Environmental Law: Gators Go Global
In the living, breathing existence of a law school, the student body regenerates every three years. Faculty members and deans change somewhat less frequently. Changes in facilities, however, occur rarely and usually mark significant progress in the history of an institution.

This will undoubtedly be true of the renovation nearing completion at the Levin College of Law — a $25 million construction project that virtually transforms the academic space of our campus.

Since the college opened in 1909, only a small number of buildings have housed the law school experience: Bryan Hall, Holland Hall and Bruton-Geer Hall. In August 2005, students will start the academic year with new library space, an ample supply of study rooms, new facilities for graduate students, two new educational towers that connect Holland and Bruton-Geer Halls, and 22 new classrooms with state-of-the-art technology. These are long-awaited and long-anticipated changes, and none would have been possible without the support of more than 500 alumni and friends.

Thus, it is with pride, pleasure and gratitude that I introduce the annual report of the Law Center Association at the Levin College of Law. This report, which begins on page 49, summarizes the generous support our many alumni and friends provided to our law school during the fiscal year from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004 … support that yielded many enhancements to our academic program and contributed to the dramatic improvement of the physical facilities.

We know you expect us to use this space effectively, and we look forward to demonstrating what we can accomplish when it is finally completed. I believe you will be proud of what you helped build — not only the facilities, but also the future generations of Florida lawyers who will complete their studies here.

We also want to thank alumni and friends in these pages for other kinds of support they continue to provide — professorships, student scholarships, programs and activities, student organizations, the library, the technology infrastructure and all complementary facets of our educational program. I speak for faculty, staff and students in thanking each and every one of you, and in affirming our promise to use your support wisely for the purpose of providing the best possible educational experience to the next generation of legal professionals.

You are our true margin of excellence, and we gratefully acknowledge the vital role you play in our effort to prepare our students for the legal profession and to serve our state and nation well.

With warm regards,
Dean Robert Jerry
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Volunteers Honored at Gala

Ex-felon rights restoration, election protection, homeless rights and language translation for clients in dependency court were just a few of the areas benefiting from the volunteer work of more than 80 UF law students this year. The students — who gave about 8,500 hours of their time to charitable causes — were honored at the college’s Volunteer Awards Gala in April.

Some of the students worked through UF’s Pro Bono and Community Service programs, while others created ad hoc organizations to provide relief for hurricane and tsunami victims.

Professor Joseph Little and student Paul Vicary (3L) also were honored at the gala for winning two of the law school’s highest honors. Little was named Professor of the Year and Vicary was named Student of the Year by the John Marshall Bar Association.

Students Hold Top Positions in National Organization

Christopher Chestnut (JD 05) is ending his term as chair of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) as UF’s Camille Warren (1L) takes on another powerful position in the organization.

Since taking the reins a year ago, Chestnut — the first Florida student to be elected as chair — has helped increase membership by 33 percent and participation in trial competition by 50 percent. He also was responsible for planning the group’s annual convention, held in Denver. Chestnut graduated in May and is opening a litigation practice in Gainesville.

Chestnut said the boom in membership is due in large part to the intense travel schedule that he and other NBLSA leaders maintained over the last year. The organization is dedicated to articulating and promoting the needs of black law students.

Warren, who worked as a financial analyst before coming to law school, was elected NBLSA treasurer at the Denver convention. She plans to restructure the organization’s finances and split NBLSA into two entities, a 501(c)3 agency and a for-profit group, to allow the organization to wield more political influence.

Chestnut said the law school profits from UF’s prominent role in NBLSA. “Everywhere I go, I tell people I’m from the University of Florida. That can be a real rainmaker for UF,” he said.

UF Law Student Teams Compete

Two days. Two teams. Three trophies. After months of practice, the UF Law Trial Team sent two teams to the Chester Bedell Mock Trial Competition at The Florida Bar’s January meeting. Both beat out nine other Florida law schools, only to compete against each other and bring home first and second place trophies. In addition, student Chris King (JD 05) was named the competition’s Best Advocate.

In other competitions providing students with real world experience, the members of the Trial Team advanced to
Four of the Levin College of Law’s most distinguished alumni — two chief justices of the Florida Supreme Court, a president of the American Bar Association and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives — have been selected for induction into the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society.

“The society is the law school’s highest mark of distinction for preeminent graduates who assumed leadership positions on national and international levels,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “These individuals distinguished themselves in remarkable ways and it is a true privilege to honor their accomplishments.”

Justice Raymond Ehrlich and the families of the other three inductees, who accepted posthumous awards, were recognized at an April 8 banquet. The Class of 2005 inductees are:

- **Charles Bennett**, a 1934 graduate, was Florida’s longest serving congressman and the second longest-tenured member of the House when he retired in 1993 after 44 years. He sponsored legislation that created the House Ethics Committee and Americans with Disabilities Act and made “In God We Trust” the U.S. motto. Bennett became the second-ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee and chaired the investigative committees that oversaw the Watergate and Abscam scandals.

- **Raymond Ehrlich**, a 1942 graduate, practiced law for 35 years before serving on the Florida Supreme Court for a decade, including as chief justice. He was appointed special counsel to U.S. Sen. Bob Graham in 1991 and received the Florida Bar Foundation’s Medal of Honor Award in 1993 for outstanding contributions to the administration of justice, including his work to automate courts, assign law clerks to circuit judges, promote alternative dispute resolution, and defend judicial independence.

- **Richard Ervin Jr.**, a 1928 graduate, was elected four times as attorney general of Florida, serving with five governors from 1949 to 1964. He is credited with desegregating Florida schools with a minimum of friction and launching a drive to rid the state of illegal gambling. As a Florida Supreme Court justice from 1964 to 1975 and chief justice in 1969 and 1970, Ervin wrote countless opinions in support of the rights of the individual, especially the poor and disadvantaged.

- **Chesterfield Smith**, a 1948 graduate, founded one of the largest law firms in the country, Holland & Knight. As chairman for almost three decades, he led the way in hiring women and minorities and encouraging pro bono work. In 1973, he served as president of the American Bar Association and challenged President Richard Nixon during the Watergate investigations. Smith received numerous honors, including the ABA Medal from the Board of Governors, American Civil Liberties Union’s Nelson Poynter Award, and the Laurie D. Zelon Pro Bono Award, presented by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society was officially activated in 2003 with the induction of 12 men, who collectively served as five chief justices, two governors, two Florida Bar presidents, two U.S. senators, two university presidents, two law school deans and one U.S. district court judge.

“The UF College of Law has served Florida and the nation for almost a century and has a rich legacy of educating men and women who demonstrate a lifelong dedication to education, civic, charitable and cultural causes,” Dean Jerry said.

Nominations are being accepted now for the 2006 inductees. Nominees must meet several criteria, including being a graduate of the UF College of Law or having direct involvement with the college in a very significant way. The Heritage of Leadership Committee is currently only accepting nominations for posthumous awards. Nominations or questions should be sent to Scott Hawkins (JD 83) at 561-628-4356 or shawkins@jones-foster.com; or to Kelley Frohlich at 352-273-0640 or frohlich@law.ufl.edu.
regional ABA competition semi-finals, and regional semi-finals in ATLA. The International Commercial Arbitration Team took first place in the Florida Pre-Moot Competition in February and went on to compete in Vienna, Austria.

Dean Honored for Dedication to Students

Robert Jerry, dean of the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law, is this year’s recipient of the Julie Sina Award, given each year to a faculty member who shows “outstanding commitment to students.”

Student Government leaders selected Jerry from among UF’s roughly 2,800 faculty for the award, named in honor of former UF Dean of Students Julie Sina. Jerry was given the award in a ceremony on the UF campus in April.

“Dean Sina was still here when I was in my first semester, and I remember her as someone who was very dedicated to students,” said Student Government President Jamal Sowell, who nominated Jerry for the honor. “I wanted this award to go to someone who showed a similar attitude, putting students first while working to make the University of Florida a stronger institution.”

UF Law Climbs in Rankings

The Levin College of Law climbed two notches to 18th among public schools and 41st overall in the annual U.S. News and World Report rankings of the nation’s law schools. The Graduate Tax Program was once again rated the second best in the nation, with only New York University ranking higher.

The law school also ranked No. 13 for trial advocacy, the first time that program has appeared in the rankings. Dean Robert Jerry said the numbers pleased him, though he added he believes the public places too much emphasis on the magazine’s rankings. “I was particularly happy to see the trial advocacy program ranked so highly. Much of the credit for that can be attributed to the successes of our trial teams,” he said.

Music Night at the Dean’s House

Faculty members, staff and students from the Levin College of Law gathered at the home of Dean Robert Jerry in April for “Music Night 2005,” a showcase of the law school’s hidden musical talent. The event attracted 14 acts, ranging from rock classics to classical violin. Richard E. Nelson Professor Michael Allan Wolf (above) performed “House of the Rising Sun.”

W. Reece Smith on the Class of 1949 and the Future

“Tom Brokaw chose to call our generation ‘The Greatest Generation.’ I don’t know if this terminology is deserved or appropriate. But I do know that most members of those post-war law classes — at UF and elsewhere — were grateful for the opportunity to become lawyers. They were proud of their profession, and they wanted to give back to both the profession and the communities they served. They cared about the public good.

“But I am concerned for the future of our profession. “Today we advertise. We respond to RFPs. We cold-call. We merge. We do TV shows. We chit-chat in chat rooms. We pursue the ‘business’ of law.

“In doing so, we mirror society and follow the lead of our clients. Some of the changes this brings about may well be salutary. The profession is more diverse than ever, is more accessible and better serves our communities in various ways than it did in decades past.

“But as we become more commercialized, we must remember that we do more than sell services. We are an integral part of the democratic form of government. We are an essential part of our tripartite form of government and an imperative to the rule of law.

“... In this new era of sound bites, we tend to seek buzz words — and mine are ‘character,’ ‘competence’ and ‘commitment.’ These are the attributes that have been identified by others in real lawyers — lawyers who are not just legal technicians who make lots of money, but lawyers who know and respect in practice the basic values of their profession, values that include not only service to clients but service to the public good.”
FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS

Clerking to the Top

BY ALISSON CLARK

No UF law graduate has ever clerked for the U.S. Supreme Court, a fact Linda Calvert Hanson aims to change.

As assistant dean for Career Services, Calvert Hanson is overseeing a new initiative to put more alumni in federal judicial clerkships, the coveted positions that give recent grads behind-the-scenes insight into the workings of the legal system. Calvert Hanson says increasing representation of UF grads in federal clerkships — on the Supreme Court as well as throughout the federal judiciary — not only enhances students’ career potential, but also the school’s stature.

“It’s not uncommon for federal clerks to go on to positions in other geographical areas,” she said. “Having well-qualified graduates in key positions across the country helps boost our national reputation.”

Calvert Hanson estimates five or six graduates a year currently receive federal clerkships. She hopes that number will increase with the initiative, which seeks to recruit more applicants and help them navigate the complicated application process.

“Students at the top schools aggressively pursue clerkships,” she said. “We need to be doing more.”

Part of the initiative is a streamlined application process. Career Services now will collect and assemble all components of student applications and then mail them to judges in one package, to arrive on the first day of consideration. In the past, each judge’s staff had to assemble the components sent in by students.

In other efforts, Career Services is easing the interface with a pilot program just launched by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. At least 100 federal judges are expected to use OSCAR (Online System for Clerkship Applications and Review), which will allow clerkship applicants to file application materials online with participating judges.

Another aspect of the initiative is reaching out to students who might not have considered applying for clerkships. Heavily recruited students might not immediately see the advantages of turning down a six-digit starting salary at a law firm for more modest clerk’s wages, but many firms offer bonuses and other incentives for graduates with clerkship experience.

“I’ve seen firms give bonuses from $5,000 to $25,000,” she said. “Clerks get the incredible background experience of being inside a judge’s head. They see how judges think, and they’ve been able to observe attorneys going in front of the court. Law firms value that experience.”

UF law grad Jacob Payne (JD 02) agrees. As clerk for U.S. District Court Judge William Terrell Hodges (LLB 58) in Ocala, he manages the even-numbered docket, drafting orders and reviewing motions for the judge. He’ll do another clerkship, this time with 11th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Susan H. Black in Jacksonville.

“When you leave a clerkship, you have a huge leg up over other two-year associates in law firms,” he said. “As a clerk, you learn that it’s not just about who has better legal tricks or more creative arguments. You learn how a judge approaches a case. You hone your skills of critical reading, research, analysis and writing.”

Judge Black (JD 67) is happy to see her alma mater joining the ranks of law schools that deliver those well-organized application packets to her desk.

“The law schools that have risen to the top echelon all promote clerkships aggressively,” she said. “They help students submit applications, and they advertise the clerkships their students receive. That’s one of the reasons they stay in the top tier.”

In addition to recruiting applicants and submitting application packages, Career Services has several ongoing database projects, such as the mentorship database that lists former clerks whom applicants can contact with questions about specific judges and what they look for in a clerk. Calvert Hanson also maintains what she calls a “Gator Friendly” list, an ever-growing database of judges who are alumni or supporters of the university. She also tracks application and acceptance patterns, compiling figures such as how long a judge takes to respond after an interview.

Alumni can help. Calvert Hanson asks alumni with clerking experience to join the mentorship database, and she encourages firms who hire former clerks to communicate the value they place on clerkship experience. Too often, she says, promising candidates fear they may lose out on a position with a top firm by taking a clerkship.

“We’d really like to see law firms communicating their support of students pursuing clerkships,” she said. “We know that firms value that experience, and students need to hear that message clearly.”

As for the challenge of a UF grad clerking at the highest court in the land, Calvert Hanson is already working on it.

“I’m working with a student right now whose goal is to be a judicial law clerk for the U.S. Supreme Court,” she said. “We’d love to see a UF law grad accomplish that goal.”

Payne (left) and Calvert Hanson
The first few months of 2005 brought numerous national leaders to the Levin College of Law to discuss engaging topics with faculty, students, alumni and others. Conferences and seminars on the following topics were sponsored primarily by UF law school centers, faculty and student groups.

**Alzheimer's**
Elder care advocates gathered to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and talk about what the state can do to prepare for a coming boom in the number of affected Floridians. Jack Robarts, co-director, with his wife, Emily, of the South Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, advocated funding for research, better patient treatment, Spanish-language Alzheimer's education programs, screening for rural patients, and police officer training to locate patients who wander away from caregivers. The seminar was sponsored by the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society and Center for Career Services. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050131.pdf.

**Billboard Law**
Marking the anniversary of the federal Highway Beautification Act (HBA), outdoor advertising industry leaders, prominent billboard opponents and legal scholars discussed the economic benefits and constitutional and environmental pitfalls of laws regulating roadside signs at the fourth installment of the Richard E. Nelson Symposium series. Opponents contend the law isn't being enforced, pointing to the 73,000 billboards nationwide. Florida, which has about 22 billboards for every 10 miles of highway, has recently come under scrutiny because of billboard ads for strip clubs and white supremacist groups. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050221.pdf.

**Children and Families**
The Center on Children and Families brought together UF faculty, alumni and others from various disciplines to focus on a multidisciplinary approach to child advocacy, with the ultimate goal of training family lawyers to incorporate social science perspectives into their legal advocacy. The legal system fails to recognize non-Anglo cultures, UF Anthropology Professor Elizabeth Guilette said. It needs a lesson in cultural competency. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050321.pdf.

**Culture as a Criminal Defense**
When can a black rage defense help a client facing a criminal charge? Should a defendant raised in a foreign culture be excused for criminal acts acceptable in that culture? These questions and more were discussed at the Culture and Crime Symposium sponsored by the American Bar Association. Speakers included New York University Law Professor Holly Maguigan and defense attorney Edi Faal, who successfully used a mob contagion defense in representing a defendant charged in the beating of Reginald Denny. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050307.pdf.

**Reno on Fact-Finding**
Citing a number of seemingly airtight convictions that were later overturned due to DNA evidence, former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno says the nation's lawyers must get better at collecting facts. “We need to ask ourselves what we can learn to avoid getting false confessions, what we can learn to help us work better with eyewitnesses,” she said. Reno was brought to campus by the UF law chapter of the American Constitution Society to speak to students, faculty and staff. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050307.pdf.
Florida Constitution

Former Florida Supreme Court Justice and UF Adjunct Law Professor Ben Overton (LLB 52) spoke to UF law students on the Florida Constitution, the separation of powers and other topics in the final installment of the Judicial Process Lecture Series. The five-part series was designed to help students prepare for judicial externships by bringing prominent members of the bench to campus to discuss court protocols and governance, judicial ethics, public records law and other issues affecting courts and lawyers. Past speakers in this series include retired Circuit Court Judge Chester Chance (LLB 64) and U.S. District Court Judge Maurice Paul (JD 60).

Gay Rights

Anita Bryant’s 1977 crusade against a Miami/Dade County gay rights ordinance revolutionized American politics for more than a quarter of a century, according to the speaker at the 2005 Dunwody Distinguished Lecture. The speaker was Yale Law Professor William Eskridge, a widely cited constitutional scholar and leading gay rights and law expert, who was quoted by the U.S. Supreme Court in its decision in Lawrence v. Texas, the 2003 case that overturned state sodomy laws.

Eskridge said Bryant’s Save Our Children campaign was novel because it mated the body politic of disgust and contagion with protecting children. He praised crusading attorneys who advocated reform of sodomy laws years before the gay rights movement came into the mainstream, including UF’s own Professor Jerry Israel and Professor Emeritus Frank Allen, who drafted proposed penal codes for commissions in Michigan and Illinois that urged repeal of state sodomy laws. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/fllaw/pdf/flalaw-050321.pdf.

International Legal Issues

Terrorism, dispute resolution and the rule of law were just a few of the topics examined at the Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas Conference, hosted in May by the Center for Governmental Responsibility. Lawyers, scholars and law enforcement officials from across the Western Hemisphere gathered in Gainesville to discuss pressing legal and policy issues facing the United States and its neighbors in North and South America.

Speakers included Former Florida Governor Kenneth “Buddy” MacKay (JD 67), special envoy of the Americas in the Clinton Administration; Dennis Jett, dean of UF’s International Center and former United States Ambassador to Peru; Peter German, director general of the Financial Crimes Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; George Henry Millard, police chief of São Paulo State in Brazil; and Alan Lambert, consultant for the British Foreign and Commonwealth Offices Anti-Money-Laundering Program.

Maria Luisa Beltranena de Padilla, former president of the Guatemalan Supreme Court, was awarded the Jon Mills Award for Significant Contributions to Relations Between Florida and the Americas. Beltranena — who was the first woman to sit on the supreme court and later the first woman to serve as that nation’s Minister of Education — has coordinated cooperative efforts between UF and Guatemalan universities since the late 1970s. (Also see page 27.)

Music Law

The problems and opportunities musicians face in the age of the iPod — especially file-sharing and copyrights — brought 300 lawyers and musicians to the annual student-run Music Law Conference. Other topics included the non-profit organization Creative Commons, which helps musicians get exposure while retaining some rights. The conference also showcased bands and featured a demo-listening exhibit. Carlos Linares (JD 97), counsel for the Recording Industry Association of America, musician and panelist, shared an anecdote of when his band’s music ended up on Napster and he realized there would be no compensation. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050207.pdf.

Race

Race and pedagogy, how race fits into the law school curriculum, and the consequences of teaching race in the law school environment were discussion topics at the Race and Law Curriculum Workshop, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations. Speakers at the workshop were race and law scholars from academic institutions around the country, including Rutgers University-Newark, Washington University, Mississippi College, Ohio State and the Universities of Oregon, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, California-Los Angeles, Maryland and New Mexico. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050307.pdf.

Slavery

“Affirmative Action for the Master Class: Understanding the Proslavery Constitution and Its Implications for 21st Century America” was the topic of the Spring Lecture for the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, which typically features scholars who offer novel, critical approaches to race in America. The guest speaker was University of Tulsa Law Professor Paul Finkelman, a leading authority on the history of slavery and other areas. (Finkelman’s work on the Ten Commandments display was cited in briefs before the Supreme Court, and he served as an expert witness in the lawsuit over ownership of Barry Bonds 73rd home run ball.) Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050321.pdf.

Keep Learning

UF law alumni are invited to attend and participate in Friday lunch colloquia and workshops by notable guest speakers and law faculty. The events, held at the law school during the academic year, are on a space-available basis due to limited seating. The speaker schedule and online registration are available at www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/enrichment.shtml. To find out about other events visit www.law.ufl.edu.
BRINGING HOME a
SUPER BOWL

BY GAYLE GALLAGHER

Their problem was: Where will we put everybody?
Jacksonville had 840 square miles of land … but only 43,000 hotel rooms. That wasn’t a problem until the city set out to bring home the most famous bowl of all — an event that would showcase it in front of 1 billion television viewers worldwide.

It began in 1999 when Jacksonville Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver returned from an NFL franchise meeting in New York with “approval of the possibility” for Jacksonville to apply as a Super Bowl Host City. To move from possibly applying to actually applying, the city had to prove it could accommodate an additional 100,000 people.

Fortunately, Michael B. Weinstein (JD 91) — president and CEO of the Jacksonville Super Bowl Host Committee — was able to apply his law school training to the lodging issue that stood between Jacksonville and a Super Bowl.

“The first thing law school does,” said Weinstein, “is erase your learning habits and train you in a new way to solve problems. When we learned what the requirements were to host the Super Bowl, the lack of hotel rooms was a glaring obstacle.”

A solution to this problem, however, would be moot until there was a reason to search for it.

“A city can’t just decide it wants to be a Super Bowl host city,” said Weinstein. “The NFL has to invite you to apply.”

To determine whether Jacksonville would get an invitation, the NFL sent staff to interview the committee and tour the area. Weinstein and other committee executives showed them highlights — by car and by helicopter — that included the World Golf Village, Tournaments Players Club, Amelia Island and Alltel Stadium.

The NFL representatives were impressed.

Water, Water Everywhere
The next step was an initial presentation to NFL decision-makers. But before this could happen, Weinstein had to answer that big lodging question. The solution turned out to be a first for the NFL and a first for the industry that agreed to Weinstein’s offer.
“We contracted with Holland America and Carnival Cruise Lines, which designated ships for the event,” said Weinstein. “Without these ships, we could not have pulled this off.”

With this issue resolved, the committee went to New York to win the confidence of the NFL … for an invitation to apply.

With a 4-by-10-foot map of Jacksonville’s riverfront and cruise ships made to scale, Weinstein and co-committee members stood before NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL President Robert Goodell, among others, and made the case for Jacksonville’s suitability to host the world’s greatest annual sporting event.

“They were picking up the cruise ships and moving them around like game pieces,” said Weinstein. “I think this exercise helped them make their decision. Tagliabue said this would be the first Super Bowl on a river. They liked the idea.”

They liked it so much, they asked the committee to apply for the 2005 Super Bowl instead of the 2007 and 2008 games as originally planned.

Then the long application journey began, a journey that would take six months and culminate in a 15-minute final presentation to the NFL.

“The application is just 50 pages,” said Weinstein, “but there’s an addendum that includes a memo of understanding, a host of contracts and a letter of intent from all the businesses, local government agencies, cruise lines and other assets the bowl would need for success. That part turned out to be 700 pages.”

The entire application was put together by the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, which Weinstein directed under another UF law graduate, Mayor John Delaney (JD 81).

The approval for Jacksonville to apply was given in mid-1999. By the end of the same year, this very controlled process was over and Weinstein and company made one more trip to New York.

Closing Argument and Verdict

“We could take only five people into the presentation room,” said Weinstein, “and only three of us could speak. Tagliabue told us the NFL owners could ask questions after we presented, but that no one ever had. Well, we were the first group to field questions, and we took it as a good sign.”

They had renewed doubt, however, as they passed Don Shula and Dan Marino going into the presentation room as they were heading out. Shula and Marino were there to represent Miami, which — along with Oakland and Atlanta — were competing against Jacksonville.

Weinstein waited with co-presenters Tom Petway, chairman of the board for Zurich Insurance Services, and Peter Rummell, chairman and CEO of The St. Joe Company, in a large press conference room — along with the other cities competing for three different bowls. Television networks, broadcasting live, had cameras poised on the group. There also were cameras rolling in the office of Mayor Delaney. The announcement would even go over the public address system throughout Jacksonville schools. Everyone was waiting.

“We didn’t have a clue what would happen,” said Weinstein. “After several hours, the commissioner came into the room and announced the winners.”

The jubilation that followed the announcement was incredible, said Weinstein. “The room erupted with roaring cheers.” Victory was especially sweet because the buzz in the media room predicted Miami would take the bowl.

However, the work wasn’t over. “Now we had to learn from upcoming Super Bowls,” said Weinstein. “We went to Tampa in 2001, New Orleans in 2002, San Diego in 2003 and Houston in 2004 to observe and study the thousands of details involved in hosting a Super Bowl.”

“A Life Prepared

Weinstein didn’t turn into a Super Bowl Host City application guru overnight.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Weinstein received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., and a master’s in criminal justice administration from California State University. Prior to earning his law degree at UF, he completed two years of doctoral studies in criminology at Florida State University.

Weinstein chose the UF law school for two reasons: it was near his beloved Jacksonville — where he and wife Sara had made a happy home and raised three children — and it had turned out many successful attorneys well known to Weinstein.

When Weinstein moved to Jacksonville in 1977, he worked as executive director for State Attorney Ed Austin (JD 59). He eventually became responsible for a $129 million budget and 586 full-time employees as director of the
Administration and Finance Department for both the Austin and Delaney mayoral administrations.

Later, as executive director of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission under Mayor Delaney, Weinstein’s negotiations with private companies brought the city more than $2 billion in private capital investment and 20,500 jobs. He also was a partner in a private law firm, where he specialized in government and environmental issues.

“My law degree has served me well,” said Weinstein. “I believed it would open many career doors, and it did.”

It also helped open the door to the Super Bowl.

A Notable Return on Investment

“The Super Bowl in Jacksonville was like no other Super Bowl before it,” said Weinstein. “We had to manage with far less capacity in many critical areas.”

The event had a final economic impact on the region of between $250 and $350 million. This is based on economic factoring that assesses the residual effect of dollars left behind after such an event. But even without this factoring, Weinstein said the region realized $100 million in real dollars.

How much did it cost to make that $100 million?

“We probably spent $11 million to get the Super Bowl here,” said Weinstein. “We got most of that by selling sponsorships to local businesses. These included tickets, signage and commercial exposure.”

But the real impact wasn’t the money. “Jacksonville has to come up with 15,000-20,000 new jobs each year to handle the influx of those who move here annually. The Super Bowl exposed the city to companies seeking to expand. Our new visibility makes us a stronger contender for companies that might relocate here, bringing new jobs.”

Miles to Go

Before Weinstein entered the world of government and law, he was a public school teacher and university professor. The position he holds today is another natural fit. Weinstein is president of Take Stock in Children, a national model for helping children at risk complete their education, maintain good grades and remain drug- and crime-free in order to receive a four-year tuition scholarship to college or vocational school.

“Education and the ability to find economic opportunity are tied together,” said Weinstein. “Everybody wants the same thing: the ability to care for themselves and their families.”

Weinstein is happy channeling the passion he summoned to win Jacksonville the Super Bowl into helping Florida’s students have better opportunities. “You never know,” he said. “Some of them might become lawyers or mayors.”

One might even be on a Super Bowl Host City Committee, looking for a creative solution to a stubborn problem standing between his city and one super ball game.■
Alumni Give $1.5 Million for Professorship

John (JD 73) and Mary Lou (JD 80) Dasburg are giving the university $1.5 million to endow a professorship in corporate law — the largest sum ever given for an endowed professorship at the law school.

“We both enjoyed and profited immensely from our classes in corporate law at UF,” said John Dasburg, CEO of ASTAR Air Cargo Inc. in Miami and vice-chair of the Florida Board of Governors. “We wanted to make sure that future law students are able to have the same opportunity.”

John Dasburg believes law school is one of the best places to start a career in business — and he would know. Before acquiring ASTAR, Dasburg served as president of Marriott Lodging Group, CEO of Northwest Airlines and president, chairman and CEO of Burger King Corp. He says his law school education helped him every step of the way.

“There’s no question the academic exercise of the case method really sharpens your intellect,” Dasburg said. “It teaches you the significance of the difference between inductive and deductive reasoning, which is invaluable in the business world. Most of the decisions you make in business involve inductive reasoning, and it’s important to remember that inductive reasoning has a significant margin of error.”

The Dasburgs’ gift will create the John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professorship Fund, which will support a faculty member in corporate law, including national and international law relating to business transactions.

It also is eligible for matching funds from the State of Florida Major Gifts Trust Fund.

“We both felt it was time to give something back to the law school, and we thought a professorship would be the best way to make an impact,” Dasburg said. “In the end, a university is its faculty and its students.”

1909 Society Underway

For almost 100 years, the University of Florida Levin College of Law has provided a sound legal education to thousands of young men and women. Today a group of supporters — the 1909 Society — wants to continue the quality, innovation and advancement of the college by inviting alumni and friends to give to the school and receive invaluable gifts in return.

The 1909 Society is seeking annual fund gifts of $2,000 to $4,999. In return, donors will impact students, teaching and research by enhancing academic programs, services and outreach efforts. Donors also will earn the benefits of membership in the UF President’s Council, recognition in the Law Center Association Annual Report, invitations to the dean’s special events and

Ice Cream in the Courtyard

Free ice cream was a sure-fire method to bring together the law school community for a little rest and relaxation in the Schott Courtyard. The Glasser Ice Cream Social, sponsored by UF alumni Gene (JD 72) and Elaine Glasser, attracted numerous students as they were preparing for exams. Gene Glasser, a partner in Abrams Anton in Hollywood, Fla., is a member of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees.

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receptions, access to Reitz Union recre-ational facilities, borrower privileges at UF Smathers Libraries, and more.

To donate online, please visit www.ufgiving.uff.ufl.edu. For more information or to receive a donation form, contact the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs at 352-273-0640.

Cuban-American Bar Endows Scholarship

The Cuban-American Bar Foundation presented Dean Robert Jerry with a $30,000 check to endow a Cuban-American Bar Merit Scholarship. The check was presented during the law school’s alumni reception at the Florida Bar Mid-Year Meeting.

This scholarship will be awarded to a law student who has shown outstanding academic achievement, which can be demonstrated through significant scholarship on the subjects of human rights and rule of law in Cuba.

The Cuban-American Bar Foundation was formed by members of the Cuban-American Bar Association as a continuation of their commitment to providing scholarships to meritorious students in Florida.

Book Awards Honor Top Students in Class

Supportive sponsors who remember the long hours and hard work of law school returned to campus in April to honor the top student in each class. More than 100 students were recognized with Summer and Fall Semester Book Awards, which are sponsored by gifts from alumni and law firms. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/alumni/ba_sponsorship.shtml.

Spring 2005 Class Sets New Giving Record

Once again, graduating students have demonstrated their commitment to their law school and hit a new record for class giving. The Spring 2005 class donated $55,475 in gifts and pledges, up 24 percent from the previous record set by the Spring 2004 class.

Students Hold Up Endowment Wall

Despite massive renovations and accompanying dust and noise at the law school recently, one area of the Florida Law Review’s Holland Hall office has remained strictly off-limits: the endowment wall.

It was for good reason. Created about four years ago, the endowment wall symbolizes the fruits of the journal’s fundraising efforts, undertaken to establish an independent endowment for the Review.

With a goal set at $2 million, the journal is already halfway there, with most funds coming from student donations. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050124.pdf.

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Real Property Scholarship Established

Lewis “Lukie” Ansbacher (JD 51) was known for his special relationship with clients, many of whom often became friends. Such was the case with Phil and Barbara Emmer of Gainesville, who were clients and family friends for more than 30 years before Ansbacher died in 2004 at the age of 75.

To honor that friendship and Ansbacher’s love of real property law and the legal profession, the Emmers and Ansbacher’s family and friends have established a $100,000 endowed scholarship for qualified law students with an interest in real property law. The Emmers, founders of Emmer Group, a Gainesville-based land development company, committed to matching all gifts made to the scholarship fund up to $50,000. Ansbacher is survived by his wife, Sybil; sons, Richard (JD 83), Barry (JD 88) and Lawrence; brothers, Jordan and Robert; and several grandchildren.

Co-chair Julie Miller

The class gift was presented to Dean Robert Jerry at May commencement, which featured speaker Paul Rogers (JD 48) — a former U.S. congressman known as “Mr. Health” for his role in crafting major legislation related to the environment and medical research.

Spearheading the Senior Class Gift Committee were Julie Miller, Bonnie Bolz and Angelique Knox. Graduates from Florida Law Review also played a leadership role in documenting their pledges to the college.

On hand to help Dean Robert Jerry (center) present the Eminent Domain & Takings Book Award to Cary Davis (2L, left) was Stumpy Harris (JD 65). Harris and his son, Bruce M. Harris (JD 93), are long-time Book Award sponsors.

A luncheon to honor Lukie Ansbacher included (from left) Phil Emmer, Ansbacher’s sons, Barry and Lawrence, and Ansbacher’s wife, Sybil.
FOUNDATION TO CREATE

New Advocacy Center for Children

A foundation created by a Hollywood insider is working to establish a multidisciplinary center at the Levin College of Law to train those who deal with the legal system’s most vulnerable clients: abused and neglected children.

Washington, D.C.-based First Star, a foundation created by film producer Peter Samuelson, intends to raise an initial $2 million for each of the three planned centers, which will be located at Columbia University, the University of San Diego and UF. UF’s center will be administered through the Center on Children and Families, one of the fastest-growing programs at the law school.

“Children in the foster care and child protective services systems meet and interact with a sea of faces, all working to bring about a happy ending,” said First Star founder Samuelson. “But without understanding the multidisciplinary nature of abuse cases, these professionals are often at odds, engaging in senseless turf battles. The First Star MCE curriculum is designed to level the playing field so that the ultimate victor is truly the child.”

The Center on Children and Families offers the Certificate in Family Law, which allows students to work with children’s issues through the law school’s Child Welfare Clinic, the Gator TeamChild juvenile law clinic, family law externships, and fellowships that enable students to work on Friend of the Court briefs. Read more at www.law.ufl.edu/news/flalaw/pdf/flalaw-050131.pdf.

MAJOR GIFT
Real Estate Law Gets a Boost

A major gift from Attorneys Title Insurance Fund Inc. will help develop knowledgeable lawyers at the UF law school to serve Florida’s sizzling real estate market. After it is matched by the state, the gift from the nation’s first Bar-related title insurance underwriter will provide $300,000 for teaching and faculty research in the area of real estate law.

“The demand continues to escalate for well-educated legal professionals versed in the complexities of real estate law. This endowment will provide much needed teaching and faculty research support in this key area,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “The gift also works hand-in-hand with UF President Bernie Machen’s initiative to make UF one of the nation’s premier research universities by attracting and retaining high quality faculty and giving them the tools they need to excel.”

This endowment is one of five — totaling $1 million — the company is establishing at Florida-based law schools. Over the last four decades, The Fund has provided preeminent law schools with an annual endowment to promote real property education. In addition to the $242,800 in curriculum grants the company has provided to the UF law school over the past 40 years (including this most recent gift), The Fund conducts an annual law student award competition open to law students across the state — providing a monetary grant to the student submitting the best legal paper on the topic of real estate law.

“UF’s law school has a distinguished national reputation and a tradition of academic excellence. With this instructional endowment, we are carrying out The Fund’s mission to preserve and facilitate the practice of real estate law,” said Charles J. Kovaleski, president. “Real estate drives Florida’s economy. This gift represents The Fund’s reinvestment in the legal foundation on which that critical piece of Florida’s economy stands.”

They are governors, university presidents and trustees. They are partners in leading law firms and community leaders. Their numbers include Florida Supreme Court justices and a UF National Alumni Association president. They are all former presidents of the prestigious Florida Blue Key, the University of Florida’s leadership honorary, but they have something else in common: they also are UF law alumni.
Leaders of the 80-year-old organization can come from any field of study, graduate or undergraduate, yet more than 85 percent of the 125 past presidents are law grads. Why the dominance of law students?

There is a personality profile that fits both law students and Blue Key members, says Kelley Geraghty Price (JD 90), Blue Key’s first female leader.

“Those who gravitate to law tend to be extroverted, over-achieving and organized. Those kinds of people are naturally driven to Blue Key,” she said.

Part of the reason also may be their long tenure on campus. “Law students have longevity,” said Price. “You get a historical perspective on the organization, and that helps to achieve a leadership status.”

Blue Key presidents are in a unique position. Because members are tapped from the leadership of organizations all over campus, the president “leads the leaders.”

Past president Ashley Moody (JD 00) says leading leaders can be tricky, as most are used to being in the driver’s seat themselves. But the combined resources of such a dynamic group can be a powerful tool.

“When these people come together,” Moody said, “you get things done.”

Florida Blue Key is best known for organizing Gator Growl, the largest student-run pep rally in the world. In planning the event, FBK members work with nationally known comedians and bands to produce an event attended by thousands of students, alumni and others.

Many presidents have appreciated the opportunity to tap into the Blue Key network.

When Michael Silver (JD 04) graduated, he joined two other UF law alumni who were FBK presidents — T. Paine Kelly Jr. (JD 36) and W. Penn Dawson III (JD 87) at MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa.

“I don’t think being in Blue Key got me the job, but I think it caused them to take a second look,” Silver said.

Kelly, 92, is one of the eight UF law graduates profiled here who have served as FBK president. While an FBK presidency lasts only a semester, each of these former presidents says the lessons learned through their leadership were a defining part of their university and professional experiences.

Gov. LeRoy Collins (page 14, from left), UF President J. Wayne Reitz, and FBK President John Baker in the 1956 Homecoming Parade organized by Blue Key.
Marshall M. Criser (JD 51)
FBK President Spring 1951
Eighth President of UF; Board Member,
Scripps Florida Funding Corporation

Former University of Florida President

Marshall Criser’s involvement in Blue Key
was an introduction to leadership, and
clearly it left an impression. In addition to
his UF presidency, Criser has served on and led the state Board of Regents
and UF’s Board of Trustees. In November 2003 Criser was tapped by
Gov. Jeb Bush to head the Scripps Florida Funding Corporation Board,
which will oversee the state’s investment in the $310 million Scripps
Florida Research Institute in Palm Beach County.

“Blue Key was really the first concentrated leadership activity I’d ever
taken part in,” Criser said. “Frankly, I was a little overwhelmed. I was just
out of high school, and at that time, there were some people like myself,
but the majority had spent two or three years in World War II.”

Crifer was the second UF alumnus to become the university’s presi-
dent, following in the footsteps of fellow FBK president Stephen C.
O’Connell (JD 40), who served in the spring of 1940.

While the organization has been through difficult times, Criser said,
he’s pleased with its overall progress in recent years.

“The state and UF have changed, but there is still a credible role for
Blue Key to do what it does. They can never be complacent and must
remain credible,” he said.

The 2003 election of an all-female leadership roster — law students
Karen Persis and Alexis Lambert were FBK president and vice president
— is evidence of the organization’s evolution, Criser said. “Coeducation
(commencing 1947) has greatly improved Florida’s only AAU university.
I was very pleased to see all of the elected officers were female. I think that
is a fine thing.”

Crifer said the opportunity afforded to Blue Key members to gain
real world leadership experience is unparalleled.

S. Daniel Ponce (JD 73)
FBK President Spring 1973
Legon Ponce & Fodiman; Chairman of the
Board, Imperial Industries Inc.

Although Danny Ponce left Gainesville
after law school, part of him always felt
Gainesville was home.

“When a lot of people say they love the
University of Florida, they’re talking about
football. For me, it goes beyond that,” he said.

As a past president of UF’s National Alumni Association and a cur-
cent board member of the University of Florida Foundation, he has plen-
ty of occasions to visit his alma mater. In 2000, however, he made
Gainesville home once more. He commutes more than 300 miles to his
firm, Legon, Ponce & Fodiman in Miami, and other business interests
based in south Florida.

James C. Cunningham Jr. (JD 78)
FBK President Fall 1978
Berger Singerman

As the first African-American president
of Florida Blue Key, James Cunningham
faced down those who wished to end his
campaign before it started.

“There was an effort to get alumni riled
up that an African American was running for
president,” he said. “The response came back that we were going to put
whoever was most qualified in the leadership position.”

Cunningham, now with Berger Singerman in Miami, used his pres-
idency to further an ongoing initiative to open FBK to students from the
full spectrum of graduate and undergraduate schools.

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aine Kelly (JD 36) retired this past February after working exactly 69 years as a Tampa Bay attorney. A long-time — and still active — supporter of the College of Law, Kelly is an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees. The following is reprinted with permission from a Tampa Tribune article published in 2003.

One day after his 90th birthday, lawyer T. Paine Kelly Jr. shared some advice for people just starting out in the legal profession.

“The most important thing in the practice of law is precision,” he said. “You do everything, and you do it well. You do not follow guesswork.”

Kelly, born Aug. 29, 1912, in Tampa, built a legal career on precision and professionalism. It’s a career he doesn’t plan to give up soon.

“I don’t want to play golf all day,” he said. “I want to come to the office and work and produce something.”

Kelly has a reputation in the Tampa Bay area for being a strong, sharp trial lawyer, although he hasn’t done much trial work since he was fitted with a pacemaker two years ago.

“I will confess that I am not as sharp as I once was,” he said. “But, I do recall enough of the principles of law that I rarely have to ask others.”

He graduated from the University of Florida’s law school in 1936 and immediately began working for his lawyer father, handling “everything he didn’t want to do.”

He joined MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa in 1939 and has worked there ever since — except for the years he fought in World War II, and a four-year period in the 1990s when he worked for a rival law firm.

Kelly’s starting pay in 1939: $35 a month, plus room and board. Carter B. McCain, a shareholder and board member at MacFarlane Ferguson, said he has learned from watching Kelly in action.

“Paine Kelly is a trial lawyer’s trial lawyer,” he said. “He is honest to a fault, hardworking and always has an insight as to what is a reasonable way to solve a dispute. He’s a problem solver,” McCain said.

Kelly has represented a host of Tampa companies in court, including St. Joseph’s Hospital, People’s Gas and The Tampa Tribune. He keeps framed pictures of his mother and father in his office and sits at a desk that his father used. He wears a suit, tie and hat every day because his father told him to.

“I have an e-mail account, but I don’t use it,” Kelly said. “I don’t have a computer. I guess I haven’t kept up with the technical changes.”

Kelly said he’s not fond of the trend toward arbitrating or mediating cases instead of trying them. And he’s not a fan of lawyers who advertise on television.

“I usually turn off the volume and look some other direction,” he said.

Kelly is one of the oldest active members of the Florida Bar Association, an association spokeswoman said. He’s not the oldest; one active member was born in 1902, the spokeswoman said (see page 45).

Kelly still represents a 104-year-old client in Polk County. After 40 years of legal service, “I feel obligated to be around when she dies,” he said.

“After that, I probably will retire,” he said. “I hope I’ll still be able to play golf then.”

By Dane Simanoff
“I was what you might call a reformer president,” he said. “We wanted to open up Blue Key to the student body as a whole, to elect students from nontraditional schools such as agriculture. Our efforts were very successful and we had a large tapping class of people who would not otherwise have gotten into Florida Blue Key.”

Cunningham said FBK membership opened doors for him after law school, but the lasting effect was the real-life training in service and leadership.

“Blue Key hones the skills to negotiate, to work with people to achieve things for your community,” he said. He has used those skills as chair of the executive board of New World School of the Arts in Miami, as well as a board member of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. Law students are drawn to Blue Key, he said, because of their commitment to improving the world around them.

“Members of Blue Key have been very involved in student life at the university. That sense of being involved carries over to being concerned about the society in which you live, and that correlates to an interest in the law. That’s what we as lawyers do every day: we try to impact the social fabric of our communities.”

John Delaney (JD 81)
FBK President Fall 1980
President, University of North Florida

The political experience that University of North Florida President John Delaney gained in Florida Blue Key has served him well … Delaney said it contributed to him winning two terms as Jacksonville’s mayor.

“I understood the basics of lining up votes, the typical political horse trading that goes on,” he said. “I didn’t have to learn it all anew.”

In 1980 Delaney balanced a busy fall FBK presidency with law school and also got married six weeks before homecoming. Delaney had his tensest moment when then-U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, scheduled to speak at the Homecoming Banquet, was nowhere to be found when it was time for his speech.

“Everyone was saying, ‘You may be married eight weeks by the time the speaker shows up,’” Delaney recalled. “I think they had to helicopter him to the Reitz Union.”

Delaney said he is enjoying being back on a university campus, and despite the prominence of his position, he describes it as a refreshing break from the spotlight.

“We’re so much smaller than the University of Florida,” he said. “You don’t get the level of public scrutiny here that you do at the Jacksonville City Hall.”

Delaney’s transition was made easier by his time in Blue Key: Karen Stone (JD 82), who worked with Delaney during his Blue Key presidency, is UNF’s general counsel.

Reflecting on the dominance of law students in Blue Key leadership, Delaney said law and politics are both fields that have far reaching impact on society.

“When you look at Congress and the large number of attorneys there, you see people who want to change society very often gravitate to law as a tool to do that,” he said.

Mark Merrill (JD 84)
FBK President Fall 1983
Founder and President, Family First

One of the lasting impacts of Mark Merrill’s Blue Key involvement was his lifelong friendship with the late Stephen C. O’Connell (LLB 40). Before O’Connell’s days as UF president and Florida Supreme Court justice, he was a Blue Key president as well. O’Connell gave Merrill some words of advice that guide him to this day.

“I’ll never forget one thing he told me: ‘The most important thing you can do in life is to show an interest in other people,’” Merrill said. “Judge O’Connell had a great influence on my life.”

Merrill went on to practice law alongside O’Connell, but in 1990 left the legal profession to become head of Family First, a Tampa-based, international nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the family. He hosts a radio program, “The Family Minute,” that reaches 5 million listeners each week around the world. Each daily, one-minute broadcast explores a different aspect of family life and parenting, giving listeners tools to better interact with their loved ones.

“It’s amazing to see the heart-tugging responses we get back from parents, saying how it has impacted them and how it has helped them in their parenting and in their lives,” Merrill said.

Merrill has no regrets about leaving the legal field: “It was very clear this was what God wanted me to be doing in my life,” he said. But lawyers, he said, are given a unique opportunity to make a difference.

“We’re often taught in our culture to be takers, not givers,” he said. “Every lawyer has a great opportunity to give by being the best they can be in serving their clients or by using their education to volunteer in their communities. Being a lawyer can give an individual a wonderful platform to help the community.”
BLUE KEY PRESIDENTS
UF Law Students Serving as Florida Blue Key Presidents

1923-24  Robert L. Earnest Jr. (JD 24)
1924-25  Carroll Fussell (JD 25)
1925-26  Murray Doversett (JD 27)
1926-27  Olin Ethridge Watts (JD 28)
1927-28  Ernest E. Mason (JD 28)
1931-32  Laurence K. Walrath (JD 34)
1932-33  Winston E. Arnow (JD 33)
1934    T. Paine Kelly Jr. (JD 36)
1935    John Mercer Brown (JD 35)
1936    Willard Ayres (JD 36)
1937    John U. Lloyd (JD 37)
1938    Selden Waldo (JD 39)
1939    George C. Young (JD 40)
1940    Stephen C. O’Connell (JD 40)
1941    Raymond Ehrlich (JD 42)
1942    Fletcher Rush (JD 42)
1943    Randolph Y. Matheny (JD 43)
1946    Frank A. Duckworth (JD 48)
1947    Paul G. Rogers (JD 48)
1948    Raymer F. Maguire Jr. (JD 48)
1949    Charles J. Hardee Jr. (JD 50)
1950    Al J. Cone (JD 50)
1951    Marshall M. Criser (JD 51)
1952    The Hon. James L. King (JD 53)
1953    Edward Booth (JD 53)
1954    Julian D. Clarkson (JD 55)
1955    Charles H. Damsel Jr. (JD 56)
1956    Richard Pettigrew (JD 57)
1957    Thomas E. Byrd (JD 58)
1958    Jack F. Shorstein (JD 58)
1959    Donald M. Bolling (JD 59)
1960    John R. McClure Jr. (JD 60)
1961    David Strawn (JD 61)
1962    Jack Shreve (JD 62)
1963    Robert Hendry (JD 63)
1964    Charles T. Wells (JD 64)
1965    Woodrow "Mac" Melvin Jr. (JD 65)
1966    Bruce Starling (JD 67)
1967    Karl "Chip" Block Jr. (JD 67)
1968    Ira W. McCallum Jr. (JD 68)
1969    Manuel W. James (JD 69)
1970    John H. Kershaw Jr. (JD 69)
1971    Jeff Warren (JD 72)
1972    John T. O’Shea (JD 72)
1973    S. Daniel Ponce (JD 73)
1974    James Reinman (JD 74)
1975    Ronald A. David (JD 75)
1976    Howell W. Melton Jr. (JD 75)
1977    John N. Bryant (JD 77)
1978    William Quattlebaum (JD 78)
1980    Russell Divine (JD 80)
1981    T. Geoffrey Heekin (JD 81)
1982    John B. Morgan (JD 82)
1983    John B. Morgan (JD 82)
1984    Craig A. Boudreau (JD 84)
1985    Robert G. Stern (JD 90)
1986    Alex Abreu (JD 91)
1987    William P. Dawson III (JD 87)
1988    Robert R. Sprole III (JD 87)
1990    Ernest A. Cox III (JD 90)
1991    Thomas A. Delegal III (JD 91)
1992    James Daniel (JD 92)
1993    Richard R. Alexander (JD 94)
1994    Joseph Touger (JD 94)
1996    Christopher C. Nash (JD 97)
1997    Julie Imanuel Brown (JD 00)
1998    Joshua Weinigard (JD 98)
1999    Ashley B. Moody (JD 00)
2000    Paul Bernstein (JD 00)
2001    Leslie Press (JD 01)
2002    Troy Finneghan (JD 03)
2003    Richard Rosenblatt (JD 04)
2004    Michael Silver (JD 04)
2005    Brian Roof

*Starting in 1934, Blue Key began having two presidents each school year, one in Spring, one in Fall.
Kelley Geraghty Price (JD 90)
FBK President Fall 1990
Cohen & Grigsby

As a fall semester president, Kelley Geraghty Price dealt with the stress of pulling Homecoming off without a hitch. In her case, however, there was some additional pressure. Price was the first female president in FBK’s history.

She was a third-year law student involved in Moot Court and interning with the Public Defender’s office.

“It was crazy,” she said. “I felt like I was in a fishbowl. There had never been a female at the helm, and people were wondering, ‘how is she going to handle it?’ But I believe we showed them a woman could do as well as a man.”

Price’s administration focused on strengthening relations with Blue Key alumni. When she encounters Blue Key alumni throughout the state, they often mention her historic term as the first female president.

“More than anything, it taught me how to handle myself under pressure,” she said. “People were incredibly supportive, both those at the university and the alumni.”

Price, now a director with Cohen & Grigsby in Naples, is president of the Collier County Bar Association and said the time she spends on community service today keeps her balanced.

“It’s important for those in leadership positions to continue in leadership roles after they exit the University of Florida. By doing so you avoid 100 percent tunnel vision on your profession,” she said. “A lot of us are blessed with so many things, and it’s important for us to give back.”

Ashley Moody (JD 00)
FBK President Fall 1999
Assistant United States Attorney
Middle District of Florida

Ashley Moody’s Blue Key leadership came at a time when the organization was under siege. Two defamation lawsuits had rocked Blue Key, and Moody, now an assistant United States attorney, stepped in to repair the damage.

“We were trying to rebuild a reputation that we felt was unfairly damaged,” she said. “We were struggling to ensure the organization remained as highly respected as it had always been.”

Despite the controversy, Moody said leading the group through that difficult time was a unique opportunity for an aspiring lawyer.

“It was a trying time, but I can’t imagine a better learning experience for a law student than to be the leader of an organization trying to defend itself and its reputation,” she said. “It definitely shaped my leadership skills.”

Blue Key is a family affair for Moody, whose father, U.S. District Judge James Moody (JD 72), also participated in the organization. Growing up, she says, her family emphasized the importance of community service.

“It was instilled in me at a young age and magnified through my experience in college that each of us has a duty to serve at whichever level we can,” she said. While at UF, Moody also was a student member of the Board of Regents. Her commitment to service continues in her profession: She recently was named to the Tampa Bay Review’s “40 Under 40,” which recognizes young attorneys for their professional and civic contributions. Among her many volunteer activities, Moody uses her legal expertise to help domestic violence victims with injunctions against their batterers as a volunteer with Bay Area Legal Services.

“The judicial system can be intimidating,” she said. “Lawyers are in a unique position to help. We are privileged to be lawyers, and it is our obligation to help people who need our services.”
Professor Slobogin Cited by U.S. Supreme Court

The work of Stephen C. O’Connell Professor Christopher Slobogin was cited in the U.S. Supreme Court’s arguments in *Roper v. Simmons*, in which the Court ruled 5-4 to ban the death penalty for defendants who were juveniles at the time of their offense.

Justice Antonin Scalia cited Slobogin’s casebook, *Criminal Procedure: Regulation of Police Investigation*, in his dissenting opinion. Scalia disputed the majority’s argument that American law should conform to the laws of other countries, arguing that some aspects of U.S. law are distinctly American. He cited Slobogin’s casebook to show that British courts rarely reject evidence collected in illegal searches, despite the exclusionary rule observed by American courts.

Law School Welcomes Talented New Faculty

The Levin College of Law will welcome four new faculty members in the fall.

Andrea Matwyshyn comes to UF from Northwestern University School of Law, where her research focuses on the legal and social implications of technology regulation and data security. She is an affiliate of the Centre for Economics and Policy at the University of Cambridge. Matwyshyn also regularly speaks to academic and industry groups on issues of enterprise risk management, information technology, and the security of proprietary information. At UF, Matwyshyn will focus her research and teaching on legal technology.

Elizabeth Rowe, a Harvard Law School graduate (with a bachelor’s and master’s degree from UF), was a partner in the litigation department at Boston-based Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr and served as a special assistant district attorney for Boston. She is currently teaching at Florida Coastal School of Law and has previously taught at Boston University and Harvard University. Her research focuses on intellectual property and business issues, including areas such as theft of trade secrets in the workplace. At UF, she will teach trademarks and patents.

Michael Siebecker, a graduate of Yale University and Columbia Law School, spent four years at the New York firm of Cravath, Swain & Moore before becoming a professor at Hofstra University School of Law. At Hofstra, Siebecker conducted research on the intersection of law and political theory, particularly as they relate to securities regulation, business organizations and the Internet. He also represented a group of socially responsible investment firms as amicus curiae in *Nike v. Kasky*, a commercial speech case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. At UF, Siebecker will teach corporate law.

As an estates and trusts associate at the New York City firms Davis Polk & Wardwell and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, Lee-ford Tritt worked on sophisticated estate, tax and property matters. He currently is teaching at Pace University School of Law. At UF this fall, he will teach estates and trusts. Tritt also will serve as assistant director of the Center for Estates and Elder Planning.

Faculty Experts Guide Online

A Faculty Experts Guide is now online that makes it easy for alumni and others to identify faculty with expertise in specific areas and seek expert witnesses. The site lists UF law school faculty names, titles and areas of expertise. Users also can click on the faculty name to link to a picture, full resume and other information. This guide is online at www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/experts-guide.shtml.
Mediation Expert Wins Award

When Alison Gerencser (JD 84) was a freshly minted attorney practicing family law in the Jacksonville area, she often wondered if there wasn’t a better way to settle family disputes.

“I began to feel that bringing lawyers into a divorce only made a bad situation worse,” said Gerencser, a legal skills professor and associate director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at the Levin College of Law. “There has to be a better way to settle these issues than to fight it out in court.”

In the early 1990s, Gerencser’s experience led her to take charge of the 8th Judicial Circuit’s first mediation program when it was literally headquartered in a judge’s office closet. Originally the program offered mediation only in family law cases. Since then, it has expanded to include civil law in county and circuit courts, as well as some criminal cases. Her involvement in the program led Santa Fe Community College to honor her with its Woman of Distinction Award.

Mediation has drastically reduced the caseload in the 8th Circuit Court. For instance, 80 percent of family law cases in the 8th Circuit are now settled through mediation.

“Let’s face it: litigation is costly, and people would usually prefer to avoid it for that reason alone,” she said. “Another reason mediation works, particularly in family law, is that there’s no transcript, so you don’t face the prospect of very personal information becoming public record.”

Gerencser teaches the UF law mediation clinic, which trains law students in mediation techniques and gives them hands-on experience. Gerencser and her students also work at the Pace Center for Girls and other schools for at-risk youth, teaching alternative dispute resolution techniques to children.

Novel Fulfills Lifelong Dream

If you were to invent the perfect mystery writer, his resume would probably look a lot like Mike Seigel’s. As a Harvard Law School graduate, Seigel knows a thing or two about putting words together. As a former federal prosecutor, he has an insider’s view of the courtroom drama. And as a law professor who teaches an evidence class at UF, Seigel has a knowledge of investigative techniques that most mystery writers would, well, kill for.

Now Seigel has put his mystery-writing credentials to the test with Improbable Events: Murder at Ellenton Hall (Universe), a mystery novel released in March. Seigel wrote the book, his first work of fiction, during a semester sabbatical.

“To write a novel was always a dream of mine,” Seigel said. “Sometimes you look at some of the books that get published and think ‘how hard can it be?’ Sometimes you come across a really great book and wonder, ‘could I write something like that?’

“A couple of years ago I got tired of wondering,” he continued. “I decided to sit down and just do it.”

Improbable Events follows the adventures of Mark Bolton, an associate dean at the fictitious Tampa Bay University School of Law. Bolton stumbles across a mystery when a student is found murdered in one of TBU’s classrooms. Against his better judgment, the former prosecutor can’t resist the temptation to get involved in the investigation — even wrangling an appointment as a sheriff’s deputy to improve his access to evidence. The novel is available through Amazon.com and in Gainesville at Wilbert’s and Goerings.

PAYDAY LENDERS
Peterson Honored for Research

Assistant Professor Christopher L. Peterson won the 2005 Best Book Award from the American College of Financial Services Lawyers for his book Taming the Sharks: Toward a Cure for the High-Cost Credit Market. The book, which examines the growth in payday loans and other high-interest lending, also was selected by Academia Magazine as a recommended title for Winter 2005.

Peterson also has made headlines for a recent study that shows that payday lending stores are clustered around military bases. Peterson and co-author Steven Graves, a geography professor at California State University, say their study shows that payday lenders are targeting military families.

“Payday loan companies vociferously deny that they are targeting military personnel, but the numbers show that they do,” Peterson said. “It’s sad enough to see someone get into financial trouble because someone lent him money at more than 400 percent interest. It’s even worse when that borrower is a person who is fighting to protect our freedom — someone whose career can be ruined by a loan of this sort.”

Peterson’s study has been the subject of stories in Stars and Stripes, Army Times, Navy Times, The Kansas City Star, The L.A. Daily News, and other newspapers.

Peterson Honored for Research
The American Bar Association’s *Human Rights* magazine has named Professor Barbara Bennett Woodhouse a “Human Rights Hero.” She was one of four lawyers from across the nation profiled in the Winter 2005 issue of the magazine, which described Woodhouse as “an international leader in the field of children’s rights.”

Woodhouse is director of the law school’s Center on Children and Families, which works with court officials, law enforcement agencies and others to promote better service for children in the court system. Woodhouse and the Children’s Fellows — law students who have obtained fellowships through the center — train advocates for children, do scholarly research on children’s issues, educate children about their rights and responsibilities, and promote a more child-centered approach to policies that affect children.

In pursuit of that mission, Woodhouse and her colleagues have filed amicus briefs in a number of high-profile cases related to children’s welfare, including recent court cases involving the juvenile death penalty and the adoption of children by gay couples. “I never imagined myself as a hero,” Woodhouse said. “The real heroes are the children, and it is their courage and resilience that inspires gifted young lawyers like our Children’s Fellows to dedicate their careers to this work.”

**Jackson Receives Bar’s Pro Bono Award**

For years, Legal Skills Professor Joseph Jackson (JD 82) has been a friend to Gainesville’s homeless, both in and out of court. Now he has been honored with the Florida Bar President’s Pro Bono Award for the 8th Judicial Circuit, awarded each year to an outstanding attorney.

Jackson stays in close contact with the homeless community through his work with a mobile homeless outreach effort that makes twice-weekly deliveries of food, blankets and other supplies. That involvement led him to take on a number of cases involving individuals and community advocate groups, from settling probate issues to defending people on misdemeanor charges to fighting a local library’s decision to ban a homeless person from its premises.


Legal Skills Professor Joe Jackson and his wife, Lecturer Emeritus Elizabeth McCulloch, load donated items into their car for distribution to the homeless.
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- Professor Stuart R. Cohn, Gerald A. Sohn Research Scholar and associate dean for international studies, returned last fall from Namibia, where he was director of a nine-nation workshop among sub-Saharan countries. The workshop was co-sponsored by the United Nations Institute for Research and Development and West African Agency for Financial Development. Cohn also published the 2004-05 edition of his treatise, *Securities Counseling for New and Developing Companies* (Westgroup), and is currently working on an Association for Law and Business project with several UF law students on behalf of The Florida Bar Business Law Section to reform Florida’s Not-for-Profit Statute. Cohn has written “A New Direction for African Capital Markets: Facilitating Capital-Raising Opportunities for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises,” *United Nations Institute for Training and Research Doc.* #20 (2004); and “Potential Liability for MD&A and 8-K Disclosures and Omissions,” *Annual Institute on Federal Securities*.

- An article co-authored by Thomas Cotter, former professor and IP program director, was cited in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. In its decision in *Silvers v. Sony Pictures Entertainment*, handed down March 25, the court cited an article by Cotter and co-author Roger D. Blair that addressed the hardships copyright holders faced before they were able to separately sell the various rights arising from a copyright. He also published “Market Fundamentalism and the TRIPs agreement,” 22 *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* (2004) and “An Economic Analysis of Enhanced Damages and Attorney’s Fees for Willful Patent Infringement,” 14 *Fed. Cir. B. J.* 291-331 (2004). In addition, Cotter presented a paper, “The Law and Economics of Intermediaries: Developing a General Analytical Framework,” at an April 9 conference at Michigan State University College of Law.

- Professor Jeffrey Davis moderated a panel discussion between Middle District of Florida bankruptcy judges, Middle District Chapter Thirteen trustees and representatives of the office of the United States Trustee on methods for harmonizing Chapter Thirteen procedures throughout the district. Davis recently wrote “Ending the Nonsense: The In Pari Delicto Doctrine Has Nothing To Do With What is Section 541 Property of the Bankruptcy Estate,” *Emory Journal of Bankruptcy Developments*.

- Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law Nancy Dowd was one of four invited featured speakers at the 2005 Thrower Symposium on family law at Emory University School of Law. Her topic was “Fathers and the Supreme Court: Founding Fathers and Nurturing Fathers.” A forthcoming *University of Cincinnati Law Review* article, “Bringing the Margin to the Center: Comprehensive Strategies for Work/Family Policies,” was presented at the Women’s Work is Never Done Symposium organized by the law school.

- Associate Professor Mark Fenster spoke on “The Opacity of Transparency” at Stetson School of Law.

- Alison Gerencser, legal skills professor and associate director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, along with her mediation clinic students, spoke to mediators from the 8th Judicial Circuit on “The Quality of Mercy: Apology and the South African TRC.” (Also see page 22.)

- Chesterfield Smith Professor Michael W. Gordon was appointed vice chair of the Programs Committee and the Publications Board of the American Bar Association Section of International Law. For the fourth consecutive year, he developed, moderated and was a panelist on the two Fundamentals of International Business Law programs, held in Washington, D.C., on “International Letters of Credit” and “Processing an International Trade Dispute.” International Trade Law Programs Director Stephen Powell joined the panel. Gordon also was invited to the second Latin American workshop, held in May at Washington University Law School in St. Louis. Gordon also consulted on two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court last term. Gordon published the 7th edition of his co-authored *International Business Transactions Nutshell* by the West Group. He sat as a panelist with two Canadians and two other Americans in Washington, D.C., on the NAFTA Chapter 19 wheat dispute between Canada and the United States. The panel met shortly thereafter in Ottawa to draft their decision.


Professor Thomas Hurst presented a paper, “The Unfinished Business of Mutual Fund Reform,” April 1 at the Investors’ Rights Conference sponsored by Pace University School of Law in New York City.


Dean Robert Jerry published “A Brief Exploration of Space: Some Observations on

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SETTING POLICY

Privacy vs. Access

In the age of the Internet, how do you resolve the tension between the state constitutional right of privacy and the constitutional right to access court information?

That quandary has belonged to Dean Emeritus Jon Mills for the last year and a half as he has chaired the 15-member Committee on Privacy and Court Records, which was charged with developing a uniform, statewide policy to ensure private information is filtered out of court records before being placed in media such as the Internet and bulk electronic access systems.

Mills (JD 72), director of the Center for Government Responsibility at the Levin College of Law, leads the diverse group of lawyers, judges, court clerks, courts administrators and First Amendment Foundation representatives appointed by then Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead (JD 63). The group includes UF alumni Judge Edward Fine (JD 71) of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Judge Jacqueline Griffin (JD 75) of the 5th District Court of Appeals, Jonathan Kaney Jr. (JD 79) with Cobb & Cole, and Larry Turner (JD 70), a former 8th Judicial Circuit judge now in private practice in Gainesville. Also on the panel is Andrew Adkins, director of the Legal Technology Institute at the UF law school.

The group has tackled several difficult issues, including whether court records should be disseminated on the Internet, who is responsible for taking confidential information out of the court records before dissemination, when the information should be posted, what happens to the information submitted by unrepresented parties, and sanctions for rule violations. The result of their efforts is a 73-page draft report now going through a public review process before being finalized this summer.

As Mills told The Florida Bar News, it has been a balancing act.

“We have sought to establish a balanced approach with safeguards and oversight as critical prior to publicizing information. We are seeking to keep junk information out of the records entirely and seeking a reliable process to protect information that is legally private and confidential,” he said.

The committee’s draft report (available at www.flcourts.org) notes that Florida is in a position to lead the nation with this proposed innovative policy.

“The whole issue is the quintessential clash between the two major democratic values of openness and privacy,” Mills said. “It is made much more difficult by modern technology.”
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Law School Architecture,” 36 U. Toledo L. Rev. 85 (2004). He also spoke at a plenary session of the AALS Section on Institutional Advancement on the topic of “The Role of the Dean in the Fund Raising Process.” Jerry also was the keynote speaker at the Florida Blue Key Spring Banquet. (Also see page 4.)

■ Visiting Professor Clifford A. Jones of the Center for Governmental Responsibility presented his paper, “Foundations of Competition Policy in the EU and USA: Conflict, Convergence, and Beyond,” at the First Academic Society for Competition Law Workshop on “Comparative Competition Law: The Evolution of European Competition Law — Whose Regulation, Which Competition?” in Villa Schifanoia, Florence. The European University Institute and LUISS University of Rome sponsored the conference. Jones was a visiting professor at King’s College at the University of London and offered two seminars on U.S. anti-trust law.

■ Associate Professor Cally Jordan was elected a member of the American Law Institute. She also received an honorary appointment as a senior fellow at the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne, Australia. Jordan also was the speaker at a workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam, hosted by the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and CIEM (a Vietnamese think tank engaged in legislative drafting). Jordan made a presentation on “Corporate Groups and Corporate Governance” at the 2005 annual symposium of the University of Wisconsin International Law Journal, Economic Globalization and Corporate Governance, in Madison, Wis. She also participated in a session about International Corporate Governance in the 5th annual Law and Business Conference at Vanderbilt University Law School.


■ Clarence J. TeSelle Professor Martin J. McMahon Jr. was a visiting law faculty member at Cambridge University, where he researched comparative tax policy issues. He also made CLE presentations on “Recent Federal Income Tax Developments” at the University of Montana School of Law’s 52nd annual Tax Institute in Missoula and at the University of Texas School of Law’s 51st annual Taxation Conference in Houston on “Recent Federal Income Tax Developments,” with University of Houston Law Professor Ina Shepard; and with Ina Shepard at the American Bar Association Tax Section Midyear Meeting. He gave a presentation on “Tax Rules for American and Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions” at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster, Germany, and published “The Matthew Effect and Federal Taxation” in 45 Boston College Review 993-1128 (2005).


■ Associate Director of the Center on Children and Families/Professor Kenneth Nunn participated in a forum entitled “Black (Inter) Nationalism, Civil Rights, and the Illusion of Equality,” an event hosted by the Black Graduate Student Organization as part of UF’s celebration of Black History Month.


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BREAKING BARRIERS IN GUATEMALA

Supreme Court Justice Honored

The first woman to serve as head of Guatemala’s Ministry of Education and president of that nation’s Supreme Court was honored by the Levin College of Law in May.

Maria Luisa Beltranena de Padilla received the Jon Mills Award, given each year to a person who has made significant contributions to relations between Florida and the Americas. The award was presented at the Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas, an annual event organized by the law school’s Center for Governmental Responsibility.

The conference brought lawyers, scholars, and law enforcement officials from around the Western Hemisphere to UF to discuss the rule of law, alternate dispute resolution, and techniques for fighting terrorism.

“This conference allows legal scholars and policy makers to compare and contrast the approaches different nations take toward problems that affect the entire hemisphere,” said UF law Dean Robert Jerry. “It is fitting that this year’s Jon Mills Award recipient would be someone who has contributed so much to the public life of her country and to the international exchange of ideas.”

Throughout her career, Beltranena has broken gender barriers in Guatemalan law and politics.

When she entered law school herself, Beltranena was one of only two women in her class. She quickly rose through the ranks of academia, becoming dean of the law school at Rafael Landivar University in Guatemala City — the first female law school dean in the country.

In 1982 she became the first woman to sit on Guatemala’s Supreme Court.

She later accepted the position of the nation’s minister of education, during which time Guatemala reformed rural education, giving small communities more control over their schools and requiring rural schoolteachers to give instruction in native languages as well as Spanish. Both reforms were intended to increase educational participation in rural areas, where girls often get little or no formal schooling.

In 1993 Beltranena left the Ministry of Education to serve a brief term as president of the Supreme Court.

“She is an extraordinary person,” said Levin College of Law Professor Michael Gordon, who nominated Beltranena for the Jon Mills Award. “Twenty years ago Guatemala looked like one of the last places you would expect a woman to rise to such a prominent position in government.”

Beltranena has been working with UF on collaborative projects since 1979, when she established an exchange program to bring UF students to Guatemala. That program was suspended after less than a year when revolution broke out in Nicaragua, but Beltranena continues to participate in conferences and other scholarly events at UF.

The award is named for Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility. Previous recipients of the award include Kenneth “Buddy” MacKay (JD 67), former governor of Florida and special presidential envoy; Alejandro Ogarrio, president of the Mexican Bar Association; Miami attorney Raul Valdes-Fauli and Brazilian environmental lawyer Paolo Roberto Pereira de Souza.

—Tim Lockette

Dean Robert Jerry, award winner Maria Luisa Beltranena.
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- **Professor Juan Francisco Perea** spoke at a conference, “The Legacy of 50 Years of School Desegregation through a Multicultural Lens,” at FIU College of Law in Miami. Perea also was a panelist and author at a conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Hernandez v. Texas.*

- **Professor Don Peters** presented a one-week mediation skills workshop to 17 judges, lawyers and court administrators in Accra, Ghana. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Judicial Institute of Ghana and International Law Institute in Washington, D.C. Also, Peters published “Do Moving Lips Indicate that Lawyers are Lying when Negotiating and Mediating,” in *9 Conflict Management* 22 (Winter 2005). He also served on the ABA site visit team in Dallas, Texas.

- **Assistant Professor Christopher Peterson** gave a speech titled “Securitization and Predatory Lending: Understanding Contemporary Home Mortgage Securities Conduits” at a conference hosted by Florida Legal Services Inc. in Tampa.

- Irving Cypen Professor **Sharon E. Rush** spoke on race relations in education at a WUFT conference on “A Question of Race” at the UF College of Journalism and Communications. Rush also gave the keynote speech at the 3rd Annual Worldwide Forum on Education in Rome, Italy, on “Beyond the Multicultural Curriculum: The Importance of Multicultural Relationships.”

- **Professor Michael Seigel** has assumed new administrative duties as interim director of clinical and simulation-based skills programs. Seigel recently published “On Collegiality,” *54 J. Legal Ed.* 406 (2004). (Also see page 22.)

- Stephen C. O’Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** participated in a criminal procedure forum at Brandeis Law School, where an essay he wrote with Professor Michael Seigel, “Prosecuting Martha: Federal Prosecutorial Power and the Need for a Law of Counts,” was discussed. (The essay has since been published in *Penn State Law Review.*) He also spoke on “Mental Disorder as an Exemption from the Death Penalty” at a symposium at Catholic Law School; “Transaction Surveillance by the Government” at Hastings College of Law; “Excuse Defenses to Juvenile Crime: The Implications of the New Brain Research” at a Ohio State Law School conference; “Informants: A Comparative Perspective” at Illinois Law School; “Transaction Surveillance by the Government” at the Mississippi College of Law’s Conference on Computers and the Fourth Amendment; “Preventive Detention” at the University of North Carolina School of Law; and “The Ethics of Prison Research” at a conference sponsored by the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C. He published “The Civilization of the Criminal Law” in *Vanderbilt Law Review* and “Subpoenas and Privacy” in a symposium issue of *Depaul Law Review.* (Also see page 21.)

- **Professor Lyris Lidsky** was appointed associate dean for faculty development. She replaces Professor Thomas Cotter, who has accepted a position at Washington and Lee University.

- **Professor Walter O. Weyrauch** spoke at Cornell Law School on “The Study of Law in Frankfurt, Germany, During the Second World War: A Personal Reminiscence.”


- **Barbara Bennett Woodhouse,** David H. Levin Chair in Family Law, director of the Center on Children and Families, and co-director of the Institute for Child and Adolescent Research and Evaluation, presented a paper on foster care and adoption policy at an interdisciplinary symposium on “The State Construction of the Family” hosted by the University of Virginia’s Center on Children, Families and the Law. She also delivered the keynote speech at Whittier Law School’s symposium on Child Health Policy. Woodhouse traveled to The Hague, Netherlands, to attend the annual meeting of the Executive Council of the International Society of Family Law. She delivered the 26th John E. Sullivan Lecture at Capitol University Law School, in connection with the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy’s Wells Conference on Adoption Law. Her topic was “Waiting for Loving: A Child’s Right to be Adopted.” (Also see page 23.)

- **Gator TeamChild Director Claudia Wright** published “Re-Thinking Juvenile Justice: Using the IEP Concept to Create a New Juvenile Justice Paradigm,” *Juvenile Justice Update,* Dec/Jan 2005, Vol. 10, No. 6. Wright was elected to chair the 8th Judicial Circuit Court Family Law Advisory Group. Wright and TeamChild Social Worker Karen Keroac provided in-service training on children’s rights to the nurses of the Florida Department of Health’s Children’s Medical Services in Gainesville.

The debate over the current state of Social Security continues to take center stage nationally as President Bush presses the case for his private accounts and “progressive indexing” proposals. So far, the president has made little headway in selling his plan to the American public or to Congress.

Just over 20 years ago, Social Security faced a true crisis, to which a Republican president, a Congress with a Republican-controlled Senate and a Democratic-controlled House responded. In just three months in early 1983, Congress drafted, debated and passed a plan that put the Social Security system on a sound footing for the next 75 years. What might be different now that is preventing a similar bi-partisan approach to resolving the system’s long-term problems?

First, there is in fact no immediate crisis of the type that faced the system in 1983. Then, the trust funds were projected as insufficient to pay complete benefits beginning in 1984. There was simply no way around passing a bill in early 1983 if the system was to continue to be financed through the payroll tax. Necessity is the mother of a swift legislative process.

In contrast, right now the Social Security system is still running surpluses and will be able to pay yearly benefits from payroll tax revenues, without drawing on trust fund reserves, until around 2018. At that point, we probably will have to draw on the reserves in the trust funds — but what does that really mean in government finance terms? Clearly, the rest of the budget will be under greater pressure as trust fund bonds have to be “cashed in,” requiring general revenues to, in effect, “pay back” the trust funds — but at that point the crisis will be in the general revenue budget, not Social Security.

Second, there is no general agreement on the size or the timing of the Social Security financing problem itself. The administration has attempted to frame the debate as an immediate problem, based on the notion that the trust fund reserves are “imaginary,” backed up by “mere IOUs,” which could be defaulted on at a moment’s notice. If one ignores the reserve, Social Security would seem to be poised to run out of money beginning in 2017.

The trust fund reserve certainly didn’t seem “imaginary” in 1983, when Republicans and Democrats agreed to cut Social Security benefits and increase revenues by pouring surplus revenues into the trust funds. It was clear at the time that beginning in the late 1980s through about 2010, the system would bring in much more revenue than would be necessary to pay benefits, resulting in a huge buildup in the trust funds. Congress saw the surplus as one way the Baby Boom generation could pay for its large retirement costs, in addition to the increase in the retirement age from 65 to 67 — which was part of the 1983 legislation and is currently being phased in — becoming fully effective in 2022.

Moreover, the trust fund bonds are legal and financial obligations of the U.S. government, which must pay Social Security benefits as long as sufficient funds remain in the trust fund. For a real problem to emerge in 2017, the law would have to be changed to prevent payment of benefits and allow default on those bonds. This seems to be an unlikely eventuality.

The nation’s retirement system does indeed face very serious problems — but I would suggest that both Medicare and the private pension system face more serious and immediate crises than Social Security. Looming over all these policy issues is the federal budget deficit, which will create enormous obstacles to any solutions we might want to pursue for any of these programs, and which should therefore be tackled first to make other policy choices clear and legislative compromises possible.

Professor Dilley teaches tax, employee benefits and elder law at the Levin College of Law. She was a member of the professional staff of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security from 1981 through 1987, and was one of the principal drafters of the 1983 Social Security Amendments. Her most recent article, “Hope We Die Before We Get Old: The Attack on Retirement,” appeared in the Elder Law Journal this spring. She has published and spoken extensively in the areas of Social Security, and retirement policy and employee benefits, and recently appeared at a town hall meeting on Social Security with U.S. Rep. Susan Davis (D-Calif.) in San Diego.
SAVING THE CANARY in the COAL MINE

BY KATHY FLEMING
All she had was a computer, telephone, law faculty adviser and client with a monumental mission: The Belize Institute for Environmental Law and Policy, a group of public interest lawyers and conservation advocates who wanted the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System added to the formal “World Heritage Danger List.”

The assignment — part of her work requirement in the law school’s Conservation Clinic — was more than daunting. It was downright overwhelming given that she needed to collaborate with the world’s leading reef scientists and lawyers via phone and e-mail and compile and comprehend reams of research data and legal documents.

Her client hoped she might draw up a document to prove the largest barrier reef in the Northern Hemisphere — an ecosystem accommodating a stunning diversity of marine life, including three species of endangered sea turtles — was “threatened by serious and specific danger” from climate changes and needed exceptional protection.

So that is what she did … patiently, thoroughly, completely.

Many more hours and months later, Zimmerman’s efforts resulted in a petition to list the Belize barrier reefs as an endangered site. It was presented in Paris last November to the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization, which oversees the World Heritage Convention.

“The petition is particularly noteworthy because it served as the model for two other simultaneously-filed petitions involving Mount Everest and a World Heritage site in Peru,” said Alyson Flournoy, director of the law school’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program. The program is home base for the Conservation Clinic, where students can gain practical experience by focusing on real world environmental issues in Florida and beyond.

“There was no preconceived format for these petitions. Although Tom Ankersen (Conservation Clinic director and legal skills professor) provided editorial support, and it was further edited by the client prior to submission, the work remains largely Erika’s,” Flournoy said. The fact that Zimmerman’s format was adopted by the other petitioners is a testament to her advocacy skill.

The Belize reef system is already one of about 730 World Heritage Convention sites — which include the great Pyramids, Vatican treasures and lions of the Serengeti plains — protected by a 175-nation treaty. Convincing the World Heritage Committee to place the Belize reefs on the exclusive endangered list, now numbering only 33 sites, will provide emergency funding and additional protection.

“These reefs are a hub of scientific activity and are considered to be the ‘canary in the coalmine’ to tell us what is happening to the health of the planet overall,” said Zimmerman, soft-spoken but resolute. “They are declining

At least 1,000 miles away from her client and surrounded by stacks of scientific research in her cluttered Gainesville apartment, second-year UF law student Erika Zimmerman couldn’t help but wonder how her quiet efforts could possibly protect the coral barrier reefs strung along the turquoise waters of Belize.
very rapidly due to global climate changes and other factors and we just can’t wait 30 or 40 years because they will be gone.”

**From Shining Sea to Classroom Clinic**

Zimmerman was first attracted to the rich waters of marine ecology when she started scuba diving at age 13 on numerous Caribbean family vacations. After earning a bachelor’s degree in biology from Wake Forest, she considered a master’s in marine ecology.

“I just realized I could have more of an impact as a lawyer. There is a lot of great science already available that needs to be used as soon as possible to make policies that will work hand-in-hand with development,” Zimmerman said.

The opportunity to mesh her science background with environmental protection goals so soon into her law training came as a surprise.

“I’m very passionate about marine conservation and would have done it on my own time if I hadn’t had the opportunity through the clinic. This is exactly the type of work I want to do as a lawyer and it has given me wonderful experience,” she said.

As it turned out, her work on the petition far exceeded the 140-hour clinic requirement.

Conservation Clinic Director Tom Ankersen said he observes this kind of apprentice passion often and can name scores of environmental causes UF law students have advanced.

“There is so much law and policy work that does not involve litigation, and that’s what we practice,” he said. “The university has the mission of service, education and research, and we have taken on the mandate — the obligation — to be of service to the university and community.”

Each semester about eight to 10 law students work alongside graduate students — from areas such as landscape architecture, urban and regional planning, ecology and economics — to earn credit on projects for local and state government agencies, not-for-profit groups or even individuals pursuing conservation objectives.

“The end result is that our clinical environmental education moves beyond the courtroom to serve in ways that are quite extensive.”

**Real World Accomplishments**

Despite a shortage of office space, Conservation Clinic students have worked in teams to pull off legal achievements requiring clearly written goals, objectives and policies backed up by data and analysis. These achievements include:

- Drafted a model historic preservation ordinance for Crystal River to create a historic district in the city and enable some buildings to qualify for state and federal funding. The model is likely to be used by other municipalities.

- Established tax increment financing districts for small towns that ensure funding for community revitalization initiatives such as parks, sidewalks,
underground utilities and the façade of downtown buildings. Cedar Key, Flagler Beach and Marineland have created districts with the clinic’s assistance.

- Wrote a new (and controversial) wetlands protection policy and implementation ordinance for Gainesville’s City Commission that divided the city into four basins. The policy requires the city to address wetland impact on a basin-by-basin basis.

- Drafted a model ordinance to increase native plant landscaping in Florida.

- Teamed with an Alachua County community group and the Florida Department of Transportation to provide “Scenic Highway” status for a designated stretch of road along U.S. 441 in southern Alachua County. The citizens wanted to maintain the “old Florida” look of the area and increase tourism. Clinic students analyzed zoning laws in four jurisdictions and conducted public meetings.

- Provided policy recommendations for protecting wildlife against feral cat colonies on state lands that helped change State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission policy.

- Assisted the town of Marineland, Florida’s oldest tourist attraction, with the preparation of a comprehensive plan that helps market the town as a new science, education and heritage tourism model.

- Wrote the initial draft of two bills under consideration by the Florida Legislature. The first would require home sellers and realtors of oceanfront properties to notify potential buyers if the property is critically eroding. The second provides for a comprehensive approach to Florida Springs protection.

“The Conservation Clinic is how we put students into action,” Ankersen said. “We are somewhat unique, particularly in our international scope, but the end result is that our clinical environmental education moves beyond the courtroom to serve in ways that are quite extensive.”

For students like Zimmerman, the guidance of professors like Ankersen is the foundation for her success on the Belize project and ultimately her success as a lawyer. She thinks his call to the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division helped her cement the opportunity to work there as a staff attorney after graduating in May.

“He is so supportive of students and teaches us to be independent and think creatively,” Zimmerman said.

Right now the success of the Belize project has not been decided, but the media exposure by The New York Times and the BBC as the petition is debated in Paris before the United Nations is “causing a stir.”

“I’ve thought about this, worked on this, and knew it was extremely important and should be hard to ignore. The fact that it is getting this kind of attention and that I even had the chance to be involved in such an important issue is …,” her voice trailed off, “… well, amazing.”

The Conservation Clinic also takes place through the Environmental and Land Use Law Program’s Costa Rica Summer Program, which Ankersen directs.

Students from throughout the United States, Costa Rica, Latin America and the Caribbean join UF law students there for six weeks of intensive, applied work in a cross-cultural setting. Students work alongside their Latin American counterparts on issues related to marine and terrestrial biodiversity, water resources and public participation in environmental management.

Indeed, Zimmerman’s Belize project began in Costa Rica with Belizean law students who were working on an analysis of the legal framework for the entire Mesoamerican reef system.

In 2003 Ankersen assisted the University of Costa Rica law school with the creation of its own environmental law clinic, which became the first of its kind in Latin America and the Caribbean.

UF environmental law student Alan Hawkins worked on a summer Conservation Clinic project in Costa Rica related to marine fisheries and shark finning (sharks are harvested only for the fins). He chose to remain in Costa Rica as an exchange student to work in the newly established Costa Rica clinic, “Consultorio Jurídico Ambiental.” As a result of the work of the Costa Rican group Hawkins assisted, Costa Rica passed a new fishing law in February that bans the practice of shark finning in Costa Rican waters.
John Henry Hankinson (JD 79) was 5 years old when his parents bought a rustic cabin in the Ocala National Forest. Each summer, the forest would become his theme park … thousands of acres of towering sand pines, huge oaks draped with Spanish moss, natural springs and endless critters.

Most afternoons, as the sun entered its last phase of the day, Hankinson would climb the big shady oak by the road and wait for his father to return from teaching summer school.

“I would hide in that tree and wait for him to drive directly under it,” he said. “When he was close enough, I’d drop to the ground.”

Like most people who grow up in the woods, Hankinson learned the joys of wandering, of ambling along without a purpose and seeing what there is to see. And like many Baby Boomers, he meandered through his early adulthood like a boy chasing fireflies — until he realized the world’s forests might vanish without a few disciplined advocates to protect them. Hankinson’s years at UF transformed a young man in love with the wilderness into a powerful voice for environmental protection.

His early tendency to love and protect the environ-
ment was a family undertaking nurtured by his parents, both of whom were teachers and early conservationists.

“When my mom’s biology students put a snake in her desk to scare her, she deflated them by calmly pulling it out and giving them a science lesson on garter snakes,” he said. “My sister also wrote a wonderful book on protecting Florida’s environment.”

In the late ’60s, Hankinson’s dad was one of the early few in Ocala to oppose the Cross Florida Barge Canal, a coast-to-coast waterway across Florida that began with construction of the Rodman Dam and Reservoir.

But the son was too restless for town meetings and letters to the editor. After graduating from Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd College), Hankinson journeyed through a variety of jobs, from construction worker to substitute teacher to parole officer.

“I was an independent breed and not ready for the end of the ’60s,” Hankinson said.

Law school never entered his mind. But that was before the influence of a UF grad who would later become governor of Florida, Kenneth “Buddy” MacKay (JD 67).

“I could see John was very talented,” said MacKay, who knew Hankinson from church and as a paralegal in his Ocala law firm. “But he was having trouble sorting out what to do with his life. He cared about environmentalism, but it was in its infancy and lawyers didn’t have a clear role in it. I suggested to John that if he got a law degree, he could become a trained advocate for the environment.”

On MacKay’s advice, Hankinson enrolled in UF’s law school, where he was able to study environmental law. He credits MacKay with pointing him toward his life’s work.

“Buddy was my mentor,” said Hankinson. “He encouraged me to become a lawyer and find my role in public service.”

Upon graduation, Hankinson took his law degree to the Florida House of Representatives Regulatory Reform Committee, where he learned to work within the political system and authored the Florida Energy Efficiency Conservation Act, which required the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt conservation goals for the state’s major electric utilities. From there, his accomplishments accumulated quickly.

“Marjorie Carr hired me to run Florida Defenders of the Environment’s Environmental Service Center,” he said. “Her vision was to include scientific minds from universities and other sources to bring a different level of expertise to the governmental policy arena.”

Carr — zealous conservationist and wife of internationally known biologist, environmentalist and UF professor Archie Carr — was the force responsible for Congress de-authorizing the Cross Florida Barge Canal project in 1990. But not before it essentially destroyed 9,000 acres of productive river and floodplain forest along the Ocklawaha River.

Together, Hankinson and Carr fulfilled the vision of the Florida Defenders of the Environment and changed the way Florida environmental policy was written. Through the Environmental Service Center and its experts, they led efforts to establish stringent groundwater protection rules, create Florida’s Non-Game Wildlife Program, and successfully halt construction of a coal-fired power plant on the Apalachicola River.

“The utility company wanted to build on a very sensitive area of the river,” said Hankinson. “Fortunately, my work on solar energy at the Center for Governmental Responsibility under Jon Mills (the center’s director and former dean; JD 72) and Duke Woodson (JD 75) prepared me for marshalling facts into effective policy. We used good science to convince the utility not to build.”

Of all his endeavors, Hankinson considers his work for the St. Johns River Management District “the best job in the world.” As director of planning and acquisition, Hankinson bought 200,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands.

“My kids told people, ‘our daddy buys homes for animals.’”

His work was noticed. When President Bill Clinton appointed Carol Browner (JD 79) head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Browner
immediately thought of Hankinson to run the EPA’s Southeast office.

Florida is a different place today because of Hankinson’s vision and commitment, Browner observed.

“Environmental protection is in John’s heart,” said Browner. “It is part and parcel of who he is. He’s protected special places in Northeast Florida all the way to the Everglades.”

While at the EPA, Hankinson also protected another precious resource: employee morale.

Since leaving the EPA in 2001, Hankinson, as a consultant, is continuing his fight for the environment based on the philosophy that innovative companies will profit by applying market principles to reduce environmental impact, reuse “natural capital” and reduce energy costs.

“Remember when the government was shut down for four days in 1995?” he asked. “All non-essential employees were told, ‘Your job’s not important, so stay home.’ Who likes to hear this? So I rounded up a few EPA musicians and we formed a blues band. It was fun and lifted spirits.”

The Nonessentials went on to produce a CD, on which Hankinson sings and plays the blues harp, and perform for occasional events.

The authors describe a society that uses resources much more efficiently, creates job opportunities for a growing population, and restores natural systems.

As a frequent guest lecturer at the UF law school, Hankinson is quick to discuss the concept as well as the law school’s legacy of effective accomplishments. Former Dean Frank Maloney produced one of his favorite examples.

“Dean Maloney was the architect of a big change in Florida law, which gives five water districts the authority to protect and manage their own water resources,” said Hankinson. “These districts are divided along hydrological versus political boundaries. No other place in the country has this system.”

This innovative water management structure is a breakthrough approach, Hankinson said, but society has a long way to go in its attitude toward earth’s limited land and water.

“We don’t have the money or technology to ever duplicate what nature does for us at no cost. It’s a living machine, and we have to take care of it.”

“A pervasive theme this year was the social justice aspects of environmental issues,” said UF law student Adam Regar, a conference organizer.

Public Interest Environmental Conference

A small-town teacher who secured a $5 million community development fund as well as relocation funds for the entire neighborhood from Shell Chemicals was the keynote speaker at the student-run Public Interest Environmental Conference.

Margie Eugene Richard, winner of the 2004 Goldman Prize for Environmental Justice, joined about 250 environmental activists, lawyers and scientists from around the world to discuss Florida’s most pressing environmental problems and the legal issues they create.

Costa Rican presidential candidate and economist Ottón Solís delivered an address on international free trade agreements and their effect. Other conference topics included citrus canker, mercury in fish, water quality trading, Florida’s vanishing farmland and the collapse of ocean ecosystems.

This successful collaboration between the UF Environmental and Land Use Law Society and The Florida Bar’s Environmental and Land Use Law Section provided continuing legal education in a unique format, offering four separate concurrent tracks building on kick-off plenaries. The 19 panel discussions were developed by students who worked closely with members of the Section’s Public Interest Committee to identify timely topics of broad appeal and knowledgeable panelists.

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Comfterble with Language?

P resident Eisenhower was known for his failure to finish sentences. President Bush is known for his mispronunciations, but even people who don’t usually notice such things groan when he says “nucular.” In his second State of the Union speech, he used that word three times. (As I type it, my spell-check sternly tells me in red print there is no such word.)

But President Bush is not the first politician to mispronounce nuclear. I first noticed it during President Carter’s administration when his Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin, pronounced the word nucular several times in one speech. Today, although most journalists retain the correct pronunciation, a few copy the president’s usage.

Critics blame the mispronunciation on the “see and say” method of teaching reading during a time when the phonetic method was neglected, or just on “ sloppy speech.” But the culprit is really epenthesis — a Greek noun stressed on the second syllable that means “putting in.” Epenthesis is a process by which a speaker inserts a vowel, usually a schwa (“uh”) sound, within a word between two consonants. That insertion of the vowel sound changes the pronunciation of many common words, some of which you may mispronounce yourself.

For example, realtor. Many people, including realtors, add a vowel and call it relitor. In the speech of many, athletes become athaletes; poison ivy becomes pois on ivory; and arthritis is changed to authoritis. Nucular is a variant of epenthesis, because when the second vowel (u) is added between the consonants c and l, the following vowel (e) is deleted. The tongue, as always, finds the easiest movement.

There’s a physical reason for these mispronunciations. In speech, our tongues, unless severely disciplined, take the easiest route in moving from one sound to the next. Adding a vowel (usually the schwa sound “uh”) between two consonants can ease the transition of the tongue from one part of the mouth to another. For example, to pronounce athlete correctly, you have to move your tongue from the th position directly behind your front teeth to the l sound far back on the roof of your mouth. Try saying both athlete and athalete and you’ll agree the second pronunciation is more comfortable.

A related linguistic occurrence is called metaphesis (another Greek noun, pronounced with stress on the second syllable), which refers to the transposition of letters, syllables or sounds. Take the word comfortable. Do you pronounce the second syllable? It wasn’t until I studied linguistics that I realized I did not. The pronunciation I use is comfterble. That pronunciation seems to be dialectical. Many Southerners do pronounce the word correctly, giving all of the syllables their proper sound, a pronunciation which seems to me to be “uncomfterble.” Try the two pronunciations for yourself. Isn’t the mispronunciation easier on your tongue?

Another example of metaphesis is the pronunciation asked. To get from the s sound to the k sound in the word ask requires a difficult transition for the tongue to move from the front s sound to the back k sound. The mispronunciations ask and asked are much easier on the tongue and account for the vernacular pronunciation of, “He asked me a question.”

To make speech easier for our tongues, we also employ syncope, deleting a syllable when it serves our purpose. Syncope occurs widely in the mispronunciation of veterinarian, terrorism as ter rism, and some of the -aly adverbs (accidently and incidently for accidentally and incidentally).

Although these and other such mispronunciations irritate people at first, they become respectable if they are used by a majority of persons over a period of time, eventually appearing in dictionaries with their spellings changed to accommodate the mispronunciation. For example, the word deviltry probably started out as devility, a spelling now lost. The word glimpse (from Middle English glimen) is related to the current word glimmer. Glimpse had no p, but our tongues added one for comfort before the s sound, and the spelling change followed. For the same reason, an n was added to the noun denoting the message-carrier, and the resulting noun is spelled messenger, not messager.

Future lexicographers may list the current mispronunciation of prostate gland instead of the standard pronunciation, prostate gland. And the spellings grievious and mischievious may replace grievous and mischievous because those words are so often mispronounced due to epenthesis.

With mispronunciation and misspelling rampant on television and in print, changes in usage have become accelerated. It may not be long before President Bush’s pronunciation, nucular, becomes standard English.

Emeritus Lecturer Gertrude Block, who writes monthly columns for a number of bar journals, is the author of several books, most recently, Legal Writing Advice: Questions & Answers (December 2004), published by William S. Hein & Company.
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1953

Anthony Battaglia, of Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein, received the Jack Edmonds Award for Civility and Professionalism in the practice of criminal law from Goldberg Inns of Court.

1956

Louie N. Adcock Jr., along with three others, was honored by the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation at the “Heroes Among Us” dinner based on their substantial contributions through community service activities. ladcock@fisherauls.com (e-mail addresses now listed with prior approval).

1962

Charlie Gray, of GrayRobinson in Orlando, was ranked No. 19 in the “50 Most Powerful People” survey published in Orlando Magazine.

George Allen named to FAMU Board of Trustees

Gov. Jeb Bush has named W. George Allen (JD 62) to chair Florida A&M University’s top governing board, the Board of Trustees.

A 1958 FAMU graduate and the first African-American to receive a law degree from the University of Florida, Allen is respected statewide for his long-term commitment and contributions to education. Allen was a major participant in the desegregation of Broward county schools in the ‘60s and ‘70s and said he is interested in FAMU’s progress during this critical time in the school’s history.

Allen — who has his own law practice in Fort Lauderdale and serves as special counsel for the Florida Department of Transportation — continues to support the Levin College of Law as well. He is a member of the UF Law Center Association Board of Trustees, and students of the Black Law Students Association have added his name to the title of their chapter.

1963

Robert R. Hendry, of Hendry, Stoner, DeLancett & Brown in Orlando, was re-elected to the National Steering Committee of the District Export Councils.

1967

Eric Smith is the town attorney for Baldwin.

1970

Mercer K. “Bud” Clarke is serving a one-year term as chair of the Drug, Device and Biotech Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel. He is founding principal and president of Clarke, Silvergate & Campbell in Miami.

Ronald Y. Schram, principal of the F&R Group and Flagler Bank in South Florida, welcomed his third child, Jonathan Richard, in February. Jonathan joins Harrison Spencer (3 1/2) and Lauren Alyssa (10 months).

1972

G. Carson McEachern, partner in the Naples office of Roetzel & Andress, attended the “Annual Meeting of the Fund 25” where only 25 agents from the top 25 insurance firms are invited each year. McEachern is Florida Bar certified in real estate law and wills, trusts, and estates law.

Jake Schickel, partner at Coker, Meyer, Schickel, Sorenson & Green in Jacksonville, was elected to The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors for the 4th Circuit. Schickel is a board-certified trial lawyer who represents personal injury and workers’ compensation cases. jschickel@cokerlaw.com

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1973

The Florida Bar’s Family Law Section honored Circuit Judge Raymond T. McNeal of Ocala with the Chair’s Visionary Award for his years of work in family law, including developing the statewide model family court structure.

Arthur J. Smith is chair of the real estate section of the Allegheny Bar Association in Pennsylvania.

1974

Gov. Jeb Bush reappointed Fred Leonhardt, of GrayRobinson in Orlando, to the Board of Governors for Enterprise Florida Inc.

Leslie J. Lott, founding partner of Lott & Friedland in Coral Gables, presented at the Law Education Institute's National CLE Conference, in Aspen, Colo., on the latest developments in trademark and trade dress law and recent federal district and circuit court decisions. She and David K. Freidland (JD 88) also announced the opening of an office in Fort Lauderdale of their Coral Gables, intellectual property-based firm Lott & Freidland.

1975

Carlton F. Bennett, a partner with Bennett and Zydron in Virginia Beach, is board-certified in civil practice by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and was recognized by the American Trial Lawyers Association for pro bono representation of Sept. 11th victims.

R. Terry Rigsby joined the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields as a shareholder in the Government Law and Consulting Program.

1976

Mark P. Buell is chair-elect of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar and will become chair in June 2005.

1977


1978

Dennis M. Campbell was recognized as one of Florida’s top business and business litigation lawyers. He concentrates his practice on the representation of financial institutions and other sophisticated business enterprises on creditors’ rights, bankruptcy and litigation matters.

Robert E. Gordon, a member of Gordon & Doner, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Brain Injury Association of America after serving on the board of the Florida Brain Injury Association for the past six years.

John D. Owsen has joined the Dallas office of Glas, Phillips & Murray, where he practices in the ERISA & Employee Benefits Section, Taxation Section and Estate Planning Section.

1979

Cheryl L. Gordon was elected to a two-year term as managing shareholder in Abel Band Russell Collier Pitchford & Gordon Chartered in Sarasota.

BTI Consulting Firm honored Linda Y. Kelso, a partner in the Jacksonville firm Foley & Lardner, for client service skills.

1980

Philippe Jeck will be participating in the King’s Trial Triathlon in Maui, Hawaii, a fund raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. His participation will be in honor of his father, Lester Jeck, who died of leukemia.

Sharon Strayer Learch, formerly a partner at Holland & Knight in Jacksonville, opened a private practice in May 2003 and specializes in residential real estate matters.

Douglas Molloy recently returned from Brazil, where he was part of a commission studying global slavery and related crimes. Molloy interviewed and taught Brazilian federal police, law enforcement officers and judges about U.S. and Brazilian efforts to stop sex slavery, indentured servitude and domestic servitude. He traveled to Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte and Rio de Janeiro.

1981

Luis A. Abreu was chosen as one of Virginia’s “Legal Elite” and has received this honor for three consecutive years, recognizing him as one of Virginia’s top attorneys in the area of family and domestic relations.

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The Second Time Around

When Steven (JD 82) and Natalia (JD 86) Kalishman got married the first time, the ceremony took place in a bare-bones government office in Natalia’s hometown of Novorossiisk, Russia. Only two other people looked on.

When they wanted to renew their wedding vows 25 year later, they decided to return to Novorossiisk for the special wedding of Natalia’s dreams. They were surprised when they came out of the “matrimonial palace” to find dancing children, a choir’s serenade and fireworks. They were even more astonished to learn the local television station’s footage of their wedding festivities was being broadcast throughout Russia and had become a national news event.

Steven was introduced to local customs such as laying a wreath of flowers at a memorial to Russian war dead and “teaming” with Natalia, in which the two demonstrated the American custom of pulling off her garter and tossing it to the bachelors in the crowd, which caused “their eyes to start popping because they don’t have that custom.”

Both attorneys practice together in their Gainesville law firm, Steven Kalishman, PA. (www.FlaLitiGators.com), and were instrumental in establishing Novorossiisk as Gainesville’s sister city (www.gnvsistercities.org) in 1982.

David C. Banker has joined Bush Ross Gardner Warren & Rudy in Tampa as a shareholder and focuses on product liability, medical malpractice and employment discrimination.

Wilbur Brewton, partner in charge of the Tallahassee office of Roetzel & Andress, was elected president of the Governor’s Club for 2005 for a one-year term. Brewton’s practice focuses on administrative law, appellate law, corporate and business services, public and finance, and government relations.

Richard B. Comiter, founding partner of Comiter & Singer in Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens, recently addressed the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants on “Effectively Using Limited Liability for Tax and Asset Protection Planning.”

Jonathan Marcus is a partner with Holland & Knight in Fort Lauderdale and practices real estate law, primarily representing residential developers.

Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Joyce Henderson Williams an Escambia County Court judge after she served as an assistant city attorney for more than 10 years.

1982

Terence Delahunty Jr., of Foley & Lardner in Orlando, was named to the Board of Governors of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Susan Maulucci was selected by the chief judge to serve as a general magistrate in the 12th Judicial Circuit. susan.maulucci@co.manatee.fl.us

Richard A. Jacobson, shareholder in Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa, has been elected to the International Programs advisory board at the Levin College of Law.

William Merlin Jr., of The Merlin Law Group in Tampa, co-chaired the Sixth Annual Windstorm Insurance Conference. Merlin presented a workshop titled “Unauthorized Practice of Law and Unlicensed Public Adjusting,” which dealt with how adjusters, public adjusters, contractors and others involved with a claim sometimes unknowingly engage in the unauthorized practice of law. Merlin also served on an expert panel discussion titled “What We Learned from the 2004 Hurricanes.”

Judge Charles E. Williams was honored by the United Negro College Fund for his achievements and community involvement in the Sarasota-Manatee campaign.

1983

Paul Steven Singerman and Thomas O. Wells (JD 92), of Berger Singerman in Miami, were featured speakers at the Northern Trust Annual Bankers’ Sales Conference on “Asset Planning for Physicians and the Defensive Rabbi Trust Loan.”

1984

John Attaway was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of Publix, where he has worked since 1997.

Lawrence Marraffino is in private practice in Gainesville specializing in personal injury, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. He is an adjunct faculty member at the Levin College of Law, where he teaches law office management and practical skills.

Brian D. Stokes, a partner at The Unger Law Group in Orlando, obtained board certification by The Florida Bar in the field of civil trial law.

David C. Willis, partner at Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, was appointed to The Florida Bar Business Committee, which oversees all applications for Business Law Certification and prepares the certification exam.

1985

P. Campbell Ford currently lives in Atlantic Beach, N.C., with his family, and is practicing commercial and construction litigation at Ford, Miller & Wainer law firm in Jacksonville, N.C.

Taso Milonas is a board certified tax lawyer in Sarasota and advises individuals and businesses on estate planning and related matters.

Edward Tancer, of Florida Power and Light Group, was appointed vice president and general counsel after 17 years at various legal posts within the company.

1986

P. Richard Game, formerly of Bondurant Mixson & Elmore in Atlanta, has left the active practice of law to pursue ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at The Candler School of Theology at Emory University.
The theme was “License to Chill.” The band played Jimmy Buffet and guests downed margaritas, cheeseburgers in paradise and key lime pie. It was as if Key West had come to Gainesville, and instead of a robe, 8th Circuit Judge Chuck Chance (JD 64) donned a straw hat for the occasion.

After 31 years on the bench, Chance was celebrating his January 2005 retirement. The room was packed and the stories flowed, including some from the judge.

“It was the late ’60s, and I was driving home from a meeting one night,” Chance smiled. “All of a sudden this bottle crashed through my window.”

Why? Because Chance was campaigning for a black city commission candidate. Despite threats, Chance continued to campaign, and that candidate became Gainesville’s first black city commissioner.

Opposition didn’t frighten Chance. In 1965, he joined the Public Defender’s office when the program was still new … and far from accepted.

“Back then, it was hard for law enforcement to grasp that everyone charged with a crime would get a lawyer,” Chance explained. “If they had a lot of evidence against someone, they’d tell him he didn’t need a lawyer, unless it was a capital case. There I was, posing challenges on my clients’ behalf. Let me just say that some people were pretty resistant to change.”

A double Gator, Chance majored in business administration and studied political science. Before taking the bench, he had a tight schedule of civic activities, including helping groups such as Florida Defenders of the Environment.

“I’m a boater and a fisherman,” Chance said. “So the environment has always been of great concern to me.”

He also chaired Alachua County’s Democratic Party and worked on several federal campaigns, but his political activity ceased once he took the bench.

“Judges can’t express political opinions and must limit their associations. It can be isolating,” said Chance. “That’s the hard part about being on the bench.”

As a judge, Chance found other ways to contribute, such as spearheading one of the nation’s first Guardian Ad Litem programs and first juvenile court programs.

He also broke ground on court system computerization, chaired the ABA’s section on specialty courts, the Florida County Court Judges Conference and the Florida Circuit Judges Conference. In addition, he co-wrote a criminal procedure book with the late UF Law Professor Gerald Bennett for the ABA.

“Chuck is the only person I know who can think in circles,” said 8th Circuit Chief Judge Stan Morris (JD 71). “Most people sit around getting frustrated, but he sees possibilities where others don’t. He can look at a situation and say, ‘Hey, we can do this better.’”

Spending years as an adjunct professor of UF’s trial practice class, Chance exposed hundreds of students to his unique thinking and emerged as a favorite professor. In Fall 2004, after a mock trial at the courthouse, students Ben Brown (3L) and Jennifer Mauro (3L) asked Chance to marry them in his courtroom, with other students witnessing from the jury box.

“After only 12 weeks, it seemed like we’d known him our whole lives,” Ben said. “The man just effused warmth, so it was only natural that he should bind us in matrimony.”

He also believes, just as he did in the ’70s, that getting through the court system is too time consuming and expensive for the average person.

“Call me Pollyanna, but I still have hope that one day the court system will provide results more quickly and with lower costs to people,” Chance said. “I plan to devote some of my time to helping things along.”

But he also is considering political activities and plans to travel with his wife, Ramona (JD 82, LLM 83), who practices law in Gainesville.

Most of all, he plans to enjoy his “license to chill.”
Andrew Scherman (JD 83) was 11 years old when he set the world record for the youngest player to participate in the World Chess Olympiad. In 2003 he won the title of National “Game-in-10” Chess Champion, which required him to checkmate competitors within the 10 minutes on the game clock. Today he holds the title of Life Master given by the U.S. Chess Federation, but it is his title of chess coach for a group of adolescents at a St. Petersburg school that provides his greatest sense of accomplishment. His students are rated among the top chess players in the country.

As president of the St. Petersburg Chess Club, Scherman believes chess should be a part of every school system.

“Chess is the only activity, that we’ve been able to discover, that improves standardized test scores by as much as 20 percent. That 20 percent can make the difference between attending college and getting a scholarship to attend college,” said Scherman. A lifelong chess player, Scherman scored in the top 1 percent in the nation on his LSAT.

1987

David Bowen has joined Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw as partner in the transfer pricing practice. He also is an adjunct professor at George Washington University, where he teaches international litigation and dispute resolution in the LLM program. John T. Leadbeater became a shareholder in Ausley & McMullen P.A. in Tallahassee, where he practices business law, state and federal taxation.

1988

Richard M. Benrubi, of Liggo, Benrubi & Williams, was elected treasurer of the 2005 Palm Beach County Trial Lawyers Association.

David P. Browne, partner with Bond, Schoeneck & King in Bonita Springs, was recently elected chairman of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation and is one of only 350 Florida Bar board-certified wills, trusts and estates lawyers.

Charles Carver, shareholder in Ward Rovell, was elected to a second term as vice president of public affairs for the Florida Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, and was elected first vice president of NAIOP’s Tampa Bay chapter. ccarver@wardrovell.com

1989

Andrew Fisher and his wife, Serena, welcomed their son, Michael Dignan Fisher, in December 2004.

Linda Gemind has joined the Cleveland, Ohio, law firm of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn and practices commercial litigation regarding immigration law and counsels businesses on strategies for employing foreign nationals.

John T. Leadbeater became a shareholder in Auley & McMullen P.A. in Tallahassee, where he practices business law, state and federal taxation.

Sheree Martin received her Ph.D. in mass communications in December 2004 from the University of Alabama and is currently assistant professor at Oklahoma State University.

Dana J. McElroy, of Gordon Hargrove James in Fort Lauderdale, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the First Amendment Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and advancing freedom of speech and of the press. dmcelroy@ghj.com

Michael Shapiro, vice president of Smith Barney in Boca Raton, works with clients in the areas of wealth management and estate planning strategies.

Mark Stein, partner in the firm Lott & Friedland, and fellow partners Leslie Lott (JD 73) and Leslie Lott (JD 83) announce the opening of an office in Fort Lauderdale of their Coral Gables, intellectual property-based firm Lott & Friedland.

Christopher Hanna served as visiting professor at the Levin College of Law during Spring 2005 semester. Hanna, whose expertise is in tax accounting, international tax, corporate tax and individual taxation, holds a University Distinguished Teaching Professorship at Southern Methodist University. He is the founder and director of SMU’s Center for Pacific Rim Legal Studies and has served since 1995 as director of the Academy of International Taxation in Taipei, Taiwan.

Cathryn A. Mitchell, of MillerMitchell, was recently appointed president and secretary to the Princeton Bar Association’s Board of Trustees.

Russell Silverglate has become the director of community life and small group pastor at Spanish River Church in Boca Raton since receiving his M.Div. from the Reformed Theological Seminary in 2004. rsilverglate@spanishriver.com

Spencer H. Silverglate was recognized as one of Florida’s top civil trial lawyers and is the managing shareholder of Clarke, Silverglate & Campbell. He concentrates his practice on representing corporations in complex commercial and employment litigation matters.

Chess Champ Supports Kids

Andrew Scherman, a board-certified civil trial lawyer with Dellecker Wilson & King, received recertification by The Florida Bar for a five-year period extending through 2009 and is now a partner with the firm practicing in personal injury, wrongful death, medical negligence, nursing home litigation and civil rights.

Fred Werdine, of Fowler White Boggs Banker, was selected to participate in the 2005 Class of Leadership in Tampa Bay.

Joanne Fanizza received The Florida Bar President’s Pro Bono Service Award for the 17th Judicial Circuit in a ceremony hosted by the Florida Supreme Court. jfanizza@bellsouth.net

David B. Honig, of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman in Indianapolis, Ind., was co-author of “Prolific Plaintiffs or Rabid Relators? Recent Developments in False Claims Act Litigation.” The article appears in Indiana Health Law Review.

Joe Kern, associate general counsel with Darden Restaurants, was elected chair of the state board of directors of Easter Seals Florida.

Jack Miller was appointed the Weldon Schimke Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Idaho College of Law.

Richard M. Benrubi, of Liggo, Benrubi & Williams, was elected treasurer of the 2005 Palm Beach County Trial Lawyers Association.

David P. Browne, partner with Bond, Schoeneck & King in Bonita Springs, was recently elected chairman of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation and is one of only 350 Florida Bar board-certified wills, trusts and estates lawyers.

Charles Carver, shareholder in Ward Rovell, was elected to a second term as vice president of public affairs for the Florida Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, and was elected first vice president of NAIOP’s Tampa Bay chapter. ccarver@wardrovell.com

Terry Donaldson has joined Tew Cardenas and will serve as the managing partner of the firm’s environment, energy and resources practice group. Before joining Tew Cardenas, Donaldson served for five years in Gov. Jeb Bush’s administration as general counsel for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

David K. Friedland and Leslie J. Lott (JD 74) announced the opening of an office in Fort Lauderdale of their Coral Gables, intellectual property-based firm Lott & Friedland.

Christopher Hanna served as visiting professor at the Levin College of Law during Spring 2005 semester. Hanna, whose expertise is in tax accounting, international tax, corporate tax and individual taxation, holds a University Distinguished Teaching Professorship at Southern Methodist University. He is the founder and director of SMU’s Center for Pacific Rim Legal Studies and has served since 1995 as director of the Academy of International Taxation in Taipei, Taiwan.

Cathryn A. Mitchell, of MillerMitchell, was recently appointed president and secretary to the Princeton Bar Association’s Board of Trustees.

Russell Silverglate has become the director of community life and small group pastor at Spanish River Church in Boca Raton since receiving his M.Div. from the Reformed Theological Seminary in 2004. rsilverglate@spanishriver.com

Spencer H. Silverglate was recognized as one of Florida’s top civil trial lawyers and is the managing shareholder of Clarke, Silverglate & Campbell. He concentrates his practice on representing corporations in complex commercial and employment litigation matters.
Three Alums on Top Education Board

**The Board of Governors**, the powerful group that oversees Florida’s university system, is comprised of 17 members. Three of them are UF Levin College of Law graduates.

- **Lynn Pappas (JD 76)** is a shareholder in Pappas Metcalf Jenks & Miller in Jacksonville, specializing in commercial real property practice, environmental law, real estate finance and general business practice. She served as chair of the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2002 and is active in numerous civic and professional organizations.
- **Ava Parker (JD 87)** is a partner for Lawrence, Parker & Neighbors in Jacksonville. Her activities include serving as general counsel at Edward Waters College from 1995 through 1997, as president of the Florida Chapter National Bar Association and as a member of the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees.

1990

**Tracy Duda Chapman** was appointed corporate vice president and general counsel to A. Duda and Sons in Oviedo.

**A. Brian Phillips**, of Ruden McClosky in Orlando, made a presentation at the annual Louisiana State Bar Association Retreat titled “The Rigors of Interdisciplinary Practice.”

**Janice Matson Rickert**, of Fowler White Boggs Banker, was selected to participate in the 2005 Class of Leadership Tampa Bay.

**Cynthia Crofoot Rignanese** and J. Lenora Bresler of J. Kelly Kennedy in Winter Haven presented a live, call-in radio show on “Laws You Need to Know Following the Hurricanes” on Florida Talk 1570.

1991

The 2005 South Florida Legal Guide named **Kenneth Spiegelman**, a new member with Dimond Kaplan & Rubenstein, to the “Top Up and Comers” list.

**John V. Tucker**, of Anderson & Tucker in St. Petersburg, presented a seminar entitled “Social Security, Long Term Disability Insurance and Other Disability Benefit Issues,” sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid-Florida Chapter.

1992

**Thomas Bishop**, of Holland & Knight, was elected president of the Jacksonville chapter of The Florida Bar Association.

**D. Bruce Hoffman** is vice chair of the firm-wide antitrust practice with Hunton & Williams in Miami, where he was formerly deputy director of the FTC’s Bureau of Competition. bhoffman@hunton.com

**Frank M. Petosa**, of Petosa & Associates in Boca Raton, was a featured speaker at the 2004 Fall Advanced Trial Skills Seminar sponsored by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. Petosa’s topic was titled “Beware of the Arbitration Clause.”

**Jack A. Weiss**, of Fowler White Boggs and Banker in St. Petersburg, was elected to the Board of Directors of The Suncoast Tiger Bay Club.

1993

**Cecilia Redding Boyd** and her husband, James, celebrated the births of their daughter, Fisher Evelyn Boyd, in 2003, and son, James Alton Boyd, in 2004.

**Bruce M. Harris**, founding partner of Harris, Harris Bauerle & Sharma in Orlando, has been admitted to the Million Dollar Advocates Forum for achieving a verdict in the amount of $1 million or more.

**Christopher P. Tessitore**, former partner of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, has joined Commercial Net Lease Reality Inc., as senior vice president and assistant general counsel.

1994

**Lisa Bisagni** opened her own office in Fort Lauderdale, which specializes in real estate closings, real estate legal services, title insurance and civil litigation.

**Steven Diebenow** has been appointed chief of staff for Mayor John Peyton in Jacksonville.

**Lawrence B. Lambert** was named partner with Lash & Goldberg in Miami and practices commercial litigation, health care, franchise litigation and contract and employee disputes.

**Kenneth J. McKenna** became a partner at Dellecker, Wilson & King in Orlando and practices in medical malpractice and insurance bad faith.

**Lance D. Reich** became a partner in the newly formed Atlanta office of Carlton Fields.

**Robert W. Vale** was recently elected partner at Shuts & Bowen and handles commercial and residential real estate transactions for a variety of clients.

1995

The Class of 1995 is leading the way on binding ties with law school classmates by hosting a website and planning a weekend reunion during UF
Pro Bono Deeds Spotlighted

**Eula Robinson-Clarke** (JD 96) spends most of her time in private practice focusing on family law, juvenile dependency, and probate and guardianship matters for low-income clients and victims of domestic violence. A good deal of her time, however, is also spent providing pro bono services in her community, a deed that caused her to be featured recently in the Martin County Bar Association’s publication. Clarke’s outstanding pro bono work include donating time to represent clients who could potentially lose their parental rights, elderly clients with their wills and trusts, and a mother with divorce and child related issues. She also is a pro bono advisor for the Father-Child Services Center, where she devotes time monthly to advising fathers on child support, paternity and other legal issues.

& Consultants in Miami as a manager in the international tax services department. jferrucho@bdpb.com

**Brian J. Gausie** has joined the Fort Lauderdale office of Greenberg Taurig as a shareholder, and practices in the corporate and securities section.

**Jason K. Greene** was named counsel with Powell Goldstein in Atlanta, and practices in business transactions and tax.

**Richard A. Hujber**, former immigration attorney-advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice, Miami Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration Appeals, opened his new immigration law office in Boca Raton. He represents clients in all types of immigration matters. Hujber also is the chairman of the Immigration Committee for the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. richard-hujber@yahoo.com

**James F. Johnston**, of the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, focuses his practice on land use, state and local government law and utilities in the firm’s public law department.

**Jennifer D. Odom** was named partner with Powell Goldstein in Atlanta, where she practices securities and corporate litigation and is a member of the firm’s Special Matters and Investigations Team.

**Jeremy M. Sensenig**, former lead attorney of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach, opened Sensenig Law Firm in Sarasota.

**David Tetrick Jr.** was elected partner at the Atlanta office of King & Spalding and focuses his practice on representing management in ERISA and employment matters.

**Kathryn Williams**, partner with Holland & Knight, was selected to participate in the Rising Stars Class of 2005, a year long leadership and intensive economic program developed by the firm for women attorneys.

**1997**

**Geddes D. Anderson Jr.**, co-founded a new firm, Murphy & Anderson, in Jacksonville. The firm’s practice will emphasize litigation in complex commercial and construction litigation, product and professional liabilities, securities litigation and arbitration, intellectual property and personal injury.

**C. Todd Burbank**, of Helms Mulliss & Wicker in Charlotte, N.C., was promoted to member and specializes in commercial real estate and finance.

**Joaquin Ferrao** has become senior advisor to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Roger Noriega and resides in Virginia with his wife and two daughters.

**Michael J. Ivan Jr.** and John P. Cole announce the formation of Ivan & Cole in Jacksonville. The firm focuses on estate and trust litigation, fiduciary risk management and counseling, estate planning, business succession planning and tax planning.

**Scott R. Lilly**, of the Tampa office of GrayRobinson, concentrates his practice in the areas of real property litigation, commercial litigation, creditors’ rights and bankruptcy litigation.

**James W. Pimentel**, formerly an associate state attorney in the 4th Judicial Circuit, has become office legal advisor for the Clay County Sheriff’s Office. jpimentel@claysheriff.com

**J. Cater Randolph II**, partner with the Palm Beach law firm Meurer, Shelton, Randolph & Marek, has been selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce.
Having tenaciously dedicated 81 years of his life to law, Clarence A. Boswell (LLM 24), at the honorable age of 102, distinguished himself as the senior-most practicing member of The Florida Bar.

Even as he neared his 100th birthday two years ago, he continued to make his way into his Bartow office of Boswell & Dunlap to handle business.

“He enjoyed his work and was very good at it. He had clients who relied on him — from grandparents, parents, and families to businesses — and he felt an obligation to represent them,” said partner Don Wilson (JD 76). “Even though he stopped coming to the office over the past two years, he still tended to some of his clients.”

Boswell, who was born Dec. 6, 1902, died peacefully at home Feb. 22, 2005.

Affectionately called “Mr. B,” Boswell was often referred to as a gentleman’s gentleman and a lawyer’s lawyer, and was admired by colleagues as an ethical and vigorous litigator, a dedicated family man and a person of great faith.

“He was acknowledged as a lawyer with an impeccable reputation who had the wonderful demeanor of a Southern gentleman and the looks to go with it,” said Wilson.

A full head of striking white hair was one of Boswell’s most marked features.

“He was famous for that hair, which he acquired early in life,” recalled Wilson. “There is a funny story about it. He was litigating a case in which a man was injured in a train wreck and suing the railroad. The man claimed a result of the accident was that his hair turned white, to which Clarence asked curiously, ‘So how exactly have you suffered from that?’”

Boswell made a name for himself by serving as defense counsel for the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and by representing the local school board from 1939 through the late ’70s, including through desegregation. He also garnered much attention as the lawyer who pulled off the largest land sale in Florida in the early ’70s. The single transaction between a Bartow family and a phosphate company totaled a whopping $101 million — undoubtedly a remarkable figure for that time period.

“Lawyers were fairly diverse back then,” said Wilson. “They didn’t specialize like they do today. In fact, Florida law students weren’t required to take a bar exam in his day.”

Boswell began his law career in 1924, joining the firm Wilson & Boswell, which was established in 1900 by his father, Judge Clarence Boswell, and partner Solon G. Wilson — grandfather of Don Wilson. The legacy of the firm continues as Boswell & Dunlap, which now celebrates 105 years of service and is recognized as the oldest firm in Polk County and among the oldest in Florida.

While sifting through dated files recently, Wilson came across a few of Boswell’s receipts from the time he served as state attorney during the Depression. Sent out of town by the governor to investigate failing banks, Boswell was required to stay in hotels for a week or so at a time.

“His meals and hotel costs for one trip were just $25.67 for the week,” Wilson said. Compensation also was quite different then. Boswell’s pay as the part-time state attorney during the late 20s and early 30s: $300 per month.

Lake Wales lawyer Robin Gibson (JD 62), who frequently found himself opposite Boswell in the courtroom, held high regard for his fellow Gator.

“He was the kind of adversary you secretly admired the whole time,” he said. “He would preside over the jury with his white hair and enormous presence while talking through clenched teeth. He just had a way about him.

“No one will be able to do it quite the way he did again,” said Gibson. “You can’t help but say he was someone you would model your life after.

“We are fortunate we had him for 102 years.”
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Tammie Rattray has been named a partner with the national labor and employment law firm Ford & Harrison in Tampa and practices in all areas of employment litigation.

Todd B. Reinstein joined the Washington law firm of Pepper Hamilton as an associate in its tax department.

1998

Andrew Chapman, of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed, was promoted to senior associate.


Rick Ellsley, a civil trial attorney with the Fort Lauderdale firm of Kruppnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Liberman & McKee, is a frequent lecturer and has published articles on trial techniques in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Fabienne Leconte Fahnstock and her husband, Kyle, celebrated the birth of their first child, Isabella Grace.

Jason Gonzalez, of Ausley & McMullen in Tallahassee, was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to a four-year term on the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission.

Maria M. Hinds is the general magistrate for the 9th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

M. Scott Noble has become a shareholder at Head, Moss, Fulton & Noble P.A., with offices in Orange Park and Ponte Vedra Beach.

Lorraine O’Hanlon Rogers, attorney with Schwartzberg & Associates in West Palm Beach, was appointed head of the firm’s employment law practice group.


1999

Derek Acree, a member of The Florida Bar, joined Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lieo as an associate and practices real estate law.

R. Bradley Adams joined the law firm of Littler Mendelson in Atlanta and practices labor and employment law.

Ryan E. Davis, of Windewerdle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association.

Jeffry T. Donner joined Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart in Miami as an associate and concentrates in the areas of environmental and land use law and administrative law.

Aubrey Ducker Jr. was selected for Strathmore’s Who’s Who 2004-2005.

Q. Scott Kaye was recently elected partner at McDermont Will & Emery and is a member of the firm’s corporate department in Los Angeles.

Antony Kolenc was promoted to the rank of major and is teaching undergraduate law classes as an assistant professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Brian Leebrick has become a shareholder in the Panama City firm Barron, Redding, Hughes, Fite, Fensom, Sanborn & Kiehn and practices in the areas of real estate transactions, development and finance, real estate litigation and general commercial law.

Rahul Ranadive recently joined the Robert Allen Law Firm in Miami and practices international law. randive@robertallen.com

William R. Schilling has opened his own law firm as a general practitioner in Carolina Beach, N.C., a small island just south of Wilmington.

Brian P. Trauman, a domestic and international tax controversy associate with the Washington, D.C., and New York offices of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, has been appointed chair of the ABA Tax Section’s Pro Bono Committee. He also serves as the ABA Young Lawyers Division’s Liaison to the ABA Tax Section. BPTrauman@mayerbrownroew.com

Jeannine Smith Williams, of the St. Petersburg Legal Department, was elected president of the Fred G. Minnis Sr. Bar Association. jnine96@yahoo.com

2000

Julie Imanuel Brown is the assistant city attorney for the city of Tampa and is acquiring several UPS stores in the Tampa Bay area with her husband, Hank.

Richard Hornsby has opened his own practice, Richard E. Hornsby, in Orlando and concentrates primarily on trial practice, limiting his work to criminal defense and personal injury representation.

Brian Mulligan was married to fellow classmate Elizabeth Lynch (JD 01) in September 2004.

Lisa Smith, of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed, was promoted to senior associate.

2001

Peter Boyd founded PaperStreet Web Design, a company that creates web sites for lawyers. peteboyd@papersstreet.com

Rocky Cabagnot was honored at the first Fellow and Leadership Conference and is an Equal Justice Works Fellow with Three Rivers Legal Services in Gainesville, where he works with partner organizations to provide legal services to four of the poorest rural counties in North Central Florida.

Christine Donoghue, of GrayRobinson in Tampa, was elected to serve on the Florida Defense Lawyers Association Board of Directors for 2004-2005.

Loren Fender recently joined Rumberger, Kirk, & Caldwell as an associate in the Miami office, practicing in the areas of insurance defense matters and products liability.

Lydia R. Hanley was appointed associate director of career services for the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law at Roger Williams University, a newly created position in which she will manage publications and technology in the office, counsel students and develop programs.

Laura Giusfrida Herzog, formerly an associate for Holland & Knight in Jacksonville, is now director of career services at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville. lgiusfrida@fcs.edu


2002

Erin Ackor joined the Miami law firm of Moore and Co. and will specialize in all aspects of marine and aviation law.

Amanda Arnold completed a clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Susan C. Buckles and will begin a clerkship with U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Charles Wilson, 11th Circuit.

Shelbi Day was honored at the first Fellow and Leadership Conference and is an Equal Justice Works fellow with Southern Legal Counsel in Gainesville, where she works to address civil rights abuses that result from the criminalization of homelessness in Florida.

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MAKING A MARK
A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Law

Paul Rogers (JD 48) has changed the face of American health care in his five decades of service (private practice and 24 in the U.S. Congress), which is the theme of the just-published book, "A Portrait in Leadership, A Fighter for Health: The Honorable Paul Rogers."

Studded with personal anecdotes and re-creations of political jousting, the book depicts the law-making process in the nation’s capital and provides insight into the qualities of a winning leader. While in office, for example, Rogers managed to preserve the National Institutes of Health by turning a predicted House vote of at least 270 in favor of a separate cancer-research institute to a vote of 350 to 5 against removing the institute from NIH.

Rogers’ legislative legacy touches virtually every aspect of the nation’s health status, including radiation-emissions, ozone-damaging CFCs, drug and medical-device approval, migrant workers, rural health care, consumer prescription package inserts and the health workforce. He gave us the Clean Air Act, established the National Institute on Aging, and fast-forwarded the war on cancer.

Today, Rogers works with several groups, including the National Coalition for Health Care, which has been lobbying for universal health care coverage; and the Campaign for Public Health, which seeks increased funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He also is an advocate for bringing American health programs to the developing world, in part as a way to build relations with those nations.

The book is written by Dr. Roger Bulger, president of the Association of Academic Health Centers, Washington, D.C, and Shirley Sirota Rosenberg (Carden-Jennings Publishing Co. Ltd.).

—Tim Lockette

Sports Management on the Move

During his illustrious career, UF law school Trustee Mike Ferguson (JD 89) has been able to combine two of his favorite subjects … the law and sports.

Ferguson not only assisted in forming the original Arena Football 2 partnership, he served as a player contract advisor for the National Football League Players Association from 1995-2003. His client list included football greats Emmitt Smith and Danny Wuerffel as well as numerous professional sports teams.

Today, he uses his knowledge of sports and the law to speak on sports management at various meetings, including at UF; the University of West Florida (where he is an adjunct professor) and the recent 13th Annual Georgia Southern Sports Conference in Savannah, Ga.

He also works with the military. Ferguson is a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, making him the secretary’s personal representative for Florida, and has the rank of three-star general for protocol purposes. He is a retired Airborne, Ranger, Combat Infantryman with more than 30 awards, decorations and medals.

Ferguson is of counsel with McDonald, Fleming, Moorhead, Ferguson, et al. in Pensacola, where he resides with his wife and three children.
In Memoriam

J. Emory “Red” Cross (JD 45) — former Alachua County state legislator, Alachua County and circuit court judge, and father of Florida’s landmark Government-in-the Sunshine law — passed away at the age of 91 on March 23.

Famous in the Legislature for his white suit, bright red hair and Stetson hat, Cross worked with former Florida Supreme Court Justice James C. Atkins Jr. (JD 38) to champion the Sunshine law, which passed in 1967 after a decade of persistence. The law was the nation’s first open-government law providing strong civil and criminal penalties for violations. In 1993, UF’s College of Journalism and Communications honored him with its first Freedom of Information Medallion.

Cross also sponsored legislation that supported UF’s medical school and Santa Fe Community College.

After graduation from the College of Law in 1945, he served as Florida’s assistant attorney general, practiced law in Gainesville and later served as Alachua County’s prosecuting attorney from 1948 to 1952. In 1952 Cross began his political career in the Florida House and later the Florida Senate.

William O.E. Henry (JD 52) — former president of The Florida Bar and Florida Bar Foundation, retired senior partner at Holland & Knight, and law school trustee — died March 11. He was 77 years old.

Henry was one of the six original associates of the firm that became Holland & Knight. He retired January 2005 after 51 years of a distinguished career as a tax lawyer.

As Bar president in 1983-84, he convinced large law firms to handle at least one pro bono case representing a death row inmate. As president of The Florida Bar Foundation in 1988, Henry lobbied for mandatory funding to provide legal services for the poor, and he succeeded the following year when the Florida Supreme Court made mandatory the IOTA program requiring lawyers to donate interest from client trust accounts to indigent legal services.

His honors were numerous and included The Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor and University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Award.

UF Law Alumni Council member Christopher “Chris” Tompkins (JD 92), 34, of Brandon, died April 30 after battling leukemia.

In 1988, at age 18, Tompkins became Hillsborough County’s youngest elected official, serving for 16 years on the Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

He went on to serve in numerous leadership roles while earning his BA and JD degrees at the University of Florida, including president of Student Government, president and treasurer of Student Government Senate, and chair of the Florida Student Association representing all state universities.

After obtaining his law degree, Tompkins served on the staff of Representative Faye Culp and authored Florida’s Y2K Plan. He then practiced agricultural, environment, family and small business law with Tompkins & Tracy and was active in numerous civic and business organizations.

In Memoriam

• George F Baughman (JD 67)
• William Baxter (JD 78)
• Clarence Alexander Boswell Sr. (JD 24)
• Lester E. Gilbert (LLB 54)
• William O.E. Henry (JD 52)
• Christopher Herrick (JD 86)
• Clifton M. Kelly (JD 47)
• Richard T. “Rick” Leavengood (JD 78)
• Truett Ott (JD 48)
• Richard S. Sparrow (JD 53)
• Donald McGetrick (JD 88)

Robert J. Robbins joined Leach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins in Boca Raton as an associate focusing on securities and consumer fraud litigation. robbins@lerachlaw.com

Glory Ross joined Ackerman Link & Sartory in West Palm Beach and practices in the areas of business and commercial litigation. Previously she clerked for Judge Fred Hazouri of the 4th District Court of Appeals. gros@alslaw.com

2003

Tamra Carsten has joined James, Hoyer, Newcomer & Smiljanich and works on civil appeals, class actions and general civil litigation.

Arturo J. Fernandez joined the Miami office of Hunton & Williams and will focus on labor and employment.

S. Allister Fisher joined Lowndes, Drodick, Doster, Kantor & Reed as an associate practicing in developments of regional impact, land use & zoning, real estate transactions, and development & finance.

Steven Gold completed his clerkship with Florida Supreme Court Justice Charles Wells and has accepted a position as a deputy solicitor general.

Kristen Lentz was honored at the first Fellows Reunion and Leadership Conference. She is an Equal Justice Works fellow at the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County Inc. in West Palm Beach, where she works to address the multiple needs of both grandparent caregivers and the grandchildren they are raising.

J. Samantha Vacciana was honored at the first Fellows Reunion and Leadership Conference. She is an Equal Justice Works fellow with the Legal Aid Society. She also directs the Medical Legal Partnership at the University of Miami School of Law and is liaison to various NAACP councils.

2004

Ashley N. Calhoun has joined the law firm of Foley & Lardner in Orlando as an associate in the Business Law Department and is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group.
The University of Florida Law School and I invested in each other years ago. All the material things I have and a lot of my most valued memories and accomplishments have been dividends to me from that investment. I’ve always felt I owe the law school a return on its investment in me.

R. Vinson Barrett, Eubanks & Barrett, Tallahassee
Last summer my 12-year-old daughter told me she figured out that if I would practice law for a certain number of additional years, she would have enough time to finish law school and move into my office. That way, we would not have to change the name of the law firm!

Beyond the mixed feelings of fatherly pride, the conversation made me think again about how the things we do to support the College of Law are really for our children and the lawyers who will come after us.

One of the things the Board of Trustees has worked toward in the last two years is putting more alumni in touch with the college. The response has been terrific. Thanks to donations that supplement the cost of attending law school, the campus is more diverse than ever. Ask any student and you’ll be bombarded with appreciation for alumni who come speak about their practice area or who let students shadow their work.

In fact, student participation in mock interviews conducted by alumni in Fall 2004 was so overwhelming, Career Services had to schedule an extra day. Take one look at events listed in the college’s weekly newsletter and you will see the quality of student activities your donations support.

There are many ways alumni can give back to our law school. One of the easiest is to make a donation to the college’s Annual Fund, which supports faculty and student activities and academic programs and services.

What’s my point? Your contribution of time, talent or treasure always gives you a benefit far beyond the amount of the gift.

Gator lawyers have a long tradition of contributions to our school, our state, and, in fact, our country. Think about it. Contributing to the college is an opportunity that I hope you will not miss.

Michael J. McNerney
Chairman, Law Center Association, 2003-2004
Brinkley McNerney Morgan Solomon & Tatum
Fort Lauderdale

But why give back to the law school?

Because the University of Florida Levin College of Law is the greatest law school in the state, bar none.

Because it is destined to be one of the greatest law schools in the country — it is already in the top 18 public law schools and in the top 50 of all law schools, public or private.

Because our children, and the children of all Floridians, should not have to go out of state or go into devastating debt to attend a “great” law school.

Because the law school allowed many of us to achieve and surpass the American Dream and become members of the world’s noblest profession.

Because it puts us all in a long line of UF lawyers — a list which includes some of the most successful trial lawyers in America, governors, U.S. senators, members of Congress, Florida Bar presidents, ABA presidents, leaders of national law firms, great philanthropists, state legislators, federal and state trial and appellate judges, Florida Supreme Court justices, law professors and scholars, prosecutors, public defenders, selfless public-interest lawyers who serve the poor and disadvantaged, large and small in-house lawyers at corporations, and just plain hardworking members of the Bar — who do their part, day-in and day-out, to protect the rights of ordinary Americans.

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In short, we have a great law school. But your generous support is essential. Imagine your own list of reasons to give back and join other Gator lawyers participating in taking it to the next level of excellence.

Oscar Sanchez
President of Law Alumni Council, 2003-2004
Akerman Senterfitt
Miami
Thank you for shaping the future of the Fredric G. Levin College of Law and, most importantly, the future of our students ... students who become well-educated lawyers who, in turn, shape the future of families, clients, law firms, communities, businesses, the legal system, government agencies and, in some cases, the world.

Plainly put, the continuing heritage of excellence in legal education at the University of Florida and its far-reaching impact would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. Your gifts enhance every area of the law school, including:

- Scholarships, stipends and loan assistance
- Moot Court and Trial Team training, travel expenses and materials
- John Marshall Bar Association and many other student organizations
- Professorships
- Faculty research and enrichment
- Book Awards
- Legal Information Center support
- Conferences, symposia and lectures
- Student and faculty recruitment
- Public interest fellowships for students
This report is for fiscal year July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004. The 2004-2005 annual report will be released in our next magazine.

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Annual Fund Results

Donations to the Annual Fund are vital and foster better, stronger programs at the Levin College of Law. These generous gifts — which increased almost 19 percent from fiscal year 2002-2003 to fiscal year 2003-2004 — touch every area of the law school educational experience and are the school’s lifeblood year-in and year-out. The following reflects contributions received through the Law Center Association and UF Foundation. The restricted total included gifts to the Graduate Tax Program, extracurricular student organizations, and other non-endowed funds.

Unrestricted $407,128
Restricted $124,120
Total $531,248

Alumni Participation

A key measurement for top public law schools is the percentage of alumni who regularly contribute and support funding needs. Historically, about 10 percent of the UF law school's 16,000 living alumni support their school, but small gains continue to be made each year. Alumni participation in 2003-04 continued this trend, with approximately 12 percent of all Gator law alumni participating in the Annual Fund, Endowment Fund and Building Fund.

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  - Jane A. Hoek  
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  - Robert T. Jackson Jr.  
  - John E. Jewell  
  - Lester B. Law  
  - Matthew B. Mayper  
  - Douglas A. Smith  
  - William P. Zox  

**Class of 1994**  
Class Total: $1,449.92  
No. in Class: 67  
Participation: 13%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - David A. Brennen  
  - John E. Christopher Jr.  
  - Samuel A. Donaldson  
  - Downing L. Gray  
  - Gary W. Hutton  
  - Margaret G. Kubicki  
  - Donna L. Loughouse  
  - David A. Roby Jr.  
  - Camille L. Worsnop  

**Class of 1995**  
Class Total: $1,225.00  
No. in Class: 68  
Participation: 12%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Elizabeth A. Carrie  
  - R. Walton Davis III  
  - Rosanne M. Duane  
  - Susan B. Hecker  
  - Jane A. Houk  
  - Wilton B. Hyman  
  - Robert T. Jackson Jr.  
  - John F. Jewell  
  - Lester B. Law  
  - Matthew B. Mayper  
  - Douglas A. Smith  
  - William P. Zox  

**Class of 1996**  
Class Total: $2,570.00  
No. in Class: 69  
Participation: 10%  

- Trusler Society  
  - David W. Clark  
- Enrichment Society  
  - Edward Megowan Brooks  
  - Hunter D. Brownlee  
  - Lamont C. Loo  
  - Todd D. Mayo  
  - Peter A. Rivellini  
  - Rafael Sorayas  

**Class of 1997**  
Class Total: $425.00  
No. in Class: 55  
Participation: 7%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Lorraine H. Clark  
  - Brian R. Kennedy  
  - Keith M. Olivia  
  - Peter A. Schoemann  

**Class of 1998**  
Class Total: $4,775.00  
No. in Class: 69  
Participation: 16%  

- Trusler Society  
  - Russell T. Sanders  
- Enrichment Society  
  - Matthew J. Ahearn  
  - Robert J. Bama  
  - R. Scott Collins  
  - Cristin A. Conley  
  - R. Jared Holt  
  - Stewart L. Kastner  
  - Mark R. Mohler  
  - Lauren N. Richardson  
  - Andrew K. Srinivasan  
  - Dan C. Young  

**Class of 1999**  
Class Total: $985.00  
No. in Class: 64  
Participation: 16%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Bradley T. Borden  
  - Christopher R. D’Amico  
  - Adam J. Deatsch  
  - Terrence N. Freeman II  
  - Christina V. Lockwood  
  - James F. Loeb  
  - Timothy F. McHugh  
  - Rodney P. Rawls  
  - Lani Starkey  
  - Robert B. White III  

**Class of 2000**  
Class Total: $1,075.00  
No. in Class: 64  
Participation: 14%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Alton D. Bain  
  - John B. Burns  
  - Edward L. Carlisle  
  - Denise M. Cordes  
  - Gregory L. Germain  
  - Robert L. Lancaster  
  - Kathleen M. McRoberts  
  - Sara A. Tollefsen  
  - Abrahm W. Smith  

**Class of 2001**  
Class Total: $1,260.00  
No. in Class: 79  
Participation: 11%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Ronald C. Baldwin  
  - Wendy C. Breining  
  - Steven D. Lear  
  - Matthew R. Parker  
  - Gianluca Quirolo  
  - Terry A. Ryan  
  - William H. Sapp  

**Class of 2002**  
Class Total: $1,645.00  
No. in Class: 64  
Participation: 13%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Raymond & Sheehan  
  - West Palm Beach  

**Class of 2003**  
Class Total: $1,225.00  
No. in Class: 46  
Participation: 17%  

- Enrichment Society  
  - Terrence T. D’Auria  
  - Carolina DeLoach-Bryant  
  - James La Fata  
  - Tilly J. Meier  
  - Joji Sabino Mullane  
  - James J. Rosoniec  
  - Alan M. Schissel  

While repayment for what I received from the law school is impossible, I believe my tangible support helps the law school improve and reflects in some measure my respect, loyalty and love for the University of Florida and the important role it plays in providing high quality legal education in Florida.

JON MOYLE (JD 61)  
Moyle Flanigan Katz  
Raymond & Sheehan  
West Palm Beach
FOUR STUDENTS SELECTED FOR
Public Interest Internships

Four University of Florida Levin College of Law students will spend this summer providing critically needed legal assistance to low-income or underserved communities as a part of Equal Justice Works’ Summer Corps program.

Andrew Brajcich, Kara Coggins, Dina Finkel and Jill Mahler will each receive a $1,000 education award voucher through this national AmeriCorps-funded program. Applicants from 113 schools competed for the opportunities to intern with nonprofit public interest law organizations nationwide.

Brajcich will intern with Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center in Jamaica Plain, Mass., Coggins with the Georgia Resource Center in Atlanta, Ga., Finkel with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid in Jacksonville, and Mahler with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County in West Palm Beach.

The first- and second-year students will each spend at least 300 hours assisting clients and gaining first-hand experience and lawyering skills in areas such as client intake, individual representation, and legal research and writing.

“Given the pervasive need for well-qualified law students committed to public interest law, it is exciting that four law students were selected from UF for this wonderful opportunity,” said Linda Calvert Hansen, assistant dean for the Center for Career Services. “I am confident the experiences they gain and services they will provide will prove personally rewarding and help further their career goals.”

Equal Justice Works (formerly the National Association for Public Interest Law) was founded in 1986 by law students working for equal justice on behalf of underserved communities and causes. Today, Equal Justice Works is the national leader in creating summer and postgraduate public interest opportunities for law students and lawyers, as well as in urging more public interest programming at law schools.
What We Do For a Living

When you meet new people in a social situation, one of the factors that shapes your first impression is occupation. When you tell someone you are a lawyer, I’ll bet a myriad of responses occur. Unfortunately, some people gravitate toward the negative images of the legal profession and too often assume your sole purpose as a lawyer is to find legal loopholes rather than to seek truth and justice.

Now put yourself in my size 11 shoes for a moment. When I introduce myself, I proudly tell people I am a member of the alumni office that specializes in fundraising for the Levin College of Law. A frequent response, “I’m glad I don’t have your job.”

I will admit my work, at times, has a steep incline. Those are the times I remember why we do what we do: the world needs capable men and women who can seek truth, fight for justice and become a public servant to all citizens. I’m proud to be part of this place because I know our work produces the competent attorneys of good character our nation needs.

At very critical junctions in our lives we all need a lawyer. When we buy our first home, adopt a child, start a business, need an advocate for individual rights or a community project, have tax problems or make our estate plans, we not only need a lawyer, we need a good lawyer. The guardians of all of our rights and values are held in the hands of those who support, defend, and honor our constitution. This responsibility is in your hands.

Yes, I am a fund raiser, but I like to think of myself as an advocate of the legal profession first. My advocacy is focused on harvesting gratitude from those who benefit from our faculty and our programs. The primary mission for me — and the other dedicated staff in my office — is to help you renew ties with the college in the hope it will lead toward an investment in the form of an annual fund donation or a major gift.

Why should you make an investment? Because the roots of all good UF lawyers are planted in this law school … your law school. Your gift is an investment in your legacy as much as the future of our students.

Your college and your profession need your investment. It might not change the reaction you and I receive when we introduce ourselves at parties, but it will bring far more returns than you could ever envision — a sense of fulfillment, pride in our law school, and a stronger, better legal system.

Invest in the Future... and Your Own Legacy

Investing in your law school can bring returns of many kinds, from a sense of fulfillment and renewed affiliation with your alma mater to the tangible tax savings provided by wealth transfer models that support your family and your interests. The most popular ways of supporting the college include:

- Outright gifts of cash or securities
- Real estate gifts
- Gift annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts
- Planned gifts through your estate

To learn more, contact Donald Hale at 352-273-0640 or haled@law.ufl.edu.
Whether searching or hiring for a position, be sure to use the new online database offered by the Center for Career Services. Symplicity (which replaced eAttorney) allows legal employers to directly post openings, which then are searchable by alumni and students anytime and anywhere. Job seekers also can upload their resumes and research employer postings nationwide. Both employers and alumni can request a login ID and password via e-mail at careers@law.ufl.edu.

**Fall On Campus Interviews:**
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