DEFINING MOMENTS

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor

Dedicates $25 Million Expansion
“They entered an obscure law school of no rating, with an obscure faculty, a few secondhand books, and an admissions requirement of two years of high school work, or its equivalent, with emphasis on the equivalent … These were the original faith boys, whose faith inspired faith, faith in themselves, their college, and their state.”

— UF COLLEGE OF LAW DEAN HARRY TRUSLER, 1926

No doubt, those first law students in 1909 would have smiled upon the recent celebration that brought together U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, students, faculty, alumni and friends to commemorate one of the most important events in our college’s history — completion of a major construction project that transforms virtually all of our academic space.

What had become an antiquated environment is now greatly expanded and updated, and it makes a statement about what is most important to us — our academic mission.

The two new education towers and two existing buildings frame the courtyard to provide a cohesive design. The newly configured Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard promotes interaction among students, faculty and staff and becomes the school’s physical and spiritual center. Architectural accommodations beyond those federally mandated sustain the dignity of all who use our facilities. Sophisticated technologies at the desks of students and podiums of teachers advance the actual process of learning. Our library, now named the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, is the largest in the Southeast.

Most of all, this well-designed physical space will make a profound difference in the quality of learning, and will enable future generations of Florida lawyers to increase their productivity, creativity and accomplishments.

Just as the trust of those original students was well placed, we will do our utmost to ensure that future generations will say that the generous financial support and the faith from the university, the state of Florida, and our alumni and friends, all of whom made our new facilities a reality, was well placed. To all those who have contributed so generously to our college in so many different ways, we are profoundly grateful, and we promise to do our utmost to be worthy of your continued support.

With warm regards,

Dean Robert Jerry
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Gordon Appointed Dasburg Professor in Corporate Law

Michael Gordon, an internationally known expert on corporate law, NAFTA and international trade law, has been named the John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professor at the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law.

Gordon is the first person to hold the newly endowed professorship, which was created earlier this year through a $1.5 million donation from former students John (JD 73) and Mary Lou (JD 80) Dasburg. The Dasburgs’ gift is the largest sum ever given to the law school for a professorship.

A law professor at UF since 1968, Gordon has served on four NAFTA dispute resolution panels, been a lecturer for the Council on Foreign Relations in the U.S. and for the U.S. State Department in more than two dozen countries, and written numerous books and articles on international business transactions.

“The value of a professorship of this sort far exceeds the cost to set it up,” said Gordon. “The Dasburgs have created a faculty position that will be here a hundred years from now, contributing to the intellectual life of the law school. Over the past 15 years, we’ve seen a number of these professorships established, and I think it’s a sign this law school is moving in the right direction.”

The Dasburgs said they are glad to see Gordon appointed to the professorship.

“My wife and I both studied under Professor Gordon during our time in law school, and we found it to be a very rewarding experience,” said John Dasburg, CEO and co-owner of A-STAR Air Cargo Inc. in Miami and vice chair of the Florida Board of Governors. “Michael Gordon is one of the law school’s great assets.”

For details, go to www.law.ufl.edu/news/releases/050701.shtml.

Law Faculty Experts Guide Online

The Communications Office maintains an online Faculty Experts Guide that makes it easy for alumni to find expert witnesses or identify faculty with knowledge in a particular area. The site lists faculty names, titles and areas of expertise. You also can click on each faculty member’s name to link to a picture, full resume and other information. The guide is available at www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/expertsguide.shtml.

Displaced Students Find Home at UF

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, law schools around the country opened their doors to the roughly 2,000 students displaced by the storm. With 32 New Orleans students enrolled, the Levin College of Law is doing its part to help Louisiana law students get back to normal.

“It’s something we can do,” said Associate Dean for Academic Affairs George Dawson. “There are people in New Orleans with far larger problems than an interrupted education — but it’s going to take a lot of work, in a lot of areas, to get life back to normal, and accepting new law students is something we have the power to do.”

Dawson said Louisiana students aren’t competing with regular UF students for space in coveted classes. The law school admitted only 2Ls and 3Ls to classes on a space-available basis.

Finding a local place to live wasn’t a major concern for arriving students, said Director of Admissions Lewis Hutchison, since there was no shortage of people willing to take law students in.

“The students and faculty have been eager to open their homes to these students,” he said. “We have had more housing than we have students in need of it.”

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Jackie Brettner (3L), Aaron Hutchinson (2L) and Alejandra Lopez (3L) are among the 32 New Orleans-area students who came to the Levin College of Law to continue their studies after Katrina closed down their schools.

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New International Tax Law Degree Offered

BY TIFFANY PAKKALA

Defying the post-9/11 slump in foreign student enrollment in American colleges, the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law attracted students ranging from a Peruvian Fulbright Scholar to a pair of Swiss bank attorneys during the past school year.

Rather than being recruited, the students found UF online or by word of mouth and came to study alongside their American counterparts in the school’s international tax law classes. The program is second only to New York University’s, according to the U.S. News and World Report’s taxation rankings.

Though international tax programs are fairly uncommon, the demand for the border-crossing taxation education is rising with the onset of multinational corporations, electronic commerce and international business and investment transactions. So much so that UF now offers a master of laws in international taxation.

“We realized that there was more than enough demand for a degree program just for international tax,” said Associate Dean Michael Friel, head of the law school’s Graduate Tax Program. “We’re really blessed with the extraordinarily talented faculty already here offering the bulk of the courses needed.”

Crunching numbers in Professor Larry Lokken’s final summer international tax law class recently, husband-and-wife team Patrick Schmutz and Virna Vallucci-Schmutz, both 37, said they left their jobs as attorneys in one of Switzerland’s international banks to study in the program.

“We had so many clients with U.S. tax problems, and it was super-complicated,” Schmutz explained. “There was a large uncertainty in how to deal with clients with family in the U.S., people who wanted to move here, people with assets here.”

“We wanted to understand the terminology, and the concepts here are totally different than they were in Switzerland,” his wife added. “It’s really good to understand what they are talking about now.”

She joked it was like a yearlong vacation for the couple, but her husband quickly added, “This is the most strenuous holiday we’ve ever had.”

Alexandre Almeida, 32, of Brazil, said UF’s program was the only one he applied to when he decided to take a hiatus from his job at Ernst & Young in Washington, D.C. The global organization assists companies with business transactions, including tax law.

After working for that company, Almeida decided to take the international tax course to get a broader view of the economics, politics and taxes of other nations, he said. He chose UF because, “I knew they had the best program.”

Not every international tax law student is from a foreign country.

Genie Jose, 29, of Houston, said she studied international tax law because, “I didn’t want to be clueless” working for a global company some day.

And Doug Holland, 27, of North Caldwell, N.J., stumbled on the courses after getting a scholarship to Levin.

“I didn’t come here thinking I wanted to work in international tax,” he said. “Then I took a class in the fall, and I loved it.”

He hopes to join a law firm or work for the IRS.

Another student, Fulbright Scholar Oscar Picon Gonzalez, plans to return to his home country of Peru and start his own international tax practice. He said a recent surge in foreign investment there has created a demand for international tax experts.

For more than 30 years, UF has offered a master’s program in general tax law, but the international tax program is expected to meet a growing new demand and to draw in more foreign students. Friel said it also will give the school a chance to invite tax professors and practitioners from other countries to lecture the classes in Gainesville.

Even before the degree program was approved by UF’s board of trustees, the law school received inquiries from dozens of potential students. Friel said the program will start small, with about 14 students the first year and 25 the next.

He said students graduating with the new degrees will have an attractive edge for jobs in international companies, finance ministries, revenue departments and multinational accounting firms.

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Diversity Dean Gets Down to Business

Some people might have trouble describing in concrete terms just what it is a diversity officer does. Adrian Jones has never had that problem.

“This job requires you to be a peace-maker, a firefighter, a negotiator and a teacher,” he said. “It’s the kind of position that puts all of your talents to the fullest use.”

Jones is in his first semester as assistant dean for diversity at the Levin College of Law — where he is charged with building a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive campus community and providing mediation of diversity issues on campus. He is the first person to hold the job, which places UF among a small number of law schools with a dean-level position devoted to diversity issues.

“I’m impressed with the Gators,” Jones said. “One of the things that impresses me most is the proactive approach the administration is taking on diversity issues.”

Jones comes to UF from the State University of New York at Buffalo’s medical school, where he served as director of multicultural affairs. He is a 2004 graduate of SUNY Buffalo’s law school.

“When you say ‘diversity,’ people think black, white and Latino, but it’s much more than that,” he said. “It’s about people from different backgrounds and different experiences coming together to form a community — in this case, a community of citizen lawyers.”

Tuition Increase Helps UF Compete With Peer Schools

Tuition prices were raised 15 to 19 percent for graduate, professional and out-of-state students this fall to bring UF’s education costs more in line with other national public institutions. The increases, approved by Gov. Jeb Bush on a proviso basis, affect only new law school students, not those currently enrolled.

Dean Robert Jerry said the college’s tuition currently is the seventh lowest in the country, and that additional funding is needed to invest in faculty and student programs.

“The college will not succeed in reaching its aspirations unless we are funded similarly to the public law schools with which we compete. This means we cannot become one of the nation’s best public law schools if our resident tuition remains among the seven or eight lowest of the nation’s nearly 190 law schools,” Jerry said. “With a higher tuition — but one that remains below the average of our peers — we can make substantial investments in our academic program while at the same time preserving access through increased financial aid to those who need it.”

July 2005 Florida Bar Results Released

Seventy-nine percent of UF law graduates taking the bar exam in July 2005 passed on their first attempt, well over the 70.5 percent overall rate. Since 1999, the UF pass rate has exceeded the overall pass rate by anywhere from 6 to 16 percentage points. Although UF has ranked first among the state’s law schools on eight of the last 14 bar exam administrations, the 79.2 percent pass rate for UF on the July 2005 exam was 2.5 percentage points below first place and two-tenths of a percentage point below second place. When bar exam performance is viewed by class (by combining each year’s February and July results), UF had a total pass rate of 78.5 percent for the 2004-05 school year, the highest in the state for the second year in a row and for the fifth time in the last seven years.

Fall 2005 Entering Class Admissions Data

- 207 students enrolled
- 3.66 median GPA
- 3.86 GPA at the 75th percentile; 3.40 GPA at the 25th percentile
- 161 median LSAT
- 164 LSAT at the 75th percentile
- 157 LSAT at the 25th percentile
- 57% men, 43% women
- 87% resident, 13% nonresident
- 24.6% minority (51): 9.2% Black (19); 10.1% Hispanic (21); 4.8% Asian (10); 0.5% Native American (1)
Taking Mediation to Poland

Since the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe, Poland has played host to a steady stream of Western lawyers with advice on how to restructure the Polish legal system. Now legal scholars from the University of Florida are offering a radically different kind of advice: they’re teaching their Polish counterparts how to get cases out of the courts.

UF’s Levin College of Law teamed up with the Warsaw University Faculty of Law in October to host a conference on mediation as an alternative means of settling civil disputes. Faculty of both universities organized the Warsaw conference in collaboration with Andrzej Kalwasj, Poland’s minister of justice.

The conference featured panel discussions with mediation experts from across Europe as well as the U.S. Among the American speakers at the event were Dean Emeritus Jon Mills, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility; Professor Don Peters, head of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at UF; and UF law alumnus John Upchurch (JD 68), whose firm — Upchurch, Watson, White and Max — was the chief co-sponsor of the conference.

UF law Professor Ewa Gmurzynska also was appointed vice-chair of a Ministry of Justice department devoted to establishing a system for alternate dispute resolution.

Eminent Domain Questions Raised

Can the government force you to sell your home to make way for a factory or shopping mall? Should a city council have the power to take land for development by private companies? And should the courts intervene when they do? These were some of the questions aired at the Richard E. Nelson Symposium in November in Gainesville. The symposium brought together some of the nation’s most respected scholars on property rights to take up both sides of the debate.

Conference organizer Michael Allan Wolf, who holds the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law at the Levin College of Law, said much of the conference centered around Kelo v. New London, the recent case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that cities could use the power of eminent domain to take land for economic development purposes.

Wolf believes activists have vastly overstated the threat the ruling poses to private property. Buying land is expensive even under eminent domain, Wolf notes, and popular opposition to such takings will make elected officials think twice about pursuing them.

“The Court ruled that the Constitution allows these takings, but the elected officials are the ones who have the power to decide whose land gets taken,” Wolf said. “That’s why it’s so upsetting to hear people describing Kelo as ‘judicial activism.’”

Speakers included professors from the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, Fordham and Pepperdine as well as Mark Fenster, associate professor at UF’s Levin College of Law, and several Florida experts on eminent domain law.

The symposium is sponsored by the Nelson Chair, funded through a gift from the late Richard E. Nelson and his wife Jane. For more information on conferences go to www.law.ufl.edu.

BY TIM LOCKETTE

UPCOMING: Gwendolen Carter Conference

In March 2006 UF and the University of Cape Town will host an intercontinental conference to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of UF Professor Gwendolen Carter, a founding figure in the study of African history and culture.

An Oxford-educated anthropologist, Carter wrote the 1958 book, The Politics of Inequality: South Africa Since 1948, which helped bring the field of African studies to greater prominence in the U.S. and established Carter as one of the chief experts on African politics on both sides of the Atlantic.

The transcontinental conference will host events both in Cape Town and Gainesville, many of them linked through teleconferencing technology. The Gainesville conference will be sponsored by the law school, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Center for International Studies.

“Carter was a household name among South African intellectuals and political exiles,” said Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar Winston Nagan, a co-organizer of the conference and a personal friend of Carter. “She could show up at just about any presidential palace in Africa and find the doors opened to her.”

Among other accomplishments, Carter used her political pull to save the historical archives of the African National Congress, and established an African Studies program at Northwestern University that serves as the model for similar studies across the United States. When she came to UF in the mid-1980s, Nagan said, Carter’s arrival catapulted UF’s African Studies program to nationwide prominence in the field.

“Her accomplishments were of such magnitude that one almost forgets that Gwendolen Carter was a woman, and a paraplegic, in a time when both women and disabled persons were very much in the minority in academia,” Nagan said.
Before Congress began its inquiry into the mistakes that turned Hurricane Katrina into one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, a University of Florida law professor led an investigation into the policy decisions that created a nightmare scenario in New Orleans.

Professor Alyson Flournoy, director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program at the Levin College of Law, led a group of 17 legal and policy scholars in drafting "Unnatural Disaster," a 56-page white paper that traces the post-storm fiasco to years of bad environmental, energy and urban planning policy. She presented the paper to the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives on Sept. 29.

“It's clear that, in the days after the hurricane, government failed to do the job people expected it to do,” Flournoy said. “But the disaster was also the result of years of bad policy choices. We, as a society, knew this was going to happen, and our failure to correct these problems is due to more than incompetence.”

Flournoy is a member of the Center for Progressive Reform, a policy think tank that addresses environmental, health and safety policy issues. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, she and other scholars affiliated with CPR recognized a need for a research project that would help identify the policy failures that led to the chaos in New Orleans.

The report identified key questions needing investigation, including:
- Did the loss of wetlands in southern Louisiana rob the city of natural protection from flooding?
- Did the Army Corps of Engineers fail to plan to protect the city from anything stronger than a Category 3 hurricane? (Katrina made landfall as a Category 4).
- Did elimination of funding sources for the Superfund law contribute to toxic contamination of the floodwaters in the city, and will it impair clean-up efforts?
- Did inadequate enforcement of environmental rules on the storage of petroleum products contribute to pollution in those floodwaters?
- Did downsizing, privatization and decentralization at the Federal Emergency Management Agency lead to an agency unable to respond to an emergency?
- Did depletion of the National Guard by the war in Iraq impair Louisiana’s ability to respond to the storm?
- Did the failure to adopt policies that would reduce our dependence on foreign oil leave the nation vulnerable to economic disruption as a result of Gulf hurricanes?

Flournoy notes the CPR white paper draws largely on extensive research done before the hurricane hit — studies and papers that warned about the potential for disaster well in advance.

“Compiling this white paper on such short notice has been a major undertaking,” Flournoy said. “But many of us had worked on issues that came to the forefront in the wake of Katrina and knew these issues needed to be addressed.”

The full report is at www.progressive-reform.org/Unnatural_Disaster_512.pdf.
Gentry and Cerio Assume Key Leadership Positions

Two new chairmen have been named to lead the alumni organizations responsible for major support and advisory activities for the Levin College of Law.

W.C. Gentry in Jacksonville was named chair of the Law Council Association Board of Trustees, previously directed by Michael Mc Nerney. Tim Cerio, general counsel for Florida’s Department of Health, took over the reins of the Law Alumni Council from George Vaka.

Both organizations assist with raising private funds to cover expenses not met through state support, tuition or endowment income. The LCA Board of Trustees also assists in the budgetary process, provides financial and volunteer resources, and assists with student-mentoring programs. Law Alumni Council activities include the Law Firm Giving Program, faculty visibility, graduating class gifts and book award sponsorships.

New members joined both councils. New members on the Board of Trustees are Robert E. Glennon Jr. (JD 74, LLMT 75), Andrew J. Fawbush (JD 74), The Hon. James S. Moody Jr. (JD 39), Lindy L. Paull (LLMT 80), Oscar Sanchez (JD 82), W. Crit Smith (JD 78) and Mark J. Proctor (JD 75).

New members on the executive committee of the Law Alumni Council are Christopher Chestnur (JD 05), Meredith E. Metzler (JD 05), Erica Williams (JD 05), William Large (JD 93), Wade Vose (JD 03), Scott Atwood (JD 95) and LaShawnda Jackson (JD 02).

Law Firms Achieve New Record

A record number of Gator alumni participated in the Law Firm Giving Program for the 2004-05 fiscal year, with 59 law offices giving and more than 20 reporting 100 percent participation. Under the leadership of Derek Bruce (JD 98), Christine Donoghue (JD 01) and Robie Robinson (JD 66), GrayRobinson achieved 100 percent participation and represents the largest firm to ever achieve this level. To participate in the program, contact Andrea Shirey at shirey@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0640.

RECEPTION

Taste of Gainesville

Burrito Brothers fare, orange and blue Krispy Kreme donuts, a football autographed by Coach Urban Meyer, and photos with Albert were the featured “taste of Gainesville” for the 80 law alumni attending an Orlando reception in August. With Albert is Sarah Rumpf (JD 03), who organized the event with the Orlando Law Alumni Council members. Rumpf is a member of the Law Alumni Council Executive Committee.
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Faculty members began their morning with an associate justice from the nation’s highest court. From left, Juan Perea, Walter Weyrauch, Annemarie Schuller (Career Services) and Henry Wihnyk with Justice O’Connor.

The dedication address by Justice O’Connor in the courtyard brought more than 700 alumni and dignitaries to their feet. From left, Manny Fernandez, UF Board of Trustee chairman; Bernie Machin, UF president; Michael McNerney, immediate past chairman of the college’s Law Center Association; W.C. Gentry, chairman of the Law Center Association; Cindy O’Connell, UF Board of Trustee member; and Dean Robert Jerry.

Dean Emeritus Jon Mills (JD ’72), left, was honored with a portrait unveiling and plaque, which will hang in the gallery of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center. On hand to honor Mills was Law Center Association Board Chairman W.C. Gentry (JD ’71), who worked closely with Mills in securing private funding for the construction of the new academic space and renovated library.

Students had the opportunity to hear about the inner workings of the U.S. Supreme Court as well as ask the associate justice specific questions.
Professor Barbara Woodhouse and Justice O’Connor cut the ribbon on the new home of the Center on Children and Families. Woodhouse, director of the center, is one of O’Connor’s former law clerks.

Family members and friends gathered in the newly dedicated Stephen C. O’Connell Florida Supreme Court Reading Room in the library. Former Gov. Reubin Askew (JD 56) was one of the special guests who remembered his good friend, former UF president and former Florida Supreme Court justice, the late Stephen C. O’Connell (LLB 40). From left, Faye Bowling Warren with daughter Cindy O’Connell, Stephen O’Connell’s widow, Askew and Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Pariente.

Following the formal dedication of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, the Chiles family joined several lead donors in the Rare Book Room. From left, Bob Kerrigan, W.C. Gentry (JD 71), Rhea Chiles, Fred Levin (JD 61), Wayne Hogan, David Fonville and Steve Yerrid.

The grand ballroom at the UF Reitz Union was filled with College of Law alumni, faculty and friends celebrating the conclusion of an extraordinary day. From left, Judge Fred Hazouri (JD 67), Deeno Kitchen (JD 67) and Fred Levin (JD 61).

To see dedication photos, slide show, speech transcript, programs and more, go to www.law.ufl.edu/dedication/.
The work that has been done for this information center ties the entire law school together in such a wonderful way. The new building is beautiful, and with the new high-tech classrooms and the additional library space, the law school is well equipped to meet the demands of contemporary legal education. These new facilities are bound to inspire academic achievement and nurture interesting and valuable legal scholarship, and to nourish a sense of community among the law school students and faculty and staff and alumni.

As magnificent as it is, I want to talk to you all not about the building, but instead about one important use of the information that students will receive as they use the library here, and what role the students will play, whether they know it or not, in maintaining individual liberty and the rule of law.

Now, it is elementary high school civics that we have three branches of government, which regulate each other by an intricate system of checks and balances. The main check the judicial branch has on the others is the power to declare statutes or executive acts unconstitutional, though sometimes judges might check the political branches in a softer way merely by interpreting a statute in light of Constitutional values or by ruling that a regulation or executive act is not authorized by statute.

But whatever else courts do, we have the power to make the other branches of government really angry. In fact, if we don’t make them mad at least some of the time, we judges probably aren’t doing our jobs.

Our effectiveness, therefore, relies on the knowledge that judges won’t be subject to retaliation for judicial acts.

As James Madison put it (and he, being the father of our Constitution, ought to be heard), “an independent judiciary is an impenetrable bulwark against every assumption of power in the legislative or executive.” The word “impenetrable” may be putting it a bit strongly, but the basic idea is sound. If you believe, as Madison and I do, that courts are important guardians of constitutionally guaranteed freedoms in our common-law system, you know that the system breaks down without judicial independence.

Judicial independence is hard to define. Judges can be subject to discipline for legitimate reasons, and the political branches properly control, to some degree, the jurisdiction and the political makeup of the federal courts and the various state courts. But if I may coin a phrase, I know judicial independence when I see it. For instance, suppose that during a period of stormy relations between the White House and the Chief Justice, the president’s bodyguards killed the chief justice’s pet cat. Or suppose the executive branch threatened to cut the water supply to the Supreme Court building to prevent the court from meeting and making anti-presidential statements, or the council of ministers tried to prevent the Supreme Court from entering its offices.

The first two instances actually happened in the early-to-mid-1990s in Russia under Yeltsin, and the third happened in Bulgaria in 1995. Now, I think we can all agree — that is not judicial independence. Judicial independence doesn’t happen all by itself. It’s tremendously hard to create, and easier than most people imagine to destroy ... Creating a culture in the early Republic where, usually, courts’ judgments were enforced by the other branches of government is an
accomplishment that entitles John Marshall to take his place together with Hammurabi, Grotius and Confucius (if I might cite foreign law for a second) in the frieze of the great lawgivers that appears along the top of the courtroom where Supreme Court justices sit.

… As you can read in the Federalist Papers (it’s anonymous, but I can tell you this part was written by Hamilton): “The complete independence of the courts of justice is peculiarly essential in a limited constitution. By a limited constitution, I understand one which would maintain certain exceptions to the legislative authority. Such, for instance, as that it shall pass no bills of attainder, no ex post facto laws, and the like. Limitations of this kind can be preserved and practiced no other way than through the medium of courts of justice, whose duty it must be to declare all acts contrary to the constitution void. Now without this, all the reservations of particular rights and privileges would amount to nothing.”

This is why, Hamilton says, judicial independence is especially important in the American system. But as the Founders knew, statutes and constitutions don’t protect judicial independence — people do — and the value of judicial independence is a lesson that even some of our current leaders maybe have not learned.

… There’s no natural constituency for judicial independence, except perhaps for a vibrant, responsible lawyer class like the people who will be educated in this building in the years to come, and we can’t just trust the courts to protect themselves. For one thing, someone has to people those courts, on both sides of the bench, and those “someones” are some of you. For another, much of what makes a true threat to judicial independence is the offending politicians’ motivation, which we in the courts are often ill equipped to ferret out. So the best defense against these threats is the maintenance and expansion of our own legacy: a culture in which such threats are frowned on, and therefore unlikely to even get off the ground. We can’t dedicate, we can’t consecrate, we cannot hollow this building. Rather, it is for the students and the professors who use these new classrooms, and the new library space, and the offices in the old buildings that this construction has made possible, to be dedicated to the practice and the promise of our Anglo-American common law tradition, which makes the courts, armed with the power of judicial review, and protected by judicial independence, part of the people’s arsenal to enforce the rule of law and protect individual freedoms.
ON Mills (JD 72), dean of the UF Levin College of Law, knew his alma mater was at a critical juncture in early 2001.

The law school’s facilities were outdated and overcrowded, and the American Bar Association was about to make an on-site accreditation review.

In two previous visits the ABA had identified inadequate areas, particularly the library, which needed an additional 22,000 square feet to meet ABA and UF Campus Planning criteria. It had been 20 years since the last major construction and the college had 50 to 200 percent less space per student than comparable law schools. The library didn’t have enough space for books or students.

It was not as if Dean Mills and staff had been sitting still. The previous fall, he met with Gov. Lawton Chiles’ widow, Rhea, who agreed to allow the school to raise funds for a new library to be named in her husband’s honor. In February 2001, he met with the Law Center Association Board of Trustees, who started to develop an overall campaign to make enlarged facilities a reality. W.C. Gentry (JD 71) was named chairman of the Building Campaign Committee. Three trustees — David Band, Glenn Sturm (JD 85) and Gentry — and UF Foundation leadership configured a five-year pledge payment plan and financing strategy to monetize the pledges so construction could begin immediately.

Mills made more calls and went to more meetings. He met with other alumni, including Fred Levin, a 1961 graduate who volunteered to seek the lead gifts. UF law students met with UF architectural students to design models of the ideal law school.

But the fact was, the school was already on probation and in danger of losing its ABA accreditation. It was time for aggressive action.

After meeting with law alumni leadership, University of Florida President Charles Young, Dean Mills and UF staffers flew to Chicago on a Saturday morning in April to meet with the ABA committee. Two hours were set aside, but it took less than 20 minutes. President Young — who had committed to changing university appropriation and fundraising priorities to meet the challenge — faced the committee and forthrightly said the university understood the situation; money would be raised and the facilities would be expanded and upgraded by 2005. There were no questions … only the response that the committee had every confidence in President Young, Dean Mills and the university.

The LCA Board of Trustees, under the leadership of Richard M. “Robie” Robinson (JD 66), and the Law Alumni Council, headed by Bruce Harris (JD 93), immediately came together to formulate a guerrilla plan that involved classmates working with each other and other colleagues to secure gifts.

The goal: $5 million. One other criterion: it had to be raised by Jan. 2, 2002, to meet specific timelines.

The ambitious campaign was unveiled at the June Florida Bar Convention and alumni set to work. Just as momentum was building, the 9/11 World Trade Center attack occurred. The Law Center Association and Law Alumni Council hastily met to determine the campaign’s fate. It was late September and only $2 million had been raised. The obvious question: could they secure $3 million in 90 days at a time when their colleagues, like the rest of America, were still reeling?

The answer: they must try.

Earnest determination took over. Alumni, faculty and administrators got on the phone and on the road almost round the clock, every day of the week. Alumni and friends were told every gift, regardless of size,
would make a difference. Professor Dennis Calfee solicited and received donations from a majority of faculty members. By the holiday break, the dean and Alumni Affairs staff sat anxiously, then jubilantly, as pledge after pledge rolled in on the fax machine.

The college was able to announce it had raised $6.3 million in just six months. Those funds plus state matching funds and $10 million provided by the University of Florida brought the total to $25 million and enabled the school to start planning and building state-of-the-art legal facilities.

The planning part of the process was something Betty Taylor (JD 62) had been thinking about for a very long time. In the 50 years she had been at the law school — as director of the Legal Information Center, Clarence TeSelle Professor of Law, and acting dean in 1981 — Taylor had been an integral part of the other two major law school construction projects and had an intimate knowledge of the school's needs. As head of the planning committee for this expansion and a nationally known authority on law and library automation, she intended to bring the most advanced technology to the law school.

Planning continued and building commenced, and Taylor went ahead with her planned retirement in 2003. Kathleen Price, former Law Librarian of Congress and most recently director of the New York University College of Law library, came on board — first as a consultant and then as associate dean of library and technology and Clarence TeSelle Professor of Law. Price, who became a law librarian after reading an article about Taylor in an early 1960s article in the Florida Alligator, took up the mantle to build a future-oriented legal information environment.

Also taking on the project was the school's new dean, Robert Jerry II, who arrived in July 2003. Mills had been dean for four years, had two young daughters at home, and decided he wanted more time with his family. Jerry had been at the college for less than a month when it was discovered that unanticipated construction issues required more funding to complete the building. Sleeves rolled up, the new dean and his staff devised and implemented a plan to raise additional funds, obtain state matching dollars, and adopt additional cost-saving measures to complete the project and keep it within budget.

As renovation and expansion occurred over a two-year period, faculty, staff and students made tremendous sacrifices to continue operating at a high level of productivity. Instead of closing, which is the norm at most schools, the library was moved off campus into a vacant Publix building and continued to be available to students. Other offices shifted space frequently, while some departments moved to other buildings on campus. Scaffolding, bulldozers, jackhammers and an unprecedented number of Florida hurricanes couldn't stop the mission of legal learning.
Today, the law school is housed in state-of-the-art facilities that include a greatly expanded library and 18 modern, comfortable classrooms, including a Ceremonial Classroom, which seats up to 160 for conferences, receptions and special sessions. The physical appearance of the facilities now matches the quality of the education students receive.

Most classrooms offer advanced technology such as wireless Internet access, outlets for laptop computers, and “smart podia” for presentations. Faculty members can easily incorporate Web-based or multimedia instruction into the classroom.

The newly expanded law library — named the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center in honor of the late 1955 UF law graduate, Florida governor and U.S. senator — is now the largest academic law library in the Southeast and among the top 20 of more than 180 such facilities in the U.S. in terms of space.

Careful to blend the tradition of the past with the technology of the future, the library offers rare books and historic displays alongside high-speed data ports and ergonomic study areas. The foyer replicates the entrance to Bryan Hall, home to the UF law school from 1914 to 1969, and opens up to spacious rooms with leather armchairs and floor-to-ceiling views of azaleas and moss-draped oak trees.

As the laboratory and social heart of the law school, the information center houses more than 600,000 volumes in open stack displays. Students also have access to 3.5-million-plus volumes in UF libraries and 43 million titles held by libraries throughout the world as well as databases that provide access to federal and state laws, periodicals, news articles and background materials. The information is accessible in all formats, with the staff able to deliver it to the desktops of faculty and students.

Other features of the 100,000-square-foot library include:

- An elegant reading room dedicated in honor of Stephen C. O’Connell (LLB 40), Florida Supreme Court chief justice and University of Florida president.
- The Richard B. Stephens Tax Research Center, named for the co-founder and first director of the school’s nationally prominent Graduate Tax Program. Almost 70 carrels for graduate tax students are provided on the second floor, as well as a graduate lounge, meeting room and offices for the Florida Tax Review.
- The Lawton Chiles Gallery, located in the atrium, which presents photos, personal items and the film, “Lawton Chiles: A Great Floridian” (by Ron Sachs Communications and Mike Vasilinda Productions), about the former governor.
- An open reserve area to give students direct access to exams and study aids.
- More than 300 individual study carrels equipped for wireless computer usage, with playback carrels available for review of taped classes, negotiations and trial skills.
- Seating throughout for another 300 students.
- Thirteen conference rooms that hold up to a dozen students for team study and research.
- A dedicated classroom for training students in new research databases and other computer instruction.
- A student production lab and faculty instructional technology lab for state-of-the-art media use.
- Displays of faculty writings and special collections in the paneled rare book room.
- A meditation/lactation room that recognizes personal needs of a diverse student body.
The lobby of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center
awton Chiles was just back from the Korean War and ready to earn a law degree when he applied for a student assistant position at the University of Florida College of Law library in 1954. He got the job at 75 cents an hour. He could not possibly have foreseen his new place of employment would one day be named in his honor. Nor could he have foreseen the upward trajectory that would take him on a 1,003-mile walk across Florida and into the U.S. Senate and Florida governorship. Or maybe he could.

He had, from the very beginning, an uncanny sense of timing, genuine down-home manner, strong work ethic and ability to listen. Just three years out of law school he was elected, from his home base in Lakeland, to the Florida House of Representatives (1958-66), and then to the Florida Senate (1966-70). It was the start of 40 years of public service.

In 1970 he captured the national spotlight — and the U.S. Senate seat when he dressed in khakis and boots to walk from the Panhandle to the Keys in three months, shaking every hand in sight and filling nine thick notebooks with the thoughts of voters he met along the way. Chiles said the walk allowed him to see Florida’s natural beauty, as well as the state’s problems, with fresh eyes. That trek proved a permanent metaphor for his unpretentious political style and earned him the moniker of “Walkin’ Lawton.”

He never accepted contributions of more than $100 and never seemed to stop walking. During the next 18 years in the Senate, he carved out a steady career as a moderate lawmaker who became chairman of the Budget Committee and pushed issues important to Florida.

The well-being of children and families was the issue closest to his heart. While in the U.S. Senate, Chiles fought for Medicaid reform initiatives such as the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) food program and increased funding for prenatal care and childhood immunizations. He chaired the landmark “National Commission to Prevent Infant Mortality,” which was established by Congress to provide policy recommendations for reducing the United States’ high infant mortality rate.

When Chiles retired from the Senate in 1989, he intended to withdraw from politics entirely. Supporters convinced him to enter the 1990 governor’s race against the incumbent. He won. However, it was the 1994 contest against Republican Jeb Bush that gave him yet another nickname, the self-described “he-coon,” an old Southern reference to the oldest and wisest raccoon in a pack. Chiles — the man who had never lost an election — came from behind to win a narrow victory.

Although he became the first Democratic governor to face a Republican-led legislature, Chiles won major battles. He took on the tobacco industry and won a landmark $11.3 billion settlement. He established Florida’s Healthy Start program, which offered poor mothers prenatal and infant care and reduced Florida’s infant mortality rate by almost 20 percent. Another program, Healthy Families, featured a home-visiting concept and was later endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in reducing child abuse and neglect by at least 40 percent. He also combined federal dollars with tobacco money to provide insurance coverage for an additional 256,000 Florida children — or 10,000 classrooms full of kids.

Forty years after Lawton Chiles asked for a job in the law school library, he stepped up to support a campaign to raise money for the UF College of Law at a time when funds were sorely needed. That successful campaign eventually led to the $25 million construction project that today enables UF law students to learn in state-of-the-art classrooms and study in the largest legal information center in the Southeast.

Exactly 50 years after his graduation, the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center was dedicated in his honor at ceremonies he could not attend. Chiles died in 1998, just three weeks before he was to complete his last term as governor. His gravesite stands on the 210-acre Jubilee Plantation in northern Leon County, a beloved farm where he often visited his “cook shack” and old log cabin to seek solitude and peace. Chiles is survived by his wife, Rhea, and four children: Tandy Barrett, Lawton III, Ed and Rhea.

It is not known whether Chiles clearly foresaw — as a 24-year-old library assistant — the visible and vibrant legacy he would leave. What is known is the reason he kept walking his path: “I didn’t come here to stay. But I came here to make a difference.”
Stephen Cornelius O’Connell (LLB 40) was an athlete, World War II veteran, attorney, public servant, prominent Catholic layman, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, banker, rancher, university president and a man who knew the names and faces of literally thousands of Florida residents.

Now the students who come to study in the Legal Information Center’s largest and best-dressed room will know who he was. The Stephen C. O’Connell Florida Supreme Court Reading Room features a display of O’Connell’s memorabilia and a touch screen kiosk about his accomplishments. Portraits of the other 17 UF law graduates who served on the Florida Supreme Court also hang in the reading room.

“This room would have meant everything to him. His love of the law, of students, of helping people succeed in the classroom, in court and in life, were paramount to who he was,” said Cindy O’Connell, his widow and a member of UF’s Board of Trustees. “He also would have liked the portraits of the Supreme Court justices and sharing that privilege with his colleagues.”

A native Floridian, O’Connell was the first University of Florida graduate to serve as president of his alma mater. He entered UF as a freshman in 1934, and was elected president of the student body, Florida Blue Key and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

After serving in World War II, in a Fort Lauderdale law practice, and as general counsel for the Florida State Road Department, O’Connell was named to the Florida Supreme Court in 1955. He spent just four months as the head of the court before being named president of UF in 1967.

Campus unrest was reaching its peak nationwide in the spring of 1968. In an effort to control disruption and maintain a sense of community, O’Connell initiated an Action Conference in May 1968, composed of students, faculty and administrators, to discuss student concerns. An Advisory Council, similar in composition to the Conference, was later created to sustain the dialogue. Some progress was made, particularly in relation to the university’s policy on controversial speakers, housing and student counseling. However, neither O’Connell nor the University of Florida could escape the upheaval of the times.

To improve support for academic programs, O’Connell reorganized the UF Alumni Association and created an Office of Development, actions that generated millions of dollars in private gifts annually to support university programs, facilities, scholarships, fellowships, professorships and other needs. O’Connell also is credited with saving University Auditorium and several gothic classroom buildings of the original campus.

After retirement he returned to Tallahassee, where he resumed the practice of law and was active in business and ranching ventures and university and civic affairs. Before his death in 2001 at the age of 85, O’Connell received numerous accolades, among them honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame and the Federal University of Brazil at Rio de Janeiro.
Paul Shelley (JD 39) is more than 90 years old now and lives in a Tallahassee assisted-living facility, but he once was a young student at the UF law school, imagining how he would practice his new skills in the future. A contemporary of Stephen O'Connell, Shelley did go on to forge a distinguished career. He served on the staff of U.S. Sen. Spessard Holland (LLB 16), practiced with former Florida Gov. LeRoy Collins, and was chief lobbyist for Florida Power Corp. for 23 years.

Today, hundreds of lawyers-to-be walk down a quiet hallway in Holland Hall and into a modern classroom past the bronzed plaque that carries Shelley's name. They may not know about all William Paul Shelley's accomplishments, but they know one of his deeds was making that classroom a reality. Shelley is one of 47 individuals, families and firms who invested in specific new construction for students and whose names are prominently displayed on doorways throughout the college.

"Every time a student goes to class, a seminar, a study session in classrooms or the legal information center, they are reminded of the generosity of those who have gone before them," said Dean Robert Jerry.

He noted that naming opportunities remain for a variety of much-needed facilities such as an auditorium, courtyard, student lounges and other class and study rooms.

"These donors understood early on the benefits their gifts would yield, and we are proud to have their names associated with this law school," Jerry said.

The following are now recognized throughout the Levin College of Law:

- C. Wayne Alford
- David & Myrna Band
- Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe
- Carol McLean Brewer
- James D. Camp Jr. & Suzanne W. Camp
- Sen. Walter G. "Skip" Campbell Jr.
- Carlton Fields
- Warren M. & Dorothy C. Cason
- Coker, Myers, Schickel, Sorenson & Green
- Jack & Betty Demetree
- Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation
- Joseph D. Farish Jr.
- Fonvielle, Hinkle & Lewis
- W.C. & Susan Gentry
- Marci Levin Goodman & Martin H. Levin
- GrayRobinson
- Greenberg Traurig
- Wayne Hogan
- Kerrigan, Estess, Rankin, McLeod & Thompson
- Deeno Kitchen
- The Hon. Gerald J. Klein
- Michael Maher
- Kevin & Jeannette Malone
- Margol & Pennington
- Martin Z. Margulies
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- Motley Rice
- James H. Nance
- Mary K. "Kitty" Phillips
- Gerald & Ingrid Rosenthal
- Bush Ross
- Scruggs Legal
- William Paul Shelley Jr
- Shook, Hardy & Bacon
- W. Kelly & Ruth Smith
- John H. Stempler
- Glenn & Karen Sturm
- Windereede, Haines, Ward & Woodman
- In Honor of Idus Q. Wicker, Founding Partner of Wicker Smith
- Steve Yerrid
- Young Gator Lawyers of Miami-Dade Country
When the UF law school was founded in 1909 as the first public law school in Florida, only 38 students were enrolled. Today the Levin College of Law has a total enrollment of more than 1,200 students and almost 17,000 alumni, and is recognized as one of the most comprehensive, highly regarded public law schools in the country. What has never changed throughout these many years is the journey of talented, passionate individuals who come for a legal education and depart as ethical professionals with the skills to improve the lives of those they serve.

In 1926 Dean Harry Trusler said this about the class of 1909-10: “They entered an obscure law school of no rating, with an obscure faculty, a few second-hand books, and an admissions requirement of two years of high school work, or its equivalent, with emphasis on the equivalent … These were the original faith boys, whose faith inspired faith, faith in themselves, their college, and their state.”

In 1909

The law school opens in one unplastered room of Thomas Hall Dormitory with 38 students and two faculty members. Two years of high school work is required for entry. The new dean, Albert J. Farrah, recruits the first three students from his former post at Stetson University. Students eat, sleep and attend class — all for $165 a year — in Thomas Hall.

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1910

Three unplastered rooms are used for classes and the library. Because there is no heat, some classes are held in the chapel on winter days.

1914

The requirements for entry increase from a minimum of three years of high school education to a full four years. Enrollment increases by 45 percent.

The law school moves to the new $24,000 law building (dedicated as Bryan Hall in 1941), one of the first permanent buildings on campus. Under the guidance of the school’s longest-serving dean, Harry R. Trusler (1915-1947), the College of Law is admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools in 1920 and approved by the American Bar Association in 1925.
“The ability to think clearly, to reason closely, to appreciate distinctions quickly, to investigate thoroughly, to generalize accurately and to state his conclusions tersely are prime requisites of the safe counselor.” — University of Florida Catalog

“I probably could have gotten rich, but I decided the best way I could count was to go into public service on a big scale.” — Spessard Holland

1916
Spessard L. Holland graduates. Holland goes on to become a Florida and U.S. senator and founding partner of Holland & Knight. Referred to by President Lyndon B. Johnson as one of the five most powerful men in the Senate, he serves in the U.S. Senate for 24 years under five presidents and is instrumental in establishing the Everglades National Park and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Holland also serves as governor of Florida (1941-45), and is followed through the years by three other UF law graduates.

1917-1919
Enrollment dwindles during World War I as the majority of students enlist in the military.

The law library has 4,548 volumes.

1921
Alto Adams graduates and goes on to become the first alumnus to serve as a Florida Supreme Court justice (1940-51) and chief justice (1949-51). To date, 18 UF law alumni have served or are serving on the court, and 17 of 18 have been chief justice.
One year of college work becomes an admissions requirement.

State law reform allows women to enter UF.

Florida’s first female law graduates — Natalie Weinstein, Rose E. Friedlin and Clara Floyd Gehan — complete their degrees at UF.

UF becomes one of the nine law schools in the United States, and the first in the South, requiring a college degree for admission.

Charles E. Bennett graduates. In 1948 he is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and goes on to be Florida’s longest-serving congressman and the second longest-tenured member of the House when he retires in 1993. He sponsors legislation that creates an ethics code and makes “In God We Trust” the U.S. motto, requiring it to be added to coins and currency.

George Baughman graduates and leads a distinguished group of nine graduates who become presidents of Florida colleges. One 1948 grad, Harold Crosby, is president of two.
Stephen C. O’Connell, future Florida Supreme Court chief justice and University of Florida president (1968-73), graduates from the law school. While a student at the university, he is student body president, Blue Key president, a boxing team winner, and inductee into UF’s Hall of Fame.

Dean Fenn makes morning announcements.

Bryan Hall

1940
Stephen C. O’Connell, future Florida Supreme Court chief justice and University of Florida president (1968-73), graduates from the law school. While a student at the university, he is student body president, Blue Key president, a boxing team winner, and inductee into UF’s Hall of Fame.

1942
Frank Maloney graduates and later returns to serve as dean of his school from 1958-70. He is one of 10 graduates who become deans of law schools, including three who lead their alma mater.

1943
World War II takes its toll on enrollment at the university and college, where some classes have only one person attending. The group photo above shows the law student body and faculty of 1943. Twenty-six students attend the law school in this year, seven of them women.

1948
Overcrowding due to the return of the World War II veterans necessitates an expansion of the law library. Construction begins. Henry A. Fenn, former law professor and assistant dean at Yale Law School, becomes dean and serves until 1958. During his deanship the curriculum expands, an individualized program of research, writing and instruction is launched, and the new seminar program in legal ethics receives national recognition.

After 61 months of military service in World War II, Chesterfield Smith (JD 48) enters law school (and graduates in 1948): “I’d say you could look around the room and you’d have to hunt somebody who didn’t have on Army clothes.”
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Because of Virgil D. Hawkins’ efforts, George Starke becomes UF’s first African-American law student. In 1962, W. George Allen becomes the first African-American to receive a UF law degree.
A new wing of the law school is built and opens in the fall to ease overcrowding. The new space adds two new classrooms, a large seminar room, some offices and the added bonus of the first central air conditioning for the law school.

The new library catches fire from cigarette ashes smoldering in a trash can. Twenty-one days after starting her new post at the law school’s library, Grace “Betty” Taylor faces the challenge of salvaging the remaining building and books and finding a solution to the loss of study space and resources for students.

An award-winning architectural concept for new law school facilities is presented. These original plans include a law center, commons building and student housing, but initial funding provides only for the Law Center.

Spessard L. Holland Law Center is completed in the northwest corner of the University of Florida. The building is named for a 1916 UF law graduate (see 1916). The number of classrooms increases from four to nine, seating from 248 to 699, and volumes in the library from 90,000 to 200,000. The Real Property Laboratory on the library’s third floor is a unique experiment because it contains actual records organized like the real property records section at the Clerk of the Circuit Court office.
Chesterfield Smith (JD 48) becomes the first UF alumnus to head the American Bar Association. As ABA president, he challenges President Richard Nixon during the Watergate investigations by declaring “No man is above the law.” Smith founds Holland & Knight and is named in Tom Brokaw’s book, *The Greatest Generation*, as “America’s lawyer.” Three other graduates — Reece Smith Jr., “Sandy” D’Alemberte and Martha Barnett — go on to serve as ABA president, more than any other law school in that time frame.

The Graduate Tax program begins. Today it is the college’s premier signature program, with more than 1,700 American and foreign graduates. Widely recognized by tax scholars and practitioners nationwide as one of the best, the Graduate Tax Program consistently ranks in the top two by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The American Bar Association notes there is “a critical need for additional space” at the UF College of Law.

While the 1966 architectural concept included a commons building, the funding was insufficient to complete it at the time. Judge James Bruton, a 1931 graduate, and his wife, Quintilla, donate property worth $1.1 million, which — with other alumni donations and the state’s matching $1 million — makes the commons building possible.

1946 graduate Lewis M. Schott donates funding to complete a courtyard to honor his wife, Marcia Whitney Schott, also a 1946 graduate.

Named after James and Quintilla Bruton’s parents — the Brutons and the Geers — the commons building is completed and dedicated as Bruton-Geer Hall.
The law school still needs more space, as thousands of volumes are permanently withdrawn from the Legal Information Center collection due to a shortage of shelf space. A former UF law professor and trustee of the Law Center Association, Gov. Lawton Chiles supports the law school’s campaign to raise funds for a new Legal Information Center.

Fredric G. Levin (JD 61) gives the college a $10 million gift, which is matched by $10 million from the state, and immediately moves the college’s endowment into the top 10 of all public law schools in the nation. The College of Law is named in his honor.

A critical grassroots effort by alumni raises $6.3 million for major facilities construction and remodeling. The money raised, plus state matching funds and university funds, provide the $25 million needed to begin the much-needed expansion.

Demolition and construction of Holland Hall begin in July. Eleven new classrooms in Holland Hall open in August. Each classroom has ceiling-mounted projectors, full-room sound, wireless network access and power outlets at each student seat. The new Ceremonial Classroom in Holland Hall seats up to 160 and is used for conferences, receptions and special sessions such as moot court and trial team competitions.

There are 1,153 J.D. and 86 post-J.D. candidates in the enrolled student body for 2004-05. Approximately 23 percent are minorities.

“I’m proud of the UF College of Law, its faculty and students for consistently demonstrating the determination to remain on a course of academic integrity.” — Lawton Chiles (JD 55) in a fundraising letter of support for the UF College of Law.
The $25 million expansion and renovation is completed. U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O’Connor is the featured speaker at the formal dedication Sept. 9 for the greatly expanded library and two new education towers. The library is named the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center and will house Chiles’ papers and other historic memorabilia. Two towers — each with three stories — add 11 new classrooms to the school, and seven other classrooms are added in Holland Hall.
nique abilities and good luck are the keys to clerking at the top of the legal field, according to a UF law professor whose own unique abilities carried her into Sandra Day O’Connor’s Supreme Court sanctum only a year out of law school.

Top grades and law review editorships are certainly necessary credentials, said Professor Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, director of the law school’s Center on Children and Families, but often the justices are attracted to other qualities as well.

For Woodhouse the opportunity arose from hard work and wise decisions that positioned her in the right place at the right time, and from taking an educational path distinct from most. She took off 12 years to begin a family before pursuing law school.

There were other clerks, too, she said, who did not go to ivy-covered law schools yet had compelling personal achievements, such as the one who did not let a severe physical handicap deter her ambitions or another who had been the first person in her family to go to college.

Linda Calvert Hanson, assistant dean for Career Services, agreed Supreme Court justices seek well-rounded clerks with diverse experiences.

“The justices receive a plethora of applications from candidates with premium qualifications, but just as Professor Woodhouse exemplifies, many justices are looking for more,” Hanson said.

Woodhouse first studied in Europe, where she mastered multiple languages and earned an American-equivalent undergraduate degree. After taking the LSATs, the young mother faced the dilemma of whether she should attend the nearest law school in suburban Westchester County, N.Y., where she lived with her family, or go to Columbia, which offered unparalleled opportunities. The balance between family and career opportunities is one that would recur through the years, but it was the support and encouragement of her husband, then the president of a New Jersey trading company, that enabled her to dedicate herself fully to both law and family.

At Columbia Woodhouse found herself surrounded by graduates from prestigious universities. “I was really just hoping to survive,” she said.

Three years later, she sat on the editorial board of Columbia Law Review, had been accepted to clerk for a federal judge upon graduation, and had applied for a Supreme Court clerkship.

In accepting a clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Abraham Sofaer, Woodhouse eschewed the common wisdom of the law school success ladder that says the route to a Supreme Court clerkship is through an appeals court clerkship. Woodhouse advised, “You should act prudently, but don’t give up something you really want to do.”

Midway through her yearlong clerkship in Sofaer’s chambers, “he got a call from Justice O’Connor asking how I was doing,” recounted Woodhouse. “I am glad he gave her a good report since clerking in a trial court called upon all the different skills I learned in law school, and then some.”

Once ensconced in the Supreme Court world of legal research and theories that she shared with 35 other ambitious young lawyers, Woodhouse found “it was kind of an intellectual feast,” recounting work that ranged from thrilling to grueling. It was the 1984-85 term, and her first bench memo was for the now famous TLO v. New Jersey case, which set the standard for searches and seizures in public schools.

“Justice O’Connor has very high expectations. She expects people to do their absolute best and she is tremendously supportive,” said Woodhouse, who developed a relationship with O’Connor that grew beyond their professional capacities and lasts to this day.

“We have stayed in touch and accumulated 25 years of sharing the joys and sorrows of family landmarks — births, deaths, weddings and the like,” said Woodhouse. For instance, the Justice attended the wedding of Woodhouse’s daughter.

Throughout her career, Woodhouse said, “I have always tried to do my best. I never knew where that would place me in terms of competition with other people.”

“You can and should aspire to reach as high as possible,” she added.
Making An Impact

A truly great law school is marked by the influence it exerts in the world outside campus: its faculty, students and alumni engage in scholarly debate on the law and shape public opinion and policy locally, nationally and globally. More than ever before, the faculty of the Fredric G. Levin College of Law are making their mark.

Over the past three years, faculty members:
• published 68 books (including treatises and casebooks)
• contributed chapters or other material to another 63 books
• wrote 234 articles published in law reviews — including 13 articles in the nation’s top 20 law reviews
• had work cited in courts at all levels thousands of times, including dozens of recent citations by federal courts and several by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The faculty also are doing their part to educate the public about legal issues. In the first seven months of 2005 alone, UF’s faculty appeared in more than 150 different news reports in media outlets such as The New York Times, CNN, Newsweek and National Public Radio.

— Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky
Associate Dean for Faculty Development,
UF Research Foundation Professor

The just-published Report From the Faculty provides an in-depth look at faculty scholarship and their impact on academia and public policy. It is available at www.law.ufl.edu/news/pdfs/2005_faculty_report.pdf. What follows is recent faculty scholarship not reported previously in UF Law magazine:

■ MARY JANE ANGELO
Assistant Professor

■ FLETCHER N. BALDWIN JR.
Chesterfield Smith Professor; Honorary Fellow, Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London; Director, Center for International Financial Crime Studies; Professeur au Centre du Droit de l’Entreprise, Montpellier

■ BILL CHAMBERLIN
Affiliate Professor; Joseph L. Brechner Eminent Scholar of Mass Communications

■ JONATHAN R. COHEN
Professor; Associate Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution

■ CHARLES W. COLLIER
Professor; Affiliate Professor of Philosophy

■ NANCY E. DOWD
Chesterfield Smith Professor; Co-Director, Center on Children and Families

■ MARK A. FENSTER
Associate Professor

■ ALYSON CRAIG FLOURNOY
Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program; Professor
“Regulations in Name Only: How the Bush Administration’s National Forest Planning Rule Frees the Forest Service from Manda-
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MICHAEL W. GORDON
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BERTA ESPERANZA HERNANDEZ-TRUYOL
Levin Mabie and Levin Professor; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families

DAVID M. HUDSON
Professor; Director, LL.M. in Comparative Law Program

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ROBERT H. JERRY II
Dean; Levin Mabie and Levin Professor

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Associate Professor; Honorary Senior Fellow, University of Melbourne

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UF Research Foundation Professor; Associate Dean for Faculty Development; Professor

JOSEPH W. LITTLE
Professor; Alumni Research Scholar
Worker’s Compensation (Revised Ed., 2005) (with Eaton and Smith).

LAWRENCE LOKKEN
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Professor

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Virtual Searches
When Does Governmental Surveillance Go Too Far?

BY CHRISTOPHER SLOBOGIN

The classic law enforcement search — a detective entering a house with a warrant; police officers rummaging through the contents of a car — has long been the government’s primary investigative tool. But soon that may not be the case. Technology increasingly enables law enforcement to garner evidence of crime without physically intruding onto or into a person’s property.

These virtual searches can be divided into three types: communications surveillance (interception of communications), physical surveillance (observation of physical activities), and transaction surveillance (the accessing of recorded information). Technology vastly facilitates all three types of surveillance. Wiretapping, bugging and computer hacking devices make “eavesdropping” on our oral and written communications infinitely easier.

Wiretapping, bugging and computer hacking devices make “eavesdropping” on our oral and written communications infinitely easier. Physical activities can now be observed through telescopic lenses, nightscopes and devices that detect heat and images through walls. Transactional information is readily accessible using “snoopware,” commercial data brokers and ordinary Internet searches.

Communications surveillance law, epitomized by the federal statute known as Title III, is well-developed. Physical and transaction surveillance, in contrast, have been subject to relatively little legal monitoring. Yet they can be just as intrusive as communications surveillance.

Unfortunately, the courts, led by the United States Supreme Court, have ignored that fact. The primary constitutional provision relevant to surveillance activities is the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures and usually requires probable cause before a search may be carried out. While the Supreme Court has made clear that electronic eavesdropping on communications is a Fourth Amendment search that triggers the probable cause requirement, it has pretty much left physical and transaction surveillance unregulated, on the ground that neither type of surveillance infringes the “reasonable expectations of privacy” that are protected by the Fourth Amendment.

True, in Kyllo v. United States the Court held that use of a “thermal imager” to detect heat differentials inside a house is subject to Fourth Amendment stricutures. But Kyllo also stated that police do not infringe reasonable expectations of privacy if the technology they use to spy on homes is in “general public use.” Because, in another decision, the Supreme Court made the astonishing assertion that a $22,000 mapmaking camera is “generally available to the public,” this general public use exception may allow the police to use not only flashlights and binoculars, but also telescopes, nightscopes and a whole host of other technologies to observe activities inside the home without worrying about the Fourth Amendment. Kyllo also stated the Fourth Amendment does not limit use of any technology if the household activities thereby viewed could have been seen by the naked eye from a lawful vantage point. Thus, even if the Startron (a magnified nightscope) is not in “general public use,” police can train it on the inside of a bedroom from a half-mile away, for any or no reason, if they can show that an officer standing on the sidewalk might have been able to see the same thing.

When the physical surveillance is of public areas as opposed to the home, Fourth Amendment protection is apparently non-existent. In Knotts v. United States, the Supreme Court held that police use of a beeper to track a car on public thoroughfares does not infringe reasonable expectations of privacy. Presumably, camera surveillance and other means of monitoring our public movements are not regulated by the Constitution either.

Transaction surveillance is also subject to only minimal constitutional regulation. Today virtually all of our activities — medical treatment, financial transactions, phone numbers and e-mail addresses we use — are memorialized and stored somewhere. While federal statutes require the government to obtain a subpoena for some of this information, the Fourth Amendment, as construed by the Supreme Court, again is missing in action. In Miller v. United States, the Court
held that we “voluntarily” assume the risk that any information surrendered to a third party will be handed over to the government, and that we therefore have no reasonable expectation of privacy in it. As a result, our medical and bank records and our school and employment data can be acquired with a simple subpoena, which is much easier to obtain than a warrant based on probable cause. Under some circumstances (recently expanded by the Patriot Act) not even a subpoena is required for this information.

In my forthcoming book with the University of Chicago Press, Virtual Searches: Government Surveillance and What To Do About It, I argue the Fourth Amendment should be construed to impose greater constraints on physical and transaction surveillance by the government. In the course of doing so, I suggest that basic Fourth Amendment doctrine ought to be rethought. One of the reasons the courts have been so reticent about calling a particular government action a search is because, under prevailing doctrine, that pronouncement requires a demonstration of probable cause. I argue instead for a proportionality principle that would reserve that requirement for the most serious intrusions, such as surveillance of the home and accessing medical and financial records, while relaxing the cause requirement for virtual searches of public places and public records, while relaxing the cause. In that way, legitimate government surveillance efforts can occur without surrendering constitutional protections.

Stephen C. O’Connell Professor

Christopher Slobogin work on search and seizure, mental health law and juvenile law has been referenced in more than 1,200 law review articles and close to 100 judicial decisions, including three from the U.S. Supreme Court. He is perhaps best known for his work on mental health issues in the criminal justice system, which culminated in a book soon to be published by Harvard University Press.

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1951
Leon Handley has joined Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Orlando.

1955
The Florida Bar Association honored R. Andrew Duncan for 50 years of service.

1965
Stumpy Harris, who has held season football tickets for 49 years, was recently appointed chairman of the Gator Booster Capital Campaign Committee. Marking the 100th anniversary of Gator football, which began in 1906, the committee aims to raise funds to endow all athletic scholarships and improve athletic facilities.

Judge Charles E. Williams recently was honored by the Manatee County Bar Association for service to his community.

1966
Charles H. “Chuck” Baumberger, of Rossman, Baumberger, Rebozo & Spier in Miami, has been named the 2005 Trial Lawyer of the Year by The Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

1969
Joseph P. Milton, of Milton, Leach, Whitman, D’Andrea, Charek & Milton in Jacksonville, has been elected chair of the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission.

1970
Robert Stern (JD 90), of Trenam Kemker in Tampa, is serving as president of the University of Florida Alumni Association, which consists of more than 90 Gator Clubs around the world.

1972
Hal Kantor, of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, was featured in Orlando Magazine as the 16th most powerful person in Orlando and has been named vice chairman of United Arts, an Orlando cultural arts organization.

1973
J. Peyton Quarles has partnered with Ronald K. Zimmet Sr. and Ronald K. Zimmet Jr. to form the Daytona Beach law firm of Zimmet & Quarles. They are practicing in the areas of personal injury, nursing malpractice and disability.

1976
Mark P. Buell, a shareholder with Schropp, Buell & Elligett in Tampa, received the Michael A. Fogarty Memorial In the Trenches Award for excellence in civil litigation. Buell serves as chairman of the Florida Bar Trial Lawyers section and is board certified as a civil trial lawyer and a business litigation lawyer.
practicing primarily in the areas of eminent domain, property rights and plaintiff’s personal injury.

1977
Richard Fildes, of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, has been named in the 2005-2006 edition of Who’s Who in American Law.

John J. Scroggin (LLMT 79), of Scroggin & Company in Roswell, Ga., has been appointed editor of the online estate planning publications of the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils. He also has been appointed to the board of directors of the Historic Roswell Convention and Visitors Bureau. He is making presentations at the Financial Planning Association National Convention and National Beer Wholesalers Association annual meeting.

1979
A. Russell Smith, of Smith & Haine in Jacksonville, has been elected vice president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

1980
Donald G. Gaffney, a former University of Florida football player, was inducted into the Florida-Georgia Hall of Fame.

1981
Daniel A. Bechtold (JD 86) and C. Kelley Corbridge (JD 81) announce the formation of Bechtold & Corbridge. Joining in the practice as Of Counsel is R.O. Isphording (JD 60). The firm focuses on the practice of estate and trust administration, estate planning and corporate and partnership planning and formation. Bechtold and Isphording are board certified in wills, trusts and estates, and Corbridge is a certified trust and financial advisor through the American Bankers Association.

Fur, Feathers and the Future

Estate planning for clients also may include setting up trust funds for their beloved pets, said Randolph Coleman (JD 86), who recently taught an animal law workshop at The Florida Bar meeting and sets up pet trusts for clients.

Coleman estimates between 12 and 15 percent of pet owners in the United States have included arrangements for their pets, which are often seen as a part of the family.

“It is a growing trend, but not yet very common,” said Coleman, of the The Coleman Law Firm in Jacksonville. “There are 62 million people in America with companion pets, and if 15 percent of them have done some kind of planning, that means there are 50 million who haven’t.”

Many trusts are set up for animals with longer lifespans, such as horses or exotic birds.

For Coleman, this specialty area was a natural outgrowth of his own friends of the family. He and wife, Cheryl, have 14 exotic birds — well-loved macaws, African Grays and cockatoos — which can live to be 80 or 90 years old.

“I am in my 50s and my wife is in her 40s and our oldest bird is a teenager,” he said. “We want to make sure they are taken care of after we are gone.”

Coleman — an executive member of the Law Alumni Council — points out that one macaw, Albert, says “go Gators,” “love the Gators” and “Albert’s a Gator.” When in the mood, Albert will engage in the “orange” and “blue” cheer.

Doug Cooney and Christian Lebano were recently married in Victoria, B.C. The couple resides in Los Angeles and are in the process of adopting a child.

Lauren Garner, a partner at the law firm of Jaburg & Wilk in Phoenix, Ariz., has been appointed by the Superior Court of Arizona to serve as a Judge Pro Tem in the Court’s Probate Division. Her private practice focuses on probate and trust litigation.

Paul R. Jackson, a partner with Warner Norcross & Judd in Muskegon, Mich., has been appointed to serve on the board of directors of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra. Jackson, who concentrates his practice on taxation and business law, is active both professionally and within the community and will serve a three-year term.

1982
Michael J. Gelfand, of Gelfand & Arpe in West Palm Beach, has been appointed special master by the Boca Raton City Council and was invited to lecture at the Chautauqua Institute on community association issues.
Michael D. Joblove, of Miami’s Genovese Joblove & Battista, leads the firm’s franchise litigation practice, which focuses on protection of trademark and intellectual property rights, encroachment cases and employment discrimination issues.

The Manatee County Bar Association has recognized Judge Charles E. Williams with the Community Service Leader Award.

Michael A. Abbott, partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell in Houston, was named one of Houston’s top lawyers by Texas magazine. He practices in the areas of employee benefits, including ESOPs and executive compensation, general tax and estate planning, and is a member of the National Center for Employee Ownership and the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Association. He frequently publishes on employee compensation issues.

Robert Dellecker, Kenneth McKenna (JD 94), William Ruffier (JD 86), and Anthony Sos (JD 03), of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, received the 2005 Law Firm Award of Merit from the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association. The award is presented annually to a firm whose members provide significant casework (at least 50 percent of the members), have a history of pro bono work or have made a significant increase in their commitment. The firm’s six attorneys handle Guardian Ad Litem cases and participate in teen court and citizen dispute settlements. Since 1987, members of the firm have served as a Guardian Ad Litem for 131 children and logged more than 2,000 hours on closed cases.

Elizabeth “Liz” Hernandez, city attorney for Coral Gables, has been selected as president-elect of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association, an organization of more than 600 attorneys who specialize in the legal representation of municipalities.

Glenn Jerrold Waldman is a shareholder of Waldman Feluren Hildebrandt & Trigoboff, with offices in Weston and Miami Beach. He was named by the South Florida Business Journal as one of the 2005 “Best of the Bar” (third year in a row). He is a civil trial attorney specializing in complex commercial and health care litigation, a certified arbitrator and a state and federal court approved mediator.

John Elliot Leighton, of Leesfield Leighton & Rubio in Miami, was re-elected chairman of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America’s Inadequate Security Litigation Group. He also delivered a lecture on “Apportionment of Fault and Comparative Fault: Intentional Torts vs. Negligent Defendants.”

Rev. Christopher Lockard has moved from Catholic Charities USA to accept a new position in advocacy with the Jesuit Refugee Services USA as the senior policy analyst and liaison to Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados en America Latina y el Caribe.

Anthony D. Bartirome has joined the Bradenton firm Blalock, Walters, Held &
Investigating Abu Ghraib

BY RET. COL. HOWARD MCGILLIN

Col. Howard McGillin (JD ‘89) retired from the U.S. Army in June. He served the last 15 years in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. In his last 18 months of service, he was the legal adviser to the inspector general, who was tasked with finding out how the Abu Ghraib scandal happened and why. McGillin now practices commercial litigation, government relations and education law with Brennan, Manna & Diamond in Jacksonville and is a member of the Military Affairs Committee of The Florida Bar.

For a moment, try to forget everything you’ve read about the mistreatment of prisoners at the infamous Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Let me share with you a part of how the Army as an institution tried to come to grips, and is still coming to grips, with this horrendous tragedy.

The inspector general is called the eyes, ears and conscience of the Army. “IGs” assist commanders and soldiers by conducting inspections and investigations. In the days following the first reports of Abu Ghraib, the Department of the Army IG (“DAIG”) conducted a comprehensive examination of the systems to determine what established processes may have contributed to the problem (the so-called “Mikolashek report”). Later, DAIG conducted a series of investigations into the actions of several high-ranking officials.

Lawyers were involved at every stage. A lawyer gathered evidence with the inspection teams in Iraq and Afghanistan. Back in D.C., a number of lawyers, including my deputy and I, were deeply involved in the analysis of evidence and review of the final written product.

The legal work was made more challenging by the heightened political rhetoric and press criticism. When the various reports would seem to exonerate someone, the hue and cry would rise that the Army could not investigate itself. The team would spend hours on every word of the various reports, only to see the popular press throw out critical phrases and modifiers that were the glue that held complex legal concepts together — all in search of a sound bite.

The reality was, and remains, that military lawyers — both uniformed and civilian — worked very hard to assist the investigators in making legally sound conclusions. In both an inspection and an investigation, the standard was a preponderance of the evidence. That is, at times, a difficult standard — not because of the quantum of proof necessary to achieve it — but because reasonable people can so easily view the outcome so differently.

Layer on top of that the fact that the issues we were reviewing dealt with matters of international law — both our treaty obligations and “customary” international law. Many scholars, on left and right, will agree the “black letter law” (when you can discern it) of the so-called “Law of War” is not well suited to the current operating environment. We are engaged in a war against an enemy who is not a nation state and therefore cannot legally declare war yet wages one anyway, and who uses violations of the law as a primary tactic.

The work was at once exciting, intimidating, interesting and tedious; most of us sensed that history was watching us.

I came away from the process with several conclusions. First, the Army could investigate itself. Ongoing debate about the conclusions proves the issues were close. The inspection report has, I believe, become a blueprint for the military to reform its practices — not just to prevent abuse, but also to gather, analyze and disseminate intelligence legally, effectively and rapidly. Second, while the process of self-analysis is admittedly imperfect, I am not convinced any objective external review would arrive at different conclusions. Finally, I believe we, as lawyers, must be very careful whenever we advise clients on matters that are “close to the edge” of the law. What might appear an attractive answer may prove unworkable in an imprecise and dangerous environment and may result in unimaginable unintended consequences.

As an American soldier-lawyer, I was deeply embarrassed and angered the scandal ever happened. I was profoundly sorry the reputation of many hardworking soldiers in our Army was sullied by the misdeeds of a few. Ultimately, however, I remain proud of what the DAIG team did in trying to find the roots of the abuses and set a course to correct the wrongs. Someday, after the trials and litigation are over and the documents are declassified, I firmly believe historians will vindicate the work we did and the conclusions we made.
Jury Consultant Plays Role in Klan Convictions

Last June a Mississippi jury convicted former Klansman Edgar Ray Killen on three counts of manslaughter for the 1964 killings of three civil rights workers. The much anticipated trial of Killen — the case that inspired the movie “Mississippi Burning” — marks the sixth time nationally-known trial consultant Dr. Andrew Sheldon (JD 68) has aided prosecutors in pursuing convictions for decades-old civil rights cases.

Sheldon, who has been profiled on ABC’s “Nightline,” CNN and in The New York Times, has spent the last 15 years pioneering the use of psychology in the courtroom and assisting litigators in pretrial research, case analysis and jury selection. His involvement with civil rights cases began in 1994 in the trial against Byron de la Beckwith, convicted of murdering NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers.

As a result of his civil rights work, Sheldon founded Southern Truth and Reconciliation, a consulting organization that helps communities heal from past racial violence through methods such as open dialogue and education about racial violence.

Jonathan E. Perlman has been appointed director of Biscayne Bank in Miami. He practices commercial litigation with the Miami firm of Genovese Joblove & Battista and directs the firm’s securities and employment litigation and class action practice group.

1988

Barbara Anne Eagan, of Broussard, Cullen, DeGailler, & Eagan in Orlando, spoke on environmental advocacy and the growth management process at the annual Earth Day symposium, “The Environment and Our Community.”

Mark Stein partner in the law firm Lott & Friedland, and fellow partners Leslie Lott (JD 74) and David Friedland (JD 88), were named as three of the four best intellectual property lawyers in South Florida.

1990

Tami Foley Conetta, of Ruden McClosky in Sarasota, has been chosen by the Gulf Coast Business Review as a 2005 Sarasota/Manatee “40 Under 40 Award” winner.

Judge Antoinette DiPalma Plogstedt was recently assigned to the county civil division of the 9th Judicial Circuit, Orange County. She presides over general civil litigation cases. She and her husband, Marc, are raising their four daughters in Orlando. ctjuap1@ocnjcc.org

Felecia Grossman Ziegler recently joined the law firm of Harris, Harris, Bauerle & Sharma — an eminent domain and property rights law firm — as partner. For the past seven years, Ziegler has worked as an assistant attorney general in the State of Florida Office of the Attorney General’s eminent domain unit, where she represented corporations in condemnation lawsuits.

1991

Debra Nass Bechtel is the county attorney for Catawba County, N.C., where she specializes in tax, planning, EMS, police and public health law. She is a founding member of the Legal Advisors Section of the National Sheriff’s Association, currently president of the Catawba County Bar Association and president-elect of the North Carolina Police Attorney’s Association. She authored “The Simple and Honest Practice of Law,” which was recently selected for publication in Lawyer to Lawyer: North Carolina Reflections on the Practice of Law. She is a visiting lecturer at Wake Forest University, a frequent speaker at seminars and resides in...
Conover, N.C., with her husband, Ken, and 8-year-old son Stephen.

Miami attorney Julio Jaramillo, chairman of Colombian American Service Association and a partner with the law firm of Abadin Jaramillo Cook & Heffernan, recently presented three South Florida students with $1,000 Simon Bolivar Scholarships. He also was appointed by The Florida Bar to serve on the board of directors of the organization’s foundation, the only statewide funding agency of civil legal services for the poor.

Glenn M. Rissman has joined the Boca Raton office of Hodgson Russ as a partner in its Business Litigation Practice Group.

1992

Michael G. Schwartz has joined the Cincinnati law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease. He focuses his practice on estate planning, tax planning and helping closely held businesses and their owners.

1993

Karen Disbennett Walker, a partner in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight, was elected to the firm’s Directors Committee and has been appointed deputy practice group leader of the Public Policy and Regulation Practice Group. She practices Florida administrative law with an emphasis on government contracts, ethics and elections, and public utility regulatory matters. She and her husband, Mark Walker (JD 92), have two daughters, Sarah, age 7, and Emily, age 5.

1994

Joy Barwick has joined CBR (Cord Blood Registry) Systems in San Bruno, Calif., as general counsel. CBR Systems is the leader in the rapidly growing market for family cord blood banking.

Jon Crowder, founder and owner of Peak Rhythms in Breckenridge, Colo., presented a program titled “Group Empowerment Drumming Programs in the Corporate World” at the International Academy of Management meeting. In addition, he has collaborated with a neurologist who published scientific research on the specific health benefits of drumming. www.peakrhythms.com

Keith Rizzardi’s article, “Defining Professionalism, I Know It When I See it?,” was published in the July/August issue of Florida Bar Journal.

1995

Joseph H. Lang Jr., a shareholder with Carlton Fields, was elected to the American Law Institute. Lang has a general practice consisting of work in appellate litigation and trial support. He is a member of the Appellate Practice and Trial Support Practice Group and Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group.

AnnaMarie Kim Lopez and Andrew Lopez (JD 96) were married in Punta Mita, Mexico, at the Four Seasons on July 2, 2005.

1996

D. Fernando Bobadilla, formerly of Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin in Miami, has begun his own practice specializing in complex commercial litigation, intellectual property, international arbitration and publisher liability defense. Representative clients include Notmusa S.A. de C.V., the largest magazine publisher in Mexico. fb@bobadilla-law.com

1930: Charles Ausley Leads Florida Blue Key

he listing of University of Florida law students serving as Florida Blue Key presidents in the summer issue of UF Law magazine inadvertently left out Charles Ausley, who served as president in 1930. He also was editor-in-chief of the yearbook and managing editor of the Alligator.

Upon graduation in 1930, with a new LL.B. degree in hand, he returned to his hometown of Tallahassee to open a law firm for continued accomplishment. This fall Ausley & McMullen celebrates 75 years as the oldest firm in the capital city.

The Blue Key connection also continued in the firm. Charles Ausley’s son, DuBose “Duby” Ausley (JD 62), his nephew, Lee Willis (BS 66), his brother, the late John C. Ausley (JD 35), and a cousin, Dylan Rivers (BS 2000) also were members in the prestigious honorary society. John C. Ausley was inducted in 1933 along with T. Paine Kelley (see the summer 2005 issue of UF Law magazine). Charles and John spent their entire legal careers with Ausley & McMullen, and Duby, Lee, and Dylan continue with the firm today.
AFTL Inducts its Newest President

Web Brennan (JD 89), a shareholder at Wagner, Vaughan & McLaughlin in Tampa, was inducted as president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, which is comprised of more than 4,000 trial lawyers across the state of Florida.

Brennan, who also earned a degree in industrial engineering at Georgia Tech in 1982 and worked as a field engineer for four years, draws on his engineering expertise and former experience as an insurance defense lawyer to represent clients in products liability, wrongful death, medical malpractice, premises liability, complex automobile cases and insurance bad faith litigation.

Gregory P. Brown, of Hill, Ward & Henderson, recently received two awards. The Florida Law Related Education Association awarded him the 2005 Attorney of the Year Award, and the Hillsborough County Bar Association presented him with the 2005 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

1997

Matthew P Julian was elected partner at Baker & Hostetler. He practices commercial litigation in the firm’s Orlando office. mjulian@bakerlaw.com

1998

Andrew Chapin, of Lowndes Drosetick Doster Kantor & Reed, was promoted to senior associate. He also was appointed to the steering committee for “Count Me In! Count Me In!,” an initiative of the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools in partnership with the University of Central Florida Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies.

Sherri L. Johnson, of Dent & Johnson in Sarasota, was awarded the 2005 Outstanding Attorney Achievement Award by the Sarasota Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, and was recognized as the 2005 Young Lawyer of the Year by Gulf Coast Business Review. sjohnson@dentjohnson.com

1999

Gregory C. Harrell recently joined the Ocala law firm Mateer Harbert as an associate practicing in the areas of general civil litigation and appellate law, with a particular interest in commercial litigation, probate litigation and employment law.

E. John Wagner II, a shareholder in the law firm of Williams, Parker, Harrison, Deitz & Getzen, received his board certification in taxation by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education.

2000

Brandon C. Biederman, government affairs director for the Broward County Council, helped host the High Rise Council Forum in Broward County, at which a former contestant on NBC’s “The Apprentice” was the speaker.

2001

Matt Luka and Maegen Peek were married July 23, 2005. They live in Tampa, where Maegen practices commercial litigation with Holland & Knight and Matt practices criminal defense with Trombley & Hanes.

2003

Bradley G. Harper was recently appointed to the Board of Governors for Leadership Palm Beach County and will serve a two-year term. He also serves as president-elect of the F. Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association.

Lauren Heatwole, of Lowndes Drosetick Doster Kantor & Reed, co-chaired the OCBA/Young Lawyers Section Law Clerk Reception at the Orlando Museum of Art. More than 300 judges, attorneys and clerks attended.

Amanda Kunz joined King & Spalding’s
Labor and Employment Group in Atlanta after completing a two-year clerkship with the Hon. E. Clayton Scofield III on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Adele C. Small has joined The Karp Law Firm. She practices in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law and real estate.

2004
Lenore T. Brakefield has joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Naples as an associate. Brakefield is a member of the Estate and Financial Planning Department.

2005
Benjamin B. Brown has joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Naples, Fla., as an associate. Brown is a member of the Business Law Department.

Suzannah Gilman has joined Akerman Senterfitt in Orlando as an associate in their real estate practice group. Suzannah.gilman@akerman.com

Brandon Andre Lagarde has joined Jones Walker in Baton Rouge as an associate in tax practice.

The Best Lawyers in America*
Woodward & White’s The Best Lawyers in America® 2005-2006, a publication that bases its listing on conversations and recommendations with clients and other attorneys, includes the following: Richard J. Fildes (JD 77), Julia L. Frey (JD 82), Jeffrey R. Garvin (JD 73), Gene K. Glasser (JD 72), Lawrence Gragg (JD 74, LLMT 75), Michael D. Joblove (JD 82), Hal H. Kantor (JD 72), Nicholas A. Pope (JD 76), Edward Sawyer (JD 83, LLM Tax 84), and Terry C. Young (JD 75).

In Memoriam
Raymond Ehrlich (JD 42), a former Florida Supreme Court chief justice, highly successful trial lawyer and past president of Florida Blue Key, has died. He was 87.
Justice Ehrlich was known as a “judge’s judge with a towering intellect,” according to Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente. Last spring he was inducted into the Levin College of Law’s exclusive Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society.
Born in Swainsboro, Ga., and raised in Crescent City, Ehrlich was a naval officer during his World War II service from 1942 to 1946 before returning to Florida to practice law in Jacksonville for 35 years. A member of the litigation team of Holland & Knight, he had an emphasis on representing insurance companies in tort litigation.
A highly successful trial lawyer who specialized in defending insurance companies against accident claims, he was chosen to become a Supreme Court justice in 1981 by Gov. Bob Graham.
Ehrlich was appointed at a time when Florida was recovering from a rash of ethical issues that plagued Florida’s court system. He served as chief justice from 1988 to 1990 before retiring in January 1991.
After reaching mandatory retirement age, Ehrlich served as a special counsel to Graham, then a U.S. senator, before returning to Jacksonville to practice law as a partner with Holland & Knight.

Thomas R. Tedcastle (JD 77), the general counsel for the Florida House of Representatives, has died.
Tedcastle, 52, worked in the House for 22 years, where he held many positions, including deputy chief of staff, staff director of the criminal justice committee and director of bill drafting. As general counsel, Tedcastle advised members of the House.
“Tom Tedcastle represents the essence of what a government lawyer should be,” members of the House of Representatives wrote in a letter to The Florida Bar. “Tom’s scholarly, fair and reasoned advice makes those lawyers who serve the Legislature better-equipped, better-advised, and better able to serve the people of Florida.”
The Bar responded by presenting Tedcastle with the 2005 Florida Bar Government Lawyer Section’s Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor previously given to former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.
He was also staff chairman of the National Conference of State Legislatures, providing assistance to government officials in this country and to those in Brazil, New Zealand, South Africa and Germany.
While a student at UF, he was elected to the University of Florida Hall of Fame.

In Memoriam
Tomasz Bartosz (JD 96, LLMCL 00)  William F. Leonard (JD 51)
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Almost a quarter of the “Florida Legal Elite” listed in the July issue of Florida Trend magazine were University of Florida law graduates. The 958 lawyers listed represent the top 1.7 percent of the 56,513 Florida Bar members who practice in the state. UF law graduates were:

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Although we learned grammar and spelling in elementary school, perhaps spending hours at the blackboard diagramming sentences and otherwise having rules drummed into our heads, we don’t remember all the rules we were taught. For the most part our writing is grammatically and stylistically correct because we can recognize bad grammar when we hear it. We are often confounded, however, by pesky spelling, style and grammar questions that slow our production because they can’t be answered easily by ear.

“Is it ‘affect’ or ‘effect’?”

“Who or whom?”

“Where does the comma go — if there is a comma at all?”

“Does the punctuation go inside or outside the quotation marks?”

“Do we distinguish ‘between’ or ‘among’?”

“Is it ‘ensure,’ ‘insure,’ or ‘assure’?”

Make it easy on yourself to find answers to these and other grammar and style questions by keeping a reference expert handy on your desk and in your briefcase. The following is a list of some of the reference manuals I recommend.

Rules for Writers (4th Ed.) by Diana Hacker

This excellent handbook is written for a general audience and is designed for quick reference. It provides helpful explanations and examples regarding the rules of grammar, spelling, usage and style. The inside front and back covers provide easy-access “menus” to the handbook’s topics. The user-friendly index is designed for readers who are not familiar with technical grammatical terminology. The handbook’s “Glossary of Usage” contains a comprehensive list of commonly confused and misused words. (Spiral-bound paperback edition is compact and will travel well. Also available in hard cover.)

The Gregg Reference Manual (8th Ed.) by William A. Sabin

This manual, primarily aimed at the business writer, provides comprehensive coverage of the basic rules of grammar, usage and style. For fast reference it contains quick guides and a detailed user-friendly index with easy access to lists of troublesome words — words that sound or look alike and words frequently misspelled. Its only fault is that its approach is technical and its tone is a bit dry. (Spiral-bound and hard-cover editions available.)

The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style by Bryan A. Garner

This manual is an excellent grammar, usage and style resource. The manual is written for the lawyer, providing comprehensive advice about how to produce readable legal documents. It contains helpful explanations and quick-reference lists. Of particular note is its extensive list of stuffy words and legalese with suggested plain-English substitutes. (Spiral-bound.)

The Chicago Manual of Style

This is the granddaddy of style manuals — the most comprehensive and detailed reference guide listed here. Although it contains no quick reference tools, its index is user-friendly. Aimed at the publishing industry, it probably contains more information than you need. Its size will probably require that it remain on your desk when you travel.

The following is a list of other books that, although not comprehensive grammar manuals, are entertaining guides to avoiding troublesome words and phrases:

The Dimwit’s Dictionary: 5,000 Overused Words and Phrases and Alternatives to Them by Robert Hartwell Fiske

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JOAN DIDION, NOVELIST

Henry T. Wihnyk is a legal skills professor and Director of Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy at the Levin College of Law, where he has taught since 1990. Wihnyk was a cum laude graduate of Nova Law and holds an L.L.M. degree from Columbia Law School. He practiced appellate law before joining the law faculty.
Twelve years of service on the Alumni Council and 13 years with the Board of Trustees have given me the firsthand opportunity to see and appreciate the benefits alumni get from maintaining involvement with our law school.

Of course, the law school benefits from financial support and alumni involvement in extracurricular activities, guest lecturing, helping with recruiting and all of the things we do to make our law school a better place. The new buildings recently completed will provide an enhanced education for our children, grandchildren and all the generations that will come after us.

However, alumni gain much more than we ever give by staying involved or by becoming re-involved. For the last few years the Board of Trustees have been particularly engaged in increasing opportunities for alumni to participate in various activities in support of our College of Law. Recruitment, stewardship programs, annual giving and the building fund for the expansion have provided many of us the opportunity to maintain or renew friendships with classmates and, in fact, generations of Gator lawyers.

Most of us created many fond memories and lasting friendships in the three years at law school. The friends made in school become only a small group compared to the friendships that you make and maintain by staying involved. We have lawyers on our Alumni Council and Board of Trustees from every part of Florida and many who practice outside the state. By participating in alumni activities, you give yourself the opportunity to maintain old friendships, make new friends and continually enjoy watching the growth and expansion of our college.

One of the jobs of the chair of the Board of Trustees is to encourage all of our alumni and friends to financially support the College of Law. You should. The return on investment will far exceed anything that you can get in any other financial endeavor. But if you go one more step and involve yourself personally in the activities surrounding our college, you will multiply your return, see firsthand the benefits of your financial contributions and realize again why it is great to be a Florida Gator.

Michael J. McNerney
Chairman, Law Center Association, 2003-2005
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There is an image that comes to mind when I reflect on why alumni give to the law school or participate in the Law Alumni Council. It involves a tall, stable ladder we all have been fortunate enough to climb. I see us bending down, extending helping hands to those coming up behind us.

Many of you — specifically those listed in the following pages — have generously reached out to provide much needed support so the school can continue to offer a high quality education.

You have recognized the tremendous benefits we receive from our association with the college and our obligation to return some of those dividends. You understand that tuition and state funding can't fully fund the needs of the law school. If the school is to continue to excel and become one of the top 10 public programs, we all have to play a bigger role.

Over the last couple of years the Law Alumni Council has reorganized and implemented effective strategies to encourage more alumni to step forward with financial assistance. One effort divides the state into regions, in which chairpersons are responsible for working closely with their committees to plan and conduct programs to meet specified goals. Some groups organized breakfasts, lunches or receptions, while others meet one-on-one with colleagues. By putting the responsibility and authority in the local areas, alumni — who know their area best — are making inroads.

Another approach has been encouraging graduating students to pledge support before they begin their professional lives. The revived class gift program has been tremendously successful and has gotten stronger each year as students learn early in their law career that giving makes us all stronger. When you consider that struggling students are making a commitment with funds they aren’t yet earning, it should encourage us all to work harder to help the college.

As the Law Alumni Council continues to press forward, we hope you will get more involved. Holding a degree from the Levin College of Law is both a privilege and obligation, and we need your assistance to help more individuals up the ladder.

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Why I give back to my law school:
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Guiding professional philosophy:

Strive to be a better lawyer today than I was yesterday.

Once I began practicing, I realized the UF Levin College of Law provided me with:

A firm foundation of knowledge in numerous areas of the law.

Why I give back to my law school:

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Class of 1955
Class Total: $12,340.00
No. in Class: 30
Participation: 17%
Associates
Robert J. Beckham
Francis T. McCoy*
Trusler Society
W. Dexter Douglass
Enrichment Society
W. Ray Fortner
Edward Siegel

Class of 1956
Class Total: $3,400.00
No. in Class: 38
Participation: 18%
Associates
Peter T. Fay
Trusler Society
Reubin O. Askew
Johnston S. Savary
Enrichment Society
Jerry B. Crockett
Mrs. Marion M. Cromwell
Robert P. Gaines
William A. Zeiher

Class of 1957
Class Total: $2,760.00
No. in Class: 48
Participation: 13%
Associates
James E. Yonge
Trusler Society
A. Ward Wagner, Jr.
Enrichment Society
Paul W. Danahy, Jr.
James O. Driscoll
Joseph Garcia

Class of 1958
Class Total: $6,101.88
No. in Class: 66
Participation: 20%
Founders Society — Gold
T. Terrell Sessums, Sr.
Trusler Society
William G. Davis, Jr.
David Hyman*
Enrichment Society
Robert S. Hewitt
Edward M. Jackson
Lewis M. Kanner
Donald J. Lunny, Sr.
C. Vernon Mize, Jr.

Class of 1959
Class Total: $1,250.00
No. in Class: 61
Participation: 7%
Associates
Stephen W. Sessums
Enrichment Society
Robert J. Boylston
Trusler Society
Charles R. Stack
Enrichment Society
Thomas R. Brown
Edward B. Davis, Jr.
Robert A. Kimbrough
Shepard P. Lesser
L. David Shear
Chester L. Skipper

Class of 1960
Class Total: $4,050.00
No. in Class: 71
Participation: 13%
Trusler Society
Charles R. Stack

Class of 1961
Class Total: $9,525.00
No. in Class: 71
Participation: 17%
Associates
E. Thom Rumberger
Trusler Society
Robert J. Carr
Edwin C. Cluster
C. Parkhill Mays, Jr.
Jon C. Moyle
Enrichment Society
George T. Dunlap III
Paul M. Goldman
Irvin A. Meyers
John H. Moore II
Raymond W. Royce
Thomas H. Thurlow, Jr.

Class of 1962
Class Total: $17,575.00
No. in Class: 107
Participation: 18%
Founders Society — Gold
W. George Allen
Trusler Society
Robert R. Feagin III
Partners
George D. Gabel, Jr.

Class of 1963
Class Total: $13,510.00
No. in Class: 91
Participation: 16%
Founders Society — Gold
John C. Bierley
Trusler Society
Chief Justice Harry L. Anstead
W. O. Birchfield*
S. Austin Peele

Class of 1964
Class Total: $22,196.00
No. in Class: 132
Participation: 8%
Partners
Robert R. Feagin III
Associates
George D. Gabel, Jr.
Trusler Society
Michael L. Jamieson
Justice Charles T. Wells*

Class of 1965
Class Total: $32,044.80
No. in Class: 173
Participation: 12%
Founders Society — Gold
W. Kelly Smith
Partners
Ronald C. LaFace
Charles P. Pillans III
Stephen F. Rossman*
Jack S. Selevan
Associates
L. Kinder Cannon III
Richard M. Robinson
Trusler Society
Allan P. Clark
Eugene J. Howard*
George R. Moraitis
Enrichment Society
Ernest T. Buchanan III
Elizabeth J. du Fresne
Osmond C. Howe, Jr.
Rutledge R. Liles
Robert T. Mounts
Stephen J. Powell
John F. Roscow III
Stephen H. Sears
J.D. Alumni

Class of 1967
Class Total: $28,125.00
No. in Class: 224
Participation: 10%

Barristers
E. C. Deeno Kitchen

Partners
John A. DeVault III
Frederick A. Harouri*
Bill Hoppe*

Trusler Society
J. Nolan Carter*
Barry R. Davidson
Robert F. Fox*
Allan T. Geiger
Jack F. Shorstein
Gary C. Simons

Enrichment Society
Susan H. Black
Fred M. Cone, Jr.
W. Ford Duane
William A. Hamilton III
Robert J. Head, Jr.
Louis Kwall
Roger A. Larson
Robert M. Lloyd
David L. Robbins
R. William Rutter, Jr.
William H. Seaver
Samuel C. Ullman

Class of 1968
Class Total: $31,487.00
No. in Class: 189
Participation: 14%

Founders Society — Gold
Andrew C. Hall

Partners
Patrick E. Geraghty, Sr.
Jerry J. Goodmark
Douglas J. Milne

Associates
George Barford
Les W. Burke
C. Frederick Thompson II
John J. Upchurch IV

Trusler Society
Dennis W. Hillier*
Robert K. Tucker
Warren E. Williams

Enrichment Society
Herbert L. Allen
Richard C. Ausness
Fred R. Baisden, Jr.
Douglas D. Batchelor, Jr.
Stephen John Bozarth
Michael Brinkley
Thomas C. Cobb

Ronald S. Frankel
Allan J. Hall
Donald J. Hall
Colonel Edwin F. Hornbrook
John D. McKey, Jr.
Donald D. Slesnick II
Mitchell H. Spingarn

Class of 1969
Class Total: $33,725.00
No. in Class: 186
Participation: 18%

Barristers
James A. Hauser
F. Wallace Pope, Jr.*

Partners
Robert W. Mead, Jr.
Peter W. Zinober

Trusler Society
Howell L. Ferguson
J. Stephen Gardner
Alan G. Greer
Timothy A. Johnson, Jr.
Clifton A. McClelland, Jr.
Joseph P. Milton*

Enrichment Society
James O. Birr, Jr.
William R. Boose III
John T. Christiansen
Charles H. Egerton
William A. Evans
Frank H. Fee III
James C. Fleming
John F. Harkness, Jr.
Thomas B. Hyman, Jr.
A. McArthur Irvin
Henry E. Mallue, Jr.
John C. Patterson, Jr.
Stephen H. Reynolds
Ronald A. Stern
Clintome O. Taylor, Jr.
Harry Tempkins
John K. Tucker
H. Adams Weaver

Class of 1970
Class Total: $13,800.00
No. in Class: 207
Participation: 14%

Associates
Ronald A. Carpenter
Ronald Y. Schram

Trusler Society
Joseph C. Mellichamp III*
Malcolm B. Wiseheart, Jr.

Enrichment Society
Rosemary Barkett
Charles E. Bergmann
John M. Brumbaugh
Steven W. Carta
E. Hugh Chappell, Jr.

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Donald A. Lykkebak
Stephan P. Mickle
Alan R. Parlapiano
Charles L. Plank
John C. Randolph
Arnold D. Shevin
Robert A. Stern
John C. Taylor, Jr.
Henry E. Mallue, Jr.

Class of 1971
Class Total: $71,169.38
No. in Class: 224
Participation: 12%

Founders Society — Gold
W. C. Gentry

Barristers
Howard C. Coker
Stephen N. Zack

Partners
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John K. Vreeland

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Alan P. Dye
Ronald D. Fairchild
Darryl M. Bloodworth
Robert V. Duss
Alan P. Dye

Class of 1973
Class Total: $1,580,660.00
No. in Class: 390
Participation: 13%

Founders Society — Gold
John H. Dasburg
Mikel M. Rollyson

Barristers
John H. Haswell
Michael J. McNerney

Partners
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Associates
Martha W. Barnett
Pamela O. Price
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Jan K. Seiden

Class of 1973
Class Total: $1,580,660.00
No. in Class: 390
Participation: 13%

Enrichment Society
Abraham M. Shashy, Jr.
W. Russell Snyder
Kenneth A. Treadwell
Gretchen R. Vose
Joseph H. Williams
Robert B. Worman
Art Wroble
Robert L. Young

Class of 1974
Class Total: $111,314.96
No. in Class: 295
Participation: 18%

Founders Society — Gold
Robert G. Merkel

Barristers
Hugh F. Culverhouse, Jr.
J. Bruce Hoffmann

Partners
Frederick W. Leonhardt
Leslie J. Lott
Michael T. Moore
Gwynne A. Young*

Associates
Andrew J. Fawbush
Edward F. Koren

Trusler Society
Timothy G. Anderson
Richard P. Cole*
M. Lanning Fox
Robert E. Glennon, Jr.
K. Lawrence Gragg
Robert M. Kramer
Harley E. Riedel II
Louis K. Rosenbloum*
Edward O. Savitz, Jr.
Frank D. Upchurch III

Enrichment Society
Everett P. Anderson
Gregory V. Beauchamp
Zelma L. Berger
Susan F. Clark
R. John Cole II
Thomas J. Ellwanger
Theodore A. Erick III
James L. Fly
Peter J. Fryefield
Rev. Robert C. Gibbons
Nancy H. Henry
Frederick W. Jones
Joseph T. Jurkows短, Jr.
Michael L. Katz
David T. Knight
Judith M. Korchin
James L. Main

Class of 1974
Class Total: $111,314.96
No. in Class: 295
Participation: 18%

Founders Society — Silver
Kitty Phillips

Partners
John W. Campbell*
Jeffrey A. Hirsch
John A. Shipley III

Associates
Ronald A. David
R. Duke Woodson

Trusler Society
Barry A. Abbott
James B. Barnes
Bernard A. Barton, Jr.
James R. Chandler III*

Law school gives me the power to:
Become involved in the future of environmental policy making.

This scholarship has enabled me to:
Focus on extracurricular activities, such as co-chairing the Public Interest Environmental Conference, during my legal education.

Upon graduation, I hope to:
Practice environmental law for a governmental agency such as the EPA.

How I plan to give back:
I plan to work to increase environmental awareness and the public’s participation in the environmental policymaking process.

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Gregg D. Thomas
James L. George
W. Michael Clifford
Associates

R. Vinson Barrett*
Partners

M. Therese Vento
Peter M. MacNamara

Barristers

Participation: 13%

No. in Class: 365

Class of 1975

Class Total: $42,966.00

Enrichment Society

Tito S. Smith
James B. Tilghman
John M. Welch, Jr.
Terry A. Wax
Emmett J. White
Terry A. Wex

Participation: 14%

No. in Class: 365

Class Total: $42,966.00

Barristers

Participation: 13%

No. in Class: 386

Class of 1976

Class Total: $42,966.00

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Kenneth M. Sigelman
Hans G. Tanzler III

Partners

Participation: 13%

No. in Class: 386

Class Total: $11,015.00

Barristers

Participation: 13%

No. in Class: 324

Class of 1977

Enrichment Society

Joseph L. Ackerman
Annabel L. Albin
Michael R. Aronson

Partners

Participation: 13%

No. in Class: 324

Class Total: $23,394.38

Partners

Participation: 16%

No. in Class: 329

Class of 1978

Class Total: $30,211.60

Enrichment Society

R. Gene Aldridge
John Stephen Alexander
Jacqueline Allee

Partners

Participation: 18%

No. in Class: 375

Class Total: $30,211.60

Enrichment Society

R. Gene Aldridge

Partners

Participation: 18%

No. in Class: 375

Class Total: $30,211.60

Enrichment Society

R. Gene Aldridge

Partners

Participation: 18%

No. in Class: 375

Class Total: $30,211.60

Enrichment Society
Robert S. Hoofman
Neisen O. Kasdin
Michael J. Korn
Rudi Larracuente
David M. Layman
Jacqueline S. Miller
Patrick M. O’Hara
Lindy L. Paull
Stephen R. Phillips
David S. Pressly
Stephan G. Prom
Robert O. Sammons
Harold G. Schenker
Pamela A. Schneider

Class of 1979
Class Total: $23,394.38
No. in Class: 329
Participation: 16%

Enrichment Society
Liana Carmina Silsby
A. Russell Smith
Scott A. Specht
Richard E. Stadler
Timon V. Sullivan
Robert A. Sweetapple
Robert W. Wattwood
Gail I. Winson

Class of 1980
Class Total: $1,762,205.00
No. in Class: 360
Participation: 13%

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Mary Lou D. Dasburg

Associates
Rob Webb
Evan J. Yegelwel

Trusler Society
Mark S. Peters
Charles M. Rand*

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Bruce A. Arrick
Pamela J. Bernard
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Frederick C. Craig, Jr.
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Byron E. Townsend
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C. Douglas Wingate
Jan A. Yelen

Class of 1981
Class Total: $31,200.00
No. in Class: 383
Participation: 15%

Barristers
Leslie S. Haswell
Chris M. Limberopoulos

Partners
Jeffrey D. Feldman
Kenneth R. Johnson*
Kimberly L. Johnson*

Trusler Society
Kenneth C. Johnson
Randolph A. Marks*
Michael D. Minton
David H. Vickrey*
Patricia A. Willing

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Law school gives me the power to:
Effectively explore new concepts and meet a diverse range of challenges. Law classes do more for students than simply teaching the primary principles of an area of law. Classes also facilitate the development of creative analytical thinking. The ability to effectively evaluate a problem from many different angles is a tool students can employ to help overcome almost any test life or the law puts before them.

This scholarship has enabled me to:
Pursue my education in academic areas that are critically relevant to nearly every aspect of American life. I believe my legal education has given me a greater understanding of the intricacies of government and the mechanisms for change. Truly understanding an area of law that governs my interests allows me to participate in those fields in a deep and meaningful way.

Upon graduation I hope to:
Work in the field of entertainment, arts and sports law. Music has always been a passion of mine. In the future, I would like to start my own record label.

How I plan to give back:
After graduation I would like to help UF students explore the many exciting opportunities available to them in intellectual property law. Additionally, I would like to work to provide free music education for underprivileged kids.

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Participation: 15%

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Vicki L. Stolberg
Gary L. Summers
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Wallace C. Von Arx III
Ronald W. Wells
Matthew B. Wheelely
J. Mason Williams III

Class of 1982
Class Total: $30,630.90
No. in Class: 402
Participation: 14%

Enrichment Society
Robert V. Potter, Jr.
Neil A. Roddenbery
Paul D. Scala
Edward T. Stockbridge
R. Dennis Tweed
Mark J. Wolfson

Class of 1983
Class Total: $31,680.00
No. in Class: 338
Participation: 14%

Enrichment Society
James R. Wiley

Class of 1984
Class Total: $9,460.00
No. in Class: 324
Participation: 10%

Partners
Bill Bone*

Trusler Society
Allen N. Jeiks, Jr.
James H. Shimberg Jr.

Class of 1985
Class Total: $18,447.39
No. in Class: 394
Participation: 11%

Partners
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Douglas A. Wright

Trusler Society
Nancy K. Condron
Trusler Society
Kimbel L. Merlin

Enrichment Society
J. Parker Ailstock
Thomas T. Ankersen
J. Parker Ailstock

Class of 1986
Class Total: $41,725.00
No. in Class: 364
Participation: 13%

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Ross M. Goodman
William J. Schifino, Jr.

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Amelia M. Campbell
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Brenna M. Durden
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Class of 1987
Class Total: $11,080.00
No. in Class: 378
Participation: 10%

Associates
Juliet M. Roulhac

Trusler Society
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Enrichment Society

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Class of 1988
Class Total: $12,808.45
No. in Class: 365
Participation: 10%

Associates
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Enrichment Society

Class of 1989
Class Total: $10,095.00
No. in Class: 356
Participation: 11%

Associates
John T. Rogerson III*

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Class of 1990
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No. in Class: 381
Participation: 10%

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Class of 1993
Class Total: $14,493.63
No. in Class: 406
Participation: 11%

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Class of 1995
Class Total: $11,136.64
No. in Class: 382
Participation: 14%

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Class Total: $4,870.00
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Class Total: $9,764.95
No. in Class: 372
Participation: 10%

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Class of 1975
Class Total: $7,600.00
No. in Class: 39
Participation: 26%

Trusler Society
Dennis A. Caffee
Lee J. Dixon II
Robert E. Glennon, Jr.
K. Lawrence Gragg

Enrichment Society
Russell N. Brahm III
Harry S. Colburn, Jr.
David M. Hudson
H. Wynne James

Class of 1976
Class Total: $4,250.00
No. in Class: 42
Participation: 17%

Associates
Peter J. Losavio, Jr.

Trusler Society
Bernard A. Barton, Jr.
James B. O’Neal

Enrichment Society
Jack A. Levine
R. Neal Manners
Robert A. Pierce
Ronald L. Rowland

Class of 1977
Class Total: $18,000.00
No. in Class: 39
Participation: 13%

Barristers
Peter M. MacNamara

Partners
Philip B. Barr, Jr.

Enrichment Society
John J. Collins, Jr.
Hans G. Tanzler III
James A. Watson

Class of 1978
Class Total: $3,700.00
No. in Class: 69
Participation: 13%

Trusler Society
William A. Boyles

Enrichment Society
Patrick Thomas Deren
Paul D. Fitzpatrick
Glenda H. Gallagher-Ekasala
Don H. Goode
Frank J. Hammond III
James D. Pobjecky
Susan Slagle, PA.

Class of 1979
Class Total: $1,400.00
No. in Class: 46
Participation: 22%

Enrichment Society
Cheryl L. Gordon
Jonathan C. Gordon
Laurence C. Hames
C. Gray Johnsey
Steven C. Lee
William J. Lindsay, Jr.
Shirley W. Ovletrea
Dennis H. Sabourin

Class of 1980
Class Total: $5,375.00
No. in Class: 48
Participation: 21%

Trusler Society
Peter T. Kirkwood
Brian M. O’Connell

Enrichment Society
Harris H. Barnes III, Esq.
Gerald R. Kleede
Charles I. Nash
Lindy L. Paull
Mark O. Scioscia

Class of 1981
Class Total: $3,025.00
No. in Class: 67
Participation: 25%

Enrichment Society
Earl H. Archer III
Michael S. Hawley
Jennifer C. Hepler
Paul R. Jackson
William R, Lane, Jr.
James L. Leet
Patrick J. McGowan
Robert O. Middleton
Daniel C. Re
Randolph J. Rush
Gerald F. Stack
Harry B. Stackhouse
Anton H. Zidansek

Class of 1982
Class Total: $3,300.00
No. in Class: 62
Participation: 15%

Trusler Society
Michael D. Minton
Patricia A. Willing

Enrichment Society
Douglas A. Wright

Class of 1983
Class Total: $8,600.00
No. in Class: 60
Participation: 28%

Partners
R. Lawrence Heinkel*

Enrichment Society
John N. Giordano
John A. Hirschy

Class of 1984
Class Total: $1,975.00
No. in Class: 74
Participation: 11%

Trusler Society
Max K. Boyer
John M. Farris
Linda S. Griffin
Jonathan L. Hay
Robert J. Onda
R. Dennis Tweed

Class of 1985
Class Total: $2,535.00
No. in Class: 74
Participation: 14%

Associates
W. Michael Clifford

Enrichment Society
Hamden H. Baskin III
Christopher A. Detzel
John E. Knight III
Stephen R. Looney
Richard Paladino
Lawrence S. Ribler

Class of 1986
Class Total: $1,350.00
No. in Class: 49
Participation: 8%

Trusler Society
J. Carter Perkins, Sr.*

Enrichment Society
David P. Webb
Eric J. Zinn

Class of 1987
Class Total: $2,745.00
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 17%

Partners
Douglas A. Wright

Enrichment Society
Shawn M. Flanagan
James W. Goodwin II
Scott E. Hunt
Lisa S. Odom

Partners
R. Lawrence Heinkel*
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### Tributes

The following individuals were recognized with a tribute gift as a way of recognizing special occasions, achievements or events:

- In honor of Derrick Valkenburg
- Christine Grazzini
- Jose E. & Joanne M. Quinones
- T. Cobb
- Thomas C. Cobb
- PAC by Patricia Barksdale
- CSX Corp.

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- Dade County & Estates and Trusts Alumni Reception
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- Alachua and Marion Counties Alumni Reception
  Jan. 26, 2006, Gainesville

- Music Law Conference
  Feb. 4, 2006, Levin College of Law, Gainesville

  Feb. 3-4, 2006, Levin College of Law, Gainesville. For more information: www.centerforinformationresearch.org

- Black Law Students Association, W. George Allen Chapter, Reunion Weekend
  Feb. 24 and 25, Gainesville

- Public Interest Environmental Conference
  February 2006, University of Florida J. Wayne Reitz Union, Gainesville. Organized by the Environmental and Land Use Law Society

- Fifth Annual Conference of the Center on Children and Families, “Bridges to Excellence: Building and Sustaining Multidisciplinary Collaboratives for Children”
  March 31-April 1, 2006. Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, and Levin College of Law, Gainesville

- 5th Annual Law and Technology Conference
  March 2006, Orlando. For more information: Barbara DeVoe, 352-273-0615, or devoe@law.ufl.edu

- Seventh Annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas
  May 2006, Lima, Peru. Organized by Center for Governmental Responsibility. To register or for information: Lenny Kennedy, 352-273-0839 or kennedy@law.ufl.edu

- Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations Spring Lecture
  Spring 2006, Gainesville. Organized by Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations. For more information: www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/

- Florida Bar Convention Alumni Reception
  June 2006, Boca Raton
The Majesty of the Law

During the five years I have had the pleasure to serve as the manager of fundraising and alumni programs, I have marveled at the level of enthusiasm our athletic programs generate among our alumni and friends. Whether we are beating FSU on the sacred Bobby Bowden field, dunking our way to the NCAA basketball tournament, or taking the train to Omaha to compete in the College World Series, Gator fans wear their pride on orange and blue sleeves.

What would it take to create that same level of pride among our law alumni about their law school? On September 9, 2005, this question was answered with irrefutable evidence. Pride spilled into satisfaction and honor as guests absorbed the significance of the celebration.

All law classes were postponed and time paused long enough to mark a milestone. From 8 a.m. until 9 p.m., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O’Connor set aside the mourning of her close friend and colleague, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, and immersed herself in the Gator Law Nation.

Justice O’Connor had breakfast with our faculty, gave a stirring lecture to our students, and addressed our alumni, friends and university dignitaries during the dedication ceremony. She also dedicated the new office space for our Center on Children and Families and had dinner with 600 building donors and their guests at a formal banquet in the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

In her book, *The Majesty of the Law*, Justice O’Connor writes, “A commitment of a nation to the basic concepts of democracy, of individual liberty, of fairness to all people — women as well as men — depends at bottom on custom, tradition, and the efforts of millions of ordinary citizens. No matter how grand the principles set forth in our constitutions and laws are, we as citizens must be committed to working together to achieve our goals and to make them work in practice.”

If so much is expected of each citizen, how much more is expected from lawyers, who are the voice of citizens in our courts? Lawyers serve as the legal guardians of all of our rights. Without lawyers to provide the link between the citizens and the constitution, our freedoms are left gasping for life.

You are a card-carrying member of the legal profession. You pay your annual dues to The Florida Bar or another statewide association and, it is hoped, you maintain membership in the local Bar association and American Bar Association. Paying your dues to your professional association is a prerequisite before you may practice.

We believe a contribution to the annual fund repays those who supported you during your legal education and provides an avenue for you to walk with those who will come after you to experience the majesty of the law.

The nobility of this profession cannot be experienced if its values are not shared. We encourage you to share your pride with the college and join the legal educators who are converting students into knights.
Art on Campus

A set of new sculptures — which can be used as seating and have the look of natural rock formations — were installed at the entrance to the law school’s newly remodeled campus. Funded through the Art in State Buildings Program, the sculptures were designed by Vermont artist Jim Cole, who is on the faculty of Rhode Island School of Design. For more information visit www.law.ufl.edu.