JUSTICE GINSBURG HONORS HER FRIEND
Chesterfield Smith
Inspiring Students to “Be Somebody”

As plans were being made for Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s visit to the law school, third-year student Will Sexton (at right) sent me an e-mail expressing his excitement about her visit. He told me about a letter he had written to Justice Ginsburg in the ninth grade as part of an American Government class assignment.

She sent him a personal response, which included the challenge to “think of your children and grandchildren to come, and do your part to make society as you would want it to be for them.”

That experience became a turning point in Will’s life, and today he does have plans to make society better, just like another law student who graduated almost 60 years ago. This is the Florida alumnus Justice Ginsburg came to campus to honor on September 21. She wanted to assist us in paying tribute to Chesterfield Smith (JD 48), one of our most important alumni, one of the legal profession’s greatest leaders, one of the nation’s greatest citizen-lawyers and one of the greatest role models for our students to be found anywhere.

Justice Ginsburg felt strongly about being part of the dedication of the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom. The classroom completes the construction and renovation project we dedicated in ceremonies one year ago. As was the case then, this much-needed facility would not have been possible without the support of those who understand the critical need for private funding. We are most grateful to our friends at Holland & Knight, and all the other donors, who have made it possible for Chesterfield Smith’s legacy to have a permanent home here.

Much more will happen in this room than the education of students in substantive law, which itself is a very important contribution.

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This is a room where every student will have at least one class. It is the room where trial team competitions, symposia and conferences will be held. In September, the university’s Constitution Day celebration was held here and in October the Florida Supreme Court presided over the Final Four moot court competition.

Students also will get to know Chesterfield Smith through the exhibit that highlights his life’s accomplishments. I have no doubt they will be inspired. Students like Will Sexton — who graduates in December to practice environmental and land use law — will have the opportunity to embrace the professionalism Chesterfield never compromised. They will learn values and skills that will enable them to assume positions of leadership in our communities, state and nation and, as Chesterfield challenges all of us, learn to “do good.”
Will Sexton being introduced by Dean Jerry to Justice Ginsburg
Research Spurs Congress to Pass Legislation to Protect Military Families

A study co-authored by a UF law professor recently helped spur the U.S. Congress to pass legislation protecting military families from predatory lenders who charge interest rates that can reach well into the triple digits.

The study, co-authored by UF Associate Professor Christopher L. Peterson and Steven M. Graves, an assistant professor of geography at California State University, surveyed more than 13,000 zip codes and found that payday loan companies clustered in areas near military bases.

The findings were referred to in a report by the Pentagon, and in September Peterson testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. As a result, Congress agreed to legislation prohibiting lenders from imposing an interest rate of more than 36 percent on loans to members of the armed forces or their dependents.

“It’s just fantastic,” Peterson said. “It’s probably the most consumer-friendly legislation Congress has passed in a generation.”

Congress may have been moved, he said, by the irony of claiming to support the troops while at the same time allowing them to be preyed upon by the predatory lending practices of the payday loan companies. Payday loans are high-interest loans intended to tide the borrower over to his next paycheck. If the borrower doesn’t have enough money in the bank when the loan is due, he can refinance by borrowing more money on the same terms. The annual interest rate of such a loan can easily go to 450 percent or higher.

Peterson said he hopes the limits placed on loans to military families can someday be made on loans to civilians as well. “These kinds of loans are being made to people from all walks of life,” Peterson said. “If it’s good for military service members, it ought to be good for everybody else, too. Nevertheless, I think this is a step in the right direction and something to build upon.”

Peterson has been studying predatory lending for years and is the author of Taming the Sharks: Towards a Cure for the High Cost Credit Market, which received the American College of Consumer Financial Services Attorneys’ Best Book of the Year Award for 2004.

“I got into this business thinking I wanted to make a difference, and then I realized that’s completely a pipe dream,” Peterson said. “But I think we actually made a difference on this one. We kind of helped this happen.”

Law Students Holding Court

There are about 50,000 students on the UF campus. When some of them get into trouble, they may end up in the Student Honor Court, which is comprised of 20 law students. Officers of the court are (from left) row one, Vice Chancellor Will Sexton (3L) and Attorney General Adam Mait (3L); row two, Chief of Staff Ronny Edwards (2L) and Chief Defense Council Tim McCourt (3L); row three, Charles Hart (3L) and Chancellor Alex Hadjilogiou (2L). As part of Student Government’s judicial branch, the officers hear academic dishonesty complaints and serve as advisers to students accused of DUI and other campus violations.
Get Involved by Mentoring a Minority Law Student

All law students find it helpful to develop relationships with lawyers and judges, but minority law students, who are historically disadvantaged in higher education, can benefit immeasurably by cultivating these relationships early on. It is a primary reason alumni are stepping forward to serve as mentors for minority students at the Levin College of Law.

Minority students and lawyers meet at events like the Third Annual Minority Mentoring Picnic in October in Hialeah, which brought together students from all Florida law schools and potential mentors. To promote diversity in the legal profession, the law firm of Ruden McClosky sponsored a 55-passenger bus to transport UF Law students to the event.

All minority students — including, but not limited to black, Hispanic, Caribbean, Asian, women, law students with disabilities, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning students — were invited. Many federal and state judges, including Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince, attended.

Anyone can sign up to be a mentor, and more are still needed for the Minority Mentor Program. For information, contact Jessie Howell Wallace, director of the Center for Career Services, at (352) 273-0860 or howellje@law.ufl.edu.

Former Peruvian Ombudsman Receives Jon Mills Award at UF Conference

Jorge Santistevan de Noriega, the human rights activist who became the first person to hold the position of Human Rights Ombudsman in the government of Peru, received the Jon Mills Award at UF Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility’s Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in Lima, Peru, in May 2006. Santistevan, a visiting professor at UF in January, paved the way for other emerging democracies, many of which have since created an ombudsman position.

The annual conference brings together attorneys, judges, policy makers and members of the business and academic community to discuss the rule of law and justice reform throughout the Americas. This year, conference participants — including Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo and U.S. Ambassador to Peru J. Curtis Struble — focused on the need to reform the Peruvian justice system.

Eliezer Rivlin, deputy president of the Supreme Court of Israel, arrived at the Levin College of Law in October as a visiting lecturer in the Comparative Litigation Foreign Enrichment course. Rivlin is a seventh-generation Israeli, has a master’s degree in law from Tel Aviv University, and specializes in torts, constitutional law, economic law, and freedom of expression.

2007 EVENTS

All events at Levin College of Law unless otherwise noted

Jan. 18: Florida Bar Mid-Year Alumni Reception, Miami Hyatt Regency
Jan. 23: “Privacy Law: Perspectives of National Security, the First Amendment, the Media, and the Individual” Symposium
Jan. 26: UF Latin American Business Symposium and Career Workshop, Emerson Alumni Hall. Meredith Fensom, fensom@law.ufl.edu
Feb. 2: Sixth Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium
LCA Board of Trustees Meeting, Jacksonville
Feb. 10: Fifth Annual UF Music Law Conference
March 23: Dunwody Lecture with speaker Rosemary Barkett, U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge
March 30: Professionalism Symposium, in partnership with the Eighth Judicial Circuit
April 3: Center for the Study of Race & Race Relations Lecture
April 11-12: Eighth Annual Conference on Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas, Gainesville
April 13: Spring Book Award Ceremony
April 14: LCA Board of Trustees and Alumni Council Meetings
May 11: Law School Commencement
June 27-30: Florida Bar Alumni Reception, Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando
The new associate dean for faculty development is Professor Christine Klein. Rachel E. Inman has been named the new associate dean for students. Inman comes to UF Law from the University of Tennessee, where she earned her J.D. and served in several roles. Inman’s arrival allows Associate Dean Gail Sasnett to focus on special projects and assist with the transition in the year before her retirement. UF continues to rank among the top law schools in the country for Hispanics, according to the September issue of Hispanic Business, which placed UF Law seventh in the magazine’s annual rankings. UF’s branch of the International Law Society has been recognized as the most outstanding of the group’s 200 chapters worldwide. The UF chapter also won the group’s award for Best Speaker and Best International Event. It hosts speakers from around the world, who address topics of historic importance. The Graduate Tax Program has once again been ranked second in the nation — with only New York University ranking higher — and the Environmental and Land Use Law Program was ranked 12th — fifth among public law schools — in U.S. News and World Report’s annual rankings of the nation’s best graduate schools. UF’s law school was ranked No. 41 overall, and 18th among publics. Thomas Hurst, Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar, was elected Professor of the Year by law students participating in John Marshall Bar Association elections. The college has accepted an invitation to participate in the Teach for America program to build a “highly selective national corps of outstanding recent college graduates —of all academic majors and career interests — who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools in our nation’s lowest-income communities and become lifelong leaders for expanding educational opportunity.” At present, 31 law schools participate in the program, including Columbia, Cornell, Michigan, Northwestern, Virginia, Stanford, Penn, Texas, Cal-Berkeley, Harvard, Yale and NYU.

The Gift of Art

The bare walls of the renovated faculty lounge have been enhanced recently with striking artwork, including (right) Margaret Ross Tolbert’s “Springs of Justice,” which was donated by Nathan Collier (JD 82), and Dr. Kenneth and Linda McGurn (JD 78). Well-known artist Arnold Mesches also loaned a piece from his famous series of paintings. New artwork was also hung throughout the library. Steven E. Martin (06) loaned a painting by Man Ray, as well as several photographic prints by UF Professor Emeritus Jerry Uelsmann.

IRS Chief Counsel Describes a Tax Lawyer’s Dream Job

As a tax lawyer, Donald Korb says, it just doesn’t get any better than being chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service. Korb presented a lecture on “Providing Tax Advice in a Changed Law Enforcement Environment” to a packed student audience in October as part of the Graduate Tax Enrichment Series.
fter 35 years in the U.S. State Department, Victor Comras (JD 66) had decided to retire. He had been a witness to history, experiencing his share of tremendous satisfaction as well as terrible frustration. The time had come, he thought, to call it a career.

It was August 2001. A month later, Comras was in Washington, D.C., and witnessed the horrors of Sept. 11th unfold on television. So much for retirement.

The following spring, he was called by the United Nations and was subsequently appointed by Secretary General Kofi Annan to serve as one of five international monitors working under Security Council Resolution 1267 to see what countries were actually doing to impose U.N. Security Council measures against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. It was just one of the post-9/11 actions put in place as part of a new U.N. sanctions program against Al-Qaeda. Armed with the knowledge and experience developed over four decades of service to his country, Comras continues to try to defeat an enemy that is ever more difficult to track.

“We are facing increasing challenges,” says Comras, “and when it comes to the issue of terrorism and terrorism financing, we have kind of a simplistic view of that world.”

Al-Qaeda as the world knew it five years ago has changed, fracturing into a thousand different kinds of cells. It’s something more than was initially thought, he says.

“Its theology, if I can use that word, or philosophy or approach has been taken up by so many fundamentalist Islamist groups,” says Comras, who is now “semi-retired,” working as an attorney with the Eren law firm in Washington, D.C., and as an independent consultant.

Efforts to stop Al-Qaeda and those who help fund it are complicated by a lack of consensus on the definition of terrorism and who are terrorists, Comras says. For example, for most Americans it is very clear that groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, which have gained some prominence in the Middle East conflict, are terrorist groups. “But that view is still not shared by a good part of the world, including many of our European friends,” he says. “So it’s hard to deal with it.”

Still, a great number of steps have been taken to deal with terrorism financing, money laundering, and other criminal activity related to international financing.

“We’ve come a heck of a long way, but we still have a long way to go,” Comras says. “We’ve done a good job of putting in place structures to deal with terrorism financing and other illegal financial activity. But the international community still doesn’t have a credible strategy to deal with terrorism financing.”

Victor Comras has helped shape national policy on key issues of our time
Comras, meanwhile, has gone on the offensive through his computer keyboard, banging out articles on various international issues for The Washington Post, The Financial Times, and other publications, as well as a chapter on Al-Qaeda financing for a book being published this fall. He has been concentrating some of his writing efforts on the serious problems that remain in the international arena in dealing with the terrorism financing issues and the failure to put the major financiers out of business. In his June 2005 op-ed in The Washington Post, “Following Terrorists’ Money,” Comras wrote that there was reason to question the Bush administration’s assertions that Al-Qaeda was weakened and was forced to cut its expenditures.

“While the fight against terrorism has benefited from increased intelligence, this effort has not been enough to cut off Al-Qaeda’s financing or to put its financial supporters out of business,” he wrote. “Turning intelligence into actionable evidence for civil designation or criminal prosecutions has proved exceedingly difficult. There are heavy constraints on sharing intelligence and, even when it is shared with investigators, special efforts are required to come up with open-source evidence that can confirm the intelligence and stand up in court.”

In June 2006, a series of articles in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The Los Angeles Times revealed a secret Bush administration program, initiated weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, allowed counterterrorism officials to gain access to financial records from a vast international database and examine banking transactions involving thousands of Americans and others in the United States. The articles on the Society of Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) drew harsh criticism from Republicans and conservatives, including strategic export control policies during the height of the Cold War, and eventually oversaw the mission to open the first U.S. Embassy in Macedonia. Perhaps the crowning achievement of his career came in the 1990s when he helped bring down Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic during the Kosovo War.

Milosevic, one of the key figures in the Yugoslav wars during the 1990s and Kosovo War in 1999, was indicted in May 1999 by the U.N.’s International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for crimes against humanity in Kosovo. In the wake of demonstrations following the disputed presidential election of October 2000, he conceded defeat and resigned, and less than a year later was extradited to stand trial in The Hague.

“I was asked by Secretary of State Madeline Albright to put together an international sanctions program,” he recalls. “At this time we didn’t have a U.N. resolution working with our European allies that could have an impact on Serbia and help to convince the Serbian people they needed to get rid of Slobo, and at the same time take steps that could weaken financially those key support elements that sustained Slob in power. We were effective and eventually Slobodan Milosevic was overturned and was turned over to The Hague.”

It stands out as one of the high points in Comras’ career. Milosevic, who suffered from chronic ailments, died in March 2006 of a heart attack before his trial had concluded.

“One never hopes for those kinds of things to happen to anyone, but it couldn’t happen to a nicer guy,” Comras says sarcastically about Milosevic’s death. “I’ll leave to his maker any final judgments about his actions during his lifetime, but if any one man could be held responsible for the tragedies that occurred in the Balkans and particularly in the break up of Yugoslavia, I think he would stand up as the man most responsible.”

One colleague who worked with Comras during that time was Leon Fuerth, who first met Comras in the early days of the Clinton administration when he was asked by the White House to take over general responsibility for enforcement of economic sanctions against Serbia. Comras, who was directing an interagency sanctions team operating out of the State Department, had already established mechanisms for enforcement in the U.S. gov-
ernment and internationally, Fuerth says, but the system needed a link to the White House to have the necessary political impact.

“Victor was a master of Washington and international maneuvers — a tremendously fertile source of new ideas, and endlessly energetic,” recalls Fuerth, a former national security adviser to Vice President Al Gore and now a research professor of international affairs at the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University. “Together, this team turned sanctions into a force that strongly influenced Milosevic to search for ways to come to terms with demands for an end to ethnic cleansing in Bosnia. It took force in the end, but we know the sanctions had a tremendous impact on his will to resist.”

Out of these daily contacts, the two men developed a friendship that has survived the end of the Clinton administration and Comras’ retirement from the Foreign Service, Fuerth says. “Victor was passionate about his work,” Fuerth says. “His approach to it proceeded from a deep moral determination to make sure ethnic cleansing would not succeed. This continued during his work at the U.N. on sanctions enforcement. He could be bureaucratically artful, but he could always be counted upon to tell truth to power. Personally very modest, he was impossible to intimidate when it came to his mission.”

Still, Comras’ career has not been without its share of disappointment. After initially making plans to retire in early 2001, Comras put those plans on hold when the Bush administration asked him to stay on to see what could be done to make sanctions on Iraq more effective. He led a team that recommended steps be taken to “put in place a more effective sanctions regime, to modernize it, and to target it.” It would become, Comras says, “a very frustrating experience.”

“I think at that time the administration simply lost interest in what we were trying to do,” says Comras, who reflected on the experience in a Washington Post editorial. “At the time I suggested we were leaving ourselves no option but going to war, and I guess I was more prophetic than I would have ever wished to be. And of course, we all have seen what has transpired since. I’m no friend of Saddam Hussein or his regime. I think that getting rid of Saddam was and should have been one of our objectives. But I personally believe we went about it in a very clumsy manner.”

Those who know Comras are familiar with his degree of determination in doing things right. Stephen Powell, director of the International Trade Law Program at the Levin College of Law, has been friends with Comras since their days as UF Law students in the mid-1960s. He isn’t surprised at the impact Comras has had on U.S. foreign policy in the area of economic sanctions. Powell remembers Comras as someone who “never did anything halfway,” whether it was his law studies or playing handball at the courts that used to stand north of Florida Field.

“His commitment to justice and fair dealing was always strong,” Powell says of his old law school study partner. “Endlessly curious, he could be exasperating in his ‘what if’ scenarios about Vietnam, other world issues, or the rule against perpetuities. The conversation, whether with me or a professor in class, couldn’t end until we had come up with a rational explanation or solution.”

Comras says his interest in joining the Foreign Service stretches back almost as far as he can remember. From the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, where he earned his undergraduate degree in international affairs, to law school at UF, and onto a professional life that has taken him to virtually every corner of the globe, including Africa and Europe, his path has always been interesting.

“I have had a fascinating and varied career,” he says. “I used to tell some of my students when I taught for a while as a diplomat-in-residence that it gave me an opportunity to have a front row on history. I have found my career in the state department over 35 years to be very fulfilling and can look back and say I enjoyed it and was glad that I had that opportunity to serve.”
He did

GOOD

Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom dedicated by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, family and friends

BY KATHY FLEMING

On that particular Sunday afternoon, Chesterfield Smith (JD 48) sat in the windy stands of Soldier Field, watching the Chicago Bears take on the Boston Patriots. But his mind was 700 miles away, deep inside the Oval Office.

What could President Richard Nixon possibly be thinking? In the span of a few hours the day before, Nixon had fired the Watergate special prosecutor and accepted the resignation of the attorney general and deputy attorney general in a desperate attempt to buck the judiciary branch on the issue of the White House tapes. Political leaders and followers alike were dismayed.

“Meet me down at the taxi line. We are going out to the ABA,” he said to Bill McBride (JD 75), his young protégé, midway through the game.

The 56-year-old “country lawyer,” as he liked to call himself, had been president of one of the most powerful organizations in the country for less than six weeks. Typically, the American Bar Association leadership would have spent weeks discussing this kind of hornet’s nest, but Smith was agitated and determined to do the right thing at the right time.

At the ABA offices, he and his staff started calling prominent attorneys around the country. There was no consensus, but he made up his mind quickly. Before midnight he issued a formal statement that included one ringing declaration: “No man is above the law.”

Smith’s early voice of leadership on October 21, 1973, and subsequent outspokenness in speeches, media interviews and congressional committees calling for impeachment altered history by becoming a catalyst in the president’s ultimate resignation.

Being at the forefront with freethinking views long before they were mainstream was central to Smith’s idea of doing the right thing, and it was a trait that served him and the nation well over the course of half a century. Upon his death in 2003, he left behind a legacy of historic accomplishment.

However, for the more than 300 family members, colleagues and donors — including good friend and U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg — who came to campus in late September to dedicate the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom, there was much more to this larger-than-life UF law graduate.
Smith testifies about Watergate before a Congressional committee.
Smith was remembered affectionately throughout the day as a man who had an unconditional love of the law, lawyers, his law school and the firm he helped found and grow into one of the largest in the country, Holland & Knight. It was a collective effort by 400 colleagues and friends, funded through Holland & Knight’s Charitable Foundation, that made possible the college’s largest classroom, used as the primary location for conferences, workshops and special events.

The elegant lobby and classroom feature an exhibit (see www.law.ufl.edu/news/current/dedication.shtml) that illustrates Smith’s rise from the small Central Florida town of Arcadia to national prominence. At various points in his career, U.S. News and World Report listed him among the nation’s 60 most influential people in a “Who Runs America” article, and a Time magazine essay included him in a listing of 35 “non-candidates” qualified for the presidency. Tom Brokow devoted a chapter to him in his best-seller, The Greatest Generation.

Smith’s bold leadership style enabled him, as Florida Bar president in 1964, to establish much needed uniform rules of procedure in Florida courts, raise money for a new building and locate The Florida Bar Center in the seat of the state’s government.

As chairman of the Constitution Revision Commission in 1965, he devoted most of his time to the unpaid task of leading 36 distinguished members to scrap Florida’s antiquated 1885 charter. He vigorously stumped the state to secure passage in 1968 of a modern but controversial constitution that established numerous visionary concepts still in force today. The segregationist doctrine was stricken, the Bill of Rights was expanded, and cities and counties were empowered with home rule. The one man, one vote system was implemented, along with a periodic citizens’ review of the constitution. He went on to serve on or chair numerous commissions state and nationwide.

It was his unselfish investment in people that won him legions of loyal admirers. In the early 1950s, he was outspoken against racial segregation and unfair discrimination, particularly against the deprived and disabled. He was among the first to welcome and nurture minorities and women in his law firm. He supported black judges and argued for gay and lesbian rights.

“I held in highest esteem and deepest affection the man whose name this classroom now bears,” said Ginsburg, who called Smith a “way paver” in her remarks before the group.

When Ginsburg first met Smith in 1972 at an ABA committee meeting, she said she and her colleagues thought of their president-elect “as somewhat of an enfant terrible. Later I came to appreciate that Chesterfield’s provocative style suited his purpose. He was never satisfied in the status quo if there was room for improvement. His uninhibited questions and comments stirred us up to better effort.”

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“do good” and “be somebody.”
She noted that many lawyers are cautious by nature and tend to keep clients safe by avoiding things yet untried.

“Chesterfield was not of that stripe. He was instead a most positive ‘yes’ person,” she said. “If asked, ‘can we do this or that,’ Chesterfield would invariably say, ‘Yes, we can, but with one large proviso. This or that must be the right thing to do.’”

Smith, who was on a first name basis with several Supreme Court justices, didn’t hesitate to write letters to President Bill Clinton and key U.S. senators in support of Ginsburg’s nomination to the bench. She appreciated his gestures and responded with a hand-written note he kept in files: “All my life I will try to be the person you described. With so much appreciation, Ruth.”

Martha Barnett (JD 73), as the first woman hired at Holland & Knight and later an ABA president, said her mentor saw things others did not and had the courage to shape the future.

“He lived long enough to see many of his visionary ideas become a reality — ideas such as diversity, specialization, billable hours, institutionalized pro bono and global offices connected by technology. All are commonplace concepts today, but in his time, they were radical and risky,” said Barnett, chair of the Director Committee at Holland & Knight.

Smith was remembered as an exuberant, warm man who would call protégés “his girls” and “his boys,” and they were not offended, but proud. He loved to be the center of attention and more often than not had an eclectic group of smart professionals — from national leaders to junior partners — at his dinner table, where he would initiate a lively discussion about a complicated issue of the day. He passionately campaigned for lawyers throughout the nation to provide pro bono services to those in need. He changed people’s lives and constantly challenged them to “do good” and “be somebody.”

Howell Melton Jr., managing partner of Holland & Knight, noted Smith would have loved “his” ceremonial classroom at the University of Florida. It is the place where Smith, who came to law school as a returning World War II veteran, discovered a love of the law and received what he called “the broad and profound education in the law necessary to become a great lawyer.”

Family members and colleagues all agreed the man being honored would have taken immense pleasure in the dedication festivities.

“One of our partners recently said that Chesterfield Smith was the only person he had ever met who had lived up to his reputation,” Barnett said. “He was a living legend and now — thanks to all of you and to so many others who could not be here today — we are part of something bigger than any one of us — and we have this vibrant, exciting and living place to continue his legacy and to continue to inspire those who walk through these doors to greatness.”

[At top, from left] Martha Barnett (JD 73) with Smith’s widow, Jackie Allee Smith (JD 78). (Second from top) Guest Mary Jane Fuller views the new exhibit about Smith’s life. (Third) Rhoda Smith Kibler and Chesterfield “Chet” Smith Jr., Smith’s children. (Bottom, from left) Ginsburg swears in three new Holland & Knight lawyers at the dedication luncheon, including Georgianna Gaines, a Harvard grad, and Sarah Stoddard-Toppi. (PHOTOS BY KRISTEN HINES)
Across the world, committed UF alumni provide powerful services to those without power.
When Rick Parker (JD 72) introduces himself, he always says, “I work at the Public Defender’s Office.” It never occurs to him to say he is the Public Defender for the Eighth Circuit.

He works out of cramped offices built in 1888 and has the responsibility of defending almost 20,000 accused indigent residents in six North Central Florida counties. In his spare time, he has amassed a better coaching record than Steve Spurrier in his six years of coaching Pop Warner football (51-8), and now he is the “white hat” referee on football fields from Gainesville to the Georgia border. He is a lecturer at the law school and has served as president of the Florida Public Defender Association four times.

As his wife likes to say, 31 years ago he left a lucrative private practice law firm in Miami, where he had the potential to own a yacht, to move to Gainesville and own a canoe. She is tremendously proud of him.

Rick Parker is just one of hundreds, if not thousands, of UF Law’s 17,000 alumni who serve the public and their interests … social justice, children’s rights, environmental protection, advocacy for low-income people, immigration rights, fair housing, civil liberties, the list goes on and on.

From day one, UF Law encourages students to address the need for equal access to justice by creating opportunities for public interest and pro bono work. For instance, after the first week of classes, students are expected to spend the weekend helping at a prearranged activity such as painting a Habitat for Humanity house. Over the course of three years guest speakers, conferences, internships and ongoing community and pro bono services (such as the volunteer income tax assistance and school mentoring programs) strengthen the habit of undertaking endeavors that truly, as cliché as it may sound, make a difference.

Once out in the working world, with huge school loans to be repaid and families to raise, UF Law alumni provide powerful services for those without power. They work for the government, represent clients at legal aid societies, lobby Congress for non-profit organizations, serve as in-house counsel for grassroots organizations, and more. They practice virtually every kind of law from criminal defense and prosecution, to administrative law, to creating policy and legislation, and even civil litigation.

They are alumni like Kevin McCarty (JD 84), Florida’s Insurance Commissioner, who is responsible for the regulation and oversight of more than 3,700 insurance entities. And Thomas Falkinburg (JD 93), a senior general attorney with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights in Atlanta, who watches over equal opportunities for students and employees of educational institutions. And Jeffrey Neiman (JD 01), a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice who recently indicted a $3 billion securities fraud case in Ohio.

As Andrew M. Fussner (JD 99), vice president of estate settlement for the American Heart Association, said, “I absolutely love my job. Not only do I get to go home at the end of every day knowing that I’m making a difference in the fight against our nation’s number one killer — heart disease and stroke — but I also get to handle some of the most interesting probate cases.”

Megan Wall (JD 91), managing attorney of St. Johns County Legal Aid, said she became a lawyer only because she would gain the tools to improve the lives of others. As someone who sees on a daily basis the overwhelming need for assistance and as head of the Pro Bono Program in St. Johns County, she requests that each lawyer in her county step forward in some way, whether it’s through pro bono or community service work.

“It’s up to every lawyer, not just those who work full-time in poverty law, to help others have access to justice. Lawyers have the keys to the courthouse, and no one can gain access without us,” she said. “Many drops fill the well.”

What follows is a glimpse into the lives of just a few of the UF Law men and women who chose public interest law as their life’s work.
As an attorney in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG), since graduating from UF Law, I have enjoyed my time immensely, but like everyone, I often find myself asking whether the grass is indeed greener on the other side of the fence.

I have wondered if I wouldn’t enjoy another sort of practice, in a stable location, with predictability and the possibility of greater pay. In fact, I’ve sometimes felt down-right envious of friends who have made partner in successful firms. I know they are doing great work and are assets to their communities, and I fear that I may be missing out somehow.

However, when I look at what I have experienced in the past 10 years, I have a hard time believing that I could find another legal job that would give me the same truly unique opportunities. My wife and I have had the chance to live in Panama for two years, where we could literally look out the window and see ships going through the locks of the Panama Canal; Puerto Rico for one year, where I had a chance to surf some famous “insider” surf spots; and Germany for three years, where we skied and snowboarded in the Alps and I watched Lance Armstrong win a couple of Tours de France as I sat in the back of my truck in the French countryside.

Professionally, I have served as a legal assistance attorney, administrative law attorney, labor counselor, prosecutor and defense counsel. I’ve been fortunate enough to handle a good number of trials for both the government and individual clients, including defending murder cases. While these opportunities have been rewarding, I didn’t realize what I truly value most about being an Army attorney until I had the opportunity to reflect upon my recent year-long deployment to Tikrit, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. During that time I was the principal legal adviser to an infantry commander, his staff and his subordinate commanders on issues pertaining to the law of war, rules of engagement, detainee operations and human rights matters. I also had the opportunity to work with governmental officials and judges from the Salah Ad Din Province to promote adherence to the rule of law and support functioning democratic institutions at the local and provincial levels.

Despite the fact that 14 to 16 hour non-stop days were the norm, the varied nature of my duties and sense of urgency, that only service in a combat zone can impart, caused time to simply fly by. One minute I would find myself sitting in the brigade’s Tactical Operations Center (TOC) intently monitoring live video footage from an unmanned aerial reconnaissance vehicle, and the next I would be loading into an armored vehicle with several of my paralegal-trained soldiers, headed for a meeting with a Provincial Judge. Sitting in those meetings, talking to Iraqi officials while sipping freshly-brewed Chai tea, I often thought, “what would Professor Winston Nagan (from my International Law class) think if he saw me now?” I know that he would relish that opportunity to sit in those meetings, and I like to think he also would be proud.

Looking back on my time in Iraq, it is clear to me that I remain an Army attorney because I am honored to work for our amazingly talented and dedicated soldiers. After seeing them in action, and seeing first-hand how they embody the term “selfless service,” I can’t imagine a more noble and worthwhile legal career.

I also realize I have come to love being an Army officer, a “soldier who happens to be a lawyer” and who has a sense of purpose. The pay is sufficient, and perks like living in Europe have been nice, but they aren’t enough to outweigh things like missing your son’s first birthday and being away from your family for a year.

I’ve realized that it comes down to people, pure and simple.

Dean L. Lynch (JD 96)
Major, United States Army
Litigation Attorney
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—DAVID J. WHITE (JD 86)

As a graduate student in wildlife ecology at the University of Florida in the early ’80s, David White soon realized that natural resources management was based more on politics and economics than sound science and a solid understanding of how natural systems function. His growing awareness that changes would have to be put in place at the policy level to protect the natural world led him back to UF to pursue a law degree.

“I wanted to be an advocate for sustainable management of wildlife and their habitats,” White said. “It’s about the sustainable use of natural resources and ensuring that we bequeath to our children a world we would want to inhabit.”

After finishing law school and working as a public interest environmental lawyer for 15 years, White took on his present role as director of The Ocean Conservancy’s South Atlantic office in 2000. As a director, White advocates for expanded use of marine zoning and ecosystem-based management in Florida, the Southeast Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico. The conservancy’s goal in the area is sustainable management of marine wildlife populations and conservation of important marine ecosystems such as coral reefs, fish spawning areas, estuaries and other nearshore coastal habitats.

Despite considerable obstacles, White has helped put several protective policies in place, including a 2001 action that created the largest, fully protected marine ecological reserve in North America in the Dry Tortugas, 70 miles west of Key West.

Though the conservancy is working hard to raise public awareness and build support for policy changes that will protect our oceans, the picture is bleak, according to White. Over-fishing, global climate change and habitat destruction continue to threaten marine resources, while pollution from sewage discharge, nutrients from agriculture and urban storm water, and atmospheric “greenhouse gasses” are changing the chemistry of the oceans.

“In the last 10 years, 80 percent of the coastal reefs in the Caribbean basin have been destroyed,” White said. “And in just the past few decades, 90 percent of large predatory ocean fish are gone. We’ve also managed to impair 75 percent of America’s estuaries. Take Silver Springs — it’s turning green and no longer meets state water quality standards. We’ve managed to turn our ground water into a pollutant. We need to drastically rethink the way we manage our oceans and marine resources.”

**Career Highlights**

- Helped establish the Tortuga Ecological Reserve in the Dry Tortugas, the largest fully protected marine ecological reserve in North America
- Board of directors of the Florida Wildlife Federation for almost 20 years, advising them on environmental and legal issues
- Board of directors of the Everglades Law Center (a public interest law firm at Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University), advising them on legal issues

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

David J. White (JD 86)
Regional Director
The Ocean Conservancy
St. Petersburg, Fla.
helping to secure stable, healthy living situations for children
has long been the focal point of Rutledge Hutson’s legal
career. As a senior staff attorney at the Center for Law and
Social Policy (CLASP) in Washington, D.C., since 1999,
with two years at the Children’s Defense Fund in between, Hutson
strives to implement government policy changes to aid at-risk children
and families.

“I do policy work in the child welfare area at the state and federal
level, especially for children who have been abused and neglected,”
Hutson said. “Children are some of the most vulnerable members of
society and they don’t have a voice in our political system. I try to give
voice to their interests.”

As an attorney in CLASP’s child welfare division, one of Hutson’s
key projects has been finding ways for child welfare agencies and
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) to work in harmony
to assist families and ensure a comprehensive range of services that
low-income children and their parents need.

“CLASP has long focused on welfare policy and how to get adults
successfully into the workforce,” she said. “I’ve brought along an
additional vantage point that examines the connection between adult
success in the workforce and a healthy family life, since problems
parents have at work can sometimes have a negative impact on their
home life. We also need to look at untreated mental health disorders,
substance abuse, undiagnosed learning disabilities and domestic
violence, often the underlying causes of parents’ struggles at
home and in the workplace.”

The passage of the 1996 welfare law focused on getting people
to work, but without speaking to many of the obstacles they faced,
according to Hutson.

“Say a child has been placed in foster care and the welfare agency sends the mother to parenting classes,” she said. “Then a welfare plan from a different agency requires the parent to do job searches at the same time — it’s a rock and a hard place. She can’t do both plans. So the question remains — how do we give low income families the tools to address their varying obligations?”

Integrating systems so that they are more seamless is the goal to
work toward, Hutson said.

“I have tried to get all the agencies to work together to make sure
that what is available is coordinated in a way that serves peoples’
needs,” Hutson said.

Career Highlights
• Senior staff attorney, Center for Law and Social Policy, Washington, D.C.,
1999-2004 and February 2006-present
• Deputy director, Child Welfare and Mental Health, Children's Defense
• Volunteer caseworker, Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Atlanta, Ga.,
February 1997-January 1999

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

David J. Utter (JD 89) pictured on p. 15
Director and Co-founder
Juvenile Justice Program of Louisiana
New Orleans, La.

Juvenile offenders in Louisiana are now being dealt a far better hand
by a state justice system that had long been exacerbating their problems
rather than remediating them, thanks to David Utter’s efforts as director
and co-founder of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, which
opened its doors in 1997.

The passage of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act in 2003, the culmi-
nation of Utter’s efforts, along with two other project co-founders,
to reform Louisiana’s juvenile justice system, has been nationally recog-
nized as one of the most progressive and comprehensive pieces of
legislation of its kind to pass in any state in years. It earned Utter the Ford
Foundation and Advocacy Institute’s 2005 Leadership for a Changing
World Award.

Since the reform act became law in 2003, the number of incarcerat-
ed juveniles in Louisiana has dropped from 1,900 to 500, a statistic that
makes Utter, understandably, proud.

“The Juvenile Justice Reform Act changed the face of justice in the
state as it committed the state to change its policy on justice,” Utter said.
“Our work to bring about the closing of the Tallulah Correctional Center
for Youth in 2004, championed by Gov. Kathleen Blanco in her campaign,
began the general shift toward reducing the juvenile prison population in
the state,” Utter said. “Fifty years of research shows the incarceration of
juveniles only hurts them.”

Utter’s odyssey in public service began in earnest just after law
school when he moved back to Atlanta, where he had done his under-
graduate degree at Emory University. After a few months at ACLU of
Georgia, Utter went to work at the Southern Center for Human Rights,
under the tutelage of Stephen B. Bright, the world-renowned advocate
for the incarcerated poor.

“I had the good fortune of landing a place at his office, representing
people incarcerated in prisons and jails,” Utter said. “He’s my mentor, the
most important thing for a public interest lawyer.”

Utter next worked for a year as a sole practitioner in New Orleans
representing the rights of incarcerated individuals before co-founding
the Louisiana Crisis Assistance Center in 1993, which specialized in sys-
temic challenges to the adequacy of funding in indigent defense work.
Utter’s move to advocating full-time on behalf of incarcerated
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Bonnie Allen’s commitment to public service has led her on a path from the courtroom to the classroom, leaving her law practice behind to instead offer counseling to fellow practitioners in need of reflection and renewal.

As president and CEO of the International Center for Healing and the Law in Kalamazoo, Mich., since 2004, Allen spearheads an organization that provides educational programs to lawyers, judges and other members of the legal community, offering them opportunities to step back and reflect upon the deeper meaning of their professions.

“Finding my way to social justice issues was the first big piece of discovering my true north as a lawyer,” Allen said. “But despite this step forward, another thing was eating at me — my inner self asking, ‘What does it mean to be an authentic person?’ I was looking for a way to integrate personal and professional authenticity.”

That’s what led Allen to change her focus from ministering to needy clients as a public service lawyer for more than a decade to addressing the needs of those providing the legal services. An important step along the way in Allen’s newly evolving path was her completion in 1999 of a master’s degree in theological studies with a focus on ethics and society at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

Founded in 2002, the Center for Healing and the Law promotes a legal profession dedicated to peace and healing in society on three different levels: personal, institutional and community. The center’s personal renewal retreats, increasingly requested by clients around the country, presently make up the largest segment of the center’s programs.

Many law professionals are struggling with a conflict between their personal values and the demands placed on them in their professional roles, Allen explained.

“The personal retreats provide space for individuals in crisis or at a professional crossroad to reexamine their directions and explore the deeper dimensions of their vocational calling, ethics and professionalism, as well as the deeper meanings of life,” Allen said.

The center’s institutional healing workshops strive to narrow the gap between institutional values purporting to serve the common good and market-driven realities that frequently undermine lawyers’ integrity, according to Allen. The center’s third component — community healing workshops — seeks to promote law as a vehicle for healing communities. To that end, the healing center is developing programs that facilitate “inside-out” community building, social justice and conflict transformation.

Last summer the center’s healing workshops were put to the test in post-Katrina Mississippi, where Allen stayed for an extended period ministering to recovering communities.

Career Highlights

- Executive director, Just Neighbors Immigrant Ministry, Arlington, Va., 2003-2004
- Director of Outreach and Community Support, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Washington, D.C., 1995-2003
- Director, American Bar Association Center for Pro Bono, Chicago, Ill., 1995-1998

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Giving a Voice to the Voiceless

I came to law school to gain a louder voice. I already had some successes under my belt — cutting-edge advocacy on behalf of tropical rainforests, indigenous peoples, and South Florida native plant communities — and I’d honed my leadership skills by participating in a five-month expedition to the Amazon and by co-owning and running a South Florida environmental services company. These experiences whetted my appetite for more, for something I had wanted since I was a child growing up in the great outdoors of Colorado — to be a lawyer, working for the voiceless.

While at UF Law, I researched indigenous peoples/Native American civil and environmental rights while working with Tom Ankersen in the Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR) on his Mesoamerican Biodiversity Legal Project, and while interning with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as a CGR Public Service Law Fellow.

The impact of Hurricane Andrew (which struck at the start of my second year, devastating my hometown of Goulds) on the Everglades migrant labor camp inspired me to pursue a summer clerkship at Farmworkers Legal Services of North Carolina (FLSNC). I found the work to be wonderfully compelling and satisfying, offering a work-life balance that supported my new status as a single parent of a young son.

After graduation, despite opportunities to work in Mexico and Colombia, I returned to North Carolina to work as a staff attorney with FLSNC, and later with the Immigrant’s Legal Assistance Project of the N.C. Justice Center. I engaged in policy advocacy and handled individual cases and class action litigation on behalf of immigrant workers and limited English proficient students in employment, civil rights, benefits and immigration cases. The work was stressful and at times infuriating, but I knew I was making the kind of difference I always wanted to make.

The expertise I gained led me to serve on numerous boards and commissions, to advise non-profit funders, legislators and policy-makers, and to work as a consultant for Human Rights Watch. I also co-founded a Latino community resource center (www.elcentrolatino.org), which has served thousands since opening its doors in 2000.

I returned to international work in 2002 when I traveled to Colombia with Witness for Peace, a human rights group working in Latin America. Our purpose was to witness the impact of U.S. drug policy (which is causing terrible environmental and human rights tragedies); to meet and speak with numerous governmental officials, human and environmental rights activists, religious leaders, farmers, and indigenous representatives; and then to come home and talk about it.

Upon my return from this revelatory, humbling and at times terrifying experience, I gave numerous presentations and appeared in several local newspapers to discuss what I learned and saw.

I spent the last three and a half years as an adjunct clinical professor, teaching, supervising and mentoring students in the University of North Carolina School of Law’s Externship Program.

Overall, I have had a wonderful career as a lawyer in the public sector. It has allowed me to do meaningful work and have a fantastic family life with my husband and three children.

Jena Matzen (JD 94)
Self-employed, Durham, NC

Turhan Robinson has always viewed public service as the “noblest labor available to empower the poor, disabled, children, sick and to protect those most vulnerable.”

It was his fellowship in the Center for Governmental Responsibility under Professor Jon Mills, however, that encouraged him to actually practice in the public sector. It was the right decision.

“I have received immense satisfaction and rewards in service to the public,” he says of a career that has taken him from Tallahassee to Thailand.

Robinson points to one particularly satisfying role in which the secretary of the Army appointed him in July 2001 as his civilian aide to advise and support Army leaders across the country.

“I’ve used this position to support the soldier and seek employment for soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan and ease their transition from military service,” he said of the non-compensated position.

Bosnia and Estonia benefited from his expertise when he was named to the Governor’s Partners for Peace Delegation to assist the business and legal communities and when he served on a committee to revise court procedures in Bosnia-Herzegovina to prosecute the more than 13,000 war criminals from the civil war.

He makes his living as a senior assistant attorney general in Maryland’s Department of Human Resources.

“We try to maximize the personal independence of Maryland’s citizens in economic and social matters. I’m responsible for review of all procurement transactions and all contract litigation for the department,” he said. In the past year, that means he has approved 732 contracts valued at more than $564 million.

Robinson also is counsel to the Governor’s Commissions on Migratory and Seasonal Farm Labor, Asian-Pacific Affairs, Hispanic Affairs and the Maryland Commission for Women.

His service has not gone unnoticed. His awards include the Exceptional Service (Attorney of the Year) Award and the Public Service Award by the Attorney General, and the Valued Hours Award for Community Service by the Fullwood Foundation.

Career Highlights
• Retired major in the U.S. Army, 1990
• National Board of Directors, ACLU, 1996-2004
• Chief of Contracts at Martin Marietta, responsible for more than $11 billion of missiles, weapons and electric-optic systems

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As general counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, Thomas K. Emswiler is responsible for administering the Thrift Savings Plan, a 401(k)-like plan of $190 billion for 3.6 million federal employees and members of the uniformed services. This is just one of the important public interest initiatives he has been responsible for in his 23-year career.

The September 11 attack, however, showed him a completely new side of public service.

For one dramatic month, Emswiler was in charge of round-the-clock legal operations at the Department of Defense Center, which was set up to support family members of the victims of the attack on the Pentagon.

“The emergency nature of the mission required us to build this center from scratch,” he said. “We needed experienced attorneys with expertise in probate, estate planning and estate administration issues.”

Due to the limited number of active duty attorneys with these specialized skills, he staffed the office with expert Army reserve attorneys and augmented with a team of Coast Guard attorneys. The sheer numbers from the operation were astounding: approximately 110 attorneys and paralegals in the local area worked on a pro bono basis to address 278 individual legal issues and work with 94 casualty assistance officers.

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Emswiler’s leadership was recognized when the Department of Defense awarded him the Joint Services Commendation Medal and the American Bar Association (Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel) awarded him the Legal Assistance Distinguished Service Award.

At the time of the attack, Emswiler had served as an Army judge advocate for 18 years. In his last assignment before retiring in 2003, he served as the executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council and was responsible for all tax matters relating to members of the Armed Forces.

“I drafted and staffed several legislative proposals that were enacted by Congress that benefited service members and their families,” he said. This included the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003, Public Law 104-117, and a tax exclusion initiative that benefited military personnel in the Afghanistan combat zone. For this work he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal.

**Career Highlights**
- Army Judge Advocate for 20 years, retiring in 2003 with the rank of lieutenant colonel
- Legal adviser, Pentagon Family Assistance Center, Arlington, Va., September 12, 2001–October 12, 2001

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For the past 30 years I have served as an assistant public defender, prosecutor and legal adviser for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The different and always interesting issues I encountered daily in the practice of criminal law more than made up for the lack of financial awards. For instance:

- Two years after graduation I successfully argued to the Florida Supreme Court (State v. Keaton, 371 So.2d 86, Fla. 1979) that the obscene telephone call statute violated the right to free speech. Relying on a lesson learned during one of the few lucid moments I had in Professor Robert Mann’s Constitutional Law class, I was able to convince the trial judge to dismiss the case.

- One of my male clients was charged with an obscure City of Orlando ordinance that made it illegal for a man to dress like a woman. He showed up for trial in male attire, but I immediately sent him home to change into his drag outfit since he really looked much better as a female (and that was his preferred clothing). We had no chance of winning the case, so I thought we might as well have some fun with the jury. He was convicted, but the ordinance was ruled unconstitutional on appeal.

- Even as a prosecutor I strove to maintain my sense of humor. I charged a defendant with resisting arrest when he struggled with Bruno, a police dog that was attempting to apprehend him. When asked by a newspaper reporter, I indicated that I might call Bruno to the witness stand. I told the surprised reporter that I would ask the dog how the defendant treated him and Bruno would reply “ruff.”

- Of course, many of my cases were very serious. I obtained a first-degree murder conviction against serial killer Gerald Stano for the murder of a woman in Seminole County.

- I handled the infamous case of the “Pied Piper of Longwood,” who was charged with molesting numerous children in his neighborhood. By then I considered myself to be a tough, seasoned prosecutor. But the testimony of one of the victims was so distressing that I had a difficult time leading her through it. When she finally finished and the judge ordered a break, I barely made it to the bathroom before I broke down in tears. Fortunately, the defendant was found guilty.

Because of wins like these, I not only became a bit cocky but perhaps even complacent. Back then we did not have an intake division, so I would file my own cases. In one, I filed sexual battery charges based solely on the word of a child victim, which led to the arrest of the foster parent. It wasn’t until later I found out the police failed to provide me with crucial evidence that indicated the child had made the whole thing up. I immediately “nolle prossed” the case, but that did very little to restore the reputation and dignity of the man I had charged. That was the lowest point of my career.

In 1985 I was offered the position of regional legal adviser for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. My goal at that time — and it remains the same today — was to provide zealous legal assistance to my agents but at the same time make sure that constitutional standards are adhered to.

Here is a good example of that: Our Tampa agents were investigating a murder we believed was committed by a couple who were dating each other. Unable to obtain sufficient evidence to make an arrest, the agents asked several months later if they could get a wiretap order in an effort to catch the couple discussing the crime. Because of the freshness issue, a wiretap would be unconstitutional. But we did not give up. Instead, we came up with an ingenious plan and received authorization for the wiretap.

Once we had the wire in place, two of our agents confronted the female at work and told her we had reason to believe she was involved in the murder. As soon as they left the business, she was immediately on the telephone to her boyfriend telling him the cops knew about their involvement in the murder and for him to get out of town. The entire interception took 19 seconds and probably holds the record for the world’s shortest wiretap. They were arrested and the male, Richard Anderson, is currently on death row.

As you can see, I’ve experienced success, failure, had a few laughs and shed some tears throughout my career. It’s been an emotional roller-coaster ride that I wouldn’t have exchanged for anything. However, I never wavered in my belief that I was a servant to the citizens of the State of Florida, and I always tried my best not to let them down.

Steve Brady (JD 77)
Regional Legal Adviser
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Pam Crone (JD 91)
Contract Lobbyist
Legislative Consulting Services
Seattle, Wash.

Unemployment insurance law, particularly as it intersects with the rights of domestic violence and stalking victims, has been Pam Crone’s mission in one form or another since her first days as an attorney. Crone has served as director of the state of Washington’s Unemployment Law Project, as a staff attorney for the Northwest Women’s Law Center in Seattle, and as an unemployment insurance law educator at the University of Washington Law School.

Ultimately, it was Crone’s devotion to reforming unemployment insurance law and, in particular, advocating on behalf of victims of domestic violence and stalking that eventually led her to give up her law practice in 2002 and become a contract lobbyist.

“I loved direct service and working with people,” Crone said, referring to her law practice. “It has a huge impact on individuals’ lives. But I felt I could effect more systemic change and thereby help many more people by working to change the law in my role as a lobbyist.”

And Crone has done just that. One of her proudest achievements in her six years as a lobbyist was aiding in the passage of House Bill 1248 by the Washington State Legislature in 2002, which secured unemployment benefits for victims of domestic violence and stalking.

Before House Bill 1248 passed, victims of domestic violence and stalking were often forced to leave their jobs and homes to protect themselves and their children. They were very vulnerable, as they weren’t eligible for unemployment compensation and were thrust into poverty, Crone said.

In fact, in the four years since House Bill 1248 became law, 1,120 women in Washington state have received previously denied unemployment benefits, Crone said.

“That bill’s passage fueled my passion,” Crone said. “It helps so many women get safe, as it provides an economic lifeline for them. It made me feel, ‘You can do this and effect real change.’”

Career Highlights

• Protection for abortion clinics and others from losing insurance when the injured person or organization is the victim of arson or malicious mischief. Legislation passed in 2006
• Protections for domestic violence and sexual assault victims in rental housing. Allows leases to be legally broken in order for women to move to safer locations. Legislation passed in 2004
• Unemployment insurance for victims of domestic violence and stalking. Legislation passed in 2002

“It helps so many women get safe, as it provides an economic lifeline for them. It made me feel, ‘You can do this and effect real change.’”

—PAM CRONE (JD 91)
Finding the Value in Public Interest

“Where is this man’s public defender?” the judge barked from the bench. The demand was made even though I stood at the bar with my client.

“I represent Mr. Nelson, your honor,” I said, for the third time.

The county judge eyed me suspiciously, and then decreed, “You can’t be a public defender. Your clothes match.”

This was a less than subtle introduction to the fact that attorneys who serve in the public’s interest are often viewed at best as fashion-challenged oddballs, and at worst as godless infidels bent on our society’s demise.

Since graduating from UF in 1991, I have served as an assistant public defender, assistant dean for Student Affairs at the UF Levin College of Law, director of the Cumberland Public Interest Project at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, director of Legal Advocacy at the YWCA of Central Alabama, and currently as a special circuit judge and senior trial referee in the 10th Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

While survey after survey reports high levels of job dissatisfaction, substance abuse and depression amongst attorneys, I continue to love my work and wonder why more people don’t seek to serve in the public’s interest.

Unfortunately, the answer to this question has less to do with fashion sense and more to do with income. As the director of a public interest project at a small, private law school, I cajoled future graduates to apply for public interest positions only to be met with the same response: “I can’t afford to work there.”

Historically, private sector positions have paid more than public service. Recently, this salary gap has widened. In 1991, the median starting salary for a private practice position was $50,000. In 2001, it was $90,000 — an 80 percent increase. In 1991, the median starting salary for a federal government position was $31,500. In 2001, it was $45,000 — a 43 percent increase. In 1991, the median starting salary for a public interest position was $25,500. In 2001, it was $35,000 — a 37 percent increase.

This salary differential only grows as attorneys rise in seniority. The median salary for a fifth-year associate in 2002 was $115,000, while 61 percent of public interest lawyers with five years of experience were making less than $45,000.

The realities of debt make the persistently low salaries and lack of earning potential associated with public service seem even more bleak. According to the Access Group, between 1993 and 2000, the median law student educational debt increased 59 percent to $84,000. During that same eight-year period, the median tuition at private law schools increased 48 percent while the median tuition at state law schools increased 76 percent.

Why should we care that a law student who wishes to pursue a public interest career can’t afford to?

In 2001, 32.9 million people lived below the federal poverty level. Low-income individuals and families face legal problems associated with their most basic needs — food, housing, health care, personal safety and education. Yet, attorneys trained and able to assist them are in short supply.

The federal government’s role in representing the nation in its regulation, policy development and oversight responsibilities demands the most skilled attorneys. A talented and committed federal workforce is tantamount to a high-performing government that earns and retains the confidence of the American people.

The good news is, as educational debt prevents more attorneys from taking and remaining in public interest and government jobs, more entities are creating possibly the most viable solution to the problem: loan repayment assistance programs (LRAPs). Generally speaking, an LRAP is when an employer or a law school directly pays or forgives educational debt if a person takes a public interest position and commits to a term of service.

At this point, few employers (including the federal government, which has the authority to provide repayment incentives) are using LRAPs to recruit, retain or impact the quality of the workforce. As of October 2002, 56 law schools had LRAPs. However, 70 percent of the total LRAP monies were disbursed by six schools.

What can the alumni do? We can create a generously funded, school-based LRAP at UF with reasonable eligibility requirements.

Alumni who are concerned with public interest/public service law can raise funds for the LRAP or scholarships. We can encourage aggressive implementation of LRAPs in federal agencies. We can remember that when provided with decent salaries … we can be very snappy dressers.

Francoise Hartley Horn (JD 91)
Family Court
Birmingham, Ala.
he superstar artist Prince is playing the Super Bowl Feb. 4.

The announcement may be well-known by now, but Patrick Cousins (JD 89) knew about it — and many other private details of Prince’s life — back in mid-June when he learned the performer was moving to South Florida for a few months to prepare for the TV bowl appearance in Miami.

It was welcome news for Cousins, who oversees the megamusician’s legal needs from his West Palm Beach office. It means fewer road trips and more time with his family and with the man Cousins now considers a very good friend.

But Cousins wouldn’t complain if Prince stayed home in Minnesota for the winter. He simply isn’t a complaining man. He is instead a good-natured professional with a dependable system for going after what he wants — an approach that seems to be working well, as evidenced by his growing entertainment, personal injury and consumer law practice.

The System

Cousins credits his parents with providing most of the guidelines he has used to surmount the challenges in his 42-year path. He spent much of his first four and a half years with his grandmother after his parents immigrated from Kingston, Jamaica, to New Jersey in search of a better life. He clearly remembers his first day of kindergarten in his new country … and his first lesson.

“The school was on this huge hill, and there were about 60 steps to walk up to go inside,” he said. “My dad knelt down and said, ‘This is the beginning of a new life and you are getting opportunities I never got.’ He expected me to climb those stairs by myself and go inside and hit every challenge head on.”

Cousins was one of three children of color in a sea of 750 students. His father had a strict “no excuses” policy. He expected his son to never tell a lie, to always make straight As, to act with integrity, to ask hard questions, to be more prepared than others, and to succeed despite the circumstances.

“I believe he saw I had a gift or ability to succeed,” Cousins said.

He went on to graduate as a National Honor Society Scholar in the top three percent of his high school class and earn a degree in economics from the College of William and Mary, where he captained the track team and was a Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar.

A Virgil Hawkins scholarship convinced him to attend UF’s law school, where he, twice, was the recipient of the President’s Outstanding Student Award. In his leisure time, just for fun, he ran alongside track athletes who were in Gainesville training for the 1988 Olympics. The rest of his time was devoted to class and study, just as his father would expect.
Outgoing and full of questions, Cousins said many of his professors went out of their way to give him good advice — advice he acted on. For instance, Professor Fletcher Baldwin advised him, as a new lawyer moving to West Palm Beach, to seek out the “baddest, most cantankerous lawyer in town” to get the lay of the legal landscape. Cousins’ research revealed that person was probably Bob Montgomery (JD 57).

“So I just went to his office without an appointment and waited and waited, hoping he would see me. I knew he was in his office, but I didn’t think I was going to get in. So I finally said in a loud voice, ’I’m a new lawyer who is looking for the key to this city, and I understand it’s in your office.‘”

Montgomery saw him, and the two remain friends today.

“It’s sort of like wind sprints. The last person standing gets the prize,” Montgomery said. “That’s how Pat is. He makes sure he is the last person standing. He is an excellent lawyer, and his driving force has put him in the good graces of all the lawyers down here.”

Lemon Law King

Lemon law cases have earned Cousins the most limelight, including a feature in Automobile magazine in June 2006. After representing car manufacturers from 1991 through 1997, he switched sides and began representing consumers. Since then he has handled about 500 cases for his clients. And he’s won nearly all of them.

He likened a 2005 landmark jury case to David and Goliath, in which his firm took on Allison Transmission, a division of General Motors. Allison makes the majority of transmissions for motor homes, fire engines, buses and large trucks around the country. Cousins clients claimed they had a lemon transmission in their RV and won a jury verdict of $165,000, plus legal fees (now on appeal).

“Even though we only had little rocks to throw, it’s what we had and it worked,” he said. “I felt like if I outworked them, I could win. We tried to be one step ahead.”

Another happy client walked away with nearly $600,000 — which topped the lemon law record in Florida by $210,000 and is thought to be the largest lemon law victory in the nation — from a case involving a Porsche Cararra GT.

Courts nationally are now citing one of his victories, Fischetti v. Isuzu, as precedent to hold manufacturers responsible. The National Association of Consumer Advocates named it as one of the most significant cases of the year.

Entertainment Law

Cousins calls his entertainment law business a blessing from above. Prince first called him about three years ago to review a contract after the two met briefly through a mutual friend.

“‘I was trying to be cool and put him on hold,’” Cousins said. He broadly points to an imaginary phone in his hand. “I tell everyone in my office, ‘You’re not going to believe who is on the phone.’”

“I got back on the phone,” he said, his voice immediately dropping an octave, “I tell him, ‘Yeah, I can handle that.’”

The successful outcome on that project led to another, such as the copyright infringement assignment that required the Cousins Law Firm to stop a large national retail chain from selling Halloween costumes with Prince’s likeness.

“He had already stopped it with some huge firms, and they told him it could not be done. That wasn’t what Prince wanted to hear. Within 48 hours, we were able to convince the retailer to pay the maximum statutory damage award and pull the costumes from 1,300 stores in 47 states,” Cousins said.

Cousins soon found himself with the general counsel title and the majority of his time devoted to managing the musician’s complex legal affairs. As Prince says, Cousins “gets it done.”

“It’s sort of like wind sprints. The last person standing gets the prize.”

Signature Style

“Our personalities mesh, and he trusts me. Prince is a fighter and he never backs away from a situation when he knows he is right,” said Cousins. “He is honest and has a lot of integrity. He’s just a down-to-earth, nice guy who happens to have a tremendous God-given talent.”

That side of his business has put him on a first-name basis with major stars such as Bruce Willis and Sharon Stone and has brought him clients such as reggae artist Wycliff Jean, soul singer Larry Graham and Janet Jackson’s producer, Jerry DuPlessis.
Friends and colleagues talk about Judge James S. Moody’s (JD 72) sense of humor and his understated manner. Judge Moody likes his courtroom to be a place where everyone can be relaxed and focused. But that’s not always easy, especially for anxious lawyers who don’t know what to expect in his courtroom.

“When lawyers come in front of a judge, they’re nervous, just as anybody would be coming into court,” says Judge Moody, who earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida. “A lot of times, if you can soften the edge with some humor or something personal, it makes them relax and they can think more clearly and make their arguments more comfortably.”

While his sense of humor, which has been compared to that of Bob Newhart, has served him well as a judge, he knows its limits. When people’s lives and lawyers’ careers are riding on the outcome, there can be little room for a joke, no matter how well timed and delivered.

In or out of the headlines, Judge James Moody makes the tough decisions when needed

“I think it’s harder to be humorous when you’re in the middle of a trial, particularly when you have a lot of lawyers, because you have members of the public sitting in the audience watching,” explains Judge Moody, who serves on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. “They don’t really understand if a judge makes a joke. Sometimes they might interpret that as the judge making fun of the lawyer or the lawyer’s case or the lawyer’s argument.”

National Attention

Light-hearted moments are particularly hard to come by when you’re presiding over one of the most important terrorism trials in the nation, as Judge Moody was in the 2005 trial of Sami Al-Arian, a popular computer science professor at the University of South Florida. Al-Arian, along with three co-
defendants, was accused of helping to organize and finance the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which has claimed responsibility for numerous suicide bombings in Israel and its occupied territories.

The trial would last for six months and garner considerable media attention from around the world. In the end, Al-Arian, 48, entered a plea deal, agreeing to admit guilt and accept a possible sentence of 46 to 57 months and eventual deportation from America. Prosecutors agreed to join defense attorneys in recommending a sentence at the low end of the range, but the judge chose to impose the maximum sentence allowed by the plea bargain.

“You are a master manipulator,” he told Al-Arian at his May 2006 sentencing. “You looked your neighbors in the eyes and said you had nothing to do with Palestinian Islamic Jihad. This trial exposed that as a lie. The evidence was clear in this case that you were a leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.”

Throughout the trial Judge Moody faced many tough decisions. After much consternation, he denied defense motions to move the trial out of Tampa. He also held that prosecutors would have to prove the defendants knew the money they raised would pay for terrorism. Even before the trial started, Judge Moody took measures he had not taken before, such as issuing a questionnaire to a pool of 500 people to help weed out those who already had formed an opinion about the case or for some reason couldn’t serve on a jury for a long trial, and setting up a system to make it easier for the media to access evidence that was being presented.

“A lot of it was a learning experience,” he says.

For Judge Moody, it’s all part of his responsibilities as a judge. His former judicial assistant, Patty Coone, remarked to the Tampa Tribune last year that she remembers Judge Moody telling her “we worked for the people, the people paid our salaries … We always needed to accommodate them if we could.”

“As a judge you often tend to forget that,” Judge Moody says. “You get caught up in ‘judgeitis.’ And you need to always keep in mind that when the public calls, they’re the ones who are paying us. We’re working for them.”

The Home Court

From the time he was a child growing up in the small Florida town of Plant City in eastern Hillsborough County, he was known to everyone as Jimmy. His family called the area home since the end of the 19th century when his great uncle, and later his grandfather, arrived.

“Wherever you went in town, whether it was to the playground or to the movies or to get a hamburger, there was always somebody who knew who you were,” Moody recalls. “It was like having a town full of parents. If you did something out of line they’d tell your parents, so it was just like having your parents there.”

His father, James Moody Sr., was a lawyer in town and joined John Trinkle to establish the law firm of Trinkle and Moody. Jimmy Moody can’t recall when he decided to follow in his father’s footsteps and become a lawyer.

“It seems like I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer without knowing why,” he says. “I never really stopped to think about it. I remember when I was a little kid and we were playing cowboys and Indians, I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer. My friends would want to be a fireman or a policeman. I just always knew I wanted to be a lawyer.”

Judge Moody, who was appointed to the federal bench by President Bill Clinton in 2000, previously served as a Hillsborough circuit court judge. Though his family name was well established in the area at the time he ran for judge, he set out on foot in the summer of 1994, with his family in tow, campaigning door-to-door in a county that covers more area than many states.

“My walking team was basically my family, so I can guarantee you my kids weren’t excited about it,” Judge Moody recalls of those hot summer days. “But they did it. Every Saturday morning we’d pick a neighborhood and go door to door, each of us walking down one side of the street. The campaign was good for me in that it got me out of Plant City and around the county to meet a lot of different people that I otherwise would never have had the chance to meet.”

The value of hard work, which he learned from his own parents, is something Judge Moody has tried to pass on to his children, including daughter Ashley (JD 00), and son Jamey (JD 03), both UF Law graduates, and another daughter, Patricia, a medical student. In addition to campaigning for their dad, the children were required to spend three to four hours working in the yard every weekend, weeding flower beds, trimming bushes and mowing the lawn.

“I didn’t like it when I was a kid. My dad made me get out there every weekend when my friends were playing football in the side yard,” he recalls. “We had to do our work and finish the work before we could go join in the game. I hated it when I was a kid, but looking back as a lawyer I realized how that stood me in good stead.”
Klingensmith Heads Law Alumni Council

Mark W. Klingensmith (JD 85), of the West Palm Beach office of Sonneborn Rutter Cooney & Klingensmith, has been named president of the Levin College of Law Alumni Council.

Klingensmith has been active on the council for the past 14 years, helping the group increase participation of alumni — now numbering more than 17,000 — to support law students, faculty, programs and services. He is seen often at council meetings and law school functions with daughter Hope, 8, who plans to attend UF Law in 14 years.

“I don’t think John (his 5-year-old son) has come to a meeting with me yet, but he’s getting to the point where he is old enough to start coming with me to help his daddy,” Klingensmith said.

The council, along with the Law Center Association Board of Trustees, act as the primary support and advisory boards for the law school, assisting with raising private funds to cover expenses not met through state support, tuition or endowment income.

In other council news, new members joining this September were Brent Rainey (JD 04), with West, Green & Associates in Orlando; Dayle M. Van Hoose (JD 05), an associate with Bush Ross in Tampa; and Carter Andersen (JD 98), a shareholder with Bush Ross in Tampa, who joined the council’s executive committee.

Gary Printy (JD 82) was elected the council’s secretary and Rahul Patel (JD 97) assumes the president-elect position. Tim Cerio (JD 95) will serve in the immediate past president capacity.

Recent Gifts to College Support and Strengthen Student Programs

Each gift to the Levin College of Law is prudently employed to support and enhance programs for students and faculty. Recent significant commitments include:

- $50,000 from Robert S. (JD 26) and Mildred M. Baynard Trust to support technology in the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center
- $300,000 from Robert Kerrigan for the Martin Levin Advocacy Center expected to be completed in May 2007
- $300,000 from Robert Montgomery (JD 57) for the Martin Levin Advocacy Center
- $100,000 bequest from Howard Garrett (JD 49) for the W.D. Macdonald Prize, a prize awarded to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative law grades each year
- $100,000 bequest from Gene Moore III (JD 53) to establish the Leo Wotitzky Dean’s Discretionary Fund in memory of a favorite classmate from 1953
- $185,000 from Levin College of Law Professor Michael Allan Wolf, the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, and Betty Wolf for an endowment to establish the “Wolf Family Lecture on the American Law of Real Property”

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Good News from Washington

For just a short time, charitably-minded UF Law alumni 70 1/2 years of age and older can take advantage of a new law that will allow them to make donations from their IRAs while excluding the amount from their gross income.

“The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is a wonderful opportunity for alumni who meet the requirements and who want to support the law school,” said Kelley Frohlich, senior director of Development. “However, the window of opportunity to use this creative tool is only available until the end of 2007.”

Gifts cannot exceed $100,000 per taxpayer per year, and gifts of $100,000 may qualify for Florida’s matching gift program. For specific information, contact Frohlich at (352) 273-0640 or frohlich@law.ufl.edu.
Have Fun in the Gator Nation

accessing the Gator Nation just got a whole lot easier. UF alumni, students, and friends now can upload their own photos and personal video — such as personal “Go Gator” commercials — related to their experiences at UF via GoGatorNation.com, a new website that highlights interesting facts about the university and alumni in an entertaining format.

“GoGatorNation.com is designed to be a social network and to work in conjunction with the activities of the UF Alumni Association,” said Joe Hice, associate vice president of marketing and public relations. Visitors also can watch some of the Gator Nation TV commercials, listen to new radio spots, and chat with alumni and friends through a message board.

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UF Law CLE Course Available Online

The Levin College of Law now offers a self-study CLE course online, and others will be available soon. Much of the program proceeds directly benefit the Levin College of Law.

The initial offering is a five-credit “Financial Calculations for Lawyers” course for those who want to communicate more effectively with expert witnesses, judges, juries and clients. The $165 course discusses the legal system’s use of financial terminology, provides a basic explanation on how to use a typical hand-held financial calculator, and includes a downloadable JavaScript financial calculator that solves most of the problems faced by lawyers.

Courses offered in the coming weeks include “How To Create a Public Charity,” which will cover charitable solicitations, private foundations, lobbying and other subjects. An income tax module also has been designed both as a review for alumni and tax students. It covers the fundamentals of U.S. tax law cases, code sections, rulings and more.

To learn more about the courses and program, which is funded through a grant from UF’s Department of Continuing Education, go to www.ufcle.com.

Devoted Gator Heads Up Alumni Affairs

Kelley Frohlich is well-known to many law alumni because she has served in various levels in the law school’s Office of Development and Alumni Affairs for the past six years. What many may not know, however, is that she follows Gator sports with an intensity that rivals some of the college’s most ardent fans.

“I grew up in Ocala going to UF events my entire life, earned my undergrad degree here, and began my UF career at the University Athletic Association,” she said. “I was always a huge Gator fan, but that first job here gave me the opportunity to learn about the development arm of the university, and of all the academic units, there is no place I would rather be than the law school.”

Frohlich plans to bring that same Gator spirit to her new role as senior director of development and alumni affairs, where she will head a staff of three professionals and three support staff. Donald Hale, the previous senior director, left to direct The Florida Bar Foundation.

“I hope to surpass the college’s campaign goal and build the endowment to benefit future generations of Gator lawyers,” said Frohlich.

Frohlich understands the momentum of the law school’s success and reputation.

“The value of a UF law degree is directly proportional to the continuing success and national reputation of the college. Private dollars are becoming more important to us every day,” she said. “We are the flagship law school in the state of Florida, but without the support of our alumni and friends, we would be just one among many state law schools.”

To contact Frohlich, call (352) 273-0640 or e-mail Frohlich@law.ufl.edu.

Departed Friend’s Memory Is Inspiring Gifts

Dan Galfond (JD 01) made many friends before his death at age 30 from leukemia, and they say it would please him to know they are still coming together a year after his passing. Thus far, an unusually large number of alumni, friends, and colleagues have stepped forward to honor Galfond’s memory in the form of an endowed scholarship that will be used for future students.

“Dan had a passion for life that knew no bounds. His enthusiasm in all of his endeavors, both personal and professional, was unparalleled, and those of us fortunate enough to know Dan will forever be touched by him,” said Russell Koonin (JD 00).

Galfond, who also earned a bachelor’s degree in building construction at UF, practiced in the area of construction law at Siegfried, Rivera, Lerher, DeLetora & Sobel in Miami.

“The response to our fundraising efforts was astounding, but not surprising, given that Dan touched the lives of so many people,” said Lara Osofsky Leader (01), who led the effort. “Dan was a loyal Gator, and thanks to the generosity of the alumni, his friends, family and colleagues, Dan’s name and memory will live on at the University of Florida forever.”

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Reflections on Prejudice and Animus under Equal Protection

Is a law that is judicially acknowledged to be motivated by prejudice or animus toward a particular group per se unconstitutional under equal protection? Given our society’s commitment to equality, one would think the answer is clearly “yes.” Those who are under this impression will be surprised to learn that the Supreme Court not only has not articulated a per se rule, but it has explicitly articulated a rule that makes it possible for a law to be ill-motivated and still be constitutional.

The confusion seems to come from a case involving hippies. In *U.S. Dept. of Agric. v. Moreno*, the Court held unconstitutional a provision of the federal food stamp program that limited assistance to “related” persons living in the household. One purpose of the limitation was “to prevent so called [sic] ‘hippies’ and ‘hippie communes’ from participating in the program. Although not a Fourteenth Amendment case because it involved the federal government, the Court has applied identical equal protection requirements through the Fifth Amendment. The Court held that: “[i]f the constitutional conception of ‘equal protection of the laws’ means anything, it must at the very least mean that a bare desire to harm a politically unpopular group cannot constitute a legitimate governmental interest.”

*Moreno* reminds us that “a desire to harm” is an unconstitutional motive, buttressing the impression that it triggers a per se rule. But the word “bare” is far more important than it might seem, as the Court’s subsequent language makes clear, citing to the Moreno lower court:

“As a result, ‘(a) purpose to discriminate against hippies cannot, in and of itself and without reference to (some independent) considerations in the public interest, justify the [law].’”

The Court acknowledged the ill-motive behind the law and simultaneously undermined the significance of its acknowledgment by invalidating the law for lack of a legitimate state interest. It is understandable that some people might have the wrong impression about whether an ill-motivated law is per se unconstitutional.

Subsequent and radically different cases rely on *Moreno*, compounding the confusion. For example, in the famous Cleburne case, the Court cited *Moreno* and struck down the city’s denial of a special use permit for a home for people with “mental retardation” because no rational reason supported the requirement. The Court concluded, “[t]he short of it is that requiring the permit in this case appears to us to rest on an irrational prejudice against the mentally retarded.” This is different from saying the law lacks a legitimate state interest. It is a judicial acknowledgment that the requirement was ill-motivated. Still, most of the Court’s opinion is devoted to analyzing the legitimacy of the state’s asserted interests in requiring the permit.

Consider *Romer v. Evans*, in which the Court struck down Amendment 2 to Colorado’s constitution, which prohibited “protected status based on homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation.” The Court interpreted this to mean that gays and only gays were prohibited from seeking legislative, judicial or executive protection from discrimination based on their status. The Court held that Amendment 2 was “born of animosity.” “Animosity” is a harsh word and one not used lightly, particularly by the Court. According to my research, Romer is the only case in which the Court used that word to strike down a law under equal protection. It is strong evidence of the Court’s condemnation of Amendment 2. It is no wonder that Romer bolsters the impression that an ill-motivated law is per se unconstitutional.

As much as the *Romer* Court makes clear that animosity is an anathema to principles of equality, however, it did not articulate a per se rule. Much of the opinion is devoted to establishing the lack of a legitimate state interest for Amendment 2, which ultimately exposed the animus behind it. Thus, consistent with Moreno and Cleburne, it was not the presence of animus that invalidated Amendment 2; it was the absence of a legitimate state interest that did. The difference is important to highlight. It challenges the impression some people have about equal protection methodology. More importantly, it is inconsistent with equality principles and the spirit of the Constitution, particularly the 14th Amendment, to allow a legitimate (whether it be rational, important or compelling) state interest to validate a law that is born of animosity.

One might think that would never happen. It *used to* happen. *Korematsu* and *Plessy* come to mind, but surely it would not happen now, some might think.
After all, the laws in Moreno, Cleburne, and Romer were invalidated. Three concerns advise against complacency. First, society has made progress toward achieving racial equality. We understand that racial hostility was at the center of Korematsu, and Plessy has been superseded by Brown. This progress probably adds to the impression that racial hostility is per se intolerable under equal protection. Surprisingly, to the best of my knowledge, there is no per se rule in the area of race discrimination either. Think of the disparate impact cases where the finding of racial hostility merely triggers strict scrutiny.

Second, Moreno and Cleburne have current implications. They have influenced decisions under Section Five of the 14th Amendment. For example, the Alabama v. Garrett Court relied on Cleburne to hold that Congress lacks the power to abrogate states’ sovereign immunity under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in employment. Patricia Garrett was effectively demoted from the position of director of nursing at the University of Alabama upon her return to work following cancer treatment. Realize that good intentions motivated enactment of the ADA; Congress thought it was necessary to enforce equality principles. Again, the Court acknowledged the widespread prejudice against persons with disabilities but said, “Although such biases may often accompany irrational (and therefore unconstitutional) discrimination, their presence alone does not a constitutional violation make.” Moreover, sometimes it is rational to discriminate against persons with disabilities. Because the congressional record failed to substantiate widespread discrimination in employment by states against persons with disabilities, Title I exceeded Congress’ power. Obviously, abrogation raises many complex issues that exceed the scope of this essay. Nevertheless, Garrett illustrates that the implications of Moreno can be quite broad. Certainly, it is disquieting to realize that ill motives of government officials can be judicially acknowledged and potentially make no difference in the outcome of a particular case.

Third, it is naive, perhaps even disingenuous, to suggest that discrimination against different politically unpopular groups is qualitatively the same. Prejudice against hippies, as irrational as it is, is not the same as hatred toward gays, as irrational as that is. The point is not to compare how long and hard each group’s journey is toward equality. The point is that to apply the Moreno rule to all politically unpopular groups dilutes the significance of the qualitative differences among them and their struggles to gain equal citizenship status with politically popular groups. To give lawmakers a chance to justify their ill-motives leaves groups that are especially unpopular at greater risk of being denied equal protection. A per se rule obviates this problem.

Our history of race discrimination teaches us that a group’s struggle to achieve equality is an enduring one because prejudices and hostilities are often masked. They are deeply ingrained in the social structure and in many individuals’ minds, albeit at a subconscious level for many people. Critical to any group’s success is its ability to expose prejudice and animosity because they often are the crux of the problem. It takes time and effort to overcome years of discrimination that is born of animosity. A per se rule sends a resounding message that ill-motivated laws are more than a theoretical anathema to equal protection. A per se rule evidences society’s commitment to equality for everyone. This might be why some people think it already exists.
Professor Danaya C. Wright is seeing the university from a different altitude: from the President’s Suite in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and in the company of the Board of Governors for the State University System, all in her role as chair of the UF Faculty Senate.

As chair for one year, Wright presides at senate meetings, serves as a member of the University Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (a council made up of all 11 Florida university senate chairs), chairs the Senate Steering Committee and meets weekly with President Bernie Machen and Provost Jamie Fouke.

This past summer and fall she is meeting with dozens of people across campus to facilitate dialogue between faculty, students and administration in the restructuring of governance mechanisms within their respective units.

She wants every college, department, center, and academic unit to put in place procedures to ensure appropriate voices are all heard when important decisions are being made.

Shared governance doesn’t mean faculty get to dictate what will happen. Rather, it recognizes that faculty should have the key voice in developing policies around the academic mission of the university. “It’s my job as faculty representative to remind the Board of Trustees that we should have a say in the long-range plan for this university.”

When she’s not busy telling the president how to run the university, she is teaching, writing, serving on student committees, and fulfilling the rest of her law school duties. “The workload is phenomenal,” she said. “Fortunately, Dean Jerry was the chair of his Faculty Senate at the University of Kansas, so he understands and has given me a lighter teaching load this year.”

Specializing in property law, Wright teaches classes in Property, Estates and Trusts, History of Women and the Law, and English Legal History.

**Professor Calfee Earns Top Taiwan Award**

Levin College of Law Professor Dennis A. Calfee (LLMT ’75) recently was awarded one of Taiwan’s most prestigious honors, the Public Finance Specialty Medal, for helping over the past 20 years to develop public finance in the Republic of China and train local tax officers to deal with international tax.

More than 650 of the country’s local and foreign finance officials have attended Calfee’s classes in the International Training Program of the Ministry of Finance, and many of his former students have been promoted to key positions. The ceremony in Taiwan was attended by numerous national tax agency heads and tax officers who have benefited from his lectures.

“We are truly blessed for his willingness and enthusiasm to come to Taipei almost every year since 1986 to provide lectures and seminars on important and timely tax law and tax policy issues to members of this big family, Ministry of Finance, Republic of China,” said Taiwan Minister of Finance Dr. Ho Chih-chin. “I am also very grateful that Professor Calfee has provided substantial assistance in the design and improvement of the program of the International Taxation Academy and made great efforts in bringing many leading tax experts around the world to participate in various lectures at the academy.”

Calfee has been teaching at the University of Florida since 1975 in the Levin College of Law’s Graduate Tax Program, which consistently ranks in the nation’s top two in U.S. News & World Report’s annual ranking of tax specialty programs. He has also taught as a visiting professor at Leiden University, the Netherlands; Peking University, Beijing, China; Academy of International Tax, Taipei, Taiwan; and University of Montpellier, Montpellier, France.

He has published extensively on taxation in tax law journals, particularly on the subject of estate and gift tax, and is a principal author of the book Federal Estate and Gift Taxation, now in its eighth edition, and its supplemental study problem manual. He holds memberships in both the American Bar Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
Tritt Brings Practical Experience to Estate and Elder Law Planning

The new director of the Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning has his sights set on a national reputation for the program he is taking on. After spending eight years in top-tier New York City practices, Professor Lee-ford Tritt (J.D., LL.M., New York University) brings a very practical perspective to the center.

“When the director positions were offered to me, I didn’t think twice about accepting,” said Tritt, who also will direct the Estates and Trusts Practice Certificate Program. Because of Florida’s large population of retirees, UF’s status as the state’s flagship university, the large group of alumni who practice in the field and the caliber of the college’s tax program, Tritt believes the center has a great potential to become the premiere academic research and resource institute on estate planning issues.

“The college has a unique opportunity to create a meaningful academic center that will enhance our college’s national reputation, help prepare our students to meet the challenges of an estates and trusts practice, and provide community services for the area’s elderly and poor,” Tritt said.

Tritt has five main goals. First, he will begin to establish ties with alumni who practice in the field in order to get valuable input concerning the development of the center as well to provide learning and networking opportunities for students. Next, Tritt would like to establish speaking series and conferences that will bring together scholars and practitioners to focus attention on prominent issues that affect our daily lives.

Tritt also would like to update the certificate program to reflect the evolving nature of estates and trusts practice, the American family dynamic and the laws that govern family structures. He hopes interested students will provide community services such as clinics for the elderly. Finally, Tritt wants the center to play a part in shaping Florida’s estates and trusts public policy and statutes. Once these goals are achieved, he foresees a national reputation that will reflect well upon the entire college and university.

Writing Adviser Gertrude Block Influences Lawyers Nationally

Retired lecturer-emeritus Gertrude Block was recently pictured on the cover of the September issue of the New York State Bar Journal, which called her “one of the nation’s leading writing advisers.”


Block has written hundreds of articles on legal and lay language, as well as several books. Her 1980 Effective Legal Writing (Foundation Press) was revised and published in five editions, the latest in 2000. Her Legal Writing Advice: Questions and Answers was published in 2004 (W.S. Hein & Company). She is a co-author of the Judicial Opinion Writing Manual (ABA), and she is currently writing a book she tentatively calls Language for Fun.

Some attorneys consider Block’s columns required reading. “I read it every month …. It’s interesting and it’s witty,” Edmund Rosenkranz, a partner in a New York City law firm, told the Journal.

Block’s undergraduate degree was in economics. Years later, after her children were in high school, she entered the graduate English program at the University of Florida. “I no longer ‘spoke’ economics, but I still spoke English,” she said.

While preparing to write her dissertation in linguistics, she taught at UF. But when Dean Richard Julin asked her to take a temporary position at the law college, he added, “We’ll try it out for a semester, and if we’re both pleased, you may want to stay on.”

To prepare for her role, Block attended all the basic law courses and created “The Writing Clinic” to help “writing-challenged” law students succeed in law courses. The course was successful and popular.

Although Block retired from the law school in 1990, she still conducts CLE seminars, and acts as a language consultant and an expert witness.

International Tax Law Welcomes New Faculty Member

Yariv Brauner has joined UF’s Graduate Tax Program as an associate professor of law. He will teach primarily in the International Tax Law area with Professors Lawrence Lokken and Paul McDaniel.

Brauner comes to UF from Arizona State University College of Law, where he has taught since 2004. Prior to that, he taught in the Graduate Tax Program at Northwestern, as well as New York University, where he spent three years teaching a variety of courses in the international tax program.

Originally from Israel, Brauner went to law school at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he earned an LL.B. degree. After receiving his LL.M. from NYU, Brauner joined Ernst & Young’s international law practice in New York. He also holds a J.S.D. degree from NYU School of Law. Brauner is the author of several tax articles and focuses his scholarship on the merits of international coordination of tax policies.
Mary Jane Angelo
Assistant Professor

Thomas T. Ankersen
Director, Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica Law Program; Legal Skills Professor
■ Published "Defending the Polygon: The Emerging Human Right to Communal Property," in Oklahoma Law Review (Vol. 59:3) (Fall 2006) (with Thomas Ruppert).

Fletcher N. Baldwin, Jr.
Chesterfield Smith Professor; Director of UF Center for International Financial Crimes Studies
■ Published "Current Developments in Monetary and Financial Law," Ch. 18, in Money Laundering Countermeasures with Primary Focus on Terrorism and the USA Patriot Act of 2001, Vol. 3 (IMF 2005-06).
■ Presented arguments and papers supporting governmental seizure of all assets from known terrorists, and freezing all assets of suspected ter-
■ orists for ROLE [Rule of Law Enterprise] and the Chairman of the Philippine Money Laundering Council to return to the Philippines 2006. Prepared Model In rm for forfeiture Legislation for the Philippines and Indonesia.
■ Awarded by French du Consulat de Septimanie, the title of Grand Maistre Du Consulat De Septimanie — Ceremony in Narbonne, France.

Dennis A. Calfee
Professor; Alumni Research Scholar
■ Honored with Taiwan’s Third Level Public Finance Speciality Medal for service with the International Training Program under the Ministry of Finance (MOF) by Minister of Finance Ho Chih-chin, July 2006. He is credited with helping develop Taiwan’s public finance system and training local tax officers to deal with international tax affairs.

Jonathan R. Cohen
Professor; Associate Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution
■ and reprinted in Ethical Issues: Western Philosophical and Religious Perspectives, 480-486 (Thomson Wadsworth, 2006).

Stuart R. Cohn
Associate Dean for International Studies; Professor; Gerald A. Sohn Scholar; Director of International and Comparative Law Certificate Program
■ Published “Good Corporate Governance in Developing Nations: Idealism and Realism,” Best Practice Series, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (2006).
■ Published “Potential Liability for MD and A and 8-K Disclosures and Omissions,” Annual Institute on Federal Securities.
■ Presented at Baker & McKenzie and White & Case in Warsaw, Poland, on legal issues and decisions in the Delaware derivative action regarding compensa-
■ tion payments to departed Michael Oitzl.
■ Presented to the Montpellier, France, Legal Society on federal-state tension resulting from the constitutional authority to states to determine corporate law.
■ Presented sessions in June to the International Business Law Section of the Master Professionnel Droit du Commerce International Program at Montpellier University.
■ Directed a five-day workshop in July in Swaziland on Pension Reform and Capital Market Development sponsored by the U.N. Institute for Training and Research, which was attended by central bank and government representatives from 10-12 African countries.

Charles W. Collier
Professor; Affiliate Professor of Philosophy

Jeffrey Davis
Gerald A. Sohn Scholar, Professor
■ Presented to the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association, Orlando Bankruptcy Bar Association, and Southern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association on "Developments in Business and Individual Bankruptcy Law Since Enactment of the 2005 Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code."

Nancy E. Dowd
Chesterfield Smith Professor; Co-Director, Center on Children and Families
■ Published Handbook of Children, Culture and Violence (Ed., with Dorothy Singer and Robin Fretwell Wilson, Sage Publications, 2006) (with chapters by Dowd and Barbara Bennett Woodhouse).

Meredith Fensom
Director, Law & Policy in the Americas Program
■ Published 2006 Latin American Business Environment Report (with Terry McCoy).
■ Awarded a $3,000 “Internationalizing the Curriculum Grant” with Jon Mills for the Law Policy in the Americas seminar, which will take place in spring 2007.

Mark A. Fenster
Associate Professor

Alyson Craig Flourny
Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program; Professor
■ Received a Seed-Funding Grant from UF’s School of Natural Resources and the Environment for proposal, “Next Generation Environmental Law: Incorporating Experience, Science, and Technology to Develop Sustainable Environmental Laws,”

Michael W. Gordon
John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professor in Corporate Law
■ Published Florida Corporations Manual (Five volumes, LexisNexis 1974, revised 2006).
■ Awarded a $2,500 “Summer Fellowship” to the U.S.-Mexico Law Research Program, Sonora, Mexico, in June.
■ Created and moderated panels on Fundamentals of International Business for the Bankruptcy ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting in New York City.

Reappointed as the ABA Section on International Law Liaison to the American Law Institute.

Published The Charitable Contributions Deduction (Revisited),” in 59 SMU L. Rev. 751 (2006).

Published Federal Taxation of Employee Compensation (Warren Gorham and Lamont, 2006) (with Boris I. Bittker).


Faculty Profile: Jeff Davis

Professor Jeff Davis always planned to be a lawyer; he just wanted to experience a different career first. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in physics, Davis worked as an engineer in the defense industry for four years in the 1960s. While he enjoyed being an engineer, the ’60s were a turbulent time for the defense industry, and he felt his livelihood was being defined by the national political will.

Davis began attending law school at Loyola University’s School of Law in Los Angeles, and by the time he graduated he knew he wanted to teach law, not practice it.

“As a first-year law student, I thought my Contracts professor was a wonderful teacher and I was fascinated,” Davis said. “I felt it was the most exciting educational experience I’d ever had. Then as a third-year law student I taught Legal Writing and Research and Appellate Advocacy. Although I always assumed I would practice law, I found teaching really exciting and I had enormous energy for it.”

Since coming to UF Law in 1981, Davis has written numerous articles for various law journals and received several noteworthy awards, such as the Editor’s Prize from the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Business Section of the Florida Bar Association.

However, despite his accomplishments, Davis feels his greatest accomplishment is getting law students excited about the courses he teaches, which are primarily Contracts and Bankruptcy Law.

“Most students expect Contracts to be full of tedious detail, but it’s really about people trying to take advantage of one another — which, to their amazement, is pretty interesting. In bankruptcy, it is always gratifying to see how many students sign up for and enthusiastically participate in the Advanced Bankruptcy course.”
Faculty Profile: Jim Nicholas

If you’ve ever had to slap down an extra few hundred dollars to start construction on a new house or open a business, you may have Jim Nicholas to thank for that. If you can hear birds outside your window, swim at the local beach, and drive to work without breaking your axle in a pothole, you may have Jim Nicholas to thank for that, too.

Nicholas, the economist who played a crucial role in sweeping reforms of Florida’s growth management policies in the 1970s, retired from the UF law faculty in Spring 2006 after more than two decades as an affiliate professor of law and associate director of UF’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

These days, Nicholas is perhaps best known to the public as an expert on impact fees — those taxes levied on new homes and businesses to offset the effects of new construction on traffic, schools and the environment. From Lakeland to London, governments around the world seek his advice when considering a new regime of fees.

Still, there’s more to Nicholas than just taxes. He had just completed his Ph.D in economics at the University of Illinois in 1971, when the state of Florida, feeling the pressure of a booming population, began a wide-ranging set of reforms that affected everything from how we pay taxes to where we get our water — and served as a model for other states trying to deal with runaway growth. As staff economist for the Florida Environmental Land Management Study Committee, Nicholas played a key role in those reforms.

These days, Floridians may sometimes grumble about impact fees and other regulations that emerged from that era — but without them, Nicholas said, “Florida would be a complete mess.”

“At the beginning of the 1970s, Biscayne Bay was little more than an open sewer,” he said. “So was Tampa Bay. Eagles were almost completely extinct, and alligators were nearly gone. Since then, we’ve fit 12 million more people into the state, and things on the whole are better than they were.”

Nicholas came to the law school in 1985 with a joint appointment in law and urban planning — even though his degree is in economics. Nicholas said former dean Frank Read, who was at the helm of the law school at the time, understood the value of thinking outside the box.

“He saw that environmental regulation was a relatively new field and would require a new way of looking at the law,” said Nicholas. “Our Environmental and Law Use Law Program is one of the most respected in the country, so I think this approach has been proven to work.”

- Published Federal Income Taxation of Business Organizations, Fourth Ed. (Foundation Press, 2006) with Martin McMahon and Dan Simmons, UC-Davis.
- Published Federal Income Taxation of Partnerships and S Corporations, Fourth Ed. (Foundation Press, 2006) with Paul McDaniel and Dan Simmons, UC-Davis.
- Published Federal Income Taxation of Corporations, Third Ed. (Foundation Press, 2006) with Paul McDaniel and Dan Simmons, UC-Davis.
- Published Federal Income Taxation of Business Organizations, Fourth Ed. (Foundation Press, 2006) with Paul McDaniel and Dan Simmons, UC-Davis.
- Visiting lecturer at the University of Leiden International Tax Center LL.M. Program in International Taxation in May teaching a course in United States Corporate Taxation.

Jon L. Mills
Professor, Director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, Dean Emeritus
- Participated on the Oxford Round Table this summer at the University of Oxford. The colloquium enabled governmental and business leaders to discuss contemporary public policy issues that affect nations and states worldwide.

- Listed in Florida Trend magazine as one of the best lawyers in Florida (Appellate Practice section).
- Awarded a $3,000 “Internationalizing the Curriculum Grant” with Meredith Fensom for the Law Policy and the Americas seminar, which will take place in spring 2007.

Robert C. L. Moffat
Professor; Affiliate Professor of Philosophy
- Presented “Habermas, Rawls . . . and the Future of Europe,” to the Institut Fuer Kriminalwissenschaften und Rechtssphilosophie, Faculty of Law, Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe University, in Frankfurt, Germany.
- Presented “The Entitlements Blackhole: The Transformation of the West,” to the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law, Munich, Germany.

Winston Nagan
Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar; Director, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Development; Director, Summer Study Abroad Program with Cape Town University; Affiliate Professor of Anthropology
- Presented “Justice in Transition — Prosecution and Amnesty in Germany and South Africa,” at Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin.
- Accepted an appointment to the Russian Council of Editors of the Russian journal, Law and Politics.
- Published a chapter in Justice in Transition.

Lars Noah
Professor
- Published Law, Medicine, and Medical Technology: Cases and Materials (Foundation Press, 2nd Ed., 2006).
- Received the Simonsmeier Award ($2,500) from the American Society for Pharmacy Law for his previously published article “Ambivalent Commitments to Federalism in Controlling the Practice of Medicine.”
- Spoke at a Federalist Society program on regulatory compliance as a defense to pharmaceutical product liability in Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Spoke about developments in biotechnology at the annual meeting of the Florida Bar Association.

Kenneth B. Nunn
Professor: Associate Director, Center on Children and Families
- Presented Keynote Address, “Race Relations and the Law: Affirmative Action in the United States and Brazil,” II Brazil-USA Law Seminar, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil.
Faculty Profile: Berta Hernández-Truyol

Professor Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol has endured a great deal in the past year. Her life partner passed away after a seven-month struggle with cancer and, as the primary caregiver, Hernández learned more than she ever wanted to know about the U.S. health care system. That pain has become fuel for her new research.

Hernández’s dismay with the system culminated when the insurance company was uncooperative about placing her partner in a specific facility for cancer treatment. Through a professional network of support, however, she was able to secure placement for her partner. But, when they were greeted with “you must have friends in high places,” Hernández’s incredulity stimulated her desire for concrete, positive action.

“When I heard that, I cried,” she said. “There are many people in the world who lack the network or skills to obtain necessary care. Receiving proper medical care shouldn’t depend on whom one knows, but on what the needs are.”

As a scholar focusing on international rights and international human rights, Hernández believes this country’s health care system is at the core of a serious human rights issue. She feels health care is not only a “service we should have access to simply because we are human,” but also a right supported by current international human rights law, much like the right to free speech, religion or nondiscrimination are protected in our domestic legal system.

Her current preliminary research is delving into the U.S. health care system, focusing on the ideas of human dignity, health as a human right, and the material necessities needed to attain it. She hopes to improve the U.S. health care system by detailing methods of delivering necessary medical care based on need, instead of an individual’s ability to pay or who they know.

“Some countries have it figured it out,” Hernández said. “In America there are millions of children and innumerable hard-working men and women with no health care whose families are but a moment away from economic devastation if they suffer ill health or have an accident.”

Elizabeth A. Rowe
Assistant Professor
Spoke as a Roundtable Panelist, Current Issues in Trade Secret Law Workshop sponsored by The Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, Boalt Hall School of Law.

Sarah E. Rush
Irving Cypen Professor; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families
Published Huck Finn’s ‘Hidden’ Lessons: Teaching and Learning Across the Color Line (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006).

Kathryn Russell-Brown
Director, Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations; Professor
Published Protecting Our Own: Race, Crime, and African Americans (Rowman and Littlefield Press, 2006).

Michael L. Seigel
Professor

Published “The Effective Use of War Stories in Teaching Evidence,” 50 St. Louis Law Journal 1191 (Summer 2006).

Christopher Slobogin
Stephen C. O’Connell Professor; Affiliate Professor of Psychiatry; Edwin A. Heafey Jr. Visiting Professor of Law, Stanford Law School, 2006-07
Published Proving the Unprovable: The Role of Law, Science and Speculation in Adjudicating Culpability and Dangerousness (Oxford University Press, 2006).

Published Minding Justice: Laws That Deprive People With Mental Disability of Life and Liberty (Harvard University Press, 2006).
Named a 2006-2007 Merck Visiting Scholar at Seton Hall University School of Law.

Presented panel, “Race, Victimology and the Response to Hurricane Katrina,” at “Dreaming of Democracy” Conference at the University of Miami School of Law in Miami.

William H. Page
Marshall M. Criser Eminent Scholar in Electronic Communications and Administrative Law; Professor
Published 2007 supplements to Kintner’s Federal Antitrust Law (Lexis) (with John Lopatka and Joseph Bauer).
Edited The Antitrust Practitioner and The Antitrust Source, both online publications of the ABA Antitrust Section.

Juan F. Perea
Cone Wagner Nugent Johnson Hazouri and Roth Professor

Christopher L. Peterson
Associate Professor
Provided testimony before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee in a hearing on predatory lending to the military.
Faculty Profile: William Page

William Page, who teaches antitrust as well as civil procedure and administrative law at UF, has devoted much of his scholarly attention over the past decade to the Microsoft antitrust litigation. The litigation has produced more than 150 judicial opinions in state and federal courts, and related decisions by European and Asian enforcement agencies.

Page has spoken at conferences and written articles discussing the challenging economic and procedural aspects of the litigation.

Now Page and co-author John Lopatka, of Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law, are putting the finishing touches on *The Microsoft Case: Antitrust, Technology and Consumer Welfare*, the first book-length scholarly study of the litigation. The University of Chicago Press will publish the book in the spring of 2007.

“There have been a number of journalistic accounts that try to take the reader inside the Microsoft case through interviews with the major players. Our book examines the policy implications of the case from the outside,” said Page.

The book begins by examining the origins of the case, surveying the history of public monopolization lawsuits and economic theories that have shaped the modern monopolization offense. It then critically reviews the key decisions in the litigation. Later chapters examine substantive issues in the litigation and the eventual remedies imposed by the courts.

One of the chapters focuses on the central issue of whether Microsoft’s inclusion of its Internet Explorer web browser in the Windows operating system harmed consumers by limiting the potential of Netscape’s browser and Sun Microsystems’ Java technologies to evolve into a rival platform for applications software. Among other problems, Page said, the government was never required to prove that Netscape and Sun were anything more than “nascent” rivals of Microsoft.

“The government should have been required to offer a credible theory and supporting evidence that Microsoft’s actions were likely to limit competition in a defined market,” Page said.

- Helped draft and shepherd through a resolution calling for prohibition of the execution of people with serious mental disability. It unanimously passed the ABA House of Delegates in August.
- Spoke on “Dangerousness” as part of a panel on Law and Psychology at the AALS Conference on Criminal Law and Procedure in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Participated in conference at the University of California Boalt School of Law on “Governing and Living in a Time of Terror: Law Beyond 9/11.”
- Issued 400-page report on the Florida death penalty system, as chair of the Florida Assessment Team for the ABA’s Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.
- Spoke on “Dangerousness and Expertise,” at faculty workshop, Seton Hall Law School.
- Spoke on “Preventive Justice,” at faculty workshop, Villanova Law School.

Christopher Vallandingham
Foreign and International Law Librarian

Walter O. Weyrauch
Distinguished Professor; Stephen C. O’Connell Chair; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families
Spoke on the Orange Park, Fla. to members of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers on “Facts and Theory of Undercover Operations,” based on his evaluation of card files of the former Gestapo for the American Military Government in Frankfurt and the newly emerging German authorities in early 1945.

Steven J. Willis
Professor; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families

Michael Allan Wolf
Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law; Professor
- Presented a talk on recent developments in eminent domain law at the 2006 Conference of the National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys in Richmond in July 2006.

Barbara Bennett Woodhouse
Director, Center on Children and Families; Director, Family Law Certificate Program; David H. Levin Chair In Family Law; Co-Director, University of Florida Institute for Child and Adolescent Research and Evaluation
- Participated in roundtable of experts convened by Rutgers University in New Jersey to debate the future of childhood studies.
- Co-convened a conference, “Bridges to Excellence,” with Nancy Dowd, gathering leaders of the major child advocacy centers around the country to discuss multidisciplinary methods.
- Presented at the Askew Institute Conference on “Abuse and Neglect: Building Partnerships to Meet Children’s Needs.”

Jennifer Zedalis
Director, Trial Practice; Senior Legal Skills Professor; Coordinator, Gerald T. Bennett Prosecutor/Public Defender CLE Course; Trial Team Faculty Adviser
- Presented “Defending the Case” to Florida Bar members at the Gerald T. Bennett Trial Training CLE Course on case analysis.
- Published Criminal Law Executive Council ad hoc committee joint report to the Florida Bar regarding proposed rule 4-3.8(e), circumscribing power of prosecutors to issue subpoenas to lawyers in cases involving their clients, September 2006.
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1950

James D. Causey joined Tennessee-based Settlement Solutions as mediator specializing in products liability, domestic relations and business litigation.

1961

Fredric G. Levin, a Pensacola attorney, was named one of the “Top 500 Leading Litigators in America” by Los Angeles-based Lawdragon Magazine.

Courtroom 2A of the Marion County Judicial Center has been named in honor of Judge William T. Swigert.

1966

Steven J. Powell joined Moore & Company.

1968

William “Bud” L. Kirk Jr., founding partner of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, was initiated into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1970

Mercer K. “Bud” Clarke, a shareholder with Clarke Silverglate Campbell Williams & Montgomery in Miami, was elected to the International Association of Defense Counsel Board of Directors.

1972

Hal H. Kantor, a partner at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, was named chairman of the United Arts of Central Florida, a community-based fundraising and advocacy organization for local arts and culture.

Manuel E. Menendez Jr., chief judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit of Florida, was sworn in as the chair of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. He served as secretary-treasurer and chair-elect of the conference for the past two years.

John J. “Jake” Schickel, of Coker, Schickel, Sorenson & Daniel in Jacksonville, was recently awarded the 2006 Justice Harry Lee Anstead Award for the Board-Certified Lawyer of the Year.

1973

Martha W. Barnett, a partner in Holland & Knight’s Tallahassee office, was named one of the “100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.”

Richard F. Kane joined the Charlotte firm, Moore & Van Allen as a partner in the area of labor and employment law.

1974

Frank Derrickson, a volunteer lawyer for the ACLU of Georgia specializing in both criminal defense and civil litigation, received the Volunteer Attorney Award from the ACLU.

Leslie J. Lott, a senior partner at Lott & Friedland, authored a chapter, “Special Remedies for Counterfeit” in Trademark Infringement Remedies, published by the American Bar Association. She was also listed in the Legal Media Group Guide to the World’s Leading Trade Mark Law Practitioners, 2006.

Circuit Judge Robert K. Rouse, Jr. has been named the Central Florida Jurist of the Year by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

1977

Dennis J. Wall has written the 2006 supplement to his book, Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith, now in its second edition published by West Publishing Company. He also authored “Experts, Gatekeepers, and Insurance Issues In Federal Cases,” an article published online and distributed by the Defense Research Institute. He was included among Florida Trend magazine’s 2006 Legal Elite issue, in the practice area of insurance.
Dexter Douglass
Recipient of The Bar’s Top Honor

A
fter a long and distinguished
career of providing legal services,
Dexter Douglass (JD 55) was pre-
sented with the 2006 Medal of
Honor Award by The Florida Bar Foundation
for his “contribution to the improvement of
the administration of justice as a lawyer.”
The Medal of Honor is the highest honor
awarded by the legal profession in Florida.

Douglass, of Tallahassee, was lauded at
The Bar’s June meeting for his representa-
tion of clients in the federal and states
courts, often pro bono.

“Committed to civil and individual’s
rights, he has zealously advocated for caus-
es both unpopular and controversial, true to
the ideal of equal justice under law,” the
proclamation read.

He also served for 16 years as chair of
the Board of Trustees of the Florida School
for the Deaf and Blind.

Douglass is widely respected for
his bipartisan leadership of the Florida
Constitution Revision Commission, which
he chaired in 1998. The group arrived at
several constitutional amendments that
were approved by the public, including
reform of structure of government,
wildlife and environmental protections,
increased equality for women, enhanced
requirement for high-quality public educa-
tion, and equitable funding statewide for
the courts.

(Please see the Spring 2007 issue of
UF Law magazine for a feature article about
Douglass.)

1978
Paul Fitzpatrick (LLMT) recently joined the Spokane office of
Preston Gates & Ellis in the tax, trusts & estates group.

James C. Percy (LLMT) was elected to partnership in the
Jones Walker firm in the business & commercial litigation
practice group. He practices in the firm’s Baton Rouge office.

Judge Tonya B. Rainwater was elected to serve as chief judge
for the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. Rainwater has
been a circuit judge for the 18th Circuit in Brevard County
since 1991.

1979
Fred Flowers, a shareholder of Lewis, Longman & Walker in
Jacksonville, was listed in the 2007 edition of The Best
Lawyers in America.

Dennis L. Horton (LLMT) is returning to politics after a
25-year hiatus by running for the Florida House District 41
seat that encompasses portions of Orange, Lake and Osceola
counties.

David M. Layman, a shareholder with Greenberg Traurig,
was recently elected to a two-year term as president of the
board of directors of The Children’s Place at Home Safe.

1981
Richard B. Comiter (LLMT), founding partner of Comiter,
Singer & Baseman, addressed the Florida Bar Tax Section on
“Tax and Non-Tax Considerations Involved in Entity Selection.”
He also was listed in The Best Lawyers in America by Woodward
& White and in Florida Trend magazine’s “Legal Elite.”

Doug Cooney and his partner, Christian Lebano, recently
Cooney also published a novel for young readers,
cowritten with Oscar-winning actress Marlee Matlin,
called Nobody’s Perfect. doug.cooney@gmail.com

Beth Harlan, a Lakeland attorney, has been appointed to the
Polk County Court by Gov. Jeb Bush.

William R. “Bill” Lane Jr. (LLMT), a partner in the Tampa
office of Holland & Knight was named a fellow by the
American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Phyliss Rosier was selected to fill the Eighth Judicial
Circuit Judgeship seat for the remaining two years of her
retired predecessor’s six-year term.

Gerald F. Stack (LLMT) joined Hiscock & Barclay in
New York as a partner and co-chair of the firm’s tax
practice group.

1982
Oscar Sanchez delivered a presentation called
“Building Block Torts: Bad Faith, Tortious Interference,
Fraud in the Inducement and the Application of the
Economic Loss Rule — What You Need to Know,”
to the Business Torts Litigation Section at the American
Trial Lawyers Association 2006 Annual Convention
in Seattle.

Judge Charles E. Williams, a 12th Judicial Circuit Court
judge, was honored by the Manatee County Branch of the
NAACP with the Jurisprudence Award.
1983

Robert Dellecker, of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, was listed in the top 2 percent of lawyers practicing in Florida in Florida Trend magazine.

James Gale, a founding partner with Feldman Gale, has been named to the United States Lawyer Rankings 2006 list of the nation’s top 10 intellectual property lawyers. He currently serves as a faculty adviser to the college’s Intellectual Property Certificate Program.


Michael Prendergast has written a humorous book, Don’t Chew Jesus! A Collection of Memorable Nun Stories.

1984

Allison K. Bethel was sworn into The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors. She was also a featured speaker at HUD’s Fair Housing Policy Conference, where she spoke about “State and Local Enforcement Initiatives in Housing,” “Is a Case (Fair Housing) Litigation Ready?” and “Mortgage Lending Discrimination.” She also received the Henry Latimer Diversity Award from the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, the Florida Association of Women Lawyers, and the Equal Opportunity Law Section.

John Neukamm, a shareholder with Tampa firm Mechanik Nuccio, was elected as the real property division director for The Florida Bar’s Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section.

David C. Willis, a partner with Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Orlando, was recently certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law, marking his second board certification.

1985

Alan B. Cohn (LLMT), a partner with Greenspoon Marder, was honored by the United Jewish Community of Broward County with the Hy and Belle Schlafer Leadership Award for his contributions to the community.

Brenna Durden, a shareholder of Lewis, Longman & Walker in Jacksonville, was listed in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Ross M. Goodman was elected circuit judge in the First Circuit. He will preside over the juvenile court in Escambia County beginning January 2007.

Marilyn A. Moore, counsel in the firm Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge’s real estate department, was installed as president of the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches.

David M. Silberstein (LLMT), co-manager of Kirk-Pinkerton, was elected as chair of the Florida Law Network, which is comprised of attorneys from 12 firms throughout Florida who meet to share information about the practice of law.

1986

Dale C. Cohen, a criminal trial lawyer with Burk & Cohen, was appointed to the Broward Circuit Court bench. He and his wife, Mardi Levy Cohen (1986), met at UF while attending law school. Mardi now has her own law firm.

Trent S. Kiziah (LLMT) was promoted to senior vice president for U.S. Trust’s Southeast region in Palm Beach.

Carol LoCicero is a founding partner in the new Tampa-based firm, Thomas & LoCicero. clocicero@tlolawfirm.com

Robert Merlin’s family firm, Merlin & Hertz, has received the 2006 ‘Put Something Back’ Pro Bono Outstanding Award for services provided to the poor during 2005-2006.

William Ruffier, an attorney with Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, was named in the top 2 percent of lawyers practicing in Florida. The results were published in the July issue of Florida Trend magazine.

Keith Spoto, a Bartow county judge, was featured in The Ledger (Lakeland) as he ranked second out of seven county judges in the 2006 judicial survey, scoring a 7.62 overall.

1987

Deborah B. Ansbro, a former litigation partner with Gronek & Latham in Orlando, has been appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush as a county court judge for Orange County. DAnsbro@groneklatham.com

Robert W. Murphy was selected to be an instructor on consumer law issues at the Army Judges Advocates College in Charlottesville, VA., in June 2006. He maintains a practice focusing on consumer class action finance issues.

Seeking Alumni Who are Professors

The Spring 2007 issue of UF Law magazine will include an article about alumni who are teaching at colleges and universities around the nation and world. If you are a faculty member or have information about an alumnus, please e-mail contact information to Editor Kathy Fleming at fleming@law.ufl.edu.
Phyllis Harris
Leading Wal-Mart’s Environmental Compliance

Phyllis Harris (JD 85) has been protecting the environment through the power of law for almost two decades, and now she is joining the compliance team at the nation’s largest retailer.

Harris was promoted to vice president of environmental compliance for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., where she oversees environmental compliance throughout all Wal-Mart’s more than 4,000 facilities and stores nationally.

“I view my job as ensuring that we comply with all environmental laws as well as to help develop our environmental sustainability programs,” said Harris.

Harris began her career at the Fortune 500 company in January 2006 as a senior divisional director for asset protection for the Southeast Division. Previously, she worked at the Environmental Protection Agency for 19 years where, as deputy assistant administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, she was the senior career official responsible for managing the agency’s largest staff and helping set and execute national environmental enforcement policy.

After devoting her entire legal career to environmental law within the public sector, Harris said this is the job she’s been waiting for. “This is a dream job because I can really contribute to the company’s environmental compliance and make the world’s greatest company even better,” she said.

— Natalie Caula
Julie H. Littky-Rubin has been named partner of Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams in West Palm Beach. jlittkyrubin@palmbeachlaw.com

Christopher P. Tessitore was promoted to general counsel of National Retail Properties (formerly Commercial Net Lease Realty), an equity real estate investment trust in Orlando.

Thomas P. Wert joined Roetzel & Andress’s Orlando office as partner. He also became president of the Orange County Bar Association.

1994

Steve Diebenow, Jacksonville Mayor, John Peyton’s, chief of staff, was spotlighted in the Jacksonville Daily Record as being the mayor’s “Top Man.” The article detailed his career and family life.

Tom McAleavey joined Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed as a partner in the firm’s corporate practice. He previously headed the central and north Florida securities group at Holland & Knight.

Kenneth J. McKenna, a partner with Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier in Orlando, has been elected to the board of directors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida.

Nicholas A. Shannin, of McDonough Wieland & Shannin, has become board certified in appellate law. He is also the 2005 recipient of the Orange County Bar Association Young Lawyer Professionalism Award. nshannin@orl.com

1995

John A. Craft was appointed as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. He previously served as an assistant state attorney for the Eighteen Judicial Circuit of Florida and as an assistant statewide prosecutor of Florida. John.A.Craft@usdoj.gov

Jennifer R. Junker joined the Orlando firm of ShuffieldLowman, previously having served as in-house counsel for Wells Fargo.

Harlan S. Louis (LLMT), a member of Bailey Cavalieri, was named by The Journal of Law and Politics as a “Rising Star” among Ohio attorneys.

1996

Gregory W. Meier (LLMT), a shareholder in ShuffieldLowman, has received an AV rating, the highest available from Martindale-Hubbell.

Ralph G. Pepe (LLMT) joined the Orlando firm of ShuffieldLowman and will assist the firm in the area of state sales and use tax.

Ketan S. Vakil, was elected partner in the intellectual property group of Snell & Wilmer and named a “California Super Lawyer Rising Stars” (top 2 percent of the lawyers in California) and Lawdragon 500 New Stars (top 500 lawyers in the state).

Florida Super Lawyers

The following were included in Law & Politics’ magazine “Florida Super Lawyers” article, which comprises the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state, as chosen by their peers and through independent research: John-Edward Alley (JD 65), Michael S. Budwick (JD 91), Richard B. Comiter (LLMT 81), Jeffrey D. Feldman (JD 81), James Gale (JD 83), Hal H. Kantor (JD 1972), Brad D. Kimbro (JD 91), William F. “Bill” Lane, Jr. (LLMT 81), G. Carson McEachern (JD 72), Mark Maland (JD 88), Gerald A. Rosenthal (JD 73), William Ruffier (JD 86), David M. Silberstein (LLMT 85), Brian D. Stokes (JD 84), Stephen Thompson (JD 85) and Terry C. Young (JD 75).

John A. Walker was elected partner for the Jones Walker firm. He practices in the labor and employment practice group in the firm’s Miami office.

1997

Christa Calamas was recently appointed secretary of the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration.

Colin M. Daly was hired to fill the new position of senior corporate counsel by O’Charley’s, a leading casual dining restaurant company. He was previously assistant general counsel for ARAMARK Corporation, a global food services, facilities management, and uniform and career apparel provider.

David M. Delaney was made partner with the Dell Graham firm in Gainesville. He continues his litigation practice in medical malpractice, governmental liability, and civil rights defense.

Nicole Goetz became a shareholder with the marital and family firm of Asbell, Ho & Goetz.

Sherri L. Johnson, of Dent & Johnson, was installed as president-elect of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL).

Elliott Wilcox launched a free weekly trial advocacy tips newsletter (www.FreeTrialTips.com). TrialTips@TrialTheater.com

1998

Jason Gonzalez, a shareholder with Ausley & McMullen in Tallahassee, was elected chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission for the First District Court of Appeal for 2006-2007. Gonzalez was appointed to the commission by Gov. Jeb Bush and previously served as chairman of the Second Circuit JNC in 2004. He was also listed by Florida Trend as a 2006 Up and Coming Legal Elite. jgonzalez@ausley.com

David Ogman has accepted a position in acquisitions at H.I.G. Capital. OgmanDavid@aol.com

Harvey E. Oyer III, a shareholder and real estate attorney with Gunster, Youakley & Stewart in West Palm Beach, was named one of five Palm Beach County recipients of the prestigious “Jefferson Award,” which recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions in public and community service.
William Zewadski
Collecting Photography for Your Law Firm

When William Zewadski (JD 69) looks at a photograph for the first time, he looks much deeper than most. He is gauging the emotions he feels and whether he wants to purchase it for his private collection or his law firm, Trenam Kemker Attorneys in Tampa.

Zewadski recently gave a gallery talk at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art about the difference between collecting individually and for a business. His firm started its collection in 1987 because a senior partner had an interest in photography and a private collection. Experience has proven to him the pursuit has been a good investment all around because not only has it enhanced the office décor and staff interaction, it has increased in value as well.

His tips on collecting for a law firm include:
• Find a theme, even if it is arbitrary. Zewadski and his partners collected the works of American photographers who were alive in 1970 because that was when their firm was founded.
• Determine the display space available and a specific budget.
• Go to auction and/or hire a consultant.
• Get your whole firm involved. “We have 80 lawyers and everyone had to approve.”
• Frame everything behind an ultraviolet filtered plexiglass. Color photos look best framed in mahogany, and black and whites in black frames. Make all frames consistent unless the artist framed them.
• Show your collection to clients as well as universities and students by appointment.
• Many artists and galleries will provide a discount if you ask and if you plan more than one purchase.
• Consider office security. “I bought an 8x10 for $1,900 in 1987 and found out later it was worth $20,000. Someone could have easily put that in a briefcase and walked out, so I sold it and bought a dozen others. Today that photo is worth a quarter of a million dollars,” he said.
• Collect the work of photographers of different nationalities and races for a more complex arrangement of imagery.

“In corporate collecting we try to be as excellent in our photo collecting as we think we are as lawyers practicing the law,” Zewadski said. “Almost all our purchases have gone up in value. I tell my partners it is the only thing in the office that appreciates — computers, books, and furniture depreciate — but the photos get more valuable. They are beginning to believe me.”

—Kristen Hines
Linnes Finney Jr.
Heads National Bar Association

BY NATALIE CAULA

An avid civil activist and litigator, Linnes Finney Jr. (JD 82) is now presiding over the National Bar Association, the oldest and largest national association consisting of predominately African-American lawyers and judges. Finney is a partner in the national law firm of Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson & Sperando in Fort Pierce.

“Now it is time for me to put my plan into action, which includes continuing to support election protection and Hurricane Katrina relief. We hope to fully fund our endowment and begin a new initiative that will encourage middle school students to stay in school and eventually pursue legal careers,” said Finney.

Finney’s theme for his administration is “Carrying the Torch — Leading By Example.” He said presiding over the organization will take “commitment, determination, consensus building, a good support team and sensitivity” to hold the position with distinction.

Q: What responsibilities come with your new title as president and what does the job entail?

A: As president of the National Bar Association, I serve as the organization’s primary speaker and preside over meetings of the Board of Governors, the executive committee and the membership. The president serves as the face and voice of the organization and is often called upon to share the prospective of the Black attorney and community in relation to various issues of national/international concern.

I am also charged with the responsibility of ensuring that our programs and initiatives remain viable. These programs include our sterling seminar programs, award-winning NBA Crump Law Camp, MLK Advocacy Competition for high school students, judicial evaluation and review process, advocacy for civil and political rights, and our various membership development programs.

Moreover, I view my primary role as that of an advocate for African American lawyers, judges and law students, as well as for the disenfranchised, disfavored and disadvantaged.

Q: What characteristics does it take to hold such a prestigious position?

A: Commitment, determination, consensus building, a good support team and sensitivity.

Q: Does this job take a lot of time away from your firm and your family?

A: Yes, but I consider myself an excellent time manager, and I have the support of my partners and family, which is crucial.

Q: What drives you professionally and personally?

A: Professionally, I am driven by the desire to serve. To a great extent my religious faith sustains and motivates me. Accomplishments to me are by-products of competently representing my clients and serving my community. I see each day as another opportunity to do something that has a positive effect upon those with whom I come into contact and upon my community as a whole.

Q: Why is this organization necessary?

A: The National Bar Association was founded in 1925. The organization’s objectives are to advance the science of jurisprudence; improve the administration of justice; preserve the independence of the judiciary and to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession; promote professional and social intercourse among the members of the American and the international bars; promote legislation that will improve the economic condition of all American citizens, regardless of race, sex or creed in their efforts to secure a free and untrammeled use of the franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States; and to protect the civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the United States.

From what I can see, those objectives are still relevant and end results still an aspiration.

There is still a need for organizations such as the National Bar Association. An older and much wiser NBA lawyer once told me, “Merely because someone opens the door and allows you to come into their home is no reason for you to burn down your own.” I continue to see his point in this regard.
When the Book is Your Book

Have you written an autobiography or had a book written about you? UF Law Historian Betty Taylor would like to receive a copy for the college’s archives. She can be reached at taylor@law.ufl.edu.

Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises sales and marketing departments. jsiefkas@bellsouth.net

Andrew J. Smallman recently opened his own firm, Andrew J. Smallman, in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The firm’s main focus is criminal defense, family law and probate. AJSmallsLaw@hotmail.com

2004

Steven O. Anderson (LLMT) recently joined Stamper, Rubens, Stocker & Smith.

Ashley N. Calhoun (LLMT), in the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson, has been selected as the recipient of the 2006 Omicron Delta Kappa “Grads Made Good” award, presented by Florida Southern College.

Cheryl Priest has joined the commercial and securities litigation practice in Holland & Knight’s Tampa office and was named one of the 2006 Tampa Bay Business Journal’s “30 Under 30” award winners. She is marrying Aaron Ainsworth in March.

Brent M. Rainey, an associate with West, Green, and Associates in Orlando, who exclusively practices marital and family law, co-authored the equitable distribution chapter of the Matrimonial and Family Law Board Certification Review materials for the second year. He also was recently installed as president of the Collaborative Family Law Group of Central Florida. b.rainey@rdwestlaw.com

Thomas P. Swift Jr. (LLMT), certified financial planner, has joined the estate settlement group as an estate administrator at SunTrust Bank. He was previously an estate and tax attorney with James, Bates, Pope & Spivey.

Michael B. Verille joined the Washington, D.C. office of Thacher Proffitt & Wood as an associate with the firm’s Corporate & Financial Institutions Department. mverille@tpw.com

2005

Kimberley A. Belcastro (LLMT) has joined Quarles & Brady in the company’s taxation practice group.

Benjamin Brown joined the Naples office of Quarles & Brady as an associate. He was previously with the Naples office of Bond, Schoeneck & King, a Syracuse, NY based firm.


Michael J. Faehner (LLMT), of Sarasota, was appointed by The Florida Bar to the board of directors of The Florida Bar Foundation for a three-year term.

Christopher D. Foster (LLMT) has joined Nexsen Pruet of Charleston as an associate in the tax group.

Marty Fulgueira has joined Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Miami as an associate practicing in several areas, including product liability, toxic tort defense and casualty defense. She also received one of the highest overall scores on the February Florida Bar exam. In recognition of her accomplishment, Fulgueira was asked to speak on behalf of newly admitted attorneys at the Third District Court of Appeals swearing-in ceremony.

Jarrett R. Hoffman completed his LL.M. in tax at New York University in May. He is now a second year associate at the Wall Street firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in Manhattan.

David L. Luikart III has joined Hill, Ward & Henderson in Tampa as an associate. dluikart@hwhlaw.com

2006

Kelly C. Lyon joined Quarles & Brady in the firm’s litigation practice group.

Meghan M. Mahaney (LLMT) joined Hiscock & Barclay in New York as an associate.

In Memoriam

Tom Adams (JD 48)
Daniel Galfond (JD 01)
Hon. William “Wade” Hampton III (JD 39)
Thomas C. MacDonald Jr. (JD 53)
Knowlton “Joe” Shelnut Jr. (JD 72)
Franklin J. Slagle (LLMT 80)
Robert Ware (JD 03)
James Young Wilson Sr. (LLB 41)
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UF LAW 2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT

UF LAW CENTER ASSOCIATION, INC.
As chair of the Law Center Association, it is my pleasure to report that, with the support and involvement of alumni and friends of the Levin College of Law, this year has been one of the most memorable and successful in the history of our college. Although we need your continued support for capital improvements, our facilities are exceptional and soon will be next to none.

I urge every alumnus to visit our “new” law school. Walk through the halls of the Lawton Chiles Information Center, visit the recently dedicated Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom, stop and speak with our students; feel the pride and appreciation of the role our college has played in the destiny of this state, and the sense of its great potential and purpose as we build upon our past.

Under Dean Jerry’s leadership, we have attracted some of the finest faculty in the nation, even though we are frequently working at a financial disadvantage. Looking ahead, our task is to build our annual giving and financial support for programs and faculty so we can take the final steps to becoming the number one public law school in the nation.

Your participation in annual giving is essential to the future of our college. Annual giving provides the discretionary funds that open important doors for our students and enrich law school life. During the last year, what other law school has had not one, but two United States Supreme Court justices visit and interact with faculty, students and alumni? Student morale has risen to the point that recent graduating classes are themselves making substantial pledges to the college.

The Annual Fund has helped students travel to competitions across the nation where they now place at or near the top. It has permitted us to bring in nationally acclaimed guest speakers and provide seminars and learning experiences that make our students some of the most highly recruited. I urge each of you to contribute as fully as you can to our Annual Fund. You will receive back much more than you give, particularly if you take the opportunity to visit and involve yourself in activities at our College.

Each of us has benefited from the opportunities provided by the College of Law. It is our obligation to sow seeds of generosity so we can maintain our momentum toward excellence and inspire our graduating students to participate in the nurturing cycle of giving and growth. Get involved and support UF Law.

Ain’t it great to be a Gator?
GO GATORS!

W.C. Gentry (JD 71)
Chair, UF Law Center Association
Financial Summary

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Annual Fund Contributions
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Endowment Income
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Fund Balance  Interest Transferred
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1998-1999  $43,410,446  $1,197,483
1999-2000  $57,931,929  $2,129,167
2000-2001  $58,442,477  $2,907,585
2001-2002  $59,837,880  $2,971,718
2002-2003  $46,903,630  $2,287,087
2003-2004  $52,975,580  $1,582,204
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Distinguished Donors

FOUNDERS SOCIETY
Members receive permanent recognition in the annual report.

GOLD: Annual Gifts and five-year pledges of $100,000 and up.

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Members receive full President's Council benefits and recognition, invitations to special events, and distinguished recognition in the annual report.

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PARTNER: Gifts and five-year pledges of $10,000-$24,999.

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1909 SOCIETY
The 1909 Society commemorates the founding year of the law school and honors individuals who support the law school’s annual fund program. See page 63 for more details.

Annual fund gifts (contributions designated to non-endowed, non-building funds) of $2,000-$4,999. All current members of the 1909 Society are designated in this report by an asterisk (*).

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Annual gifts of $1,000-$4,999
Members receive special recognition in the annual report.

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Annual gifts of $100-$999. Donors are recognized in the annual report.

*1909 Society Member (see page 63 for description)
DISTINGUISHED DONORS

Your Reach funds travel for student competitions.
Law Firms Accept the Challenge

Attorneys in firms across Florida, Georgia and other key areas worked hard to achieve 100 percent participation of UF Law grads in the Law Firm Giving Program. This program encourages Gators to make a gift to the Levin College of Law and support a variety of worthwhile programs. Listed below are the firm names, office locations and volunteer champions of the participating firms, in three categories: 100 percent, 90-99 percent, and 75-89 percent.

100 Percent Participation
- Anchors, Smith & Grimelsey
- Andrx Corporation
- Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane & O’Connell
- Dean Mead
- Feldman Gale, PA.
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- Gray Robinson, PA.
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- Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, PA.
- Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubs, PA.
- King, Blackwell & Downs, PA.
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- Kubicki Draper
- Maney & Gordon, PA.
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- Andrx Corporation
- Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane & O’Connell
- Dean Mead
- Feldman Gale, PA.
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The 1909 Society commemorates the founding year and approaching centennial of the University of Florida law school, while recognizing alumni and friends who sustain and advance the college with gifts to the annual fund in the amount of $2,000 – $4,999 during a single fiscal year. Support at this level improves the quality and innovation of programs for students, student organizations, teaching and research, academic programs and services, and outreach efforts.

Gifts to the annual fund include those designated to non-endowed, non-building funds. The 1909 Society donors recognize the college’s distinguished legacy of leadership and future potential while setting a standard of commitment that encourages support from others. Members for 2005-2006 were invited to a special homecoming brunch at the home of Dean Robert Jerry and his wife, Lisa.

1909 Society Members for 2005-2006:

- Charles W. Arnold, Jr.
- Mr. Jerald D. August
- Robert Jerry and his wife, Lisa.

If you would like to become a member of the 1909 Society, please contact Andrea Shirey at (352) 273-0640.
New Records

Students in the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 classes took their first step in joining a legacy of loyal and proud alumni when they contributed a combined $130,955 towards the class gift campaign in support of the law school annual fund. Both classes set a record for student giving in a tradition that is becoming stronger year after year.

The Fall 2005 class generated $62,425 in gifts and pledges to be paid over a five-year period. Seventy-one of the 145 graduates, or 49 percent, made a pledge during the campaign. Chairs of the campaign were Christopher Carmody, Michael Freedman and Claudel Pressa.

The Spring 2006 class surpassed the Fall class by a narrow margin. Forty-five of their graduates pledged $68,530, which is currently the most dollars pledged by any class. The class was led by chairs Dayna Duncan, Kelly Lyon and Hugh Rowe.

The purpose of the class gift campaign is not only to give back to the school but also to recognize how past alumni generosity has enhanced the law school experience. These students, who are now alumni, have created a legacy that will provide meaningful support to the future scholars of law at the University of Florida.
Your Reach funds travel for student competitions.
Book Awards

Book Awards honor academic achievement by recognizing the top student in each course, while providing essential unrestricted Annual Fund support for UF law students, student organizations, faculty and programs. Awards are sponsored for five years with a gift of $2,000 annually, or endowed in perpetuity with a commitment of $50,000. For more information, please contact: Development & Alumni Affairs, Levin College of Law, (352) 273-0640.

Administrative Law
- Timothy M. & Lorena J. Cerio

Advanced Bankruptcy
- Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Prosser, PA

Advanced Litigation
- Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA

Appellate Advocacy
- Hicks & Kneale, PA
- Gary Lee Primm, Esq.
- Bruce Rogow/Rogow Greenberg Foundation
- George A. Vaka

Child, Parent & State
- The Hon. Barbara Pariente
- The Hon. Fred Hazouri

Civil Procedure
- Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Sweet, Beard, Sobel & Mccluskey, LLP
- Gwynne A. Young
- W.C. Gentry, Esq.

Civil Tax Procedure
- R. Lawrence Heinkel, Esq.

Constitutional Law
- Patrick E. Geraghty, PA
- Kenneth R. Johnson & Kimberly Leach Johnson
- Oscar A. Sanchez, Esq.

Contracts
- Foley & Lardner
- Richard C. Grant (Class of 1972) In Honor Of Professor Ernest Jones

Corporate Law
- Marshall M. Criser, Esq.
- Glenn L. Criser, Esq.
- Rahul Patel, Esq.
- Mayanne Downs, Esq.

Creditors’ Remedies & Bankruptcy
- Jeffrey W. Warren, Esq.

Criminal Clinic — Public Defender Clinic
- The Hon. W. Fred Turner Memorial (Endowed)

Criminal Law
- Anthony S. Battaglia, Esq.
- R. Timothy Jansen, Esq.

Criminal Procedure — Adversary System
- Phillip J. Mays, Esq., In Honor of Professor Kenneth B. Nunn

Criminal Procedure — Police & Police Practices
- Linnes Finney Jr., Esq.

Deferred Compensation
- Andrew J. Fawbush, Esq.

Eminent Domain & Takings
- Bruce M. Harris, Esq. & Stumpy Harris, Esq.

Employment Discrimination
- John W. Campbell, Esq.

Estate Planning
- C. Randolph & Cheryl R. Coleman
- Edward F. Koren, Esq. (Endowed)

Estate Taxes & Trusts
- Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, PA
- Brian M. O’connell (Endowed)

Evidence
- Clarke, Silverglate, Campbell, Williams & Montgomery, PA
- Class Of 1955 (Reunion Class Gift)
- Gray/Robinson, PA (Endowed)
- Wm. Terrell Hodges

Family Law
- Roberta F. Fox In Memory Of Irmgard Charlotte Fox

Federal Courts
- F. Wallace Pope Jr., Esq.

Florida Administrative Law
- Lawrence E. & Cathy M. Sellers

Florida Constitutional Law
- Alex Sink & Bob Bolt (J.D. ’71) In Honor of Bill Mcbride (J.D. ’79) (Endowed)

Income Taxation of Estates & Trusts
- Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon, PA

Insurance
- Merlin Law Group, PA

Intellectual Property
- Lott & Friedland, PA

Intellectual Property Litigation
- Feldman Gale, PA

International Business Transactions
- John C. & Tifi Bierley (Endowed)

International Litigation & Arbitration
- Michael J. Mcnerney, Esq.

Jurisprudence
- Bill Hoppe, Esq.

Land Finance
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- Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, Mcbane & O’connell
- Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster Kantor & Reed, PA

Law & Psychiatry
- Lawrence Keefe

Legal Accounting
- Brett Hendee, PA

Legal Research & Writing
- Constance K. & Stumpy Harris, Esq.

Mediation
- James F. Page Jr., PA / Page Mediation

Medical Technology and The Law
- Volpe, Bajalia, Wickes, D’Andrea, Charek & Milton, PA
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Mediation & Mediation
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Partnership Taxation
- Peter J. Genz, Esq. (J.D.)
- Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, PA (LL.M.)

Professional Responsibility & The Legal Profession
- Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, PA In Memory of Andy Fredricks (Endowed)
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Property
- Professor Emeritus Mandell Glicksberg, Established By Andrew C. Hall, Esq. & James A. Hauser, Esq. (Endowed)
- David C. Sasser
- Jeffrey Brock

Remedies
- Fassett, Anthony & Taylor, PA

Sports Law
- Frances Greer Israel, Established by William C. Israel

State And Local Taxation
- Ausley & McMullen, PA

Tax Policy
- Tax Analysts, Inc.

Torts
- R. Vinson Barrett, Esq.
- Paul Linder, Esq.
- Charles M. Rand, Esq.

Trial Practice
- Barry L. Davis/Thornton, Davis & Fein, PA.
- Bill Bone, Esq.
- Bush Ross, PA.
- Milton, Leach, Whitman, D’Andrea, Charek & Milton, PA
- Monte J. Tilis Jr. Memorial (Endowed)
- Scott D. Sheftall
- Vaka, Larson & Johnson, PL
- Volpe, Bajalia, Wickes, Rogerson & Wachs

White Collar Crime
- In Honor Of Charles P. Pillans, III (Endowed)

Workers’ Compensation & Other Employment Rights
- Rosenthal & Weissman, PA

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Your Reach brings distinguished speakers to campus.

Class of 1959
Class Total: $90,600.00
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 5%

Associates
Stephen W. Sessums
Enrichment Society
Robert J. Boylston

Class of 1960
Class Total: $3,200.00
No. in Class: 73
Participation: 10%

Founders Society – gold
Ray F. Ferrero, Jr.
Trusler Society
Bill Wagner
Enrichment Society
Thomas R. Brown
Edward B. Davis, Jr.
Robert A. Kimbrough
L. David Shear
Chester L. Skipper

Class of 1961
Class Total: $2,107,100.00
No. in Class: 75
Participation: 16%

Founders Society – gold
Fredric G. Levin
Founders Society – silver
Jon C. Moyle
Associates
E. Thom Rumberger
Enrichment Society
Robert J. Carr
Neil H. Chonin
George T. Dunlap III
Paul M. Goldman
Irvin A. Meyers
John H. Moore II
Frank R. Pound, Jr.
Harry M. Sawyer, Jr.
Robert A. Ware, Jr.

Class of 1962
Class Total: $26,726.60
No. in Class: 109
Participation: 17%

Founders Society – silver
C. DuBose Ausley
Partners
Wilton R. Miller
Ernest A. Sellers
Associates
J. Charles Gray
Grace W. Taylor
Enrichment Society
Byron B. Block
Leon H. Brush
Bruce S. Bullock
George E. Bunnell
Robin Gibson
James H. Gilbert, Jr.
James C. Hoover
R. Layton Rank
Michael M. McFall
Barry L. Zisser

Class of 1963
Class Total: $9,750.00
No. in Class: 94
Participation: 15%

Founders Society – gold
John C. Bierley
Partners
Bruce S. Rogow
Trusler Society
Chief Justice Harry L. Anstead
Tad Davis
S. Austin Peele*
Enrichment Society
Ronald P. Anselmo
W. O. Birchfield
Joseph G. Heyck, Jr.
Murray Kanetsky
Joseph H. Lang, Sr.
Leon G. Nichols
Larry S. Stewart
Sylvia H. Walbolt

Class of 1964
Class Total: $55,825.00
No. in Class: 133
Participation: 7%

Founders Society – silver
Charles T. Wells
Trusler Society
Robert R. Feagin III
George D. Gabel, Jr.
Michael L. Jamieson*
Enrichment Society
Haywood M. Ball
Alton S. Beasley
Stephen D. Gardner
Nicholas J. Pisarisi
Hugh E. Starnes

Class of 1965
Class Total: $218,576.59
No. in Class: 135
Participation: 15%

Founders Society – gold
R. Dewey Burnsed

Class of 1966
Class Total: $27,200.00
No. in Class: 177
Participation: 12%

Founders Society – gold
W. Kelly Smith
Founders Society – silver
Richard M. Robinson
Associates
Charles P. Pillars III
Stephen F. Rossman
Trusler Society
L. Kinder Cannon III
Allan P. Clark
Ronald C. LaFace
Enrichment Society
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Edward M. Kay
Rutledge R. Liles
Robert S. Miller
George R. Moraitis
Robert T. Mounts
James M. Nixon II
Stephen J. Powell
Louis F. Ray, Jr.
John F. Roscow III

Class of 1967
Class Total: $34,975.00
No. in Class: 227
Participation: 11%

Founders Society – silver
C. Wayne Alford
E. C. Deeno Kitchen
Partners
Roberta F. Fox*
Frederick A. Hazouri*
Trusler Society
Barry R. Davidson
John A. DeVault III
Bill Hoppe*
Barry S. Sinoff
Council Wooten, Jr.
Enrichment Society
Susan H. Black
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Stephen E. Dalton
W. Ford Duane
Timothy K. Ford
Robert J. Head, Jr.
Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr.
Roger A. Larson
Robert M. Lloyd
Terry R. McDavid
Hubert C. Normile, Jr.
Samuel C. Ullman
Ralph S. Wheatly
James H. Woodruffe III

Class of 1968
Class Total: $75,886.72
No. in Class: 188
Participation: 18%

Founders Society – gold
Andrew C. Hall
Justus W. Reid, Sr.
Partners
Patrick E. Geraghty, Sr.
Douglas J. Milne*
Rick Thompson*
Associates
Charles W. Arnold, Jr.
John J. Upchurch IV
Trusler Society
Les W. Burke
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Enrichment Society
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Jonathan C. Gordon
Allan J. Hall
John A. McDermott
Your Reach makes UF Law nationally competitive.
Class of 1975

Class Total: $47,323.75
No. in Class: 366
Participation: 14%

Founders Society – silver
Kitty Phillips

Barristers
Maureen G. Gragg

Partners
Maureen G. Gragg

Trusler Society
Evan J. Yegelwel

Class of 1976

Class Total: $25,015.00
No. in Class: 386
Participation: 15%

Founders Society – silver
Scott L. Whiaker

Barristers
Hans G. Tantzler III

Partners
R. Vinson Barrett* Scott D. Sheftall*

Associates
James L. George

Class of 1977

Class Total: $15,485.00
No. in Class: 325
Participation: 15%

Trusler Society
Ralph Artiglieri

Barbara J. Staros
Mary P. Twitchell

Environment Society
Joan F. Beer

Russell M. Blain
David S. Boyce

Toby J. Buel, Sr.
Lewis F. Crippen

Marsha J. Crollan
Gregory W. Eisenmenger

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Catherine A. Riley
Lewis E. Shelley
Linda L. Shelley
Jeanne M. Singer

Thomas J. Sireci, Jr.
Thomas B. Smith

Michael F. Sutton
James F. Valenti, Jr.

Alfred Joseph Ventura
Max N. Wallace

Class of 1978

Class Total: $39,651.80
No. in Class: 376
Participation: 14%

Barristers
Pedro A. Martin
W. Crit Smith
Dale M. Swope

Partners
C. Randolph Coleman*

James E. Eaton, Jr.

Associates
Albert A. Sanchez, Jr.

Ned M. Shandloff

Trusler Society
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Michele B. Grimes

Linda C. McGurn

Daniel F. Molony

Environment Society
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Jeffrey D. Segal

Sandra G. Smith

Michael H. Streeter

Michael W. Tittsworth

William M. Wilson, Jr.

Robert Q. Wyckoff, Jr.

Richard M. Zabak

Class of 1979

Class Total: $37,638.84
No. in Class: 327
Participation: 15%

Founders Society – gold
Brian M. O’Connell

Partners
Larry B. Davis

Peter T. Kirkwood

David C. Sasseri*

Trusler Society
Ladd H. Fassett*

Alfred J. Malefatto

Moria Rozenson

Lawrence E. Sellers, Jr.

Enrichment Society
Joni Armstrong Coffey, Esq.

James P. Beadle

Susan F. Bennett

Christopher D. Bernard

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David M. Layman

Scott Lodin

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Timon V. Sullivan

Robert A. Sweetapple

Robert W. Wattwood

Jennifer A. West

Gail I. Winson

Class of 1980

Class Total: $33,106.00
No. in Class: 360
Participation: 13%

Founders Society – silver
Evan J. Yegelwel

Partners
Peter J. Genz*

Trusler Society
Charles M. Rand

Rob Webb

Enrichment Society
Judy S. Beaubouef

Richard K. Bowers, Jr.

Penny H. Brill

Jon C. Chassen

Russell W. Divine

Linda Ebin

Dennis J. Eisinger

Manuel Epelbaum

Kerry I. Evander
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Class of 1981
Class Total: $28,240.00
No. in Class: 383
Participation: 15%
Partners
Michael D. Minton
Associates
R. Mason Blake
Trusler Society
Susan E. Cook
Jeffrey D. Feldman
Kenneth C. Johnson
Kenneth R. Johnson
Kimberly L. Johnson
Sharon A. Knight
Roberta L. Tankel
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R. Dennis Tweed
Mark J. Wolfson
Class of 1983
Class Total: $30,714.92
No. in Class: 339
Participation: 13%
Barristers
Edward E. Sawyer
Partners
Scott C. Igenfritz
Barbara P. Vaka
George A. Vaka
Trusler Society
Janet M. Courtney
Associates
Diane J. Bone
Partners
Alan B. Cohn
Barristers
Participation: 10%
No. in Class: 324
Class Total: $11,050.00
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Partners
Bill Bone
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Brian J. Stack
Class of 1986
Class Total: $18,577.94
No. in Class: 378
Participation: 10%

Class of 1987
Class Total: $9,165.00
No. in Class: 378
Participation: 10%

Class of 1988
Class Total: $10,688.30
No. in Class: 365
Participation: 8%

Class of 1989
Class Total: $5,328.26
No. in Class: 355
Participation: 8%

Class of 1990
Class Total: $8,090.00
No. in Class: 366
Participation: 7%

Class of 1991
Class Total: $15,250.00
No. in Class: 379
Participation: 11%

Class of 1992
Class Total: $4,949.98
No. in Class: 366
Participation: 8%

Class of 1993
Class Total: $11,077.00
No. in Class: 381
Participation: 10%

Class of 1994
Class Total: $12,664.92
No. in Class: 406
Participation: 8%
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Class of 1999
Class Total: $10,389.28
No. in Class: 390
Participation: 12%
Partners
Jeffrey P. Brock*

Class of 2000
Class Total: $5,695.00
No. in Class: 393
Participation: 11%

Enrichment Society

Class of 2001
Class Total: $5,580.00
No. in Class: 379
Participation: 9%

Enrichment Society

Class of 2002
Class Total: $5,991.00
No. in Class: 403
Participation: 11%
Enrichment Society
Amanda M. Abraham
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Sara S. Becker
Mackenson Bernard
Matthew B. Bishop
Srinivas R. Dantuluri
C. LeAnn Davis
Cynthia A. Duncan
Brian H. Koch
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Erick S. Magno
Jameil C. McWhorter
George R. Moraitis, Jr.
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Renee Preston
James N. Robinson II
Samantha L. Schosberg
Robert H. Thornburg
Allan C. Winsor

Class of 2003
Class Total: $9,308.33
No. in Class: 426
Participation: 9%

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Joshua L. Becker
Mrs. Shawntoyia N. Bernard
Jessica M. Callow
John T. Conner
Sarah Cortvriend
Donald H. Crawford II
Benjamin F. Diamond
Juan M. Diaz
Linda C. Dolan
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JoAnn M. Guerrero
Christopher J. Hand
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Robert A. Heekin, Jr.
Todd E. Herberghs
Kevin E. Jakab
Nicole C. Kibert
Steven I. Klein
Eleneor C. Klingler
Robert D. Klingler
Traci A. Kratish
Amanda C. Kunz
Chandra L. Lagrone
Robyn L. Mandel
Lawrence S. McDowell
Shelly E. Nixon
B. Darin Patton
Kevin E. Regan
Sarah E. Rumpf
Scott A. Underwood
Matthew C. Vinton
J. Phillip Warren
Lisa M. Wolgast
Melissa S. Zinkil

Class of 2004
Class Total: $9,835.00
No. in Class: 397
Participation: 17%

Trusler Society
Adam M. Jarchow
Darren K. McCartney

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DAVID RICHARDSON

Twenty-two years ago Professor David Richardson came to the University of Florida tax program on a whim. In a telephone conversation with Professor Jack Freeland, Richardson not only learned of an opening for the position as director of the Graduate Tax Program, he realized applications were due the next day. He met the deadline and got the job. He served in that position for the next four years and remained a professor for the next 18.

During his time at UF, Richardson has been at the forefront of the Graduate Tax Program, now one of the most highly rated in the country. He helped found the Florida Tax Review, a law review that publishes articles dealing with significant issues of tax law and policy, and served as the faculty editor for two years after its inception. In 2005, Richardson co-authored a textbook on civil tax procedure that was published in the LexisNexis Graduate Tax Series. Richardson also serves on the board of directors of the Graduate Tax Series and expects there will be eight books in the series published by next August. Richardson, who is retiring in December, is fulfilled by the success of the LL.M. students.

“The thing that gives me the most satisfaction is that our students are in demand across the country, in private practice, as corporate counsel and in the government. Our graduates carry the college’s banner proudly and enhance the college’s reputation.”

MARY TWITCHELL

Jurisdictional issues are fundamental to all litigation, and recently retired UF law Professor Mary Twitchell (JD 77) made solid scholarly contributions focusing on the appropriate approach to determining judicial jurisdiction in state and federal courts.

As well as tackling complex issues during her 24 years on UF Law’s faculty, Twitchell taught a range of courses and seminars including Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Comparative Dispute Resolution, and Complex Litigation.

“My hope is that I helped curious students perceive our litigation system in a new light,” Twitchell said. “And that I helped many of my students — whether they liked it or not — learn to appreciate and respect the significance of one of our most critical lawyering tools: language.”

Evidence suggests that Twitchell had a great impact on her students. Recently, she heard from a former student Mark Dikeman (JD 86), now an expert in jurisdictional issues, who had worked on the U.S. Supreme Court case Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Allapattah Services.

“The case involved one of the very issues I had studied years before in Professor Twitchell’s class (the extent of pendent party jurisdiction in diversity-based class actions),” Dikeman said. “As I told Professor Twitchell, our side prevailed, and I give her all the credit.”

Twitchell retired in May 2006 and plans to split her time between Vermont and Florida.

“I’ve spent a lot of my life at Holland Hall and am grateful for the experience,” Twitchell said. “The College of Law has changed in some very positive ways since I came here: there’s a greater richness in course offerings, very interesting faculty scholarship, and students have a variety of ways to experience legal practice while still in school.”
When asked to bring a prop for his portrait, Andre Hammel (2L) didn’t bring a little token to represent himself. He brought a construction truck … a real, two-ton Dumpster-hauling truck.

This is typical of Hammel, whose ingenuity has helped him succeed as an entrepreneur and accomplish plenty in his 24 years. Not only does he own his own real estate investment company and waste-management company, he also is a second-year law student.

After graduating from Florida A&M University in 2003, Hammel, who was student body president at FAMU, deferred his acceptance to UF Law and worked for the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and Gov. Jeb Bush’s office for the next two years. To earn money, he also took a job as a hotel bellman.

“I would work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Capital, and then from 5 p.m. to midnight, I would work as a bellman at the Doubletree Hotel,” he said. “My friends from college would ask me, ‘Andre, what are you doing working as a bellboy?’”

But Hammel, who is 6 feet 5 inches tall, had a plan. He saved his money to start a real estate investment company, Hammel Solomon Tyler Holdings Property. The company invests in urban communities and troubled neighborhoods where housing is typically in disrepair. Hammel bought his first property in the fall of 2004, and has since acquired nine other units in Tallahassee, Gainesville and Atlanta.

“Most landlords don’t care about these places or take care of them,” he said in a deep voice that is surprisingly soft-spoken. “We do.”

According to American Bar Association standards, law students are not allowed to have jobs as first-year law students, so Hammel hired property managers to take care of his investments when he began law school last fall. With business obligations looked after, he decided to do something for the Gainesville community. He started the Caring and Sharing Mentoring Project, which in its first year paired 70 law students with elementary school students.

Hammel’s peers took notice of his dedication, as well as his humility, in his first year as a law student and selected him as one of three Students of the Year. Most students are chosen in their third-year as law students. Hammel believes anyone who had created that type of program would have received the award.

“It’s humbling and scary,” Hammel said of his award. “Some of these students are on a superior level academically, and I’m just average. It is empowering when people say they see these good things in me, but I’m not sure if I see them in myself.”

What Hammel doesn’t have is a plan to slow down. This past summer he expanded his business to include a waste-management company, EAT Waste and Hauling, which he started after realizing it would be more cost efficient to own his own Dumpsters for use during property renovation rather than renting them. As a second-year law student he is allowed to work up to 20 hours per week, but he hopes to hire a secretary using money from grants so he can better balance school and work.

After law school, Hammel hopes to grow his business and increase his public service using whatever platform is available. He believes UF Law has helped him develop as a person and as a student, and brought him closer to reaching his goals.

“My whole thought process has been enhanced and developed at UF Law,” Hammel said. “I’ve learned so much from my professors and my peers. It’s a training ground and a great place for a legal education.”