African Americans at the University of Florida

BY BETTY J. STEWART-DOWDELL, KEVIN M. MCCARTHY

Documents struggles/achievements of African Americans on campus, and those who accomplished "firsts" in previously white-only activities. Photos / information convey perseverance needed to overcome racial prejudice. UFLaw coverage includes Virgil Hawkins story, details on creation of Florida A&M law school, inroads by George Starke Jr. and George Allen, information on now-Judge Stephan Mickle and Hazel Land, John Marshall Bar Association and its first black president, and related law school history.

Understanding Antitrust and Its Economic Implications

BY E. THOMAS SULLIVAN, JEFFREY L. HARRISON

Introduces new antitrust challenges as result of continued economic globalizaion, technological advances. Considers international reach of U.S. antitrust law. Includes antitrust principles, current developments, trends/points of view likely to dictate future direction. Discusses recent decisions re: summary judgment, antitrust standing and injury. Explores implications of Microsoft decision for various areas of antitrust law. Addresses issues raised by intersection of antitrust and intellectual property, extraterritorial applications.

Conspiracy Theories – Secrecy and Power in American Culture

BY MARK FENSTER

Analyzes complex role of conspiracy theories in the center and periphery of American culture and politics. Discusses competing approaches to conspiracy theory’s influence on mainstream and extremist politics; conspiracy theory in popular culture (The X-Files, Oliver Stone’s JFK), popular religion (Christian fundamentalist understanding of the endtimes); and the “conspiracy community” of radio, magazine/book publishers, Internet resources, and role-playing games. Publishers Weekly: “Commendably level-headed analysis of the grip that conspiracy theories maintain on contemporary America...”

Law, Medicine and Medical Technology: Cases and Materials

BY LARS NOAH, BARBARA A. NOAH

Foundation Press, 2002

Comprehensive treatment of legal issues surrounding development, testing, approval and marketing of medical technologies (including drugs, medical devices, biotechnology). Examines topics relating to government regulation (such as categorization of products, premarket approval, postmarket surveillance, product information dissemination). Covers variety of tort issues, intellectual property questions, consideration of payment/pricing issues and legal/ethical complexities posed by evolving technologies. Includes caselaw, regulatory materials, discussion problems, extensive notes/questions.

Legal Writing By Design - A Guide to Great Briefs and Memos

BY TERESA J. RAMBO, LEANNE J. PFLAUM

Carolina Academic Press, 2001

Shows how to transform ideas into writing. Discusses legal rules/reasoning and clear effective writing; demonstrates how to design and write predictive memo and persuasive brief. Provides rules of style and citation, editing tips, sample memo, multiple sample briefs. Step-by-step guide through each subject with strategies that work. Reveals successful tactics of oral argument, the culmination of the persuasive process. Includes hypotheticals, outlines, writing samples. Adopted by number of law school research/writing departments.

Criminal Procedure: Regulation of Police

BY CHRISTOPHER SLOBODIN

LexisNexis, 2002

Focuses on search and seizure, interrogation, identification, entrapment. Describes everyday police practices, potential methods of regulating police (including state law, departmental regulations, international treaties), and historical perspective on and comparison of U.S. approach (vs. other countries) to police regulation. Empirical studies testing judicial assumptions re: eyewitness identification, effect of Miranda warnings, efficacy of police sanctions. Promotes lawyering skills through negotiation exercise, problem method and motions/transcripts/documents from real case.
In the mid-1980s, Country Music Hall of Fame legend George Jones recorded one of his many hit records, “Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes?” He sings about imagining life and music without, among others, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Marty Robbins, Willie Nelson, Roy Acuff, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Elvis…“Who’s gonna fill their shoes, who’s gonna stand that tall, who’s gonna give their heart and soul?”

During the first half of 2003, we were involved with researching and writing about similar icons – historic UF Law alumni (Heritage of Leadership page 33) including Stephen O’Connell, Sidney Aronovitz, Lawton Chiles, Harold Crosby, Spessard Holland, Harold “Tom” Sebring, Frank Maloney. Then, Chesterfield Smith upon his death (page 20). Plus Dick Nelson (50), Raymer Maguire (45), Julian Clarkson (47).

A common link: extremely valuable and generous public service in addition to extraordinary legal professionalism. Outstanding citizen-lawyers, as Dean Jerry emphasizes (25).

One could wonder who’s gonna fill their shoes? If our cover story is any indication, it could be women.

—Stan Huguenin
Director, Communications

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Cover: Outstanding pioneering UFLaw alumnae from the ’30s, ’60s, ’70s and ’80s – Rebecca Bowles Hawkins, Susan Black, Martha Barnett, Carol Browner and Allison Bethel (profiled in our cover story, “Women on the Rise”) – make it easier for today’s Levin College of Law female students, such as Karen Persis 2L. Persis, typical of those now enrolled and those who will come, serves this Fall as president of Florida Blue Key (third straight law school student to head that leadership organization), president of Law Association for Women, in the top 10 percent of her class, a Criminal Law Book Award winner, teaching assistant for Legal Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy, and concentrating on constitutional and governmental law. As a UF journalism undergrad (2001 with honors), Persis’ activities included Delta Gamma president, Women’s Affairs Director for Panhellenic Council and Student Government, Homecoming Queen finalist, a Women’s Leadership Conference director, Glamour Magazine / Cover Girl regional “Women at Their Best” selection, and named to the UF Hall of Fame.
4th Annual CSRRR Event Explores Language/Race Influence

Law’s Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) hosted its fourth annual conference this spring, “Rhyme, Rhetoric and Race: Exploring the Influence of Language, Literature and Lyrics on Race Relations.”

Harvard Law Professor Lani Guinier, the first black woman appointed to a tenured professorship at that school, was keynote speaker. Conference organizer and CSRRR Associate Director Desta Meghoo-Peddie ’01 said, “she and the other presenters brought great insight, understanding and assistance to the improvement of race relations.”

UFLaw Faculty participating in the conference included Assistant Professor Jonathan Cohen, Levin Mabie & Levin Professor of Law Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Associate Professor Pedro Malavet, and Irving Cypen Professor of Law Sharon Rush.

Conference 2004 will be a collaboration with UFLaw’s Center for Children and the Law and will be March 26-27. Scheduled topic is the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education.

More than 70 students – who combined contributed more than 5,500 hours in 2002-03 to under served, under represented and those with limited resources – were honored at a spring Pro Bono Awards brunch.

“Each year the Pro Bono Project gets bigger, with more students doing great work in Alachua County and North Central Florida,” said Jessie Howell, assistant director for UFLaw Career Services.

About 320 students are currently involved, but the brunch honored those who met a quota of 35 volunteer hours. Howell said this year’s projects included prisoners’ rights, children’s issues and general civil work.

The 2003 Pro Bono Student of the Year Award for a graduating 3L went to Darlene Corey of Miami who volunteered 436 total hours – or an average of about 15 hours per school week. Corey hopes to start a career in the public sector.

“Darlene is a very compassionate student who came to law school to make a difference and leaves having made great strides toward that end,” Howell said.
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CONFERENCES
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UF Law’s Institute for Dispute Resolution and the state’s Florida Dispute Resolution Center (FDRC) co-sponsored a spring symposium, “Transformative Mediation: Fulfilling the Promise.” Led by IDR Director Don Peters and FDRC Director Sharon Press, the event attracted nearly 150 participants to campus. Keynote speakers included Joseph P. Fogler, Ph.D., communication professor at Temple University, and Sally Ganong Pope, M.Ed., J.D., executive director/co-founder of the Institute for Study of Conflict Transformation.

IDR’s fourth annual “Meet the Masters” dispute resolution seminar for 2003 sponsored by Upchurch Watson White & Max was scheduled in September, at the UF Hilton Hotel & Conference Center.

‘Saving What’s Left’
Subject of 9th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference

Dozens of national and state experts were on campus this spring to discuss environmental conservation during the Ninth Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, “Florida’s Final Frontiers: Saving What’s Left.” Coordinated by Environmental and Land Use Law Society (ELULS) students and led by Conference Committee Co-Chairs Kelly Martinson ’03 and Kelly Samek ’03, this year’s conference drew more than 250 participants.

“The students do a wonderful job of organizing this annual event, which has become a key gathering for the state’s environmental community,” said Alyson Flournoy, professor and director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

The conference also was sponsored by UFLaw’s Center for Governmental Responsibility in cooperation with the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar. Financial sponsors included the Jelks Family Foundation, Law College Council, Law Center Association, Inc., UF Student Government, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., LEXIS and Gladys Cotrin.

The 2004 conference is scheduled February 19-21. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the event, organizers are planning a reunion for alumni who worked on the first nine conferences.

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IRAQ CONFLICT
‘Up Close, Personal’ to Six UFLaw Students

While U.S. involvement in Iraq results in some direct or indirect impact to all Americans and citizens of countries worldwide, six Levin College of Law students were involved “up close and personal.”

According to the Military Law Students Association (MLSA), a student support organization formed in 2002-03, information about students called to active duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom includes (due to nature of conflict, situation of each may have changed prior to publication):

- **Capt. Matt Brannen / 2L** (Marine) – One of founding members of MLSA, he served in 4th ANGLICO Marine unit and was leader on the Sea Air Liaison Team (SALT). He was deployed to Persian Gulf and has returned.
- **Lt. Alex Harper / 3L** (Navy) – A Naval Reserve Lieutenant sent to Kuwait for a month-long deployment as a supply officer.
- **Lt. Ryon Little / 2L** (Coast Guard) – A 1996 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy sent to the Port of Miami in an anti-terrorism deployment.
- **Sgt. Edward Lohrer / 2L** (Army) – Member of the 560th Movement Control Team (MCT) at the Talil Airbase in Iraq. (MCT tracks the movement of military vehicles moving through Iraq and Kuwait, ensuring accountability of the vehicles and efficient road networks.)
- **Lance Cpl. Taylor Pancake / 2L** (Marine) – Sent with Marine units to an undisclosed location.
- **Cpl. Juan Tabio / 2L** (Marine) – Was with Brannen in 4th ANGLICO Marine unit in Persian Gulf, also SALT member and returned home.

Other UFLaw students, including Capt. Steve Berlin / 3L – MLSA member and former Army field artillery officer – are serving the country and its military services in ways other than duty in Iraq. Berlin and five others are preparing for the Army’s Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps while on active duty at the law school, and five reservists are here with JAG contracts.

“As an active duty officer, I knew the Army had no intention to recall me to participate in Iraq,” Berlin said, “but that is the hardest part of the conflict – knowing that all my friends are over there. I sometimes redouble my resolve as a student because I sit in the comfortable environs of Gainesville while my buddies live in 125-degree heat and do not know if the people they are trying to help are going to thank or shoot them.”

According to MLSA, the five UFLaw students on active duty along with Berlin and selected for JAG are third-year students James “Lee” Marsh (Navy ballistic missile submarine officer), Greg Fike (Air Force civil engineer), Sean Boynton (Marine helicopter pilot), second-year student Jeff Breloski (Army Signal Corps officer) and first-year Kevin Jinks (Army infantry officer).

The reserve officers – with the Marine Corps – are third-year students Jenelle Douze, Courtney Walsh, Jay Janabajal and Joel Maxson, and second-year student Richard Donaldson (Army).

Berlin credited formation of MLSA – with membership consisting of military officers, students interested in joining the military, those with military family and others who just want to actively show their support – as being of great assistance “in trying times to all of us involved in any way with military service.”

“Captain Brannen was the backbone of MLSA this past year and built it from scratch,” Berlin said. “We even started a roster of volunteers to help his wife with yard work and such.” Berlin said MLSA, which includes members who served in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm, participated in “Toys for Tots” and “Books for Tots” drives at the college and intends to continue such activities in 2003-04.
BEST BAR PASSAGE RATE

UFLAW Students Continue Success

Continuing their record of success over the last seven years, Levin College of Law students came out on top in the Florida Bar spring examination according to data released by the Florida Supreme Court.

Better than 82 percent of UFLaw students taking the exam in February for the first time passed, making it the ninth time in the last 15 tests given that Levin College of Law students lead the state’s eight private and public law schools from which students are being tested. In four of the other exams, UF finished second, giving it the best overall record of any law school in Florida.

A total of 956 took the February test, with 728 – or 76.2 percent – passing. UF had 126 of 153 participants pass, or 82.4 percent. Other Florida law school passage rates were Florida State University, 80.5 percent; Stetson, 77.3; Nova Southeastern, 73.1; Florida Coastal, 69.8; University of Miami, 67.9; St. Thomas, 58.1; and Barry University of Orlando, 37.5. Law graduates from non-Florida law schools had a 79.6 rate.

Florida Bar Board of Examiners, an administrative arm of the State Supreme Court, conducts exams every February and July for law school graduates seeking to practice law in Florida. An average of about 900 take the early test each year, and close to 1900 take each summer test.

In the last eight February tests, UF graduates have been first five times and second twice in terms of percentage passing. In the last seven July tests, UF grads finished first four times and second once.

Symposium Explores Violence, Children

UF Law’s Center for Children and the Law (CCL), along with UF’s Center for Children’s Literature and Culture at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, co-hosted a spring interdisciplinary conference “Children, Culture and Violence: Exploring Myths, Images and Realities.”

The unique event drew unprecedented community involvement, including an art exhibit at the Harn Museum of Art, a Teen Speak Out at the Gainesville Public Library and SHANDS Healthcare’s sponsorship of scholarships for community youth workers.

“Literally dozens of people collaborated to make this conference happen,” said Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, David H. Levin Chair in Family Law and CCL Director.

Keynote speakers included Geoffrey Canada, president of the Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families in New York City; Ntozake Shange, poet and novelist; and Harry Lee Anstead ‘63, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

The 2004 Conference will be March 26-27, and will be a joint effort with UFLaw’s Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations exploring the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education.

HELPING IMPACT FUTURE

Students ‘Selling’ UFLaw

Among his first assignments after joining the law school as Director of Admissions in 2002, Lewis Hutchinson created a program to give law students a chance to help impact future student bodies. Modeled after a program at the University of Texas, where Hutchinson worked and earned his J.D., UFLaw’s new Student Recruitment Team (SRT) provides a link between inquisitive undergraduates around the nation and College of Law students and staff.

“SRT gives students an opportunity to represent the school, and I think that’s something they’re proud of,” Hutchinson said.

“It also has helped us tremendously in building relationships with students we bring in.”

SRT has 20 members who each volunteer one hour per week in Admissions, communicating with prospective students via phone, eMail or in person. Some SRT members are selected to attend recruiting forums with Admissions staff. Working strictly as recruiters, they do not have access to applicants’ files.

“Creation of SRT is part of our effort to provide information for candidates, enhance our recruitment efforts and intensify our post admission follow-up,” said Dean of Admissions Michael Patrick.
FERAL CATS
Law Student Research Shows Statewide Threat

Feral – or wild, free-roaming – cats pose an increasingly serious threat to endangered species nationwide, killing more than a billion small mammals and birds each year.

That was among the findings of a UFLaw Conservation Clinic research project commissioned in 2002 by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The study found the feral cat population has grown out of proportion, largely because local groups provide funding and resources to sustain them.

Pamela Hatley ’03 conducted the research over a six-month period, recommending to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) that it undertake a far-reaching public education campaign. “It is essential our state and local governments take steps to educate the public about the destructive impact of free-roaming cats on native wildlife, and strictly enforce against the release of cats into the wild,” Hatley said.

The FWCC agreed and at a May meeting unanimously adopted policy designed to protect native wildlife from predation, disease and other problems presented by feral cats.

“Despite tremendous pressure from a vocal crowd of cat advocates urging a delay or vote against the policy, the FWCC remained focused on its duty under the Florida Constitution to manage, protect and conserve Florida’s native wildlife resources,” Hatley said.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife identified UFLaw’s Clinic – which operates as part of the law school’s Center for Governmental Responsibility – as ideal for the research as a result of a Jacksonville biologist whose spouse attended UFLaw and was aware of the Clinic’s activities.

Hatley did the research under auspices of Legal Skills Professor Tom Ankersen ’86 who directs the CGR’s conservation activities. She graduated in May after earning an Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate and completing her J.D. in two and one-half years.

Panelists included (from left) former ABA President Martha Barnett ’73, Juan Vargas Viancos, executive director of Justice Studies Center of the Americas in Chile, former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, then–Dean Jon Mills.
Thanks to Foley and Lardner, an experienced career woman who decided to enroll at UFLaw is one of eight students across the country to be honored through the national firm’s Minority Scholarship Program (reportedly the first of its kind by any U.S. law firm)…

Karla Haynes, Fall 2L, received a $5,000 scholarship (including firm internship). Haynes, who earned her B.A. cum laude from Bradford College, worked as business development manager for Knight Ridder Digital in Miami, and held several positions with U.S. Department of Commerce (international trade specialist, export trade specialist)… Haynes and the seven other winners were selected based on significant involvement in community activities or minority organizations, undergrad record, personal achievements, and interest in or ties to a city in which F&L practices… F&L program is in its fifth year, and law schools other than UF benefiting are Duke, Georgetown, Michigan, Northwestern, Stanford, UCLA and Wisconsin… F&L has five Florida offices plus 11 elsewhere in the U.S. and internationally…

Two spring LL.M. Comparative Law grads with environmental interests received prized positions for which there was international competition. Astrid Puentes ’03 of Bogota, was selected to serve as a paid intern in the international office of Earthjustice in San Francisco… Saskia Rohm ’03 of Germany is interning at the Center for International Environmental Law in Washington…

John Marshall Bar Association announced its 2002-03 Professor and Student of the Year: UF Research Foundation Professor Lyrissa Lidsky (internet law, torts, mass media law) and Nicole Kibert ’03 of Tampa (now working for Carlton Fields in that city). Kibert, who got her B.S. at George Washington, earned two certifications in addition to the J.D. – one in Environmental & Land Use Law, the second in International & Comparative Law. She was active in on- and off-campus organizations and projects in leadership roles, including Environmental Moot Court Team… Lidsky joined UFLaw in 1994, and made professor in 2000. She was a Fulbright Scholar, earned her B.A. summa cum laude at Texas A&M, and her J.D. with high honors at Texas…

Three consecutive Florida Blue Key presidents are from UFLaw: Colin Thompson ’03 of St. Petersburg, also named to UF Hall of Fame, headed the organization in Fall 2002. He is now with Piper Rudnick LLP, the Tampa office of the national firm. His successor was Richard Rosenblatt of Tampa, Fall 2L. UFLaw Magazine cover woman Karen Persis is Fall 2003 chief. (Details page one)…

Thanks to friends, colleagues and students of former UFLaw Professor W. D. MacDonald, who retired in ’85, UFLaw graduating seniors with highest cumulative law school average at end of three years earns $3,000 W. E. MacDonald Prize. Winner at December ’02 graduation was Jacob Payne of Key West. As part of his academic achievements, he worked on Florida Law Review and won seven book awards – Civil Procedure, Corporate Taxation, Creditor’s Remedies & Bankruptcy, Estates & Trusts, Evidence, Secured Transactions and Legal Drafting. He also earned a concurrent degree along with his J.D.…

Bradley Harper ’03 of West Palm helped two different UFLaw teams win major honors in 2002-03…He was a Trial Team member when he earned Best Advocate in the Chester Bedell Florida Bar Trial Competition, and earlier was a Moot Court Team member when it won the Thomas Tang National Constitutional Law Competition last Fall…Harper earned his accounting degree with honors at Morehouse College, and prior to entering UFLaw worked as a financial analyst on the Bank of America /NationsBank merger in San Francisco. He externed this spring with Federal Judge Stephen Mickle ’70. He now works for Olds and Stephens P.A. in WPB. One partner is Don Stephens ’86…
Thanks in part to natural leadership abilities, and in part his experiences – including eight years with the Gainesville Police Department and an internship with the Commercial Litigation Section / National Bar Association – Christopher O’Neal, Fall 3L, brings a new honor to UFlaw – being a student named as one of two executive directors of the National Black Law Students Association… He served as a special assistant to the NBLSA board in 2002-03, is new president of the campus BLSA chapter, winner of the Clifford Crandall Memorial Scholarship, named to UFlaw’s Trial Team in February, and voted in the spring BLSA’s Male Student of Year…

O’Neal has also been awarded a $3,000 National Bar Institute African American Law Student Fellowship. NBI awards are given annually to a maximum of three students – all who must be carrying a full class load, have at least two consecutive years as a full-time law student, and intend to return to the Black community to practice law once legal training is completed.

Officials of Black Law Students Association report its 2002-03 Student of the Year is Edrene Johnson, Fall 3L, BLSA vice president from Tallahassee…

Named BLSA Alumna of the Year was Desta Meghoo-Peddie ’01, Associate Director the last year of the law school’s Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations and named this summer as inaugural Director, Diversity and Community Development for the law school…

Three deans from major U.S. colleges plus three law professors and a partner in the Birmingham-based firm of Bradley Arant Rose & White were on campus this spring conducting a periodic site visit for the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools…

Led by W. H. Knight, University of Washington law school dean, teams members were David S. Watt, University of Kentucky med school dean; Nell Jessup Newton, University of Connecticut law dean; law professors Marian Parker, Wake Forest, Bryan Fair, Alabama, and James A. Cohen, Fordham and A. H. Gaede Jr., Duke law grad and partner in the BARW firm.

West Palm Beach’s Kimberly Rothenburg, Fall 3L, was named this summer by The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism as winner of the Lion of Justice trophy (to be housed at UFlaw for one year) for her winning entry in the annual law student Professionalism Essay contest… Entitled “Professionalism: No Laughing Matter,” Rothenburg’s essay was praised by Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero III, who noted, “it not only identified problems but also identified solutions,” and praised Rothenburg for “precocious and conscientious thought”… The essay, selected by Professor Amy Mashburn as the best to submit, earns Rothenburg $1,000 as the winning entry.

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The “cheerios” have been moved, the “bridge / habitat” is no more, the courtyard is gone, one cannot go directly from Holland Hall to Bruton-Geer (and vice versa), green construction safety fences and/or makeshift plywood walls snake throughout the campus, parts of the Legal Information Center are closed and parking lots have been relocated.

Thus what some thought might not be possible has begun.

Concrete results, literally, of the successful six-month 2001-02 grassroots funding campaign made possible by hundreds of alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the state’s flagship law school – and the support and financial backing of University of Florida President Charles Young and Provost David Colburn – already are beginning to take shape at the Levin College of Law.

Construction on a $22+ million facilities expansion and renovation project began in early July, with advance planning and cooperation of the law school community promising to keep the College fully operational for 21 months – until Spring 2005, when all involved promise the “vision will be a reality.”

“There’s no question we are going to be inconvenienced for at least three full terms, and two football seasons,” admitted Dean Robert Jerry, “but the payoff is going to be magnificent, and such a tremendous reflection on and representation of this school’s graduates and a most enticing environment for prospective students.”

Jerry said among results in 2005 will be an increased number of technologically advanced and spacious classrooms, an expanded state-of-the-art Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center and an aesthetically appealing and functional campus.

Most noticeable to visiting alumni in the next 12 months will be – other than items already noted – steel structures for new classrooms towers that will connect two floors of Holland and Bruton-Geer, demolition of most of the classrooms and auditoriums in Holland, and relocation of the loading/receiving dock (now at northwest corner of Holland) to eastern end of Bruton-Geer (the old cafeteria receiving area). By end of 2004 Spring term, both the cafeteria and bookstore will be closed until construction ends.

Completed facilities will include:

**Renovated Holland Hall Law Center** (named after former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Spessard Holland ’16) with its classrooms and faculty offices.

**New three-level towers** featuring 15 classrooms and a Ceremonial Classroom to seat up to 160 for conferences, receptions and sessions that will allow students expanded opportunities to meet visiting judges, academics and attorneys. Four existing 20-seat seminar rooms will be refurbished, and most classrooms will accommodate wireless laptops and contain “smart podia” for benefit of faculty and students.

**The library**, doubled in size to 100,000 square feet, will be named in honor of another Gator
who served as Governor/U.S. Senator – Lawton Chiles ’55 – whose memorabilia will be the focal point of a two-story gallery. Also featured will be additional stack capacity, an open reserve area, the Justice Stephen C. O’Connell ’40 Supreme Court Reading Room, an intimate computer training lab, a bar of eight multi-media work stations, and 13 student group conference rooms.

“When completed, our new Legal Information Center will be among the top 20 academic law libraries in the U.S. based on size,” Jerry noted.

Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs Patrick Shannon is coordinating construction activities on behalf of the law school, working with UF Facilities Planning & Construction’s Howie Ferguson, project manager.

Alumni planning on visiting the law school should plan to arrive earlier than necessary due to construction arrangements, as should any law alums and other UF grads who regularly use the grounds for Fall tailgating.

By this fall, construction progress and visiting instructions will be posted on the school’s Web site and a Web Cam will be operating to show continuing construction progress. Go to www.law.ufl.edu/construction for details.

Levin College of Law Spring 2003 graduates presented approximately $25,000 in gifts and pledges to Dean Jon Mills at May commencement. John Marshall Bar Association Student of the Year Nicole Kibert – who joined statewide firm Carlton Fields in its Tampa office – presented the contribution to Mills with the request it be used to help support 10 of the school’s student organizations and a variety of student/faculty programs. Student members of the Law Alumni Council coordinated the fund-raising effort. This is the fourth consecutive class to raise funds for UFLaw since renewal by Fall 2001 graduates of a tradition dormant in the 90’s. With return of the “class gift,” more than $66,400 has been given or pledged to the College by its last four graduating classes.
INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE
Supreme Court Externships

What’s it worth in the job market to have your resume include “work experience as aide to Florida Supreme Court Justice?”

Thanks to a UFLaw externship program with the state’s highest court, at least nine current students eventually will find out.

Students picked for summer and fall 2003 work with justices are Lewis L. Ritter IV, Jacksonville; Stephanie Marusak, New Port Richey; Rafael Ribeiro, Miami; and Kevin Hoyes, Kissimmee. Earlier in 2002 and this spring, Robert Norway of Newberry, Mike Bittner of Jacksonville, and S. Allister Fisher, Jessica M. Callow and Joel Feldman of Gainesville worked at the Supreme Court.

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Poland exemplifies in many ways a courageous democracy that's transformed itself through the rule of law into a partner for America and a model for the world.

Speaking was then-Dean Jon Mills in June during celebration of a joint U.S.-Poland experiment begun in that country 16 years before the fall of Communism.

It was in 1973 that five UFLaw professors traveled there to participate in what was then called the Cambridge-Warsaw International Trade Law Program – organized by the law school, Trinity College of Cambridge University and the Institute of Legal Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences – allowing American law students to take courses for credit in a European Socialist Country.

Today, 30 years later, from those humble beginnings, the Center for American Law Studies (CALS) – a collaborative venture between UFLaw’s Center for Governmental Responsibility and Warsaw University Faculty of Law & Administration – graduates annually an average of 100 current and future Polish attorneys as trained practitioners in a legal system that just 13 years ago was alien to Communist officials then ruling the country.

Mills said a key to CALS success 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 Poland, the European Union and the United States.

Graduation ceremonies for the fifth class of CALS students combined with a commemorative 30th anniversary celebration of the law school’s involvement in Poland was held in mid-June at Warsaw University. Presiding were Mills and Dean/Professor Tadeusz Tomaszewski of Warsaw University, and Stephen N. Zack ’71 of Miami was keynote speaker.

According to Polish enrollees, the Center offers the opportunity to learn not only foreign laws, but also foreign ways of learning. Pawel Grabowski was one of the top three students of the Center’s first graduating class in 1999, and from there went to study at Harvard Law School.

“Attending CALS courses was my first opportunity to look into the American legal system,” Grabowski said. “The classes constituted a forum for legal discussions providing a

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Marketing Opportunities Available

Levin College of Law officials are renewing emphasis on UFLaw’s innovative and historic international involvement, and this new 12-page booklet is a result. It describes the school’s affiliations with 60 foreign countries (some over a quarter century), specialized programs in concert with nine international universities, and explains unique legal education opportunities for prospective students.

If you know of young men and women who might be interested – high school seniors, current undergraduate college students, law clerks – call Communications at 352.392.9586 and we will immediately send you copies. Or it can be viewed at www.law.ufl.edu/publications/pdf/InternationalPrograms.pdf

SCHOLARSHIP | FBI Selects UFLAW

When Charles M. Blalock ’51 got the chance to award $2,500 to a student at any school, he knew immediately where he wanted it to go. “It wasn’t hard for me to decide I’d like to give it to a deserving student at my alma mater,” said Blalock.

The money came from the J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship Program, created by the Society of Former Special FBI Agents – of which Blalock is a member – to honor Hoover and deserving students. This is the second time the College of Law has received such funding, the first coming in 1978 – inaugural year of the program when UF was one of seven schools to receive a one-time scholarship.

Blalock with about 100 other classmates attended law school in Bryan Hall, the original building on University and 13th Street, and still recalls details from long ago when his rent was $28 a month and no one had a refrigerator. “My two favorite subjects were Criminal Law taught by Dr. Vernon Clark and Constitutional Law with Dr. John Miller,” he said. “The law school prepared me perfectly for my career.”

After graduation, Blalock went on to the FBI, retiring in 1980 to become a professor at Florida Community College in Jacksonville where he taught Criminal Justice and other legal subjects. Still in Jacksonville, he’s now completely retired.

Charles Blalock ’51 (right) presents $2,500 J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship to then-Dean Jon Mills for use by UFLaw student. Such scholarships and contributions to existing scholarship funds are effective ways of helping the law school remain competitive with peer institutions.

Associates Professor Danaya Wright (center, with students in Warsaw) is one of many UFLaw faculty helping make successful the law school’s 30-year involvement with Poland – as have such firms as White & Case, Altheimer & Gray, Baker & McKenzie, Hogan & Hartson, Weil Gotshal & Manges, and Levin Papantonio & Partners.

chance for a high level of student involvement in the teaching process, rather unexpected in a Polish law school environment which focuses more on academic knowledge and professorial lectures.”

Since 2002, 1999 CALS grad Adam Imielowski has been working as a legal consultant to the management board of PTK-Centertel, one of three cellular phone operators in Poland.

Imielowski says the program is as important to the country as a whole as it is to individual lawyers and their careers. “To be able to play its international role, Poland needs well-educated lawyers with international experience,” he said.

Witols Danielowicz, managing partner of White & Case in Warsaw, agrees Center graduates are more attractive to employers. “We clearly see the distinction, and the contribution of the Center shows in their work,” he said.

New York-based White & Case is only one of the law firms in the U.S. and Poland that have financially supported the Center and its goals. Others include international firms Weil Gotshal & Manges, Baker & McKenzie, Hogan & Hartson, Altheimer & Gray and the Florida firm of Levin Papantonio & Partners.

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For the fifth consecutive year, UFLaw’s International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team (ICAM) competed in Vienna, Austria, against some of the strongest law school competition in the world at the 10th Annual Willem C. Vis International contest held in the Spring. And it was thanks to continuing support from the International Litigation and Arbitration (ILA) Group of Steel Hector & Davis LLP headquartered in Miami, and John C. and Tifi Bierley of Tampa. John ’63, Trustee Emeritus of the Law Center Association, specializes in international real estate, maritime, trade and immigration with Smith Clark Delesie Bierley Mueller & Kadyk. Goal of the competition is to foster study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business and to train law leaders of tomorrow in methods of alternative dispute resolution.

Eduardo Palmer ’85, chair of Steel Hector’s ILA group, said his firm sponsors the team to allow UFLaw students “an invaluable opportunity to gain experience in a tremendously important field.”

More than 125 teams from 40 countries competed in this year’s contest, including squads from Thailand, China, Austria, Denmark, Germany, India and Russia. UF was among 30 teams from the U.S., two from Florida (Stetson), and four others from the South (Georgia, Tulane, Virginia, Loyola-New Orleans).

“It is extremely gratifying we have support from practitioners who must deal daily with the complexities of international law and who realize the extreme importance of this field for the future,” said Professor Thomas R. Hurst, Sam T. Dell Research Scholar and team coach. “It is a unique and valuable experience for our students, and reinforces the school’s emphasis on mediation and arbitration skills as well.”

Hurst said each year it competes, the UFLaw team is adding to its expertise of international moot competition, “especially with regard to understanding what the judges, all foreign, consider important.”

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A Growing Practice Area

Faculty additions in 2003 have further strengthened the Levin College of Law’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program, and this new 12-page booklet is one of the tools being used to tell that story. Details on how students can graduate with specialization in environmental and land use law are included, as are widespread government and public interest positions now held by UFLaw alums who took advantage of this innovative program. If you know of young men and women who might be interested – high school seniors, current undergraduate college students, law clerks – call Communications at 352.392.9586 and we will immediately send you copies. Or it can be viewed at www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/pdf/elulp_brochure.pdf
Florida Bar: UFLaw Mentor Program Unique in State

According to The Florida Bar, the Levin College of Law is the only one of Florida’s 10 public and private law schools with an interactive student-mentor program. Its database of lawyer/mentors volunteering time to help students better understand the legal profession has grown to more than 300.

“Some mentors meet with students a few times, some build lasting associations,” said Jessie Howell, Career Services Assistant Director. “Sometimes a mentor’s practice doesn’t quite match a student’s interests, but the mentor will provide another contact who can be incredibly helpful.”

“The program is a great way for lawyers to give back and help students ease into professional life,” Howell said.

According to Oscar Sanchez ’82, president of the UF Law Alumni Council and partner at Akerman Senterfitt in Miami, the program is “a great way to give back a little and to stay in touch with the wonderful enthusiasm of the students.”

Alumni wishing to volunteer as mentors should contact the Center for Career Services at 352.392.0499.

MOOT TEAM Wins Two National Titles

“Competing sharpens our written and oral advocacy skills, and winning major competitions increases UFLaw’s prestige in the national community. I am proud of the tradition of excellence we are creating.”

Speaking is Steve Klein ’03, coach of the law school’s winners of the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Competition in New York this spring and winner himself last fall of the Thomas Tang National Constitutional Law Competition – two national titles in less than six months.

Also nationally, the UF team reached the Elite Eight at both the John Marshall International Technology and Privacy Law (Fall 2002) and Duberstein National Bankruptcy competitions (Spring 2003).

Regionally, UF was a semifinalist and won Best Written Brief at the E. Earle Zehmer Workers’ Compensation Competition (Fall 2002); runner-up Best Memorial at Stetson International Environmental Law Competition (Fall 2002); and two UF Moot Court squads swept every award at the Thomas Tang Regional (First Place, Second, Best Brief, Best Oralist.).

Faculty coaches for the team are Henry Wihnyk, Director of Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy, and Leanne Pflaum, Legal Skills Professor.

“I have long admired the dedication and work ethic demonstrated by our Moot Team students, and we’re pleased they are getting the recognition they deserve,” Wihnyk said.

The UF team is named after former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Campbell Thornal ’30, and is dedicated to excellence in appellate advocacy.

Main sponsors of team activities are Raymer F. Maguire / Holland & Knight LLP, Zimmerman Shuffield Kiser & Sutcliffe – a 100-attorney firm in Orlando including partners Bernard J. Zimmerman ’64 (retired) and Roland Sutcliffe Jr. ’71, Law Center Association Trustee since 1990.

Law Firms Encourage ‘Shadowing’

Going into its fourth year of operation, UFLaw’s innovative 1L Shadow Program places first-year law students, such as these 2003 participants, with leading attorneys across the state to gain valuable exposure to daily law firm environments. New Shadow opportunities also will allow students to work with judicial hearing officers, or participate in roundtables with federal judges. This unique Shadow project is one of many practical experiences UFLaw’s Career Services offers students during each phase of their Levin College of Law education.

Firms interested in participating should contact the Center for Career Services at 352.392.0499.
Renewed ‘Firm Giving’ Aids Students

Gator Alums Contribute 100% to Boost LFGP Support

Dozens of UFLaw alumni at more than 25 offices throughout Florida – and one in Washington – took to heart a competitive giving program announced for 2002-03, and as a result helped the College of Law achieve its fiscal year Annual Fund goal of $500,000.

UF’s Law Firm Giving Program (LFGP), which encourages 100 percent participation by Gator grads working in any firm’s office or offices, in its renewal year saw 29 units of 21 firms in 10 Florida cities – and the nation’s capital – reach the goal. (There is no minimum amount each participant must give.)

Ken Johnson ’81, current Law Alumni Council president, championed reinstatement of the program along with three other Gators in his Goodlette Coleman & Johnson P.A. firm in Naples. Plus they decided to fund the Land Use Planning & Control Book Award.

Law firm with offices in most number of cities with 100 percent UFLaw alum participation is Carlton Fields P.A. – with 33 employees in Miami, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee and West Palm Beach getting involved. Next was Gray Harris & Robinson P.A., with 30 employees in four cities – Lakeland, Melbourne, Tampa and Tallahassee – participating.

Single office with most participation – 18 UFLaw employees of Hill Ward & Henderson P.A. in Tampa, who directed their funds be used to set up a HW&H Book Award in Professional Responsibility & the Legal Profession. Oscar Sanchez ’82 spearheaded efforts to involve 15 Gator alums in Jacksonville and Tampa offices of Akerman Senterfitt.

“... it’s exciting in my first 45 days on the job to hear of this program’s success and the enthusiastic involvement of firms and attorneys throughout the state,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “LFGP at leading law schools across the nation provide excellent examples of creative ways to generate alumni support, and I’m grateful to our Alumni Council members and Trustees who helped add UF to the list of leading institutions with a LFGP – and then helped ensure an impressive first year.”

Firms interested in participating 2003-04 are asked to contact Denise Stobbie at the Development & Alumni Affairs Office (392.352.9296, eMail stobbie@law.ufl.edu). Monies contributed are used through the Annual Fund – unless otherwise restricted by donors – to support student research assistantships, student organizations, faculty scholarship, financial aid, and career services for students and alumni.

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Schwait 5-Year Plan Pays Off
Trial Team Among Nation’s Most Honored Thanks to Practitioners, Alumni Support

Hard work by more than 40 UFLaw students, faculty advisors and volunteer practitioners – and financial support from alumni and law firms – paid off in 2002-03 as the University of Florida Levin College of Law Trial Team garnered a national championship and a variety of other major titles that made the unit among the most honored in the United States.

This Spring, team units placed second of 150 teams at the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition, and last Fall team units won the First Annual National Civil Trial Competition in Los Angeles.

Helping ensure team success over the last five years was Advisor Carl Schwait, adjunct faculty member and senior partner with Dell Graham P.A., Gainesville. TT President Tony Sos ’03 credits Schwait “with bringing the team to a whole new level, and making us a strong national competitor.” Schwait, who stepped down as advisor this summer, is a Florida Bar certified civil trial lawyer and began his career in Miami as staff counsel for several insurance companies. He also served as City of South Miami vice mayor/commissioner.

Assisting Schwait were practitioners who volunteered 20 hours weekly to coach the team, including Judge Phillis Kotey ’85, Maritza Arroyo ’83, William Hoppe ’67, Tom Farkash ’76, Karin Moore ’82, Denise Ferrero ’92, Jeanne Singer ’77, Jennifer Zedalis ’84 and Robert Rush ’85. Zedalis joined the UFLaw faculty in 2002, and is new TT advisor in her role as Virgil Hawkins Clinics legal skills professor and Director, Trial Practice.

Florida firms helping support the team through sponsorships are S. William Fuller Jr., Esq., Tallahassee; Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell P.A., Orlando; Ronnie H. Walker, Esq. Memorial Scholarship Endowment; and Coker Myers Schickel Sorenson & Green P.A., Jacksonville.

Members of one of the nation’s most honored Trial Teams have a lot to smile about, based on its recent record of success and continued support from alumni and firms. Bradley Harper ’03, West Palm Beach (left, front); Yolanda Green 3L, Tampa; Alexis Lambert 3L, Winter Haven; Shawntoyia Grier ’03, San Francisco; and Saynia Webb 3L, Miami, joined with (back row) Yohance Perris 3L, Tampa; Della Jensen 3L, Sarasota; and Tameika Pettiner 3L, Ft. Lauderdale, to help compile one of the most impressive three-year records of any UFLaw team.

**TRIAL TEAM RECENT RECORD OF SUCCESS**

- **Florida Bar Chester Bedell State Competition:** First Place (and best advocate award) 2001, 2002, 2003
- **American Bar Association Regional Competition:** First Place (two teams – two brackets) 2002; First Place 2003
- **Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) Regional Competition:** First Place 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
- **American Bar Association National Competition:** Semi-Finalist 2002
- **ATLA National Competition:** Semi-Finalist 2002, Second Place 2003
- **First Annual National Civil Trial Competition:** National Champions 2002
To “spin” is to use language to create “facts.” Marketers and politicians have always known this. For example, years ago, after Clairol brought out a hair-color product making it possible to simultaneously bleach, shampoo and condition hair, advertisers changed the word describing their product’s ability from “dye” to “tint”; eliminating the pejorative verb “dye” made dyeing one’s hair respectable and increased Clairol purchasers by thousands.

Clairol advertisers did it again with the line, “Does she or doesn’t she? Only her hairdresser knows for sure.” Clairol used ads with pictures of dyed-blonde mothers playing in the grass with their naturally blonde children. And women who wanted to look beautiful but not “cheap” began dyeing their hair. That line made “blonde” not merely a sexy look, but an entire psychology, and Clairol profited: women using the product went from 7% to 40%.

Politicians, too, spin language to create “facts.” Democratic Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe is reported to have used the phrase “at the end of the day” three times in a single sentence during a recent interview. He chose that phrase because he considered it a “less hard-edged, more atmospheric version of the Republican phrase ‘bottom line.’”

Political strategist Frank Luntz advised Republicans to use “softer, greener language” to improve their message on the environment. So Republican politicians now speak of “climate change,” not “global warming.” “Environmental” issues are now “conservationist” issues. A consultant for the Sierra Club acknowledges the new language has succeeded in blunting the Democratic attack on Republicans’ environmental policies.

Public relations experts can replace negative with positive images by using spin. Sears and Smith (in “A Linguistic Look at Aerospace English”) quote a technical editor as saying, “When I edit a report, my first job is to change all of the errors to malfunctions and all of the failures to partial successes.”

But using language to “spin” may ultimately downgrade the meaning of the substituted language. For example, the previously innocuous adjective discreet became an euphemism in “personal” columns for illicit sex. As a result, one major Web site’s overseer has banned the word discreet from online-dating services because it’s “often code for ‘married and looking to fool around.’”

So be careful that pet terms you have used to express “facts” and help shape public perception are still perceived as positive language.

Although use of “spin” often is associated negatively with politicians and advertisers, its use in legal writing is acceptable and can be effective. In briefs and memos, for example, attorneys are obligated to disclose all legally significant facts – even those unfavorable for the client. Therefore, it’s important for lawyers to be able to use language that helps de-emphasize the negatives.

For example, assume John Smith is appealing his murder conviction and assume its legally significant Smith abuses crack cocaine. The prosecutors spin would describe Smith as a “crack addict,” while the defense would say “Smith suffers from a dependence on addictive drugs.” And describing the crime, the prosecutor would emphasize its terrible nature (“Defendant bludgeoned victim’s head with a baseball bat.”). Smith attorney’s spin on the crime: “The victim received a blow to the head” – de-personalizing the victim, sanitizing the action, and removing Smith from any direct action.

“Spinning” unfavorable facts can be important in civil cases as well. Assume Linda Smith is appealing a personal injury case judgement. Smith sued Bob Jones for injuries received in an automobile accident, thus the injury description: “Smith’s left leg was crushed between the bumper of defendants automobile and her motorcycle engine.” Jones’ attorney said: “Plaintiff injured her leg in the accident.”

So long as these “spinning” techniques accurately reflect the record and provide information sufficient to decide the issue, they are an acceptable means to soften the blow of harmful facts. If this use of ameliorative language is transparent as “spin,” however, the technique could backfire. A court will lose trust in a document that reads like an advertisement or political puffery.
Hesterfield Smith was a world citizen, truly one of the most important figures in the 'Greatest Generation,' as Tom Brokaw said in his book," said Dean Emeritus Jon Mills on the day in July of the passing of Smith '48. "We have lost a giant who set the highest standards of courage, vision and commitment – not only in the legal profession but in every other aspect of the wonderful, complete, unselfish life he led."

An important figure in Florida legal history, Smith came to national prominence as president of the American Bar Association when he challenged President Richard Nixon during the Watergate investigations – telling him and the country that "No man is above the law."

A World War II veteran, Smith reportedly raised money for his UFLaw education by playing poker and shooting craps with other soldiers on his way home from Europe. The Arcadia native graduated with honors in 1948.

His innovative and entrepreneurial spirit was in evidence during his tenure at Holland & Knight LLP, which Smith joined when it was Holland Bevis & McRae in Bartow.

(Editor's Note: Former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Spessard L. Holland '16 formed the Holland Bevis & McRae firm that Smith joined in 1950.)

Smith quickly made partner in the Bartow firm, and in 1968 his firm merged with Knight Jones Whitaker and Germany in Tampa. Smith was a founding partner when the firm developed into Holland & Knight and served as chairman almost three decades. Under Smith's leadership, H&K would grow to be one of the biggest in the country with 1,200 lawyers working in 32 offices across the country and around the world.

As a trial attorney, Smith represented the phosphate industry, citrus growers and other large commercial interests, but with typical Smith candor he once told Congress that "I represent some of the biggest cruds in Florida, but I don't carry their viewpoints past the time I go off the payroll."

Smith emphasized service as well as growth at Holland & Knight, and the firm led the way in hiring women and minorities and encouraging pro bono work. Smith also was one of the earliest to recognize the national trend of increasing female law school enrollment by recruiting many to his firm. Smith's first such recruit – Martha Barnett '73 – would later become president of the ABA, the second woman to serve in that role. Barnett, Chair of Directors Committee, and 140 other UFLaw grads now work at Holland & Knight.

"It is paramount that the great and historic professional principles which have made the lawyer the champion of human rights, the defender of man's freedom from oppression by his fellow man, or by his government, be most zealously guarded," Smith told 1965 College of Law graduates.

Before being named to head the ABA, Smith was president of the Florida Bar Association and served on the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission in 1966-67. The commission reworked the 1885 Florida Constitution and its revision was ratified by voters in 1968.

"Complete liberty for all means liberty for none," Smith told his fellow commission members during their first meeting. "Our rights as Floridians must be equally balanced with our responsibilities as Floridians."

His work on the Commission was credited with ending the reign of the "Pork Chop Gang," a group of powerful rural Florida legislators who, for many years, controlled state government by malapportionment. As Smith once described the problem: "... the state was all out of whack. A rural county..."
with 5,000 voters had just as much representation as Miami with 400,000 people.”

At a 20-year reunion of commission members, Smith said he was proud of the revision which “cleaned up language that was discriminatory to races and sexes; created the belief that no section of the state could gain control of the state because of provisions for automatic review of the Constitution and initiative for amendments and constitution conventions; established home rule for cities and counties as a local rather than a statewide issue; and strengthened and modernized the Legislature and made it a more responsive element of government.”

Smith served as trustee of the UF Law Center Association, president of the Law Review Alumni Association, and member of the Center for Governmental Responsibility’s board of advisers. He chaired his class of ’48 reunion in 1983.

As Smith aged, his passion for justice never waned. He continued to voice his opinion about modern-day legal issues, including his opposition to criminal penalties for marijuana possession and “slow-motion justice,” which he saw as the “greatest single evil connected with administration of criminal laws.”

Following Smith’s retirement from Holland & Knight, the law firm donated $100,000 to establish the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law fund and helped raise the remaining portion of the $250,000 initial endowment. That endowment now funds three professorships. (See page 22.)

“Mr. Smith has been a generous, devoted and loyal friend of this school,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “One of his greatest legacies to our students and prospective attorneys everywhere is the very high bar he set through personal example of the necessity of active, effective involvement in the civic and charitable life of their communities.”

Smith took pride in his status as a longtime Floridian, spending 31 years in Arcadia, 31 in Bartow, and his last 21 in Miami-Dade. Survivors are his wife of 16 years Jacqueline Allee, two children by his first wife of 43 years (childhood sweetheart Vivian who died of cancer) – Rhoda Smith Kibler and Chesterfield Smith Jr., both of Tallahassee – and two grandchildren, Taylor and Chesterfield III. Jacqueline Allee is a ’78 UF Law grad, and served the College 1978-80 as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.

In Others’ Eyes…


Chesterfield Smith, 85, a prominent Florida lawyer who as president of the American Bar Association in 1973 became a critic of President Nixon’s efforts to avoid the stains of the Watergate scandal, died in Coral Gables after a heart attack.

The day after what became known as the “Saturday Night Massacre,” Mr. Smith, a longtime corporate lawyer who had supported Nixon’s 1968 and 1972 presidential campaigns, released an American Bar Association statement: “No man is above the law,” it said, and urged an independent special prosecutor to investigate the president.

Miami Herald (JULY 17, 2003)

Chesterfield Smith reigned as South Florida’s preeminent lawyer for half a century. He was a power broker and he was a champion of free legal services for the poor. He was candid and he was principled.

He defined law as “the major bulwark between man and his government.” He said lawyers must have an “unselfish involvement in public service.” He told student lawyers: “If you don’t intend to work to improve the quality of justice, then I hope you flunk your exams.”

“Chesterfield Smith exhibited amazing clarity in a complex era in the 1960s. With this clarity came the courage and ability to recognize and embrace societal change. Unconcerned about the contrary opinions of others, he often spoke out against racial discrimination. And, despite growing up in the segregated South, Smith was one of the first to recruit minorities…(He) believed in the responsibility of individuals to take an active role in the civic and charitable life of their communities…

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

In 2002, Justice Ginsberg presented Smith with the Laurie D. Zelon Pro Bono Award in a formal ceremony conducted in the Great Hall of the United States Supreme Court. “He has devoted his extraordinary talent and enormous energy to the improvement of the legal profession – to making the profession more honorable, more responsive to the people law and lawyers serve,” Ginsberg said. “He is, in sum, among the brightest, boldest, bravest, all-around most effective lawyers ever bred in Florida and the USA.”

Smith honored the rule of law better than most. For him there could be no finer epitaph.

“Top 50 Most Important Floridians of 20th Century” Lakeland Ledger / 1999

In 1975, Time magazine suggested Americans look in new places for presidential candidates. It named Chesterfield Harvey Smith, a 32-year Bartow resident who has devoted himself to improving the quality of justice in Florida and the nation…

Effervescent, outspoken and a hard-working charmer with a proud Florida drawl, the former ABA president perfected the art of aggressive candor. In 1973, when he was one of the Bar’s youngest presidents, Smith – unlike many of his predecessors – welcomed the opportunity to speak out on controversial issues. He suggested periodic testing of lawyers to weed out incompetents, and he was an early advocate of equal rights for women and minorities.

Business Wire (JULY 16, 2003)

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Editorial Tampa Tribune (JULY 18, 2003)

When Chesterfield Smith walked into a room, people took notice. Crowds parted for the stentorian legal voice, regaled reporters and others with stories of growing up a Cracker in backwoods Florida (Arcadia).…He would later use his political connections to help elevate women and minorities into positions of power.

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SMITH PROFESSORSHIPS

Thanks to initial funding in 1984 by six former American Bar Association presidents and his friends and partners, the Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law was created at UF. Subsequent funding and interest generated has allowed three such professorships to be currently funded.

As exemplified by those who have held this title, such professorship endowments allow UFLaw to recruit and retain outstanding faculty:

- Dean Emeritus Joseph R. Julin, 1985-1993
- Professor Jeffrey Harrison, 1994-2001
  B.S., M.B.A., Ph.D. University of Florida; J.D., University of North Carolina
- Professor Michael W. Gordon, 1994-Current
  B.S., LL.B. University of Connecticut; M.A., Trinity College
- Professor Fletcher N. Baldwin Jr., 2000-Current
  B.A., J.D., University of Georgia; LL.M., University of Illinois; LL.M., Yale
- Professor Nancy Dowd, 2002-Current
  B.A. with honors Connecticut; M.A., Illinois; J.D. cum laude Loyola-Chicago

HONORS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS REFLECT CHESTERFIELD SMITH’S IMPACT

- Graduated with honors from University of Florida College of Law
- President, The Florida Bar
- Chairman, Florida Constitution Revision Commission
- Recognized as “Distinguished Floridian of the Year” by Florida Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman, Gov. Reubin Askew’s “Citizens for Judicial Reform”
- Received Arthur von Briesen Award (exceptional achievements in pursuit of equal justice for all), National Legal Aid and Defender Association
- President, American Bar Association
- Member, Federal Commission on Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries
- Member, Federal Judicial Nominating Commission of Florida
- President, UFLaw’s Florida Law Review Alumni Association
- Honored with Florida Bar Foundation’s “Medal of Honor”
- Awarded ABA Medal by Board of Governors for exceptionally distinguished service
- UF Law Center Association Trustees’ Award
- American Civil Liberties Union “Nelson Poynter Award”
- First “Chesterfield Smith Award” from Black Lawyers of America
- Chairman, Board of Trustees of National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts
- American Jewish Committee’s Learned Hand Award (accomplishments, principles, and commitment to values reflecting those of Judge Hand)
- Honored with Jewish National Fund’s Tree of Life Award
- First Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law recipient appointed at UF as result of funding campaign begun by six former ABA presidents and friends, associates, law partners
- Member, Gov. Lawton Chiles’ “Commission for Government by the People”
- Chairman, Civil Justice Advisory Commission on U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- “LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award” from Leadership Florida
- “Allies for Justice Award” from National Lesbians and Gay Law Association
- Named “Great Floridian” by Gov. Lawton Chiles
- Naming of “Chesterfield Smith Center for Equal Justice” Building in Miami
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Florida Chamber Foundation creates Chesterfield Smith Public Policy Research Endowment
- “Distinguished Community Service Award,” National Conference for Community & Justice
- Named Honorary Chancellor, Florida Southern College
- Received “Justice Award” from American Judicature Society
- Received Laurie D. Zelon Pro Bono Award in ceremonies held by U.S. Supreme Court

“Chesterfield Smith emerged from (World War II) a fully formed man with a matchless passion for family, hard work, the irreducible strengths of a just society, and, most of all, his belief that no man is above the law.”

—Tom Brokaw, The Greatest Generation
Be a Chesterfield Smith-type Lawyer

UFLaw Dean Emeritus Joseph R. Julin (who served as dean 1971-80) was appointed in 1985 the first Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law. At the College’s spring commencement, Julin delivered an address entitled “Be Chesterfield Smith’s Kind of Lawyer.” Excerpts from that address:

- Make sure you never forget what Chesterfield would say were he at this rostrum today. ‘Do Good!’”

- Watergate and the devastating aftermath of Vietnam were to be events upon which he was to speak as spokesman for the Bar. There were lawyers who from time to time wished he had not.

- You’ll probably be candid if you’re like Chesterfield. … [At an American Bar Association strategic planning retreat, Smith’s first question was] ‘What can the 300,000 lawyers who belong to the ABA do, as a group, to benefit society?’ And he quickly added, ‘And I don’t want a short answer such as ‘Disband!’”

- ‘… Chesterfield does not believe admission to the Bar, by that act alone, makes one worthy of being known as a lawyer. A lawyer in (his) eyes is an individual who entered the legal profession for considerably more than the acquiring of wealth and fame.

- [A Smith-type] lawyer is one who … intends to ‘do good.’ This is a lawyer who intends to make a difference, a difference which is likely to improve the quality of life for a lot of people – the good, the bad, the beautiful, the ugly and most of the world who are somewhere in between.

- A Chesterfield lawyer tends to be very hard working.

- This lawyer knows one can be most effective when listening persuasively. This lawyer is one who well understands it is counsel’s responsibility to avoid disputes and litigation, not to create either.

- But if dispute there be… this lawyer is the ablest of advocates whether the forum is imaginatively alternative or traditionally adversarial.

- Most important, to a Chesterfield lawyer the concept of professionalism has no outer limit – whatever the matter at hand.

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In Others’ Eyes continued

South Florida Sun-Sentinel (July 18, 2003)

He helped create one of the largest law firms in the country, influenced hundreds of young attorneys, opened doors for minorities, women and gays, and made free representation of the poor a routine practice among lawyers… Bill McBride, a former Democratic candidate for governor who worked with Smith at Holland & Knight said, “He said what he thought, and he said it as bravely and boldly as any man I ever knew.” … Newscaster Tom Brokaw devoted a full chapter of his book The Greatest Generation to Smith, whom he called “America’s lawyer.”

St. Petersburg Times (July 18, 2003)

The plain talking Mr. Smith rose from humble beginnings in Arcadia to become one of the most influential lawyers in Florida history. He was a kingmaker, a warrior and an intellectual giant, his friends said… Mr. Smith did not back down from a fight, especially if he perceived he could right some sort of wrong. He represented rich phosphate companies and poor inmates, the popular and the unpopular, with the same legal zeal…

“If during my lifetime I had to pick a handful of outstanding Americans, he would be one of them,” said former Gov. Reuben Askew.

“Celebration of Chesterfield Smith”

Martha Barnett ’73, Chair of Directors Committee, Holland & Knight

• At Memorial Service (July 22)

He was the most gregarious person I have known. He adored people. He relished attention. Having so many of us gathered for the sole purpose of saying nice things about him would have pleased him greatly… He was a son of the segregated rural South, and a prodigy; the segregated rural South, and a prodigy; and made free representation of the poor a routine practice among lawyers… Bill McBride, a former Democratic candidate for governor who worked with Smith at Holland & Knight said, “He said what he thought, and he said it as bravely and boldly as any man I ever knew.” … Newscaster Tom Brokaw devoted a full chapter of his book The Greatest Generation to Smith, whom he called “America’s lawyer.”

1. The difference between a great lawyer and just a good lawyer;
2. The importance of being “for” something;
3. To be somebody; and
4. The difference between doing well and doing good… Like the consummate leader he was – whether on the battlefield or in the courtroom, whether in the law firm or in the public arena – he never asked more of others than he gave of himself.
There is a unique and innovative Grassroots Gator Network (GGN) being formed to assist the University of Florida and its various entities – including the Levin College of Law – in the tough new competitive environment now shaping educational and budgetary legislation coming out of Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

Thanks to initiative and efforts of Vice President for Government Relations Dr. Richard Bucciarelli and Marion S. Hoffmann, Associate Vice President of Government Relations, the GGN began taking shape during the 2003 sessions to serve as advocates for UF and its legislative agenda.

And what better personnel to help its effectiveness than UFLaw alumni?

“We are recruiting Gators throughout Florida to join GGN in advance of the 2004 Legislative Session,” Hoffmann noted. “This geographically and politically diverse network will be asked to represent the UF – and College of Law – with elected officials to advocate those ideas and issues important to all of us.”

Hoffmann emphasized there is no cost or fee, and those joining will receive periodic legislative updates and calls to action during legislative sessions. Extent of the action, she explained, could be requests to send eMails and/or letters and in some rare instances make phone calls.

“It would be gratifying to think most of our law alums in Florida took this simple step to help advance causes vital to the University and the law school,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “In fact, it would be excellent if the percentage of our grads participating exceeded those of any other UF school or college.”

Hoffmann said UF is fortunate to have alumni, including those who earned their UFLaw degrees, as elected officials in Tallahassee (right) and in Washington (below), and said “in Tallahassee, these men and women are part of the Gator Caucus and they work hard to assist us legislatively.”

Dr. Bucciarelli noted ability to communicate quickly and effectively with what is hoped to eventually be thousands of GGN members will help the Government Relations group mobilize on a daily basis if necessary to help strongly advocate UF positions to key legislators.

To join GGN and hundreds of already committed Gator volunteers, contact Marion Hoffmann at mhoffmann@aa.ufl.edu or 850.488.2447.

Who better to help ensure UF political network success…
Dean Requests ‘Pro Bono’ Projects
New Students Challenged: ‘Be A Good Citizen’

Comparable to the “grassroots” effort being encouraged by the University of Florida’s Government Relations officials (facing page), Dean Robert Jerry challenged new Levin College of Law enrollees during August orientation to immediately become active in a similar manner in community activities.

In his remarks to the 185 new students, Dean Jerry said, “Although you will have ample opportunity here to learn substance and skills you need to practice, it is not good enough to simply become a competent lawyer. You also must learn what it means to be a citizen lawyer.”

“Along the way, you will learn of our many distinguished alumni who exemplify these very traits. We lost one of our finest in July with the passing of Chesterfield Smith – who set an example for you and the entire profession about giving back to society through public service, support of organizations, pro bono activities.”

Because he believes the “citizen lawyer” issue is of such importance, and that it should be emphasized to students during their first hours and days on the UFLaw campus, he asked Associate Dean for Students/Professionalism/Community Relations Gail Sasnett to arrange for new students to have the opportunity to organize and implement a pro bono service project in the first term of their enrollment.

As for whether this type of “grassroots” effort can make a difference in the long run, Jerry responded, “just look at the contributions made by our 16,000 living alumni to the communities in which they reside. The importance of what values we teach our new students during their three years is obvious.”

“At the end of our careers, the important measures of our accomplishments will not be how much money we made, how many hours we billed, how many cases we won, how many deals we closed, or certainly not what were our GPAs...” Jerry said in closing. “We will be judged on how we made the choices faced during our careers – whether we chose to practice with integrity, professionalism, respect and concern for well-being of our clients and those with whom they interacted, and whether we chose to give back to our communities and to our society, recognizing how much has been given to us. Including the opportunity to study law and be a part of the University of Florida.”
70 YEARS after the first woman graduated from UFLaw, tables have turned and enrolling female students are outnumbering men. BY KRISTEN HARMEL

When Clara Floyd Gehan walked up the steps of the University of Florida’s law school for her first day of class in 1930, the 21-year-old high school Latin teacher had to walk through two rows of men lined up to watch her enter. “I was (UFLaw’s) first woman,” she said in an interview recounted by 150: Celebrating Florida’s First 150 Female Lawyers, a book commemorating the first women who practiced law in the state. “It wasn’t bad. You felt conspicuous; you stuck out like a sore thumb. But they (the male students) weren’t rude. Some ignored me as a matter of principle.”

Her arrival was, at the time, a strange sight for the all-male student body. One other woman, Alma Spencer Slagle, the wife of a law professor, had participated in UF’s law program, but Gehan was different. She would become the first female to matriculate all three years and become a member of The Florida Bar.

Gehan graduated with honors after the 1932-1933 school year and won the Harrison Award for highest overall average – beating out male students who had been her detractors. Yet in 1933, women made up just 1.3 percent of the 231-member law school student body.

For the next seven decades, female enrollment at UF’s law school progressed slowly, with women still outnumbered by their male counterparts – despite the fact that across the country, an increasing number of women were going into law as a profession.

But exactly 70 years after Gehan’s triumphant graduating year, the tables have turned and female enrollees are outnumbering the males at UF’s Levin College of Law.

Over the last five years (see chart), UFLaw female enrollment has averaged 52 percent. “It’s wonderful,” says Gail Sasnett, former president of the National Association of Women Lawyers and the law school’s Associate Dean of Students / Professionalism / Community Relations. “The number of women has exceeded the number of men in some law schools for a long time, so I think it’s wonderful to see these numbers here.” Former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner ’79, who served eight years in the President Bill Clinton administration and was the first EPA head to sit on the president’s cabinet, is one of UFLaw’s prominent graduates happy to see others following in her footsteps. “I’m thrilled,” she says. “It’s another indication that times are changing.”

Browner is not the only UFLaw female graduate to go on to national acclaim. Among others are former American Bar Association President Martha Barnett ’73, former U.S. Congresswoman Marjorie Holt ’47, and former Florida Supreme Court Justice Rosemary Barkett ’70 (pages 28-31).

More than 30 women, most of whom graduated when female enrollment was under 25 percent, have gone on to become judges, and hundreds of others have successful careers in the profession. The fact UFLaw has its largest percentage of female law students ever will affect more than just the women pursuing a law degree, says Barnett, a partner with Holland & Knight LLP in Tallahassee.

“The law itself is changing,” she says. “The law is not a static quantity. How we approach legal education is changing. Women are an integral part of those changes.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: While it was not until 1947 the University of Florida officially accepted women, the Florida Legislature in 1925 agreed women could enter any UF school or college offering courses not provided at Florida State College for Women (now FSU). Agriculture, engineering, and education and law were among such UF specialists, thus accounting for female UFLaw grads in the 30s and early 40s.
IN THE BEGINNING:

Women were long discouraged from the pursuit of law, and although the law profession continued to grow throughout the 19th century, the door to the profession remained long-closed to women.

In 1873, Belva Lockwood became the first woman in America to complete law school, but her contemporaries weren’t quick to follow. It took another 51 years for the first woman, Stella M. Biddle Fischer, to be admitted to The Florida Bar, and she had overcome massive hurdles to get there – including UF denying her admission because she was a woman. She passed the bar without ever being officially enrolled in a law school, according to Celebrating Florida’s First 150 Female Lawyers.

However, Biddle played an important role in paving the way for today’s female students. After being denied admission to UF, she became a petitioner advocating a change in the law to allow women to study at the University of Florida. In 1925, a year after Biddle was admitted to the Florida Bar, UF’s law school officially opened its doors to women – but it wasn’t for another five years that the first woman was admitted (see Editor’s Note, page 26).

Rose Ealine Friedlin, who went on to work for the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Natalie Berger, who founded Florida’s first all-female firm, also joined Gehan in 1930 at UFLaw.

Since 1933, thousands of women have graduated from the University of Florida College of Law. They subsequently have achieved prominence at local, state, regional and national levels, earning praise for their work in academia, corporations, governmental entities and the legal profession.

Among Notable UFLaw Alumnae

Clara Gehan ’33
Graduated from UF as first woman to matriculate as a regular student through the law school. She was a member of the Florida Bar for more than 50 years, and her Gainesville practice specialized in probate and real estate. She chaired the Gainesville Advisory Biracial Committee in 1963-64, helping the city peacefully integrate by desegregating public accommodations. She died in 1992, and arranged for a UFLaw scholarship in her name.

Rebecca Bowles Hawkins ’35
The first woman to serve, starting in 1948, as Assistant Attorney General of Florida; later headed the Attorney General’s opinion division for many years. She became the first full-time research assistant to a Florida Supreme Court Justice in 1953, working for Chief Justice B.K. Roberts. Hawkins, who graduated second in her class, was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1935. She is past president of the Florida National Association of Women Lawyers and former member of American Bar Association House of Delegates. She passed away in May 2000.

Lois Thacker Graessle ’41 (Story page 48).

Marjorie Sewell Holt ’49
The first woman from Maryland to be elected to Congress, she served seven terms in the U. S. House of Representatives. Holt introduced legislation that started the National Homestead Act and helped initiate Mid-East peace talks with the late President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir. She served on House Armed Services, Budget and Joint Economic committees. Holt received Trustee’s Award in 1984 from Law Center Association.
**THE MIDDLE YEARS:**

While Taylor was in school, between 1950 and 1962, the number of women in law schools across the country was gradually rising. “It was ‘Rosie the Riveter’ in World War II that changed the attitude that women could do these things,” she says. “Men were learning women shouldn’t be confined to the home or the secretary’s desk. But it wasn’t until the ‘70s and the Equal Rights Amendment that things really began to change.”

Up until the ’70s, Taylor says, the law school was still trying to determine how to best deal with women. “When firms were recruiting at UFLaw, representatives would ask female students what their prospects were for getting married, whether they planned on having any children,” she notes. “Finally the law school had to issue regulations and advise lawyers what was appropriate to ask and what wasn’t. The law school was trying to promote the women. It took a lot of work and cajoling.”

By the time Barnett enrolled in 1970, things had begun to change and they did so dramatically in her three years on campus.

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**Women Presidents of the ABA**


2. **Martha W. Barnett** (2000-01) Graduated from UFLaw in 1973 and is partner in Holland & Knight LLP in its Tallahassee office. Barnett also was first woman elected to serve as chair of the ABA’s House of Delegates.

Clearly Browner, now working with former U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright at the Albright Group, was up to the challenge. So were thousands of other women who earned UF law degrees in the 70s, 80s and 90s despite stereotypes they had to buck in order to do so.

During the 80s, the number of women enrolled at UF’s law school rose from 31.6 percent in the 1980-81 school year to 38.9 percent during 1989-90. The 90s also saw an increase with 43.9 percent by 1999.

**THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

According to the American Bar Association, during the 2001-02 school year (the most recent year for which full statistics are available) women made up 49.4 percent of first-year enrollment and 49.0 percent of total JD enrollment at ABA-approved schools nationwide.

“I think it is very healthy for the profession,” Barnett says. “I think for too many years, like so many parts of business life, 50 percent of the population wasn’t represented. I think the whole system is stronger because of contributions of people who happen to be female.”

Sasnett said she spent much of her term as NAWL president speaking to groups about the growing impact of women on the legal profession, a trend she sees continuing well into the future.

“The more women you get in, the more changes you are going to see,” she says. “Women often have a more nurturing aspect and they’re likely to look at and practice the law from a different point of view. There will be an impact, and most of it may center on differing forms of resolving problems – such as more mediation as opposed to litigation.”

That doesn’t mean women are soft, though, Barnett says. “I think women are as aggressive as men, but they often have a different style. All lawyers have to be listeners, listening to the goals people have and taking them into consideration.

“Women, though, often are better listeners. It’s often easier for female attorneys to remove personal views and egos from their cases. They can facilitate and understand what the clients want to accomplish and how they can help with that. Law is collegial, and women are good at that. It requires compromise and cooperation, and women certainly have those skills.”

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**Among Notable UFLaw Alumnae**

**Leslie Lott ’74**

**Bernestine Singley ’74**
Served as assistant attorney general in Massachusetts after obtaining second law degree from Harvard. Founded STRAIGHTALK, a Texas company offering legal, administrative and corporate planning services. Wrote critically acclaimed *When Race Becomes Real* in 2002.

**Recipient of Lila Wallace Readers’ Digest Emerging Artist award, and chosen by Texas Legislative Black Caucus as 2001 Outstanding Texan.**

**Jacqueline Griffin ’75**
Second woman editor of Florida Law Review, named “Outstanding Senior Law Student.” Began practicing law for Orlando-based Boroughs Grimm Bennett & Griffin in 1975, and partner 1983-89. Serves on Fifth District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach (appointed 1990 by Gov. Martinez) and was Chief Judge 1997-99.

**Elizabeth Jenkins ’75**

**Carol Browner ’80**
Served in 1980 as Florida House of Representatives General Counsel. Worked 1986-88 in Washington for then-Senator Lawton Chiles, as Legislative Director for then-Senator Al Gore. Secretary of Florida’s Department of Environmental Regulation, 1991-93. Appointed by President Clinton in 1993, Browner was longest serving administrator of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1993-01.

**Marybeth McDonald ’82**
Chair of the UF Law Center Association Board of Trustees. First woman to head Orange County (Orlando) Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee. Past president Orange County Legal Aid Society. Named 1990 Florida’s Most Productive Young Lawyer by Florida Bar. Partner at Orlando-based McDonald & Rodgers, specializing in insurance defense litigation.
Some women, however, don’t see themselves as being much different from their male counterparts.

“I’ve never made any decisions, especially those regarding my education, with any consideration to me being a woman or that being a woman would hinder me in anyway,” says Danielle Burns, a third-year UFLaw student.

Some experts are not sure the five-year average of women outnumbering men as UFLaw enrollees is going to be a continuing trend, though they agree the law profession is forever changed.

“I think whether it’s law schools or medical schools, the fact women are bringing their perspectives to the table changes so much,” says Browner, who served on the President’s cabinet at a time when the percentage of women on the cabinet was higher than ever before. “We are skilled in our professions, and when we come as mothers, daughters and sisters, we bring those experiences. The character of law schools and the character of America has changed because women have done and will continue to do this.”

Women Impacting Florida Law Review

While the first female Editor-in-Chief of Florida Law Review came in 1949, it took more than 25 years before the second was selected in 1975. But in the 23 years since, about one-half of the editors-in-chief have been women:

1949: Corise Patricia Varn
1975: Jacqueline R. Griffin
1977: Sharon E. Best
1980: Linda Ebin
1983: Caroline Bensabat Marshall
1984: Tracy Nichols

And since 1980, approximately one-half the Review’s editorial board also has consisted of women.

Allison Bethel ’84
Since 2000, Director of Civil Rights for Florida Attorney General (started in 1998 as Assistant Director). In 1984, entered private practice specializing in civil trial work. In 1996, joined Fort Lauderdale office of Attorney General. Past president of Florida Chapter, National Bar Association, served as officer/director of black bar associations in Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties. Presently Chair, Equal Opportunities in Profession Section, Florida Bar.

Phyllis Kotey ’85
Alachua County judge since 1996. Was an Assistant State Attorney in Gainesville, and was chief of County Court Division. On Florida Supreme Court’s Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, and its Commission on Fairness. Lectures nationally on domestic violence, ethics, criminal law and trial procedure. On faculties of Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies, National Judicial College.

Patricia Kely ’86
Appointed by Governor Bush in 2001 to Second District Court of Appeal. After graduation from UFLaw, practiced in West Palm Beach and Tampa. Began in 1989 as staff attorney to Judge James E. Lehan, Second District Court of Appeal. In 1993, returned to private practice in appellate matters. Member of Appellate Court Rules Committee, and active in Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section of Florida Bar.

Julia Johnson ’87

Ava Parker ’87

Sandra Chance ’90
Director of UF’s Brechner Center for Freedom of Information, Associate Professor of Journalism. Graduated with honors from UFLaw and practiced with Holland & Knight, Tampa. Serves on board of directors of First Amendment Foundation, active in National Freedom of Information Coalition, and is Sunshine Chair for Society of Professional Journalists.
BUSINESS TRAVEL OVERSEAS?

Ask for Directory of Foreign LL.M. Graduates

If overseas business takes you or representatives of your firm to foreign countries on a regular basis, you may want to consider making contact with one of more than 80 graduates of the LL.M. Comparative Law Program.

Since the program’s inception in 1994, practicing attorneys from more than 20 foreign countries have taken advantage of the innovative UFLaw program – designed for foreign law school graduates who want to hone legal skills and gain detailed knowledge of U.S. law.

“We are very selective in admitting students, usually enrolling fewer than 20 each year,” notes Professor David M. Hudson, director of the LL.M. Comp Law program. “Those who are admitted have excellent credentials, having graduated near the top of their classes from some of the best law schools around the world.”

Hudson credits initial program director Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus Roy Hunt, 1994-98; and his successor, Professor Emeritus Julian Juergensmeyer, 1998-99, with laying the strong foundation on which Hudson has built during his four-year tenure.

Copies of the Comparative Law Alumni Directory listing names/addresses/phone/eMail for each of the more than 80 graduates are available simply by contacting the UFLaw Communications Office (352.392.9586) or eMail huguenin@law.ufl.edu. The directory can be eMailed to you the same day, or a hard copy sent overnight.

According to the directory, Korea leads with 11 graduates, followed by Germany / Poland with nine each, and Brazil / China eight each. Complete summary of grads and locations:

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Tax Grads Cover Country

Since its inception almost 30 years ago, the College of Law’s Graduate Tax Program has been considered among the nation’s elite. In fact, US News & World Report annually ranks it among the top two in the country.

And since its inception, the program has attracted law graduates and practicing attorneys from across the country – making it truly a national program.

Nothing proves that more than an analysis of the zip codes of approximately 1,000 graduates for which the UF Foundation has current addresses.

It’s no surprise the greatest number of Tax alumni live in Florida (more than 500), but what may be surprising is the top seven areas in which other Tax LL.M. grads live:

1. Georgia
2. Alabama / California
3. Washington, D.C.
4. Mississippi
5. Ohio
6. North Carolina
7. Illinois

Other indications of widespread nature of the program and its participants:

Among universities for which Grad Tax alumni are working: Arkansas, California, California State, Colorado, Florida, Houston, Idaho, Mercer, Missouri, North Carolina Central, Northern Illinois, Penn State, Pittsburgh, South Florida, Stetson, West Florida, Texas Wesleyan.

State governments employing Grad Tax alumni: Alaska, California, Florida, Ohio, Oregon, Washington

Governmental agencies include:
- Internal Revenue Federal Credit Union
- IRS Office of the Chief Counsel
- Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office
- Office of the Judge Advocate General
- Treasury Department / Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Senate Minority Staff
- V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue
- Washington State Department of Revenue
Two Florida Governors and U.S. Senators, two college presidents and five State Supreme Court Chief Justices are among 12 graduates of the Levin College of Law inducted posthumously this spring into a new Heritage of Leadership (HOL) Recognition Society.

Others named by the school’s Law Center Association include a distinguished U.S. District Court Judge and Miami-Dade County civic leader, first chairman of the old Florida Board of Regents, and a member of the Nazi War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg.

Induction ceremonies were part of the law school’s annual Spring Reunion Weekend, with family members of 10 of the inductees on hand. Space honoring these and all future HOL inductees will be featured in the expanded law school facilities.

“Since our founding more than 90 years ago, many of our more than 16,000 graduates have been among the nation’s leaders in law, business, education and government,” said then-Dean Jon Mills. “It is time to begin formally and permanently recognizing these outstanding alumni who have done so much for their country, this state and university.”

Top: Three generations of family members of Heritage of Leadership inductee Sidney M. Aronovitz ’43 were on hand or the formal ceremonies. Attending (from left) were sons-in-law Gene Glasser ’73 and Brian Shonson, grandson Adam Shonson (UFLaw ’05), daughter Karen Aronovitz Shonson, son Tod (immediate past president of The Florida Bar), daughter Elaine Aronovitz Glasser, widow Elinore and Dean Jon Mills.

Bottom: Representing Stephen C. O’Connell ’40 at the Heritage Leadership ceremony were grandson Landon O’Connell (left), his wife Christine, and widow Cynthia O’Connell.
First Heritage inductees, year of law school graduation:

**Alto L. Adams**, 1921. First UF law graduate to become State Supreme Court Justice ‘40, and Chief Justice ‘49. Prominent farmer/rancher in St. Lucie County.

**Lawton M. Chiles Jr.**, 1955. Fourth generation Floridian who served 12 years in the state’s House and Senate, 18 years as a U.S. Senator, and the last eight years of his life as Florida governor. The enlarged UF law library, on which construction has begun, is to be named in his honor.

**Frank E. Maloney**, 1942. Recognized internationally as water law expert, drafting Florida Water Resources Act of ‘72 and Tennessee Water Quality Act of ‘71, and served 12 years as UF law dean (30 years on the faculty) leading initiatives in ‘60s to build Holland Hall Law Center.


**Harold B. Crosby**, 1948. Circuit Court Judge, professor and assistant dean at UF law school, chairman of the Florida Endowment for the Humanities, founding president of University of West Florida and interim and second president of Florida International University.

**Sidney M. Aronovitz**, 1943. U.S. District Court Judge (Southern District of Florida) with distinction (1976-97), and prominent City of Miami and Miami-Dade County government official with multiple honors and awards for service to South Florida religious, educational and health organizations.

**Spessard L. Holland**, 1916. Polk County Judge, governor of Florida, U.S. Senator 1946-71, and founded a law firm in the ’50s in Bartow that grew and merged to become Holland & Knight LLP, now among 15 largest law firms in the world.

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In the heart of New York City, a thousand miles north of Gainesville, thrives a community of attorneys with one thing in common: a degree from the University of Florida College of Law.

There are reportedly close to 300 UFLaw alumni working in New York City, most not aware there are so many other Gator lawyers in their midst. And they’re very surprised to find that in the Manhattan area – including Connecticut, New Jersey and New York – there are about 5,300 Gators of all degrees.

According to Ian Leavengood ’00, Deloitte & Touche LLP, tax manager and president of the overall Gotham Gators Club, “New York state is second only to Florida in applications to UF. So there are a lot of family ties, and plenty of students have these roots before they even go to Gainesville.”

“It’s also the financial capital of the world – as well as world capital for public relations, advertising and marketing,” Leavengood said. “Because UF has such strong professional programs – medicine, law, journalism, accounting, business, advertising – you have alumni who want to be in the best market for success plus those Gators who come back home.”

David Cohen ’89, senior vice president and general counsel for the N.Y. Mets, agrees with Leavengood that the connection between South Florida, UF and New York always has been strong. “They’re like sister states.”

As for Gator attorneys in Gotham, Leavengood points out “UF is a top public law school with an exceptional Grad Tax program. As a financial capital, New York is a great place for the practice of tax law as well as for mergers and acquisitions.”

If a recent survey of Big Apple Gator lawyers is any indication, some prominent movers and shakers hail from UF and are impacting most segments of the New York legal profession. Four of the most influential practicing in New York and 78 of their peers…
Stephen D. Gardner ’64  
Partner, Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman  
Professor, NYU School of Law

For Gators who graduated in the early 60s, the name Stephen Gardner might ring a bell. After all, the Miami native who earned his bachelor’s degree from UF in 1961 and graduated from law school three years later—was a big man on campus.

He was president of Florida Blue Key, and very active in many campus organizations.

But his name might mean even more to anyone who ever practiced law in New York City. As a partner at Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman, one of the city’s prestigious law firms (he was the managing partner for 19 years) and as a professor at New York University School of Law since 1966, he has touched a lot of lives and made a name for himself in the Big Apple.

After graduating from UF’s law school and receiving an LL.M. in taxation from NYU, Gardner worked in Orlando for seven months before being offered a full-time teaching job in Manhattan at NYU. He accepted and hasn’t looked back. He made New York home, where he and his

In 1980, she moved to New York, where women were more commonplace

Betty Stinson ’67  
Bronx Supreme Court Justice

When Betty Stinson started at UF’s law school in 1964, female law students were few and far between.

“There was one term when there were 12 women in the school, and it was the first time in history there had been that many,” she says. “They took a photo of us in the jury box. It was an unusual event.”

When she graduated in 1967, she didn’t find the road to job success as easy as she’d thought it would be.

“Women in a courtroom were a strange phenomenon in Florida,” she says.

In 1980, she moved to New York, where women were more commonplace in the legal system. Sixteen years later, she was elected to the bench as a Civil Court judge for the City of New York. She continued her ascent quickly and was elected to the New York State Supreme Court bench in 2000. She serves in Bronx County, assigned to the Civil Branch. (The NY Supreme Court is analogous to the Circuit Courts in Florida, the highest trial court.)

Today, she’s just a couple of years into a 14-year term, and she’s enjoying every second of it.

“I feel that I make a difference,” she says. “In one way, I help younger lawyers learn skills they’re going to need. I also help the citizens who come to jury service to appreciate the justice system and their importance to it.

“I think that because some of the decisions I write reflect changes in society—and what I feel should be changes in the law to go along with those—I also make a difference,” she says.

Christine Markussen ‘72  
Chief Counsel, Real Estate Investments  
Metropolitan Life

After two years running a MetLife division she founded in Warsaw, Poland, UF alumna Christine Markussen received a promotion in 2001 and began preparing to move back to start her new job as chief counsel in charge of real estate investments.

Her first day on the job was Tuesday, September 11.

“I remember driving into the city the night of the 10th,” she says. “I was with my husband, and we said, ‘Wow, this is wonderful! We had a view of the World Trade Center from our apartment.’

The next day, as Markussen began with MetLife’s New York office, the world changed forever. Markussen embraced her role as a New Yorker with open arms and began to rebuild with the rest of the city.

Today, Markussen oversees all legal aspects of MetLife’s real estate portfolio, worth around $40 billion.

“We have lawyers across the country that do legal work to support the company’s real estate investments,” she says. “We invest in shopping centers, office buildings, hotels, apartments and agricultural opportunities. We have an incredibly varied portfolio.”

Markussen works an average of 55-to-60 hour work week and enjoys the job completely.

“‘I’m having a wonderful time. The people in my team are wonderful, and the work is interesting.’

Not that interesting work is anything new to this former Gator. She started with MetLife in Atlanta and soon had a job as a general counsel in the London office. She returned to the states to become corporate secretary and the Chairman’s chief of staff.

After two years, Markussen accepted a position in South America in international operations. Next was Poland, where she started a life insurance and

David Cohen ’89  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel, New York Mets

David Cohen always has been a baseball fan. But he never guessed as he was growing up in North Miami Beach he would one day be instrumental in inking multi-million dollar contracts with some of the top names in the game.

Cohen spent years as an Atlanta Braves fan, but when the Mets asked him to come aboard in May 1995, he promptly abandoned his affinity for the Braves, the Mets’ league rivals.

“That interest in the Braves wouldn’t have worked too well here,” he says.

In his eight years with the Mets, he’s participated in some of the most interesting deals in baseball, including the signing of pitcher Tom Glavine—a former Braves’ star.

“I work on contracts of all our major players,” he says. “I also participate in baseball salary arbitration. It’s a process by which certain baseball players with certain numbers of years of experience are entitled to seek arbitration to determine their salary. It’s very much a legal process with preparation of briefs and oral arguments, but the precedent is other baseball salaries and statistics rather than court decisions.”

During the baseball season, Cohen typically spends the day working, then stays at Shea Stadium—where administrative offices are located—for home games.

“I’m there in a quasi-working capacity,” he says. “A game for us is really a working event, but there is some opportunity to watch the proceedings.”

For Cohen, things around the office never get dull.
“It was a lifetime experience,” she says. “My job was to identify business opportunities in Eastern Europe and Russia. The Poles have a special feeling for Americans, and it meant a lot to them, I think, that MetLife would send me and my family over and that we would learn to speak Polish.”

It’s little surprise that Markussen has accomplished so much. After all, she started young.

After growing up in Milwaukee, she moved to Florida when she was 16 and began attending the University of Florida, earning a bachelor’s degree in history.

After working for a time at the welfare department in children and family services, she enrolled at UFLaw with aspirations of criminal law. But when a classmate was shot on a routine visit to a local jail, she rethought her plan.

“The shooting brought home to me I would be dealing with criminals on a regular basis,” she said.

She wound up instead as a real estate lawyer, and after traveling the world for MetLife, she’s back in the field in which she started.

Markussen is proud of her Gator roots, and returned to the law school this spring as a panelist at the 4th Annual Conference coordinated by the Center for Governmental Responsibility.

“You were there teachers and a real intelligent population of students,” he says. “At the same time, it was a really enjoyable atmosphere, from football games to social events. It was a well-rounded experience.”

Cohen makes a yearly trip back to his native Sunshine State each March, when he joins the Mets for a one-weekend of spring training games in Port St. Lucie. But his heart is in the city he now calls home.

“If I have a day when I can focus on one issue. More often, it’s a bunch of things happening at the same time.”

An accounting major at Florida International University, Cohen worked on Florida Law Review while in law school, and counts UF memories as some of his fondest.

wife, Mary Voce, also an attorney, raised their two sons. Gardner taught full-time until 1969, and has been a part-time pro-

fessor in the graduate tax program ever since.

Thirty-one years ago, he joined the K&L Gates firm, where he still practices as a tax attorney.

“I represent a number of large corpor-

ations, advising them on tax plan-

ning and in disputes with the IRS,” he says. “I have done that for at least the last 25 years. I spend a third to half of my time dealing with disputes with the IRS at all levels, administratively as well as in court.”

With his UF years nearly four decades behind him, Gardner still lists Gator memories as some of his best.

“I enjoyed seven years there and wouldn’t trade those years for anything,” he says. “I liked them immensely.”

in the legal system.

Stinson practiced for 13 years in Florida with the Department of Transportation, in private practice and with the Commission on Human Relations before heading to New York, where she worked in private practice and as a law secretary for two New York State Supreme Court justices.

While with the state supreme court, she assisted in the discovery process and settlement phase of the Happyland Fire Case, which centered around an arsonist who killed 87 people in a 1990 inferno at a Bronx club.

In Florida, she was one of three attor-

neys who brought an antitrust suit on behalf of the Feminist Women’s Health Center in Tallahassee against the head of the Florida Board of Medical Examiners and five local OB-GYN practitioners for pressuring young doctors not to perform abortions.

Stinson lives in the Bronx with her domestic partner and their twins, and no at a Bronx club.

“I’m fortunate to have a great job,” he says. “I liked them immensely.”

Grads Prominent Throughout Gotham Business, Courts, Academia

In addition to the four featured New York area UFLaw alums (left) and UF Gator Club President Ian Leavengood (next page), several hundred graduates of the law school hold key positions in corporate, academic, governmental and public service sectors in the Big Apple.

The ones listed responded to a UFLaw Magazine survey asking for information about their employment:

1960s

• Robert E. Carrigan ’72 Adjunct Professor / New York Law School; Practicing Attorney – Appeals

• David H. Schmudder ’72 Professor of Law / Fordham Law School

• Louis A. Tally ’72 Attorney / Self Employed

• Joseph T. Jurkowski ’74 Managing Director / Bear Stearns & Co. Inc

• Howard R. Snyder ’74 Partner / Fumuso Kelly DeVerna Snyder Swart & Farrell, LLP

• Ronald Schwartzman ’78 General Counsel, Vice President / UnitiFinnancial Services, Inc.

• Edmund Dejowski ’79 Deputy Administrator / City of New York Human Resources

1970s

• Richard A. Stetline ’70 Attorney / Richard A. Stetline, PC

• Robert E. Garrigan ’72 Adjunct Professor / New York Law School; Practicing Attorney – Appeals

• Alex Spitzer ’69 Senior Vice President-Taxes / Nestle Holdings, Inc

• Richard A. Stetline ’70 Attorney / Richard A. Stetline, PC

• Robert E. Garrigan ’72 Adjunct Professor / New York Law School; Practicing Attorney – Appeals

• David H. Schmudder ’72 Professor of Law / Fordham Law School

• Louis A. Tally ’72 Attorney / Self Employed

• Joseph T. Jurkowski ’74 Managing Director / Bear Stearns & Co. Inc

• Howard R. Snyder ’74 Partner / Fumuso Kelly DeVerna Snyder Swart & Farrell, LLP

• Ronald Schwartzman ’78 General Counsel, Vice President / UniTeller Financial Services, Inc.

• Edmund Dejowski ’79 Deputy Administrator / City of New York Human Resources

1980s

• Kathleen Watson ’80 Hearing Examiner / Nassau County Family Court

• David H. Vickrey ’81 Director of Intellectual Property / Akzo Nobel, Inc.

• Thomas R. Arnold ’83 Principal, Senior Vice President / ING Realty Partners

• Katherine Davidson ’83 Attorney / Davidson Law Office

• Russell Levitt ’83 Tax Managing Director / KPMG, LLP

• Carla Martin ’83 Senior Editor / Research Institute of America

• Helen Bonomo Tvetenstrand ’84 Retired / Thacher Proffitt & Wood

• Lynne M. Davis ’85 Senior Counsel, Investment Law / TIAA-CREF

• H. Douglas Garfield ’85 Tax Director, Pepsi-Cola Company / PepsiCo. Inc

• Leslie Y. Garfield ’85 Professor of Law / Pace Law School

• Karen Heiss Eisen ’85 Director, Recruitment and Professional Development / Budd Larner Rosenbaum Greenberg & Sade

• Mark K. Lindenberg ’85 Partner / Goldberg Scudieri Lindenberg & Block, PC

• Michael W. Smith ’86 Executive Vice President, Professional Liability / American International Group

• Maurice Stone ’85 Counsel / Harwood Lloyd, LLC

• Suzanne A. Solomon ’86 Legal Research, Writing & Editorial Services / Suzanne A. Solomon, Esq.

• Gregg A. Stone ’86 Partner / Kirsch Gelbard & Stone, PA

• Mark A. Nelson ’87 Vice President, Counsel / Alliance Capital Management Corporation

• Susanne M. Ruxby ’87 President / Susanne M. Ruxby, Esq.

• Scott Markowitz ’88 Partner / Tootman Nachamie Spitz & Tohns, PC

• Hilary D. Unger ’88 Attorney / New York County Defender Services

• Andrew D. Fisher ’89 Legal Consultant / Con Edison Communications, LLC

• Gerard L. Muhlha ’89 Staff Counsel / Rosso Apoznanski & Hellreich

• Richard I. Stern ’89 Chief Legal Officer / Sky Capital, LLC

• David H. Vickrey ’81 Director of Intellectual Property / Akzo Nobel, Inc.

• Thomas R. Arnold ’83 Principal, Senior Vice President / ING Realty Partners

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• Russell Levitt ’83 Tax Managing Director / KPMG, LLP

• Carla Martin ’83 Senior Editor / Research Institute of America

• Helen Bonomo Tvetenstrand ’84 Retired / Thacher Proffitt & Wood

1990s

• Paul M. Faver ’90 Managing Director / JB Real Estate Investment Group

• Frank J. Kontely ’90 Partner / Purcell Ries Shannon Mulkary & O’Neill

Continued…
Prominent Gotham Grads continued

- Juliet T. Wyne ‘90
  Deputy Attorney General / State of New Jersey, Division of Law
- Bret Herman ‘91
  Commodities Trader / Self Employed
- Randall J. Shaw ‘91
  Vice President / ABN AMRO
  Healthcare Banking
- Sunil K. Agarwal ‘92
  President / Sunil K. Agarwal, PC
- Steve Becker ‘92
  Partner / Special Situation Funds
- Bongard Stremler ‘92
  Of Counsel / DiLorenzo & Rush
- Walter Alex Fallis ‘92
  Associate / Willie Farr & Gallagher
- Robert Limerick ‘92
  Director, Global Tax / Merrill Lynch
- Caren L. Loguercio Sikora ‘92
  Principal Law Clerk to Hon. Emily Pines / N.Y.S Supreme Court – Suffolk County
- Erin Richardson ‘92
  Attorney / Self Employed
- Rabbi Marla J. Feldman ‘93
  Director, Commission on Social Action / Union of American Hebrew Congregation
- Ronna Horwitz-Bard ‘93
  Partner / Turley Redmans & Rosasco, LLP
- Deborah L. Lifshey ‘93
  Consultant / Pearl Meyer & Partners
- Jeffrey A. Tochner ‘93
  Associate / Latham & Watkins, LLP
- Linda B. Zuech ‘93
  Deputy Town Attorney / Town of North Hempstead
- David H. Hall ‘94
  Senior Manager – Tax / Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Steven J. Horn ‘94
  Director, Head of U.S. Operations / Deutsche Bank
- Trenton J. Schmatz ‘94
  Special Agent / Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Navaid Alam ‘95
  Director / Infrastructure Funding Group
- Joshua Benjamin ‘95
  Staff Attorney / Legal Aid
  Society-Criminal Defense Division
- Seth A. Levine ‘95
  Albin & Richman, PC
- Jamie B. Rainerman Mandel ‘95
  Associate / Duane Morris LLP
- Richard F. Silverstein Nisman ‘95
  Associate / Duane Morris, LLP
- Steven Zimmerman ‘95
  Attorney / Law Office of K. Steven Zimmerman
- Scott A. Simon ‘96
  Associate / Levy Booshof & Spinnelli, PC
- Leza S. Tellam ‘96
  Senior Counsel for Mergers and Acquisitions / Citigroup, Inc.
- Kenneth P. Gavie ‘96
  Partner, Insurance
  Coverage/Defense litigation / Lustig & Brown
- Sam Borek ‘99
  Program Director / Camp Laurel
- George A. Callas ‘99
  Manager – Mergers & Acquisitions / Deloitte & Touche
- Michael Stonberg ‘99
  Senior Project Manager / Interbrand
  Wood Healthcare
- Michael Hirsch ‘00
  Senior Tax Consultant / Deloitte & Touche
- Christopher Jackson ‘00
  Urban Renewal Corporation
- Wendy Rubinstein ‘00
  Associate / DeCotiis FitzPatrick Cole & Wirsig
- Veronica Theresa Tucci ‘00
  Associate / Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner, LLP
- Adam D. Wadler ’00
  Attorney / Stern Keiser Panken & Wohl, LLP
- Stacy L. Eberhart ‘02
  Tax Consultant / Deloitte & Touche, LLP
- Douglas D. Nguyen ‘02
  Assistant Vice President / Wachovia Corp.
- Alexa R. Sher ‘02
  Litigation Associate / Greenberg Traurig

In his 24-plus months as president of the Gotham Club, Ian Leavengood ‘00 helped the New York area group achieve positive notoriety back home – with UFAA honoring the club with five major awards since 1999.

Perhaps it is partly attributable to Leavengood’s Florida Blue Key experience, and his UF undergraduate activities (including Alpha Tau Omega, Florida Cicerones, Preview Orientation program director) that got him elected to the university’s Hall of Fame. He graduated with honors with a B.S. and M.S. in tax accounting in 1995, and went to work for Procter & Gamble Distributing Co., as an internal business consultant. He returned to UFLaw in ’97, and during his second stint on campus served as a judicial extern to Florida Supreme Court Justice Ben Overton.

Leavengood, born and raised in St. Petersburg, is currently a tax attorney / accountant for Deloitte & Touche LLP, specializing in federal taxation of mergers and acquisitions.

According to UFAA’s Wiles, there are almost 5,300 known Gator alumni living in the NYC area, and the Gotham Gators consist of approximately 780 dues paying members. Awards received by the group include Outstanding Overall Programming, 1999-00; Outstanding Communications, 1999-00 and 2000-01; Outstanding Membership, 2000-01; and Outstanding Individual UFAA Club Member 2000-01: Leavengood.
American Jewish Committee/Palm Beach County Chapter presented Michael H. Gora, Hodgson Russ LLP partner in Boca Raton, the 2003 Judge Learned Hand Award in recognition of lifelong commitment to his profession and contributions to institutions enhancing quality of life in that area. Gora is certified by the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of the Florida Bar as a specialist in marital and family law. He is serving as president of South Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Stephen F. Rossman, partner with Rossman Baumberger & Reboso in Miami, was 2002-03 chairman of Easter Seals Miami-Dade for third year.

Florida Family Law America Inn of Court presented its 2002 Hernandez Professionalism Award to attorney Barry S. Sinoff of Jacksonville. This award is the only one presented by the organization and recognizes the attorney who demonstrates highest ideals and goals for which the group was founded.

Clay A. Terry, senior partner with Bradley Johnson, was named Citizen of the Year by Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce. Terry helped establish a number of local facilities over the years, including Lake Wales Family YMCA, Lake Wales Care Center and Lake Wales Retirement Center.

Tom Lang has been named senior vice president and trust officer of TexasBank in Fort Worth, and his areas of responsibility include estates, trusts, guardianships and agency accounts. TexasBank serves north central Texas in 27 locations. Lang, who has been in banking since 1969, also earned his B.S. degree at UF.

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) recently honored Dr. Andy Sheldon, founder of Sheldon Associates in Atlanta, with its annual Harmony Award for doing "the-right-thing-not-the-race-thing" to promote racial equality. For eight years, Sheldon has provided legal and trial consulting services to state and federal prosecutors of Civil Rights cases from the '60s which could not then be tried because of the climate in the South at that time.

Joseph P. Milton, senior partner with Milton Leach Whitman D’Andrea Charek & Milton PA in Jacksonville, is serving a four-year term on the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission (2002-06). He is recipient of the 2001 Outstanding Past Bar President award presented by Florida Council of Bar Presidents. In 2000, the Florida Board of Trial Advocates selected him State Trial Lawyer of the Year, and the American Board of Trial Advocates chose him Jacksonville Trial Lawyer of the Year.

Steve Uhlfelder, head of the Tallahassee firm of Uhlfelder and Associates and current member of the State University System’s Board of Governors, is proposing an assessment test for university seniors. He believes such a standardized test would be a way to evaluate student learning and give Florida universities more accountability. Uhlfelder is a former member of the now-defunct Board of Regents.

James F. Page Jr. has formed Page Mediation in Orlando, limiting his practice to mediation after 25 years working with Gray Harris & Robinson PA.

John J. Schickel of Jacksonville has been appointed to a second three-year term and an At-Large Director of The Florida Bar Foundation. He specializes in civil trial work and workers’ compensation with Coker Myers Schickel Sorenson & Green P.A. Schickel is a past member/chairman of The Florida Bar’s Board of Legal Specialization & Education and the Bar Trial Lawyer’s Executive Council. His UF accomplishments include Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Blue Key and UF Hall of Fame, and he is a past “Lawyer of the Year” as designated by the Jacksonville Bar Association.

Martha W. Barnett, Holland & Knight LLP partner and chair of its Directors’ Committee, received an honorary doctor of laws degree at Wake Forest University’s May commencement. Barnett recently was elected to the Appleseed Foundation’s national Board of Directors, a national non-profit organization working to build a just society through legal advocacy, community activism and policy expertise. She chairs Holland & Knight’s Integrated Security Strategies Initiative and practices in the areas of administrative and governmental law, public policy, and state and local taxation. Barnett is a former president of the American Bar Association, and first woman chair of its House of Delegates (See page 28).

J. Bruce Hoffmann now serves as general counsel to the Florida Department of Revenue after more than 25 years in private practice in Miami-Dade County.

Leslie J. Lott, founding partner of the Lott & Friedland PA intellectual property firm in Coral Gables, was appointed to the Department of Commerce’s United States
Browner named as first woman chair

Carol M. Browner ’79 is the first woman to chair the National Audubon Society. She replaced Donal C. O’Brien who retired this fall after serving 12 years as chair.

Browner joined the Audubon Board of Directors in 2001, and oversaw its Public Policy Committee.

“Carol Browner is one of the outstanding conservationists of our time,” said Audubon President John Ficker.

Browner served as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator (1993-2001) in the Clinton Administration. Her accomplishments include strongest public health-based clean air standards for soot and smog; new emission standards for cars, SUVs, diesel trucks and buses; expanded public right-to-know efforts; and she worked with Congress to pass two pivotal environmental laws – the landmark Food Quality Protection Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

“I grew up near the Everglades, where I learned to love birds and wildlife,” Browner said. “I look forward to helping lead this organization as it addresses the many environmental challenges of the 21st century.”

The Society is one of the oldest, most respected conservation organizations in the U.S. Founded in 1905 and headquartered in New York, it has more than 500,000 members and volunteer activists, 500 chapters, and offices in 27 states.

“We’re fortunate to count Carol Browner among our alumni,” noted Professor Alyson Fournoy, director of UFlaw’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program. “She is a great role model for students, and has been generous sharing her expertise – whether teaching in Costa Rica, speaking at commencement or serving on the ELULP executive committee. It takes about five minutes of being with her to realize how deeply she is committed to public service and the public interest.”

Patent and Trademark Office’s (USPTO) Trademark Public Advisory Committee. It advises the Under Secretary of Commerce and Director of the USPTO. Lott also recently represented the prevailing party in a critical decision for the international yachting community – a federal court jury in Florida’s Southern District determining the word “Yachtmaster” is generic and not a valid service mark. Lott and Friedland, now a 12-attorney firm is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2003.

1977

Charles S. Modell, franchise group chair at Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren, Ltd., was recently named to the Strategic Advisory Board of the International Institute for Franchise Education at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. The institute’s goal is to provide high quality programs for prospective and existing franchisors, franchisees and franchise service providers as well as academic teachers and researchers.

Jack Kirschenbaum of GrayHarris in Melbourne is new president of the Brevard Museum of Art & Science. Kirschenbaum, in addition to being a trial lawyer, has an entertainment and sports law practice and as a result of first amendment law specialization also is representing a regional newspaper and a TV station news division.

Buchanan Ingersoll of Tampa reports Richard Oliver has been appointed to serve a three-year term on The Florida Bar standing committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law. He is a member of the firms’ Commercial Litigation and Health Care Groups, and is a former staff attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

1979

James A. Edwards, board certified civil trial lawyer and civil mediator, has expanded mediation services his firm offers. He was certified as an Appellate Mediator by Fifth District Court of Appeal, and also has been accepted to U.S. District Court, Middle District’s panel of civil mediators.

D. David Keller of Bunnell Woulfe Kirschbaum Keller McIntyre & Gregoire PA (Fort Lauderdale) was appointed in January to the American Bar Association House of Delegates for a two-year term. Keller’s practice focuses on representation of attorneys and other professionals in the defense of liability claims and insurance coverage litigation.

1980

Richard B. Comiter (LLMT 81) of West Palm Beach firm of Comiter & Singer LLP is 2003-04 Chair-Elect of the Tax Section of The Florida Bar and a member of the Tax Section Uniform Limited Partnership Act Review Committee. Comiter is a board certified tax lawyer and Certified Public Accountant and recently was selected to be a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Councils. His firm recently added two associates and moved offices in Palm Beach Gardens.

Eric D. Olson is a new trustee of the Allegheny Franciscan Foundation of Dade County, Inc. (AFFDC), a non-profit religious foundation formed to make grants to better serve underprivileged citizens.

1981

The Clara Gehan (see page 28) Association for Women Lawyers (CGAWL), formerly the 8th Judicial Circuit’s chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL), elected Howard M. Rosenblatt as president for 2002-2003. He was first male president of the local chapter, and the first male to serve on the FAWL board. Rosenblatt practices estate planning and probate in Gainesville.
J. Mason Williams III of GrayHarris in Melbourne received one of Junior Achievement’s highest forms of recognition, the National Bronze Leadership Award. Williams, currently on East Central Florida’s JA Board of Directors, specializes in civil litigation, construction law, mediation and arbitration.

1983

Thomas J. Ali practices in Jupiter with Kramer Ali Fleck Hughes Gelb & Bornstein PA, where he has been a partner since 1990.

Scott G. Hawkins, member of the firm of Jones Foster Johnston & Stubbs PA in West Palm Beach, was recognized in the Best Lawyers in America publication. He has served on the Board of Directors of the firm for several years.

Terrence P. O’Connor was named attorney of the month for Legal Aid Service of Broward County’s pro bono program (Broward Lawyers Care). O’Connor specializes in family law with Morgan Carratt & O’Connor in Ft. Lauderdale.

1984

The Florida Bar designated Lawrence J. Marraffino, sole practitioner, a Certified Civil Trial Lawyer. In addition to trial practice in Gainesville, Marraffino also teaches “Law Office Management and Practical Skills” at the Levin College of Law.

1985

Dennis F. Ramsey sold his law practice in Leesburg, and has retired to Las Vegas.

1986

William (Bill) I. Altfield, senior prosecutor in public corruption unit of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s office, uncovered and prosecuted incidents of police corruption which ultimately led to recent convictions of four City of Miami police officers. Altfield also is a member of the Florida Bar’s Grievance Committee, and teaches drama to public school students.

Three Rivers Honors Grads
Creates Spitzer Award, Celebrates 25th

Four UF Law graduates were honored with an award named for a former professor and by State Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Anstead ’63 as part of an event this spring celebrating Three Rivers Legal Services first 25 years of operation.

The four were the first recipients of the Anne L. Spitzer Award for Public Interest Law. Spitzer, an associate law professor, taught family law, evidence, professional responsibility and English legal history and helped establish the law school’s Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics. Spitzer died in 1997 from Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

The Spitzer Award honors Clinics students who have made notable contributions as legal services attorneys or in other areas of public interest law. Clinic students represent people on family law issues and offer a pro se program to advise clients representing themselves.

The first four recipients of the Spitzer Award, introduced and honored by Anstead during ceremonies, are Lynn Kish ’91, Peggy Schrieber ’79, Catherine Tucker ’75 and Thomas Williams ’81.

- Kish worked with Spitzer at Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics. She became a Three Rivers staff attorney after admission to the Bar in 1991, primarily in Lake City.
- Schrieber worked as a Three Rivers staff attorney in Lake City following her admission to the Bar in 1980, eventually becoming the managing attorney. Schrieber left Three Rivers to become a legal skills professor with the Civil Clinics. Currently, she supervises students who assist pro se clients as well as the domestic violence externs at Three Rivers and other public sector offices.
- Tucker was a Clinics student under supervision of Don Peters. She has worked throughout her career in legal services and is currently deputy director and pro bono coordinator for the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.
- Williams started as a Vista Volunteer Paralegal in April 1977 at Storefront Legal Aid, one of the agencies that combined to form Three Rivers. After being admitted to the Bar in 1981, Williams returned to Three Rivers as a staff attorney.

Three Rivers was founded in 1978 to provide free legal services to clients – the poor, abused, elderly and disabled – in a 12-county area. The College of Law has provided support for a quarter of a century through Clinics’ students, Center for Governmental Responsibility and Center for Career Services.

CONSUMER ADVOCATE AWARDED

Stewart ’63 Honored for Post 9/11 Leadership

Larry Stewart ’63 has been honored by the Florida chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates for his national leadership on behalf of consumers and individual rights in the aftermath of 9/11.

Stewart – partner in Stewart Tilghman Fox & Bianchi P.A., Miami – was presented with a special President’s Award, given for only the second time by state units of ABTA.

“Larry’s efforts on behalf of September 11th victims were selfless and provided an important service to the families during a difficult time,” said Florida ABTA president Sonny Meyers in making the award presentation. “He is a past recipient of our Trial Lawyer of the Year award and continues to stand for the highest levels of integrity and professionalism.”

Stewart created and served as founding president of Trial Lawyers Care, Inc., an unprecedented national pro bono program that is delivering free legal services to thousands of the 9/11 victims and their families. He directed the organization’s activities during its initial year 2001-02, and continues on the TLC Board of Directors.

And for the fourth time, Stewart recently was awarded the Association of Trial Lawyers of America’s Widemann/Wysocki Award – given annually to ATLA members who demonstrated a commitment to the organization and the civil justice system.

He has held multiple ATLA national offices in the past 20 years, including heading its ethics and ethical conduct committees, serving on the Board of Governors 11 years and the Executive Committee seven years, and serving as 1994-95 president. He has been president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, active on various Florida Bar committees, founding member of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, and a Fellow from 1989 of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (and on its Board 1989-95).

John A. “Skip” Kirst Jr., shareholder in Gray Harris & Robinson PA in Orlando, was chosen for Leadership Florida Class XX – a statewide annual program of the Florida Chamber of Commerce to develop leadership skills and increase awareness of key Florida issues among the state’s leaders. Kirst concentrates on commercial litigation (including construction, employment and other civil matters).

Courtney B. Wilson, business litigation section partner in Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP, Miami, for second consecutive year is included in the Labor and Employment Law Section in Best Lawyers. Wilson is current chair of The Florida Bar L&EL section.

Michael K. Wilson joined Broad and Cassel as a partner in its Orlando office. He will practice statewide in the firm’s Construction Litigation Practice Group.

Mayanne Downs, attorney with King Blackwell & Downs PA in Orlando, is a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar.

David G. Tucker of counsel in the Pensacola office of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC, received the 2003 Ethics Award from the Florida Association of County Attorneys for acting as a “whistle blower” against the Escambia County Commission for violations of Florida’s open meeting laws. Resigning in 2002 after nine years as county attorney, Tucker was commended for not compromising his legal opinions or becoming complicit in unlawful acts that occurred during his service. He since has provided grand jury testimony and acted as a prosecution witness, helping in a criminal investigation which to date has lead to conviction of four suspended or former county commissioners. Tucker is a past president of the FACA, was honored in 1990 for service by Second Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program, and in 1991 received The Florida Bar President’s Award for pro bono service.

Jose Latour and his Latour & Lleras PA firm has been named by Inc. Magazine in its 4th annual Web awards as one of America’s 15 best Internet companies in its Transformations category. Latour used Web technology to transform his firm into a national one, and credits the commensurate improvement in efficiency with allowing him to regain control of his life. The Gainesville firm focuses on corporate immigration compliance.

1988

Jeffrey A. Grebe with Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, presented “AS IS and Other Related Disclaimers” at the Knowledge Network Fund Assembly 2003. He is a board certified real estate attorney, and has taught as a visiting professor at UF and Stetson University law schools.

Greg McCann, professor and Director of Stetson University’s Family Business Center, received the 2002 Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education. It is given annually to 10-20 educators throughout the country for innovative efforts to help young people better understand function and benefits of America’s private enterprise system.

Darrell Payne is chair of WLRN (Miami) Public Television and Radio Community Advisory Board.

Jose J. Perez recently was invested as a Circuit Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida (Miami-Dade County), assigned to the Juvenile Court Division, after an appointment to the bench by Gov. Jeb Bush. Since 1994, Perez had been serving as Assistant District Counsel in the Department of Homeland Security.
Thirty-five years after making his mark on the Gator men’s tennis record book, James G. “Jamie” Pressly Jr. ’72 is still making a name for himself on the court – as well as in one.

Pressly, 55, was selected for the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) four-man team that competed in August against teams from about 30 other countries in the Fred Perry Cup tournament in Bielefeld, Germany.

Pressly secured his spot by winning the Midwest Championship in July. He is currently ranked No. 2 nationally by USTA in his age group and has been ranked consistently throughout his post-collegiate career in each USTA division.

Pressly practices in West Palm Beach with Pressly & Pressly P.A., established in 1990 with his brother David ’79. Also at the firm are Jamie’s son Grier ’99 and a fourth Gator – John Randolph Jr. ’92. Prior to starting his firm, Jamie worked with former UF President and UF Board of Trustees Chairman Marshall Criser ’51 at a firm then known as Gunster Yoakley Criser & Stewart. Pressly has been listed in every edition of The Best Lawyers in America for estates and trusts, and is a Trustee Emeritus of the UF Law Center Association (LCA).

“I love the law school and have kept up through my service on the LCA Board, plus continuing relationships with a number of professors including Mandell Glicksberg, Mike Gordon, D.T. Smith and Dennis Calfee,” said Pressly, who also served on Law Review and graduated at the top of his class.

Pressly finished his Gator tennis career earning All-America honors in 1969, receiving the Belden award presented to the outstanding UF graduating athlete, and earning a B.A. in liberal arts. Overall he won three SEC individual tennis titles from 1967-69, and remains at the top of UF’s list for single season winning percentage with a .956 (1967).

The Gator sports and law tradition runs deep in the Pressly family, with both David and sister Julie ’83 also having illustrious UF careers. David was All-SEC and still ranks near the top of the record books in career wins (1973-76). Julie earned All-America honors in women’s tennis in 1978 and 1980. And though they did not pursue law degrees or play tennis, Jamie’s other sister Barbara, daughters Page and Barbara, and wife Katie all attended UF.

Inducted in the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976, Pressly recently made a gift of $1 million to Gator Boosters to rename the soccer and track stadium the James G. Pressly Stadium pending appropriate State approvals.

UFLaw Gator Represents NFL Gators

 Brig Gen (USArmy, Ret) Michael L. Ferguson ’89 met with two of his clients last winter – perhaps recognizable to most University of Florida alumni: Washington Redskin Danny Wuerffel (left) and Dallas Cowboy Emmitt Smith. Ferguson represents the two in Florida as a partner in the Pensacola law firm of McDonald Fleming Moorhead Ferguson Green & Smith LLP. This spring, Ferguson was appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for North Florida. Seventy-five such aides serve throughout the U.S., and act as personal representatives of the Army Secretary. Ferguson is a UFLaw Center Association Trustee, University of West Florida adjunct professor and on its College of Business advisory council, and annually honors the UF ROTC cadet who best exemplifies inter-service cooperation.
UFLaw Triple Threat Leader

Sandy D’Alemberte ’62, triple-threat UFLaw grad in major alumni leadership categories, received in August the 2003 ABA Medal — highest honor bestowed by the American Bar Association — recognizing his “exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence.”

“He is known worldwide as a visionary who helped bring hope and security to people who had known only repression and totalitarianism, through introduction of the rule of law as a fundamental concept of government,” ABA President Alfred P. Carlton Jr. said in announcing the award presented at the group’s annual meeting in San Francisco.

“I’m very, very flattered,” D’Alemberte said. “Some great people have received this (including Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and Sandra Day O’Connor and Chesterfield Smith) and I’m honored to be in their company.”


D’Alemberte was born in Tallahassee and grew up there and in Chattahoochee. He did his undergraduate work at University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., and was active in many UFLaw activities before graduating in 1962. Since retiring as college president, he has returned to teaching at FSU’s law school.

J. Timothy Schulte, shareholder at Zimmerman Shuffield Kiser & Sutcliffe PA in Orlando, recently received the highest available rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory indicating he has demonstrated highest professional and ethical standards. Schulte practices commercial litigation, lender representation and construction litigation.

Kenneth E. Crooks recently received a promotion to Associate Dean, School of Aeronautics, Florida Institute of Technology, in Melbourne. His son, Kerry A. Crooks, is an assistant vice-president for public relations at the University of Florida.

As president of Florida Legal Services Inc., statewide legal aid organization helping ensure poor people have access to justice, Noel G. Lawrence has become a Designated Director of The Florida Bar Foundation. Lawrence is a principal partner in Lawrence Parker & Neighbors LLC in Jacksonville, on the board of Florida Board of Bar Examiners, and a past president of Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Board, Florida Chapter / National Bar Association and the Jacksonville Urban League Youth Auxiliary.

Steven J. Stolze of Rathman Holland & Stolze LLC in St. Louis has been elected to serve on the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys for 2003-04. The organization, founded in 1951, represents more than 1,300 trial lawyers. Stolze recently was recognized by Missouri Lawyers Weekly for his role in a major case against Kansas City Southern Railway.

Michael Udine was recently elected as city commissioner in Parkland (near Boca Raton), Broward County.

Ernest A. Cox, shareholder at Gunster Yoakley at West Palm Beach and Stuart, was appointed to the Rural Lands Stewardship Council, which works to create viable rural economies, protect and maintain ecological values and promote land use patterns that retain rural character. Cox, chairman of the firm’s Eminent Domain and Property Rights Practice Group, represents property owners in land use litigation, growth management and eminent domain.

Heidi Feinman, senior trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee in Miami, is a special assistant U.S. Attorney. Feinman has been living since 1998 in South Florida with her husband, Skip Klauber, and two sons, Andrew and Jesse.

Antoinette D. Plogstedt, Orange County Judge since 2001, was recently assigned to County Court Misdemeanor Division. She and her husband live in Orlando with their four daughters.

David A. Wolf with Wood Atter & Associates PA, Jacksonville, lectures regularly – most recently at the University of North Florida – on the issue of Nursing Home Abuse/Neglect in Florida.

Larry C. Frarey was named partner with Kansas-based law firm of Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP in its Geneva, Switzerland, office. Frarey is a member of the firm’s products liability litigation division. He specializes in developing medical and scientific expertise for the defense of product liability cases in the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions.

Keith Scott Grossman, attorney and mediator who offers training and consulting services, recently was awarded designation of Advanced Toastmaster from Toastmasters International.
Scott Rogers recently was promoted to president of MetroGuide.com Inc., a Hollywood company maintaining travel-related contextual commerce Internet sites. Rogers retains the post of general counsel. The Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA) certified Steven J. Solomon, shareholder at Adorno & Yoss in Miami. In addition to passing a comprehensive three-part examination, Solomon had to have a minimum of five years of accounting or financial experience with a certified public accounting firm, and have completed (within last eight years) 4,000 hours of specialized insolvency and reorganization experience.

Lee A. Weintraub is a new partner at Becker & Poliakoff in Fort Lauderdale. He specializes in commercial litigation and construction law.

1992

Charles B. Costar III, shareholder at Zimmerman Shuffield Kiser & Sutcliffe PA, was appointed Chairman’s At-Large Representative on the Orange County Board of Zoning Adjustment. He is a 2002 graduate of the Greater Orlando Leadership Foundation, currently serving on its Board of Directors, and his practice includes real estate, lender representation, land development and land use.

Andrew D. Zaron joined Holland & Knight LLP as partner in Fort Lauderdale. His practice is in bankruptcy, workouts, debt restructuring, corporate reorganization and creditors’ rights.

1993

Benjamin L. Bedard became a named shareholder in the West Palm Beach firm of Roberts & Reynolds PA (now Roberts Reynolds and Bedard PA). Bedard practices in products liability, general casualty, negligence, personal injury, employment discrimination, commercial litigation and medical malpractice.

Turhan Robinson received the Maryland Office of Attorney General’s 2002-03 Exceptional Service Award (equivalent to attorney of the year). He has been appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Maryland, and served as Chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union’s Biennial Conference held in June in Washington, D.C.

1994

J. Hugh Middlebrooks, shareholder of Sarasota’s Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen, has been certified in Health Law by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. His specialties are banking and tax-exempt finance, mergers and acquisitions and healthcare. He is on the Board of Sarasota County Committee for Economic Development and a member of American Health Lawyers Association and Florida Bar sections on Business and City/County/Local Government Law.

1996

The Florida Medical Association named Florida State Rep. Anna (Holly) Benson, attorney with the Pensacola firm of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC, Legislator of the Year in 2002, given to the legislator who provided the most leadership on health care issues during a legislative session. Benson is a member of the firm’s Public Law Group, specializing in municipal finance and tax-exempt securities.

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMER F. MAGUIRE 1921-2003

Raymer F. Maguire Jr. ’48 of Orlando, named UF Distinguished Alumnus in 1999 and former UFFoundation Trustee, passed away in July at 81. He was a longtime supporter of the College of Law and contributed to multiple law school projects.

Maguire worked 50 years for Maguire Voorhis and Wells (founded by Maguire Sr.), joining that firm after his UFLaw graduation. He initially engaged in personal injury defense litigation for insurance companies, and in 1955, after being named a partner, represented major companies in commercial and corporate litigation. In 1998, his firm merged with Holland & Knight LLP, and he was former Senior Counsel at the time of his death.

Maguire was dedicated to the Central Florida area, serving on such Orange County agencies as Citizens Committee for School Boards, Committee of 100, Committee of 200, Heart Association, Chamber of Commerce, Central Florida Development Committee and on Boards of Directors of Junior Achievement, SunTrust Bank, American Fire & Casualty Co., and as General Counsel. Winter Garden Citrus Co-op. Maguire was named 2003 Central Florida Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

He was a significant contributor to ongoing development of the State’s community college system, and is considered “the father of Valencia Community College” which he helped found as chair of the original Board. The VCC Library is named in his honor, the only named facility on that campus. At UFLaw, one of his initiatives was the Raymer Maguire/Holland & Knight fund to help support the Moot Court Team (page 16).

Maguire attended Orlando High School and earned his UF undergraduate degree in 1943. He served in the European Theater of WWII 1944-46, and was discharged as an Army Captain. He is survived by Sara, his wife; sons Dr. Craig Corry Maguire, Dr. Edmund C. Maguire and Raymer F. III (UF B.A. ’75), all of Orlando; daughter Sara Alice Maguire LeMone, Columbia, Mo.; two sisters and eight grandchildren.
R. Scott Collins (LL.M ’98) shareholder with Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen of Sarasota, has been named to advisory board of University of Florida Shands Cancer Center. Collins, who earned his J.D. and LL.M. in Taxation from UFLaw, specializes in taxation, estate planning and administration, and trust administration. He is on The Florida Bar’s Real Property/Probate/Trust Law Section committee on Estate and Trust Tax Planning.

William R. Lowman Jr. (LLMT) shareholder at Zimmerman Shuffield Kiser & Sutcliffe PA in Orlando, recently was named to the Board of Trustees of the Junior Achievement of Central Florida Foundation, Inc. It honors Lowman for dedication and commitment to Junior Achievement, a program that educates young people concerning free enterprise. Lowman practices in corporate law, tax and business planning, mergers and acquisitions, charitable organizations and planning, securities law and international business.

South Texas College of Law Board of Directors recently granted tenure to Bruce A. McGovern (LLMT), a professor in the areas of federal taxation and business organizations. He has twice received outstanding teaching award from South Texas Student Bar Association, and was named Professor of the Year by the South Texas Black Law Students’ Association.

John Ruffier has been named a firm partner and shareholder by Orlando’s Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA. Ruffier specializes in real estate transactions, intellectual property, and development/finance. He is a director of Coalition for Homeless, and past president for Hope & Help Center of Central Florida and the Orlando/UCF Shakespeare Festival.

1997

Brian D. Burgoon, litigation associate with Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP of Atlanta, has been named 2003-04 co-chair of The Florida Bar’s Disciplinary Review Committee – which reviews complaints against lawyers and recommends appropriate penalties, if any, to Florida Bar Board of Governors. The committee also supervises a trust fund that provides financial relief to any clients losing money due to Florida Bar member misconduct. Burgoon was UF Student Body president 1996-97.

Robert Gebaide, attorney in the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler, celebrated with his wife the birth of their son, Jordan David (Oct. 7, 2002).

Kurt A. Raulin is now General Counsel with Royal Palm Communities, a developer of residential condominiums in Lee, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. Raulin is located in Boca Raton and practices in real estate development and finance, corporate and partnership law.

Gary and Mary K. Wimsett recently moved back to Gainesville with their baby daughter, Emma. Gary is Associate Director of contracts and related services for the UF vice president of Health Affairs; Mary is Program Attorney, Guardian ad Litem Program.

1998

E. John Wagner II (LLMT ’99), was elected shareholder with Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota. He represents high net worth individuals in tax, estate planning, and business matters, and structures tax-deferred, Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 exchanges. Wagner has served as adjunct professor at UF Law and a continuing education lecturer to the Internal Revenue Service.
Alligator sports editor, Florida Blue Key president, decorated Korean War veteran, Gator football books author, called by some the dean of the appellate bar in Florida and recognized as one of the country’s best general trial lawyers.

That was Julian Derieux Clarkson ’55, retired attorney-at-law and pioneer resident of Lee County, who died at 74 in July in Fort Myers.

He started with Henderson Franklin Starnes and Holt in that city after earning his UF J.D. with highest honors, graduating first in his class, and worked there 21 years, eventually becoming a partner. He practiced solo for one year, 1976, then joined Holland & Knight as a senior partner in Tampa and later in Tallahassee until his 1993 retirement.

His legal career included serving on Board of Governors of The Florida Bar, vice chair and chairman of the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission, 11th Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee member, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and admitted to U.S. Supreme Court, 5th and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeals, and U.S. District Courts in three sections of Florida. Town & Country Magazine in 1985 named him one of the best general trial lawyers in the U.S.

It was his love of the Gators that made him most recognizable for some. He served on the Board of the UF Athletic Association 1972-74, and published two books on the history of Florida football – “Let No Man Put Asunder,” dealing with the Gator/FSU rivalry, and “Golden Era II: Ever So Close,” subtitled “A Florida Gator Reminisces, 1944-94.”

His interest in sports in general came naturally, as he played on the Fort Myers Senior High basketball, baseball, football, golf and track teams, and then began his sports writing career at UF on the Alligator. In addition to serving as head of Blue Key while at the University, he was Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Tau Delta, earned his undergraduate degree in 1950 with high honors and was named to the UF Hall of Fame. He worked briefly for the Tampa Tribune before being drafted.

He served as a rifle platoon leader at Hill 851, known as “Heartbreak Ridge,” and was awarded a Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Ribbon and U.N. Service Medal. He sustained a shattered ankle during the war, from which he never fully recovered. He next entered UF law school, and was a member of Phi Delta Delta and Order of the Coif.

Clarkson is survived by two sons, James of Fort Myers and Julian of Sarasota (UF ’85, ’86); three daughters – Joanna Clarkson Dansby, Melinda Clarkson Isley (UF ’76) and Shirley Lamar Clarkson, New York; three sisters, brother Judge Hugh E. Starnes ’64, and four grandchildren.
Bar Foundation Bestows Highest Award

Gator Law Grads Honored

Two 1940s UFLaw graduates were honored in June with Florida Bar Foundation’s highest honor – its Medal of Honor – but how different the paths that brought them to the podium during the organization’s 27th annual recognition celebration.

Lois Thacker Graessle ’41

…honored for “a lifetime of selfless volunteer service in pursuit of justice. A feminist, a philosopher, a liberal, persisting in her mission yet today and renewing her call that (we) meet the challenge of making life more equitable for all citizens.”

Graessle was raised in Kissimmee as daughter of an attorney. She grew up assisting at her father’s firm and in 1938 earned her B.A. from Stetson University. The only woman to enter her law class at UF in 1938, she had to sign an affidavit every semester that she was over 21, a Florida resident, and could not obtain law classes she needed at any other state university (see page 26). Her presence among the male student body was greeted routinely with “shuffling” and “other similar, what you might call uncivilized behavior.”

After earning her J.D., she married class president Al Graessle, and they moved to Jacksonville. As a woman, she was not able to find work as an attorney and accepted a legal secretary position. She eventually stayed home to raise five children, but in the 1960s plunged into volunteer work and leadership throughout Jacksonville and Duval County – raising issues for public debate few others dared to raise.

• Because she believed strongly in racial equality, among her first battles was an effort to locally integrate the Girl Scouts.

• She chaired Jacksonville Mayor’s Child and Youth Care Study, leading to significant improvement in meeting needs of disadvantaged and troubled youth, racial minorities and the poor. She helped establish child care centers, emergency shelters for abused children, changes in day and foster care, juvenile court systems, methods of child abuse reporting, and surplus food distribution and school lunches.

• As co-founder of Hospice of Northeast Florida, she challenged healthcare lobbyists to ensure legislation permitting terminally ill to receive hospice care in their homes. And she helped safeguard Legal Aid’s advocacy for the poor when city leaders threatened its credibility and funding.

Robert M. Ervin ’47

…honored for “dedication to improving the administration of justice. A brilliant strategist, an academic, formidable advocate, trusted counselor to clients, wise mentor to aspiring lawyers. In service to the public, typifies highest ideals of the profession.”

Ervin was born in Marion County, but grew up in Tallahassee. He earned his B.S. and J.D. from UF, though his law studies were interrupted by Marine Corp service in World War II – where he served two Pacific tours and attained the rank of major.

He has practiced law in Tallahassee since graduation, and is now of counsel to Ervin Chapman & Ervin.

Early in his legal career, Ervin demonstrated his commitment to the poor as Tallahassee Bar Association Legal Aid Committee chair at a time when pro bono service received little emphasis. His professional leadership includes presidency of The Florida Bar, American Bar Association House of Delegates 1966-91, president of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society, and member of the law school’s Center for Governmental Responsibility appellate litigation board. As member of Florida Constitution Revision Committee 1966-68, he introduced the proposal permitting constitutional amendment by ballot initiative.

• He chaired ABA’s Criminal Justice Section, served as deputy chair of the special committee that implemented the ABA’s Standards of Criminal Justice, and helped secure adoption of ABA’s Code of Judicial Conduct.

• As Florida Bar president, he was instrumental in establishing a permanent headquarters for the organization in Tallahassee, and shepherded creation of the Bar’s Client Security Fund – a then revolutionary and controversial program.

Graessle Family Gator Connections Strong

At time of his graduation, William S. Graessle ’85 was told by Professor Joe Little that he might be the first and only College of Law grad who had both parents as UFLaw grads – his mother, Lois (above), and father, Al, both Class of ’41. [William clerked for Florida Supreme Court Justice Raymond Erlich ’42 (who went to UFLaw with William’s mother), practiced with Mahoney Adams & Criser 1987-92, Holland & Knight 1993-96, and is now a sole practitioner in Jacksonville.] William’s brother, Robert, is an ’89 UF grad (B.A.). Lois Thacker Graessle’s father, O.S. Thacker of Kissimmee, was a ’28 UFLaw grad, and her younger brother – Clarence Thacker – was a ’47 law alumnus.

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**GRAESSLE CONTINUED...**

- In the 1980s, she chaired a committee of 150 that investigated and reported the most serious unmet needs of Duval County. In 2003, she is heading a group examining status of residential resources and services for foster children.

  “She spends most of her days outraged at how the legal system is failing children,” said her son, William Graessle ’85.

  Honored in 2000 by The Florida Bar as “One of Florida’s First 150 Women Lawyers,” discrimination more than 60 years ago kept Lois Thacker Graessle from becoming a practicing attorney. Retired Justice Ehrlich, who earned his UF J.D. one year after Graessle and is himself a Medal of Honor recipient, said several years ago, “She was a victim of her generation. There weren’t many places for women in law, and she never practiced. What a waste of human talent. Society was the loser.”

**ERVIN CONTINUED...**

- He is a member of the University of Florida President’s Council, served on the board of the Florida Endowment for Vocation Rehabilitation and on the Florida Parole Qualifications Committee.

Ervin was nominated for the Medal by attorney Wm. Reece Smith Jr. ’49, a 1981 Award recipient and one of four Gators to serve as president of the ABA in the last 40 years – the most of any law school during that time period.

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**INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP Praised**

**Citrus Chairman Brewer ’85 Killed in Crash**

Classmates of Walter Brewer ’85, killed in late July in an automobile crash, are considering establishment of a UF Law Class of ’85 Scholarship fund to honor the attorney, third generation citrus grower, dedicated family man and 43-year-old chairman of the Florida Citrus Commission (FCC).

Brewer died when two people trying to outrun sheriff’s deputies from Charlotte and DeSoto counties lost control of a stolen Jeep and crashed into his Ford Explorer, which erupted into flames. His sons – James Cole Brewer, 13, and John Dillon Brewer, 10 – were passengers in the truck but escaped.

Brewer had just begun serving his second consecutive one-year term as FCC chairman after being re-elected by his fellow commissioners. He was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to the commission in 1999 to a term to expire in 2005.

“Walter Brewer was a trusted and dedicated servant to Florida,” Bush said.

“His tragic passing is a shock to all who knew him personally or by reputation. Walt’s renowned leadership and honesty were reflected in every aspect of his life.”

Brewer joined the Bartow law firm now known as Frost Tamayo Sessums & Aranda (including UF Law grad Mark A. Sessums ’89) after his UF Law graduation, and in 1989 left that firm with the late John Purcell ’64 to start their own practice. In 1990, the two merged with Boswell & Dunlap in Bartow.

About 1993, Brewer returned to the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run the family business, James D. Brewer Citrus, in Nocatee south of Arcadia, soon after the death of his mother – who had helped run

Brewer’s years on the FCC were described as “turbulent” – due to lagging grapefruit sales, a lawsuit challenging a tax by juice importers, an upcoming fight to preserve a federal tariff on Brazilian juice.

“Walt clearly was one of the brightest people in the industry,” said Andy Taylor, FCC vice chairman. “The industry has lost an outstanding leader, and I’ve lost a good friend. His inspired leadership will be greatly missed.”

Others remembered Brewer as a conciliator who tried to focus the diverse FCC membership on a single course, and as an individual who “did so much good behind the scenes.”

“He was a very dear friend who was widely admired for his honesty, his dedication to family, and his many contributions to the FCC and the citrus industry,” said Dan Richey, former FCC chairman. “Our prayers and sympathy are with his wife, sons and his entire family.”

In addition to his two sons, Brewer is survived by his wife Jan, his father Jim, and brother Bob.

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**Scholarship Fund: Interested in Participating?**

Classmate Ross Goodman contacted UF Law Alumni Affairs & Development and asked about possibility of Class of ’85 setting up a scholarship fund in honor of Brewer. D&AA Assistant Director Kerrie Mitchell has been asked to coordinate this project if there is interest. Her eMail is kmitchell@law.ufl.edu and phone 352.392.9296. Goodman’s eMail is rgoodman@levinlaw.com and phone 888.435.7001.
Richard E. Nelson ’55, noted local government legal expert, adventurer, generous donor and trustee of the UF Law Center Association, passed away in December at the age of 72.

Nelson served for 30 years as County Attorney in Sarasota, where he developed some of the state’s earliest zoning regulations. He worked as special counsel to the governor on constitutional revision in 1967, and served as special counsel to the Florida House of Representatives Committee on Conservation in 1970.

“I just enjoy the living daylights out of the practice of law,” Nelson once told Florida Lawyer (now UFLaw). “Every day there is something new.”

Nelson turned his passion for local government law into a gift for subsequent generations of Florida lawyers. Nelson and his wife, Jane (UF ’56), gave more than $1 million to establish the Richard E. Nelson Eminent Scholar Chair in Local Government Law. Michael Allan Wolf, a prominent scholar in land-use and environmental law, joined UF this fall as the first Nelson Chair (see page 56). The endowment also supports the annual Nelson Growth Management Symposiums.

“Dick Nelson contributed immeasurably to our Environmental and Law Use Law Program (ELULP) financially, but more importantly by his personal participation before his untimely death,” said James C. Nicholas, affiliate professor of law, associate director of ELULP, and professor of urban and regional planning. “Dick Nelson raised the bar for the practice of local government law and then provided resources for present and future government lawyers to meet the high standard of knowledge and professionalism he established. His contributions are tremendous and his participation will be greatly missed.”

In establishing the perpetual endowment in 1995, Nelson said, “It is important to have lawyers educated in the field of local government law because Florida is growing and will continue to grow. With that comes more regulations that ultimately impact the free enterprise system.”

Born in Cincinnati, Nelson earned a bachelor’s degree from Miami University in Ohio, before receiving his UF J.D. After law school he was called to active duty in the U.S. Army, serving two years with occupation forces in Germany. He returned to Florida to practice law and spent seven years in the Army Reserves.

He founded the Sarasota firm of Nelson Hesse in 1966. In addition, Nelson was a founding director of Enterprise Bank and served as the president and director of Sarasota’s Independent Bank. Nelson for 20 years was on the Board of Trustees for New College (now part of the University of South Florida).

When he wasn’t practicing law, Nelson could be found pursuing his other passions: flying, world-class big game hunting and fishing. Nelson took trophies from 15 countries and five continents. During one fishing trip, the avid spear fisherman fought off a 450-pound bull shark. Nelson was a licensed private pilot for more than 50 years, logging more than 5,000 hours and holding multi-engine, instrument and sea plane ratings.

In addition to his wife, Jane, Nelson is survived by son Edward Ginn; daughter Mary Nelson Bryant; and brother, Charles C. Nelson. He also is survived by four granddaughters: Crystal and Jacklynn Nelson, and Megan and Morgan Bryant.

Richard E. Nelson was honored in 2000 by governmental officials and law school representatives – receiving a plaque and gifts to thank him and his wife for their support of more than $1 million to establish the Nelson Chair in Local Government Law and sponsorship of the annual Nelson Symposiums. On hand were Mary Nelson Bryant of Tampa (the Nelson’s daughter), his wife, Jane, and the Nelson’s son Edward of Pompano Beach.
For those of us still fortunate enough to have our fathers – and grandfathers – in our lives, we were happy to be able to take time in June to celebrate Father’s Day. And to pay homage to the person who may have taught us about – or at least expressed his views on – relationships, religion, politics, automobiles, apartments, homes, the need for education, and careers. Perhaps we wrestled with the dilemma of what to get Dad for a present. A card or another tie did not seem to cut it.

**Why the focus on fathers in the alumni magazine?**

Because our fathers and mothers play a vital role in shaping what we hope to become and the persons we are today, it is unsettling to think about a time when they will not be with us. No child likes to be reminded of his/her parents’ mortality, let alone his/her own. Yet one of the most significant life lessons may be skipped if families do not talk about how they will pass their wealth from one generation to the next.

In his book, *Wealth in Families*, Charles W. Collier of Harvard University addresses this missed opportunity. He notes that typically a father and mother meet with a lawyer about executing their last will and testament, and it is usually a private conversation between the spouses and their trusted advisors. Collier, though, is now asking his clients: “Could you give your children a say in their financial inheritance?” He observes that among his clients who do this, “the benefits of including the children in this conversation at the appropriate time fosters open and clear communication and encourages responsibility in the next generation”.

Collier also points out there is more to family wealth than the financial dimension, referring to human, intellectual and social capital. “*Human capital* refers to individual family members and who they are and what they are called to do. *Intellectual capital* refers to how family members learn, communicate and make joint decisions. *Social capital* denotes how family members engage with society at large. The *financial capital*, of course, represents the property of the family.

“Families that include focus on the human, intellectual and social capital of each member have a better chance at growing great human beings and continuing as a cohesive group that enjoys meeting, working and being together for more than one generation,” Collier says.

I solved my annual dilemma this year by giving my father a foldable hammock. I hope he will use this new sanctuary to read his copy of *Wealth in Families*. He taught me everything else, and now it is time for him to teach our family one more critical lesson. How will our family values be preserved when wealth is transferred from one generation to the next? Every family should know the answer to that question.
In 1950, Betty Taylor graduated from Florida State University with a master's degree in library science and wanted to go to Harvard Law School, but was told she could not. “They wrote and said there were many fine law schools in the Cambridge area I could attend, but Harvard did not accept women,” Taylor recalls.

Because she still owed the state of Florida money or employment for a scholarship, she applied instead for a library job at the University of Florida. She was hired in the summer of ’50, and subsequently also was accepted in a part-time program at UFLaw.

This June, Taylor – a Levin College of Law Clarence J. TeSelle Professor and Director of UF’s Legal Information Center – retired after more than five decades as one of the most important female forces on campus and one of the foremost authorities of computers-and-the-law-research.

“She led the academic law nation to investigate, try, develop and push the envelope to insure legal research and information is available to users and in the best and latest format,” says Billie Jo Kaufman, law library and technology director at Nova Southeastern University. “Her early work in technology is in part why we all are where we are today.” In between her 1950 arrival in Gainesville and her June exit exists a remarkable story of perseverance, pride and accomplishment.

In 1950, Betty Taylor arrived in Gainesville and started taking law classes at the nearly-all-male UF law school. Meanwhile, she supported herself by working 30 hours a week at the main UF campus library.

“Two days after starting at the library, I had to work on a Sunday night,” she said. I got there just before they reopened at 7 p.m., and a student assistant wouldn’t let me in. He said, ‘I’ve never seen you before,’ and I said, ‘That’s because I just started on Friday.’

The student assistant was Edwin Taylor, and he wasted little time getting to know the new staff addition. “He and I were married in February, seven months later,” Taylor says with a smile.

After her marriage, Taylor’s bucking of established traditions became more complex. Already a trailblazer – few women attended law school in 1950 – she became even more rare by sticking with her law program although now married.

“When I told the library director I needed a few days off to go on a honeymoon,” Taylor said, ‘Well, that’s the end of your legal career.’ I said, ‘Not necessarily.’”

Instead of backing down, she decided to work full-time at the library and lessen her law school course-load. Subsequently she hit another obstacle that could have ended her legal career.

“Four years after I told the director I was getting married, I had to go ask him for maternity leave,” she says. He said, ‘Well, this will be the end of your legal career.’ I said, ‘Not necessarily.’
“By the way, while I was pregnant, they didn’t know what to do with me,” she says. “When women on the secretarial staff became pregnant, they were required to quit, as it wasn’t appropriate at that time for a pregnant woman to be working out in public. They finally decided I must leave two months before the baby was born and stay out two months afterward.”

As for her slowly progressing legal education, Taylor spent 12 years enrolled in law school part-time, and during these years the male-female ratio began slowly to change.

“It was very exciting,” she says. “I never went to class unprepared. I’d wake up most mornings at 4 o’clock to study, because I was exhausted by 9 the night before after working full-time and tending to a baby. But I did not dare to go to class unprepared.”

Taylor eventually transferred from the main campus library to the law library, which she’d been interested in all along. She had her second child in 1958, and now that she was the mother of two young girls, her former director again thought she’d quit law school. But Taylor wouldn’t dream of it.

Taylor graduated August 12, 1962, and took a job as the law library’s head librarian just three weeks later at a salary 20 per cent less than advertised and offered to a male candidate. The move proved to be a baptism by fire – literally.

“About a month after I took the job, the library just before closing time caught on fire from cigarette butts in a wastebasket” Taylor says. “The fire department sprayed water over the entire reading room, although they only needed to wet the circulation area. All the books were soaked, so we had to air them out and get a dehumidifier. It took us six weeks to return to normal. What a start!”

Taylor noted when she was appointed head librarian, she was invited to faculty meetings. “So I went to my first and participated in their discussions. As the only female, I was immediately appointed secretary. After that, I

Among her many accomplishments during 50-plus years at UFLaw, Betty Taylor in 1981 served as Acting Dean. Here at Spring Commencement she is believed to be congratulating Donald Moore.
Media Law Issues Focus of Noted Professor

Prominent UF communications scholar William F. “Bill” Chamberlin pursues access to information research and media law education with a zeal reserved for those with a true passion for their pursuits.

Chamberlin, the Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar in Mass Communications and founding director of the Joseph L. Brechner Center for Freedom of Information, was recruited to UF in 1987 and joined the law faculty as an affiliate professor in 1996. He teaches courses in advanced media law research and First Amendment theory.

Chamberlin's interest in media law issues was first sparked by his experiences as a professional reporter and editor.

“I became interested in the role of journalism in our form of government,” Chamberlin told the Gainesville Sun. “I was committed to the fact there has to be adequate information flow for the government to work. People have to understand what the government is doing.”

After a stint as an editorial assistant at Congressional Quarterly in the early 70s, Chamberlin returned to graduate school to get a Ph.D. at the University of Washington, focusing on media law and the First Amendment.

He has successfully combined roles as a leading media law scholar and an advocate for open government, often playing an advisory role in matters of access. He advised North Carolina reporters and editors about libel, open government and confidential source issues while a professor at the University of North Carolina between 1976 and 1987.

He has successfully combined roles at UF, acting as a resource for reporters and the public on open government issues while director 1987-99 of the Brechner Center. In 1995, he was an adviser to the 8th Judicial Circuit Court regarding media cover-

age of a murder trial.

As part of his work with the College of Law, Chamberlin is on the advisory board of the Journal of Law and Public Policy and is a member of the Intellectual Property Law Advisory Committee.

His latest role, as director of the Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project, allows Chamberlin to pair his commitment to open government with his interest in mentoring graduate students – many of whom are from the Levin College of Law. The multi-year project is creating a database of the open records and meetings laws in all 50 states. As part of the project, the laws are summarized in plain language and rated and ranked by a panel of access experts.

advised women not to go to predominately male meetings with a yellow pad in hand.”

Because Taylor was the first professional woman to join the law faculty, she said the men were unsure how to treat her in other ways as well.

“They’d never had a woman before on the faculty,” she says. “I was all by myself, and I was very conscious of this. I knew no matter what I did, the men were all evaluating me and that it would affect women following me. So I was very careful about what I did, what I said, what I wore.”

Even social relations proved difficult.

“The dean’s wife invited me to a professors’ wives’ function one morning, and I was very pleased. I enjoyed it, but she called me a couple weeks later and apologized. She was concerned she had offended me by inviting me to the wives’ function. I said, ‘Oh my goodness, don’t feel like that; I enjoyed meeting them.’ But I never received another invitation.

Over time, though, Taylor began to truly fit in, and gained tremendous faculty respect.

By the middle of the 1960s, as baby boomers began hitting college age, admissions soared, and the number of female law students began to rise. Colleges across the nation were beginning to be overrun by unanticipated numbers of students.

“Schools were overwhelmed,” Taylor says, “and our dean decided this was going to happen to the law school, too. He appointed a planning committee, and I was appointed to it as the research person.”

It was an appointment that would change the course of Taylor’s work forever.

“I got in touch with a statistics professor and told him we needed to predict how many law students would be coming in four years,” Taylor says. “The final number was so large nobody believed me. We had 300 students then, and the prediction was more than double in four years – 700.”

The statistics professor had taken Taylor to UF’s new computer lab, something that piqued her curiosity because her sister at that time was doing top secret work with computers for the Defense Department. Because the UF computer was being used only a third of the time for research – not enough time to fulfill the school’s contract with IBM – a lab official asked Taylor if there was something she was working on for which the computer might be used.

“I told him I was working on an index to the Florida Bar Journal, but that it was text, not figures,” Taylor recalls. “But he said let’s see what we can do with it, and assigned me a graduate assistant. We worked on converting all this data to punch cards for the
It was one of the first times a computer had been used to organize legal documents. A UFlaw professor wrote an article about it, earning Taylor an invitation in 1967 to speak at the inaugural International Computers-in-Law Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

“I had never been out of the country, so I was petrified,” Taylor says. “I was one of only two women out of about 500 attending, and was the only woman to give a speech.

“I’d been told complete library catalogues couldn’t be put on computers because the equipment couldn’t handle other languages, and here I was in the exhibits area watching computers printing in German, Italian and others,” she said. “It changed my whole life.

“From that point on, I started writing papers about where we were going in librarianship and law, and I was going to meetings and conferences with deans and judges and professors and giving speeches about the impact of computers on law, she said. “They considered my speeches so outlandish. There was great resistance to computers for a long time, and no-one believed they would become such an integral part of law.”

But Taylor hung on to her belief and became an outspoken international advocate of using computers to assist in legal research. It was during this time she convinced West Publishing executives to install Westlaw at UFlaw, the first such law school installation in the country. She also was invited to join the first Westlaw Advisory Board.

“She was one of the first law librarians to see the value of technology, and had several grants to foster her research interests in this area that resulted in significant publications,” says M. Kathleen Price, former Law Librarian of Congress (1990-94) and most recently director of the New York University College of Law library and professor of law (1994-2003). (Price in July succeeded Taylor, being named UFlaw Associate Dean, Library & Technology, and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law).

While at UFlaw, Taylor has served numerous positions, on more than 100 committees, given more than a hundred speeches and published eight books and pamphlets. In addition to serving as director of the Legal Information Center and a TeSelle Professor of Law (teaching Computers and the Law seminar 21 years, she was law school interim dean (1981), research editor of Florida Law Review, president of UF’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, first woman to chair Southeastern Library Network, president of Online Computer Library Center Users Council and chair of the Joint Committee of American Association of Law Libraries, the Association of American Law Schools and the American Bar Association for LAWNET.

She was granted law librarianship’s highest honor — the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, presented annually by the American Association of Law Libraries. Taylor was the first woman at UF to hold an endowed professorship, and was the first Distinguished Alumnus recognized by FSU’s library school.

Her retirement in June leaves behind a legacy at UF and the College of Law that will last at least another half-century.

“Betty’s name is synonymous with UF, where she spent her entire professional career,” says Price. “She is the only person capable of writing the history of UFlaw (which Taylor will finish during her retirement), both as compiler of

Betty Taylor (second from right) works with then-Dean Jon Mills (left) and members of the faculty of the UF College of Design, Construction & Planning in 2001 preliminary research on needs for the now under-construction Levin College of Law library and facilities expansion. Taylor through dean appointments was an integral part of all three major law school construction projects – Holland Hall Law Center in the ‘60s, Bruton-Geer addition in the ‘80s, and the $22+ million construction in 2003-05.

All in all, it’s been wonderful” Taylor says. “It’s been a very exciting experience. My daughters occasionally asked what they could do to have such a unique career or position,” she says. “And though it might have been more difficult for them, being one of the first women astronauts is what I would compare it to. It’s been an honor.”
Add Years of Professional Success & Scholarship

BY S. CAMILLE BROADWAY

Fifteen degrees, 36 years of teaching experience, 28 years of professional experience, and pages and pages of publications. Breaking down the numbers on four new faculty hires at the Levin College of Law, it is apparent the newest educators represent success in both academic and professional arenas. The group includes two environmental law specialists, an international finance expert and a consumer credit protection advocate.

Michael Allan Wolf

An expert in land-use planning, local government, urban revitalization and environmental law and policy, Wolf will serve as the inaugural Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law.

“The Nelson Chair will give me the platform for continuing to explore intriguing questions concerning essential roles state and local government officials play in shaping the nation’s developed and undeveloped landscape,” Wolf said.

Wolf, who has taught for more than 20 years, was most recently a professor of law and history at the University of Richmond, where he earned a distinguished educator award from the university and an outstanding faculty award from the State Council on Higher Education for Virginia.

Extensively published in law journals, Wolf also is co-author of Land-Use Planning and general editor of the 17-volume Powell on Real Property.

“Michael draws on legal history extensively in his work on land-use law; and his interest in the intersection of land-use and environmental law is a great fit with our program, which emphasizes the relationship of these two fields,” said Alyson Flournoy, program director for the Environmental and Land Use Law Program. “As the Nelson Chair, his interest in land-use will enrich our program in state and local government law.”

Wolf earned a bachelor’s degree in history and English from Emory University, a J.D. from Georgetown University, and an A.M. in history and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He is a native of Lakeland.

“I am excited about joining the outstanding faculty of my home state’s premier law school and looking forward to doing my part to help UFLaw achieve its ambitious goals,” Wolf said.

Christine A. Klein

A dual passion for water sports and water law helped draw Klein to the position at UF’s College of Law, where she joins the Environmental and Land Use Law Program as a professor.

Klein worked four years as an assistant attorney general for Colorado in the natural resources section, specializing in water rights litigation, and was a visiting fellow in the University of Colorado’s Natural Resources Law Center.

“I spent considerable time working with the prior appropriation water law system of the West and the web of treaties and statutes governing the use of the Great Lakes, and will enjoy studying water issues from the perspective of Florida’s unique challenges and innovative legal structure,” Klein said.

She will teach courses in property, natural resources law and water law. Prior to coming to UF, Klein was the chair of the environmental law concentration program at Michigan State University.

Published in multiple law reviews and environmental law journals, Klein has a contract with Aspen Publishing Company to be the lead author of a natural resources casebook to be published in 2004-2005.

“Christine’s scholarship addresses important issues relating to public lands and water law, and helps build our strength in those fields,” said Alyson Flournoy, program director for the Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

Klein earned a B.A. from Vermont’s Middlebury College, J.D. from the University of Colorado and LL.M. from Columbia University. She clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Richard P. Matsch before joining the Colorado attorney general’s office.

“I look forward to joining UF’s talented and dedicated law faculty,” Klein said.
Cally Jordan

Most recently a senior counsel at the World Bank, Jordan brings a world of experience – literally from Armenia to Vietnam – to her associate professor position.

At the World Bank, she was an advisor on financial regulatory reforms, capital markets, and corporate law and governance, and previously practiced law in Canada, New York, California and Hong Kong.

Her experience covers Europe, Africa and Asia and includes experience with Indonesia, Korea, Egypt, Macedonia, Armenia, Slovakia, Tunisia, Vietnam, China, Lithuania, Turkey, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Laos.

“In coming to UFLaw, I hope to pursue my career-long interest in international and comparative financial law, both in my teaching and writing. My recent experience with World Bank has given me a very privileged view on the foment and activity in this area, across every continent, and provided me with boxloads of research ideas,” Jordan said.

Christopher Peterson

An advocate for consumer protection who spent time lobbying Congress and federal regulators, Peterson joins the UF faculty as an assistant professor.

He was most recently a consumer attorney with the United States Public Interest Research Group, acting as lead lobbyist on reform of predatory lending practices and as an advocate for bankruptcy reform and open consumer access to the civil justice system.

“Rules, like all other social institutions, can be misappropriated,” Peterson said. “For this reason, it must be the occupation and obligation of lawyers to make law serve the interests of the people.”

She already has published two monographs, a book and had more than 50 articles in newspapers as well as scholarly and professional journals. Her research publications have been on international capital markets, international trade, corporate governance and commercial reform.

The Canada native earned her bachelor’s degree from Carleton University, and a master’s from University of Toronto. She holds degrees from McGill University in common and civil law (B.C.L. and LL.B.), and a D.E.A. in French civil law from University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne).

She was a law clerk for the Supreme Court of Canada’s former Chief Justice Brian Dickson.

Jordan also worked for private firms in New York, California, Toronto and Hong Kong, specializing in corporate finance, international securities, privatization, and international trade. Between positions in Toronto and Hong Kong, she was an associate professor at McGill University Faculty of Law and was a member of Institute of Comparative Law.

“The world is a small place these days. International and comparative law are essential to every student’s legal education,” Jordan said.

New Legal Information Center Director Returns Home with Extensive Credentials, Technology Expertise

Taking the director’s position at the Legal Information Center is something of a homecoming for UF alumna Mary Kathleen Price.

Director of New York University’s law library and NYU professor since 1994, and previously Law Librarian at Library of Congress, Price grew up in Fort Lauderdale and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from UF in 1963 and a master’s in library science from Florida State in 1967. She taught school in Duval and Brevard counties between the UF and FSU degrees.

“Returning to the state and university where I began my career to help shape the future of a top tier law school’s library services and assist outstanding law students, faculty and practitioners throughout Florida promises to be tremendously rewarding and exciting,” Price said.

Price took on the duties of Associate Dean for Library & Technology and the Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law this summer following the retirement of longtime director Grace “Betty” Taylor (story page 52).

Price joins UF as a visiting professor. The LIC position will become permanent in 2004 after her retirement from NYU.

An expert in technology and international law, Price will shepherd completion of a law library expansion that will catapult UF into the top 20 of law libraries in terms of physical space.

“I am very much looking forward to returning to my alma mater and tackling two major objectives – guiding construction of a top academic library facility and creation of a unified, state-of-the-art technology system at the Levin College of Law,” Price said.

In addition to her UF and FSU degrees, Price earned a J.D. with honors from the University of Illinois in 1973.

Price spent six years at the Library of Congress, overseeing the world’s largest law library and managing the research of 30 foreign lawyers.

During her career, Price also has been a law professor and director of the law library at the University of Minnesota and been a professor and law librarian at Duke University. She spent two years in private general litigation law practice before joining Duke’s faculty.

“In Kathie Price, we have found a worthy and outstanding successor to Betty Taylor, who has served this law school with honor and distinction for more than 50 years,” said then-Dean Jon Mills in announcing her selection earlier this year.
Aftet 10 months’ work, review of 1,200 resumes, personal interviews with 26 prospects in Washington, D.C., and 21 interviews on campus, 11 UF Law faculty and two students declared their objective met: the securing of nine exceptionally well qualified educators for the Levin College of Law.

Those hired on recommendation of the law school’s 2002-03 Appointments Committee include a new director of the Legal Information Center, an organization director, one visiting chair and six regular teaching faculty. Six of the nine started this Fall (pages 56-58).

Two professors hired to report in Fall 2004 are Assistant Professor Mary Jane Angelo, former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency attorney now with the St. Johns River Water Management District (she’ll teach environmental law), and Associate Professor Diane Ring, who practiced international tax law in Washington, D.C., before joining the Harvard law faculty. The visiting academician will be Boston University School of Law Professor Tracey Maclin who will visit UF Law for Spring 2005 to fill the Huber Hurst Eminent Scholar Chair.

Appointments Committee chair leading one of the most extensive hiring campaigns in law school history was Professor David Richardson, former director of the law school’s Graduate Tax Program.

“Members of the committee, Dean Mills and the rest of the faculty worked very hard to identify, attract and hire this extraordinary group of educators and scholars,” Richardson said.

Also serving on the committee were Professor George Dawson, former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Ed Rood Eminent Scholar in Trial Advocacy & Procedure Jerold Israel (story page 53); David H. Levin Chair in Family Law and Professor Barbara Bennett Woodhouse; Chesterfield Smith Professor Nancy Dowd; Professor Elizabeth Lear; Irving Cyen Professor Sharon Rush; UF Research Foundation Professor Lynissa Lidsky, and Associate Professors Pedro Malavet and Valerie Sanchez. Two law students serving were Erin Gray 2L and Canaan Himmelbaum 2L.

**New Race and Relations Center Director: ‘Renaissance Woman’**

Described by a search committee member as a “renaissance woman,” Katheryn Russell-Brown will be able to exercise the full range of her expertise as new director for the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations.

“We were looking for a person of vision and versatility – but we never dreamed we could find a lawyer, scholar, teacher, sociologist, mentor and administrator wrapped up in one,” said Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, a search committee member and David H. Levin Chair in Family Law, director of Center on Children and the Law and co-director of the Institute for Child and Adolescent Research and Evaluation.

Taking the position previously held by Assistant Dean Rahim Reed, Russell-Brown will head the multi-disciplinary center established to promote racial understanding, interracial dispute resolution, racial equality and racial healing. The center seeks to influence public policy through projects at the university, local, state and national levels and through guest lectures, and annual state and national conferences.

“The Center originated from a group of faculty at the Levin College of Law and is housed there, but it has functioned with the support of faculty throughout the university as well as community leaders locally and across the state,” noted Provost David R. Colburn.

Russell-Brown comes to UF from the University of Maryland, where she was an associate professor of criminology and criminal justice and director of undergraduate studies. She previously worked at Alabama State University and Howard University, and was visiting professor at City University of New York Law School and the American University Law School.

Russell-Brown earned a bachelor’s degree in legal studies from the University of California—Berkley; a J.D. from University of California’s Hastings Law School; and a Ph.D. from Maryland. After getting her J.D., she worked two years as a legal fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

“We conducted a thorough national search to find someone with Katheryn’s unique combination of scholarship and leadership,” said then-Dean Jon Mills, who has returned to director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility. “She not only has strong academic credentials, she possesses the ability to foster unity and understanding across campus and throughout the state. I believe she will deepen our knowledge of racial issues and help us develop strategies for the future.”


“This is a wonderful opportunity to continue and elevate the important but challenging local, national and global conversation on race,” Russell-Brown said. “UF’s law school offers an intellectually rigorous and welcoming environment for this work.” 📚
International Distinguished Foreign Educators Integral to UFLaw Initiatives

BY AMANDA GROOVER

European taxation, international banking law, public prosecution and international financial crimes were among topics discussed with UFLaw students and faculty by noted international educators on campus in 2002-03.

South Africa, the Netherlands, Australia, France, Turkey and Germany were among countries represented by foreign professors participating in one of the College of Law’s many international program initiatives.

“During this time of increased globalization, we have the challenge to teach International Law and the international aspects of every area of the law,” notes Associate Dean for International Studies Stuart Cohn, Gerald A Sohn Scholar and law professor. “That’s why visiting foreign faculty each term are so important to our students and programs.”

Hugh Culverhouse Eminent Scholar in Taxation Lawrence Lokken’s spring class on European Taxation was enriched with lectures from Dieter Birk, Westfalische Wilhelms University in Germany; Kees Van Raad, Leiden University, Netherlands; and David Oliver, Cambridge University.

Other spring visitors included Charl Hugo, an international banking law expert from University of Stellenbosch, South Africa; José Ribas Vieira, a contemporary constitutional law expert from Pontificia University, Brazil; and John Duns, professor of competition and insolvency law at Monash University, Australia.

Last fall, foreign guests lecturing for Chesterfield Smith Professor Fletcher Baldwin’s class on International Financial Crime were Pierre Mousseron, Université de Montpellier, France; Barry A.K. Rider, Director, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London; and Peter German, Chief Superintendent, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada.


Legal experts from South Africa participated in Nagan’s enrichment class on public law, including Saras Jagwanth and Anashri Pillay, University of Cape Town, and Templeton Mdlalana, an advocate from the Eastern Cape. 

PIONEERING AFRICAN AMERICAN FACULTY MEMBER

Moorhead Memorial Service in August

Memorial services for Emeritus Professor Michael J. Moorhead were held in late August after his passing earlier in the month. He retired in 1994 after 24 years of teaching (16 at UF), and was one of the first African Americans hired on the UF Law faculty.

He started in 1978, teaching property and administrative law, and was active in campus, regional and U.S. law organizations. In 1981, Moorhead was elected president of Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), the major national organization dealing with minority admissions in U.S. law schools. Then-Dean Frank T. Read said “this is an extremely significant office in national legal education, and (Michael’s) election is a source of deep pride to this law school.”

Moorhead earned a B.A. at George Washington University, his J.D. cum laude at Howard University School of Law, and he edited the Howard Law Journal. He clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, and was on the Howard faculty eight years. He was a visiting professor at University of Richmond, past chair of the Florida Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Committee, and served as consultant to Legal Services Corporation and the Civil Rights Reorganization Project, Executive Office, U.S. President.

He did extensive public service work, including serving on the Rental Accommodations Commission in Washington, and in 1977 was on President Carter’s Reorganization Task Force that looked into Federal Government implementation of civil rights policy. He published extensively on civil rights, affirmative action and legal education issues.

Survivors include his wife, Jacquelyn, Gainesville; two daughters, Brenna and Cathryn; father James; and four sisters, four brothers.
They Impacted Thousands of Lawyers

UFLaw loses five unique, experienced educators to retirement

BY S. CAMILLE BROADWAY

Service – to school, community, state and nation – is the common thread twisting through lives and labors of five College of Law retirees. Collectively, the five who retired from their positions as of July put in more than 140 years of service to UFLaw and more than 40 years in private practice. The group includes veterans, advocates, outstanding teachers and scholars (separate story on Betty Taylor, page 52).

Francis McCoy '55

 Joined UFLaw 1956; Law Librarian 1957-62; named Professor 1962.

In the academic world where resumes can run to volumes, Professor McCoy's summary of his vast and varied experiences takes up a single page.

It succinctly summarizes his time as PanAm flight steward, his work with the U.S. Foreign Service in Asia and Africa, and a long military career that took him from the infantry to military intelligence and finally to judge advocate. Somewhere near the bottom of his resume is his own UF career summary: assistant librarian, law librarian and “full-time law teaching.”

His resume’s brevity reinforces McCoy’s reputation for modesty, an oft-repeated description from his peers. And his reputation for modesty is only exceeded by his reputation among faculty and students as an intellectual with a wealth of knowledge and an insatiable curiosity about other languages and cultures.

“When foreign students have needed help and attention, Professor McCoy has been the first called to counsel and inform them, for more likely than not, he speaks their language,” notes Cheryl Priest 3L.

He brought this zest for learning to discussions of admiralty law, legal history and family law. His exams were described by one colleague as “priceless,” weaving in current and historical events to give his discussions a sense of reality. One exam focused on a painting of Queen Isabella, and a 1977 exam discussed a hypothetical “war” for the oil deposits of Kuwait.

On 9/11, his class – shaken by the day’s events – was reluctant to discuss the assigned course topic. Instead, McCoy delivered an impromptu lecture on Middle Eastern history, explaining to his students the origins of Middle Eastern attitudes toward the U.S.

“I am sure he held the class spellbound that he could talk for an hour or so on this history of the Middle East, bringing it up-to-date, without any advanced preparation,” said Betty Taylor, former director of the Legal Information Center. “He is truly an extraordinary intellectual.”

His students valued both McCoy’s intellect and his skills as an educator.

“Faculty and students recognize him as a person who diligently, thoroughly and patiently benefits all of us with his tremendous knowledge and ability to communicate that knowledge,” Priest said.

David “D.T.” Smith

Joined UFLaw as Associate Professor 1968; named Professor 1969.

A famous wit with a skeletal sidekick (see UFLaw: Fall 2002), Professor Smith is identified most frequently by his initials “D.T.” and known most readily for his legendary classroom humor.

A Boston University law school graduate, Smith joined UF’s law faculty in 1968 after teaching stints at Case Western Reserve, Duquesne and Indiana. He taught courses in personal property, real property, trusts, wills, fiduciary administration, future interests, trial tactics, professional responsibility, and legal research and writing.

It is his Estates and Trusts classes that for more than a decade featured a skeleton – nicknamed “Trixie the Testatrix” – to demonstrate line-of-vision for witnessing will signings. Students report frequent Trixie/Smith debates and frequent laughter.

“In between the laughter, you realize you are learning,” said Bradley Rothman 3L.

An authority on probate law, Smith is author of the Florida Probate Code Manual, which he plans to continue updating after retirement. He also has authored the Florida Estates Practice Guide and The Family and Inheritance.

He is known for his service as well as his humor, playing instrumental roles in recent years on the law school’s Admissions Committee, serving as a Faculty Senate member and frequent committee chair, and advising many student organizations through the years. He will teach at the University of Georgia College of Law in Spring 2004.

“His unique combination of humor, scholarship and community involvement have made him an absolute legend in the Florida legal community,” Rothman said.
Winton E. “Skip” Williams

Joined UFLaw as Assistant Professor 1969; named Associate Professor 1973; Professor 1977.

On a national level, Professor Williams is known for his work on consumer credit practices; at UF, he is known for dedication to teaching and his concern for students.

Described as a “Southern gentleman” by former students, Williams served two years on active duty in the U.S. Navy before getting his law degree at the University of Mississippi. He worked in private law practice seven years, focusing mainly on commercial law, real property and probate issues. He joined UF in 1969, and earned an LLM from Yale four years later.

Williams over the years taught courses on contracts, consumer law, business organizations, legal ethics, creditor’s remedies and bankruptcy, secured transactions in personal property, sales and commercial transactions.

His work in consumer credit law has had a national impact, winning him an university-wide Increased Productivity Award in 1999. He authored a 1998 book, *Games Creditors Play: Collecting from Overextended Consumers*, critiquing U.S. collections systems.

But it is his work with students that earned Williams the most heartfelt praise.

“He is most well-known and respected for his approachability and generosity to students. He genuinely takes an interest in his students, welcoming them to his office and encouraging their thoughts and ideas in the classroom,” said student Lori Moore 3L.

Elizabeth McCulloch

Joined UFLaw as Division Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility 1980.

As director of social policy for the Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR), McCulloch spent her career fighting for the disadvantaged, elderly and the poor.

First a VISTA volunteer and then a staff attorney at the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, McCulloch served in the elderly and family law units. The Duke law school graduate took the position with CGR in 1980. As part of her duties, McCulloch spearheaded community education and advocacy efforts concerning poverty, health policy and family policy. She published a manual, *Making Welfare Work* (for you!), to help clients and advocates navigate the Florida system.

“She has been a great advocate for the less fortunate of Florida and this area. She has been our conscience,” said Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, founding and current CGR director.

Her teaching was focused on poverty law and policy, and family law. She also was director of the Florida Bar Foundation Public Service Law Fellows program, which funds students who serve in agencies providing legal services to the poor.

She chaired the Board of Directors at Peaceful Paths (domestic violence shelter), served on an Alachua County task force on indigent health care, and chaired an anti-poverty coalition. She was honored in 2001 as an Alachua/Bradford County Woman of Distinction for her community service efforts.

“She has changed the lives of many people and has changed the perspective of many others. We owe her a great debt,” Mills said.

Richard Hiers ’83

Joined UFLaw as Assistant Professor of Religion 1961; named Associate Professor of Religion 1966; Affiliate Professor of Law 1994.

While “lifelong learning” is a phrase many use, Professor Richard H. Hiers has exemplified it throughout his UF career. He joined as an assistant professor of religion in 1961, after earning four degrees from Yale (including a Ph.D.).

Not content with four degrees, Hiers stepped back into student role at UF’s College of Law and earned a J.D. in 1983. As part of his legal training, he clerked 1987-88 for Judge Jerre S. Williams on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Widely published in the field of Biblical studies, Hiers combined his interest in Biblical ethics with interests in modern law, social ethics and the environment to publish in numerous legal journals. One of his most recent publications in the Journal of Law and Religion is *Biblical Social Welfare Legislation: Protected Classes and Provisions for Persons in Need*. His scholarship has additionally focused on academic freedom, employment discrimination and government employee free speech issues.

As a UFLaw affiliate professor, he taught courses in law, ethics and social policy.

He served on the Faculty Senate and various campus-wide committees, serving as president of UF’s American Association of University Professors, and UF chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

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*Florida Law Review ‘Mother’ Retires Editing Skills After 27 years*

Sharon E. Best who hired Vivien Payne as permanent full-time staff editor in 1976 said it was Payne’s “typing skills and knowledge of Bluebook rules” that set her above other candidates. Those, plus Payne reminded Best of her mother.

During her 27 years with the *Law Review*, Payne (center above) became known as much for her home-cooked meals and unvarnished concern for the staffs as she did for her organization, her masterful editing and her understanding of all things Bluebook.

It is Payne’s skills as a teacher, a mentor, an advisor and a friend that led editors to describe the now-retired Payne as a “constant,” “an institution,” “a rock” and “the glue that has held the Review together.”

Payne began her career at UF in 1968, working as an assistant to Dean Emeritus Henry Penn (1948-56 as dean).

When Best hired Payne, “cutting and pasting meant using scissors and scotch tape, and a ‘correcting electric’ typewriter was state of the art technology.”

The *Review* at the time also received only about 20 article submissions a year and had a two-and-a-half year production backlog. Today, *Review* receives almost a thousand submissions and publishes on-time five times a year. One issue is dedicated to the annual Dunwoody Distinguished Lecture in Law, a program begun in 1982.

A special dedication in this summer’s issue of the *Review* estimates Payne assisted with 132 issues and edited more than 880 articles. The staff describe her as a “thoughtful and thorough editor – one who knew how to improve writing without intruding on an author’s voice.”

She also touched the lives of more than a thousand student staffers.

“She always was available to students,” said current Editor-in-Chief Juan Diaz. “When they were hungry, she fed them. When they got married, she was there. When they needed help or guidance, she was there.”

Payne plans to garden, cook, read, and spend time with her four grandchildren.
Our society has long been ambivalent about mental illness. Nowhere is this ambivalence more dramatically exposed than in death penalty cases. Mental illness is expressly recognized as a mitigating factor in death penalty statutes, yet research amply demonstrates that it is considered an aggravating circumstance by most capital sentencing juries.

In *Ford v. Wainwright*, the Supreme Court prohibited execution of people who become “incompetent” once on death row but, because of narrow interpretations of the *Ford* ruling, people with serious mental illness are routinely executed, sometimes after they have been forcibly medicated to “restore” their competency and sometimes even while they are still flagrantly mentally impaired.

There are at least three reasons why the death penalty, even if generally a valid exercise of state authority, should never or rarely be imposed on those who are severely mentally ill.

**First:** Now that the Supreme Court has prohibited imposition of the death penalty on people with mental retardation, it cannot continue to countenance execution of those who suffered from severe mental illness at the time of their offense. Any state that executes such people is violating the Equal Protection Clause.

**Second:** Even if, contrary to the first argument, imposition of the death penalty on people with mental illness is constitutional as a general proposition, the fact that capital sentencing juries usually treat such illness as an aggravating circumstance despite instructions to the contrary means the bulk of death sentences imposed on mentally ill people are deprivations of life without due process of law.

**Third:** Even on the assumption that an individual death sentence is valid, most people who remain mentally ill or become so once on death row should not be executed, either because they are incompetent under the correct interpretation of *Ford*, or because their competence is maintained through an unconstitutional imposition of medication.

The first argument: It flows from last year’s Supreme Court decision in *Atkins v. Virginia*, which held that execution of people with mental retardation violates the Eighth Amendments prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. Principal normative reason the Court gave for this decision was that mentally retarded people who commit murder are neither as culpable or as deterrable as the average murderer. The equal protection argument is simply that the same assertion is true about mentally ill people who kill, at least when mental illness is equated with psychosis. That condition’s association with delusions, hallucinations and other serious impairments in judgment and behavior significantly lessens blameworthiness and ability to abide by the law, probably more so than mental retardation does.

But only one death penalty state (Connecticut) prohibits execution of a person who was mentally ill at time of the offense. Juries and judges are very hostile to defensive claims based on mental illness (in fact, as noted above,
they often treat mental illness as an aggravating circumstance). As a result, a sizeable number of people experiencing psychosis at the time of their capital offense are sentenced to death. In contrast, at the time psychosis at the time of their execution of people with mental illness, and the rest rarely, if ever, actually put them to death.

These facts have diametrically opposed implications for the two constitutional doctrines most relevant to the proper scope of the death penalty. They undercut an Eighth Amendment cruel and unusual punishment claim on behalf of the mentally ill, because that claim requires a national consensus against the type of punishment in question, which clearly does not exist when it comes to execution of people with mental illness. But the very notion that these people can continue to be executed when people with retardation cannot be shows an “irrational prejudice” against the first group that is not justified by any legitimate state goal, and thus violates equal protection of the laws.

I can conceive of three reasons why a state might claim that, even after Atkins, execution of people with mental illness is legitimate, to wit: compared to mental retardation, mental illness is (1) harder to diagnose; (2) more avoidable; (3) more likely to lead to violent behavior. None of these reasons withstands close analysis.

Unfortunately, research about attitudes toward individuals with mental illness strongly suggests most of us inaccurately view such people to be abnormally dangerous. More direct proof of the irrational prejudice at work in capital cases comes from the mammoth Capital Jury Sentencing Project, which included analysis of emotional responses of 187 jurors serving on 53 capital cases 1988-97. That analysis revealed that of the eight most common emotions experienced during the jury’s sentencing deliberations (including fear, sympathy, anger and disgust) only “fear” of the offender correlated significantly with the final sentencing vote. Researchers also found the most feared type of offender was one perceived to be a “madman” or “vicious like a mad animal.” The type of offender most likely to fit the “madman” category, of course, is one who exhibits symptoms of mental illness.

Now that people with mental retardation cannot be executed, execution of people who were afflicted with significant mental illness at the time of the offense has no rational basis. The only reason such executions continue is a disproportionate fear of these people. One very significant way in which the irrationality of that fear can be exposed is by halting these executions, now.

Associate, Assistant Deans Named

Three new associate and two new assistant deans have been named by the law school administration to help lead the College of Law on its march toward eventual Top 10 public law school ranking.

Gerald A. Sohn Research Scholar and Professor of Law Stuart Cohn is now also Associate Dean of International Studies. Cohn, named coordinator of International Programs in 2001, has been at UF Law since 1977. His accomplishments include supervision and development of international law curriculum. He has an LL.B. from Oxford University, and two B.A.’s – one from Yale and a second from University of Illinois.

Patrick Shannon, also already on staff, was promoted to Associate Dean of Administrative Affairs. He joined the law school as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs in 1996, serving as a liaison among students, faculty and administration. He earned undergraduate degrees from Kentucky Christian College, two graduate degrees from Abilene Christian University, and a Doctor of Education and J.D. from the University of Louisville. He will be responsible for the school’s budgeting process, personnel and physical plant – including coordination for the new and renovated facilities.

New to UF Law and its administration is Kathleen Price, new Associate Dean of Library and Technology and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law (see page 57).

Richard Ludwick succeeds Shannon as new Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, his same title since 1999 at the University of Oregon. He will assist students with personal and academic counseling, oversee registration, and coordinate accommodations under the ADA. Ludwick earned his B.A. from University of Evansville, M.A. from Columbia, and J.D. from Indiana. He has prior academic experience at Ball State University and American University, and worked eight years as partner at Indiana law firm of Ludwick & LaRue.

Linda Calvert Hanson ’86 has been named Assistant Dean for Career Services, coming to UF Law from Florida Coastal School of Law where she held a similar position since 2000. Previously, Hanson was General Counsel for the Flagler Estates Road & Water Control District and worked for State Department of Business & Professional Regulation. Her background includes assistant professor at University of Central Florida (Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies) and as staff associate in UF’s Center for Criminology & Law. While teaching at UF, she served on the Athletic Association Board of Directors and multiple committees.

Complete information on UF Law administrators: www.law.ufl.edu/faculty.
The search committee for the University of Florida's 13th dean of its College of Law had a tall order: Find a candidate with a national reputation who could handle all roles required of the leader of a top-tier institution seeking to become one of the Top 10 public law schools in the country and in the initial phases of a $22-plus million facilities expansion program designed to make it a state-of-the-art campus.

In Robert H. Jerry II, 50, the University and its law school believe they have found a person who understands completely what is needed at the Levin College of Law and what it will take to meet its aspirations and objectives.

In addition to 22 years of teaching experience, scholarly research and the writing of books and articles, Jerry served before as a law dean – from 1989 to 1994 at the University of Kansas School of Law.

In announcing his selection, UF Provost David Colburn noted, “he is a leading scholar in his field and widely respected nationally. He practiced law before joining academia, and it is this combination of private-sector experience and national standing as an administrator that attracted us to Professor Jerry. We believe he offers the Levin College of Law great leadership.”

And Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, who has returned to the faculty and directorship of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, said “he brings tremendous breadth and depth of experience and an outstanding reputation for excellence with him, and we are truly fortunate to have attracted someone of his caliber. He understands the issues this law school faces, has great vision and understands where we’re going.”

During his first 24 months at UF, Jerry will oversee the multi-million dollar facilities expansion and doubling of Legal Information Center space. He also will assume the task of raising UFLaw’s ranking into the top 10 of public universities, oversee a faculty of 59 tenured / tenure-track professors and several hundred legal skills professors and other educators and staff, and counsel the 1,200 students making up the second largest public law school class in the country.

“You already have faculty, staff and students of extraordinary quality,” Jerry

Help wanted: Noted scholar, educator, leader, communicator, long-range planner with proven skills in money management, curricula, employee supervision, public relations, diversity promotion. Commitment to integrity, academic excellence, professional service, cultural diversity. Fund-raising abilities a must. Interpersonal skills essential.

BY S. CAMILLE BROADWAY

Dean Proposes Innovative ‘One Hour’ Plan

Emphasizing the need for increased private financial support as UFLaw faces continuing State budget cuts and increasing needs to reach its Top 10 goal, Dean Robert Jerry told alumni and law school officials he will this Fall “ask those not presently giving to consider donating ‘one hour’ a year to the College. If many more of our alums would support our students and programs with the equivalent of just one hour per year – at the normal billing rate (or annual earnings divided by annual hours if a prosecutor or public defender or such) – we would be able to make the kind of investments that will propel us toward our goal of being among the nation’s finest public law schools.”
said, “but I am confident if we work together and make good decisions that build on this great foundation, the law school’s best years are in the future.”

In addition to improved facilities, the school’s strategic plan calls for more alumni participation, a larger endowment, a better student/teacher ratio, more spending per student, and greater faculty research and scholarship.

“I want to take a look at all the resources that support our research mission and see if we can’t get more efficiency to advance our research agenda,” Jerry told the Gainesville Sun.

A prolific researcher himself, Jerry taught and published in the areas of insurance law, contracts and health-care finance and access. He also has authored Understanding Insurance Law, now in its third edition, and co-authored Insurance Law: Cases and Material and an accompanying teacher’s manual.

In an open letter to the law school community, Jerry wrote that he “did not want to be a dean again unless it could be at an institution where there was a shared commitment among faculty, administration and alumni to take a strong institution to the next level. I believe I have found that situation at Florida.”

Jerry earned a bachelor’s degree magna cum laude from Indiana State University in 1974, and his law degree cum laude from the University of Michigan in 1977. He clerked for Judge George E. MacKinnon on the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, and then spent three years in private practice with the Indianapolis law firm of Barnes Hickam Pantzer & Boyd.

Most recently, Jerry was the Floyd R. Gibson Endowed Professor of Law at the University of Missouri. He also taught 1981-94 at Kansas and 1994-98 at the University of Memphis, where he was the Herbert Herff Chair of Excellence in Law.

“When you talk about laws, you’re talking about how we order society and how we value our communities,” Jerry told the Sun. “For people who are committed to service in the community, we have the opportunity to make life better for a lot of people, and that can bring a lot of fulfillment.”

He and his wife, Lisa, have two sons – John and James – and daughter Elizabeth.
31 Days in July
If This is Tuesday, It Must Be Palm Beach…

Though Robert H. Jerry took office on July 1st, becoming the University of Florida Levin College of Law’s 13th dean, his primary meeting space the balance of the month was on the road – in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville and Tallahassee, to be exact.

Dean Jerry, Dean Emeritus Jon Mills and representatives of UFLaw’s Development & Alumni Affairs office spent most of July meeting with and calling on Gator law alums in five major cities. The same group in late June met with Orlando alumni at a symbolic changing-of-the-guard leadership reception during The Florida Bar annual conference. Collectively, more than 400 grads and their spouses / friends turned out for the six evening events.

In addition to those city receptions, Jerry also made visits to more than 50 offices and firms to talk with and meet UFLaw alums.  

Note: In photo cutlines on pgs. 66-67
LAC = Law Alumni Council
LCA = Law Center Association

1) West Palm Beach
Dean Robert Jerry (center) presents Estates & Trusts Book Award sponsor plaque to members of Jones Foster Johnston & Stubbs PA – including (from left) Theo Kypreos ’02 (LAC); Sid Stubbs ’85 (LCA); Larry Alexander Jr. ’01; and Adams Weaver ’70 (LAC).

2) Miami
Gunster Yoakley & Stewart was well represented with (from left) Ingrid Hamann-Ponce ’98 (expecting, ironically, weekend of the Gator/UM game), Spencer Crowley ’01 (LAC), Aaron Restick ’97, and Mark Scheer ’87 (GYS shareholder who heads the Miami office).

3) West Palm Beach
Bill Bone ’84 (LCA Trustee and LAC past president) of Larmoyeux & Bone and his wife, Dr. Melanie Bone, were hosts for this reception and among individual sponsors.

4) Tallahassee
Reception attendees included Judge Charles Kahn ’77; Florida Division of Administrative Hearings Judge Barbara Staros ’77, and her husband Joseph Mellichamp ’70 (LAC) with the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields.
5) West Palm Beach

6) Tallahassee
Dave Mica, Florida Petroleum Council executive director and immediate past president of the UF Alumni Association, visits with (center) Larry Sellers Jr. ’79 (LCA) of Holland & Knight LLP, and Gary Printy ’82 (LAC).

7) Jacksonville
Among 60 alumni at this reception were law school classmates L. Kinder Cannon III ’66 (left) of Holland & Knight LLP, Circuit Court Judge Charles O. Mitchell Jr. ’66, and Eric Smith ’67, Assistant Dean for External Affairs, Florida Coastal School of Law.

8) Miami
Jeff Feldman ’81 of Feldman Gale & Weber (LAC) and Oscar Sanchez ’82 of Akerman Senterfitt were two of the close to 100 alumni turning out in South Florida. Sanchez becomes LAC president this fall.

9) Jacksonville
New Dean Robert Jerry, with assistance from Dean Emeritus Jon Mills and Senior Director Donald Hale of Development & Alumni Affairs, changed his travel routine starting in August – heading out of state for the American Bar Association annual meeting and an opportunity to meet with alumni. (An Atlanta reception also was held in August, with New York and Washington in September).

More than 120 UFLaw alums were confirmed as working in the Bay Area, and 40 alumni and guests turned out for a reception hosted by Barry Abbott ’75 of Howard Rice Nemerovski Carrady Falk & Rabkeir. The firm, started in 1954, employs 140 attorneys and has among its clients the city and county of San Francisco, Oakland Raiders, Major League Baseball Properties, Hewlett-Packard, University of California, Pacific Gas & Electric, Sears, The Gap and Starbucks.

Abbott is a director of the firm, heads its financial services group and is immediate past chair of the business department. He was on the Adjunct Faculty 1998-99 at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California – Berkeley. He earned his A.B. magna cum laude at Dartmouth, M.B.A. from Stanford, and his UFLaw J.D. was with honors.

1. Judge William Dorsey ’77 (left) of the U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco and Gerald Rosenberg ’80, president of NewTechLaw in Palo Alto. Both men also earned their undergraduate degrees at UF – Dorsey in political science ’74, and Rosenberg ’78 in electrical engineering.

2. Barry Abbott ’75 (center) was host for the San Francisco reception (story left). Among those attending were (right) Carol McLean Brewer ’79 (UF B.S.B.A. with honors) of Kemnitzer Anderson Barron & Ogilvie, LLP, headquartered in San Francisco, and her husband, Andrew J. Ogilvie, KAB&O partner. Ms. Brewer before joining KAB&O in 2001 practiced in West Palm Beach more than 20 years, was on the Florida Bar Board of Governors, and is a former president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

3. Craig Wolfson ’75, CEO of non-profit S.S. O’Brian, National Liberty Ship Memorial docked in San Francisco, visits with Wm. Reece Smith Jr. ’49 of Carlton Fields Ward Emmanuelle Smith & Cutler P.A., Tampa. A Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, Smith was American Bar Association president 1980-81 (one of four Gator law grads to serve in that capacity), serves on the Council of the American Law Institute, and received the ABA’s Gold Medal for “exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American Jurisprudence.”

4. Mrs. and Leonard Strickman were reception guests. Strickman, former dean of University of Arkansas School of Law 1991-99, is founding dean of Florida International University College of Law in Miami. He was followed as UA dean by former UFLaw Professor Robert Moberly, who joined the College of Law in 1977 and at one time directed the Institute for Dispute Resolution.
as Jon L. Mills stepped down in June after serving as the 12th dean of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, one thing was for sure: “The immediate future is to be reserved for Beth, Marguerite and Elizabeth.”

“I’ve been dean (four-year-old) Elizabeth’s entire life, which means I’ve been away a lot,” Mills said. “Frankly, not having kids until your late 40s and early 50s in some ways makes it more special. I just want to spend more time with the girls (Marguerite is 8) and more time with (wife) Beth.”

As for hobbies, Mills said he occasionally plays golf, but not nearly as well as five or six years ago. He looks forward to spending more time at a vacation home on Lake Santa Fe, and to renewing his interest in good books. As for movies, he hasn’t “seen one in about four years that wasn’t animated.”

“Marguerite plays a little golf, so sometimes we’ll play,” he says. “We fish off the back deck occasionally. I take her to drama practice when she’s in plays, and Elizabeth also fishes. Elizabeth has the higher energy gene. They’re both very smart. I’m looking forward right now just to being Daddy.”

There’s also speculation Mills eventually will make another dramatic career turn.

“I guess a number of people see me running for something. Yes, I would consider it, but who knows. In the last four years, I had to be politically totally neutral. You cannot consider a political career while dean of a public law school.”

Mills refers to a Winston Churchill quote where Churchill says, “I was a pretty good wartime prime minister, but am not sure how good I’d be in peacetime.” Perhaps the same applies to me. I think we’ve accomplished a lot during a tough time, and now I’m very happy to pass the baton.”

Just 48-plus months ago, late in 1999, Jon Mills’ future did not look quite so leisurely, family oriented or relaxing after the resignation Dean Rick Matasar. Then-UF President John Lombardi asked Mills that September if he would step in on an interim basis “because of Mills’ leadership experience, long association with UF, and his love and loyalty to the school.”

“I didn’t really plan to stay long,” Mills said. “I was thinking I’d help organize things and move the place forward a little.”

But Mills had stepped into the middle of a brewing storm, and as he began to take charge and move things ahead, he realized it would take longer than a few months to set the school back on track.

“The alumni were fairly agitated by a combination of controversies, we had an enormous number of senior faculty about to retire so recruiting and hiring was critical,” Mills noted. “The American Bar Association previously had warned us we had inadequate facilities and that it was an accreditation issue. And we soon had controversies over racial issues.”

After Mills had been at work about six months, UF President Charles Young came by, chatted briefly, and asked Mills to remove the Interim title and stay permanently. “At that time, I figured doing this for four years would be about right. I truly thought I could get done what I wanted to accomplish in that time.”

Born and raised in the Miami area, Mills was an avid golfer and captain of his high school team (finishing fourth in statewide competition).

Mills is the only child of Herb (who worked for a restaurant equipment sales company) and Marguerite (high school English
KUDOS...

“Having entered the University of Florida College of Law in ’46, I have experienced dean leadership almost to the beginning. I thus believe I am entitled to state it will be many years before we get another dean as good as Jon Mills. Jon and Dick Julin are the two very best. While you were one of the great Speakers of the Florida House, you are even a better dean. I have seen no action taken that did not seem to me to be right, proper and in the best interest of my College of Law. I very much regret your decision to not remain after 2003.”

—Chesterfield Smith ’48
Former President, American Bar Association
Founder and Principal Architect, Holland & Knight LLP

“Jon provided more support to develop law school International Programs than any dean I have served in 35 years. What cannot be replaced is his love for this state, city, university and law school that is reflected in his dedicated and tireless efforts over the past four years.”

—Michael Gordon
Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law

“Jon has helped build the College of Law’s reputation literally around the world. He has a great ability to pull people together. His strength and leadership style came just when we needed it most. He is always positive that good things are going to happen.”

—Marybeth McDonald ’82
Chair, Law Center Association Board of Trustees

“I learned working with Jon that he embodies all the characteristics of a great leader. He has vision, and is a terrific ‘idea guy’ who listens to and learns from those around him and lets them have the credit and spotlight. I learned a lot from his patience and belief in the goodness of people…and his absolute dedication to and love for the institution he has served so well.”

—Professor of Law Mike Seigel
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs (2000-02)

“Jon empowers people to express their views. As a student leader, I found he always listened, then helped find a solution. Our school is stronger for the storms it has weathered under his leadership.”

—Chris Hand ’03
President, John Marshall Bar Association

“Jon did not seek this deanship; it was thrust upon him by sudden circumstances and in difficult times. He was 100% devoted to being the quality dean this school needed and deserved, and he rose to the occasion with a modest but effective style, an open door policy, and an eagerness to bring us to new levels. He has been a major factor in the great strides we have made regarding funding, hiring, program development, and overall student-faculty respect and collegiality.”

—Stuart R. Cohn
Gerald A. Sohn Scholar,
Associate Dean, International Studies

“You have brought leadership and stability to the College of Law, with the result it is functioning better than in recent history. Your achievements in fund raising have been equally crucial…The campaign to regain alumni support and to get financial commitments to renovate and add new facilities was remarkable. I also value your commitment to the students…My only regret is you decided to serve only into 2003 as dean.”

—David R. Colburn
UF Provost, Senior Vice President

Mills presided at eight commencements, and visited with UFLaw alumni and friends – such as Lonnie and Emily Wurn of Jacksonville – at hundreds of on- and off-campus gatherings.
said. “That was a project Dean Julin devised, and we converted it into what became the Center for Governmental Responsibility. It seemed a natural outcome after the success of the project to have a Center that would do research and public policy work – that could change things for the good – associated with the law school.”

After a few years of heading CGR, Mills decided in 1978 to run for State Legislature.

“It seemed a natural progression in the sense I wanted to have an effect on public policy and it seemed logical,” he says. “I was not thinking of or predicting a political career.”

Predicted or not, he had one. In 10 years as a Florida legislator – two as Speaker of the House – Mills accomplished a number of key changes: He was on a committee in 1981 that created one of the State’s first child abuse programs, enabling law enforcement agencies to come together and deal with the problem.

He was instrumental in enacting major environmental legislation such as the Water Quality Act. He helped on appropriations for UF, and spearheaded the drive to fund what is now the university’s Center for Performing Arts.

While in the legislature, Mills continued his work with UFLaw and moved to the classroom in 1983, stepping in to teach a legislative drafting course. In 1988, after a decade in the legislature, Mills made an unsuccessful run for Congress.

“It was not a good year for Democrats, but it was a good focusing experience. I did well and met lots of people that are still our friends. It was a very difficult 24 months with the campaign loss and coming right after my father’s severe illness and death (in 1987). But thankfully, the law school at that time asked me back.”

Mills returned to direct CGR, and it was soon suggested he teach more. In 1992 he became a professor, and in ’96 was tenured. He taught Florida Constitutional Law, trade and environment, legislation and several comparative international law seminars. During those years, he came into personal contact with nearly every UFLaw student.

“Florida Constitutional Law is a course almost everybody takes because it’s on the Bar exam. So for six or seven years, everybody going through law school at some point was in my class. A number of Congressmen, members of the legislature, students now managing partners of diverse law firms – all went through my classes.”

In 1998, Mills put his Florida Constitutional Law work to practical use. Then-Gov. Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, where he served for two years. He chaired the Style & Draft Committee, authored a provision on high quality education and was chosen the most valuable commission member. And then, in ’99, the Lombardi visit.

As for the law school future?

“I think the future is incredibly bright,” Mills notes. “The direction is set. Dean (Bob) Jerry believes in the strategic plan developed by the faculty, and agrees with our vision – which looks to the future and recognizes our past and what this law school has meant to Florida and the country. I think the College has a good feeling about itself, is headed in a most positive direction, and I think the facilities will be the major, immediate symbol of that direction.”

As he steps down, Mills feels good about the changes that have taken place at UFLaw.

“I think the way you assess an educational institution is the faculty, students, alumni and the facilities. And all those are dramatically different than they were.”
State Prosecutors, Defenders Train at UFLaw

One of the most important annual on-campus events is the Gerald T. Bennett Prosecutor/Defender Training Program coordinated by The Florida Bar and Levin College of Law. Each Circuit in Florida sends participants, such as the more than 70 attending the 2003 session in August. Prominent judges and trial lawyers from throughout the state are on the faculty, plus one of an elite group of London barristers. Program Director is Claire Luten, Clearwater.

Prominent criminal law scholars who died in ‘99.

Program was started in 1977 by UF Professor Bennett, one of the nation’s preeminent criminal law scholars who died in ‘99.
Long before I was invited to serve as the College of Law’s next dean, I had a good sense of the strength of your feelings for your law school. After all, no public law school could enjoy the respect that UFLaw has across the nation without the strong support of its alumni. In my first 25 days on the job, this good sense became a confirmed belief; there is nothing more compelling than alumni receptions in seven cities across Florida and visits to more than 50 law graduates’ offices to give me an up-close-and-personal view of your feelings about this great law school.

My original feelings about why I should accept the deanship at the Levin College of Law have been confirmed threefold. I had decided, having been a dean before and being happy with my situation at the University of Missouri, that any opportunity offered would have to be at a very special place to convince Lisa and me to leave Columbia, and move our three children to a new community.

I had always respected the law school at the University of Florida, but after I was contacted about the deanship here and agreed to take a look at it, the more I learned, the more excited I became. It took less than 24 hours during Lisa’s first trip to Gainesville for her to be converted. My talks and visits with you and my contacts with our exceptional staff, faculty and students have only reinforced the wisdom of the move – and the outstanding future that lies ahead. I am very proud to say that the Levin College of Law is now my academic home.

As we seek to elevate the College into the ranks of the nation’s finest, there will be both obstacles and opportunities along the way:

1) UFLaw is the envy of many other law schools around the nation. But, when we realize that Florida is one of the three or four largest and most dynamic states in the nation, it is reasonable to expect that Florida would have a law school considered among the four or five best public law schools in the nation.

That UFLaw is not consistently recognized as being comparable to schools at that level is unacceptable. When someone asks, “what are the very best public law schools in the nation,” the Levin College of Law should consistently be mentioned in everyone’s answer. No Florida resident should think that he or she needs to leave Florida to get the highest quality legal education possible.

2) Our current facilities are in keeping with neither that kind of goal nor our students’ and faculty’s needs or expectations. Our $22+ million construction project now underway will substantially alleviate the shortcomings in our facilities and will provide us a Legal Information Center and classroom facilities comparable with any in the country.

3) Last, but certainly not least, our financing is not at the level of those law schools connected with institutions that belong to the Association of American Universities.

There are many pieces to the financing puzzle, and I will work hard to rectify that situation. One piece involves the percentage of our alumni who participate in our annual giving program. Those who give do so generously, but our participation percentage last year was about 12-13 percent, below the percentages for not only the very top public law schools but also many of our peer institutions in the Southeast, including some in Florida.

Elevating the law school involves pulling many individual components together.

I will assess my own performance as your dean, and have so told the Provost, by our progress toward essential goals. In giving you that promise and my commitment of full energy and undivided attention, I also pledge to do my best to make sure that the College is, and will continue to be, worthy of your continued support.

I look forward to meeting you – either during one of my trips to a city near you, or during one of your trips to Gainesville – and the opportunity to get better acquainted.
Eight graduates of the University of Florida Levin College of Law became presidents of Florida colleges — including UF — and one was president of two.

**BACKGROUND**

The graduates (year of law degree) and their schools:

1. George F. Baughman '39
   - New College of Florida (Sarasota)
2. Stephen C. O'Connell '40
   - University of Florida
3. Harold B. Crosby '48
   - Florida International University (Miami)
   - West Florida University (Pensacola)
4. Wm. Reece Smith Jr. '49
   - University of South Florida/Interim (Tampa)
5. Marshall M. Criser '51
   - University of Florida
6. Ray F. Ferrero Jr. '60
   - Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale)
7. Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte '62
   - Florida State University (Tallahassee)
8. John Delaney '81
   - University of North Florida

Current Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead '63 is the 15th graduate of the Levin College of Law to serve in that position, and the 17th to serve on the Court.

**BACKGROUND**

The rich tradition of UFLaw grads occupying the Court's top post was established in the 40's, when Alto Adams '21 held the position 1949-51.

Other Gator Chief Justices:

**Fifties:**

**Sixties:**
- Roberts, Campbell Thorsnal '30, Stephen C. O'Connell '40, and Richard Ervin '42.

**Seventies:**
- James Alderman '61, Parker McDonald '50, Raymond Ehrlich '42.

**Eighties:**
- Rosemary Barkett '70, and Stephen Grimes '54.

**Nineties:**
- Charles T. Wells '64, and Anstead '63.

Other Gators serving as Justices were David L. McCain '55 and Paul Barnes '20.

At one time in the late 1980's, five of the seven justices were UF law grads.

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- Bruce R. Jacob, LL.M. '95 (Stetson, 1981-94); Frank E. Maloney '42 (UF, 1956-70); John A. "Jack" Miller, LL.M. '47 (UF, 1960-63);
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