serve three years in the Navy. By the time he got out, his engineering degree had lost value. “Engineers everywhere were being laid off,” he says. “There was just no postwar need for them.”

So Dasburg, an avid Gator fan who enjoyed his UF undergraduate years, used the GI bill to return to his alma mater. In a year, he earned his MBA, and then — deviating even further from his original engineering path — earned a UF law degree.

Almost three decades later, he’s back where he started — in the burger business, though a bit higher up on the chain than at Burger Bill’s. After serving as president of the Marriott Lodging Group and CEO of Northwest Airlines, Dasburg was hired in 2001 as chairman, president and CEO of Burger King Corp.

Under his direction, Burger King has begun to change its image and increase its market share. With the help of a Shaquille O’Neal advertising campaign, Burger King has become hipper, and the food has improved, Dasburg says. Since he’s taken the reins, the chain has introduced a milkshake made from real ice cream, a “Chicken Whopper,” improved fries and onion rings, a chicken Caesar salad, low-fat mayonnaise and better garnishes for the Whopper burger.

And thanks to earlier Dasburg business connections when he headed Northwest Airlines — with Texas Pacific Group, a private investment firm — security analysts and BK franchises who own 92 percent of the company’s restaurants now see an even brighter financial future for the world’s second-largest fast-food chain. Texas Pacific this July outbid six other entities and paid $2.26 billion to buy Burger King from Diageo P.L.C., the British liquor giant that had owned BK since 1997.

Analysts indicate the Texas Pacific ownership, which plans to keep Dasburg and BK’s current management team, “will go a long way toward stabilizing the company and reinvigorating its business.”

Dasburg credits much of his success to his days at the University of Florida. “You learn a lot about how to think in undergraduate school, since so many of the subjects are quantitative, cause and effect, relationship driven, which helps one think that way in his/her career. And in business school, you learn the foundations and fundamentals of business. “In law school, you learn another type of thinking,” he says. “You learn to have deductive and inferential skills. You learn precise and inferential thinking. Not a day goes by that I do not benefit from my time at UF’s law school.”

A member of UF’s Board of Trustees, Dasburg remains attached to his alma mater and enjoys rooting for the Gators.

Wife Mary Lou (JD 80) is also a graduate, so being a Gator is a family affair. Mary Lou worked and helped put her husband through law school in the early 70s; when he got out, he helped put her through school.

They have had three children, Meredith Anne, John Peter and Kathryn Anne. Meredith Anne, born in 1982, was killed in a schoolbus accident when she was just six.

“They are just heavier than others. That was a long year. It was a nightmare.”

The Dasburgs live in Key Biscayne, and in his spare time Dasburg enjoys all types of fishing and high-altitude mountain-and ice-climbing, and has climbed Africa’s Mt. Kilimanjaro twice. He is, however, adamant about the value of work and insists he’s only taking time off for leisure now because he’s worked so hard for years.

“My view has been that at first, you work as hard as you can, and play is for losers,” he laughs. “But when you get older, play as hard as you can. Work is for losers.”
Alumni Briefs

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Colleagues, friends and fellow alumni enjoy reading news of career changes, marriages, births and other notable events. Share them via letter (address on back cover), e-mail (FlaLaw@law.ufl.edu), news release or the Web (submission form at www.law.ufl.edu/alumni). And please notify us if your address changes.

1948
The American Judicature Society has given its 2002 Justice Award, recognizing a lifetime dedication to improvements in the administration of justice, to Chesterfield Smith, one of four Gators to serve as president of the American Bar Association in the last 30 years.

1957
Robert P. Smith has opened a practice in Tallahassee, and will concentrate in trial and appellate advocacy. Smith formerly was with Hopping Green Sams & Smith, and prior to that served as Court of Appeal judge, First District.

1963
W.O. Birchfield has joined Lewis Longman & Walker, PA, in Jacksonville. His practice includes mediation, eminent domain, governmental and land use law. Birchfield earlier served two terms in the Florida House of Representatives.

1965
Ben H. Hill III was elected 12th president of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society, a non-profit organization founded to preserve judicial history and educate citizens about the importance of the third branch of government. Hill is president and senior trial attorney at Tampa’s Hill Ward & Henderson firm.

Sidney A. Stubbs was board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

1968
William L. “Bud” Kirk Jr., founding partner in the Orlando office of Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell, recently was appointed to the Supreme Court Committee on Appointment and Assignment of Senior Judges. National Law Journal in 1999 listed Kirk among its top 10 Florida Civil Litigators.

Dr. Andy Sheldon and his Atlanta-based trial consulting firm, Sheldon Associates, were used by prosecutors to evaluate the jury pool and assist in jury selection in the high profile, Birmingham, Ala., case against Frank Cherry (1963 murder of four girls) and in a prior case against Cherry’s co-conspirator, Thomas Blanton. Both defendants were found guilty. Sheldon’s firm has provided consulting services in a number of major Civil Rights murder cases, and ABC News’ Nightline in May profiled Sheldon’s work.

1971
Self-employed Miami attorney Glenn Terry directed Miami’s first water festival, “WaterFest 2002.” Terry founded in 1982 and served as executive director of Coconut Grove’s “King Mango Strut,” a zany annual spoof of the former Orange Bowl parade.

Browner Teaches in Costa Rica

Students enrolled in the annual Summer Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica work with lawyers and participants from Latin America and the Caribbean on environmental projects in the region. In 2002, students from eight U.S. law schools joined students from Jamaica, Costa Rica, Brazil, Belize and Mexico. Former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner (JD 79, left, on a program field trip) was a guest instructor. In addition to substantive courses in comparative and international environmental law, participants worked on five projects, including a petition to designate a national park as a World Heritage Site.

J. Maxwell Williams is co-chair of American Public Power Association’s Legal Conference, an annual meeting of public utility executives and attorneys to be held in Savannah. He is vice-president/general counsel for Memphis Light, Gas & Water in Tennessee. His practice areas include energy and environmental law, corporate legislation and ADR.
Steven J. Uhlfelder resigned as a partner at Holland & Knight to open his own firm. He will continue to represent many existing clients, including American Express Corporation and Pearson Education, the firm that administers FCAT student assessment tests to Florida public school students. President George W. Bush appointed Uhlfelder to serve on the prestigious J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for a three-year term ending in 2004. He serves on the Florida State University Board of Trustees, was a member and past chair of the Florida Board of Regents, and is co-chair of Governor Jeb Bush’s Mentoring Initiative.

1972
Cesar Alvarez, chief executive officer of Greenberg Traurig, was named Lawyer of the Year by the Hispanic Bar Association — honoring him for outstanding contributions to the legal profession and the Hispanic community. Alvarez is the first Cuban-American lawyer to receive the award since its inception four years ago. He is credited with building Greenberg Traurig into a national firm of more than 800 lawyers with lobbyists in 17 cities.

G. Thomas Ball, managing partner of Baker & Hostetler LLP in Orlando, has been named to the firm’s 14-member Policy Committee. Ball concentrates in corporate and partnership governance, mergers and acquisitions, commercial matters, real estate and domestic relations.

Hal H. Kantor, shareholder with the Orlando firm of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reid PA, was named to the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida Law Center Association. Kantor concentrates in the areas of real estate, land use and zoning with an emphasis on general business law and commercial development. He currently serves as president of the Orlando Museum of Art, trustee of Rollins College Hamilton Holt School, and member of the City of Winter Park Economic Development and Public Facilities task forces.

‘Dignity in Law’
CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY PROMOTING PROFESSION’S POSITIVE IMPACT

The Florida Bar recognized achievements of former UF football players — now practicing attorneys — during the September Gators vs. University of Miami game as part of its “Dignity in Law” campaign, a statewide effort to publicize the positive impact of the legal profession and good works of lawyers and judges. Florida Bar President Ted Aronovitz and Dean Jon Mills during an on-field presentation recognized eight of more than 50 former UF football players who went on to become lawyers:
- David Bludworth (JD 64), Defensive Back
- Bruce Culpepper (JD 66), 1962 Captain
- Brad Culpepper (JD 01), Defensive Tackle
- Broughton Lang (JD 91), Wide Receiver
- Tony Leon (JD 92), Defensive Back
- William Lewis Lee Jr. (JD 70), Center
- Wayne McCall (JD 72), Linebacker
- Mathew Earl Morrall (JD 81), Center

The Bar also showcased in a special gameday exhibit the UFLaw Center on

LAWSY AND FORMER GATOR ATHLETE?
Legal Information Center Director Betty Taylor is working with Law Professor Emeritus Mandell Glicksberg to compile lists of UFLaw grads who lettered in any Gator sport. To ensure you are included, send Taylor your full name, year of law graduation, varsity sport and years lettered (taylor@law.ufl.edu, address on page 54 or 352.392.0417).

Children and the Law and Gator TeamChild to demonstrate how the legal profession contributes to society. According to a recent American Bar Association survey, the profession is among the least respected institutions in America, ranking only above the media in consumer confidence.

“Distrust for lawyers and judges has reached such vast proportions that it is turning people away from the legal system, and that is a dangerous trend for all Floridians,” said Aronovitz, a leading trial lawyer and managing partner of the Miami-based firm Aronovitz Trial Lawyers.

The Dignity in Law campaign is an unprecedented undertaking by The Florida Bar and its 70,000 members to improve their profession’s reputation. Its 2001 Member Opinion Survey shows the majority of Florida Bar members believe public education is the most important issue facing the profession.

“While a handful of high profile cases and some television and movie portrayals have eroded confidence in the legal system, the reality is Florida has some of the best lawyers and judges in the nation, whose good work goes unnoticed,” said Aronovitz. “We are collecting their stories and bringing them to Floridians.”
In Memoriam

NOTING WITH SADNESS THE PASSING OF UFLAW ALUMNI
(INFORMATION PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOUNDATION, INC.)

J. Victor Africano (JD 63), Live Oak, March 8, 2002
John D. Bang (JD 84), Orlando, Aug. 26, 2001
The Hon. Dempsey J. Barron (JD 54), Tallahassee, July 7, 2001
J. Danforth Browne (JD 49), Odessa, Dec. 30, 2001
David C. Bruney (JD 81), Gainesville, Sept. 2, 2001
Amy E. Burch (JD 90), Gainesville, Jan. 7, 2002
Tom Byrd (LLB 59), Ft. Lauderdale, October 2002
Rita B. Carl (JD 85), Chicago, March 22, 2002
Frank A. Duckworth (JD 48), Falls Church, Duckworth, Inc., July 26, 2002
The Hon. Carl C. Durrance (JD 48), Tampa, April 26, 2002
Bill A. Fleming (JD 66), St. Augustine, July 29, 2002
Jonathan H. Hancock (JD 67), Sebring, Aug. 24, 2001
Harry M. Hobbs (JD 51), Tampa, Aug. 20, 2001
Victor D. Ines (JD 67), St. Petersburg, July 12, 2001
Donald L. Lacy (JD 70), Palm Bay, March 29, 2002
Jerry C. Logue (JD 82), Fort Myers, Jan. 20, 2002
The Hon. Robert T. Mann (JD 51), Belleair, Feb. 26, 2002
George B. Mehlman (JD 33), West Palm Beach, Dec. 23, 2001
William C. O’Neal (JD 49), Archer, June 25, 2002
Col. Carl L. Owenby (JD 30), Quincy, April 20, 2001
Jerry B. Runsey (JD 01), Gainesville, Jan. 16, 2002
Philip N. Selber (JD 83), Jacksonville, Holland & Knight LLP, March 7, 2002
Charles H. Spitz (JD 35), Hoover, Aug. 28, 2001
Ruben D. Velayos-Loredo (JD 73), Miami, Public Defender’s Office, May 16, 2001
Ronnie Walker (JD 68), Orlando, September 29, 2002
Earl F. Warford (JD 49), Miami, March 16, 2002
Ely R. Williams (JD 68), Jacksonville, July 9, 2002
Jesse J. Wolbert Jr. (JD 75), Starke, Jan. 2, 2002
William F. Zamer (JD 65), Apollo Products, Missouri, May 21, 2002

Ronnie Walker

FORMER UFLAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR PASSES

Prominent Orlando attorney and former UFlaw Board of Trustees Chair Ronnie H. Walker (JD 68), passed away Sept. 29, 2002, at age 65.

“He was a good friend,” said Robie Robinson, immediate past Board of Trustees chair. “He had a big heart, and he loved the College of Law.”

A native Floridian, Ronnie was born in Tampa to Lamar and Inez Walker and raised in Miami. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1961, served in the U.S. Navy on active duty from 1961-66, and was a member of the elite Hurricane Hunters squadron in Puerto Rico and Jacksonville. While serving five years in the reserves, he returned to UF to attend law school.

“Ronnie was not only a fine attorney, he was a caring person who was deeply committed to this institution and what it could do for students and the profession,” said Dean Jon Mills. “The Trial Team scholarship he endowed here will benefit generations of future lawyers.”

The Ronnie H. Walker Scholarship Fund provides scholarship support to the top eight Trial Team finalists and supports the Ronnie H. Walker Trial Team Competition each spring. He established the fund “to promote excellence among UF Trial Team members.”

Walker was an avid Bull Gator and UF benefactor and very active in the law school community and in efforts on behalf of his alma mater. His other philanthropic interest was the YMCA, which recognized him as its 2001 “Unsung Hero.”

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sandy; daughters Jan Mason and Lori Wells; sons-in-law Rick Mason and J.C. Wells; grandchildren Dalton, Dakota and Kaitlyn Mason and Madelyn and J. Walker Wells; and his sister, Peggy Ralph, and brother, Michael Walker, both of Miami.
James F. Page Jr., shareholder with GrayHarris in Orlando, recently was elected to the Orange County Bar Association Executive Council. Page’s practice emphasizes complex commercial and plaintiff’s personal injury law and non-competitive issues. He also is a certified circuit court and family law mediator.

1973
John H. Dasburg, chairman/CEO/president of Burger King Corp (story page 19) has been elected to the Board of Directors of Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. Dasburg also is a member of the UF Board of Trustees.

Donald S. Hart Jr. was elected to the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC. He is board certified in real estate law and practices with Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker PA in Tampa.

Jeffrey R. Garvin was board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Gerald Rosenthal and his wife pledged $1 million to the Carter Center in Atlanta, and addressed the 300-member Center Ambassadors’ Circle. Rosenthal, a specialist in workers’ compensation, is senior partner of Rosenthal & Weissman PA in West Palm Beach.

1974
Leslie J. Lott, founding partner of the intellectual property firm Lott & Friedland PA in Coral Gables, is listed in the 2002 edition of the Guide to the World’s Leading Trademark Law Practitioners by Euromoney, British publisher of business, legal and financial information. This summer she spoke on cross-examination at the International Trademark Association’s Trial Advocacy Workshop in Atlanta, and on use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in trademark disputes at the International Trademark Association’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C. She is past chairman of The Florida Bar Intellectual Property Law Committee, former director of the International Trademark Association, and member of the CPR/INTA Panel of Distinguished Neutrals for the Resolution of Trademark Disputes. Lott also is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

Stephen A. Walker, shareholder in Lewis Longman & Walker PA in West Palm Beach, was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Land & Water Trust. Walker practices in the areas of water, administrative and water utilities law.

1975
David E. Cardwell has opened The Cardwell Law Firm in Orlando. He practices primarily in election, local government, redevelopment and sports facilities law.

Governor Jeb Bush appointed Judge Mitchell Barlow to the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, serving Brevard and Seminole Counties. Barlow has been working as a Brevard judge since 2000. Prior to that he practiced with Barlow & Bohne, and served 1976-2000 as assistant city attorney for the cities of Indian Harbour Beach and West Melbourne.

1977
J. Randall Hooper was board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Minnesota Law & Politics and Twin Cities Business Monthly recently named Charles Modell a “Super Lawyer” for demonstrated excellence in the practice of law, an honor bestowed on fewer than six percent of the Minnesota legal community. Modell is chairman of the Franchise Law Group in the firm of Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd in Minneapolis.

John J. Scroggin (LLMT 79), Roswell, Ga., was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils. He is serving as president of the Estate Planning Council of North Georgia and as voluntary legal advisor to the Rendezvous & Living History Foundation. Recent articles by Scoggins appeared in CCH’s Practical Estate Planning, American Bar Association’s Real Property and Probate and Trust Journal, and he was quoted in 2001 in Fortune Magazine and Blumberg’s Personal Finance on year-end planning ideas. His article, “Tis Better to Give,” in Financial Planning Magazine, was recognized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Examiners as one of the top seven articles for 2000.

Grads in ‘Best Lawyers’ in U.S.

More than 170 UFLaw graduates are considered among the best in their fields in the United States, according to the current edition of The Best Lawyers in America. The 2001-02 issue of what is regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the profession lists 27 legal specialties and indicates the “Best Lawyers” in each field in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Data is compiled through an exhaustive peer-review survey, in which thousands of the top lawyers in the U.S. confidentially evaluate more than 350,000 of their professional peers. Lawyers are not required — or allowed — to pay a fee to be listed.

Law specialties and number of Gator lawyers in Florida include:
- Banking: 2
- Bankruptcy/Creditor-Debtor Rights: 8
- Business Litigation: 22
- Corporate, M&A, and Securities: 7
- Criminal Defense: 14
- Employee Benefits: 1
- Environmental: 5
- Family: 10
- First Amendment: 4
- Health Care: 2
- Immigration: 1
- Intellectual Property: 1
- Labor and Employment: 10
- Legal Malpractice: 3
- Maritime Law: 2
- Personal Injury Litigation: 23
- Public Utility: 1
- Real Estate: 20
- Tax: 19
- Trusts and Estates: 13
- Worker’s Compensation: 4

Note: UFLaw graduates also may be ranked among the best in these fields in other states.

For more information: www.bestlawyers.com/blal.
The American Bar Association published Dennis J. Wall’s article, “Seeking Discovery in Third-Party Bad Faith Cases —The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure” in a recent issue of the Litigation Committee’s Coverage magazine. Wall also is author of a leading treatise on insurance bad faith, Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith, published by West Publishing Co. Wall practices in Orlando in the areas of insurance coverage, insurance bad faith and appeals.

1979

Michael J. Korn of Korn & Zehmer PA in Jacksonville is on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Northeast Florida, and is on the Board of Directors of the West Palm Beach firm of Comiter & Singer LLP to be a fellow of the counsel. Comiter is a past president of Palm Beach Tax Institute and the Palm Beach-Martin County Estate Planning Council, and is listed in Woodward & White’s The Best Lawyers in America.

Gary Saslaw, an attorney in Aventura, recently was elected to a two-year term on the National Board of the American Heart Association.

1980

The Board of Regents of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel — a national association of more than 2,700 lawyers who have made outstanding contributions to the field of trust and estate law — elected Richard B. Comiter (LLMT) of the West Palm Beach firm of Comiter & Singer LLP to be a fellow of the counsel. Comiter is an attorney in West Palm Beach and is listed in Woodward & White’s The Best Lawyers in America.

1981

Scott Thomas Fortune, after maintaining his own practice since 1985, has opened Fortune & Gossett on A1A in Jacksonville Beach. Fortune represents plaintiffs involving employment discrimination laws, including Title VII, Florida Civil Rights Act, ERISA, HIPAA, ADA, ADEA, FMLA, OWBPA and other statutes. His firm recently successfully sought a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court in an important Title VII/42 U.S.C. Section 1981 case.

1982

Lee Stapleton Milford has joined Baker & McKenzie as an international partner. Her primary areas of practice will be commercial litigation and white-collar criminal defense. Milford serves as director of divisions for the American Bar Association’s Section of Litigation and also is serving a three-year term on the 18-member Section of Litigation Council.

Anita J. Ponder has joined the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLC as a partner. She is a member of the government and commercial law groups and will spearhead the firm’s government contract and procurement practice.

Gary Lee Printy, sole practitioner in Tallahassee, successfully represented the appellant in a landmark case in employment law concerning statute of limitations. Printy practices in areas of employment, criminal, administrative and appellate law.

The Dallas County Commissioners Court recently appointed Lynn Pride Richardson as acting chief public defender for Dallas County. Since 1995 Richardson has worked as an assistant public defender handling felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases in the county’s Public Defender’s Office. Prior to her appointment, she worked as supervisor for misdemeanor attorneys.

Oscar A. Sanchez, with Akerman Senterfitt in Miami, participated in the Best Buddies Volvo Hyannis Port Challenge to raise money for people with mental disabilities.

1983

The Cuban American Bar Association recently installed as president Eugenio
Hernandez, partner in the Miami office of Holland & Knight LLP.

Leonard Mikowitz and his partner recently created a non-profit corporation, Extra Innings Youth Foundation, Inc., to help at-risk boys. The program initiated at Kings Highway Elementary in Clearwater uses the incentive of baseball taught by former pro players and computers, textbooks, snacks and one-on-one tutoring to help boys with homework after school five days a week. The successful program is being expanded to other elementary schools and counties.

John G. (Jay) White III has joined Richman Greer Weil Brumbaugh Mirabito & Christensen PA in West Palm Beach as a shareholder. His practice includes commercial, personal injury, wrongful death and professional malpractice litigation. He was a founding shareholder with Cole White & Billbrough PA. He is on The Florida Bar Board of Governors, and a past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Michael G. Lindner is founder and chairman of Translegal Language Services in Stockholm, Sweden. The organization is the largest legal translation firm in Europe, with 30 international lawyers on staff. Lindner’s lawyers — bilingual and skilled in two legal systems — translate documentation involving many of the largest international transactions in Europe. The firm also provides training in terminology used in the United Kingdom to Europe’s legal community.

The law firm of Kirk Pinkerton PA has elected David M. Silberstein (LLMT) to serve as president and managing shareholder. His practice focuses on corporate and tax law, and estate planning and administration, and he is board certified in tax, wills, trusts and estate law.

Rashad El-Amin has joined Troy Ferguson and Associates in the area of insurance defense.

Brenna M. Durden, shareholder with Lewis Longman & Walker PA in Jacksonville, was honored in May by the Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., for chairing the “Making Jacksonville Clean” study. She also helped in a community clean up of the St. Johns River.

William E. Ruffier recently joined Dellecker Wilson & King PA in Orlando. Formerly a shareholder with McEwan Martinez Dukes & Ruffier PA, he practices in personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, auto and trucking accidents, defective products, nursing home abuse and neglect, insurance company bad faith, and premises liability. He is a board certified civil trial lawyer admitted to practice in all courts of Florida, U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, and Supreme Court.

David A. Wallace, shareholder with the Sarasota firm of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz

Improving Service Through Technology

LTI BENEFITS STUDENTS, LEGAL PROFESSION

The Legal Technology Institute (LTI), established at the UF College of Law in 1997, is a boon for the law school and students, according to LTI Director Andrew Z. Adkins III.

“Our presence helps attract students interested in learning about the practical use of technology in the legal profession,” said Adkins. “LTI provides examples and demonstrations of technologies and advanced techniques used in settings from small private firms to courtrooms.

“LTI doubled in clients and revenue during 2001-02, and we expect continued growth during 2002-03. But we always place great emphasis on fostering current relationships with clients. “We talk with many alumni regarding use of technology and how they can improve services to clients.”

“We talk with many alumni regarding use of technology and how they can improve services to clients.”

For information: www.law.ufl.edu/lti/ or 352.392.2278.
Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill McBride (JD 75), former managing partner of Holland & Knight, met with attorneys and law school faculty and students at a Gainesville breakfast sponsored by Salter Feiber Yenser Murphy and Hutson, PA in April. Governor Jeb Bush attended a UFLaw Student Republicans tailgate and spoke with Law School Republicans President Travis Horn prior to the Miami game in September, while Janet Reno — defeated later that month by McBride in the gubernatorial primary — visited a “Dignity in Law” display the same day showcasing the college’s Center on Children and the Law, directed by David H. Levin Chair Barbara Bennett Woodhouse.

McBride, who was defeated by Bush in the November election, entered UFLaw in 1968, but interrupted his studies to serve in the Vietnam War, where he graduated first in class from Army Ranger School and was awarded the Bronze Star for combat duty. He returned to law school, was a member of Florida Law Review, and graduated with honors in 1975. After graduation, he joined his mentor, former ABA President Chesterfield Smith (JD 48), at the firm of Holland & Knight, working in Bartow, Lakeland, Tallahassee, Bradenton and Tampa. He was elected managing partner by 1992, and resigned in 2001. (Also see “Leadership Legacy,” page 5.)

Getzen, was board certified in appellate practice by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. Wallace concentrates in civil litigation, appeals in both state and federal courts, and health law.

1987

The Florida Chamber of Commerce named State Rep. Jeff Kottkamp a “Top 20 Quick Starter Legislator,” and Professional Opticians of Florida chose him as “Legislator of the Year.” Kottkamp serves as vice-chair of the Judicial Oversight Committee. He is a shareholder in Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt in Ft. Myers and heads its Appellate Division.

Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA recently appointed Jeffrey Shear a partner in its Tampa office. He concentrates in real estate work, including transactions, commercial lending and commercial leasing. Shear formerly served as an assistant city attorney with the city of Tampa.

David G. Tucker joined the Pensacola office of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC as of counsel in the Public Law Group. He previously was county attorney for Escambia County, and serves as president of the Florida Association of County Attorneys. The Second Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program honored him for “Outstanding Contributions in Civil Court,” and he received The Florida Bar President’s Award for Pro Bono Service.

1988
Southern Methodist University in Dallas named College of Law Professor Christopher H. Hanna as one of four Distinguished Teaching Professors. Hanna served 1999-2000 as a tax advisor to the presidential campaign of George W. Bush. In 2001, he received the Excellence in Teaching Award for the fourth time and is author of numerous publications, including Comparative Income Tax Deferral: The United States and Japan (Kluwer Law International 2000), and he helped author a three-volume Study of the Overall State of the Federal Tax System in 2001 after serving as advisor to the U.S. Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation. His presentation at the University of Hong Kong, Peking University (on its 100th anniversary) and bank of Thailand was published in 2001 in A New Financial Architecture: A Viable Approach?

Mark A. Lewis has been appointed to his third four-year term as a magistrate judge in Gwinnett County, Ga., in metropolitan Atlanta. The Gwinnett County Superior Court uses magistrates for judicial assistance, and approximately 90 percent of his bench time is spent in that manner. He also was appointed to a second term as municipal court judge in the city of Suwannee.

1989
Mark E. Stein, shareholder with Lott & Friedland PA in Coral Gables, spoke at the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition (IACC) fall meeting in Las Vegas on the role of the civil intellectual property attorney in criminal trademark counterfeiting use. Stein’s firm specializes in patent, trademark, copyright, internet and entertainment law. He represents a client in a high profile case defending against a lawsuit by Chicago’s Sara Lee Corporation regarding the right to use the Mark Cross trademarks.
1990
Andrea McMillan with Ricci Leopold Farmer & McAfee PA was elected 2001-02 president of the Board of Arc of Palm Beach County (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens). She has served nine years as a board member with Arc, and recently became a board member of The Women’s Caucus of The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

Tom Pennekamp Jr. was selected president of the 4,000-plus member Dade County Bar Association. He is a volunteer special assistant state attorney in Dade County and lives in Coral Gables.

Edwin A. Steinmeyer, shareholder with Lewis Longman & Walker PA in Tallahassee, presented “The Relationship Between the ESA and the CWA: Protection, Property Rights and Preemption” at an Endangered Species Act/Habitat Conservation Planning conference in Orlando. He focuses on natural resources, environmental, land use, and administrative law and litigation.

1991
Michael Scott Budwick, bankruptcy attorney and principal shareholder of Michael S. Budwick PA, was engaged in 2001 to Sharon Elizabeth Price.

Keith Scott Grossman is vice president of communications for the Fort Myers Chapter, American Society for Training and Development. A member of the Cape Coral Toastmasters, he recently won the Toastmasters Area 10 Humorous Speech contest. He is an attorney in Fort Myers and a trainer/coach on leadership and communication skills.

Heather C. Keith, partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Holland & Knight LLP, has been appointed to the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee. She previously served on the City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board for six years and was its elected chair the past three years. Keith concentrates in litigation defense, focusing on construction, insurance coverage, contracts and product liability.

Edwin A. Scales III of Edwin A. Scales III PA in Key West was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission and was elected to the Key West City Commission. He serves as general counsel to the Historic Tours of America, Inc., the nation’s largest privately owned tour company, and hosts a weekly radio show. Scales’s primary areas of practice include general litigation, real estate, government relations and mediation.

1992
Morgan R. Bentley, member of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, was re-elected to the Florida Bar Board of Governors for the Young Lawyers Division for a second two-year term in June representing the 12th Judicial Circuit (including Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties). He continues as vice chair of the Bylaws Committee, vice chair and 12th Circuit coordinator for judicial directory committees, member of the Local Bar Affiliate Outreach and Practicing With Professionalism oversight committees, and as the board’s representative to The Florida Bar Council of Sections. Bentley practices in litigation involving business and real estate disputes.


Madison McClellan, who works with partner Willie Gary in Stuart, represented the family of Roger Maris in its case against Anheuser-Busch. He has helped the family win nearly $140 million in those proceedings.

BLSA Awards Recognize Diversity Leadership

Alachua County Judge Phyllis Kotey (JD 85, top) and UFLaw Samuel Dell Research Scholar Professor Winston Nagan were honored by the college’s Black Law Students Association (BLSA) for their diversity leadership. Kotey was named BLSA Alumnus of the Year, and Nagan received the 2002 Rahim Reed Service Award for his assistance to minority students.

Honors were announced as part of the student organization’s 13th annual Virgil Hawkins Celebration, named for the civil rights pioneer honored by UF in 2001 with a posthumous degree for his efforts to desegregate the law school in the late 1950s.

Kotey has been an Alachua County judge since 1996. She is a trial team coach and adjunct instructor of trial practice at the College of Law, associate dean at the Florida Judicial College, and on the faculties of Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies and National Judicial College. She has lectured nationally in the areas of domestic violence, ethics, criminal law and trial procedure.

“This award proves the things we do in terms of going back and giving to our schools mean something,” said Kotey.

Last year’s BLSA alumnus of the year was Judge Stephan Mickle, a federal judge in Gainesville.

A 27-year veteran of the UFLaw faculty, Nagan is an internationally renowned human rights activist and a fellow of the Braslow College of Law at Oxford University, his alma mater. He helped develop the law school’s summer study abroad program in South Africa, and worked to increase Florida’s trade with South African businesses.

Other honorees included Gerald Sohn Scholar Professor Stuart Cohn and law students Bradley Harper and Estruleda Anisa Moreland. Cohn, coordinator of the law school’s international programs, was honored for his efforts to ensure Hawkins be conferred an honorary degree.

Harper was named W. George Allen Black Male Law Student of the Year, and Moreland, who spearheaded BLSA’s Black History Month presentation, was named Hazel Land Black Female Law Student of the Year. The awards honor the college’s first black graduates.
Christopher Schulte has formed Burton Schulte Weekley Hoeler & Robbins PA in Tampa. Members practice in medical malpractice defense, products liability, commercial litigation, professional malpractice defense and general civil trial practice. He and his wife, Jamie, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Jilian Knight, in April 2001.

1993
Seanna M. Bodholt (LLMT) was made a partner with Paine Hamblen Coffin Brooke & Miller LLP in Spokane, Wa. Bodholt has been with the firm nine years, and focuses on taxation, estate planning, probate and trust administration, and business matters.

Heather Brock became a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa. She is a member of the firm’s Labor and Employment Law Department and represents management in employment matters.

Frank S. Goldstein and Gregory P. Hengber have formed Hengber & Goldstein, PA, with civil trial lawyers concentrating in defense of first and third party insurance with emphasis on personal injury protection, uninsured motorist, bodily injury and suspect claims.

Foley & Lardner named Matthew McAfee a partner in Jacksonville. McAfee practices in real estate and banking law and is a licensed real estate agent.

Dani Smith was elected partner of Strasburger & Price LLP in Dallas. Smith is a member of the firm’s Taxes & Estates Planning Practice and is board certified in Estate Planning & Probate Law by the Texas State Board of Legal Specialization. She counsels on estate planning and administration, trust and guardianship administration, estate and inheritance tax return preparation and audits, and charitable planning.

1994
Robert Fellman was guest lecturer at Washington University’s Olin School of Business on strategic public health challenges entailed in administering prison health care programs around the nation.

Andrew Klymenko joined Vaka Larson & Johnson PL as an associate in Tampa.

Jeffrey A. Maine (LLMT) was appointed associate dean for academic affairs and operations at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in Fort Worth. Maine also continues as a professor of law specializing in taxation of intellectual property and business tax. He is working on two books.

J. Hugh Middlebrooks, shareholder with the Sarasota firm of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Sarasota County Committee for Economic Development. Middlebrooks, a member of the firm’s business & tax department, practices banking and tax-exempt finance, healthcare, mergers and acquisitions, securities and general business law. He is immediate past president of the Young Lawyers’ Division of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

Paul J. Scheck has joined Shutts & Bowen in Orlando as a partner in its Labor & Employment Practice Group, where he represents management in labor and employment matters. He is on The Florida Bar’s Young Lawyers’ Division Board of Governors, and is immediate past president of the Orange County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers’ Section.

Miguel A. Silva has been named partner with Holland & Knight LLP in Miami. He is a certified public accountant and concentrates in international tax and corporate law.

Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA recently appointed Bryan J. Stanley as a partner in Tampa. Stanley has experience in commercial litigation, with a diverse trial and appellate background.

1995
Governor Jeb Bush appointed Daniel T. O’Keefe, partner with Shutts & Bowen LLP in Orlando, as a member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, which oversees Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia counties. He focuses on commercial real estate transactions, including large scale multi-use projects and development, retail development and representation of financial institutions.

Steele T. Williams, partner with Grover Schieb & Williams in Bradenton, is a republican candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 67. He concentrates on investment and commercial litigation and maintains licenses to practice law in Florida, New York, New Jersey, Georgia and Washington D.C.

Kevin Yamamoto (LLMT) received tenure from South Texas College of Law. He specializes in tax law — federal income, corporate and federal estate and gift tax.
1996
Daniel F. Visoiu is 2001-02 co-chair of the American Bar Association’s “Central European Law Committee.” He is an associate with the European international firm of BBLP Moquet Borde & Associates, Szecskay and practices in Budapest, Hungary, where he concentrates on international commercial, corporate and arbitration matters.

1997
Christina Bohannan has been named an assistant professor at University of Iowa College of Law.

James W. Pimentel was recalled to active duty as a Navy lieutenant commander following September 11. He was mobilized for Homeland Defense duties, including defense of ballistic missile submarines stationed at Kings Bay Submarine Base in Georgia. Prior to his recall, Pimentel was serving as Clay County State Attorney’s Office prosecutor against sex crimes, child abuse and traffic homicide, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Edward W. Rzepka, a tax practitioner and professor of tax accounting at University of Miami School of Law, has been named the editor-in-chief of Taxes, a monthly printed journal of the American Bar Association’s Tax Section.

1998
Robert Barna (LLMT) recently completed a rotation with KPMG, LLP, in its national tax practice in Washington D.C., and then accepted a position with the firm in Stamford, Conn. Barna is primarily responsible for the GE capital account and for implementing federal tax strategies.

Elliott Wilcox, assistant state attorney with the Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orlando, recently taught legal education courses to the Orlando State Attorney’s Office and DUI Trial Advocacy School. He also gave presentations on public speaking at Planet Toastmasters training workshops in Orlando and Tampa, and Florida Association of Medical Transcriptionists.

1999
Melissa M. Gross-Arnold, associate in Jacksonville of Lewis Longman & Walker PA, is chair of the Business Climate & Economic Trends Forum Study organized by the Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. Gross-Arnold recently won the Arlington Toastmasters’ Club evaluation contest and was runner-up in the area contest in 2001. She practices in environmental, natural resources, administrative and land use law.

2000
Governor Jeb Bush commended Brandon Biederman, aide to State Senator Ron Klein, for work related to the Florida Technology Development Act. The legislation passed during the 2002 Legislative session and will create Centers of Excellence at Florida’s universities dedicated to conducting high tech research and building technology centers.

2001
Scott L. Hall (left) and Robert C. Okon joined Roberts & Reynolds PA as associates in West Palm Beach. They both practice in civil litigation, general negligence, government liability, product liability and worker’s compensation.

Jesse M. Tilden has joined the litigation department of the firm of Abel Band Russell Collier Pitchford & Gordon in Sarasota. He will focus on commercial litigation.

2002
Stephanie R. Haug (LLMT) joined Paine Hamblen Coffin Brooke & Miller LLP as an associate with its Tax Practice Group.

ADOLPHE EXPERT DIES
Dewey Villareal Jr. (JD 57) died Feb. 23, 2002, in Tampa. He is remembered by friends and colleagues for his quiet, hardworking ways and world-renowned expertise in admiralty law. Villareal attended the Coast Guard Academy, spent five years in the Merchant Marines and two years in the Navy before returning to law school at UF. He began a long career in admiralty law working with Fowler White Gillen Boggs Villareal and Banker until 1993. Villareal represented commercial shipping interests in two of the most publicized marine accidents in the Tampa Bay area — the 1980 collision of a tanker and a Coast Guard Cutter and the collision of a phosphate freighter with the Sunshine Skyway less than four months later.

Grady J. Leupold joined Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP as an associate in Seattle. His practice focuses on labor and employment law.
hanks to representatives of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, more than 400 current and future Polish attorneys are now trained practitioners in a legal system that just 13 years ago was alien to Communist officials then ruling their country. One hundred of those 400 graduated this summer from the Center for American Law Studies at Warsaw University, a prestigious joint program begun in 1998 and taught by UFLaw professors.

“Most students who go through the program end up in the largest law firms in Warsaw, including a number of American and international firms,” said Dean Jon Mills.

The American studies are directed by UF’s Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR), and operated through a mutual agreement between UF’s law school and the law faculty of Warsaw University. Participants learn about the United States’ legal system through classes such as American law, theory of contracts and sales transaction, legal writing, constitutional law, securities regulation, taxation, intellectual property and alternative dispute resolution.

One key to success of the program, Mills said, is that it takes traditional American law school practices and implements them in the Polish classroom. Classes are taught in English and help prepare participants for work as attorneys in the U.S., Poland and European Union.

“It is much more intense than the courses we are used to,” said Tomasz Wlostowski, a Polish student who completed the program and now studies at the UF law school in Gainesville.

“In Polish law school you don’t have to read material daily for class, and the professor just lectures. But in this program you are expected to participate in class, and in a foreign language. We are not used to being put on the spot in front of the whole class. It is very difficult.”

Funded in part by White & Case, a New York-based international law firm with offices in Warsaw, the program also was sponsored this year by international law firms Weil Gotshal & Manges and Baker & McKenzie. The firms are pleased with the benefits they have experienced through this partnership.

“First of all, we have direct contact with young people and professors who come to Warsaw University at the invitation of the center,” said Witold Jurcewicz, one of the firm’s Warsaw attorneys. “The latter are often guest speakers at our internal seminars organized for our junior associates. The lectures given by invited professors are of great value for our junior associates, who also can attend the center’s classes. In turn, some of the center’s graduates become employees of the firm, where the knowledge they received from the center’s educational programs are of great value.”

Jurcewicz also sees benefits for the students, another reason for his firm’s involvement.

“When the Center for American Law Studies began, it was very new and needed in Poland,” he said. “We believed the
opportunities created by this cooperation would allow students to increase their legal knowledge and provide opportunities for Polish law students to learn about the American legal system first-hand. That was why White & Case was one of three firms to support the center from the very beginning.”

The program benefits professors at UF’s law school, too, thanks in part to Ewa Gmurzynska, a graduate of both Warsaw University and the master’s program in comparative law at UF. She is now staff attorney for CGR and director of the American Law Studies program.

“Our success is a direct result of the high educational and professional standards set by the UF faculty who take part,” Gmurzynska said. “And also because of increasing competition in the market and growing interest in American law.

International Programs Coordinator Professor Stuart Cohn said that while participating in the program entails some sacrifice for faculty, the experience is well worth it.

“Our faculty members are uprooted for two weeks to teach there,” he said. “We have to prepare a syllabus, give a final exam and grade it.

“In addition, faculty have to make up the classes they miss at UF during the two weeks, and they receive no extra financial incentive. Yet, we have had 29 professors — half our faculty — participate so far.”

European Union countries are introducing into their laws many of the legal practices characteristic until now only in American law.

Gmurzynska said in addition to coming from the ranks of Warsaw University students, applicants now come from Polish law firms trying to enroll their attorneys in the one-year program. Due to limited enrollment, the center must turn away applicants each year.

At graduation each summer, a noted American lawyer is asked to speak. This year’s commencement speaker was Michael Papantonio of Levin Papantonio & Partners in Pensacola, Fla., and previous honorees include Martha Barnett (JD 73), then-president of the American Bar Association; Ben Overton (LLB 52), former Florida Supreme Court chief justice; and W. Dexter Douglass (JD 49) of Tallahassee, member of the Sen. Al Gore legal team during the contested 2000 presidential election.

Thanks to a recent agreement between the Warsaw and Florida universities, the program will be expanded to include reciprocal participation by UFLaw students in the School of Polish and European Union at Warsaw — enabling American students to specialize in that aspect of foreign law.

Mills believes the Levin College of Law has a responsibility in Poland.

“Service is an obligation for any law school or public body,” he said. “This is something that we do that benefits not only the United States, but a major country in eastern central Europe as well.”

"The practice of law in our times has truly become transnational. My experience as a foreign student at the Levin College of Law has been outstanding.”

— Tomasz Bartosz (2L), UFLaw Alumni Council member

Warsaw to UFLaw

LAW BECOMES ‘MULTINATIONAL’

Tomasz M. Bartosz (right) earned a law degree from the University of Warsaw followed by a LLM in Comparative Law from UF. It was only logical to pursue a JD from UF as well, said Bartosz, who plans to earn a Certificate in Intellectual Property and one day become a “complete, multinational lawyer.”

“My LLM in Comparative Law and participation in the UFLaw JD program are great proof of how well the relationship between the University of Warsaw law school and Levin College of Law has developed over the years. The faculty here provide valuable knowledge of American law to Polish students participating in the American Law Studies Program at the University of Warsaw. Thanks to the encouragement I received as a student in that program, I was able to pursue my dreams of a legal career in the United States.

“The practice of law in our times has truly become transnational. American law students have many opportunities to interact with their counterparts from different countries and cultures. My experience as a foreign student at the Levin College of Law has been outstanding, and I have been able to share my ideas with American students, foreign lawyers in the Comparative Law program, and foreign exchange students.”

Bartosz was awarded a Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarship for 2002-03, and was selected for a fall semester externship with U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul.

“The encouragement of my American law professors helped me succeed in my transition from Warsaw to UFLaw,” said Bartosz. “There is nothing easy about the common law system, but as a foreign lawyer I found it more understandable thanks to professors who offered me their support.

“The variety of courses offered allows me to broaden my knowledge in legal areas of most interest to me: intellectual property and business law,” said Bartosz.

“The faculty here are outstanding in scholarship and their efforts to make my studies a valuable, learning experience.”
There are times for fast-food, and times for fine dining with family or friends. One experience is functional and the other can approach the metaphysical, since a great restaurant sets the mood and enhances the experience far beyond the ordinary.

Using this analogy for UF Law’s fund-raising campaign for new facilities, American Bar Association requirements plus standards set by our internal and external constituencies mandated a “more than fast-food” approach. We are moving the law school’s physical plant into the 21st century to accommodate nearly 1,300 students. Over the next few years, the quality of our facilities will be enhanced to mirror the caliber of our faculty and students.

The “appetizer” in this campaign was our shared vision for the future, which led to selection of an outstanding architectural firm (see next page). The Building Committee, chaired by Legal Information Center Director Betty Taylor, is working with alumni, faculty, staff and students to convert our plans into reality.

The next step, or “entrée,” will be completion of the project, when we open the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, the Student/Faculty Academic Center, and complete renovations to Holland Hall. The “dessert” will be how the facilities enhance the quality of the education we offer and value of a degree earned from the Levin College of Law.

One question often asked of our Alumni Affairs staff members: Why is it important to give back to the college? Much in the way we receive what we pay for when it comes to meals, the scope of the investment on the part of alumni and friends of the college carries the same proportional weight. A lackluster response to a facilities or Annual Fund campaign leaves the college and the constituency we serve less than satisfied. Yet, with collective endorsements from over 15,700 alumni in support of these fund-raising drives, we will be savoring the taste of victory for years to come.

To date, nearly 600 individuals and firms have added their names to the list of donors to make possible our new and expanded facilities. There is still time to add your name to this list of leaders.

We hope you will consider a gift or pledge, and also remember the importance of supporting the Annual Fund during this time. Monies designated for buildings are restricted for that purpose, while ongoing faculty initiatives and co-curricular and extracurricular student activities are directly supported by the fund.

Thank you for your help in maintaining our legacy of leadership among graduates and friends of the Levin College of Law.

— Donald Hale, Senior Director of Development & Alumni Affairs

GIFT ANNUITIES BENEFIT YOU AND UFLAW AREA OF YOUR CHOICE

As of April, the University of Florida Foundation, Inc.’s gift annuity pool held more than $20 million. Many UF alumni and friends recognize the benefits of giving through charitable gift annuities, which allow donors to make a significant gift for future use by UF while they retain life income payments. Other benefits to donors include:

- **Unlimited contributions** - Federal law typically limits the amount you can contribute to tax-deferred retirement programs such as IRAs, 403(b), or 401(k) plans, but not the amount you place into a charitable gift annuity, which means you may build as large a retirement plan as you wish.
- **Charitable deduction** - You receive a charitable contribution deduction for a portion of the assets (cash or publicly listed stocks and bonds) placed in the annuity. This deduction helps offset taxes due on current income earned.
- **Tax advantaged income** - If you fund the annuity with cash, part of each payment to you will be considered return of principal and, as such, not subject to income tax. The remainder will be ordinary income to you. If you fund the annuity with appreciated assets, a portion of the capital gain will be completely forgiven and you may be eligible to prorate the remaining capital gains over your life expectancy. This gift annuity may also have tax-free income (due to return of principal) and ordinary income.
- **Payments you cannot outlive** - The charitable gift annuity pays you a fixed dollar annual amount as long as you live, thereby transferring any investment risk to the Foundation, which will pay you the amount regardless of how long you live.

To learn more, call the UFLaw Development and Alumni Affairs Office (352.392.9296).
‘Moving Toward the Top 10’
UFLaw Kicks Off Expansion with Celebration Ceremony

Hundreds of alumni, friends, faculty and staff gathered in September to honor contributors to UFLaw’s recent successful $25 million expansion campaign, and announce selection of architects (see sidebar) to design major facilities for the nation’s 11th largest law school.

UF President Charles Young and Dean Jon Mills headlined the dinner event at Gainesville’s Savannah Grande.

“This is an occasion to celebrate the imminent reality of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center and a new Student/Faculty Academic Center,” Mills said, “and of most importance to this community, a new and impressive western front door for our university.”

W.C. Gentry (JD 71) of Jacksonville headed a seven-month 2001 effort that raised $6.3 million from alumni, faculty, staff, friends and students throughout the country. Those funds were matched by state monies and added to $12.6 million from UF to finance the new academic center and library expansion (with the resulting new building to be named in honor of law school grad and former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Chiles). Pledges for the facilities were able to be included in funds qualifying for matching dollars, thanks to a unique collaboration with Northern Trust Bank in Sarasota, headed by President Philip A. Delaney Jr.

Mills praised Board of Trustees Chair Marybeth McDonald and past Chair Richard M. “Robie” Robinson, both of Orlando, for their support. He said the 200-member Law Alumni Council, headed by Bruce Harris of Orlando, helped secure gifts from classmates and colleagues throughout Florida and the U.S.

The dean said enlarging and upgrading teaching facilities and the library, built in the late 1960’s, is critical for retention of American Bar Association accreditation. He said the expansion will place the center among the top 20 of more than 180 academic law libraries in the country in terms of space.

Mills reminded those attending that a fund-raising effort due to end this December is seeking to raise another $1.3 million to help make possible an anticipated $5 million in renovations to the existing Holland Law Center (see page 37). The center is a classroom and faculty office building completed in 1969 and named after former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Spessard Holland (JD 16).

Among those gathering in September to honor contributors were Fredric Levin (left), who earlier helped create a $20 million endowment at the law school and was a major campaign contributor; Dean Jon Mills; architect David Owens (see sidebar); W.C. Gentry, chair of the Building Campaign Committee, and hundreds of alumni and faculty.

A UF task force has selected Ponikvar & Associates, Inc., based in Gainesville, as lead project architect, with Tsoi/Kobus & Associates of Cambridge, MA., to assist with design aspects. Formal groundbreaking is expected April 11-12.

“Our selection committee started with 20 of the finest architectural firms in the country,” Dean Jon Mills said, “and selected the team that will give us quality facilities — very much needed if we are to join the nation’s top 10 public law schools — to match the college’s quality students and faculty.”

Aside from Mills, other members of the UF selection committee were Professor Jo Hassell, College of Design, Construction and Planning; D. Jeff Blair, engineer, Physical Plant; and Carol Walker, director, and Howie Ferguson, coordinator and project manager, at Facilities Planning and Construction.

Ponikvar & Associates (P&A) was founded in 1978, and in the last 10 years has specialized in college, university and institutional projects. Two major P&A facilities just completed at UF are Emerson Alumni Hall and The Residence College at Hume Hall. P&A also designed the UF Digital Arts and Sciences Virtual Reality Theater and Production Studio, now under construction.

Tsoi/Kobus & Associates (TK&A) recently completed work for such academic clients as Harvard Medical and Business schools, Washington University, Boston College and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. TK&A also is recognized for its work on the new 293,000-square-foot Suffolk University Law School, one of the most technologically advanced institutions in the nation.
Council Seeks Alumni Participation
Inducts New Members, Elects Officers

The UFLaw Alumni Council has launched an ambitious campaign to increase alumni participation in supporting students, faculty, programs and services. After reviewing programs at other law schools — including Duke and Virginia — the council implemented or restructured support programs, and added third-year student members and “class chairs” to help recruit and coordinate efforts of representatives from each graduating class.

A record 70 members attended the council meeting in September, where the gavel was passed from 2001-02 President Bruce Harris (JD 93, right) of Orlando to 2002-03 President Ken Johnson (JD 81) of Naples. Plans for this year include:

- **Renewed Law Firm Giving Program**
  Firms with “multiple Gators” achieving 100 percent participation during the fiscal year will be recognized on a display in the Career Services lobby and in publications.

- **Restructured Reunion Program**
  With emphasis on increased attendance, alumni celebrating 5th, 10th and 25th reunions will be invited to return to campus April 11-12 for a weekend of social and educational activities (see page 36). Information will be mailed soon to 1998, 1993 and 1978 classes.

- **Faculty Visibility**
  The council will assist in promoting the college’s CLE offerings, conferences, and faculty speaking engagements to help increase visibility of the law school and faculty.

- **Graduating Class Gifts**
  Coordinated by the council’s third-year student members, this revived tradition presents a combined Class Gift at commencement. Students may give or pledge to any area of the law school or to any student organization.

- **Book Award Sponsorships**
  Emphasis on increasing JD and LLMT course sponsorships to provide essential operating funds; also recognizes sponsors and rewards outstanding academic achievement.

“Our objective is to help our school continue to improve,” Johnson said. “We need to increase interaction and involvement among alumni, law faculty, students and administration. We have wonderful human resources that, when properly tapped and channeled, will allow us to offer an even more outstanding educational experience.”

The council (founded in 1983) and Law Center Association Inc. Board of Trustees (1960) are the primary support and advisory boards for the law school and assist with raising private funds to cover expenses not met through state support, tuition or endowment income.

Joining the council are Fall 2002/Spring 2003 graduating students Debra Geiger (left), Susan Mikhailitis, Tomasz Bartosz, Nicole Kibert (2003 class chair), Elaine Parris, Brian Koch, Leslie Press, Julian Smothers, Rhonda Chung-De Cambre (2002 class chair) and Robert Thornburg. (New members Dolina Lordeus, Brian Mencher, Frederick Dauley, Todd Herberghs, Kelly Daooud, Gisela Then-Caceres and Sherrr Stinson not shown.)

In 2001-02, the council played an important role in the successful campaign for a $25 million facilities expansion and renovation project (see page 33). In addition, through mail and phone campaigns, the council encourages alumni to participate in the Annual Fund, which provides unrestricted and restricted support for law students and student organizations, faculty, and academic programs. Class representatives also serve as reunion co-chairs.

For information: Associate Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Denise Stobbe, PO Box 117623, Gainesville FL 32611-7623 (352.392.9296, stobbe@law.ufl.edu).

2002-03 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kenneth Johnson (JD 81), Naples
President
Bruce M. Harris (JD 93), Orlando
Immediate Past President
Oscar Sanchez (JD 82), Miami
President-Elect
George Yaka (JD 83), Tampa
Secretary

At-Large Members
Heather Brock (JD 93), Tampa
Leon Brush (JD 62), Sarasota
Tim Cerio (JD 95), Tampa
Patrick Cousins (JD 89), West Palm Beach
Barry Davidson (JD 67), Miami
Mayanne Downs (JD 87), Orlando
Adam Hall (JD 96), Miami
Lawrence Keele (JD 86), Fort Walton Beach
Mark W. Klingensmith (JD 85), West Palm Beach
Paul Linder (JD 82), Orlando
Rahul Patel (JD 97), Atlanta
Barry Silber (JD 75), Pensacola
Bonita Young (JD 97), Gainesville

Ex-Officio
Dean Jon Mills (JD 72)
Professor Christopher Slobogin
Alumni Affairs Associate
Director Denise Stobbe

For complete listing of Alumni Council Class Representatives, go to www.law.ufl/alumni.
When David H. Levin (JD 52) died in January at 73, the University of Florida’s law school lost one of its greatest benefactors and successful and prominent alumni.

The oldest brother of Fredric G. Levin, namesake of UF’s law school, David built an impressive career in law after graduating second in his UFLaw class. A lifelong supporter of the college, he donated more than $1 million over his lifetime and left a large portion of his estate to his alma mater.

“Other than his family, the University of Florida was his main love,” says his brother Fredric. “He lived and breathed Gator.”

Three years after graduating, David co-founded the Pensacola firm now called Levin Papantonio Thomas Mitchell Eshner & Proctor. His best friend and founding partner, Ruebin Askew, went on to become governor of the state.

“He was a very warm and caring man who was my closest friend for 45 years,” Askew says. “He was an exceptionally bright lawyer and had tremendous integrity and professional competence. He had a great sense of humor and cared about people.”

Levin graduated from high school when he was 16, and received his bachelor’s degree at Duke University. But his heart was in Florida.

“I never did feel at home there,” he told Levin family biographer John Appleyard, who wrote An American Dream: The Levin Family Chronicles. “Duke was a rich man’s school.”

He graduated in 1949 and enrolled at UF, where he felt comfortable.

“What a difference that campus made!” he told Appleyard. “I could hardly believe what was happening to me. . . To me, Florida was all a university should be, while Duke had seemed almost like a prison. I loved Florida!”

He graduated with honors and joined prosecutor John Lewis Reese, the Escambia County solicitor responsible for prosecuting all non-capital criminal cases in the county. Levin was drafted two months later and joined the Air Force, where his legal training came in handy.

“I was a full-fledged lawyer, and the Judge Advocates Service needed attorneys,” he said. “I was made an officer, a first lieutenant.” Levin was shipped to Korea in November 1952 and spent a year there during the war.

When he returned to the states and was discharged, he joined the firm of Robinson Roark & Hopkins, and a year later, opened his own practice specializing in family law. His first cases included military court martials, civil cases and jury trials in DUI, murder and rape.

In 1958, he took Askew on as a partner.

“David was a solo practitioner, then we went in together and began the firm,” Askew says. “He leaves a legacy of an exceptionally good law firm, but more than that, David was a lawyer’s lawyer and enjoyed great respect among his peers. We all miss him.”

The same year, Levin married Joyce Lindy, a Mobile, Ala., kindergarten teacher he met on a blind date. Their daughter Lisa was born soon after with a defect in a heart valve that required immediate surgery at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Lisa pulled through, and Levin’s allegiance to UF was cemented even more strongly.

In 1971, Askew was elected governor of Florida, a position he held for eight years. During his terms, Levin served as his personal attorney and legal advisor and state director of pollution control.

Levin was inducted into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition for his efforts on the behalf of the football team, and became a Bull Gator.

“He got involved in recruiting and had more than a little to do with Emmitt Smith playing at UF,” said Askew.

“I think from his standpoint, as he got older, the University of Florida became everything to him, even more so than his practice of law,” said Fredric. “He even learned how to use the computer just to get the Internet to read about the university. It became his everything.”

Professor Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, who holds the David H. Levin Chair in Family Law, said, “David Levin created a lasting legacy by endowing a chair in family law. His gift provided the catalyst for UF to develop its family law and policy resources. Creation of the Center on Children and the Law and the Certificate Program in Family Law, made possible by his generosity, puts UF into the top tier for the study of family law. But his most valuable legacy is the new generation of family advocates, judges and scholars we will produce.”

Away from UF, Levin chaired the United Jewish Appeal and served as president of the American Cancer Society. Town & Country magazine recognized him as one of the best lawyers in the country.

Levin is survived by two children, Lisa and Richard.
Reunions Bring Alums to Campus
April 2003 Events to Help Graduates Network, Stay Updated and in Touch

UFLaw reunions enable alumni to network and reminisce with fellow alumni, celebrate the “Gator spirit” and even earn Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit at some events.

The 2003 Reunion Weekend (April 11-12) will include groundbreaking for the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, class dinners and receptions, CLE courses, campus-wide reunion activities and Gator football. The weekend will honor the classes of 1978, 1993 and 1998.

Reunion classes also participate in a Class Gift Program. If your reunion is coming up, please make a special commitment to support your college. Contact UFLaw Development and Alumni Affairs (352.392.9296) for information.

Library Named for Justice Ehrlich

The UFLaw Faculty Library was named in honor of Justice Raymond Ehrlich (JD 42, right, seated) at a ceremony during the Grand Guard reunion in September.

“We are honored to have our future enlightened under your name,” said Dean Jon Mills (left) as he presented a dedication plaque to Ehrlich.

Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Ben Overton (JD 52, right) spoke at the event, which included the presence of other UFLaw Grand Guard inductees, faculty, staff and Ehrlich family.

Grand Guard law alumni next will be honored in October 2003, when they are invited to campus along with other University of Florida Grand Guard members.

2002 REUNION WEEKEND

Alumni from the Classes of ’56, ’57, ’61, ’62, ’71, ’72, ’76, ’77, ’81 ’82, ’86, ’87, ’91 and ’92 gathered in Gainesville April 26-27 for Spring Reunion Weekend. Graduates mixed, mingled and networked at a variety of events — including a barbecue before the Orange and Blue game (top), reception and dinner (middle) and faculty and alumni panel discussion (above).
Holland

Spessard L. Holland Law Center — A Legacy Revitalized

The UFLaw Law Center Association Board of Trustees is helping raise an additional $1.3 million by year-end toward a $5 million renovation of the existing Holland Hall Law Center. The funding will be used to update the classroom and faculty office building, built in 1969 and named after former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Spessard Holland (JD 16).

“We have a window of opportunity to turn $1.3 million in private funding into an additional $3.7 million to take care of our needs to revitalize a legacy,” Mills said. “The Holland Law Center was the cornerstone more than 30 years ago of the university’s initial effort to begin building one of the ‘Top 10’ public law schools in this country.”

The $1.3 million — needed by December 31 — will be used to apply for matching state funds and combined with $2 million from UF’s budget for interior equipment and furnishings to result in the $5 million required to upgrade the center to current building and technology standards. (See page 33 for story on new and expanded College of Law facilities).

For information or to participate, contact UFLaw Development and Alumni Affairs (352.392.9296).

Students Honored for Pro Bono Work

Sixty law students were honored in April by the UFLaw Center for Career Services for contributions to the Pro Bono Project. Students recognized for Pro Bono Committee service — with Career Services Coordinator Jessie Howell (center) — included Jenny Devine (left), Todd Samelman, Kristen Cooley and Maria Pavlidis. Other participants were Sherri Stinson, Gina Sansone, Deborah de la O, Kelly Daoud, Randy Childs, Natly Torres-Alvarado, Carl Reynolds III and Julian Smothers. Smothers was the first recipient of a new award given this year — Pro Bono Student of the Year — in recognition of his 315 recorded pro bono hours.

“Students honored perform at least 35 hours of pro bono service at an approved organization,” said Howell.

Among agencies and organizations participating in the Spring 2002 pro bono project were: Alachua County Teen Court Program, Capital Justice and Restoration Initiative, Child Welfare Legal Services, Eighth Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program, Eighth Judicial Circuit Law Clerk Program, Eighth Judicial Hearing Officer Program, Florida Institutional Legal Services, Labor and Employment Security Judges of Compensation Claims, Labor Party, Office of the State Attorney, Restraining Order Victim Assistance Program (ROVAP) of Peaceful Paths, Student Legal Services, Three Rivers Legal Services, UFLaw Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Withlacoochee Area Legal Services, Inc. Through individual student initiative, other agencies and organizations throughout the state (i.e., in the students’ home towns) also are involved — such as courthouses, public defender and state attorney offices and other legal entities.

Firms or organizations interested in participating in the Pro Bono Program should contact Howell (howell@law.ufl.edu or 352.392.0499).
Dispute Resolution

INNOVATIVE UFLAW PROGRAM TRIES TO KEEP ATTORNEYS OUT OF COURT

It may not seem so, based on recent national media coverage, but an important trend in the legal profession is to have attorneys spend less time in the courtroom. Instead of lengthy and costly trials, more and more legal issues are now resolved through mediation and negotiation — especially in Florida, according to UFLaw Professor Don Peters (right), director of the college’s Institute for Dispute Resolution (IDR) and Trustee Research Fellow.

Peters reports Florida leads the nation in court-connected mediations, with an estimated 200,000 occurring every 12 months, and that across the country more than 90 percent of civil cases are settled through negotiation.

“Part of the reason for the high success rate,” Peters said, “is that, unlike most forms of dispute resolution, mediations are informal and confidential, and can be quick and relatively inexpensive.”

UFLaw established its Institute for Dispute Resolution, the first of its kind at a law school in the state, as a result of Florida legislators enacting one of the first laws in the country giving judges broad authority to order mediation in all types of civil lawsuits.

Through IDR courses in mediation, negotiation, environmental dispute resolution, collective bargaining, and international litigation/arbitration, students are taught the skills, theoretical background and experiences needed to understand and practice dispute resolution.

Peters said UFLaw students are given dispute resolution experience through clinic options allowing them to work at legal agencies around Gainesville where they can represent both adults and children as clients. Students participating in the mediation clinical course receive a qualifying classroom component approved by the Florida Supreme Court.

“We know our mix of classroom training, interaction with practicing attorneys and in-the-field assignments is working very well to prepare graduates for this new phase of a less-hostile approach to dispute resolution,” Peters said.

“Of the approximately 130 law students we graduate yearly who have taken IDR courses, about 95 percent of them will practice in Florida,” Peters said. “We are preparing them for changes already taking place in how law is practiced here, and thus they’re far better prepared to resolve issues for their clients without having to go to trial.”

As examples of IDR’s expansion and acceptance, Peters cites:

**JUVENILE MEDIATION CLINIC**

Under direction of IDR Associate Director Alison Gerencser (front left in page 39 photo), students perform mediation training with area youth and teach dispute resolution skills to incarcerated juveniles. The National Council on Crime and Delinquency honored the clinic in 2001 for its work.

**ALACHUA COUNTY MEDIATION CLINIC**

All contested small-claims cases (lawsuits less than $5,000) in the county are handled through this program, providing students additional hands-on training. Disputes include those between neighbors, debtors/creditors, landlords/tenants, and minor construction cases.

**FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION SERVICE**

Farmers with disputes with the U.S. Department of Agriculture often find convenient and cost-effective relief through this statewide free service initiated by IDR and Gerencser in 1996. Agricultural credit problems, USDA decisions, wetland determinations, boundary disputes and similar issues are mediated.
INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

IDR provides dispute resolution help on an international basis. Representatives from countries including Jordan, Uganda, Poland, Haiti and Australia learn dispute resolution on the Gainesville campus and from UF visiting law faculty.

“We recently hosted three representatives from Uganda,” Peters said. “They were a justice of the High Court, the associate director of the Legal Aid Clinic and the director of the Law Development Centre who is a draftsman for the Uganda Parliament.”

J. Joaquin Fraxedas (JD 75), head of the Orlando-based Fraxedas Mediation Firm, agrees mediation is an essential skill for law graduates. Fraxedas is a former trial attorney who began his career with a firm specializing in medical malpractice.

“We were working with extremely difficult cases, including dealing with such issues as brain-damaged babies,” Fraxedas said. “I noticed after the state’s mediation statutes passed in the late 80s, a large number of cases — including $8-$10 million lawsuits — started being resolved through mediation.

“Florida is the model for the nation for a workable Alternative Dispute Resolution system,” he said. “Most of the larger states — Florida, Texas and California for example — are going to be involved in mediation constantly. There are simply too many cases for all of them to go to trial.

“Between the classes and clinics, the UF Institute is doing an excellent job preparing students for the increasing role of mediation,” said Fraxedas, an adjunct law professor. “This is a phase of the legal process that is win-win for all parties involved.”

IDR is endowed through a $100,000 contribution from Upchurch Watson White & Max Mediation Group, a nationally recognized mediation specialty firm with offices in Daytona Beach, Maitland, Miami and Tallahassee. The perpetuity endowment supports teaching and research, student grants, conflict management programs and the annual “Meet the Masters” symposium. Principals of the firm include Lawrence M. Watson Jr. (JD 69), former Circuit Judge John J. Upchurch IV (JD 68), Terrence M. White (JD 79) and Rodney A. Max (BA 70), current president of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators. Justice Ben Overton (JD 52) joined the firm after stepping down from the Florida Supreme Court in 1999.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

“IF I LEAD, WILL YOU FOLLOW?”

One of the more unique specialties taught in UF’s IDR classes is reconciliation. Professor Jonathan Cohen (center, leading students through a dispute resolution exercise), a nationally known expert on dispute resolution, says the concept is as basic as the “golden rule” — that is, do unto others as you would have them do to you — until it comes to trying to make it fit in the legal system.

“If one person injures another in some way, an apology should be a common practice simply out of morality or at least good manners,” Cohen said. “Yet because of liability issues, people have become afraid to apologize.”

But Cohen, who earned his law degree and a doctorate in economics at Harvard University, says studies show in most cases, apologies would help settle disputes rather than escalate them.

“A 2001 Florida law excludes from admission in court any expressions of sympathy after accidents,” Cohen said, noting that many states now are looking at drafting similar laws allowing people to apologize without creating a legal liability for those who do so.
Thanks to the interest, concern and understanding of a UFLaw faculty member more than 30 years ago, an important new book — *When Race Becomes Real* — by one of the first African-American women to attend the University of Florida is dedicated to him.

Distinguished Professor of Law and Stephen C. O'Connell Chair Walter Weyrauch (see page 41) is honored by Bernestine Singley (JD 74, above), in her new book published by Lawrence Hill Books — with a shared dedication to Odessa Roberts Singley (her mother).

"This is a tremendous honor," said Weyrauch. "I have read the book, and the work is quite stunning."

*When Race Becomes Real* is a moving collection of personal stories from well-known African-American and white authors about their experiences with race relations in the U.S.

Why the dedication to Weyrauch? Singley explains, "and came to the U.S. as an outsider, so he thought as an outsider and was able to relate to black students and racial tensions as well as gender and class issues."

Singley took several courses from Weyrauch. He remembers her as a top student, one of only three or four African-American females to attend UFLaw at the time, and relates she was a controversial activist against racial segregation with a "piercing, far reaching intellect."

Weyrauch provided strong endorsement to help Singley get into Harvard, where she obtained a second law degree.

None of the other law faculty had the same impact on Singley as Weyrauch. "There were several others who were 'helpful,' but not in ways that I was able to identify as 'helpful' back then….."

The faculty, Singley adds, "provided multiple examples of how entrenched race and gender oppression were and made me even more determined to not just overcome as an individual, but to document what I learned for blacks, whites and others who are committed to toppling race, gender and class hierarchies."

Weyrauch joined the law faculty in 1957. He was born in Germany, receiving law degrees there before coming to the U.S. to obtain his LLB from Georgetown University, his LLM from Harvard, and a JSD from Yale University. He still teaches in the areas of business organizations, and comparative and family law.

Singley began her career "as the racial integration person," as she describes herself, during her early school years.

After graduating from a racially segregated high school in Charlotte in 1967, Singley attended the almost entirely white Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. She followed that with UF law school, where Singley says, "I mastered white male talk, white male power and white male entitlement."

After Harvard, she served as an assistant attorney general in Massachusetts and Texas. She worked as a mediator and consultant and is a full-time writer.

Weyrauch and Singley have maintained steady correspondence. She stayed in his home when visiting Gainesville, and has a standing invitation to stay whenever she returns. She is more than just a former student for Weyrauch, "she is a good friend."

One example of Weyrauch’s understanding, according to Singley, of what African-American law students would face from the establishment of the times: "He knew students would face discrimination when interviewing for jobs after graduation, and said one way law firm recruiters weeded out applicants was by taking them to dinner and ordering artichokes (and/or lobsters, he told others) to see if they knew how to eat them."

"It was as much about class as about race, because white applicants were being judged and found wanting as well. So Walter invited us to his home and served artichokes and that’s where I learned to eat them. Walter’s brilliance was that he didn’t just do the analysis, he intervened in a way that allowed me to shift the balance of power."

---

*Artichokes and Lobsters*  
The Tale of a UFLaw Professor’s Dedication to Students  

S"
In a certain sense you have an advantage over American citizens who were born here: you will be citizens by choice. You came here because you wanted to be here.

I came from Germany in 1952 and was naturalized in 1958 before the same United States District Court. I was already a professor at the College of Law, where I have taught for 45 years.

My choice to become an American citizen was dictated by circumstances. When the Nazis came to power in 1933, I was 13. I spent the war years being able to study because poor health prevented me from being a soldier. At the end of the war, I was a young lawyer in the final stages of my education. After the German unconditional surrender...there was no food and water, no electricity or transportation. The prisons had been opened by retreating German troops, and murderers and thieves roamed the streets. Everyone was concerned with immediate survival.

Though not yet admitted to the bar, I was drafted to the newly organized city police in Frankfurt. My task was to interview lower rank Nazi leaders ordered arrested by the American military government. They filled prisons to capacity and disposition had to be made whether they could be released or whether they posed a danger to Allied forces. Concerns at the time were military rather than political.

In the process of my work, I learned about a large Gestapo card file that had escaped destruction. I was asked to evaluate the content. Many years later, the results were published, both in the U.S. and Germany. The Gestapo had received its information from sources one would least suspect — foreigners living in Germany and persons who were opponents or victims of the regime. These collaborators received no money. Their compensation was a chance at survival.

When the courts reopened, I was an associate in a Frankfurt Jewish law firm, which handled thousands of restitution cases of persons who had been persecuted for racial, religious or political reasons.

I had to relive the years of the Nazi past, often in gruesome detail. People had been deprived of civil rights and citizenship, forced to surrender property and businesses, to flee the country or be carried away to concentration camps and probable death. I could have worked on cases more related to civil and criminal matters, but I wanted to help undo some of the damage that had been done.

“IT IS A UNIQUE COUNTRY BECAUSE THE FOUNDRING FATHERS BUILT A NATION AROUND IDEALS.”

I and a few other German lawyers were invited in 1952 by the U.S. Department of State to visit Washington, D.C. After my return to Germany, I applied for immigration, and in summer 1953 immigration was granted. Aside from relatives in Florida, I had no connections and could not transfer money. My partners encouraged me to go.

I made my choice. I was an established lawyer in Germany, 33, facing an uncertain future in the U.S. Economically, I was better off in Germany and would be even now. But I wanted to be in the U.S. It is a unique country because the Founding Fathers built a nation around ideals. Nowhere has this been better expressed than in the opening lines of the Declaration of Independence. There is no other nation founded on pronouncements of such sweeping power.

This does not mean these ideals have always been realized. When the Declaration was adopted in 1776, slavery was legal and women had no equal rights. When I came to UF in 1957, it was as racially segregated as the rest of the South. I had almost no women students. We still deal with the vestiges of this history. Much of the law I learned and taught in the U.S. has dealt with the continuing struggle for equal and civil rights.

For months after my immigration I could not find a job. As a German lawyer, I was either overqualified for ordinary jobs or underqualified for firms. I mostly ate potatoes, apples, bread and some sausages. From 1953-57 I studied law again, acquiring law degrees from Georgetown and Harvard and eventually a second doctorate at Yale. I lived in substandard, roach-infested rooms and, of course, could not afford a car. But I had made my choice, and the question of returning to Germany never came up. I am here because I wanted to be here.

My choice resulted in rewards beyond expectation. A significant number of judges and lawyers practicing in Florida have been my students. As a legal scholar I gained insights in numerous ways. I have learned the importance of facts and that neither facts nor theories can be fully trusted, controversies have multiple arguments and solutions, and final solutions are not always satisfactory. Much of my teaching and writing would not have occurred had I stayed in Germany. On the other hand, some of my publications would have never occurred to me if my background had been purely American.

You will find in your own experience that your life will be enriched in numerous ways hard to predict. You will have opportunities based on what you learned and experienced in the past and what you will learn and experience in the future, to the benefit of us all. Congratulations on your naturalization. I wish you luck.”
Scholarship & Activities

Andrew Z. Adkins III
Director, Legal Technology Institute/International Center for Automated Information Research
- Spoke in April at ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division Conference in San Antonio on “Technology in the Public Law Office.” Also spoke at UFLaw reunion on “Today’s Technology — Tomorrow’s Future,” and the Oklahoma Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference.

Bill F. Chamberlin
Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar of Mass Communications & Affiliate Professor of Law
- Published “Freedom of Information Act” and “Media and the Law” in The Oxford Companion to American Law.

Jonathan R. Cohen
Associate Professor of Law
- Published “The Ethics of Respect in Negotiation,” 18 Negotiation Journal 115-120 (April 2002).
- Spoke in Orlando on “Apologies in (Continues page 44)

W. Scott Van Alstyne Jr.
Professor of Law Emeritus
- Inducted as a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation. Fellows are nominated for outstanding attainment in the practice of law, contributions to the welfare of their communities, and service in the advancement of the legal profession in Wisconsin.

Thomas T. Ankersen
Director, CGR Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica Law Summer Study Program

Fletcher N. Baldwin Jr.
Chesterfield Professor of Law; Director, UF Center for International Financial Crimes Studies; Honorary Fellow, Society for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London
- Spoke at Latin America Conference put on by UFLaw Center for Governmental Responsibility in April.

FACULTY RESEARCH

Practical Applications

PUTTING UFLAW RESEARCH TO WORK FOR YOU

UFLaw faculty are involved in research and scholarship that not only affects students and classroom instruction — often throughout the country — but also has immediate and practical application in today’s attorney offices. Following are a list of recent materials that may be of value to practitioners and other legal professionals. To obtain a copy of the noted pieces, please check sources cited (or if necessary, e-mail or call the professor listed):

JUDGMENT LIEN LAW
Professor of Law and Gerald A. Sohn Scholar Jeffrey Davis has written on the new judgement lien law in “Fixing Florida’s Execution Lien Law Part Two: Florida’s New Judgment Lien on Personal Property,” 54 Florida Law Review 119 (2002). (E-mail davis@law.ufl.edu or call him at 352.392.5356.)

LEGAL WRITING
Two members of the law school’s Legal Research & Writing staff – Assistant Directors and Legal Skills Professors Teresa Rambo and Leanne Pflaum – have published Legal Writing By Design: A Guide to Great Memos and Briefs (Carolina Academic Press), available on Amazon.com, at Wilbert’s, Florida Bookstores (I and II), and all University of Florida Bookstores. (rambo@law.ufl.edu and/or pflaum@law.ufl.edu)

PRICE FIXING

CLIENT APOLOGIES
“Advising Clients to Apologize,” published in 72 Southern California Law Review 1009 (1999), is one of multiple articles on this topic by Associate Professor Jonathan Cohen that has garnered national attention. A similar piece, “When People are the Means: Negotiating with Respect,” was in 14 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics 739 (2001). (cohn@law.ufl.edu or 352.392.4974)

BANKRUPTCY, SELF EMPLOYMENT TAXES
“Hidden in Plain View: The Pension Shield Against Creditors,” pertaining to bankruptcy and ERISA, was published by Professor of Law Pat Dilley in 74 Indiana Law Journal 355 (1999). Her piece on the Self-Employment Contributions Act, “Breaking the Glass Slipper,” was featured in 54 The Tax Lawyer 65 (2000). (dilley@law.ufl.edu or 352.392.2270)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Affiliate Professor of Law Richard Hiers is author of “Sexual Harassment: Title VII and Title IX Protections and Prohibitions - The Current State of the Law,” published in 19 Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics 391 (1999). (hiers@religion.ufl.edu or 352.392.1625)
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

‘Skeletons in the Classroom’
‘D.T.’ Retiring After 35 Years of Educating, Entertaining

At first glance, UF Law Professor David “D.T.” Smith’s dead-pan expression and crisp New England accent suggest an “old-schooler” similar to staitlaced Professor Kingsfield in The Paper Chase movie and television show.

That perception is wrong, as sitting through one of his classes demonstrates. “He’s absolutely hilarious,” said David Chopin (1L). “His personal and historical anecdotes make class really interesting.”

Smith says “humor keeps students’ attention. I can find something funny in almost any current event, and don’t mind poking fun at myself either.”

Students would be surprised to learn Smith once was shy. Only after beginning to teach did he come out of his shell, to the delight of thousands of students through the years.

Among his most memorable classroom attention grabbers is “Trixie the Testatrix,” an old science-class skeleton that has made guest appearances in Smith’s Estates & Trusts classes for more than 10 years. He puts pencils in Trixie’s eye sockets to demonstrate the proper line of vision (exactly straight ahead) for witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective witnessing a will-signing. His students agree — Trixie and the pencils are an effective

Smith earned his BA in history at Yale, and JD cum laude at Boston University. Before coming to UF in 1968, he taught at Indiana, Duquesne and Case Western Reserve universities. He is an authority on probate law and author of the Florida Probate Code Manual. The book he is most proud of is The Family and Inheritance, first published in 1970.

After 35 years behind the podium, Smith will retire in June 2003. “I’ve been here so long I’ve taught some students’ parents,” he said. “Like the Heekin family from Jacksonville. I’ve taught fathers and sons, uncles and nephews during the last 30 years.”

Fellow Professor Jeffrey Harrison notes that, “you will not find a person with greater loyalty to this law school.”

Others share this appreciation for Smith, as evidenced by plaques on his office wall, such as the ones from Florida Law Review and Blue Key naming him an honorary member and from the Institute of Cuban Lawyers recognizing his pioneering efforts in helping exiled lawyers meet Florida Bar qualifications. He served many years on the UF Faculty Senate and chaired several of its most vital committees. He has served UF Law well on the Admissions Committee, on which he first began work in 1995 and chaired since 1999.

“D.T.’s personality, his concern for students and the school, and his leadership make him an excellent member of this team,” notes Assistant Dean for Admissions Michael Patrick. “He has been instrumental in our historical selection of top quality students, and played a significant role in helping us successfully plan for and implement One Florida as it impacted almost overnight the way state universities look at and select applicants.”

As one of Smith’s current students, Hollie Noblick (1L), expresses it, “D.T. Smith is just plain awesome.”

Though Smith did not attend UF, he soon adopted the Gators and has a particular fondness for football. In addition to his love of Gator sports, he enjoys saltwater fishing and pleasure reading.

Smith’s immediate family has a total of nine degrees from UF. Wife Sandy, whom he met at Yale as an undergraduate and married during his second year of law school, earned her JD from UF. Their three sons also garnered UF degrees — David Jr. is an MD, and Douglas and Daniel are attorneys.

“The chain will be broken when my oldest grandson enters FSU in Fall 2003,” Smith said.

During retirement, Smith plans to continue updating the Florida Probate Code Manual and would like to teach occasional classes. “I’m not yet burned out,” Smith said. “I still love teaching.”

“For more than 34 years, D.T. Smith has been one of the most ebullient and outspoken members of the faculty,” said close friend Professor Joe Little. “Students have cheered while the faculty sometimes cringed.

“But behind this bravado is a teaching giant: a man committed to his subjects, to his students and to the well-being of this institution of which he has been such a prominent feature,” Little continued. “D.T.’s retirement will punch a huge hole in this faculty in many more ways than one.”
Thomas F. Cotter
Professor of Law, Director of Intellectual Property Law Program
- Spoke at a Cardozo Law School symposium on “Accommodating the Unauthorized Use of Copyrighted Works for Religious Purposes Under the Fair Use Doctrine and Copyright Act Section 110(3)” in April.

Jeffrey Davis
Professor of Law & Gerald A. Sohn Scholar, Trustee Research Fellow
- Spoke to Orlando Bankruptcy Bar on “Recent Mishaps and Other Developments Under Florida’s New Judgment Lien Law” in August.

Stuart R. Cohn
Professor of Law & Gerald A. Sohn Scholar, International Programs Coordinator, Director of International and Comparative Law Certificate Program
- Appointed senior special fellow of United Nations Institute for Training and Research and entitled to a Laissez-Passer from U.N.

Patricia E. Dilley
Professor of Law
- Republished “Breaking the Glass Slipper: Reflections on the Self-Employment Tax” in GP Solo Magazine’s issue featuring “The Best Articles Published by the ABA.”

Charles W. Collier
Professor of Law & Affiliate Professor of Philosophy
- Published essay on 9/11 terrorist attacks and moral relativism in the Community Network’s Summer 2002 quarterly journal, The Responsive Community.

Nancy E. Dowd
Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law
- Published “Gender and Law,” in The Oxford Companion to American Law.
- Joined Genetic Ties Project (multidisciplinary project focusing on implications of DNA testing and paternity) as a result of her work on fatherhood (Redefining Fatherhood, published by NYU Press 2000). The project is centered at the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.

Mark A. Fenster
Assistant Professor of Law
- His paper, “The Symbols of Governance: Thurman Arnold and the Cultural Study of Law,” was accepted for presentation at the Columbia, USC, and Georgetown “Law and Humanities Interdisciplinary Junior Scholar Workshop.”

Alyson Craig Flourney
Professor of Law & Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program
- Presented “Unearthing Environmental Ethics” at International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum at UF in February.
- Presented overview of the Endangered Species Act for CLE conference on “Habitat Conservation Planning and the Endangered Species Act” in Orlando in March.
- Elected to the Executive Committee of the AALS Environmental Law Section in January.
- Appointed by Dean Mills to chair the Self Study Committee for the law school in preparation for the 2003 ABA and AALS sabbatical inspection.

Alison Eckles Gerencser
Associate Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution; Legal Skills Professor
- Conducted panel presentation on “Changing the Legal Culture of Divorces: Policy Making, Program Development and Challenges for the Future” at the AFCC conference at Waikoloa, Hawaii.
Michael W. Gordon
Chesterfield Smith
Professor of Law
Published “Legal Cultures of Latin America and the United States: Conflict or Merger?,” Proceedings of the 2001 Annual LatCrit Conference. Gave address, “Thinking About Cuba — Post Castro Cuba Began a Decade Ago” at legal program sponsored by the Cuban Legal Forum, Union Nacional de Juristas de Cuba and Universidad de La Habana. Also represented the ABA to arrange a 2003 trip to Cuba by ABA officers. Lectured on “NAFTA and Agriculture,” at American Farm Federation Annual Conference, American Agricultural Economic Association, in Chicago, and on NAFTA and dispute resolution at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. Spoke on “E-Commerce: Issues of Privacy,” at ABA International Law Section fall meeting in Monterrey, Mexico, and on “Fundamentals of International Business Transactions,” at ABA International Law Section spring meeting in New York. Participated in ABA ILEX program in Guatemala and Costa Rica to meet with the presidents, members of Constitutional and Supreme Courts, senior legislators and leading academicians and members of the bar. Served on two NAFTA Chapter 19 panels, in one acting in place of a Mexican federal district court judge applying Mexican law, and in the second acting in place of a U.S. federal district court judge applying U.S. law. Consulted on cases involving Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia, France and Spain and for officials in Guatemala and Costa Rica with regard to proposed United States-Central America Free Trade Agreement. Elected to honorary membership in Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado (Mexican Academy of Private International and Comparative Law) and Guatemalan Bar Association. Appointed co-chair of ABA International Law Section’s International Transactions Committee, and put on “Fundamentals of International Business Law” panel at ABA International Law Section spring meeting. Served in Mexico City on NAFTA panel involving urea imports from Russia and U.S. Was appointed arbitrator in Miami in a dispute between entities in Canada and Venezuela.

Jeffrey L. Harrison
O’Connell Professor of Law
Published first edition of casebook, Law and Economics: Cases, Materials and Behavioral Perspectives (Westgroup). Published “Online Music: Antitrust and Copyright Perspectives” in Antitrust Bulletin.

Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol
Levin Mable & Levin Professor of Law

SYNOPSIS SPOTLIGHTS
PROFESSOR QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY

Among information prepared by Associate Dean for Faculty Development Christopher Slobogin in preparation for 2003 accreditation visits by representatives of the American Bar Association and Association of American Law Schools is this synopsis of quality, diversity and accomplishments of UFLaw faculty:

- UFLaw’s 56 tenured/tenure-track faculty includes 16 (29%) women, and eight (14%) minorities (four African-Americans and four Latinos/as) — the largest numbers/percentages of women and minority professors in school history. In addition, about 40 adjuncts teach trial practice, trial team, sections of Criminal Clinic and specialty courses such as patent law, admiralty and agricultural law.

- Most faculty members graduated from outstanding law schools at or near the top of the class and were editors or members of their respective law reviews. More than 20 clerked at the appellate level (roughly half in federal court), over 35 were associates or partners at law firms (15 for five years or more), 10 earned LLM degrees, and seven received Fulbright awards.

- Student evaluations reflect high satisfaction with professors (overall rating of 4.20, with five denoting “excellent”).

- The faculty publishes books at a high rate — 61 treatises, casebooks or similar major books in the past seven years. The per capita rate for 2000-01 was .45, representing 25 books published by 13 different faculty. Since 1996, the faculty also has authored 264 articles in law reviews and specialty journals published by law schools, compared to 141 such articles in the previous self study period — almost a 90% increase. Placement also has improved, with 73 articles appearing in reviews published at the top 50 schools in U.S. News & World Report rankings (compared to 32 in previous self-study period, an increase of 130%). Twenty-two appeared in reviews published by the top 25 law schools in U.S. News rankings (compared to 16 in previous study period, an increase of 27%).

- Faculty have been heavily involved, pro bono, in scores of international, national, state and local endeavors — including the American Bar Association and Association of American Law Schools. Since 1996, faculty have served as chairs of the ABA Committee on Teaching Taxation (Tax Section), Antitrust Committee (Administrative Law Section) and Ad Hoc Committee on Law School Outreach (Criminal Justice Section); and co- or vice chair of the International Law Section, Food & Drug Law Committee (Administrative Law & Regulation Practice Section) and Committee on Negotiation (Section on Dispute Resolution); and as members of many other committees and task forces. Faculty chaired AALS sections on Criminal Justice; Jewish Law; Property; Socioeconomics and the Law; and Tax; and served on a number of others.
New Emphasis on Health Law

Based on increased student interest and a rapidly developing need for lawyers trained in health-related legal issues in Florida and across the nation, UF Law faculty are making a wider array of health law courses available. As of this fall term, courses include:

- Bioethics and Law
- Health Care Finance and Delivery
- Medical Malpractice
- Medical Technology & the Law
- Environmental Law

Lars Noah, magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, is an expert in medical technology, products liability and medical malpractice. He served as a consultant to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration’s chief counsel, and his recent research covers matters such as informed consent in clinical care and research, and dissemination of medical information and its impact on medical practice.

Barbara Noah also earned her JD at Harvard, and teaches health care law, health administration and bioethics. Her research interests include clinical research ethics and liability, racial disparities in health care delivery, and regulatory issues surrounding prescription drugs. The Noahs recently published a casebook with Foundation Press entitled Law, Medicine and Medical Technology: Cases and Materials.

Richard H. Hiers
Professor of Religion & Affiliate Professor of Law

Thomas R. Hurst
Professor of Law & Sam T. Dell Research Scholar
- Published Unincorporated Business Associations: Agency, Partnership and Limited Liability Companies (Westgroup, 2d ed.).

Jerold H. Israel
Ed Rood Eminent Scholar in Trial Advocacy & Procedure
- Published “Grand Jury,” in Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice (2d ed., 2, pp.737-745)
- Published Criminal Procedure and the Constitution, (Westgroup 2002) (with Yale Kamisar and Wayne LaFave).
- Published Modern Criminal Procedure (Westgroup, 10th ed. 2002) (with Yale Kamisar, Wayne LaFave and Nancy King).

Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky
Professor of Law; UF Research Foundation Professor

Paul Magnarella
Professor of Anthropology; Affiliate Professor of Law
- Published “The Evolving Right of Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples,” in St. Thomas Law Review.
- Lectured on “Explaining Human Calamity: The Cases of Yugoslavia and Rwanda” at Georgia College, and “The Place of Human Rights in the Liberal Arts Curriculum” at Georgia State University.
- Joined the editorial board of Human Rights and Human Welfare, a journal produced by the Center On Rights Development at Denver University’s Graduate School of International Studies. (Journal at: www.du.edu/ghs/hrhw/)

Diane H. Mazur
Professor of Law
- Published “Rehnquist’s Vietnam: Constitutional Separatism and the Stealth Advance of Martial Law,” 77 Indiana Law Journal (July 2002). She also presented the article at the Biennial International Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, and chaired a conference panel on “Law and the Armed Forces.”
- Spoke on “The Republicanization of the American Military” at the UF Law symposium on the “Legal Implications of the Attack on
September. California, Hastings College of Law in September. ■ Appointed to Advisory Board of National Institute of Military Justice.

Elizabeth McCulloch
Director of Social Policy, Center for Governmental Responsibility
■ Recognized in March as a 2002 Alachua/Bradford County “Woman of Distinction” for her work with and on behalf of low-income people in the community (see page 52). ■ She is conducting training workshops for social service providers and welfare recipients on Florida’s welfare program, and working with a community group to establish a residence for homeless teenagers and with the local homeless coalition to prepare the county’s grant application for federal homeless funding.

Martin J. McMahon Jr.
Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law

Staff Receive Productivity Honors
WOLFE, WILLIAMS, WARE, HARRISON & URBACH EARN TOP UF AWARDS
Five UF Law staff members recently won top awards for their work. Former UF President John Lombardi (back) presented three Legal Information Center staff with 2001 Davis Productivity Awards for contributions to the state and UF: Marie Wolfe (center), Janet Williams (right) and Melissa Ware (second from left, who has since taken another job at UF). Also at the awards presentation were Legal Information Center Director Betty Taylor (left), and Assistant Director, Technical Services, Mae Clarke (second from right). Davis Productivity Awards honor innovation, creativity and smart work that measurably increase performance and productivity in the delivery of state services and products.

Assistant Dean of the Center for Career Services Kathy Urbach (top right) and Student Affairs Program Assistant/Office Manager Sherry Harrison (bottom, with Assistant Dean Patrick Shannon) received Superior Accomplishment Awards in April. Urbach received a Division Three Award (Administrative and Professional) for helping Career Services increase job placements and offer additional services to UF Law students, while Harrison, a Student Affairs staff member since 1989, was honored for her capable handling of additional responsibilities. Superior Accomplishment Awards recognize efforts that “go the extra mile.”
IN MEMORIAM

Professor Emeritus/Judge Robert Mann Dies at 77

Former judge, state legislator and UF law professor Robert Trask Mann died Feb. 26. He was 77.

“All of us are saddened by our colleague Bob Mann’s death,” said Dean Jon Mills, “I clerked for Judge Mann when he was at the 2nd DCA. He was a great mentor and role model. He loved this law school. We will miss him.”

All who knew and worked with Mann remarked on his intellectual prowess — he earned degrees from UF, George Washington, Harvard, Yale and Stetson — high ethical standards and quick wit. He was a talented debater, and strong supporter of civil rights and desegregation.

Judge Mann began his public career in 1956 when he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives as a Democrat representing Hillsborough County. He spent 12 years in the Legislature, where he had tremendous impact on the future of Florida.

From 1968 to 1974, he served on the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland and was chief judge his last two years there. He taught law at UF from 1974 to 1986, during which time he was appointed to the Public Service Commission.

Judge Mann retired to his native Tarpon Springs, then lived in recent years in Belleair. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Brown Mann, a former professor of library science; son Robert T. Mann Jr. of Stone Ridge, N.Y.; and daughter Margaret Elizabeth Mann of Brussels, Belgium.

Jon L. Mills
Dean; Professor of Law; & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility

Robert C.L. Moffat
Professor of Law & Affiliate Professor of Philosophy
■ Moderated session titled “Young Scholars’ Workshop” at the Southeastern Conference of the Association of American Law Schools (SEAALS) in South Carolina this summer.

Winston P. Nagan
Professor of Law & Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar

Barbara Noah
Assistant Instructor, Law, Health Law and Policy, Center for Governmental Responsibility
■ Published “The Invisible Patient,” in the Illinois Law Review. ■ Participated as a panelist in the UF College of Medicine’s annual Bioethics Forum. Her presentation focused on human research ethics, including informed consent and clinical trial design issues.

Lars Noah
UF Research Foundation Professor

■ Presented paper in March on regulating pain management technologies at workshop at the St. Louis University School of Law co-sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. ■ Spoke on panel about biotechnology innovation and access at AALS meeting in New Orleans in January.

■ Named UF Research Foundation Professor. ■ Contributed “Products Liability and the Misuse of OxyContin” for new website devoted to pain management issues sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. ■ Selected as finalist by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for Investigator Award in Health Policy Research.

William H. Page
Marshall M. Criser Eminent Scholar in Electronic Communications and Administrative Law & Associate Dean of Faculty Development (starting January 2003)
■ Published “AT & T Litigation,” in The Oxford

School of Government, participated in the Latino Law and Public Policy Conference at Harvard, and gave a presentation on developing a Latino agenda in higher education at the annual conference of the American Association of Higher Education.

Co-presented mediation skills workshop at ABA’s Dispute Resolution Section’s conference in Seattle.

recently presented a paper at IFAS’s first International Agricultural Trade & Policy Conference on how restriction of trade in genetically modified crops would be viewed in light of global trade rules.

Legal Skills Associate Professor Jeffrey T. Grater has been elected 2002 Levin College of Law John Marshall Bar Association Professor of the Year — the first time a Legal Skills faculty member has won the prestigious award.

Grater (BA 79 magna cum laude, JD 85 with honors) clerked for the Honorable Joe Cowart Jr., Fifth District Court of Appeal, and was a staff attorney for Three Rivers Legal Services prior to joining the UFLaw Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinic.

Students describe his teaching style and classroom demeanor as “quirky and interesting,” and remark that he brings practical knowledge to the classroom along with a sense of humor.

As instructor and managing attorney of the Full Representation Clinic, he guides students to effective lawyering through practical application of legal theory and skills such as interviewing and counseling, mediation, negotiation and trial techniques. Interns under his supervision represent indigent clients unable to afford critically needed legal services in civil cases.

Grater is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family and County Court Mediator and serves on the Advisory Council of the Displaced Homemakers and Focus on Careers Program at Santa Fe Community College.
Christopher Slobogin  
Associate Dean of Faculty Development & Stephen C. O’Connell Professor of Law

- Published Regulation of Police Investigation: Legal, Historical, Empirical and Comparative Materials (3rd ed., 2002).
- In August spoke on “The Role of the Legal System — Outpatient Commitment: Who Decides When Treatment is Necessary or Effective?,” at the American Psychological Association annual meeting in Chicago; “Proposal for Criminal Justice Section Fellowship,” before council of the ABA’s Criminal Justice Section in Washington, D.C.; and “Psychological Issues in Criminal Law,” a CLE/CME in Augusta, Maine.
- Spoke on “Legal Scholarship and Law Review Publishing,” and served on a panel at the Southeastern Conference of the Association of American Law Schools (SEAALS) in South Carolina in July.
- Spoke on “A Jurisprudence of Dangerousness,” at the American Psychology-Law Society biennial meeting in Austin in March.

David T. Smith  
Professor of Law

- Published supplements/revisions to Florida Probate Code Manual (LEXIS/ Matthew Bender, 4 vols, November/ December 2001 and February/April 2002).
- Moderated session titled “Restitution: Restatement Revisions and Other Developments” at the Southeastern Conference of the Association of American Law Schools (SEAALS) in South Carolina in July.

Mary Poe Twitchell  
Professor of Law

- Published “Why We Keep Doing Business with Doing-Business Jurisdiction,” in University of Chicago Legal Forum.

William Wagner  
Adjunct Professor & Federal Magistrate Judge

- Traveled with former director of the law school’s Center of Professionalism John Berry to Nigeria for Justice Department Commission on Corruption.

(Continues page 52)

Distinguished Professor and Stephen C. O’Connell Chair Walter Weyrauch (left) received a ‘Golden JD’ from the Faculty of Law of Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University in Frankfurt, Germany, where he holds a faculty appointment.

“This certificate is given at the 50th, or ‘Golden Jubilee,’ of the recipient’s JD, and renews the diploma,” said Visiting Professor Albrecht Cordes (right), who presented the award on behalf of Dean Helmut Kohl.

“Professor Weyrauch is a renowned expert on many fundamental questions of law and its social structure, and is probably the world’s best expert in the field of Gypsy Law,” said Cordes.


Taylor Speaks on History, Asks for Alumni Assistance

Legal Information Center Director/ Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law
Grace W. “Betty” Taylor (center) is speaking to alumni and student groups on the history of women at the UF law school — a subject she is uniquely qualified to speak of, since she has served the college since 1950 (as interim dean in 1981), and was one of the first female law faculty members. She published “A History of Race and Gender at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1909-2001,” in Florida Law Review, and is compiling information now for a book on the history of the UF College of Law. She encourages alumni and others with historical articles, pictures or information to e-mail her at taylor@law.ufl.edu.
WANTED: Attorneys seeking efficient/economical way to add to legal knowledge, earn Florida Bar-approved CLE credits, network with peers, renew relationships and discuss trends with academicians, scout quality students for job openings, make contact with U.S./international specialty professionals and prestigious speakers/executives for personal/firm follow-up.

Thanks to UFLaw faculty, staff and administrators, solving this seemingly impossible objective becomes doable up to 30 times each year. With a plethora of timely and engaging programs featuring national and international law experts, UF is providing an easy, enriching and entertaining way for attorneys to meet, network, learn and earn CLE credits.

“We’re gaining a reputation for putting on informative, educational and timely conferences,” said UFLaw Director of Conference Planning and Special Projects Barbara DeVoe. “Increased attendance at conferences shows the college is meeting a need.”

“Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for practitioners, faculty and students to broaden legal horizons, and also to receive first-hand information on major, current legal issues,” said David Saliwanchik of Saliwanchik Lloyd & Saliwanchik of Orlando and Gainesville. His firm provided a substantial five-year gift supporting lectures, internships, conferences and UF’s Intellectual Property Law Certificate Program.

Just two weeks after the September 11 attacks, the law school hosted a public forum entitled “Legal Implications of the Attack on America,” which featured Christopher Weeramantry of Sri Lanka, immediate past vice president of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. In November 2002, the Asian and Pacific American Law Students Association presented “Afghan Women Under the Taliban.” In March, former Congressman Bill McCollum presented “Terrorism and 9/11,” and Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law Fletcher Baldwin Jr., director of the UF Center for International Financial Crimes Studies, was a featured speaker in Miami at a “Terrorism and the Money Trail” conference.

Also featured earlier this year were “Defending Childhood: Developing a Child-Centered Policy,” organized by the law school’s Center on Children and the Law, and “The Convergence of the International Law of Human Rights and the Environment: The Case of Pan Columbia,” organized by the Conservation Clinic of the Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR).

A law and technology conference, “Leveraging Technology for Extraordinary Business Growth,” took place at UF, with Bill Hamilton of Holland & Knight as keynoter, as did “Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas,” conducted annually by CGR.

Conferences also draw prestigious speakers. The “Race and Race Relations: Perspective and Recommendations” conference in March featured author Randall Robinson and former Jamaican cabinet minister Dudley Thompson. Jaap Doek, chairman of the U.N. Committee on Rights of the Child, was a featured attendee of the conference on children.

“Our conference organizers get national and international experts and schedule programs to boost professionalism of the attorneys and provide continuing legal education,” DeVoe said. “It’s an excellent opportunity for the exchange of ideas among practitioners.”

For information about upcoming events or to suggest a speaker or sponsor a conference, contact DeVoe (352.392.8070 or devoe@law.ufl.edu).
Steven J. Willis
Professor of Law
■ Published “Show me the Numbers...Please,” in Tax Notes.
■ Co-chair of Cybertax Committee of Florida Bar Tax Section.
■ Webmaster/designer of Tax Section website (www.floridataxlawyers.org), and member of Executive Council.
■ Received annual Special Merit Award Florida Bar Tax Section chair for “Outstanding Service.”
■ Spoke on Family Law Tax Issues at January meeting of The Florida Bar in Miami.
■ Spoke at Florida Bar’s “All Attorneys” Tax CLE Program.

Barbara Bennett
Woodhouse
David H. Levin Chair in Family Law & Director, Center on Children and the Law
■ Published “Making Poor Mothers Fungible: The Privatization of Foster Care,” in Child Care & Inequality: Rethinking Carework for Children & Youth.
■ Published “Youthful Indiscretions: Culture, Class, Status, and the Passage to Adulthood” in DePaul Law Review.
■ Published “Child-Centered, Vertically Structured, and Interdisciplinary: An Integrative Approach to Children’s Policy, Practice and Research,” in Family Court Review (with Annie Steinberg and Alyssa Cowan).
■ Presented panel with Clinical Associate Professor Claudia Wright, Gator TeamChild supervising attorney, at 10th World Conference of International Society of Family Law in Oslo, Norway, and was re-elected to a three-year term on society’s Executive Council.
■ Delivered keynote address on “Generational Conflict: Education and the Tensions between Parents and Children” at Cornell Law School at symposium on Children and Education.
■ Spoke to Judicial Conference of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Relocation and Child Custody.
■ Presented paper on “The Rights of Children in Foster Care” at conference on Children’s Relationship Rights sponsored by Institute for Bill of Rights Law at William and Mary’s Wythe School of Law in Williamsburg.

Danaya C. Wright
Associate Professor of Law
■ Chosen to present paper, “Domestic Relations in Mid-Century: A History of the First Nine Years of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Court (1858-1866),” at the third annual Stanford/Yale Faculty Forum for the Family Law Panel. (This is her second paper so selected.) She also presented the paper at Washington & Lee School of Law and at New York University School of Law.

Women of the Year
Elizabeth “Liz” McCulloch (seated), director of social policy at the Center for Governmental Responsibility, and Carol Velasques, Faculty Support Center secretary, were named Alachua/Bradford County Women of Distinction in recognition of their involvement and service to their communities.

McCulloch, who has worked at the law school since 1980, teaches Poverty Law and Policy, and directs The Florida Bar Foundation Public Service Law Fellows program. Her longstanding and numerous activities include chairing the Board of Directors of the domestic violence shelter “Peaceful Paths,” and serving on a county task force on indigent health care. She recently wrote a layperson’s guide to Florida’s welfare program for the benefit of low income people and social service providers.

Velasques, in addition to working full-time at the law school since 1990, is in her eighth year as general manager of Gainesville’s Arcostown Repertory Theater, where she has directed numerous plays over the last 20 years, and is noted for her production of compelling black theater. She is immediate past chair of the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board, an instructor for the Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts, and has her own theater company. She frequently speaks at area schools on the history of African-Americans in American theater.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONTESTANTS REACH TOP
UFLaw student Kevin Regan (3L, seated, with Associate in Law Richard Hamann on a mountaintop during a Costa Rica Summer Program field trip) placed first with “Protecting Florida’s Rare Plants From Extinction: The Need For A Comprehensive Approach,” in the Dean Frank E. Maloney Writing Contest sponsored by The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section. Winning second and third places were Miguel Collazo Ill (3L) for “When Two Worlds Collide: Solving The Puzzle Of Interjurisdictional Land Use Conflicts,” and Amanda Bagni (JD 01) for “Water-Efficient Landscaping In Florida: The Role For Courts And Local Governments.”

“For Florida students to do so well in the competition is a tribute to former Dean Maloney’s legacy and the strength of our environmental and land use law program,” said Hamman.
WE’RE DEBATING METAPHORS. One colleague maintains they’re comparisons without the words ‘like’ or ‘as.’ I maintain a metaphor is any comparison to an unlikely subject. WHO’S RIGHT?”

— Florida Bar Member

UFLaw Legal Research and Writing Director Henry Wihnyk and Lecturer Emeritus Gertrude Block respond:

Gertrude: You both are. The narrow definition is what your friend maintains is correct. Thus, “The stock market is a roller coaster” is a metaphor; “The stock market is like a roller coaster” is a simile.

However, in the broader sense, a metaphor includes any figurative language. Metaphors can be effective, tired, mixed or mangled.

Effective metaphors strike with force. My all-time favorites include:

• “A pregnant woman is like a ship in full sail,” by Benjamin Franklin.
• “Russia is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma,” Winston Churchill.
• “[This codicil] creates a teasing illusion like a munificent bequest in a pauper’s will,” Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson.
• “[This codicil] creates a teasing illusion like a munificent bequest in a pauper’s will,” Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson.

Metaphors — once brilliant — become stale through overuse. Endless repetition has weakened:

• “The bottom line is ...”
• “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”
• “... hit the nail on the head.”
• “... hit the nail on the head.”

You can no doubt add to the list.

The word ‘stonewall’ was originally used in cricket, meaning to play defensively, but Richard Nixon’s metaphor of March 1973, (“I want you to stonewall it, let them plead the Fifth Amendment,”) has become so common it is now listed as standard English. Linguists have said, with some hyperbole but a grain of truth, that dictionaries are merely repositories of dead metaphors.

The consequence of mixing metaphors (unintentionally combining two) is sometimes absurdity. Former first lady Betty Ford combined “a leopard cannot change its spots” and “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” into “An old dog cannot change its spots.” Another mixture of two (“pull the rug out from under” and “put the skids on”) in a newspaper resulted in, “Business news helped pull the skids from under the stock market.”

A mangled metaphor, on the other hand, uses one inappropriate and sometimes ridiculous metaphor. Judge Wapner, in “The People’s Court,” commented, “The fender dents weren’t visible unless you were looking at them with a fine-tooth comb, so to speak.”

Even the Supreme Court sometimes mangle metaphors: In Griswold v. Connecticut, Justice Harlan said, “The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment stands, in my opinion, on its own bottom.”

Lawyers and journalists often use metaphors to great effect. But review its use carefully to ensure it doesn’t come back to haunt you.

Henry: There is no question a skillfully phrased metaphor can add eloquence. As Gertrude points out, however, using metaphors can take the writer through a minefield (I couldn’t resist) of problems.

In legal writing — where the goal is to persuade — these problems can distract from the message and diminish the document’s impact. Metaphors should be used carefully and sparingly.

Unfortunately, those used most often in legal writing tend to be stale. Lawyers too often warn courts of “opening the floodgates of litigation,” and of arguments that “take the case down a slippery slope.” Even worse, they refer to opponents’ arguments as “dogs that don’t hunt” or as “red herrings.” (Early in my legal career, an opponent characterized my arguments as red herrings. Too impressed with my own writing ability, I responded that “the only red herrings are those swimming among [my opponent’s] contentions.” Thankfully, the senior partner caught and redlined this monstrosity.)

Such stale cliches no longer convey the sense of novelty so important to effective use of metaphorical language, make little sense to the reader and add nothing to the document’s persuasiveness (Ed Walters, “Terms of Art: Not-So-Bright Lines,” Green Bag Fall 1999).

Even more harmful than stale metaphors are mixed and mangled ones. At their worst, these make the writer appear foolish. At best, they lead to unintentional humor. Either way, it’s unlikely the reader will get the message or respect the messenger.

When using metaphors in legal writing, be careful not to cross the line between eloquence and purple prose. A well-placed, skillfully crafted metaphor can ignite the reader’s imagination. It resonates with the reader, conveying a point that otherwise defies simple description. On the other-hand, an overwrought metaphor distracts the reader’s attention from the document’s message to the writer’s style. Fight the temptation to call attention to yourself. Keep in mind it’s not your goal for the judge to say, “Wow, what a wonderful writer you are.” You want to hear, “You win.”

In legal writing, it takes a really good metaphor to be better than no metaphor at all.
WANTED: Mentors

The Center for Career Services' mentor program matches law students and attorneys with similar interests. Students are eager to meet practicing lawyers and learn about the law outside the academic setting, and mentors help students transition from law school to practice. The number of mentors available to UFLaw students has nearly doubled in the past year — though many more are needed — and the center is now making a special effort to recruit minority mentors.

If you are interested in participating, fill out the online form at www.law.ufl.edu (click on “Career Services”) and e-mail it to urbach@law.ufl.edu or fax it to 352.392.4640. For information, call Career Services (352.392.0499).

Dean: Jon L. Mills
Associate Deans:
Michael K. Friel, Gail E. Sasnett and Christopher Slobogin

UFLAW magazine is published through contributions from alumni and friends, and produced by the Levin College of Law (UFLaw) Communications Office.
Director of Communications: Stan Huguenin
Associate Director of Communications: Debra Amirin, APR
Publications Coordinator: Jennifer Piasik
Contributors: J&S Design, Kristen Bartlett (Photography), Kristin Harmel, Amy Quillen, Deborah Cupples, Kimberly Scott, Elizabeth Stewart.

Comments and/or submissions welcome and encouraged. Send to: amirin@law.ufl.edu or UFLaw Editor, 288 Holland Hall, PO Box 117633, Gainesville, FL 32611.
This is truly a time of transformation for the UF College of Law, and of great change for law schools worldwide.

I moderated in August a panel of distinguished speakers — including law deans from the U.S. and abroad — at a conference of the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools. Their concept of what schools should do to prepare students to meet the demands of today’s legal environment and better serve the needs of our constituents and country is reflected in many aspects of the UFLaw strategic plan.

The plan — approved by the faculty in May 2002 — is expected to improve the student-teacher ratio, increase skills training, enhance faculty scholarship and teaching, and make dynamic changes in our institutional focus (see page 12).

The quality of a law school can be defined by five components — alumni, students, faculty & staff, facilities, and direction & pride. In an August address to UFLaw faculty regarding the “State of the College,” I was pleased to say we are moving in the right direction in every category.

A major reason is the incredible support of our alumni and friends. Our alumni have been and are increasingly active in fundraising, assisting students and participating in UFLaw conferences, symposia and on-campus events (page 51).

Our students have always been a source of pride, but the Fall 2002 class is one of the most qualified ever enrolled. Student organizations such as Trial Team and Moot Court are winners in national competition. And — most telling of all — our students are being hired by the finest firms all across the country.

Our faculty and staff are superb, and care deeply about this law school and its mission.

Thanks to your help, we will break ground in 2003 on a new and truly outstanding facility, one that will finally be worthy of the quality of the people here and that will make you proud. And, we conclude in December our campaign for funds needed to modernize our existing facilities and renovate and restore Holland Hall to its former glory (pages 33 and 37).

Our focus is on opportunities our needs have provided. The college has a unique chance to strengthen and define itself through these processes.

Anticipating both a site visit and a new facility, we have collectively crystallized our vision of the future — one that sees this great institution grow into a national model for excellence in teaching, research and service. We continue to hire world class faculty who share our vision.

And, as I have told you, I will step down next year. The process is underway to find a person to continue our shared vision of excellence. (Updated information at www.law.ufl.edu/deanseach.) I will help in every way possible in this quest.

We will communicate with you on these and other issues as the year progresses. Information also is available on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu, and I encourage you to visit our site regularly.

In closing, please know that I am personally interested in your input and ideas and hope you will share them with me via e-mail (Mills@law.ufl.edu) or phone (353.392.9238). You also may contact our Development and Alumni Affairs professionals (353.392.9296).

Thank you for your continuing interest in and support of our College of Law.

— Dean Jon Mills
UFLAW ONLINE
Access the latest on law school programs, events, a variety of legal links and full-color publications in pdf format at www.law.ufl.edu.

CONTACTS
Stay in touch with friends and colleagues and make rewarding new contacts at reunions and receptions statewide.

PUBLICATIONS
Stay updated through articles on Legal Writing (page 53), Faculty Research with “real world” applications (page 42) and more in this issue of UFLAW magazine. Check out the publications link off the UFLaw website (www.law.ufl.edu) for news and information in FlaLaw newsletter and other publications.

CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIA
Enhance your understanding of specialized areas, network and earn CLE credit (information on page 51 and on the Web at www.law.ufl.edu/calendar).