DC Power
From the White House to the World Bank
COLLEGE OF LAW alumni joined forces in 2001 to raise $22 million-plus in private gifts and state and University of Florida funds to provide critically needed classroom and library space for their school. The results of their efforts are pictured here, as the law school undergoes perhaps the greatest transformation in its history.

Two new three-story education towers — completed in time for use in Fall 2004 — between and connecting Holland and Bruton-Geer Halls feature 11 spacious classrooms, including a Ceremonial Classroom that seats up to 160 for conferences, receptions and special sessions. All have wireless Internet access, and most offer desktop outlets for laptops and “smart podia” for use in presentations.

By the time construction ends this summer, the law library — to be named the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center in honor of the late 1955 UF law graduate, Florida governor and U.S. senator — will have nearly doubled in size to become the largest academic law library in the Southeast and among the top 20 nationwide. Faculty offices and classrooms in Holland Hall Law Center — named after former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Spessard Holland — also are scheduled for the first major renovations since their creation in 1968.

Law alumni and friends are encouraged to visit the campus and share their pride in their college’s new look, and to mark their calendars for the special dedication celebration planned for Sept. 8-10, 2005.
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President Machen Kicks Off Faculty Initiative

An initiative to recruit and retain faculty was announced this past fall by University of Florida President James Bernard Machen. The UF Faculty Challenge aims to make UF one of the nation’s premier research universities by raising $150 million to increase the number of faculty and bolster faculty salaries and support funding.

“For the University of Florida to reach its potential, we must find ways to do a better job supporting our faculty,” Machen said. “The purpose of this initiative is to build an endowment to provide for competitive salaries, so the university can attract and retain the best and brightest faculty and give them the tools they need to excel.”

The funding will provide the university with more discretionary funds for faculty research, which could be used for equipment, studies or stipends for student research assistants. Gifts to the Challenge of $100,000 or more are eligible for state matching funds. For every donation of $1 million, the state will match with $750,000, and Machen has pledged to add $250,000 from a discretionary fund of Faculty Challenge private donations to double the gift.

UF Law Third in Nation for Hispanics

For the third time in five years, the Levin College of Law has been ranked in the “Top 10 Law Schools for Hispanics” by Hispanic Business® magazine.

Environmental & Land Use Law Faculty Boost Program Into Top 20

UF’s law school has five Hispanic faculty — two in endowed professorships — including Juan Perea and Berta Hernandez-Truyol, a founder of the Latino Critical Theory movement. It offers a joint J.D./M.A. in Latin American studies, summer program with Universidad de Costa Rica in San José, exchanges with Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City and Pontifica Universidade Católica de Río de Janeiro, and an annual conference on legal and policy issues in the Americas.

ICAM IN WORLD’S TOP ‘SWEET 16’

The International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court (ICAM) team earned its first-ever placement in the “Sweet 16” at the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Moot Court Competition in Vienna, Austria. The team made it into the second elimination round to earn 10th place. They enjoyed another first when team member Daniel Nordby won an honorable mention for oral advocacy, thought to be the first time a UF student has received one. More than 140 teams competed. Sponsors making participation possible were the International Litigation and Arbitration Group of Steel, Hector & Davis and John (LLB 63) and Tifi Bierley of Tampa.

ICAM Team Faculty Advisor Wayne Hanewicz (from left) and members Heather Nason, Karla Haynes, Lisset Gonzales, Daniel Nordby and Tara Rao in Vienna
LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL TAX FORTHCOMING

Faculty Join Graduate Tax Program

UF’s tax faculty is consistently ranked in the nation’s top two by U.S. News and World Report, which rates law school specialty areas based on the reputation of faculty in that specialty. Joining the program this fall were former New York University Tax Program Director Paul R. McDaniel and Harvard Law School faculty member Diane M. Ring. Both have expertise in international taxation, and are expected to be major players in development — with Professor Lawrence Lokken, Culverhouse Eminent Scholar in Taxation — of a LL.M. in International Tax Law during the coming year.

According to Graduate Tax Program Associate Dean and Director Michael Friel, the new degree reflects the increasing importance of understanding and advising on international tax rules in a global economy with multinational businesses, rapid capital flows, U.S. clients with international dealings, and foreign clients with U.S. investments and businesses.

McDaniel, an expert in U.S. and international tax law and first permanent holder of the James J. Freeland Eminent Scholar Chair in Taxation, was a visiting professor at UF in the 90s. He earned his B.A. from the University of Oklahoma, LL.B. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School, and Honorary Doctor of Laws from Uppsala University, Sweden. He has authored or co-authored more than 50 articles and eight books on taxation, and has served as acting associate tax legislative counsel in the Office of Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy and as director of New York University’s Graduate Tax and International Tax Programs.

McDaniel helped pioneer the concept of tax expenditures with the late Stanley Surrey of Harvard, who explored these issues in Tax Expenditures. Before working with Surrey, he practiced in Oklahoma, and then worked for the government until the fall of 1970, when he joined the Boston College law faculty. He later joined the firm Hill & Barlow, where he was a partner prior to joining the NYU faculty in 1993.

Associate Professor Diane Ring, whose primary interest is international tax law and relations and taxation of financial instruments, was a Harvard assistant professor of law for several years, and national reporter for the 2004 Conference on Double Nontaxation for the International Fiscal Association. Prior to entering teaching, she was an associate with Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, in Washington, D.C., working primarily in international tax and financial products for planning, audit, legislative and regulatory matters. She clerked for Judge Jon O. Newman, Federal Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, New York, NY.

Ring received her A.B. (anthropology, summa cum laude, John Harvard Scholar, Harvard College Scholar and Elizabeth Carey Agassiz Scholar) and J.D. (magna cum laude) from Harvard, where she was an editor on the Harvard Law Review.

Graduate Tax Program faculty — Dennis A. Calfee, Patricia E. Dilley, Michael K. Friel, David M. Hudson, Lawrence Lokken, Martin J. McMahon Jr., Paul R. McDaniel, C. Douglas Miller, Michael A. Oberst, David M. Richardson, Diane M. Ring and Steven J. Willis — are authors of some of the most widely used textbooks and treatises, and have lectured at numerous conferences and institutes in the United States and abroad, occupied leadership positions in professional organizations, and served as consultants to the Internal Revenue Service, congressional committees and other major public and private entities.

Graduate Tax students have outstanding academic credentials and, in many cases, significant professional experience. More than 1,700 students have earned their LL.M. in Taxation since the program began in 1974, and it was first in the nation to offer a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) specifically in taxation. Roughly two years old, UF’s S.J.D. program requires innovative research and writing, along with publication of a book or three law review articles.

The Graduate Tax Program also publishes the faculty-edited Florida Tax Review, one of the country’s leading tax journals.

For more information go online to www.law.ufl.edu/tax/.
cial programs. The addition in recent years of faculty Michael Allan Wolf, Christine Klein, Mary Jane Angelo, Mark Fenster and Sherrie Russell Brown has further deepened and expanded its curricular and research areas.

Michael Allan Wolf’s commentary on regulatory takings was selected as one of the top 10 articles on land use and environmental law in 2003, for example, and Christine Klein is finishing a natural resources casebook. Richard Hamann has testified on wetlands legislation before Congress and spoken extensively on the Florida Everglades; Mark Fenster’s abstract on takings last year was one of the articles most frequently downloaded on the Social Science Research Network; and Tom Ankersen helped found an environmental law clinic at the University of Costa Rica. Danaya Wright’s expert witness testimony has been impressive, and her scholarship cited by courts.

About 10 students each semester earn a Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law. Students also gain hands-on experience through summer externships, the Conservation Clinic — in Florida and Costa Rica — and participation in the annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium on Local Government Law and Environmental/International Environmental Moot Court Teams.


In addition, the team made it into the Final Four in the National Trial Advocacy Competition in October, losing only to the first place North Carolina team. Matthew Horton won the overall award for Best Direct Examination in that competition. Alumni coaches included Phyllis Kotey (JD 85) of Gainesville for the February civil right competition, Salvatore Molica (JD 75) of Gainesville for the October civil rights competition, and Roger Lambert (JD 75) of Palm Beach Gardens for the national trial advocacy contest.

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Communications Director Debra Amirin, APR — formerly director of institutional information and publications at the law school — Associate Director Kathy Fleming and Senior Writer Tim Lockette will provide a wide range of marketing, media and public relations services, including production of UF Law magazine, FlaLaw weekly newsletter, UF Law E-News, and an extensive family of law school booklets, brochures and other publications. (UF law publications are online in pdf format at www.law.ufl.edu/news/publications.shtml.) Fleming, who also serves as editor of this magazine, plans to place a magazine and/or Law Center Association Annual Report in alumni hands each January, May and October. Send news or suggestions to her at fleming@law.ufl.edu.
Helping Students Serve the Public Interest

When Lorraine Chaudhry-Campbell (3L) was heading off to her summer job, she hoped to learn something of consequence. It turned out to be of global consequence.

As a fellow at the Carter Center in Atlanta last summer, Chaudhry-Campbell researched and wrote about weighty issues such as international human rights and the International Criminal Court, a judicial institution established to promote the rule of law.

This opportunity came about thanks to the Public Service Partners Program, a joint service of the student-run UF Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) and the Center for Career Services. Law, professors and students donate funds so students can have the option to take unpaid summer positions with 501c3 organizations.

It is a beneficial relationship for everyone involved — the public-minded students, the non-profit organizations and constituencies they serve.

Besides analyzing how to improve the Carter Center’s next international human rights conference, Chaudhry-Campbell drafted a document about the International Criminal Court’s applicability to mediation work at the Carter Center. She even had lunch with President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalyn.

To increase funding for this program so more students can participate, APIL began a “Donate a Day” campaign to encourage classmates with secured summer employment to donate one day’s pay.

“Thanks to generous donations and the partnership between APIL and our office, last year we were able to raise more than $8,000 to assist students like Lorraine Chaudhry-Campbell and Nick Dennany,” said Jessie Howell Wallace (JD 01), director of Career Services. Dennany (3L) volunteered with Florida Institutional Legal Services in Gainesville.

Law firm donors to the 2004 Public Service Partners Program were Hill, Ward & Henderson; Holland & Knight; Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns; Shook, Hardy & Bacon; and Sutherland Asbill & Brennan. Approximately nine students donated as well as several individual UF law professors.

For more information about the Public Service Partners Program, contact the Center for Career Services at 352-392-0499.

STUDY OF RACE AND RACE RELATIONS

Shaping the Future

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) at the UF College of Law — one of only five in the nation with a research and resource center devoted to the study of race — continues to sponsor spirited discussion forums and events that bring national leaders to campus.

This past fall, for instance, an innovative symposium drew more than 400 participants from UF and the community to hear Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College and author of “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race” (Basic Books, 2003).

The event was held as part of University of Florida President J. Bernard Machen’s inauguration celebration and was co-sponsored by CSRRR and the UF Office of the President. Machen, who has identified increased diversity on campus as a top priority, kicked off the Faculty Reading Initiative, which brought together faculty from every UF college to address race-related curricula issues. To facilitate discussion, participants were asked to read Tatum’s book.

“We saw the Faculty Reading Initiative as a big step toward our goal of putting issues of race and difference up front and center at the University of Florida,” said Katheryn Russell-Brown, professor and director of CSRRR.

On the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education last March, the center worked with the law college’s Center on Children and Families to bring together advocates for children’s rights and civil rights to discuss how the two are integrally connected.

The CSRRR also held its first annual spring lecture with guest speaker Paul Butler, a criminal law, civil rights and jurisprudence expert at George Washington University Law School. Butler, one of the 50 most cited law professors who began teaching after 1992, gave a presentation based on his article in Stanford Law Review, “Much Respect: Toward a Hip-Hop Theory of Punishment.”

CSRRR’s theme for 2004-05 is “Race, Curriculum, and Education for the New Millennium: Shaping the Future, Charting a New Course.” Several programs are planned to highlight the theme, including a Race and Law Curriculum Workshop (Feb. 24-26, 2005) and the 2005 Spring Lecture featuring law professor and race scholar Paul Finkelman.

(For more information, go to www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/.)

“Diversity and racial issues are important to all of us,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “We are very proud that our center — through the dedicated efforts of Director Dr. Katheryn Russell-Brown and Assistant Director Melissa Bamba — has been able to play such a key role in focusing the attention of the university and general community on how we can work together to address them.”
As soon as music is mentioned, Bob Jerry jumps up from his family dining room table to play the tape of his last concert with his old band, Big Muddy.

The soft country rock music is surprisingly good for a group of mostly University of Missouri professors who performed primarily for stress relief and fun.

“That’s me, right there on the keyboards,” he says, pointing toward the speaker.

Jerry is talking about his old life — when he held an endowed professorship in Missouri and had a little more time for his many interests. Since coming to lead the UF Levin College of Law a year and a half ago, a colleague notes, he only has time for his top priorities…family, church and the law school.

It is the lack of family time — particularly with his wife, Lisa, and three children, Jim, John and Beth — that gives him pause.

“It is a challenge to protect time for the family, and I don’t always succeed. But I do try hard,” he said, choosing his words carefully. It is the reason he has taken up golf with Jim, regularly attends John’s swim meets, spends time with Beth, and insists everyone gather around the dinner table each night.

“But the law school is so big and so complex, that right now it does require a concentrated effort, and not just on my part. The faculty and administrators are working hard because we want to be recognized as one of the very finest four or five public law schools in the nation. It is ambitious but achievable.”

Jerry, who became dean of the University of Kansas law school when he was only 35, had not planned on leading another school.

“I didn’t really aspire to be a dean again because I was quite happy teaching and conducting research,” he said. “But I had said if there was a school with strong qualities and the potential to make significant strides in reaching the next level, I would like to be part of making that happen because it would be, well, fun.”

Turns out the UF law school had the right criteria. The upper trajectory was already in place and he has been able to move several initiatives along, including securing an increase in the percentage of out-of-state tuition fees allocated to the school.

“We are the seventh least expensive law school in the country and there are 183 of them. More resources are essential if we are to compete at the highest level,” he said. “It is actually remarkable how well we are regarded and what we accomplish when you consider the limited funds available to us.”

Under his collaborative-style leadership, faculty committees are determining signature areas for national recognition, and faculty and administrators are implementing the 2002 strategic plan, which calls for a better student-teacher ratio, more spending per student, greater faculty research and scholarship, more alumni participation, and a larger endowment. The school’s rich history and motivated faculty are easing the way.
“IT IS A BIG JOB, AND HE IS DOING IT VERY WELL.”

TOP: With wife Lisa and children Beth, 11, Jim, 13, and John, 16. ABOVE: Family Basset Hound Basil
“The faculty has a broadly held view that we want to be excellent teachers, productive scholars, and have regional and national impact with our work. When you have those kinds of values, the questions become simpler. What are the precise steps we are going to take to achieve those goals?” he said.

In the midst of those ambitions have been the $22 million-plus renovation and building of the school’s physical plant. Half of Holland Hall has been destroyed and rebuilt, while two-thirds of what remained is being renovated. In addition, construction of two new multi-story education towers has transformed the face of the law school.

“It has been enormously challenging to keep our academic program going, but our students and especially the faculty have been both resilient and accommodating despite a huge upheaval in their professional lives,” Jerry said.

Former colleague Rod Uphoff, associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Missouri, isn’t surprised his friend is making inroads.

“Bob was the kind of colleague who was respected by all at the University of Missouri as a scholar and mentor,” said Uphoff. “He also has a great sense of humor. He doesn’t take himself too seriously and can laugh at himself. He is even willing to acknowledge making mistakes, certainly a trait that does not come naturally to most deans.”

Students value his listening skills.

“Since the first day Dean Jerry arrived on campus, he has made such an effort to reach out to law students, to listen to our opinions and concerns regarding the law school, and to generate a feeling of cohesiveness amongst students, faculty and alumni,” said John Marshall Bar Association President Julie Miller (3L). “Despite his busy schedule, students know he will take the time to meet and to work with them in whatever way he can.”

Jerry is part of a large family of educators. Both his parents are retired faculty from the Indiana State University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree. The “for real Hoosier,” as his wife, Lisa, calls him, earned his law degree cum laude from the University of Michigan and literally set foot inside a law office for the first time when he clerked for a small firm in Terre Haute, Ind., after his first year of law school.

After law school, he clerked for Judge George E. MacKinnon of the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. Later, while in private practice, he was recruited to teach at the University of Kansas, beginning an academic career that now approaches 25 years.

A respected scholar and prolific researcher in the areas of insurance law, contracts and health care finance and access, he remembers clearly when he chose his area of legal scholarship.

“In 1981, I was driving on I-70 on my way to my new job in Kansas when a radio bulletin announced the skyswalk of the Hyatt Regency hotel had collapsed in Kansas City,” Jerry said. “Later, I would come to know some of the attorneys involved in the ensuing litigation, and one of them commented on the absence of academics who worked on and wrote about the insurance issues that were so important in the aftermath of that catastrophe. That caused me to start thinking about whether I should make insurance law the focus of my teaching and research.”

When the opportunity to teach the course presented itself, he took it, and he began an intense study of the field, going on to write several widely used books, book chapters, law reviews and numerous other articles. He still finds time to teach an insurance law course at UF and recently published the third edition of his book, Understanding Insurance Law, the standard text used by practitioners and academicians. He also has just completed a chapter on life and disability insurance that will be published in a book on family wealth transfers later this year.

“Bob is a first-rate scholar, which is important because he has to evaluate the scholarship of the faculty,” said Bill Page, UF law school associate dean for faculty development. “As an administrator, he seeks advice from the faculty and I have found his decisions always reflect good judgment. He also is incredibly organized and well-prepared, which makes him not only a good communicator, but a good ambassador with outside groups.”

Jerry also knows more about Gator sports than many longtime fans, according to Mike McNerney, as well as where to find the best barbeque in Alachua County.

“I have spent a lot of time with Bob and Lisa Jerry and they are a pretty strong one-two punch for our law school,” McNerney said. “Lisa is a huge asset to the college, not just because she can entertain 100 for dinner with one day’s notice, but because she understands what it takes to be a great support to Bob and the law school.”

John James, the top Gator Boosters administrator who sees the law dean in a range of situations, from game day to Sunday school, said one of Jerry’s greatest strengths is his ability to sincerely relate to anyone, from the highest national official to the person cleaning up after the function.

“He’s just a solid citizen all the way around. We are lucky to have him at the University of Florida.”
Palm Beach Alumnus Supports Annual Fund

A longtime contributor to the University of Florida and Levin College of Law pledged an additional gift of $100,000 to the law school’s Annual Fund to help provide opportunities for students to gain practical experience and to support academic programs and services.

Lewis M. Schott, founder and president of LMS Securities Investment Company in Palm Beach, donated the funds in honor of his late wife, Marcia Whitney Schott. The two earned law degrees from UF in 1946.

They were major donors to the law school’s Bruton-Geer Hall building campaign in the early 1980s, resulting in the naming of the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard, and later that same decade contributed $50,000 to help endow the Clarence TeSelle Professorships.

“I’m very pleased with the progress of the College of Law, and happy to be able to support its continued national advancement,” Schott said. “It helped prepare me for my career, and is the place that brought Marcia and me together.”

The Schotts’ largest contribution to the university was a gift of more than $2 million establishing the Marcia Whitney Schott Super Chair in Rheumatoid Arthritis Research, a disease from which Mrs. Schott died in 1989.

Schott, named a UF Distinguished Alumnus in 1997, initially practiced law in his hometown, Daytona Beach, and then at 26 was named to head the Alcohol Beverage Department and serve on Gov. Fuller Warren’s cabinet.

Subsequently the couple moved to New York, where he undertook a varied and successful business career, and Mrs. Schott graduated from the New York School of Design. She was retained to create a number of Wall Street offices, and decorated the executive suites in Yankee Stadium for team owner George Steinbrenner.

“Lew Schott’s investment supports the college’s legacy in a vital way,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “We value the generosity of Mr. Schott and all of our loyal alumni in light of our ongoing need for private funds, and to help ensure facilitation of faculty and student achievement as we move toward becoming one of the country’s top 10 public law schools.”

Schott and his wife, Mary, reside in Palm Beach.

UF Donors Online

To recognize the many individuals and corporations giving their financial support to the University of Florida in the last year, visit UF’s annual honor roll of donors at www.uff.ufl.edu/HonorRoll.

UF College of Law donors for 2003-04 will be acknowledged in the May 2005 issue of UF Law magazine, which also will serve as the Law Center Association annual report.

SERVICE HONORED
Denise Stobbie Leaves UF Law School

UF law employee Denise Stobbie (left), with Law Alumni Council Immediate Past President Oscar Sanchez, was honored for her dedication and 22 years of service in the law school’s Communications and Development and Alumni Affairs offices in September. She has now joined Hospice of North Central Florida.
Alumni Support Groups Visit Campus

Scores of UF College of Law alumni gathered at the law school in September for Law Alumni Council and Law Center Association, Inc. (LCA) Board of Trustees meetings and other events offered as part of UF President Bernard Machen’s inauguration celebration.

Trustees Chair Mike McNerney (JD 73), partner with Brinkley, McNerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum in Fort Lauderdale, emphasized the importance of a strong relationship between the college’s students and alumni at a Book Award Ceremony in the new Ceremonial Classroom — which was built by alumni support.

“When you graduate ‘out’ of the College of Law, you at the same time graduate ‘into’ the profession,” he told students. “You will develop a wide range of professional acquaintances — some 20 years older or younger than you — and you will find that the majority of alumni are even more interested in academic excellence than the performance of the athletic teams. I am very proud of the College of Law, and what we as alumni have been able to do to enhance the learning experience for all of you.”

The Law Center Association Inc. Board of Trustees, founded in 1960, and the Law Alumni Council, founded in 1983, are the college’s primary support and advisory boards. Both help raise private funds to cover expenses not met through state support, tuition or endowment income.

The LCA Board of Trustees assists in the budgetary process, provides financial and volunteer resources, and facilitates student mentoring programs.

The Law Alumni Council consists of representatives from most class years. The council recently launched an ambitious campaign to increase alumni support for students, faculty, programs and services, including graduating class gifts, book award sponsorships, law firm giving and faculty visibility.

Alumni Council President George Vaka (JD 83), partner in Vaka, Larson & Johnson in Tampa, summarized the focus of this prestigious group of UF law supporters by challenging alumni to extend their hands back down the ladder to help current students and pass on the strong tradition of giving back.

“Without alumni support, there would be no Trial Team, Moot Court, or many other student and faculty activities. The state provides only a small part of what the college needs,” said Vaka, who then led by example by handing Assistant Director for Development and Alumni Affairs Kerrie Mitchell a $5,000 check for the College of Law Annual Fund.

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The Orlando law firm of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed, PA and 30 Gators at the firm sponsored three book awards in their primary practice areas. The awards — Advanced Litigation, Land Use Planning and Control, and Partnership Taxation in the Graduate Tax Program — honor academic excellence by recognizing the top student in each course. Attendance at the check presentation included (front, from left) Law Center Association Board of Trustee member Hal Kantor (JD 72), managing partner Nick Pope (JD 76), Dean Robert Jerry, Laurence Hames (JD 76, LLMT 78), and Terry Young (JD 76).
Development & Alumni Affairs Welcomes New Staff

One staff member has returned and another has been hired in the Development and Alumni Affairs Office, enabling it to better serve alumni and increase private support, according to Senior Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Donald Hale.

Director Kelley Frohlich worked in the UF law development office before leaving to work at Emory Medical School. Hale said the college was fortunate to bring her back to the college and benefit from her strong knowledge.

“Kelley has evolved as a person and professional since she started in this field four years ago. The opportunity to welcome her back to the alumni office generated an enthusiastic response from our alumni and friends of the college,” he said.

Also joining Hale and Assistant Director Kerrie Mitchell is Associate Director Andrea Shirey, a West Virginia University graduate who honed her development expertise in the WVU Foundation.

“Andrea has a strong track record of annual giving success. She has genuine enthusiasm for this profession and looks forward to meeting with alumni throughout Florida and Georgia as they consider their gift to the college’s annual fund,” Hale said.

Alumni, friends, law firms and others are crucial in providing private support that enhances the law school’s quality and national reputation and meets needs not covered through limited state funding or tuition. The development staff works closely with alumni across the nation as well as the school’s advisory and fund-raising boards.

Frohlich said, “The opportunity to return to the UF College of Law was a dream come true. I enjoy working with our alumni, and the University of Florida will always be home to me.”

Shirey said she was “thrilled” to be at UF and the College of Law. “I knew a long time ago I wanted to work in development and fund-raising and I look forward to a long career at the University of Florida.”

CLASS GIFT
Students Give Record-Breaking Gift

A reading room in the new Lawton Chiles UF Legal Information Center will honor the Spring and Fall 2004 graduating classes for their generous class gifts, according to UF College of Law Dean Robert Jerry.

The Fall 2004 class presented the dean with a class gift of $36,075, which was preceded by the record gift — $42,375 given or pledged over five years — of the Spring 2004 class, the highest total and participation rate (37 percent) in school history.

“What career will we have that won’t lead back to the College of Law education we received? I want to see this college grow and get better so when I come back to visit, I can be proud not only that I came, I saw, and I conquered, but also that I contributed to making it a better place even after I was here,” said Lauren Cury, who co-chaired the Fall 2004 Class Gift Committee with Edrene Johnson.

The gifts were presented at law school graduations featuring trailblazing alumni. The December 2004 graduation speaker was Federal Judge Stephan P. Mickle (JD 70), the first African American to earn a degree from a UF undergraduate program, second to graduate from UF’s law school, and first to practice in Alachua County and to be appointed both county judge (1979) and 8th Judicial Circuit judge (1984). He also was the first lawyer from Gainesville ever to sit on the 1st District Court of Appeals in Tallahassee. A UF Distinguished Alumnus, he is a federal judge in Florida’s Northern District.

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Susan Black (JD 67), also a Distinguished Alumnus, spoke at the Spring 2004 graduation ceremony. She was Jacksonville’s first female prosecutor, assistant city general counsel, and county judge. In 1979, she became Florida’s first female federal judge. President George H. Bush nominated her in 1992 for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, in Atlanta, where she is still serving.
‘Old School Ties’ Earn Florida Firms Recognition

Thanks to the competitive spirit and “old school ties” of 200-plus UF Levin College of Law alumni practitioners, more than 20 legal firms are being honored for their participation levels in an annual fundraising effort.

As a result of the school’s Law Firm Giving Program, 26 offices of 22 firms in 15 Florida cities plus Atlanta had 100 percent participation of Gator alumni and helped increase total annual giving from $446,877 in 2002-03 to $571,697 in 2003-04 — an increase of 28 percent and one of the highest year-to-year jumps in College of Law history.

“We are extremely pleased with the ongoing and increasing support of all our alumni, and are particularly excited about the growing level of law firm participation throughout the state and Southeast,” said Dean Robert Jerry. “The College of Law’s need for strong private financial support is critical.”

Firm offices with the highest number of participating alumni were Fowler White Boggs & Banker (31) and Hill Ward & Henderson, PA (21) of Tampa, Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed, PA (30) and Dean Mead (19) of Orlando, and King & Spalding LLP (16) of Atlanta.

Jerry noted that contributions to the annual fund drive support student research assistantships, campus organizations, faculty teaching and scholarship, career services for students and alumni, and other expenses not met with state funds, tuition or endowment income.

Florida firms earning the special recognition, thanks to efforts of alumni volunteers serving on the college’s Alumni Council or LCA Board of Trustees, and cities where qualifying offices are located include:
- Anchors Foster McInnis & Keefe, PA (Fort Walton Beach)
- Andrx Corporation (Weston)
- Carlton Fields (Tallahassee)
- Darby Peco Bowdoin & Payne (Lake City)
- Dean Mead (Fort Pierce, Melbourne, Orlando)
- Fassett Anthony & Taylor, PA (Orlando)
- Feldman Gale, PA (Miami)
- Fowler White Boggs & Banker (Fort Myers, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tallahassee)
- Goodlette Coleman & Johnson (Naples)
- GrayRobinson, PA (Lakeland)
- Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, PA (Miami)
- Harris Harris Bauerle & Sharma, PA (Orlando)
- Hill Ward & Henderson, PA (Tampa)
- Kubicki Draper (Jacksonville)
- Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed, PA (Orlando)
- McDonough Weiland Shannin & Gumula (Orlando)
- Miller Crosby & Miller, PA (Lakeland)
- Murphy & Walker, PL (Vero Beach)
- Pressly & Pressly (West Palm Beach)
- Quarles & Brady, LLP (Naples)
- Rossman Baumberger Reboso & Spier (Miami)
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9. Admissions Office outreach
10. …and this magazine.

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Those who have seen her in the courtroom, it is not surprising Sylvia Walbolt (JD 63) spearheaded appeals resulting in the reversal of more than $100 million in jury verdicts — despite a judicial climate in Florida courts that overwhelmingly affirms such decisions.

And that’s just in a single year.

Nor is it surprising she played a vital role in convincing her law firm, Carlton Fields, to participate in an American Bar Association initiative by committing a significant percentage of billable hours to pro bono services.

“Sylvia’s leadership is legendary,” said Carlton Fields partner/shareholder William Reece Smith Jr. (JD 49). “She’s been a strong supporter of pro bono services and is an outstanding woman litigator who has gained recognition and respect for excellence in our profession from both male and female litigators, here and elsewhere.”

Walbolt continues to be involved in compelling cases and worthy causes on a regular basis, even after 40 years with the Tampa-based firm. It was in 2001 that she participated in the two major cases that led to $100 million in reversals.

She was part of the team that won reversal of a $79.2 million verdict against Humana Insurance Co. of Florida Inc. for its failure as an HMO to provide special health care benefits to a girl with cerebral palsy.

“The Humana case included the highest punitive damages awarded for an individual in Florida’s history,” said Walbolt.

She also won reversal of a jury verdict against Columbia/JFK Medical Center Inc. and the University of Miami that had awarded $22.8 million to radiation oncologists in a breach-of-contract lawsuit.

Another example of Walbolt’s talents include the more recent reversal of a judgment entered on a jury verdict for a police officer in a First Amendment Section 1983 employment retaliation case.
“It was a case against the City of Riviera Beach for termination of a police officer,” explained Walbolt. “The officer said he was fired because he spoke against the police department. He had received a jury verdict and we took it upon appeal. We got it reversed and the case was over.”

Gary Sasso, Walbolt’s colleague of 16 years, said, “Sylvia is a very creative lawyer. She’s able to get to the heart of the matter in the courtroom, which makes her successful.”

Walbolt became known as a woman of firsts early on, when she was the solo female law student in her 1963 class and graduated first. She was one of Tampa’s first women lawyers, became the first female partner of her firm, and was the first woman to be elected president of The Florida Bar Foundation.

Walbolt has appeared as counsel in more than 180 published decisions — including cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the 11th Circuit and the Florida Supreme Court, and was selected by National Law Journal in 2001 as one of the top 10 women litigators in the nation. 

BEFORE HER TIME
Walbolt began litigating just a few months after signing on with Carlton Fields in 1963. By 1969, she was asked to take over trial preparation for a major anti-trust case involving Florida Power Corporation, an electric utility dominated by an all-male management team and legal department.

“To allow a woman to sit in a meeting with the president of Florida Power and tell him what he should or shouldn’t do was unheard of in the ’60s,” she said. “But gender never became an issue. It was very much a matter of respect.”

During trial preparations Walbolt had to be hospitalized due to premature birth complications with her first child, and it was colleague and mentor Reece Smith who brought to her bedside galley proofs of the briefs on Florida Power’s appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Back then the word ‘mentor’ wasn’t used so much, but I instinctively knew Reece was my mentor,” she said. “He just rolled with the punches in situations like that.” Florida Power won the case and although Walbolt could not be there to try it, Smith brought her back an autographed opinion from Chief Justice Warren Berger.

Walbolt admits women attorneys at that time did not share the level of support she received at Carlton Fields and throughout her career. Recalling an invitation to speak on an all-female panel in the late 1970s, she said, “I was the last to speak and, after listening to other speakers talk about discrimination they encountered, I realized just how fortunate I had been.”

Her firm even accepted her proposal to work part-time while her children were young. “No one had heard of such a thing back then,” she says. “In that regard, they were a pioneer and set a new standard.”

Often serving as a mentor for young women, Walbolt recognizes certain problems existed for her in the past that are still present for women today — in spite of new standards. “I’m not sure we’ve made a lot of strides when it comes to finding a way for women to balance a quality personal life with the things we need to do for a successful law practice,” she said.

However, she is impressed with the number of women now in the legal profession, which bears stark contrast to her first years. “It is amazing to see how different the landscape is today where I may be arguing before a woman judge, have a female client, and be competing with another woman lawyer.”

Today, Carlton Fields employs 69 women (and 200 total attorneys) in six Florida offices.

“I helped recruit the second woman to join our firm, Ruth Kinsolving — a 1971 UF law grad and an associate editor of Florida Law Review — and many more,” she said. (Kinsolving, named in 2003 by Florida Real Estate Journal as one of 20 “top women in Commercial Real Estate,” is co-chair of the Carlton Fields’ Real Estate & Mortgage Financial Group. In addition, Walbolt’s partner is Gwynne Young, chair of the LCA Board of Trustees Major Gift Committee.)

Walbolt is confident her female counterparts favorably impact the legal system, “just as do African Americans and disabled people.”

“It’s beneficial to have breadth on the bench and in the courtroom,” she said. “Women and the diversity movement as a whole have helped shape the law. Each person sees legal issues from the prism of his or her own experiences.”

LOVE FOR THE LAW
While she could have chosen any number of impressive cases to cite as a career highlight, Walbolt immediately reflected on something quite different — a choice indicative of her love for the law and everything it stands for. She spoke of serving on the Anglo American Exchange Panel

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Not only did she have to study mar-
time insurance contracts, an area she
had not previously encountered, the
suit “involved application of English
Law, not American.”
“That’s what’s interesting about
appellate law,” Walbolt said. “You
never know what’s next.”
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v. Mark Chipps
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by Walbolt and others, when it termi-
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history at that time.
University of Miami, Inc. and
Columbia/JFK Medical Center, Inc.
v. Jerome J. Spunberg, M.D. and
Bruce W. Phillips, M.D.
Doctors Spunberg and Phillips,
members of a professional association,
sued Columbia/JFK Medical Center for
breaching medical staff bylaws (by
dropping their practicing privileges)
and for wrongful interference with the
association’s business relationships.
On appeal, Walbolt and her team,
representing Columbia/JFK Medical
Center, caused the court to reverse a
judgment of almost $14 million in
damages and $88,000 in fees and
costs as well as grant a new trial.
of 1999-2000, a program allowing those practicing
law in different countries to share information
and learn from one another about the ups and
downs of legal processes.
“That was one of the greatest moments of
my career. Five American lawyers and five
American judges — including high-caliber fig-
ures such as Justice Anthony Kennedy and Justice
Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court — met
with British and Scottish solicitors to talk about
issues of common interest,” Walbolt said. “Three
of those issues included federalism, professional-
ism and the teaching of law.”
She laughed when noting the Brits were a
bit amused that after 200 years, those in the U.S.
are still deciding where to draw the line between
federal and state. And she relished the ensuing
discussions on the differences between the
British and American ways of teaching law.
“We wondered if it really is a good thing our
Teaching methods are oriented to the practical side
of law practice as opposed to the older method,
which urges thinking and analyzing legal issues.”
Another topic was professionalism in rela-
tion to the way money is earned. “We still have a
lot of work to do to ensure integrity within this
profession,” she conceded. “But it’s also true
there are a lot of great lawyers out there doing a
lot of great things.”
HER UF DAYS
So what provoked Walbolt to pursue law
during a time when most women did not? Her
interest was initially piqued while working in
UF’s law library and, since her dual major of
mathematics and history didn’t completely suit
her, she decided to study law.
“I realized I didn’t want anything to do
with my undergrad degree,” she said. “I got to
know students coming in and out of the law
library and thought, ‘I can do this.’ I then
applied for and received a scholarship.”
She admits she didn’t believe she would ever
get a job practicing law, and just assumed she
would clerk or teach. “I wish I could say I had a
grand plan in mind when I applied to law
school, but I didn’t. Once I got there, however,
I was fascinated with the legal analysis process.”
Her parents were very supportive of her
choice. “I didn’t know for many years that my
mother, who is an extremely bright and capable
person, wanted to study law but was told by the
University of Illinois Law School they only
accepted men,” said Walbolt. “So, she became a
librarian and a teacher…but she would have
been a terrific lawyer.”
She recalls that the law professors
most influential to her were Dean Henry A.
Fenn and Professor Walter Weyrauch, now
Distinguished Professor of Law and Stephen C.
O’Connell Chair.
“I didn’t have a choice but to be prepared
for Weyrauch’s class,” she said. “He would
always call on me. Since I was the only woman,
he knew I was present and had to respond. If a
guy didn’t know an answer when called upon,
he could pretend he wasn’t present and the profes-
sor wouldn’t know.”
She said no special treatment was given to
her because she was a woman, “but that made
me a stronger lawyer and I wouldn’t have
changed it.”
Wlobolt continues moving full force ahead
and shows no signs of slowing down. Though
she could retire, she said. “So far no one has
suggested I leave, so it is not on the immediate
horizon.
“But I’m cognizant I don’t want to overstay
my welcome. You see athletes who stay too long
and I don’t want to do that.”

With husband Dan Sr., son Dan Jr, wife Michelle
and grandsons Ryan and Davis
When eight-year-old Stephen Zack (JD 71) was walking on the beach with his grandmother, she asked what he was going to be when he grew up. “A lawyer,” he said, without hesitation and despite the fact he had never met a lawyer and didn’t know what one did.

He did grow up to be a lawyer, a board-certified trial attorney who would represent presidential candidate Al Gore on the way to the Supreme Court, forge the way for Hispanic American lawyers, and work with powerful Florida governors. Today he holds the number two spot in the American Bar Association and is a partner in one of the top firms in the country.

Make no mistake, Zack loves lawyers and lawyering. It is his profession, hobby, passion.

His high regard for justice probably began in Cuba, where his way of life changed dramatically when Fidel Castro came to power. He remembers his parents fleeing the dictatorship, leaving behind a successful leather manufacturing business. He also remembers authorities pulling him and his family from the plane waiting to take them to a new home in the United States and placing them under house arrest for two weeks until the Swiss Embassy secured their release. At 14, he was paying attention. Most of all, he has committed to memory the pain of his grandfather, who left Russia as a young man in search of American liberty. Even though he got on the wrong boat and ended up in Cuba, his grandfather built a good life for himself in his adopted country and brought over 10 brothers and sisters from Russia. To leave behind all he had attained hurt.

“When we arrived in the United States, I clearly remember my grandfather saying to me he was sad to be a refugee for the second time in his life,” said Zack. “He said, ‘If the United States falls, there will be no place else to go.’ Those words will forever be at the center of my personal beliefs and philosophy that the U.S. was and always will be the last bastion of freedom. We must protect liberty and justice.”

When it was time to go to college, his father plainly told him he would attend the University of Florida because that was what they could afford and it was the best public school in Florida. After earning a bachelor’s, he attended law school with other idealistic young people of the ’60s, making the most...
of it by presiding over Florida Blue Key and the Interfraternity Council and finding best friends for life.

“Everything I’ve achieved so far has been possible because of my education from the University of Florida,” said Zack, who continues to be an ardent supporter and is an UF Law Center Association Board of Trustees Member Emeritus. “It was a wonderful experience and prepared me very well.”

It was fellow alumnus and legal giant Chesterfield Smith (JD 48) who served as Zack’s “perfect example” for how to practice his chosen profession. A founding partner at the firm that became Holland & Knight, Smith was president of the ABA when he challenged President Richard Nixon during the Watergate investigations — telling him “no man is above the law.”

“Chesterfield personified public service and practiced law until the day he died. We spoke regularly and I still miss him every day,” he said.

Smith was heavy on Zack’s mind when he found himself in the middle of one of the most historic and most watched legal contests in American history, the 2000 presidential election.

Zack, an early volunteer in the Gore election, was in bed watching the election night returns when the Gore campaign called from Tennessee. “I think we might need some lawyers in Florida,” a Gore aide told him.

As general counsel for the Gore campaign in Florida, Zack spent the next 37 days, 24/7, with David Boies, the legendary lawyer who argued the case all the way to the Supreme Court, and other attorneys, preparing briefs and motions that often were due the same day.

It was Zack who had the “Perry Mason moment” in the Leon County Circuit Court before Judge N. Sanders Sauls, according to The New York Times. A witness for the opposing legal team, John Ahmann, was an expert on punch card voting devices and had methodically knocked down theories advanced by the Gore team. He testified he doubted very much that a chad buildup would prevent a voter from casting a vote.

In the middle of cross-examination, Zack, received a fax from another lawyer in his firm that contained a freshly unearthed patent application Ahmann had submitted two decades ago. The document listed an array of problems with the voting machines, many of them similar to the flaws put forth by Zack and colleagues.

Before long, Ahmann was agreeing that in close elections, a manual recount was not a bad idea.

“What is telling about Steve’s talent was his ability to digest that information, know its significance and use it against the other side,” said Danny Ponce (JD 73), a partner in Legon, Ponce & Fodiman and one of Zack’s best friends. “Years of litigation were compressed into those 37 days and the stakes were about as high as it gets. Steve had the skills to do it, volunteered to do it, showed up and did it.”

It was the type of case every trial lawyer goes to law school for, Zack said.

“We never knew what the next day would bring and it was a constant 24 hours of adrenaline,” he said. “Later a friend told me my cross examination in Tallahassee had been seen around the world by 52 million viewers. I was glad I didn’t know that at the time.”

After working so closely with David Boies and becoming mutual admirers of each other’s abilities and attributes, Zack merged his 27-lawyer firm in Fort Lauderdale with Boies, Schiller & Flexner in 2002. Boies is widely known as a litigation powerhouse for going up against Microsoft, Major League Baseball, and AT&T.

A key part of Zack’s daily life, however, continues to be his service to the legal profession.

Florida voting ballots caused controversy.
“I’ve known Steve since we were UF sophomores and active in student government and Florida Blue Key. Our lives have been intertwined ever since,” said Ponce. “One thing we learned early on from Stephen O’Connell (UF president 1967-73) was to get, you have to give and one shouldn’t come before the other. Steve has always had a desire to serve lawyers and has given years of his life and thousands of dollars in doing so.”

If Zack has received from his profession, he surely has given. Late last year he was elected chairman of the American Bar Association House of Delegates, the ABA’s second-highest office. He was the first Hispanic American to assume this role, where he leads 537 delegates responsible for policymaking. He has chaired the ABA’s Select Committee of the House and has held numerous ABA posts including member of the Board of Governors, board liaison to the Sections of Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, chairman of the Latin American Council, and member of the Commission on the Judiciary in the 21st Century.

As president of The Florida Bar 1988-89, he was both the youngest president in that organization’s history and the first Hispanic American to lead a state bar association. He went on to be president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents.

Zack is chosen for leadership posts because he is a loyal consensus builder who makes meaningful contributions, according to Howard Coker (JD 71), a UF law school classmate who has worked closely with Zack in numerous organizations through the years. A managing senior partner at Coker, Myers, Schickel, Sorenson & Green in Jacksonville, Coker also has presided over several groups including The Florida Bar Association and the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

Coker said his good friend reminds him of Willie Nelson song lyrics: “He’s a walking contradiction, partly truth, partly fiction.”

“To some people he can be seen as being powerful and intimidating when you first meet him, and that is not who he really is. If anyone takes an hour to get to know him, they will really like him,” said Coker. “He is a fun-loving individual who likes to eat well and have a good laugh.”

Recently named by the Miami Herald as one of the most influential Hispanic Americans in the country, Zack is well aware he represents a minority that faces discrimination and it is the reason he helped found the Cuban-American Bar Association, now 1,600 members strong.

He considers himself lucky that he speaks without an accent, primarily because his American father sent him to Cuban-American schools and both languages were spoken at home.

“Many of my friends were not so fortunate,” he said. “I remember when it was not usual to hear people in Miami say ‘Come back into this store when you can speak English.’ As a young lawyer, I heard that comment uttered by a judge in a Miami courtroom.”

His uncommon dedication was noticed at the other end of the state in Tallahassee, when Gov. Lawton Chiles appointed him to the 30-member citizen board responsible for rewriting Florida’s Constitution. He went on to chair the State of Florida Ethics Commission for three years as well as serve as special counsel to Gov. Bob Graham with responsibility for making recommendations on state judicial selections.

What he works toward, he said, is the day when he is no longer asked “what is it like to be the first” and when all segments of society hold leadership positions to strengthen the rule of law and human rights.

“Loss of liberty is not a theoretical threat to me,” he said. “It’s a fact I’ve had first-hand experience with. The events that helped shape my life also shaped my strong belief that all prejudices need to be strongly opposed and every opportunity given equally to all members of our society.”

“I REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL TO HEAR PEOPLE IN MIAMI SAY ‘COME BACK INTO THIS STORE WHEN YOU CAN SPEAK ENGLISH.’”
Mills Chairs Florida Supreme Court Committee

Responding to growing concerns about the unfiltered electronic posting of court records containing private and confidential information, the Florida Supreme Court has appointed UF College of Law Professor Jon Mills (JD 72), UF law dean emeritus and director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, to chair the Committee on Privacy and Court Records. Serving with him is UF Legal Technology Institute Director Andrew Z. Adkins, III and judges and practitioners from across Florida.

Harry Lee Anstead (JD 63) established the select committee while chief justice to develop a statewide policy to ensure protected information is filtered out of court records before they are published on the Internet or in bulk electronic access systems.

The committee is developing policies to prevent the release of information, such as social security numbers, medical records and financial disclosures, which can be used to commit crimes such as fraud or identity theft. While some of this information also may be confidential under state or federal law, no uniform mechanism is currently in place to ensure it is removed before electronic distribution.

The committee also is working to categorize information routinely included in court records for the Supreme Court to consider as exemptions from the right of access.

20-Year UF Law Professor Named Associate Dean

Dean Robert Jerry of the UF Levin College of Law appointed Professor George Dawson last summer as associate dean for academic affairs. Dawson, who specializes in contracts, commercial law and estates and trusts, joined the law school faculty in 1981 and was named professor three years later. He previously held the position from 1996-2000, and succeeded Professor Michael Friel, who returned full-time to his role as director of the law school’s nationally recognized Graduate Tax Program.

“We are fortunate George is willing to again serve the law school in this key position, and to carry on the excellent work done by his predecessor,” Jerry said. “With our $22 million-plus expansion and construction program, our elimination of spring enrollments after 2005, and the continued addition of key faculty, the administrative experience George brings with him is vital.”

PROMOTIONS

Earning promotions in 2004 were (from left, front row) Sherrie Russell-Brown (to associate professor), Iris Burke (senior lecturer), Peggy Schriebner (senior lecturer), Pedra Malavet (professor), Leanne Pflaum (senior lecturer); (back row) Tracy Rambo (senior lecturer), Mark Fenster (associate professor), Allison Gerencser (senior lecturer), and Danaya Wright (professor). Also promoted, but not pictured, were Anne Rutledge and Patricia Thomson (senior lecturers).
Legal Scholars At Work

As the faculty scholars of the Levin College of Law continue to expand their intellectual horizons, their tangible productivity grows as well in the form of leading significant conferences, participating in global-level policy making, and writing definitive books, treatises and articles.

A 24-page Report From the Faculty is now available that provides comprehensive information about recent faculty achievements and publications as well as an overview of law school centers and programs. Future issues of UF Law magazine also will provide regular updates of faculty scholarship and influence.

A PDF of the report is available at www.law.ufl.edu/news/publications/, or contact the Communications Office at 352-392-9586 for a printed copy.

‘Payday Loans’ Researched

As many as one in four military families has accepted high-cost, easy “payday loans” that can threaten their property and careers, according to a front-page New York Times article that featured research by UF law Assistant Professor Christopher Peterson.

The lenders who cause this threat are deliberately opening stores close to military bases and should be more heavily regulated, said Peterson, who conducted the research with Steven Graves, a California State University geography professor.

“This study demonstrates the harsh effects on military personnel from our increasingly weak regulation of consumer credit. Ironically, some of those who proclaim their support for our troops the loudest also support laws which facilitate predatory lending to those troops,” Peterson said.

The research, which looked at the density of lenders in 15 states, found there are far more payday lenders within five miles of a military base than would be statistically likely. The St. Petersburg Times quoted the research in a lead editorial and called on the military and Congress to act on the findings.

Military personnel using the loans are typically young, financially naïve and often short of cash and present a lucrative customer base for lenders whose annual rates can go well beyond 300 percent.

“If legislators really want to protect military consumers,” Peterson said, “the money spent on education would be far better spent on enforcement and lobbying to end these practices.”

INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

Gordon Honored for Contributions

Chesterfield Smith Professor Michael W. Gordon continues to be honored for his considerable international endeavors, most recently as the University of Florida International Educator of the Year.

The award — presented at a ceremony presided over by UF President Bernard Machen — is given by the UF International Center to acknowledge far-reaching research, teaching and service.

Gordon also was recognized at the annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas for his 35-plus years of contributions to international and legal relations between Florida and the Americas. The conference was organized by the Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR) at the UF College of Law.

“Professor Gordon has trained an entire generation of international lawyers, been a strong advocate for international programs in legal education throughout the Americas, and is recognized worldwide for his expertise in comparative law, international litigation and trade, Mexican law and the NAFTA,” CGR Director Jon Mills said.

“He has consulted for 10 foreign governments, lectured at prestigious universities and law associations in more than 30 nations, and served as a senior Fulbright professor in Mexico, Guatemala and Germany.”

Gordon has published a translation of the Civil Code of Mexico as well as numerous books, scholarly monographs and multi-volume treatises for practitioners.

Appointed by the Clinton administration to dispute resolution panels of both the World Trade Organization and North American Free Trade Agreement, his expertise has made him a sought-after consultant for high profile cases involving the international business activities of several prominent multinational corporations. His comparative research on the activities of multinational corporations and the impact of joint ventures in Mexico and various countries in Eastern Europe led the United States Department of State to send him to eight countries to present his research.
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Books & Casebooks


United States and Puerto Rico (NYU Press, 2004).


Christopher L. Peterson: Taming the Sharks: Towards a Cure for the High Cost Credit Market (Univ. of Akron Press, 2004).


Michael Allan Wolf: Powell on Real Property (general ed., 17 vols.) (Matthew Bender).
Considered the world’s crossroads for political and corporate leaders, Washington, D.C. is home to thousands of attorneys working to make a difference including more than 400 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Strong determination and well-defined goals took them there, according to UF Law Alumni Research Scholar and Professor Dennis Calfee.

“D.C. is an exciting place to live and work,” said Ede Holiday (JD 77), former assistant to the president and secretary of the Cabinet in the White House. “It provides so many different opportunities for lawyers, not only with the federal government, but also in non-profits and the private sector.” The entire area — including Baltimore and northern Virginia — is apparently a magnet for UF alumni, since about 7,000 UF graduates with various degrees reside there.
Seven prominent UF College of Law alumni now in Washington give considerable credit to UF, the law school and key faculty for making their professional journeys to — and around — the nation’s power core easier and more rewarding.

**ALAN P. DYE (JD 71)**
Partner, Webster, Chamberlain & Bean

**Worked with a U.S. Senator on international relations, and for the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation**

Alan Dye earned a bachelor’s in economics from Duke University, then took what was, for him, the next logical step.

“From what little I knew, law seemed to fit my personality and way of thinking, and seemed to be a profession that rewarded an analytical mind,” he said. As a result, he found himself at the University of Florida studying under professors such as J.J. Freeland and Richard Stephens, faculty instrumental in his decision to pursue an advanced degree in taxation and subsequently a career involving tax law.

“They were superb instructors who were very influential,” he said. “I have to say the professors I had at UF were equal to those at Duke or New York University. So many people are woefully uninformed about the quality of a UF law school education.”

Dye remained in Gainesville after earning his degree to work as director of the Eastern Water Law Center, a program established by Dean Frank Maloney in the 1960s with the purpose of studying water law east of the Mississippi. Dye first worked there part-time as a student to augment his income, and then accepted the position of director while awaiting an Army placement. An interesting turn of events in the spring of 1972 thrust him into his tax career a bit earlier than expected.

“I was in ROTC and that March began my officer’s basic course before serving my three-year military obligation,” he said. “But halfway through the course, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger negotiated the Vietnam War’s end, and I was ushered into the reserves.”

Without a job, he had a big decision to make. He and his wife, Becky, a graduate of UF’s School of Nursing, chose to head for New York, where he earned his L.L.M. in Taxation. After finishing his clerkship for a judge in U.S. Tax Court in Washington, he was hired by Webster, Chamberlain & Bean, a firm representing non-profit organizations, trade associations, lobbying groups, charities and political committees.

He remembers his early years in the firm. “I was hired back in the ’80s to help revive an organization formed by a U.S. senator,” he said. “We set up an exchange program that brought rising leaders from Eastern European countries and Russia to the U.S., and offered them experiences here as a way to see how free society works. Many of these exchange students went on to prominent careers in their home countries, including one who became, I think, prime minister of Bulgaria.”

“We also sent volunteers from the states to educate people over there about the West. It turned out to be extremely successful and later merged with the human rights organization Freedom House, on whose board I continue to serve.”

A member of the District of Columbia and Florida Bars, Dye is a member of the Committee on Exempt Organizations of the Taxation Section of the American Bar Association and the American College of Tax Counsel.

He also chaired the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation for a two-year term in the 1990s, and remains a passionate board member today.

“We staked out our niche in cancer prevention, which was underserved,” he said. “The Foundation evolved from a startup in ’86 to the leading prevention organization, with several million dollars a year in education programs and grants for research.”

Dye and his wife have lived on Capitol Hill in a largely Victorian neighborhood east of the U.S. Capitol since 1973. They have two children, Andrew and Katie, both of whom grew up and attended school in Washington before attending Tulane and the College of Charleston.
EDE HOLIDAY (JD 77)
Operating Trustee, TWE Holdings
Board Member of Five Corporations and One Group Fund

employed by former President George Bush and worked in the West Wing

Making friends with a D.C. congressional guard was a smart move by Ede Holiday, a UF journalism major who was in Washington in 1973 serving as a Department of Labor intern.

“We worked half days and were expected to become familiar with all aspects of Washington in our free time,” she said. “We visited Congress and went to hearings, which turned out to be monumental for me since this was the time of Watergate.”

After making fast friends with a guard, she was moved to the front of a long line of people eager to get in, allowing her to see critical moments of the legendary hearings.

“It was an intoxicating experience that solidified my interest in coming to Washington once I finished,” she said. “This only happened because of the University of Florida.”

After completing her undergrad work in 1974, Holiday moved on to study at the UF law school, where many of her fondest memories are related to tax education.

“I had the joyous experience of being exposed to the fabulous tax faculty. Two of the professors I remember are Dennis Calfee and Steve Hopp. And in my first year I was privileged to have Steve Rubin as a professor for civil procedure. He was tough, but fantastic.”

After graduating she headed to D.C., where she practiced with Reed Smith Shaw & McClay for six years, focusing on corporate tax and litigation. Still intrigued by her early experiences, she discovered family friend Nicholas F. Brady was being appointed to serve in the U.S. Senate.

“I remained fascinated with the government and thought maybe he would have a hard time getting staff...and perhaps I would have a chance of getting a job,” she said.

Holiday was right. Taking a huge pay cut, she dove into her work as a U.S. Senate legislative aide and soon became the legislative director. Her work impressed many and she took on the role as executive director for the President’s Commission on Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries in 1984.

“We were given $600,000 to spend and we did the work for less than $200,000,” she said. “To spend less government money than was given was absolutely unheard of.”

That unusual accomplishment soon caught the attention of Vice President George H. Bush and in 1985 she was appointed chief counsel and national financial and operation director for his successful 1988 Presidential campaign.

“My responsibility was to oversee the business side of the campaign, not the fund-raising side,” she said. She had an office adjacent to and worked closely with another future president, George W. Bush, who was working to elect his father.

Shortly before the first Bush presidency, she became counselor to the secretary of treasury and assistant secretary for public affairs, and subsequently was the first woman to serve as general counsel for the U.S. Treasury Department.

By 1990, Holiday became assistant to the president and secretary of the Cabinet in the White House. From an office in the West Wing, she was the primary liaison with Bush’s cabinet and all federal agencies and had responsibility for the domestic and economic policy councils.

After Bush’s defeat in 1992, Holiday was ready for the chance to spend time with her two young children, both born during the Bush presidency. She was approached by two corporations to join their board of directors and, over time, received the same invitation from others.

Today she is self-employed and serves as a director of Amerada Hess Corporation, H.J. Heinz Company, the Canadian National Railway Company, Beverly Enterprises, RTI International Metals and the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds. In addition, she serves as operating trustee for a large asset valued at as much as $7 billion, the product of the AT&T Broadband Comcast merger. “I am the FCC approved trustee to dispose of this asset,” she said.

Holiday still finds time to visit and support the two Bush presidents and their families. She continues to live in D.C., has an office and staff in Wilmington, Del., and works mainly from home where she can help raise her two daughters (Kate, 15, and Elizabeth, 12). Her husband, Terry Adamson, works for National Geographic.
LINDY PAULL (JD 79, LLM 80)
Co-Managing Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Unit: Washington National Tax Services

Wrote tax legislation for the Senate Finance Committee and served as chief of staff of the Joint Committee

When Lindy Paull graduated from the UF College of Law, it never crossed her mind that one day she would find herself personally responsible for tax laws of the United States.

In fact, this Gator wrote powerful tax legislation for 12 years while on the Senate Committee on Finance, and then for five years as chief of staff of the congressional Joint Committee for Taxation. Both groups consist of Washington’s most influential politicians.

“I never imagined I would end up being involved in such an experience,” she said. “For someone interested in tax policy, this was the ultimate job. I was right there helping to get laws changed and that was so very rewarding and interesting.”

Paull was offered the job with Congress in 1986 after working three-and-a-half years for Sutherland Asbill & Brennan in Washington, where she handled business tax issues.

“One of my former colleagues who worked for the tax writing committee asked if I wanted to work for Congress on a big tax bill,” she said. “There is no substitute for being there to see how laws are written and the factors that come into play during the process.”

Today Paull works for PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she co-leads 250 tax professionals and is once again working with clients. After spending so much time creating tax laws, she said it is satisfying to be on the other side of the process where she can apply them.

“Tax law is more about analyzing. It can be very complicated,” she said. “I’ve learned what it means when laws are enacted and how it applies in the real world from a practical standpoint. What works for some taxpayers, doesn’t work for others. One size doesn’t fit everyone.”

In addition to Paull’s day job, she has taught tax policy at the Georgetown University Law Center for the past eight years.

She notes that federal tax law has undergone significant changes in the past few years, and is unlikely to see a major change again in the near future. “The most pressing issue is whether the recent changes will be made permanent because most are scheduled to sunset in five to seven years.”

Paull also acknowledges the somewhat widespread perception that large corporations get tax breaks and take advantage of loopholes, while the burden is on the middle class.

“This is an unfortunate perception about the income tax system. Of course, there are special incentives in tax law, which may apply to business as well as individuals, to encourage various types of economic and personal activities. While there are always some abuses of these special rules, by and large, the wealthiest individuals and largest businesses pay the lion share of income tax.”

Looking back to UF, she has many fond memories from her time spent there, particularly her first year. “My section had 200 people and I was in a study group of six or seven women. It was a very collegial and friendly atmosphere,” she said.

She notes that even though she came to UF after working as a CPA in a tax group in Miami, she wasn’t necessarily bent on pursuing tax law. “I explored a lot of options,” she said. “As it turned out, I gravitated toward business and tax courses and I was the only one from my study group to pursue tax as a career. I certainly don’t regret it.”

Memorable professors include Dennis Calfee, the late Jack Freeland and Michael Oberst, who came to UF the year Paull joined the LL.M. program.

“Professor Oberst had an extra reach in helping me start my career,” she said. He previously held a position with the Joint Committee on Taxation in Washington and put me in touch with U.S. Tax Court Judge Chabot, for whom I clerked for two years after graduation and before going to Sutherland Asbill & Brennan.”

Paull, who lives in Washington with her two pets (cat Simba and yellow lab Bailey), travels as often as she can.

“My favorite vacation was a trip to Kenya and Tanzania, flying around the countryside in four-passenger airplanes and landing on grass strips,” Paull said. “People on the ground had to clear animals away from the landing area. That is as far away from the Washington Beltway as you can get.”
Paul G. Rogers (JD 48)  
Partner, Hogan & Hartson

Served in U.S. Congress 24 years, and known in major political and healthcare circles as “Mr. Health.” Honorary degrees from 15 universities

Since graduating from the UF College of Law more than 50 years ago, former U.S. Rep. Paul Rogers has created an extraordinary legacy, one that significantly impacts the quality of life for millions of Americans today.

That legacy springs from 24 years (1955-79) of service in the U.S. Congress, during which time he chaired the House Subcommittee on Health and Environment, sponsored or played a major role in enacting major health and environment related legislation, and became known in political and healthcare circles as “Mr. Health.”

“During those days the nation was ready for positive change in our environment,” Rogers said. “We passed such laws as the Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Bill, and the National Cancer Act, and established the Institute of Aging. It has been satisfying to see many of the laws actually bringing about good results.”

To prepare for this notable career, Rogers attended the University of Florida to earn a bachelor’s in political science and a minor in speech in 1942. Soon after, World War II brought a different kind of education. “I went in as a second lieutenant in the Army and came out a major,” he said. He was awarded a Bronze Star and earned battle stars before returning to his alma mater to study law.

He laughs as he recalls memories from a UF party where students innocently and teasingly attempted to rub Dean Harry Raymond Trusler’s balding head.

“That Trusler was a character,” he said fondly. “I had a great experience at UF. There were a lot of good professors and some were really tough. I particularly remember a class on property law. What I learned there stuck with me through the years and I’ll never forget it.”

After graduation, he initially practiced law in West Palm Beach, but shifted gears six years after graduation when his father, Dwight L. Rogers, passed away while a senior member of Congress.

“I ran for his seat and was elected during a special election in January 1955,” he said. “I really didn’t know if I could win, but my dad’s friends helped me run against three other candidates, one of whom dropped out before the end of the race.”

After serving 24 years in Congress and winning 12 elections, Rogers made the decision “to move on.”

“I was pretty sure I could have been re-elected, though. I won 92 percent of the vote in the last election,” he said. He continues to dedicate efforts to organizations such as the National Osteoporosis Foundation, Scripps Research Institute, and Institute of Aging at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) — all while serving in his current position as partner with the international law firm of Hogan & Hartson, the largest firm in Washington, D.C.

Rogers’ pro bono work includes chairing Research!America, a medical and health research alliance that aided in doubling the NIH budget — from $13 billion to $27 billion — in just five years. “We completed that major effort in 2003,” he said. “I’m very proud of the accomplishment.”

His outstanding achievements have resulted in numerous national tributes, including honorary degrees from 15 universities. He was awarded the Public Welfare Medal by the National Academy of Sciences, the American Cancer Society Medal of Honor, and the “Paul G. Rogers Award,” the award given by the Association of Academic Health Centers.

The Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in West Palm Beach as well as the main plaza at the National Institutes of Health are named in his honor.

The love of the law runs in the family. His eldest brother, Dwight L. Rogers (JD 41), resides in Ft. Lauderdale and still practices law for Rogers Morris & Ziegler, which was established in 1925 by their father. Younger brother Doyle Rogers (JD 52) resides in Palm Beach and is a partner at Maass Rogers & Lindsay.

“I think all three of us pursued law because we were somewhat familiar with an attorney’s position in the community because of our father,” said Dwight. “I guess we sort of inherited law. In fact, we were all presidents of our Phi Delta Theta chapters and we all belonged to Blue Key.”

Doyle, who campaigned for all his brother’s elections, added Paul was active in politics at UF and he was not surprised when he ran for their father’s seat.

“He’s done a great job in Congress and in the health field,” he said. “I was delighted to see him run for our father’s seat, although that meant he was leaving Palm Beach the very year I moved there.”

Rogers lives with his wife, Becky, in the Washington area. They have a daughter and four grandchildren.
EVERETT SANTOS (JD 66)
Managing Director, Emerging Markets Partnership and Chief Executive Officer for its Latin America Infrastructure Fund

worked with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Civil Rights Commission and World Bank

Recounting his days as a University of Florida law student, Everett Santos — “Sam” to those who know him best — can’t help but reveal a bit of notoriety. Accused of never studying, Santos said, “To my fellow students I was an aberration. In addition to law school, I worked a 40-hour per week job and I certainly was not about to give up my social life.”

He was used to work, after all. Once he earned his bachelor’s in finance from UF in 1963, he joined the Coast Guard Reserve and worked 15 months to save for law school. Despite his jam-packed schedule, he successfully completed his studies in less than two and one-half years.

He credits two UF law professors with helping to shape his career. “Professors Fletcher Baldwin and Roy Hunt were pivotal for a variety of reasons,” Santos said. “My career has, to a great extent, involved international law. The courses they taught, including constitutional law, were critical for understanding many of the situations I encountered.”

Upon graduation, he had job offers in Chicago, New York and Washington, and was contemplating where to go during his drive north. “I knew I wanted to eventually work internationally,” he said. “I wanted to work in securities and be able to tie that into international relations.”

He chose Washington based on the reasoning it would provide the widest alternatives to develop a legal and public service career. A career, he noted, “that turned out much richer than I ever suspected.”

He first found himself with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, then joined the Civil Rights Commission during the active days of the movement. He worked on legislation with U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie, which led to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation laws. He eventually moved to Brazil to work on securities market issues and dealt closely with representatives of the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, and Organization of American States. In 1974, he returned to the U.S., where he thought he would spend two years with World Bank before moving back into securities work.

“Those two years turned into a 21-year detour,” he said laughingly. It would be 1995 before that detour routed him toward Emerging Markets Partnership (EMP), an international private equity firm with headquarters in Washington. Approached by an EMP partner he had known for more than 20 years, he accepted a position as managing director and chief executive officer for EMP’s Latin America Infrastructure Fund.

“I was very credible having worked in the World Bank group and having principal responsibility for private sector investments, first for Latin America and then for infrastructure projects throughout the developing world,” he said.

For Santos, having the chance to get back into the private sector and mobilize as much money as possible for Latin America was a perfect fit. As a first-generation American born to Cuban immigrants, Santos has strong ties to Latin America. Though born in New York, he traveled to Cuba as an infant and spent most of his first five years there during World War II before returning to the states.

Grateful for the opportunities presented at UF, he stresses the importance of his finance and law degrees and feels fortunate to have shaped a career based on his interest in economic development in the private sector.

Washington turned out to be a good fit as well. “It provides both an intellectually vibrant legal environment and a socially significant base in which a legal career can be developed,” Santos said.

Santos is married to another member of the Bar, Barbara Sophios Santos, who graduated from Boston University Law School. The two met “in the romantic halls of the Securities and Exchange Commission.” They have three sons — Damon, a chemical engineering graduate of Dartmouth; Alexis, a biology graduate of Harvard; and Christopher, a physics graduate of Amherst.
ABRAHAM “HAP” SHASY (JD 73)  
Principal, KPMG, LLP

Handles federal tax planning for U.S. and foreign corporations, and former chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service

“The notion of going to law school actually started because of an old family friend. He was a lawyer in our hometown of Ocala and he planted the bug,” notes Abraham “Hap” Shashy. “I contemplated the idea during high school and occasionally discussed it with my dad.”

That notion took him all the way to the top of the nation’s tax collection agency — the Internal Revenue Service, an organization that touches every American.

Now a principal and tax consultant with KPMG accounting firm in D.C., he is more than satisfied he pursued the profession, and is grateful for the experiences UF afforded him as both an undergrad studying political science and as a law student.

“The tax courses I took from Dick Stephens, Jack Freeland and Steve Lind confirmed I would pursue tax law,” he said. “A lot of people think tax law is all about numbers, but in fact it is very conceptual. My courses and the work I did with professors really sparked my interest in tax law.

“I wound up becoming Dick Stephens’ and Steve Lind’s research assistant and after graduating in December ’73, I remained on campus and taught legal writing and a research course until August of ’74.”

He then headed north to New York University, where he earned his Masters in Taxation in 1975. Afterward, he practiced law at a Manhattan firm while teaching as an adjunct professor for NYU until 1984.

“Then Jones Day — a firm now employing 2,000 lawyers in 27 locations throughout the world — approached me about practicing in its Dallas office,” he said. “I really liked the people and wound up working there until 1990.”

It would be his next career move that placed him in the heart of the nation’s capital. After being sworn in, President George H. Bush appointed Shashy as chief counsel of the Internal Revenue Service.

“I was responsible for overseeing all IRS litigation in the U.S. Tax Court, and also oversaw the issuance of IRS regulations and rulings,” he said.

He doesn’t waver when he adds, “It was the best job I ever had.”

Shashy said the huge organization does a good job of administering a very complex set of rules that affect virtually every citizen and business in the country. “Given the complexity of the tax system, the IRS’ success is based on two things: fair enforcement of the tax rules and timely guidance about questions and issues,” he explained. “Hopefully, the IRS will stay focused on those parts of its mission.”

In 1993 he stepped down and joined the D.C. law firm King & Spalding to resume private practice. In 1999, he joined McKee Nelson Ernst & Young (now known as McKee Nelson), and by 2000 decided to move on to KPMG as a principal in its Washington National Tax Practice (WNTP), where he handles federal tax planning for U.S. and foreign corporations. The WNTP is considered one of the largest and most technically diverse tax knowledge centers in the world.

Tax law, Shashy assures, has proven to be anything but boring.

“Tax practice is extremely interesting because it is intellectually challenging. It applies in virtually every aspect of business and spans the board in terms of industry and business,” he said. “The context of tax law is varied and I have learned a lot about many different things.”

As for his “Hap” nickname, “it’s one my grandfather gave me because I was a happy baby. It stayed with me all these years, although over time it has been shortened from ‘Happy’ to ‘Hap.’”

For those who have benefited from his legal talents and for the millions of people served by the IRS, it also has been fortunate that the family friend suggestion that he pursue law stayed with him as well.

“It was the best job I ever had.”
as been with the firm for 23 years, working in and now chairing state and federal legislative and public policy practices, regulatory practices, and the Indian Law Practice Group; and was U.S. Senate subcommittee counsel.

Janet Studley responds immediately when naming what most impacted her career.

“The law school’s center for Government Responsibility (CGR),” she said quickly. “It was headed by Jon Mills (who founded and directs the center and was Levin College of Law dean 1999-2003). The work I did there and the relationships I developed because of it proved to be invaluable.

“Because of the issues I handled in CGR, I learned what lawyers could do with the important tools government and policy making provide. This focused my interest and really channeled my career,” Studley said. “That was the key starting point for what has become 28 very satisfying years as a lawyer.”

Professors Steve Rubin and Steve Stitt also were influential.

“I gravitated toward courses involving public policy and government regulation, and they helped shape my career,” said Studley.

While she concedes her reasons for coming to Gainesville in the first place might seem a bit romantic, her reasons for enrolling in the UF College of Law after earning an economic degree from Emmanuel College in Boston were purely practical.

“I originally went to Gainesville because my boyfriend at the time enrolled there for his Ph.D.,” she said. “I took a job at a local savings and loan and quickly realized my future would be limited without another degree.”

Choosing law over an MBA because she believed it would give her more versatility, she graduated from UF in 1976 and never looked back. After clerking for Judge Bryan Simpson, U.S. Court of Appeals (5th Circuit) in Jacksonville, she looked for positions with firms in Florida and Washington, as well as government positions in Washington.

She interviewed to be counsel to a U.S. Senate subcommittee, chaired by the late Sen. Lawton Chiles (JD 55), which appealed to her interest in public policy. Because of her CGR work experience and a recommendation from Mills, she was offered the position and served as counsel to the subcommittee for four years.

In 1980 Chiles introduced her to the late Chesterfield Smith (JD 48), founder of Holland & Knight — now a global firm employing 1,250 attorneys serving every area of the law.

“I’ve been at Holland & Knight since 1981, became partner in 1985, and have worked almost exclusively in public policy and legislation, which is something I really enjoy. Involvement with clients is enormously enriching and makes what I do far more interesting.”

She cites the example of her work with PanAmSat — a provider of global video and data broadcasting via satellite — which was founded by an entrepreneur who hired her to help with international satellite policy issues. “The founder became my close friend and mentor, and is a truly extraordinary and fascinating person.”

Studley said the CEO of another client, Vitas Healthcare Corporation, who happens to be a minister, became such a close friend that he officiated at her wedding.

“I don’t know if it is the nature of the practice or just my nature, but I tend to become closely identified with my clients and their interests,” she said. “I think in a legislative practice there is much opportunity to spend many hours with clients in person, and I tend to remain in close contact by phone and e-mail.”

Despite the time given to clients, she finds time for her interests as well. Studley loves to travel, especially to her ancestral home of Italy. She enjoys the theater, movies, books, good food and wine, exercising and family. She lives with husband Robert Trout, a litigator concentrating in white collar criminal defense and commercial litigation, and has two stepsons, Carter and Philip Trout — both graduates of the University of Virginia.

While Studley could practice with Holland & Knight in just about any city, she remains in Washington.

“I stay in Washington for the same reasons I came here — public policy issues and government.” she said. “It also is an extremely interesting city, filled with people of diverse backgrounds from all over the world. I find it very stimulating both intellectually and culturally.”
Just as Frederick Leonhardt (JD 74) was about to sign with an established Tampa law firm upon graduation 30 years ago, providence intervened. He was approached by J. Hyatt Brown (JD 70), then a member of the Florida House of Representatives.

“He told me, ‘You don’t want to practice in a stodgy old law firm for your entire career…get out there and have more fun!’” Leonhardt said with a slight southern drawl.

Never one to back down from a challenge, the fearless Gator accepted.

He spent the next year serving as counsel to the House of Representatives, acting as attorney for the Committee on Growth and Energy. He wrote energy resource laws, was drawn into the exhilaration of law making, and fast became “hooked on government law.”

“I quickly realized how many different points of view exist on any single issue,” said Leonhardt. “Every time we thought we had an answer there was someone with a different perspective who wanted a different answer. We spent an inordinate amount of time working out solutions everyone could live with. It is a very healthy process for our form of government.”

Leonhardt’s time in the capital city would prove invaluable over the course of his career as he practiced government law and earned recognition, such as being named “Most Influential Business Person of the Year” by the Orlando Business.

Florida Trend listed Leonhardt among the “Most Influential Floridians” in 2004.
Fred Leonhardt opted for a more diverse career path. The journey, he says, has been well worthwhile.

**1974-75**
*House of Representatives, Tallahassee*
Leonhardt was convinced by then House of Representatives member J. Hyatt Brown to join the legislative process. Leonhardt said yes and served as counsel to the House of Representatives for the Committee of Growth and Energy.

**1975-81**
*Cobb & Cole, Daytona*
Leonhardt became partner at Cobb & Cole (then Cobb, Cole & Bell) in the Zoning, Environmental and Land Use department, run by friend and mentor Sam Bell. Leonhardt previously developed a relationship with Bell, having served as his campaign manager while he ran for legislature.

**1981-87**
*Leonhardt and Upchurch, Daytona*
A jog with Circuit Judge John Upchurch along Daytona Beach led to the startup of a private practice run by Leonhardt and John and Paul Upchurch. As president, Leonhardt headed up the real estate and governmental practice there.

**1987-92**
*Holland & Knight, Orlando*
The tide changed again for Leonhardt by 1987, when Holland & Knight gave him an offer he couldn’t refuse — the opportunity to help establish their office in Orlando. Leonhardt was chairman of the real estate and environmental land use department.

**1992-Present**
*GrayRobinson, Orlando*
Leonhardt now is a partner with GrayRobinson, chairing the government law department, policy board, practice development program and political action committee. “In 1992, Charlie Gray took me to dinner...by dessert I decided I wanted to be a law partner with GrayRobinson,” said Leonhardt.


“Florida Trend’s publisher just handed me the November issue, and I was floored. Then I received a call from OBJ. What an honor...what a day,” said an elated Leonhardt.

But it just may be that those early years in the House benefited him the most when he was elected chair of Florida’s Chamber of Commerce for 2004, a commanding position in which he presided over the largest federation of businesses, chambers of commerce and business associations, representing more than 120,000 member business and three million employees in every legislative district.

During his year-long tenure, he pushed to raise the bar on the chamber’s pro-business agenda, setting the stage for a more thoughtful constitutional amendment process in the business community — an accomplishment he counts among his most significant.

“Right now, Florida has one of the easiest constitutions in the country to amend, second only to California,” said Leonhardt. “This wreaks havoc on businesses, which count on a stable environment to thrive.”

Under the current law, amendments can slip by with little time for debate, like the one that regulated the size of pens for pregnant pigs. “That amendment basically put pig farmers out of business overnight,” says Leonhardt. “Now every one of those farms is gone and every pig slaughtered because of it.”

An amendment abolishing sales tax exemption did not make the ballot. “Businesses come to Florida because of sales tax exemption on their products,” he said. “Imagine setting up or expanding your business here only to find out a year later your business products were not exempt.”

As the result of his efforts, the chamber launched VoteSmartFlorida.org, an alliance of citizen, business and community groups advocating solutions to the constitutional dilemma. That initiative succeeded in passing its “No Surprises” provision, which called for more sufficient time for amendment education and debate. It was placed on the Nov. 2, 2004 ballot, and passed easily.

The chamber’s Political Institute — a million-dollar grassroots political action coalition made of proponents of a pro-business legislature — also was created during his chairmanship.

“I think I brought something to the table that members needed — a thorough understanding of legal implications and how constitutional amendments impact businesses,” he said. “Members took great comfort in having someone with that knowledge representing them in Tallahassee.” Leonhardt is just the third practicing lawyer to chair the chamber since 1980.

“If I could bottle and sell Fred’s energy and enthusiasm for good causes I would be a millionaire,” said Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, who supports his work in protecting businesses big and small. Jennings was the chamber’s chair-elect when Gov. Jeb Bush named her his second in command. She then supported Leonhardt’s succession to the nomination committee.

Sam Bell, a 14-year Florida legislator and honorary UF Blue Key member, agreed.

“Fred was my campaign manager when I ran for legislative office and we won. So that tells you something,” said Bell.

Bell lured Leonhardt to the firm of Cobb & Cole in 1975, becoming his mentor and friend. “I like to say he’s had excellent training,” laughed Bell. “He has always been very well organized, attentive to detail and very articulate. He clearly represents the position of his clients today, and did so as a young man. I take a lot of pride in his success.”

That success is evident in Leonhardt’s work with GrayRobinson law firm in Orlando. Recent coups include represent-
Leonhardt joined GrayRobinson in 1992. The firm is one of the largest in Florida with nine offices employing 200 lawyers. The full-service firm provides legal services for Fortune 500 companies, emerging businesses, lending institutions, local governments, major developers, entrepreneurs and individuals.

“I’ve watched Fred now for way over 10 years and I’ve seen him grow exponentially. He is probably the best lawyer lobbyist in Tallahassee,” said GrayRobinson Chairman of the Board and Founding Director Charles Gray (JD 58). “He is so energetic and dynamic that he naturally gravitates to the chairmanship of any organization he’s in. His ability to evaluate a situation and obtain favorable results is unequaled.”

That leadership includes serving as founding chairman of the Florida Sports Commission, president of the Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and founding chairman of a school dropout prevention program in Orange County.

“Fred is always upbeat and optimistic,” said Robie Robinson (JD 66), a founding partner at GrayRobinson and former chairman of the Law Center Association Board of Trustees. “He can always find something nice to say about everyone.”

Leonhardt credits the University of Florida, where he also earned a B.A. in psychology, with preparing him for his career with its “holistic approach to life.”

“Not only does UF have academic courses taught by exceptionally good people, it also offers numerous opportunities to develop all sides of one’s personality and perspective,” he said.

He took advantage of those opportunities by staying active in student government and serving as vice president of Florida Blue Key, president of his fraternity, Delta Chi, Gator Growl director and editor-in-chief of The Docket, the UF law student newspaper. He also received a book award in a class on corporations, taught by visiting University of Michigan Professor Scott Van Alstyne, one of his most influential professors.

Looking back over his years in the legal profession, Leonhardt expresses unequivocal satisfaction for every decision he has made in regards to his career and his practice of law. While he shows no signs of slowing down his frenetic pace, he has, he says, found home. “This is it,” he concluded. “I’m settled now.”

Leonhardt and his wife, Vicki, reside in Orlando. ■

**“HE IS PROBABLY THE BEST LAWYER LOBBYIST IN TALLAHASSEE. HIS ABILITY TO EVALUATE A SITUATION AND OBTAIN FAVORABLE RESULTS IS UNEQUALED.”**
It was the year when half a million baby boomers flocked to Woodstock, Neil Armstrong took the first step onto the moon, The Archies “Sugar Sugar” was number one on the music charts, and the College of Law moved down the road into the new Holland Law Center.

It was 1969, and Wilbert’s, the small grocery just across the street, was about to change forever.

“I remember students walking into the store,” said retired storeowner Wilbert Langston, 75, in an interview shortly before his death in August 2004. “All the males were clean-shaven, sporting crew cuts and button-down shirts with jackets. The few females wore knee-length dresses and bouffant hairstyles.”

Later came cut-off jeans, tie-dye T-shirts, long hair, Afros and bare feet. “I watched as more women and minorities became law students. The best, though, was to see the hair styles change throughout the decades,” Wilbert said.

Built in 1945, the Wilbert’s building began life as a furniture store and grocery store, with a produce section and a butcher. It was a convenient and frequent stop along old Newberry Road for downtown workers to pick up milk and bread on the way home each afternoon. Around 1960, the store became Fanelli and Edwards’s grocery store, and then in 1964, Wilbert Langston and wife Betty bought the store and planned to name it Langston’s Grocery. “Wilbert’s” was born instead when sign makers stopped by in their absence. When asked the owner’s name, the truck driver said he only knew him as “Mr. Wilbert.”

When law students started taking over the area, not everyone was happy. Wilbert remembered neighborhood residents grumbling about hedges being trampled, parking interfering with driveways, and congestion in the streets. Local news station reporters came out to interview angered homeowners.

“When reporters stopped in and wanted me to say something derogatory, I just said, ‘Keep em’ coming!’” Wilbert recalled.

The influx of students changed everything. “Meat and produce went out and junk food and beer came in,” Wilbert said.

Wally Pope (JD 69), now with Johnson, Pope, Boker, Rupple & Burns, LLP, in Clearwater and Tampa, was part of the initial group of students presided over by Dean Frank Maloney. “We all loved that little store across the street, but the dean hated it and thought it was shabby looking. We thought it was the greatest thing that could happen to us…and we found antagonizing the dean fun, too.”

By early 1970 the store had become the hub of the law school.

“My Holland Hall office overlooked Wilbert’s,” said Mandell Glicksberg, retired UF graduate and professor emeritus. “It was a student hangout for coffee and snacks, and a place to congregate and talk.”

At that time no food was available at the law school so students and faculty frequented Wilbert’s for coffee, cold drinks, candy bars and sandwiches. “Wilbert’s was our oasis,” said Gwynne Young (JD 74), with Carlton Fields in Tampa.
“The best, though, was to see the hair styles change throughout the decades...”
“There was no cafeteria and we were really isolated,” Young said. “Wilbert’s was where every student went for a soft drink or a sandwich. I always thought of Wilbert’s as a lifesaver for us.”

Twelve years after Wilbert opened the store, his business partner and wife of 25 years, Betty, passed away. Wilbert worked 18 hours a day to keep the store open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. for “law student hours.” Son Steve, then 17 and a high school senior, decided to postpone college to help out his father.

Less than two years later, Steve acquired the business from his dad and began updating inventory by adding textbooks and Xerox machines.

The copiers ran incessantly. Students would roll Wilbert’s dolly across the street to cart books over from the law school to make copy after copy.

“Within a year, I had bought two high volume copy machines,” Steve said. “At their peak, the store’s machines produced 120,000 copies a month.”

Though supplies at Wilbert’s evolved, the building itself could not be expanded due to legal restrictions. The store still stands as the original structure, with the same unpaved, dusty parking lot.

Steve, now 45, has worked at Wilbert’s longer than his father — with 27 years under his belt versus his dad’s 21.

“For the longest time, on game days and alumni days, all the alums came in to see him [Wilbert],” Steve said. “Now, they actually come in to see me and to ask about Penny and our kids.”

“Some customers still call me ‘Wilbert,’” Steve said, “but I don’t correct them. I feel honored when someone calls me by Dad’s name.”

“Wilbert’s is indefinitely stuck in the ‘60s,” said Distinguished Professor of Law and Stephen C. O’Connell Chair Walter Weyrauch, Gainesville resident for more than 50 years. “Because the store is ‘grandfathered’ in, there can be no major improvements to the premises.”

But many agree Wilbert’s uniqueness is due to the very fact it cannot change.

“It’s nice to still have a neighborhood store that looks generally the same,” said Frank McCoy, UF Law professor emeritus. “Wilbert’s is always there. It’s very pleasant, the people are helpful, and you get what you need.”

“If I ever needed a copy, a drink, a conversation or just some walking exercise, Wilbert’s was the place to go,” said Scott Hawkins (JD 83), with Jones Foster Johnston Stubbs in West Palm Beach. “Being a law student can be tedious, but I always go over to Wilbert’s to just have a normal conversation. It really made me appreciate the simple things you can count on.”

Steve agreed “it would not be the same if I had a store out by the Interstate and everyone who came in was different each day.”

Heather Brock (JD 93), with Fowler Boggs White Banker in Tampa, said, “Steve was a friendly face who was always there to ask us what was going on. I saw him every day for my morning coffee, my lunch break, my frozen yogurt study break, and my late night snack. It’s pretty amazing how many lawyers that man knows, and how they all seemed to come to him for words of wisdom or advice.”

Summers can be quite tough, Wilbert said, but this year thirsty construction workers kept the store active. When the Bruton-Geer Hall cafeteria closed for recent renovations, Wilbert’s saw another increase. Every morning at eight, Steve’s wife, Penny Langston, makes fresh sandwiches, salads and wraps, which sell out by lunch.

Wilbert, 75 at the time of his death, remarried and loved the country life in Lake Butler with his wife, Vivian. The two got married in 1979 and moved to the country a few years later. Wilbert believed all the change was for the best and said he could never run the store the way his son does.

“When I was storeowner, I ordered everything with pencil and paper,” Wilbert said. “Now Steve does everything with a computer and zipper.”

“He’s a kid who took over the store and really added to it — a real success story.”

Steve and Penny’s children, Jennifer, now 21, and Steven, 16, spent some time helping at the store, but they’ve found their own paths. Jennifer is now at Flagler College in St. Augustine,” Steve said. “And Steven is working for my rental property business.”

Steve and Penny support the law school by volunteering and pledging for various law school campaigns, including the Graduating Class Gift and the Florida Law Review & Endowment Fund. Penny also has volunteered as a witness for Criminal Justices’ mock trial series.

When Steve thinks back to his early days in the family store, where he has spent more than half his life, his thoughts again return to the students.

“All of the guys were wearing coats and ties and the ladies were wearing dresses and up-dos,” Steve said. “And they were so much older and taller. Next, I remember when they started being my age, and now they’re all younger, and definitely not wearing coats, ties and dresses.”

And Then There Was WILBERT HALL

When Richard Hamann lived in the garage apartment behind Wilbert Hall 20 years ago, he never worried about traffic jams delaying his arrival at work.

“It was a wonderful 50-foot commute,” said Hamann, an associate in law research for the UF Center of Governmental Responsibility (CGR), who worked in a CGR office housed in Wilbert Hall.

The two-story home just west of Wilbert’s was built in 1918 and officially called the Cheeves House. The nickname stuck when the student newspaper slipped and printed “Wilbert Hall” on a campus map.

Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, who also worked there, jokes it was “the only building that got its name without having to pay five million dollars for it.”

The Levin College of Law rented Wilbert Hall from 1975 to 1984 from Wilbert Langston, who also owned most of the property between 25th and 26th Streets. The temporary office building lasted until the new CGR home was erected in Bruton-Geer Hall, then was torn down in 1991 after termites invaded.

Both Hamann and Mills recall the homelike environment of Wilbert Hall. Old bedrooms housed offices, and the sunroom was transformed into a break area for the handful of employees. Fertile soil graced the garden, pecan trees surrounded the house, and fossilized coral was embedded in the front-porch columns.

“Wilbert Hall had the oldest shag carpeting in all of Gainesville,” Williams said. “The floors creaked and the stairs were a bit of a challenge. But, it was a wonderful place to work.”

What overwhelms the memory of these ex-Wilbert-Hall workers is the festivity that filled the house every December when the law school faculty held the annual holiday parties.

“It was a good place to have a party,” Mills says. “You were able to wander around.”

Each year, partygoers used Hamann’s upstairs apartment fridge for overflow food. “Somehow I acquired an alligator in the refrigerator,” Hamann said. “A dead alligator. It freaked out a bunch of people when they went to get their hors d’oeuvres from the refrigerator.”

BY AMY GORIN, with additional reporting by Morgan Lord
1938


1949

Wm. Reece Smith Jr., past president of The Florida Bar and one of four Gators to serve as American Bar Association president, recently celebrated his 50th anniversary with Carlton Fields PA, in Tampa. He also was honored by Bay Area Legal Services with the “Spirit of Philanthropy Award” for his career-long mission to help ensure equal access to justice and pro bono legal services to indigent individuals. Smith helped create Florida’s first statewide legal services program, Florida Legal Services Inc., and served as its first president. He was also selected as one of Florida Trend magazine’s “Florida Legal Elite” for 2004.

1962

Leon Brush, retired attorney and at-large member of UF Law’s Alumni Council 2003-04 Executive Committee, continues to volunteer at least once a week with Gulf Coast Legal Services of Sarasota.

Charlie Gray, of GrayRobinson PA, was ranked #19 in the 50 Most Powerful People in the city of Orlando survey; published in the July 2004 issue of Orlando Magazine.

1963

Judge Leroy H. Moe is a senior circuit judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit for Broward County, civil division. Appointed by Gov. Rueben Askew to the circuit bench in 1971, he was elected in 1972 and ran without opposition five times thereafter.

1965

Gordon “Stumpy” Harris, founding partner of the Orlando-based law firm of Harris, Harris, Bauerle & Sharma, was appointed to serve on the Real Estate Advisory Board to the Center for Real Estate Studies at the University of Florida Warrington College of Business. He has also been recognized as a leader in eminent domain and condemnation law with his admission to the elite Million Dollar Advocates Forum. This prestigious group acknowledges achieving a verdict or settlement of one million dollars or more. On another front, he recently donated his 30-foot motor home, which was auctioned off for $40,500, to benefit the UF athletic program. Harris is an AV-rated trial lawyer with extensive experience in negotiation and trial advocacy of complex commercial cases involving condemnation, property rights, valuation, utilities, construction and commercial claims.

1966

Robert T. Mounts continues to serve as special assistant to the deputy commander, U.S. Forces Korea for International Relations and as United States secretary to the Status of Forces Agreement Joint Committee in Seoul, Korea.

Stephen Rossman and Charles Baumberger, co-founders of Miami law firm Rossman Baumberger Reboso & Spier, PA, celebrated the 30th anniversary of their law firm.

1967

Louis Kwall is serving a three-year term on the voluntary board of directors of the Orlando-based Florida Bar Foundation.
1968

Joe Scarborough, partner with Levin Pappantonio Thomas Mitchell Ecktser & Proctor PA in Pensacola, is host of the TV show “Scarborough Country” on MSNBC. A former U.S. House Republican congressman from 1994-2001, he also is a member of the President’s Council on the 21st Century Workforce following appointment by President Bush.

1969

Joseph P. Milton received the National American Board of Trial Advocates Master in Trial Award for 2003 and has been elected treasurer of the American Board of Trial Advocates Foundation.

Sarasota attorney John C. Patterson Jr. began a three-year term on the voluntary board of directors for the Orlando-based Florida Bar Foundation.

1971

Joseph M. Williams III, vice president and general counsel for Memphis Light (Gas & Water Division) presented a case study to the legal section of the American Public Power Association. In the first transaction of its kind in the country, Memphis Light plans to issue $1.5 billion in tax-free bonds to prepay electricity supply from the Tennessee Valley Authority for 15 years, which is expected to save ratepayers $225 million. Williams is the outgoing chair of the APPA legal section.

1972

The Miami Art Museum recently elected Cesar Alvarez to its Board of Trustees. Alvarez, president and chief executive officer of Greenberg Traurig LLP, is recognized as one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Miami and South Florida” by Miami Business Magazine and South Florida CEO Magazine.

Hal H. Kantor, of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA, was re-elected for a third term as president of the board of directors for Orlando Museum of Art. Kantor’s firm recently celebrated its 35th anniversary with a proclamation from Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer. He also was named by Orlando Magazine as one of the “50 Most Powerful People” in Orlando.

1973

Andrew Joshua Markus, who heads the International Trade and Transactions Practice Group with Carlton Fields in Miami, was named one of South Florida’s “Top 101 Global Leaders” by South Florida CEO magazine. Markus also is the first Florida attorney to be installed as chair of the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice. He is the chair of The Florida Bar’s International Certification Committee, member of the British American Business Council, advisory board member of the Florida Brazil Institute, and a founder and board member of the Commercial Dispute Resolution Center of the Americas.

The Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates nominated 4th Circuit Chief Judge Donald R. Moran Jr. its Jurist of the Year for his commitment to preserving the right of civil trial by jury. Moran recently was re-elected to his sixth two-year term as chief judge and is a member of the Supreme Court’s Trial Court Budget Commission.

Gerald A. Rosenthal, senior partner at Rosenthal & Weissman PA in West Palm Beach, is head of Catastrophic Injury Trial Team (CITT). The CITT currently handles more than 150 cases on the behalf of claimants.

Leighton Yates, corporate practice group leader of Holland & Knight’s Orlando office, was selected as the Florida Association of Blood Bank’s 2004 Board Member/Trustee of the Year. Yates has served on the board of Florida’s Blood Centers, formerly Central Florida Blood Bank, since 1977, and as general counsel for the organization.

S. Daniel Ponce co-founded a new firm, Legon, Ponce & Fodiman, PA in Miami. The firm succeeds Wallace, Bauman, Legon, Fodiman, Ponce & Shannon, PA and was organized to emphasize its primary focus on trial law and complex commercial litigation.

1974

Leslie J. Lott, a director of the International Trademark Association and founding partner of Lott & Friedland PA in Coral Gables, was featured in the Trendsetters section of Florida Trend magazine. She also spoke at the Worldwide Forum on Trademark Protection in Geneva, Switzerland, and at Practicing Law Institute’s “Ninth Annual Institute for Intellectual Property Law” conference in New York. She recently was appointed to the Trademark Public Advisory Committee of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is a member of CPR/INTA Panel of Distinguished Neutrals for Resolution of Trademark Disputes. Lott has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America annually for the past seven years.

Michael T. Moore, founding partner of Moore and Co. PA, Coral Gables, has been appointed general counsel and corporate secretary to the International SeaKeepers Society, which is dedicated to protecting the world’s oceans. He also is chairman of the board of the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation, which provides funding for morale and education programs. During his law practice, Moore has chaired his firm’s Marine and Aviation Practice and has served several terms on the firm’s board of directors.

1975

R. Terry Rigsby joined the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields Law firm as a shareholder in the Government Law and Consulting Program.
Uhlfelder Takes Top Leadership Roles

Board of Governors member and Tallahassee attorney Steven J. Uhlfelder (JD 71) was named chair of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board following his election by its members in Washington, D.C.

Uhlfelder is leading the 12-member board, which is appointed by the president and oversees the United States’ flagship international educational exchange program.

“This is a tremendous honor for me to chair this prestigious board,” said Uhlfelder. “I’ve dedicated my life to improving opportunities for students and look forward to carrying out the vision and goals of Senator Fulbright of increasing mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges.”

Uhlfelder was appointed to the Fulbright Board by President George W. Bush in 2001. He has served on the board’s executive committee since his appointment to the board, and served as vice chair during the past year.

“Steve Uhlfelder will be an excellent leader of the Fulbright Board,” said Sen. Birch Bayh, a veteran board member. “Not only will he help maintain this board’s wonderful tradition, Steve also will guide the program in new directions that will enhance our critical mission.”

Uhlfelder also was selected by Gov. Jeb Bush to serve on both the Florida Board of Governors for the State University System and the Board of Trustees for Florida State University. He also chairs the Governor’s Mentoring Initiative, which has recruited more than 130,000 Floridians to guide at-risk children in public schools, and co-chairs Florida Campus Compact, a statewide organization that promotes service on Florida college campuses.

“Steve Uhlfelder has been an asset to the Board of Governors and a leader in Florida’s education system,” said Education Commissioner Jim Horne. “We extend our congratulations and are confident he will make Florida proud in his new role.”

The Fulbright educational exchange program provides more than 250,000 participants — selected for their academic achievement and leadership potential — the opportunity to observe each other’s political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas, and embark on important joint ventures in 140 countries.

Keep Learning at the Law School

Dean Robert Jerry and the faculty invite UF law alumni to attend and participate in upcoming Friday lunch colloquia and workshops by notable guest speakers and UF law faculty. The events, to be held at the law school, 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.

In addition, alumni are encouraged to attend faculty-organized conferences, workshops and lectures, where they can learn from national experts, discuss cutting-edge topics of interest, and earn CLE credits. Upcoming events are listed on the magazine’s back cover as well as the law school’s website (www.law.ufl.edu).

More information about these programs will be forthcoming in UF Law E-News (subscribe at http://law.ufl.edu/lists/flalaw/) and UF Law magazine.
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1976

Jerry Curington, an assistant deputy attorney general, won The Florida Bar’s General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section’s “Tradition of Excellence Award.” Established in 1994, the award recognizes Bar members who work on improving the standing and reputation of lawyers in the community. Five of nine recipients are also UF law graduates: Ben Overton (JD 52), Lewis H. Hill (JD 55), Professor Mandell Glicksberg (JD 51), Frank D. Hall (JD 51), and Raymond Ehrlich (JD 42).

Susan W. Fox, formerly with Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen’s Tampa office, and Wendy S. Loquasto have opened Fox & Loquasto PA. The firm has offices in Tampa and Tallahassee and concentrates in appellate practice.

1977

Tampa shareholder of Carlton Fields law firm, Nathaniel L. Doliner, addressed “Effective Negotiating Strategies in Mergers and Acquisitions” at the American Bar Association Corporate Counsel Conference in Washington, DC.

Charles Modell, chair of the franchise practice group at the Minneapolis firm of Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd., was re-elected to a second term on the governing committee of the American Bar Association’s Forum on Franchising. He serves as Forum finance officer and will be chair of its October 2004 national program in Vancouver, Canada.

Atlanta-based attorney John J. Scroggin, (LLMT 79) was named co-editor of Commerce Clearing House’s Practical Estate Planning Magazine and was appointed to the Capital Trust Company of Delaware’s Attorney Advisory Committee. He also was recently published in several publications and has been quoted in several media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal and NPR’s “Talk of the Nation.”

1979

President Bush appointed Bruce E. Kasold a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. At the time of his nomination, Kasold was serving as chief counsel for the secretary of the Senate and Senate sergeant-at-arms and has been director for the Pentagon Federal Credit Union since 1989. He was chief counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration from 1995 to 1998. In previous years, Kasold practiced law with Holland & Knight and was an attorney for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corp.

1980

Charles Alexander Buford, partner at Harper Kynes Geller & Buford, PA in Clearwater, was elected to the Board of Trustees for St. Petersburg College Foundation. He is board-certified in business litigation and as a civil trial lawyer.

Carlton Fields shareholder Anthony Pelle of Miami was named chair-elect of the Health and Disability Insurance Law Committee of the ABA’s Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section through 2004 and will serve as chair in 2005. Pelle is experienced in benefit claim litigation and class action defense on behalf of life, health and disability insurers. He is a member of The Association of Life Insurance Counsel and of the firm’s Insurance and Products and Toxic Tort Liability Practice Groups.

John K. Round (LLMT 80) partner at Strasburger & Price LLP in Dallas, was elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Approximately 2,700 lawyers from throughout the country make up the college in which fellows are nominated by other fellows in their geographic areas and elected by membership based on professional reputation, legal ability in trusts and estates and contributions to these fields through lecturing, writing, teaching and bar activities. Round is board-certified in estate and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and currently serves as chair of Strasburger’s Tax, Estate Planning and Employee Benefits Practice.

Robin Paul Malloy was named the E.I. White Chair and distinguished professor of law and was appointed senior associate dean for academic affairs at the Syracuse College of Law.

1981

Luis A. Abreu, partner with Carter Craig Bass Blair & Kushner in Danville, Virginia, was recognized as a top lawyer in Family Law in the Commonwealth of Virginia by Virginia Business Magazine in 2002 and 2003. Abreu practices in debtor-creditor relations and family law.

Richard B. Comiter (JD 80, LLMT 81) with Comiter & Singer in Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens, is serving as chair of the Tax Section of The Florida Bar. Comiter is nationally recognized in taxation and trusts and estates in Woodward & White’s The Best Lawyers in America, and is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Councils.

C. Kelley Corbridge joined Kirk-Pinkerton & Pelle and practices in both Sarasota and Venice. He is a certified trust and financial advisor treasurer and vice president for All Faiths Food Bank, Inc., board chairman of Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County, Inc. and past chair and current board member of Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.

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Sisters Uncensored

EXCERPT:

**CRAPS: Chronic Research Anxiety Phobia Syndrome:** A full-blown anxiety attack that occurs when Sisters are given a legal research assignment they don’t understand and don’t know how to even begin.

**Hasta La Vista Litigation:** Opposing counsel writes hateful and intolerable accusatory letters personalizing the dispute as if the Sister had committed the wrong herself.

**Appreciating the Queen Beast:** Generating revenues on behalf of Sisters’ employers.


Turchiano (JD 93), with co-authors Lisa Sherman and Jill Schecter, humorously serve up insights and secrets about everything from the “testosterone tyrant” and the “annual billathon” to how to conquer the “Beast” — the law culture they affectionately describe as the “slightly quirky and eccentric subculture of society.”

A New York City specialist in employment contracts and compensation arrangements for Fortune 500 executives, Turchiano has published numerous articles and chapters in books such as “Executive Compensations: The Professional’s Guide to Current Issues & Practices” (2004) and “Corporate Governance” (2004).
Jeffrey Feldman, Alumni Council member since 2002, is celebrating the 10th anniversary of Feldman Gale PA, a firm he co-founded with James Gale (JD 83).

Michigan law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP partner Paul R. Jackson (LLMT 81) was appointed to the Tax Council for the State Bar of Michigan’s Taxation Section. Jackson is co-chair of the firm’s Tax Practice Group and also is a member of the Michigan and American Bar Associations.

Palm City attorney David H. Lowe IV, Florida-certified Circuit Civil Mediator and Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator, served as president of the more than 260,000 member UF Alumni Association.

Howard Rosenblatt PA of Gainesville was named the Selective Service Region II Board Member of the Year for his continued dedicated service. Region II is one of three regions in the United States and represents 15 states, from Virginia to Texas.

Carl J. Zahner II is the director of the Center for Professionalism for The Florida Bar.

UF Vice President and General Counsel Pamela Bernard was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of College and University Attorneys at the association’s 44th annual conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

1982
The National Bar Association elected Linnes Finney Jr. as vice president. He is a partner at Gary Williams Parenti Finney Lewis McManus Watson & Sperando in Ft. Pierce and is board-certified in civil trial advocacy.

Michael D. Joblove, attorney with Miami’s Genovese Joblove & Battista PA, spoke at the American Bar Association’s Franchise Forum. Joblove leads the firm’s franchise litigation practice and concentrates on franchise law, estate law and general commercial litigation.

Mark J. Wolfson, partner at Foley & Lardner in Tampa, is secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of The Florida Bar Business Law Section and has been voted chair-elect of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. In 2002-03, Wolfson chaired the Business Law Section’s Legislation Committee. He is chair of his firm’s Litigation Department in Tampa and leader of the firm’s Business Reorganizations Practice Group for the Southeast region.

1983
Kenneth Bush of Kutner Rubinoff & Bush in Miami was named among top lawyers in South Florida in the 2004 edition of South Florida Legal Guide. Bush was selected in Personal Injury and Personal Injury-Medical Malpractice categories based on a poll of attorneys and judges.

James Gale is celebrating the 10th anniversary of FeldmanGale PA, a firm he co-founded with Jeffrey Feldman (JD 81).

Guilene Theodore, board-certified as a city, county and local government law specialist, was named partner at Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA, in its Tampa office. She is a transactional lawyer, concentrating in local government issues including public bidding and construction. The Florida Supreme Court has certified Theodore as a Circuit Court Civil Mediator.

1984
Michael A. Bedke, partner at Piper Rudnick in Tampa, was elected to a three-year term on the ABA Board of Governors representing District 8, which is composed of Florida and Texas. Bedke, who practices in real estate, corporate and securities, homeland security, and sports facilities development, just concluded a term as chair of the ABA’s Standing Committee on Membership, and also chaired the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and the ABA’s Young Lawyers Division.

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

Lawrence Marraffino is in private practice in Gainesville specializing in personal injury, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation, and is an adjunct faculty member at UF teaching Law Office Management and Practical Skills.

1985
Lisa Stotsbery continues to work in Jacksonville as a trial attorney for the U.S. Small Business Administration and holds appointments as special assistant United States attorney for the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida.

Michael Hoefges has retired from private practice and is now an assistant professor in Media Law in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

H. Douglas Garfield was recently appointed the worldwide global customs and trade director for PepsiCo, Inc., and is responsible for spearheading the company’s overall global trade strategy by creating the first centralized corporate cross-border logistics department for PepsiCo.

Barbara Levy has been promoted to general counsel for the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association in Washington, D.C.

1986
Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee promoted Maureen Daughton to partner. She is a member of the Labor and Employment Practice Group and has represented clients at the trial and appellate levels.

Charles Klug was made partner at Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA in its Tampa office. Klug concentrates in commercial real estate transactions, local government procurement, construction contracting, land use regulation and sovereign submerged lands matters. He is board-certified in real estate law and city, county and local government law.

Christopher Lockard currently holds the Caffery Fellowship at Catholic Charities USA, where he serves as legislative counsel and social policy advocate in Washington, D.C. Lockard practiced civil litigation for seven years in San Diego before
He’s a very busy man, and always has been. On a typical day, Florida Supreme Court Justice Charley Wells (JD 64) arrives at the court at 6:30 a.m. to read his newspapers — the Wall Street Journal, St. Petersburg Times and Orlando Sentinel — before the rush begins. Because once the court building comes alive, it’s non-stop until the day ends.

A proud “Double-Gator” who has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Florida, Wells earned his bachelor’s in 1961 and law degree in 1964. As an undergraduate, he participated in UF’s homecoming and Florida Blue Key, and was elected to the UF Hall of Fame in 1961.

After graduation, Wells received one of the three highest bar exam scores in the state in 1965, and spoke at the induction ceremony at the 2nd District Court of Appeals. He practiced in his father’s firm in Orlando 1965-69, then spent a year as a trial lawyer for the U.S. Justice Department.

In 1970, he returned to his father’s firm and remained there until 1976, when he formed his own Orlando firm, Wells, Gattis, Hallowes & Carpenter, PA. He practiced there until 1994, when Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Florida Supreme Court. He became chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court in July 2000, a position that rotates among the justices every two years, and made history when presiding over cases that came before the court during Election 2000.

During his 28 years of private practice, Wells also found time for civic activities, including involvement in the Orlando Area Chamber of Commerce, Orlando Jaycees, Orange County YMCA, and Professional Division of the United Appeal of Orange County.

“Community involvement is very important,” Wells said.

He feels pro bono work is equally important, and spent 14 years working with the Orange County Legal Aid Society, serving on the organization’s Board of Trustees 1988-89. The society gave him its Award of Excellence in 1989 for outstanding pro bono service. He also volunteered for nine years in the Guardian Ad Litem Program, representing dependent and abused children in court proceedings.

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**FLORIDA SUPREME COURT**

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**FLORIDA SUPREME COURT**

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“Community involvement is very important,” Wells said.

He feels pro bono work is equally important, and spent 14 years working with the Orange County Legal Aid Society, serving on the organization’s Board of Trustees 1988-89. The society gave him its Award of Excellence in 1989 for outstanding pro bono service. He also volunteered for nine years in the Guardian Ad Litem Program, representing dependent and abused children in court proceedings.

Wells also participated in the Orange County Bar Association for years — serving as president 1989-90 — and on The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors.

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**BY DEBORAH CUPPLES (3L)**
entering the Society of Jesus to study for ordination as a Roman Catholic priest. During the 10 years of formation, he obtained a master's degree in philosophy, master's in theology and master of divinity. He also performed numerous pastoral ministries, including assisting head counsel in a death penalty defense case in Louisiana, initiating the pro bono program at Loyola University New Orleans School of Law and serving as a consultant to the American Bar Association on pro bono programs.

Philip A. Diamond of Carlton Fields law firm in Orlando has served since his election in 2002 on the Orlando City Commission.

1987
The Nevada Judicial Discipline Commission appointed Las Vegas attorney Kathleen Paustian vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices. She has served on the committee since 2001 and is of counsel to Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel. Paustian primarily represents management clients in discrimination and employment law matters and appears regularly before the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1988
Barbara A. Eagan, formerly of Arnold Matheny & Eagan PA, became a shareholder in Broussard Cullen DeGaller & Eagan PA in Orlando. Eagan will continue her practice in appellate law, employment and commercial litigation, and land use and local government law.

Jeff Jonasen, partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP, was elected treasurer for and serves as a member of the board of directors for the University of Florida Alumni Association.

The Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded John T. Leadbeater the “Americanism Medal” for extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism as a naturalized citizen. Leadbeater retired last year from the U.S. Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel after serving in Southwest Asia for 10 months. He supported Operation Enduring Freedom as a mobilized reservist following the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Judge Jorge J. Perez of the 11th Judicial Circuit served as moderator at a recent Federalist Society reception in Miami. Jeb Bush appointed Perez to the Circuit Court, where he presides in the Juvenile Court Division. From 1995 to his appointment to the bench, he was an assistant district counsel for the Department of Homeland Security.

1989
Patrick St. George Cousins of Cousins Law Firm PA, West Palm Beach, announced that the firm recently became general counsel for The Artist Formerly Known as Prince and Paisley Park Enterprises, his mega corporation.

David J. Utter, director of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana in New Orleans, was named 2003 Distinguished Attorney by the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Noel G. Lawrence began his second one-year term on the voluntary board of directors of the Orlando-based Florida Bar Foundation and is the president of Florida Legal Services.

1990
Jack A. Weiss (LLMT 92) became shareholder at Fowler White Boggs Banker in its Tampa office. He is a member of the Tax Practice Group, and concentrates in federal and state taxation, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate and partnership law. Brownlee is former chair of the New Tax Lawyers’ Division of The Florida Bar Tax Section.

Gene Crick (LLMT 92) associate in the Orlando office of Broad and Casel, will become Of Counsel to the firm. He is a member of the Affordable Housing and Tax Credit Practice Housing Group, and provides clients with tax expertise, primarily in the areas of partnerships, limited liability companies, corporations and tax exempt entities.

1993
Holland & Knight partner Edward Diaz transferred his practice from Palm Beach to the firm’s Miami office. He continues as a member of the South Florida labor and employment team and the litigation section. Diaz is a past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Palm Beach County and holds the highest rating assigned by Martindale-Hubbell.
Orlando attorney David Brown (JD 78) has replaced Marshall Criser (JD 67) on the University of Florida's Board of Trustees, where he will serve a four-year term.

Brown is chair of the Orlando law firm of Broad and Cassel and known for his expertise in government relations, land use and environmental law, and real estate. He is general counsel for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and eminent domain attorney for the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

He also is a member of the Council of 100, which provides advice on key Florida issues from a business perspective to the governor, and was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to the Florida Transportation Commission in 1999, where he served as chair for two years.

UF President Emeritus Marshall Criser, Jr. (JD 51) resigned as trustees chair in November after Gov. Bush appointed him to an oversight board of the new Scripps Florida Research Institute in Palm Beach County. Criser was president of UF 1984-89, and chair of the Florida Board of Regents 1974-77. He retired as a partner from the Jacksonville law firm McGuire Wodds, LLP. He is a member of the UF Hospital Board and an ex-officio director of the UF Foundation.

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- Maurice Mitchell Paul, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
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Law Alumni Among the Best

Exactly 66 alumni from the Levin College of Law were recognized as among the best in their field of practice in the 2003-04 issue of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers. Researchers spoke with thousands of clients and attorneys throughout America, in an attempt to rate the lawyers objectively and independently. The directory is published by Chambers and Partners Publishing of London, England. UF graduates listed were:

John-Edward Alley (JD 62), Ford & Harrison LLP
Victor Alvarez (JD 85), White & Case LLP
William Andrews (JD 72), Coffman, Coleman, Andrews & Grogan
Kimberly Ashby (JD 80), Akerman Senterfitt
Leslie Barnett (JD 71), Barnett, Bolt, Kirkwood & Long
Bernard Barton (JD 75), Holland & Knight
Bruce Bokor (JD 72), Johnson, Blakey, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, PA
Robert Bolt (JD 71), Barnett, Bolt, Kirkwood & Long
Stephan Bozarth (JD 68), Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth PA
Joel Bronstein (JD 75), Bronstein, Carlson, Gleim & Smith, PA
Charles Cacciabeve (JD 81), Carlton Fields
J. Thomas Cardwell (JD 66), Akerman Senterfitt
Neil Chonin (JD 61), Chonin & Sher
Richard Comiter (JD 80), Comiter & Singer
BARRY Davidson (JD 67), Hunton & Williams
Lauren Detzel (JD 77), Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth PA
John DeVault (JD 67), Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe
Nathaniel Diller (JD 77), Carlton Fields
Charles Egerton (JD 69), Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth PA
Robert R. Feagin, III (JD 64), Holland & Knight LLP
Robert Glenn (JD 72), Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker
Lawrence Gragg (JD 75), White & Case LLP
Alan Greer (JD 69), Richman Greer Weil Brumbaugh
Karl B. Hanson, Jr. (JD 71), LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP
Benjamin Hill (JD 65) Hill, Ward & Henderson, PA
Jerome Hoffman (JD 78), Holland & Knight LLP
Michael Honreich (JD 83), Greenberg Traurig LLP
Robert Hudson (JD 71), Baker & McKenzie
Kevin Hyde (JD 88), Foley & Lardner
Michael Jamieson (JD 64), Holland & Knight LLP
Richard Josepher (JD 77), Tescher, Gutter, Chaves, Josepher, Rubin, Ruffin & Forman PA
Hal Kantor (JD 72), Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed PA
Ed Koren (JD 74), Holland & Knight LLP
Rutledge Liles (JD 66), Liles, Gavin, Costantino & Murphy
Alfred J. Malefatto (JD 79), Greenberg Traurig LLP
James E. Moye (JD 81), Moye, O’Brien, O’Rourke, Pickett & Martin, LLP
Robert Norton (JD 70), Allen, Norton & Blue
Leslie O’Neal-Coble (JD 77), Holland & Knight LLP
Lynn Pappas (JD 76), Pappas, Metcalf, Jenkins & Miller
Robert Pierce (JD 76),Ausley & McMullen
Wallace Pope (JD 69), Johnson, Blakey, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, PA
Henry Raattama (JD 67), Akerman Senterfitt
Steve Rakusin (JD 74), Stephen Rakusin, PA
Gerald Richman (JD 64), Richman, Greer, Weil, Brumbaugh, Mirabito & Christensen
Fred Ridley (JD 74), Foley & Lardner
Harley Riedel (JD 74), Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Prosser
William Scheu (JD 70), Rogers, Towers, Bailey, Jones & Gay, PA
Clifford Schulman (JD 70), Greenberg Traurig, LLP
James Seay (JD 74), Holland & Knight LLP
Lawrence Sellers (JD 79), Holland & Knight LLP
Roger Sims (JD 74), Holland & Knight LLP
Paul Singerman (JD 83), Berger Singerman
Richard Siwica (JD 83), Egan, Lev & Siwica
Jim Slater (JD 72), Broad & Cassel
Sidney Stubbs (JD 65), Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, PA
Donald Tescher (JD 69), Tescher, Gutter, Ghaves, Joespher, Rubin, Ruffin & Forman, PA
Archibald Thomas (JD 48), Law Offices of Archibald J. Thomas, III
William Townsend (JD 71), Holland & Knight LLP
Samuel Ullman (JD 67), Steel, Hector & Davis, LLP
Murray Wadsworth (JD 62), Wadsworth, Davis & Wadsworth, PA
Sylvia Walbolt (JD 63), Carlton Fields
Jeffrey Warren (JD 72), Bush, Ross, Gardner, Warren & Rudy, PA
Lee Weintraub (JD 91), Becker & Poliakoff, PA
Michael Wilson (JD 86), Broad & Cassel
Mark Wolfson (JD 82), Foley & Lardner
Peter Zinoben (JD 69), Zinoben & McCrea, PA

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William Large has been appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush as his deputy chief of staff. Large previously served as general counsel for the Department of Health and director of the Governor’s Task Force on Professional Liability Insurance.

1994

Jeff Bartel from the law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissel Ahladeff & Sitterson, PA joined Florida Power and Light as vice president of external affairs.

Kimberly Page Walker, shareholder of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen and board-certified employment law attorney, was elected president of the Teen Court board of directors for Sarasota County. As the first such program in Florida, Sarasota’s Teen Court administers criminal justice to Sarasota and Venice youth offenders of first-time misdemeanors through a beneficial peer court system. Walker practices in labor and employment law and employment litigation.

The Orange County Bar Association recently awarded Tad A. Yates, attorney with Kirkconnell Lindsey Snure & Yates PA in Winter Park, the Lawrence G. Mathews Jr. Young Lawyer Professionalism Award. Yates also was elected to the association’s executive council.

Robert Fellman has transitioned out of correctional healthcare and into assisting state Medicaid agencies with their ongoing clinical reviews of therapeutically equivalent drug classes for purposes of constructing preferred drug lists and formulary management protocols for Medicaid populations.

1995

Scott Atwood has been re-elected president of The Florida Bar’s Out-of-State Practitioners Division as well as a member of The Florida Bar YLD’s Board of Governors. He is a partner with Weathersby, Howard & Kuck, LLP in Atlanta, specializing in labor and employment law.

Christopher G. Commander recently made partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Jacksonville. He is a member of the Business Law Section and focuses on general corporate, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and real estate.

Foley & Lardner LLP promoted Michael D. Crosbie to partner in its Orlando office. Crosbie concentrates in intellectual property and commercial litigation.

Susan B. Kubar was elected to partner at the national law firm Quarles & Brady LLP. The firm has more than 420 practicing offices all over the United States offering an array of legal services to corporate and individual clients.

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Grandparents in Need

For a growing number of grandparents, raising children hasn’t ended. Nationwide, grandparents are raising more than 3.9 million grandchildren, up 76 percent from 1970. In Palm Beach County, where Tim Stevens (JD 03) is a legal aid attorney, there are more than 8,000 grandparents rearing approximately 13,000 grandchildren.

Because of these alarming statistics and first-hand case experiences, Stevens created the Grandparent Caregiver Project, which provides grandparents with legal assistance to obtain custody, public assistance, housing, medical care, education, and other support services for their grandchildren. The first of its kind in the state, the program earned him an Equal Justice Works fellowship through The Florida Bar Foundation for 2003 and 2004.

Stevens said grandparents are assuming care for various reasons, such as economic hardship, family violence, teen pregnancy, and a host of birth parent crises, including illness, incarceration, unemployment, substance abuse or death.

Grads Honored by Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers

Lake Lytal Jr. (JD 65) and Julie H. Littky Rubin (JD 93) of Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP were honored with two of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers highest honors.

Lytal received the Al J. Cone Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the civil justice system, community and the environment.

Academy Executive Director Scott Carruthers said Lytal has had a career of excellence, contributed millions of dollars to community and charitable organizations, endowed a scholarship for minority students at the UF law school, and has earned countless deserved honors.

Littky Rubin, head of the West Palm Beach firm’s appellate department, received the S. Victor Tipton Award for Superior Achievement in Legal Writing based on her outstanding advocacy through a tradition of excellence.

Among Littky Rubin’s successes cited by the Academy: convincing the Florida Supreme Court to adopt the “indivisible injury rule,” which benefits those injured in multiple accidents, and persuading the court that information on frequency of using an expert’s testimony and fees paid to the expert during the prior three years is discoverable.
James M. Matulis was made shareholder at Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa. He is a member of the Products Liability Practice Group and concentrates in intellectual property negotiation and litigation, including resolving disputes over patents, trademarks, copyrights, Internet issues and product liability claims.

Mike Murphy was elected to the county court bench in Orange County, Fla.

Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando recently made Thomas Norriswthy a senior associate. He practices in real estate transactions, development and finance.

Misty M. Taylor, a member of the Law Alumni Council, was recently named partner at the law firm George, Hart, Lundeen, Fulmer, Johnstone, King & Stevens.

1996

Lynne Bachrach joined the law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed as an associate practicing in real estate transactions and development and finance.

R. Scott Collins (LLMT ’98) shareholder with the firm Williams, Parker, Harrison, Deitz & Getzen in Sarasota, has been granted board certification in wills, trusts and estates by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. He also was elected chair of the Sarasota County Bar Association Estate Planning and Probate Section as well as appointed to the advisory board of the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center. Collins practices in taxation, estate planning and administration, and trust administration.

Suzanne E. Gilbert was made partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Orlando. She is a member of the Litigation Section and practices in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights. Gilbert was recently nominated to serve as Young Lawyers Division member-at-large representative to the ABA Board of Governors. She will spend one year as the nominee and two years on the board.

Dennis M. McClelland was elected partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Tampa. He practices in the firm’s Litigation Section and specializes in labor and employment law.

Kathryn B. Williams recently became partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Orlando. She is a member of the Real Estate Section and concentrates her practice in real estate transactions, development and finance, commercial leasing and mortgage banking.

Todd D. Mayo has joined the law firm of Cleveland, Waters & Bass in Concord, N.H.

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

1997

Marve Ann Alaimo, attorney with Cummings & Lockwood in Naples and Bonita Springs, achieved board certification in wills, trusts and estates law. She was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees for the National Kidney Foundation of Florida.

Aaron R. Resnick, an associate member of Gustner Yoakley & Stewart in Miami, has been elected to the board of directors of the Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.

J. Cater Randolph II, partner with the Palm Beach law firm Mettler, Shelton, Randolph & Marek, has been selected as a member of the board of directors of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce. He practices in the areas of trust and estate planning and administration.

1998

Harvey E. Oyer III became shareholder in Gunster Yoakley and is a member of the firm’s real estate department in its West Palm Beach office. Oyer is on the Palm Beach County centennial committee (planning for the County’s 100th anniversary in 2009) and is a member of the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. He recently received an award from the Florida Society Colonial Dames XVII Century in recognition of his historical contributions to South Florida and was inducted into the British Order of St. John for his service to mankind.

Holland & Knight Associate Marco Ferri has been elected vice president and a member of the board of directors for Italy-America Chamber of Commerce Southeast, Inc.

1999

Colleen M. Fitzgerald has joined GrayHarris as an associate in the firm’s Tampa office practicing business and commercial litigation with focus on securities litigation and arbitration.

Andrew Fussner was named the national director of bequest administration for the American Heart Association and will oversee the receipt of $100 million in bequest revenue for the AHA nationally, and was placed on the ‘Tampa Bay Business Journal’ “30 under 30” list. He also was reappointed to the UF Foundation board of directors as a special appointee serving on the alumni giving committee.

Samuel A. Maroon joined Akerman Senterfitt as an associate in its Jacksonville Litigation Group specializing in admiralty insurance defense, commercial insurance defense, general civil litigation and representation of management in labor and employment matters.

Jacob Segal, co-founder of the law firm Landau & Segal PA, celebrated the two-year anniversary of the firm, in Hollywood, Fla. The firm specializes in personal injury cases throughout the state.

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

Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando made Ormend Yeilding a senior associate. He practices in real estate transactions, and development and finance.

Derek Acree, a member of The Florida Bar, joined the law firm of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Liepe, PA, as an associate and will be practicing real estate law.

2000

Brandon Biederman recently joined the Builders Association of South Florida as director of governmental affairs for Broward County. Biederman was previously a legislative aide to

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BOOK AWARD HONORS
‘Gideon’s Lawyer’

The memory of W. Fred Turner (JD 48), the attorney in the landmark Gideon case, will live on at the UF College of Law through an endowed Public Defender Clinic Book Award created through a $40,000 gift from his daughter.

Turner, 81 at the time of his death, was an avid Gator and renowned attorney and judge who was born, raised and spent his career in Bay County, Florida. The award will provide unrestricted support for students, faculty and programs through the Annual Fund in perpetuity, and a plaque will be presented each year to the top student in the course, which allows UF law students to gain valuable practical experience by participating in actual criminal legal matters under supervision of the Public Defender’s Office.

Gideon v. Wainwright: Remembering W. Fred Turner
By Dennis W. Archer, 2003 President, ABA

W. Fred Turner’s name is not a household word. But his work, as the lawyer chosen to represent Clarence Earl Gideon after the Supreme Court made its landmark 1963 ruling in Gideon v. Wainwright, guarantees him a place in the heart and spirit of American law and justice.

In March of 2003, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Gideon ruling, establishing the right to counsel for indigent defendants in criminal proceedings. This decision caused the most significant transformation in American criminal justice history, and brought about a profound shift in social justice: recognition that every defendant, whether wealthy or poor, is guaranteed the right to counsel. At its core, Gideon is the promise of justice for even the poorest and most vulnerable citizens in our society.

But it was Turner’s subsequent representation that won Gideon an acquittal, and gave life and meaning to the decision. Turner did the work that kept Gideon’s promise. As Earl Warren observed, it is the spirit and not the form of the law that keeps justice alive. It can also be said that it is the upholding of the law through its diligent, competent practice that sustains our justice system.

Fred Turner died Nov. 23, 2003, at his home in Panama City, Fla. His passing gives us pause, to reflect on how well we have met or missed the mark set by the Gideon decision some 40 years ago. The meaning of Aristotle’s comment, that it is in justice that the ordering of society is centered, is made clear in Turner’s efforts for Clarence Gideon. His work brought justice to one of the least among us, giving strength and steel to the legal system that is our nation’s backbone.

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Fifty Years & Counting

Dean Robert Jerry met with UF College of Law Grand Guard members and their spouses who returned to campus for a reunion. Professor Emeritus Mendy Glicksberg and Joyce Glicksberg, Joe (LLB 54) and Linda Reynolds of Dunnellon, and Frances and Virgil (JD 51) Mayo of Blountstown enjoyed a tour of the law school’s new facilities and conversation with others who graduated 50-plus years ago.
State Senator Ron Klein and worked primarily on biotech, economic development, transportation and technology related issues.

Matthew Landau, co-founder of the law firm Landau & Segal PA, celebrated the two-year anniversary of the firm, which specializes in personal injury.

Hunter W. Carroll, with Carlton Fields law firm, has been elected chairman of the Young Lawyers Division and an executive committee member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association.

Carlton Fields attorney Cristina Alonso has been elected parliamentarian of the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division.

2001

Larry Benton “Ben” Alexander joined Carlton Fields in West Palm Beach as an associate in the real estate and mortgage financing practice group.

Gilbert Evans Jr. was named vice president and assistant general counsel for St. Johns River Community College. He is one of the youngest vice presidents ever appointed by the educational institution.

Lara Jane Ososky, of Daniel Kaplan PA in Aventura, is engaged to marry Michael Leader.

Gregg Rivkind joined Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA in Ft. Lauderdale as an associate in the Tax Practice Group. Prior to joining the firm, Rivkind practiced with Arthur Andersen LLP in Miami and BDO Seidman LLP in New York City.

Timothy Shane Taylor, experienced in commercial litigation and construction law disputes in federal and state courts, recently joined Carlton Fields in Miami as an associate in the Construction Practice Group.

Kristina Tucker, formerly with Holland & Knight LLP, joined Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard LLC as an associate in its Charleston, S.C., office. She concentrates in malpractice defense and employment litigation.

Jessie Michael Tilden has joined the law firm of Carlton Fields in Tampa as an associate and is in the Construction Practice Group.

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

New Specialty Court Created

In an effort to clear a large backlog of business cases languishing in the Florida court system, officials of the state’s 9th Circuit have created a new specialty court and named UF law alum Judge Renee Roche (JD 84) to head it. The Orlando business court, covering cases in Orange and Osceola counties, began operating in February to hear business disputes only. A number of other states have similar business courts, but this is the first in Florida.

2002

Leonard Keen was appointed vice president of strategic and legal affairs for Lake Mary-based Kinetics, Inc., a provider of enterprise and self-service technology solutions to the travel industry. Prior to joining the company, Keen was an attorney with Allen Dyer Doppelt Milbraith & Gilchrist PA in Orlando, and served in executive roles in various technology consultancies.

Jameil C. McWhorter, attorney with Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed in Orlando, was recognized as a National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) certified contract advisor.

He is active in his firm’s sports law practice, which encompasses player contract negotiations, review and development of endorsement opportunities, licensing of products and personalities, and personal legal needs of athletes.

LaKesia R. Mosley has joined Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell PA in Orlando as an associate in products liability, professional liability and employment litigation.

Michael Pike joined Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA in West Palm Beach as an associate in the Litigation Practice Group concentrating in securities and health law litigation.

Williams, Parker, Harrison, Deitz & Getzen announced that Stacy J. Borisov joined the Sarasota-based firm practicing civil litigation, including health, probate, and appellate law. Prior to joining the firm, Borisov served as staff attorney to Justice Charles T. Wells of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Rhonda Chung-de Cambre, an attorney with Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., in Gainesville, has been elected to The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors for 2004-06.

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

2003

Alexis Calleja recently joined Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell PA in Miami as an associate practicing in products liability and asbestos defense litigation.

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

Debra Geiger has joined the Savannah office of Hunter Maclean as a first-year associate working in real estate development.

Lauren Heatwole joined Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando as an associate concentrating in commercial litigation, family and marital law and labor and employment law.

Steve Klein recently joined Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell in Orlando as an associate focusing in insurance coverage, lemon law and employment litigation.
Jeffery L. Mapen has joined the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as an associate in the firm’s Atlanta office, practicing in the area of toxic torts and pharmaceutical and medical device defense.

Marc Matthews joined Holland & Knight in Orlando as an associate in the firm’s litigation department. Prior to working with the firm, Matthews was a licensed athletic agent and a certified contract advisor with the National Football League Player’s Association.

Elizabeth Alexander Maxwell, in partnership with her husband, has founded Maxwell & Maxwell PA in Okeechobee. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Alexander Gage Maxwell, on Nov. 5, 2003.

Lori A. Nazry joined Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell PA in Orlando as an associate practicing general civil litigation.

Cheryl A. Priest has joined Foley & Lardner LLP in the firm’s Jacksonville office as a member of the Litigation Department and General Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

Rafael Ribeiro joined the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler LLP and will practice with an emphasis on general commercial litigation. The firm is among the nation’s 100 largest law firms with 590 attorneys serving clients throughout the world.


Gisela Then has become a partner at Longwell & Gentle, PA in Orlando.

Doug Walker recently joined Holland & Knight in Orlando as an associate focusing on construction and design law.

Kelly A. Zarzycki has joined the Tampa law firm of De la Parte & Gilbert, PA as an associate practicing in litigation, business transactions, health care, personal injury, and corporate law.

Professor Emeritus James Quarles
Levin College of Law Professor Emeritus (1969-96)

Levin College of Law Professor Emeritus James C. Quarles passed away Feb. 14, 2004 at the age of 82. “His was a well-lived life,” said Professor Joseph Littell. “He was a consummate Southern gentleman, with all the attendant virtues: courteous, soft-spoken, moderate in word and deed, generous, serious when required, piquantly humorous when appropriate, unerringly true to his word, and unfaltering in shouldering more than his share of any burden.”

Quarles was preceded in death by his wife, Prudence Quarles, and left behind his sons, UF law graduates James Peyton Quarles (JD 75) of South Daytona Beach and Christopher Sinclair Quarles (JD 79) of Ormond Beach, a daughter, Rebecca Q. McLeod of Tallahassee, his former wife, Audrey Clark of Gainesville two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

“I am very proud of my father’s legacy. He taught literally thousands of law students over a career that spanned more than 50 years,” said Chris Quarles. “In my work as an assistant public defender doing capital appeals, I talk to many lawyers around the state. Almost weekly, I encounter lawyers who were taught by my father. Many comment on his dry wit and tough grading policy.”

Quarles’ chief love was teaching. While at Mercer University and UF, he taught almost every course offered in a traditional law curriculum, concentrating at UF on his favorites, United States Constitutional Law and Criminal Law.

“Several prominent lawyers have told me that my father’s class changed their lives,” said Chris Quarles. “Initially disillusioned with law school, they chose to finish after enrolling in my father’s criminal or constitutional law class. They fell in love with the subject and credit my father with the fact that they stayed in school.”

He was recruited from Mercer, where he served as law dean, in 1969 to become executive director of the now defunct Florida Law Revision Commission, then housed at the UF College of Law. He was appointed professor of law shortly thereafter, and soon earned a reputation for active service on numerous law school committees.

“Year after year he did more committee work than anyone else, and semester after semester he taught more students than any other faculty member,” said Littell. “This is not merely to acknowledge that Jim always earned his pay. It also acknowledges a huge institutional debt. Jim’s capacity and willingness to do more than his share freed others to pursue interests that often were much less connected to the institution and its students.”

“He was a wonderful colleague and an exquisitely sensitive human being,” said Professor Winston Nagan. “He had a wry sense of humor, touched with great gentility. He will be missed.”

In Memoriam:

Lewis U. Ansabacher (JD 51)  Raymer F. Maguire, Jr. (JD 48)
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I attended a funeral recently for one of my father’s closest friends, George. He was one of the most vibrant personalities I have ever met. He beamed when he greeted you. His handshake squeezed blood from your hand and pushed it back up your arm. Yet, like many who face a battle with cancer, his body fought long and hard but eventually gave way.

The memorial service was a snapshot of the celebration that was his life. There was singing, long and loud, including the Battle Hymn of the Republic to acknowledge his veteran status as a proud Marine, and Take Me Out To the Ballgame to signify his many years of Little League coaching and umpiring.

George’s wife, two daughters and son sat in the front row with the rest of the family members while his many friends filled the church. It was clear his relationships defined his life and his legacy. When the Marine Honor Guard played Taps on the bugle at the gravesite, his spirit spread among us like the sun glowing from behind the clouds.

As I drove home from the funeral I realized George had left a clear trail of what was meaningful in his life. His life story resonates in the hearts and minds of the people who knew him and who benefited from his service. By being generous with his time, his contributions have become timeless.

Like George, you too have a legacy, one you are creating each day and one that will extend beyond the last will and testament. It is a collage of the relationships with people and organizations that energize you and reflects how you invest your time, talent and financial support.

The University of Florida Levin College of Law has a legacy as well, one that travels far beyond the classroom. In fact, it travels wherever you do. When the college thinks of alumni, we don’t do so in an abstract way. We think in terms of our alumni. Our responsibility and connection to you did not end when you walked across the stage and accepted your diploma.

In the same way, we hope you don’t view us as merely the college, but your college. This relationship transcends practice areas, geographical boundaries and time itself. It defines who you are as a professional and who we are as an institution. You have made the college a trustee of your career and we are among the beneficiaries of your success.

Legacies don’t start after this life ends. They are rooted in relationships. Just as my father’s friend, George, gave much and received even more in return, it is our hope you will feel the same way about your relationship with your college.

If we achieve this goal, we will have 16,000 living legacies among our alumni.
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Miami Hyatt, Miami
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Jan. 29
Music Law Conference
J. Wayne Reitz Union, Gainesville
Student-produced. Contact Aisha Salem, aisha@musiclaw.conference.com

Feb. 11
Billboards Law: Regulating the Signs of the Times
Fourth Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium
Hilton UF Conference Center, Gainesville
By Nelson Chair in Local Government Law
Contact Michael Wolf, wolfm@law.ufl.edu

Feb. 18
Trial Team Final Four
Levin College of Law

Feb. 24-25
4th Annual Law & Technology Conference
Sheraton World Resort, Orlando
By Intellectual Property Law Program
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Feb. 24-26
Race and Law Curriculum Workshop
Hilton UF Conference Center, Gainesville
By Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations
Contact Melissa Bamba, bamba@law.ufl.edu

Feb. 24-25
2005 Public Interest Environmental Conference
J. Wayne Reitz Union, Gainesville
By Environmental and Land Use Law Society
Contact Ashley Cross-Rappaport, cross711@ufl.edu, or Adam Regar, aregar@ufl.edu

March 11
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March 18
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William Eskridge Jr., John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School
Levin College of Law, Gainesville
By the Florida Law Review

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March 18
Professionalism Symposium
Carl Zahner, Director of the Center for Professionalism
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April 1
Environmental & Land Use Law Speaker Series
James Salzman, Professor of Law, Duke University
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April 2
Culture and Crime Symposium
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Environmental & Land Use Law Speaker Series
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April 8-9
LCA Board of Trustees and Law Alumni Council Weekend
Orange & Blue Scrimmage (tentative)
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April 11
Spring Lecture
Paul Finkelman, Professor of Law, University of Tulsa
Emerson Alumni Hall, 1-2:30 p.m.
By Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations
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May 15-16
Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas
Hilton UF Conference Center, Gainesville
By Center for Governmental Responsibility
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Sept. 8-10
New Building Dedication Special Events
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To Be Announced
"Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration: What Does It Mean and How Does It Work?"
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