The Future

And what we are doing about it
In the four and a half years I have been privileged to serve as the dean of your law school, I have learned a great deal about our traditions, our history, and the graduates who have walked through our halls. It is strikingly clear that among our college’s greatest achievements are its contributions to training and developing leaders for our nation, our state, and our communities. Because I have spent nearly half of my own career in academic leadership positions of one kind or another, I have had a growing interest in learning more about what is involved in developing and nurturing leadership. In turn, this has given me insights into the history of our college, which through the years has been so successful in producing graduates who lead.

This issue of UFLaw, like others before it, is filled with examples of our college’s alumni, faculty, and students who have demonstrated great aptitude for leadership. This is evident in the stories about not only the alumni inducted into the college’s Heritage of Leadership but also the alumni who have worked to vindicate justice, who provide leadership in our profession, who are leaders in government service, and who lead by shouldering the problems and burdens of their clients.

It seems clear enough that if someone wants to be a competent and skilled lawyer, obtaining one’s legal education at the Levin College of Law is a good thing to do. It is also evident, however, that UF Law does more than prepare its students to be first-rate professionals. UF Law also prepares its students to be leaders in the workplace, the profession, our state, our nation, and our communities. Our college’s tradition of leadership development is something which we should embrace, honor, and project into the future.

This issue of UFLaw also tells the first story of the “Florida Tomorrow” capital campaign, which the University of Florida kicked off this fall. The $47 million law school campaign goal will add resources to skillfully train law students to be ethical leaders in law, politics, and business and to contribute positively to social and economic development in our state and nation. You can read more about the campaign and our college’s part in it beginning on page 10, and I encourage you to do so. Ultimately, this campaign is about leadership – positioning our law school to play a decisive role in developing the next generation of leaders for our profession, our state, our nation, and our communities. I encourage you to become a part of this ambitious effort.

Thank you for reading this message and this magazine, and for your support of our law school. We hope you enjoy this issue, including the stories it tells and pictures it contains of many of the students, our future leaders, who will benefit from the generosity of our supporters.
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Community Service Starts at Home

University of Florida law students, faculty and staff removed trash, debris and exotic invasive plants from a 3.3-acre wooded area across from the Levin College of Law as part of UF Law’s annual Community Service Day at the start of the school year, which involved more than 400 volunteers at 13 locations throughout the Gainesville area.

The law school woods area is being restored thanks to a $16,300 grant to UF Law’s Environmental & Land Use Law Society from UF Student Government and UF Physical Plant.

“We had a great group of volunteers and accomplished a lot in a few short hours,” said UF Law student Ashley Henry, project manager for the restoration project. “By merely pulling down some of the air potato vines, we saw how the woods began to open up. Residents living in the adjacent Golfview neighborhood were excited to see our group working and stopped by to learn more about our project.”

With everyone performing three hours of service, the time given totaled more than 1,200 hours. The day allowed first-year students to get a good start toward earning a Community Service Certificate, which is awarded to students who perform at least 35 hours of community service during their time in law school.

Add Your Memories 100 Year Celebration

UF Law has a rich history, from humble beginnings in 1909 through the most recent innovative renovations in 2006. In preparation for the college’s centennial, alumni and friends are invited to go to the college’s website and add their personal accounts to help create an interactive archive of the history of the college.

On each history page at www.law.ufl.edu/history, visitors are encouraged to complete an electronic form that will be forwarded to the college’s history team and included on the website.
The University of Florida Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) announced it will hold its first oral competition in February. The Race, Law and Justice Oral Competition provides law students an opportunity to research, discuss and debate important issues of race and justice.

The subject for this year’s competition is race-based hate speech. The hypothetical case that students will research and debate is based upon an actual incident involving racial conflict between white and black high school students in a South Carolina town. White students wore T-shirts emblazoned with the Confederate flag and “100 percent cotton and you picked it.” Black students responded by having T-shirts printed with the Confederate flag in red, black, and green—the colors of African liberation.

Awards from $2,500 to $1,000 will be given to the top three teams. A panel of judges, including UF professors and Gainesville community representatives, will hear the teams compete. The event is open to the public.
The Honorable C. Clyde Atkins (JD 36), an influential judge and a champion of civil rights, and John Moore McCarty (JD 41), a former state senator, judge, Florida Bar president and member of the influential 1968 Constitution Revision Commission, have been posthumously inducted into the University of Florida Levin College of Law Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society.

C. CLYDE ATKINS

Atkins was known as a defender for those who were less fortunate as well as a passionate supporter of the legal justice system. His achievements in this arena included advocating for the rights of the homeless, upholding the rights of Cuban and Haitian refugees to lodge petitions in U.S. courts and working for the desegregation of public schools. Atkins’ academic career began at UF, where he earned a degree in law in 1936.

In 1941 he joined law school classmate Bill Lantaff (JD 36) at Casey & Walton in Miami, where he worked for the next 25 years and became a name partner. Practicing as an active trial lawyer in the areas of corporate, real estate, railroad and insurance gave him the foundation for his exceptional 33-year career as a federal judge.

Atkins was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as the judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, and served as the chief judge of the district from 1977 to 1982. President Jimmy Carter recognized his willingness to serve others by appointing him to the National Commission for the Review of Antitrust Laws and Procedures from 1978 to 1979. Atkins presided over thousands of cases and was known by many for his astute judgment, fairness, impartiality and commitment to the law.

“If he’s convinced it’s guaranteed by the Constitution, he is fearless,” the late Chesterfield Smith (JD 48) once said of Atkins’ commitment to law. “He doesn’t care if it’s unpopular. He’ll stand alone.”
Some of Atkins' most publicized cases included presiding over the desegregation of Dade County schools beginning in 1969 and continuing jurisdiction for more than 25 years; a ruling allowing Allen Ginsberg, a poet who was denied his freedom of expression when the chief of police turned off his microphone, to give another reading free of charge; the action brought by the Justice Department seeking to prevent Florida Power & Light from building the Turkey Point nuclear power plant in Dade County; and a wildcat machinist strike at National Airlines, in which he refused to reinstate striking machinists after they disobeyed his injunction to return to work to allow the airline to resume operations. Atkins also presided over serious drug cases that earned his district court a national reputation as one of the finest in the 1970s.

In the 1990s Atkins ruled against both the Bush and Clinton administrations’ policies to repatriate Cuban and Haitian refugees housed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 1992 he ruled on arguably his most influential case involving the homeless in Miami. He ordered the creation of “safe zones” for the area’s homeless to congregate without the threat of police arrest. Much of the nation’s subsequent attitude to rehabilitate the homeless through training and the creation of shelters was influenced by this decision.

Over his illustrious career Atkins received numerous public service awards, including being named as a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Paul VI, having the University of Miami’s Moot Court named in his behalf and being honored with the National Conference for Community and Justice Distinguished Community Service Award. Atkins died in 1999.

JOHN MOORE McCARTY

McCarty graduated from law school in 1941 and immediately went into private practice with Liddon & Fee in his home town of Fort Pierce, focusing on general civil practice. His civil practice duties were cut short when he was called to active combat duty in the Army during World War II, where he served in the Pacific theater of operations. He earned the Bronze Star while commanding the 292nd Joint Assault Company of the 77th Infantry Division and took part in the amphibious landings on Guam, the Philippines and Okinawa, as well as the original occupation of Japan.

Upon returning from the war in 1945, he established his own law practice and began to put his maturity and leadership skills to work to pave the way for a truly exceptional career.

In 1948 and 1952 he served as campaign manager and chief of staff to his brother, Florida Gov. Dan McCarty, which enabled him in 1953 to play a key role as part of a small group that lobbied for and implemented the legislation to establish the College of Medicine at UF. In 1957 McCarty was appointed judge of the 9th Judicial District and served as a circuit judge until his resignation in 1959, when he mounted an unsuccessful campaign for governor in 1960. He was elected to the Florida Senate in 1962 and reelected in 1966. McCarty also was a member of the influential 1968 Constitution Revision Commission that made the last major changes to Florida’s Constitution and established the state’s modern-day judicial system.

McCarty served on the first Supreme Court Nominating Commission along with past Heritage of Leadership inductees Dixie Beggs (2003) and John Wigginton (2006). He also served on the American Bar Association House of Delegates, the Florida Bar Board of Governors and as a director of the American Judicature Society. He was elected and served as president of the Florida Bar in 1971 to 1972.

McCarty served as chair of the UF College of Law’s first capital campaign in the early ’80s, which led to the construction of Bruton-Geer Hall at the law school. He also was a founding member of the UF Foundation and Law Center Association, receiving the Trustees’ Award in 1981, and served as a member of the UF President’s Council and Gator Boosters. He has been named to both the Florida Blue Key Hall of Fame and to UF’s Hall of Fame, and was designated a Distinguished Alumni in 1973.

In addition to his legal career, McCarty maintained business interests in citrus groves and cattle ranching in Fort Pierce. His community involvement included serving on the Board of Directors for Florida Power and Light Company, the Port St. Lucie Bank, the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital and as a state director of the Orange Bowl. In addition, he was a senior warden and Sunday school superintendent at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, president of Rotary, and an active member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, all in Fort Pierce. McCarty died in 1995.

The alumni honored by the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society are preeminent graduates who, in the decades since, assumed leadership positions on national and international levels and distinguished themselves in legal, governmental, academic and corporate sectors. They labored to improve the administration of justice and received the highest commendations for contributions to the profession and service to education, civic, charitable and cultural causes. To permanently honor outstanding and notable alumni of UF Law and their contributions to the state and university, the Law Center Association Board of Trustees established the Heritage of Leadership Recognition Society in 2003.
PARTNERS

Real Estate Gifts Are a Smart Move

Gifts of real estate make great sense for anyone considering major philanthropy with current or estate gifts.

In almost all instances, the IRS allows a deduction of the full appraised value of the property for outright gifts. This deduction can be used to offset up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income in the year of sale, plus five carry-forward years. When the university sells the real estate, no capital gains tax is due. The full net proceeds can then be leveraged by claiming matching funds from the state of Florida at rates ranging from 50-100 percent.

Charitable remainder unitrusts funded with real estate can have spectacular results when used for retirement or other lifetime income. Funding the unitrust with real estate generates a sizeable income tax deduction, even if the property is not immediately liquidated. When liquidated, there are no capital gains taxes on the proceeds, nor are taxes due on gains in the market once the proceeds have been invested. At the recommended payout rates of 5-7 percent of the value of the corpus, returns should average in excess of the pay-out. Excess returns are reinvested and can provide a hedge against inflation as the corpus grows.

The University of Florida Foundation, Inc., has an experienced staff that can assist as you consider gift vehicles or estate planning for you or your clients. To support the law school, contact Bruce DeLaney, director of real estate at (352) 392-5405 or bdelaney@uff.ufl.edu. You may also contact the law school Office of Development directly at (352) 273-0641.

—Bruce Delaney
UF Director of Real Estate

From Ohio State to Titletown

Of all the law schools in the land, Sara Grimm decided to leave Ohio State University to work at the university that defeated Ohio State in national basketball and football championships. As UF Law’s new director of annual fund & stewardship programs, she says it’s an entertaining topic of conversation as she meets alumni across the nation.

“At the championship football game, being a Florida native, my fiance and I both wore our Gator gear to the parties in Ohio,” said Grimm. “We were also the only two happy people at the end of the game.”

Grimm previously served as assistant director of development for reunions at the Mortiz College of Law at Ohio State. In her current role she is managing the annual giving program for the college, supporting the Law Alumni Council, and coordinating gift acknowledgement processes and stewardship efforts. She is a graduate of Penn State University.

Grimm is in for another big change as well. She is a former professional figure skater and skating instructor who will not find many ice skating rinks in North Central Florida.

“Although I spent more than 22 years in ice rinks skating, I’m enjoying thawing out and practicing my golf game and scuba diving,” she said.

Take Advantage of The Pension Act

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 currently 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, call (352) 273-0640.
Scholarship Fund
Among Generous Gifts

The memory and distinguished career of Edwin Presser (JD 58), the founder of Jacksonville law firm Goldman & Presser, is being honored by three former colleagues and his son, Stephen. The donors have given $668,000, which will be matched by state funds to the Edwin Presser Scholarship Fund for law students, with a preference given to students wanting to practice in the field of public interest law.

Other recent gifts were funded by:

- Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson P.A. Student Professional Development Endowment. The spendable income from this $100,000 fund will be used to support teaching, research and programs that enhance the leadership and professionalism of law.
- Jim Theriac (JD 74), who contributed $100,000 in an unrestricted bequest.
- W. Kelly (JD 66) & Ruth Smith, who provided a cash pledge of $50,000 to be used in an unrestricted endowment.
- Norton, Allen & Blue PA, which endowed a $50,000 Book Award in Employment Discrimination, which will honor the top student in that course in perpetuity.
- John (JD 82) & Ultima (JD 80) Morgan, who provided a cash pledge of $100,000 with purpose TBD.

Macdonald Prize
Awarded

The winner of the W.D. Macdonald Prize this year is David Glassman from West Palm Beach. Working on his master’s in tax law at UF, he will graduate in May and work for Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart in West Palm Beach, focusing on business and corporations tax law. The award of $3,000 is presented each spring to the graduate with the highest cumulative law school average.

Alumni Gather for Fun and Networking

It’s true that The Gator Nation is everywhere, and better yet, its UF Law citizens are organizing more often to have fun and network with each other. Most recently, alumni in Orlando and Tampa reached out to stay connected with other alumni. Brent Gordon (JD 04) organized a social in Tampa, and Sarah Rumph organized an event in Orlando.

“Planning these events has been really rewarding. I’ve met so many of our wonderful alumni, and their dedication to the profession and enthusiasm for UF never ceases to amaze me,” said Rumph, who added that they are already planning the next Orlando event for Feb. 28, 2008.

Kelley Frohlich, senior director of the Office of Development at UF Law, said her office will provide advice on arrangements, including contacting alumni living in the designated area.

“We know that alumni really enjoy these events, so we are happy to work with organizers to provide information and tips on how to sponsor an event in their area. There are lots of benefits to staying connected with the law school and each other, so we encourage this type of alumni initiative,” Frohlich said.

“Sarah and Brent did a phenomenal job of getting the alums together in their area, and we hope to see more of this around the state and nation.”
For nearly a century, the law school at the University of Florida has taught and shaped the characters and opinions of thousands of men and women who have studied here before going on to practice law, lead businesses and serve in leadership roles around the globe.

Now, through the university’s Florida Tomorrow campaign, the law school hopes to raise $47 million to continue to address the challenges facing all of us, both today and tomorrow.

What is required to both sustain this record of success and build a great law school for tomorrow?

To recruit and retain the best faculty, we must build an intellectual community rich in energy and productivity that enables individual faculty members to set and attain high professional aspirations, says UF Law Dean Robert Jerry.

“The best faculty do more than pass on knowledge to their students; they also ignite a lifelong passion for the law,” said Jerry. The funds will be used to endow professorships, chairs, fellowships and scholarships as well as support additional student services.

“Updated facilities also will be key to the acquisition of top faculty and their ability to teach, as well as to the ability of students to learn,” Jerry said. “Funds for renovations and technological enhancements and training are vital to the modern learning environment.”

Creating a better tomorrow is already underway as conveyed by a sampling of programs at the Levin College of Law.
Conservation Clinic students examine a Cedar Key clamming operation.
Florida Tomorrow is a place … where our natural resources and rights are protected.

On Florida’s shores, where erosion and development are squeezing coastal animals out of their habitats and homeowners are losing backyard beaches to the sea, UF law students drew a line in the sand. Ryan Osborne and Heather Brown collaborated with graduate students in wildlife ecology and interdisciplinary ecology to help a sea turtle advocacy group draft legislation that put purchasers of coastal property on notice that they are buying an eroding shoreline that they share with endangered sea turtles and other vulnerable species.

That endeavor illustrates what UF’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program is all about, says Alyson Flournoy, its director. The program, she explains, is meant to instill in its students vigorous independence and professionalism — essential qualities for protecting the state’s natural resources against damage and contamination.

To accomplish that, the integration of land use law and environmental law is essential, she says. So is Flournoy and her team’s association with UF’s Center for Governmental Responsibility, as well as their ties with an array of other UF academic departments — wildlife ecology, environmental engineering, urban and regional planning, and agriculture.

Students in the Environmental and Land Use Law Program are also active in UF’s Conservation Clinic, directed by Tom Ankersen. It’s there that students truly take charge. Erika Zimmerman was one of those students. She drafted a petition to UNESCO on behalf of the Belize Institute of Environmental Law and Policy to list Belize’s Barrier Reef as a threatened world heritage site. Her petition, noted by both The New York Times and BBC, inspired two other petitions filed on behalf of Mount Everest and a World Heritage site in Peru. Ankersen notes that the Conservation Clinic and its students serve as a model for international initiatives in developing countries such as Costa Rica, where a joint UF-University of Costa Rica program allows students to work across cultural boundaries. Of course, issues closer to home are also actively addressed by the Conservation Clinic.

“Our program has had demonstrable success providing state and local governments with policy approaches that have been enacted into law,” he says.

Florida Tomorrow is a day … when all people live under the rule of law.

A trial lawyer, Jennifer Zedalis believes, is like an artist. Sketch an argument. Add details. Paint a picture that convinces a judge and jurors.

Like all artists, it’s practice, Zedalis knows, that can make a good law student a great trial lawyer. And as director of the Trial Practice Program at the Fredric G. Levin College of Law, she’s passionate about training that next generation of trial lawyers to be masters at their craft.

“The most visible lawyers in our culture are those arguing cases in front of juries,” she says.

Consequently, trial lawyers represent not only their clients, but the whole profession. In order to do both effectively — to become what Zedalis calls “mature” lawyers — students in Trial Practice undergo rigorous training. In addition to traditional coursework, they attend lectures and discussions, participate in weekly workshops taught by practicing attorneys and judges, and hone their skills through one-on-one video critiques. Ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and devotion to client are stressed.

So is the need to understand increasingly complex scientific evidence, such as DNA and data from fields like engineering, forensics and medicine.

As law becomes more specialized and places more demands on its practitioners, training new trial lawyers to understand and successfully meet those demands becomes even more essential, Zedalis insists.

“The higher the standard set for the profession,” she says, “the more noble the profession.”
Toward that end, students completing Trial Practice — some 90-plus each semester — can intern through the State Attorney’s or the Public Defender’s Office, representing actual clients before real judges. Or they can assist indigent members of the community through the Virgil Hawkins Civil Law Clinic. Students also compete to be on UF’s Trial Team, which has won national titles three times in the last five years, including the National Civil Rights Advocacy Competition and the National Civil Trial Competition.

All that preparation pays off in the end, Zedalis says. Students are taught to think quickly, synthesize information from other disciplines, understand and apply subspecialties in law and communicate effectively and persuasively — all while adhering to the highest principles exemplified by the profession.

After all, Zedalis says, “trial practice is an art form.”

Florida Tomorrow is a belief … that everyone deserves equal, informed and fair representation.

At the Fredric G. Levin College of Law, children are important clients. Barbara Bennett Woodhouse makes sure of it. Woodhouse is director of the law school’s Center on Children and Families. The center, established in 2001, has an ambitious vision. Woodhouse and her team see the center as a spearhead in efforts to serve Florida’s most vulnerable residents: its children.

To put it in simple terms, the center’s mission is to make sure all neglected and abused children receive integrated help from professionals in law, social services, education and mental health.

“We make a difference,” Woodhouse says, “because we are involved at every level — from the trenches to the Supreme Court.” With legal issues nowadays affecting families and children so commonplace — there are 1.2 million divorces each year and more than 21 million children involved in some form of custody or child support dispute — the need for coordinated services has never been greater, Woodhouse explains, especially when resolution and problem-solving, rather than litigation, is the goal.

To that end, UF’s Center on Children and Families now includes the Child Welfare Clinic. The clinic is one of the first in the country devoted to teaching law students the skills to collaborate with physicians, nurses and social workers in a unified approach to child protection. Another program in the UF Law Virgil Hawkins’s Civil Clinics, Gator TeamChild, makes it possible for law students to learn firsthand the art and science of child advocacy. Through Gator TeamChild, UF students become Florida Supreme Court-certified legal interns and represent at-risk and indigent children in the 16-county area surrounding Gainesville. The program provides practical, ethical and interdisciplinary experience in cases involving custody disputes, delinquency, domestic violence and health care.

To date, some 50 graduates of the Levin College of Law have earned a Family Law Certificate, creating what Woodhouse calls a ripple effect in society. In training a new generation of child-centered advocates, Woodhouse and the other founders of UF’s Center on Children and Families hope to see that salutary effect strengthen and spread.

As Woodhouse explains, the center’s initial leadership role — based on the philosophy of inclusion and collaboration — might well serve as a model for other similar and much-needed statewide initiatives.

Florida Tomorrow is a place … where business and the economy thrives.

An invisible framework supports every business, every organization, every way of life. It governs how institutions and individuals interact, and can dictate who succeeds and who fails. It is the Rule of Law, and it provides the structure that allows civilizations to flourish.

The University of Florida Levin College of Law has helped build and maintain this framework for close to a
Florida is the fourth largest state in the nation in terms of population, with an unusually high number of retired and elderly residents who require services, programs and law graduates trained in areas related to elder law issues such as estates and trusts planning.

hundred years. With more living alumni than only a handful of law schools and top-ranked programs in vital areas such as Taxation, Family Law and Environmental and Land Use Law, UF Law graduates are found everywhere important decisions are made.

“You cannot successfully generate or distribute assets without a sound understanding of the law,” says Dean Robert Jerry. “Businesses realize this, and you can find many of our graduates at the top of the country’s most successful organizations. Our alumni also are shaping public policy at the highest levels and leading law firms that help define how the law is applied and followed.”

UF Law’s Graduate Tax Program, for example, has impacted the nation’s formulation and interpretation of the nation’s tax laws for 30-plus years. It is widely regarded by tax scholars and practitioners nationwide as a leader among all graduate tax programs. Its faculty include internationally respected people in the field such as Culverhouse Eminent Scholar Larry Lokken and Freeland Eminent Scholar Paul McDaniel.

“My years at UF provided wonderful preparation for my career,” says Lindy Paull, a current co-managing partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Washington, D.C. who earned her J.D. and her LL.M. in Taxation from UF before embarking on a career that includes service as chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress.

This respected program recently increased its impact by adding the nation’s first Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) in Taxation, and an LL.M. in International Taxation Program that places the program at the forefront in the study of international taxation.

“Legal expertise in international taxation is greatly valued in a world of multinational corporations, electronic commerce, and international business and investment transactions,” says Associate Dean Michael Friel, head of the law school’s Graduate Tax Program. “U.S. lawyers in cities throughout the country must become more familiar with international tax rules, and foreign lawyers must become more familiar with both U.S. and international tax rules.”

Florida Tomorrow is a day … when our assets and loved ones are protected.

Florida is one of the most populous states in the country and growing fast. It also features an unusually high number of the retired and elderly, with an accompanying need to provide top-notch programs and graduates well versed in their special needs.

The UF Law Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning integrates teaching, training, research, scholarship and public service, and is dedicated to advancing estate planning, charitable giving, and elder law knowledge, professionalism, skills and policy by educating and training both students and lawyers.

“We offer meaningful academic programs and services, help prepare students to meet the challenges of an estates and trusts practice, and provide community services for the area’s elderly and poor. Many of our alumni practice in the field,” says Center Director Lee-ford Tritt. “I believe our center and our graduates can play a major role in shaping estates and trusts public policy and statutes in Florida and beyond.”

The center also administers the Certificate Program in Estates and Trusts Practice and supervises the Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society, which enables students to participate in outreach programs as community service to the elderly, and judicial externships for academic credit, established in probate divisions of several judicial circuits. It coordinates with UF’s Graduate Tax Program, is affiliated with the Institute for Learning in Retirement, which sponsors adult education courses on estate planning and elder law issues, and works closely with UF’s Oak Hammock retirement community, where faculty regularly teach classes to residents.

“Resources through the Florida Tomorrow campaign will help train and shape the lawyers and leaders we need to enhance economic development and encourage successful entrepreneurship,” says Dean Jerry. “We also see it as our mandate to help others successfully manage their assets, both physical and personal, to the best uses for the well being of the state, the economy, their families, and themselves, and pass on those assets according to their wishes in later years.”
In the Line of Fire

David Roth makes his way in the high pressure world of criminal defense

BY JAMES HELLEGAARD
David Roth’s face gives away very little. If he hadn’t spent the last four decades developing a reputation as one of the best criminal defense attorneys in Florida, he likely could have done very well for himself as a professional poker player.

The pressure that comes from having a client’s life riding on his legal acumen or the power of his argument is kept well hidden. Like his boyhood idol, New York Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle, Roth doesn’t blink when facing a tough adversary under the bright lights in a tension-packed situation. He thrives.

Dealing with reporters is part of the job in Roth’s high-profile practice.

PHOTO BY LANNIS WATERS OF THE PALM BEACH POST
“It’s a lot more exciting,” Roth says of criminal defense law. “And the stakes are obviously significantly higher than in other areas of the practice.”

To be successful in this line of work, he says, “I think you have to be compassionate, you have to be non-judgmental by nature, recognize human frailty and faults, and deal with them accordingly.” A good defense lawyer must be “a good listener, and instill confidence in the client that you’re going to do your very best for him or her.”

Still, Roth admits, knowing how his success or failure in the courtroom can impact another person’s life is a very grave responsibility, which can result in “a lot of lost sleep, a lot of work, a lot of anxiety, and a substantial amount of second-guessing.”

The sky is gray and overcast outside the window of Roth’s law office, which overlooks Palm Beach, the well-heeled enclave where he has spent his entire career. It’s a long way from the rough-and-tumble streets of New York where he first steeled his nerves playing stickball and sneaking into Yankee Stadium to watch his heroes play ball.

Born in the Bronx, Roth moved at a very young age to Brooklyn with his mother after his parents divorced. After graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School in Coney Island, Roth attended Brooklyn College and City University of New York. He first traveled to Florida during winter breaks from school when he worked with some college friends as a waiter and busboy at the Sterling Hotel on Collins Avenue in Miami’s South Beach. Attracted to the warm climate, Roth applied to UF Law and was awarded an out-of-state scholarship.

Roth quickly discovered that Gainesville was not Miami Beach. There was no ocean breeze to cool things down. “It was culture shock. The first day of law school I was in Buckman Hall. It was in August. It was about 95 degrees and there was no air conditioning.”

CLASS CHALLENGES

Soon he was sweating it out in class with a tough but enlivening young law professor who would reveal to him the magnificent intricacies of the U.S. Constitution.

“The first time I probably thought about [criminal defense law] was in August of 1966 in constitutional law with Professor Fletcher Baldwin,” says Roth, who recalls his professor as “intimidating” and “no-nonsense,” but also as someone who awoke a passion for the law in his students.

“He was very inspiring,” Roth says of Baldwin. “Obviously, in constitutional law the primary focus is on criminal defense, at least from what I recall, and I thought it would be very intellectually challenging, interesting and emotionally rewarding to represent people that were accused of crimes, particularly if they weren’t guilty.”

More than 40 years later, criminal defense work has proven to be all that and more, Roth says, before adding this caveat: “Unfortunately, the majority of my clients are not innocent victims of circumstance.”

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Indeed, Roth’s clients have put him front-and-center in some of Palm Beach County’s most notorious cases.

In 1998 Roth and law partner Douglas Duncan negotiated a plea deal that resulted in probation and a fine for Palm Beach socialite Stephen Fagan, who was accused of abducting his two young daughters from Massachusetts during a custody struggle, creating a fictional identity for himself and convincing the girls that their mother was dead (Roth and Duncan handled matters in Florida only).

In 1986 Roth and Duncan took on the case of Robert Spearman, a wealthy boatyard owner who, through an ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine, hired professional hitmen to kill his wife, an assistant city manager in West Palm Beach. Spearman was convicted of first-degree murder, spared the death penalty, and later committed suicide in his cell.

In 2000 Roth and Duncan’s client, jewel dealer Jack Hasson, was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison for defrauding a slew of prominent locals, including pro golfers Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman, as well as with laundering more than $80 million in money (Hasson was not their client at the time of his trial or sentencing).

More recently, Roth has represented the Rev. Francis Guinan, 63, who along with the retired Rev. John A. Skehan, 79, is accused of misappropriating $8.7 million in cash from donations to St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, one of the area’s largest and oldest parishes.

Like any defense attorney, Roth has faced his share of people who can’t understand how he can defend some of the people he has represented.

“That’s probably the easiest question, and the answer to that is that the Constitution provides for everyone having a defense and having their rights protected,” Roth says. “And the system only works when the accused is represented as vigorously as the state or federal government is.”

Having argued before scores of juries, however, Roth understands many people have a difficult time avoiding judgments and make up their minds about a person’s guilt or innocence in a fairly quick and hasty manner.

Roth again placed himself in the line of fire last year when an old friend was caught in the media’s crosshairs. On Sept. 29, 2006, ...
Roth received a call from Mark Foley, who an hour earlier had resigned his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives after admitting he wrote lurid and explicit messages and e-mails to young male pages. Foley’s legal troubles would put Roth’s face on televisions, newspapers and magazines all over the world.

“I had known Mark Foley for almost 40 years,” Roth says. “He owned a little salad bar in Lake Worth long before he became involved in politics, and throughout the years I had an excellent relationship with him as a friend, and he referred many cases to me before and during the time he was in Congress.”

In the days following the Foley’s resignation, former federal prosecutor Mark Schnapp, who has known Roth as both a colleague and an adversary, told the Miami Herald: “David knows how to work his way through a difficult position. He’s incredibly savvy. But he’s got his hands full here.”

Foley sought Roth’s advice and assistance, and Roth says he tried to give him the best counsel he could. Over the next several weeks, Roth acted as spokesman for his client, holding press conferences during which he informed the world that Foley was an alcoholic, had entered rehab, was molested as a teenager by a clergyman, was gay, and that he never had sex with any underage congressional pages.

Roth says the work he did on Foley’s behalf exacted an emotional toll.

“It’s always difficult to see a friend or someone you care about in trouble, whether it’s criminal trouble or medical trouble or marital trouble,” he explains. “It’s just more difficult.”

THOROUGH TRAINING

Of course, those kinds of difficulties are part of the bargain Roth struck when he chose to practice criminal defense law. After being drafted into the U.S. military on the day he graduated from law school in 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, Roth enlisted in the National Guard. He completed his obligation in 1975 and began his law career by finishing a clerkship for the 4th District Court of Appeal in Vero Beach, which had been temporarily interrupted by his military service.

That’s when Roth found his place in the law. He landed a position with one of the largest and most successful plaintiff’s personal injury firms in West Palm Beach, Cone Wagner Nugent & Johnson. There he handled a variety of cases, including plaintiff’s personal injury cases, commercial litigation, family law and criminal defense law.

It was under the tutelage of firm partner Chuck Nugent, who had been county solicitor (the equivalent now of state attorney) in Palm Beach County, that Roth’s interest in criminal defense blossomed. Nugent asked Roth to assist him with some of his cases. At the time there had been a deluge of drug cases in West Palm Beach, including many stemming from arrests made by undercover officers at a local rock music festival.

“Hundreds of young people had been arrested, so my first exposure to the criminal defense practice was representing mostly college students and high school students in drug cases in Palm Beach County,” Roth says.

Roth was selected as the youngest United States Magistrate Judge at the age of 26, and was elected president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association in 1981.

Since that time, Roth has handled thousands of cases. And while many people know his name for his connection to clients whose crimes have achieved a level of notoriety in the public eye, it’s the people who Roth has helped to get their lives back on track that stand out most in his mind. There was the young man who got into serious trouble for burglary, and who is now one of the top research oncologists in the world and has developed very hopeful therapy for cancer treatment.

STIMULATING CRIMINAL CASES

Particularly satisfying to Roth has been the work he and Duncan have done representing victims in criminal cases. One of those cases was his representation of Patricia Bowman, who in 1991 accused William Kennedy Smith of raping her at the Kennedy compound in Palm Beach. Smith, who was defended by Roth’s friend Roy Black, was eventually acquitted, but the result didn’t diminish Roth’s gratification with the case.

“Even though the verdict was not guilty, there was a tremendous amount of vindication for her and healing as a result of Mr. Smith being prosecuted,” Roth says. “So that was rewarding.”

Black told the Miami Herald last October: “David is an excellent lawyer with a well-deserved reputation in Palm Beach for helping people out of perilous positions.”

In addition to his legal practice, Roth devotes time to a number of organizations, including the Narcotic Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) Task Force, formed by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush five years ago in the wake of an alarming rise in drug overdoses and drug-related deaths among youths in Palm Beach County.

“It’s been very rewarding because it seems to have had a very positive effect,” Roth says of his involvement.

By his own estimation, Roth, 62, has mellowed somewhat since his younger days. Roth has two daughters and three step-daughters. In December, he and his second wife, Paula, will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. Roth, who typically spends seven days a week at work, says he plans to continue practicing law “probably until they cart me out.”

“I enjoy getting up in the morning and going to work, and I still find it rewarding. So as long as that continues, I’ll be coming into the office.”

“The system only works when the accused is represented as vigorously as the state or federal government is.”
As criminal operations go, this one was significant. The idea was simple enough. Dredge the ponds at golf shooting ranges, run the algae-covered balls through an acid wash, re-varnish them, and sell them back to golf courses as practice balls.

If only the people running the operation out of the back of a sports shop in a strip mall in west Broward County had stopped there. They didn’t. Instead, they took the balls, originally made by a slew of different manufacturers, and stamped them with the name “Titleist,” one of the best-selling brands in the world.

Simply put, that’s stealing.
That’s where Leslie Lott comes in. A 1974 graduate of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Lott is one of the top intellectual property lawyers in Florida. When law enforcement raided the counterfeit golf ball operation, Lott was there, along with a representative from her client, Acushnet, the manufacturer of golf-related products, including Titleist® golf balls.

“I’ll never forget the client representative from Acushnet who was down here with us when we conducted the raid on the operation,” Lott recalls. “There were all these drying racks with stacks of trays full of golf balls lined up in them, still damp, with the varnish drying on them, and the varnish was pooling in the dimples. And he was a tall man walking around with his hands up in the air yelling, ‘These golf balls have been aerodynamically devastated.’ He was so passionate about his company, and he was so furious.”

Such emotion is common when someone’s intellectual property has been stolen. Lott has seen many clients come into her office at Lott & Friedland in Coral Gables. They’re angry, indignant that someone is taking something they created and trying to call it their own, stealing property that is rightfully theirs.

A big part of IP law and an area that gets a lot of attention is counterfeiting, the illegal activity that was taking place at the golf ball operation. Busting such operations can be dangerous. Oftentimes, counterfeiters are turned in by the competition—people who sell products legitimately, says Lott, whose clients have included Mont Blanc® pens, Singer® sewing machines, Cartier® watches and Reebok® athletic shoes.

“Usually you find counterfeiters through local distributors or local licensees who tell you they’ve seen counterfeiters at this store or this flea market, or they’ll come back and say, ‘Wait a minute, how can Joe Schmo sell the same product I’m selling for half the price? Are you giving him a better price?’” Lott explains. “And that also will alert the manufacturer.”

Private investigators then move in to help build a case, to literally track down the source, make a buy and obtain the goods. The product then goes back to the company, which determines whether it’s original and authentic or a counterfeit. Attorneys then take the counterfeit into court, lay out the information before a judge, who authorizes a seizure order to allow for the raid of the operation, usually with federal marshalls, and seizure of the counterfeit goods, paperwork and other documentation.

Things don’t always go smoothly, of course. Lott has avoided peril so far, but she’s heard plenty of stories of others who haven’t been so fortunate, including an attorney in New York who was stabbed in a counterfeit raid (he recovered), and another who broke an arm when she was knocked down a flight of stairs by counterfeiters dashing down a back stairway, seeking to escape a raid in New York’s Chinatown, one of the most notorious areas in the country for selling counterfeit goods.

“You’re dealing with criminal activity by definition, and you’re interfering with people’s livelihood,” Lott says. “And it can be dangerous.”

As Lott and those who know will tell you, though, there’s nothing else she would rather be doing. Circuit Judge Martha Lott (JD 81) of Gainesville remembers her older sister being “committed to going to law school since she was in elementary school” and showing off her legal skills at an early age.

“She drafted her first contract when we were gosh, less than 10 years old,” Martha Lott recalls of their time growing up in Perry.

Lott’s father, Russell, still has a contract Leslie wrote around that same time. The contract was made with her two younger sisters, Martha, and Sarah, a businesswoman who lives in Portland. The girls had traded bedrooms, and the contract laid out the terms of the trade:

“The term was for one week—it provided for a trade back on Sunday—unless I hit Martha, in which case she could demand a trade back at any time, or unless both parties agreed,” Leslie explains. “We each had to clean the room we occupied and could not trade back a room that was not clean. If the rooms were not clean...
at the end of the contract term, the parties remained in the rooms they then occupied for an additional two days in order to clean both rooms before trading back. A 10-cent fine was imposed on anyone who wore her sister’s clothes without permission.

“Practicing law without a license, I think we’d call that now,” notes Martha.

Russell Lott was a mechanical engineer for Proctor & Gamble, and his wife, Allene, was a housewife with a degree in chemistry. Martha remembers being baffled at the apparent fun Leslie would have “arguing like a lawyer” with their father at a very young age. She compares it to watching a kid playing chess. Leslie was always “very rational, very modulated”—qualities you wouldn’t expect in a little girl. The intellectual challenge of the debate prepared her sister well for a career in law.

“She’s very similar to my father,” says Martha Lott. “They both love to logically argue points, and obviously she gained skill starting awfully young. That’s not normal recreation for an 8- or 9-year-old.”

**FORMAL TRAINING BEGINS**

Leslie Lott left Perry for Gainesville to attend the University of Florida, where she was president of Panhellenic Council, attorney general of the Honor Court and part of the first class of women ever admitted to Florida Blue Key, UF’s leadership honorary. Following graduation from UF Law, Lott decided she wanted to work in Washington, D.C., and landed a job with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

“It was really just a fluke,” Lott says of that first job, which would lead her on the path to a career in intellectual property law. After two years, Lott joined the venerable New York law firm of Pennie & Edmonds, where Leslie was one of the only woman lawyers. That wasn’t surprising in the early 1970s, the tipping point for women moving into the law. When she entered UF Law in 1972, Lott was one of a handful of women in law school. By the time she graduated, women comprised about one-third of the entering law school classes.

While her mentors along the way were men who were always supportive of her, Lott recalls one client at Pennie & Edmonds who tried to give her a bit of a compliment as they left court one day.

“You know, I don’t mind one bit having a woman lawyer,” Lott recalls him saying. “I always hire women in my business. I learned a long time ago they work twice as hard.”

“Technology has given rise to increasingly more intellectual property issues.”

Lott with items often counterfeited
In 1980 Lott and Moore moved back to Florida. A few years later, Lott saw an opportunity. As far as Lott or Moore knew, there were only two lawyers at the time specializing in intellectual property law in South Florida. Lott launched her firm from the couple’s home.

“I remember discussing with her that she should follow her dreams,” says Moore, who started his own marine and aviation law firm, Moore & Co., after many years at Holland & Knight. “She literally started the firm from scratch. She had no associates, no office. She just started putting out the word, and then she started practicing and letting friends and family know, ‘this is what I’m going to do.’”

Still, starting her own firm, Lott says, was kind of frightening.

“What if you give a party and nobody comes? It was that kind of a feeling,” she says from her office overlooking Coral Gables. “But things went really well.”

David Friedland (JD 88), who clerked for Lott when he was in law school, joined the firm after practicing law in Atlanta and is now the firm’s senior patent counsel. Lott & Friedland, with offices in Coral Gables and Fort Lauderdale, now has five partners, six associates and six paralegals. The firm will celebrate its 25th anniversary this May.

In retrospect, Lott couldn’t have chosen a better area of law in which to practice. As technology has developed and grown over the last quarter century, including the explosion of the Internet, intellectual property law has followed right along with it, bringing increasing business for both the patent practice and technology practice.

“Because it’s now so easy to set up a business on the Internet, people who at one time might have had a brick-and-mortar business in one location, all of a sudden are on the Internet and that one little shop is intergalactic for all we know,” Lott says. “So there’s a lot more potential for conflicts. Every step of the way, technology has given rise to increasingly more intellectual property issues.”

**COUNTERFEITING EXPANDS**

Lott, whose own practice focuses on trademark litigation, has watched as the law continues to try to keep pace with technology. With the globalization of the economy and the ease with which goods go from one country to another, stemming the tide of counterfeiting can seem an impossible task. Manufacturers of American and European products outsource to Asian countries where the makers will make an over-supply of products from Louis Vuitton® bags to Gloria Vanderbilt® jeans.

Luxury goods are one thing, Lott says, but a far greater danger comes with the manufacture and sale of counterfeit medicines, airplane parts, car tires—products that by their poor quality are actually life-threatening.

“Now they’re finding some links to counterfeiting rings and counterfeiting operations funding international crimes and international terrorists,” she explains. “These people are criminals and they’re involved in criminal activity. So it’s not to be taken lightly.”

Today, decades after she drew up that first contract with her sister and honed her arguing skills with her father, Lott finds some of her greatest satisfaction in helping to resolve disputes. She is a member of the Panel of Distinguished Neutrals for the Resolution of Trademark Disputes, established by the International Trademark Association, and has participated in a number of mediation conferences in connection with ongoing efforts to provide cost-effective alternatives to litigation.

“If you can help people get to a resolution that saves them money, saves them time, saves them the resources of their company, and gets them to where they can shake hands and part friends more or less, it’s so satisfying to be able to resolve things that way,” Lott says.

While the law continues to fascinate her, Lott says the most enjoyable part of her job is working with the creative people she has for clients.

“Being able to work with people who are creating books, creating music, creating software, creating works of art, creating companies, creating businesses—I just love being around people who are making things happen,” she says. “Our client base is a very exciting, interesting, dynamic group of people, and I love working with them and trying to help them protect what they’ve created.”
Unequal Justice

One journey begins, and one ends, when a brand new lawyer gets mad.

By Kathy Fleming
White, black. Rich, poor. Free, not free. Just, unjust. It’s a plot that could have come right out of a John Grisham bestseller. Instead it came from ABC’s “20/20” television show, and, luckily for the protagonist, a fledgling Jacksonville lawyer was watching.
“I honestly can’t believe the multitude of people out there willing to help a mere stranger.”

—Tyrone Brown in a letter to Charlie Douglas

Charlie Douglas (JD 06) got home earlier than usual that Friday night. He always eats out at the end of the long work week, and this Friday was no exception. He dropped down on the couch just in time to catch the tail end of ABC’s “20/20” television show. It wasn’t a show he would normally watch, but one segment shook the tiredness right out of his bones.

The story:

Two young men go through the same Dallas, Texas, courtroom of Judge Keith Dean at about the same time.

John Wood, a white young man, is the son of one of the most prominent pastors in Texas. A “paragon of privilege,” he is called. After having sex with a male prostitute at his home, Wood argued about the $30 payment and shot the prostitute in the back.

He obtained the finest legal representation, pleaded guilty, had a one-day trial at which the most powerful pastor in Texas spoke on his behalf and received 10 years probation.

While on probation, the young man was caught repeatedly with cocaine and other serious offenses. A witness said “Daddy fixed everything.”

Judge Dean gave him a mere slap on the wrist … a “post card probation” requiring him to confirm his address once a year. He served his 10 years probation and his record was expunged.

Then there is the case of Tyrone Brown, a poor black 16-year-old who, with a friend, waited outside a Bennigan’s restaurant one night and robbed a man at gunpoint. Brown gave the victim his wallet back after removing the $2 it contained.

It was a first offense, and like the other young man, Brown pleaded guilty and received 10 years probation.

However, when Brown tested positive for smoking marijuana during a probation check, he didn’t get the usual treatment of having the minor offense noted in his records. Judge Keith Dean sentenced him to life in prison.

“Good luck, Mr. Brown,” Judge Dean told the stunned young man.

Tyrone Brown spent the next 16 years in a Texas prison.

From his Jacksonville town home, 24-year-old Charlie Douglas watched the broadcast in disbelief.

“Although robbery is a serious crime and I certainly don’t condone that behavior, I was shocked at the disparity in the two sentences,” he said. “I immediately went to the computer, found the ABC message board and met others who were as equally outraged as I was over Mr. Brown’s unjust sentence.”
The Texas Constitution and Administrative Code requires a three-step process.

The first step is to secure the signatures of the local officials — the sentencing judge, district attorney and sheriff. If two of those three people recommend a commutation, the second step is to secure the votes of a majority of the members of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. The third and final step is the governor.

After learning what was ahead and loosely formulating a plan of action, Douglas called Nora Brown, Tyrone’s mother, and introduced himself. He told her the process would be long, but promised he would not abandon her or her son.

“I was in it for the long haul, whether it took four months or four years. I wasn’t going anywhere until Tyrone was home,” he told her that day. “I later learned that several people had made similar promises throughout the 17 years her son was in prison, so now looking back I’m a bit surprised she didn’t hang up the phone immediately.”

Douglas knew exactly what to do and had, in fact, been leading groups with passionate causes since high school. In 2000 he was named Florida’s Youth Advocate of the Year for his work combating tobacco company tactics as part of the “Truth” campaign run by Florida teenagers. As a result of that success, the American Legacy Foundation invited him to serve as a national spokesperson, enabling him to maintain his quest against “big tobacco.” He even formed a company, called Revolution Consulting, with three other young advocates while in college that took him all over the country to teach young people how to be advocates for change.

The son of the now retired Putnam County sheriff, Douglas realized trial law was his calling when he attended a personal injury trial as part of a business law class he took as an undergraduate business major at UF. From there it was a short trip over to the law school, where he was elected editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review and graduated second in his class of 211.

This time the stakes were higher. He knew the next step in this fight was to get the attention of the decision makers in Texas, so he and dozens of other campaign members began sending letters — hundreds of them — to local and state officials in Texas.

He also called Brown’s mother at least three times a week to keep her updated with all the information he received. Later on he called her every day, and she began to think of Douglas, a man she had never met eye-to-eye, as another son.

NOVEMBER 30, 2006:

District Attorney Bill Hill seemed like the logical place to start. The team, which had swelled in number to the hundreds, began sending letters to Hill pleading for him to recommend to Gov. Rick Perry that Brown be released.

“I called the president of the Dallas NAACP, Bob Lydia, and asked if he could help us find people in Dallas who knew Bill Hill and who would be willing to talk to him on Tyrone’s behalf,” Douglas said. “Within days of our initial battle, Mr. Hill wrote a letter to Gov. Perry recommending Tyrone’s release.”

In those early days, Lydia and Douglas developed a close working relationship, strategizing about the campaign nearly every other day.

So they waited some more.

Like those in Texas, Douglas found that many people he knew in his own state weren’t taking his efforts seriously.

“People were skeptical,” he said. “I’m a brand new attorney and some thought I was being idealistic … that I was chasing windmills.”

Douglas, who even looks idealistic and has the polite manner of Mayberry’s Opie Taylor, would not be deterred.
Careful to work on the crusade during his own time while balancing a heavy case load at work, Douglas was relieved when the people whose opinion most count in the life of a young lawyer — his employers at Harrell & Harrell, Renee (JD 95) and Bill (JD 74) Harrell — became believers early on. They picked up all his costs and encouraged him to keep going.

“The firm first became involved when Charlie needed help to get out to Texas and back Christmas Eve. At that time it appeared he could get the governor’s signature and Mr. Brown would be able to go home Christmas day. Until that time, Charlie worked on his own and sought no recognition for his time and sacrifice,” said Bill Harrell. “We hired Charlie for the type of person we thought he was and this confirmed that we were right.”

DECEMBER 11, 2006:

The campaign turned to Judge Dean, the same judge who had sentenced Tyrone Brown 16 years earlier. For several weeks the group sent letters and faxes asking him to join the district attorney in recommending that Brown be released. Exactly two weeks before Christmas, Judge Dean wrote Gov. Perry and asked for Tyrone’s release.

“That day represented a monumental triumph because without his signature we could not have progressed to the second step, which was the Parole Board,” Douglas said.

To ensure Brown knew everything that was happening outside his prison walls, Douglas sent him several letters each week to keep him up-to-date. Brown responded with heartfelt letters of appreciation.

“When it became apparent that the governor’s office was not taking our campaign seriously, we decided to recruit the help of State Rep. Helen Giddings, who represents Dallas, Tyrone’s home town. Rep. Giddings agreed to meet with the governor on Tyrone’s behalf, but still nothing happened,” he said.

The “Save Mr. Brown” team continued to maintain their weekly conference calls to synthesize what had happened the week before and set goals for the upcoming week. As the Christmas holidays drew nearer, they raised money to send presents to Brown’s mother and daughter on his behalf.

“I began calling and e-mailing the governor’s press secretary and deputy general counsel every other day it seemed, but both sealed their lips and wouldn’t talk,” Douglas said.

The letters continued to flood the governor’s office, Douglas continued to make phone calls, and Rep. Giddings continued to push the governor to action.

JANUARY 19, 2007:

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles was the next stop on the road to freedom. They received Tyrone’s commutation-of-sentence application on Dec. 29, 2006, and the “Save Mr. Brown” team reinvigorated the campaign by sending countless e-mails, faxes and letters to each of the seven board members. The board evaluated Mr. Brown’s application and voted five to two to recommend a commutation-of-sentence.

JANUARY 22, 2007:

Texas Gov. Perry received Tyrone’s commutation application. The campaign group, which had grown to more than 1,000 members, waited for days. Then weeks and months.

“Every single day our team was steadily flooding the governor’s office with e-mails, faxes, letters and phone calls,” Douglas said. “Still, nothing happened.”

Meanwhile, Douglas established the Tyrone Brown Freedom Fund to raise money for Brown while he was in prison and after his release.

MARCH 9, 2007:

Gov. Perry finally signed an executive proclamation to release Tyrone from prison. Instead of a full
commutation, Brown received a conditional pardon, but it was great news.

**MARCH 15, 2007:**

Early Thursday morning a group of about 20 family members, reporters and Douglas boarded a bus in Dallas to make the three-hour drive south to Huntsville. They arrived at the prison at 9:45 a.m. Tyrone’s mom was on the verge of collapsing, and other family members were sobbing and shaking.

“At exactly 10 a.m., through the glass doors I could see walking down the hallway a tall black man with a big smile. As he walked through those doors, I recognized his face, and I knew it was him,” Douglas said.

After living in a prison cell for 16 years and 10 months, inmate number 554317 walked out of those penitentiary doors and became Citizen Tyrone Dwayne Brown.

“The whole experience was surreal,” Douglas remembers. “I couldn’t help but recognize that I was standing in front of the building where Texas houses its execution chamber, and I thought that of all of the lives taken inside those walls, Tyrone’s life would not be among them.”

As the celebration continued and the group returned home to Dallas, Brown gave numerous media interviews and caught up with family, neighbors and friends who stopped by to offer congratulatory hugs. Finally, he made his way to the dining room table where his mom served up a southern-style feast. An impromptu neighborhood block party went on late into the night.

While his release marked the end of one phase of the campaign, it also ushered in the beginning of another.

“When Tyrone was in prison, I promised him we would not abandon him after his release. We would meet his needs and help ensure that his re-entry was a success,” Douglas said.

Douglas remained in Dallas a few extra days to help Brown enroll in parole classes, reconcile outstanding court costs from 16 years earlier and shop for new clothes. It took many calls to department store headquarters before Douglas found a store willing to help.

Stein Mart’s Julia Taylor (whose husband John Taylor, JD 70, is a UF law school alumnus) agreed and made the necessary arrangements with one of their Dallas stores.

The Save Mr. Brown campaign also assisted in finding Tyrone a new job in maintenance at a Dallas church and arranged for him and his family to see his favorite sports teams … the Mavericks, Cowboys and Rangers. One couple in California donated $5,000 for a used vehicle.

Now, many months later, Brown, 34, has earned his GED and visits juvenile detention facilities to counsel and motivate kids at risk. He plans to write a book about his experiences and is the focus of a documentary being filmed for television or the big screen.

“Tyrone is a good-hearted man who holds no bitterness for the judge who sentenced him or the government that incarcerated him,” Douglas said. “He is looking forward to making the best out of the years he has ahead.”

Douglas continues to be part of Brown’s daily life and plans to bring him to Jacksonville soon so he can see the ocean and go out in a boat for the first time.

“I think of Charlie like a little brother,” Brown said. “He is kind and has a big heart. He was willing to jump on my case and once we started, he was there non-stop to the very end. Still is. I was just lucky he was there.”

For Douglas, those four and a half months of daily battles just confirmed his belief that equal justice under the law is an ideal, not a truth, that can be achieved with persistence.

“I learned that advocacy works,” he said. “If people are willing to rise up, passionately fight for a cause and refuse to be discouraged by bureaucracies, change will happen.”
The National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators (NACAA) recently awarded University of Florida Law Professor Christopher L. Peterson (above) its Consumer Advocate of the Year Award for 2007 for his research on predatory lending and his advocacy for legislation adopted last year by Congress that caps the interest rate lenders may charge military personnel.

Peterson, an associate professor at UF’s Levin College of Law, co-authored a study last year with Steven M. Graves, an assistant professor of geography at California State University, which 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 surveyed more than 13,000 zip codes and found that payday loan companies clustered in areas near military bases. The findings were cited in a report by the Pentagon, and Peterson testified before the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Just 15 days after Peterson’s testimony, 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 dependants. Peterson called it “probably the most consumer-friendly legislation Congress has passed in a generation.”

Award Given Only Occasionally for Distinguished Work

The NACAA is a not-for-profit association of U.S. and Canadian government agencies that are responsible for enforcing consumer protection law. NACAA Executive Director Elizabeth Owen said the award is not presented annually and is only given when the nominating committee recognizes a truly outstanding person who has distinguished himself in the field of consumer protection. More than anyone else in the country, she said, Peterson recognized the devastating impact of payday lending on the military, regular citizens and the economy.

“We credit him for drawing national attention to this problem, which has plagued consumer protection agencies for years,” Owen said. “Members of NACAA are honored to know Chris, made better by his example and inspired by his dedication. The emphasis on consumer protection and the importance of taking care of those people victimized by fraud and greed seems to have been brushed aside lately. At such a young age Chris has already accomplished so much—everyone in the consumer protection field can’t wait to see what he does next.”

Peterson, who began teaching in 2003, 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.

In addition to capping interest rates, the bill also prohibits mandatory binding arbitration in contracts with military service members. Critics of arbitration argue
that it is a more expensive, secret system designed by big business to deflect rather than resolve consumer complaints. This ban, Peterson said, creates an exciting new exception to the Federal Arbitration Act, a law which many believe is being used by big business to deny consumers access to the civil justice system.

Peterson’s current research offers a startling analysis of how many state legislatures use small, innocuous numbers in usury law in an attempt to minimize the public outcry over their decision to legalize triple-digit interest rate consumer loans.

“It feels like further confirmation that my research is being noticed and maybe making a small difference in the world,” Peterson said. “And to have a big group of people from around the country get together and agree that that’s happened is really very gratifying.”

Professor Testifies on the Hill

UF Law Professor Michael Seigel testified in September before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary on legislation that would limit federal prosecutors’ ability to pressure cooperation from companies under investigation for corporate fraud.

Seigel testified at a hearing on “Examining Approaches to Corporate Fraud Prosecutions and the Attorney-Client Privilege Under the McNulty Memorandum.”

A video of his testimony is online as a link from his website at www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/Seigel.

Sustainability Addressed

Tom Ankersen, Legal Skills professor and director of the Conservation Clinic, has been named as UF’s first Provost’s Faculty Fellow for Sustainability. The one-year appointment charges him with assisting the Office of the Provost with the development a university-wide academic program in sustainability.

2007 Report of the Faculty Online

The UF Law faculty is comprised of highly accomplished scholar-teachers who bring remarkable experience and knowledge to the classroom and the legal arena. To learn more about their recent accomplishments, see the 2007 Report of the Faculty online at www.law.ufl.edu in the News and Publications section.

New Faculty Members Join UF Law

UF Law welcomes two new faculty members to its teaching ranks.

Shani King has joined the faculty as an assistant professor. He previously was a staff attorney with Legal Services for Children in San Francisco and a guest lecturer at University of San Francisco School of Law and University of California-Berkeley School of Law.

After earning a B.A. from Brown University and J.D. from Harvard Law School, he completed the Harvard Sheldon Knox Traveling Fellowship and went on to work for two New York firms, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson and Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg.

Assistant Legal Skills Professor Leslie Knight has joined the faculty from UF’s Office of the General Counsel, where she continues to be Of Counsel to the university. Knight has a B.S. from Florida State University and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law.
Mary Jane Angelo
Associate Professor
■ Published article, “Reforming the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, CPR for the Environment: Breathing New Life into the Nation’s Major Environmental, Center for Progressive Reform” (2007).

Published article, “Integrating Emergy Synthesis into Environmental Law,” at the Lewis and Clark Law and Science Forum.

Yariv Brauner
Associate Professor
■ Published article, “Reforming the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, CPR for the Environment: Breathing New Life into the Nation’s Major Environmental, Center for Progressive Reform” (2007).

Stuart R. Cohn
Associate Dean for International Studies; Professor; Gerald A. Sohn Scholar; Director of International and Comparative Law Certificate Program

The New York Times, October 9, 2007

We don’t charge people in absentia in this country. You can’t prosecute somebody who’s not, in effect, there to defend himself.

—Michael L. Seigel, Professor

Quoted in an article about dismissing a case against a former federal prosecutor after he committed suicide in his prison cell. “They have no choice,” said Seigel, adding that case dismissal is standard procedure when a defendant dies, even after conviction if the defendant has not exhausted his appeals.

Charles W. Collier
Professor; Affiliate Professor of Philosophy
■ Spoke at panel on “Affirmative Action: Grutter and Beyond” at the SEALS annual meeting.

Elizabeth Dale
Affiliate Professor of Law, Levin College of Law; Associate Professor of Constitutional and Legal History, Department of History

Panelist on “Studies of Law at the Intersection of History and Theory” at the Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Conference at Georgetown University Law Center.

George R. “Bob” Dekle
Legal Skills Professor
■ Spoke at the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association annual conference on the use of technology in the courtroom and also spoke at their homicide prosecution seminar on arguing circumstantial evidence.

Mark Fenster
Professor
■ Presented “Thurman Arnold and Legal Theory” at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting.
Alyson C. Flournoy  
Professor; Director of Environmental and Land Use Law Program;  
UF Research Foundation Professor  
■ Published article, “Squandering Public Resources,” a Center for Progressive Reform Report (with Margaret Clune Giblin and Matt Shudtz) (Sept. 2007).

Jeffrey L. Harrison  
Stephen C. O’Connell Professor  
■ Sat on “Teaching Socio-Economics in Law Schools” panel at the SEALS annual meeting.

Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol  
Levin Mabie and Levin Professor;  
Associate Director, Center on Children and Families  
■ Sat on “Addressing Transnational Collaboration in the Law School Curriculum” panel at the SEALS annual meeting.

Richard H. Hiers  
Affiliate Professor Emeritus  

Thomas R. Hurst  
Professor; Sam T. Dell Research Scholar  

Jerold H. Israel  
Professor, Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar  
■ Published Criminal Procedure and the Constitution, 2007 edition (with Amisar, LaFaye, & King) (Thomson/West).  
■ Published 2007 Supplement to Modern Criminal Procedure (with Kamisar, LaFaye, King & Kerr) (Thomson/West).  
■ Published 2007 Pocketpart to Criminal Procedure Hornbook (with LaFaye & King) (Thomson/West).

Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky  
Professor; UF Research Foundation Professor  
■ Mentor for paper presentation by a faculty member at Loyola-LA in the young scholar program at the SEALS annual meeting.  
■ Published “Medium-Specific Regulation of Attorney Advertising: A Critique,” with co-author Tera Peterson in the Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Pedro A. Malavet  
Professor  
■ Sat on Puerto Rico panel at the Latinos and the Law Conference sponsored by Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington.  
■ Lectured on “Introduction to United States Civil Procedure” at the CLE program for judges, prosecutors and law professors from several Brazilian states conducted at the Levin College of Law, summer 2007.  
■ Lectured on “Introduction to the United States Legal System” at the CLE program for judges and prosecutors in the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil, summer 2007.  
■ Became part of the Membership Review Committee of the Association of American Law Schools for the 2007-2009 term.

Diane Mazur  
Professor  
■ Published casebook, Law and Popular Culture: Text, Notes and Questions (LexisNexis 2007) (with Papke and seven other co-authors).  
■ Published article, “Military Values in Law,” 14 Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy (2007), part of a special issue on “Gender, Sexuality & the Military” that explored topics such as women in combat, military recruiting on law school campuses, sexual misconduct in the military and “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

Paul R. McDaniel  
James J. Freeland Eminent Scholar in Taxation; Professor  

Jon L. Mills  
Professor; Director of Center for Governmental Responsibility; Dean Emeritus  
■ Moderated “Grutter and Beyond” panel at the SEALS annual meeting.  
■ Presented “Privacy: The Last Right” at Georgia State Univ. College of Law Faculty Series Lunch.

San Francisco Chronicle, July 20, 2007

“...I believe that mindfulness can help mediators and other dispute resolution professionals (including lawyers) feel better, get more satisfaction out of their work and do a better job for their clients.”

—Leonard L. Riskin, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law

Quoted in an article focused on the importance of stress-reducing mindfulness mediation in the legal world. Riskin, who began discussing mindfulness meditation in his law classes in 1999, wrote an article, The Contemplative Lawyer: On the Potential Contributions of Mindfulness Meditation to Law Students, Lawyers and Their Clients” that launched a nationwide awareness. He is referred to in this article from a previous interview with an online legal magazine, www.mediate.com.
Scholarship

Schools studied in the library’s reading room provided a natural library over the objections of the ABA. Numerous attempts to fold the Law Library into the general community after years of neglect resulted in out-of-date collections, global collections of Official Gazettes — relevant to the legal world-class foreign and international collections built by the foreign legal specialists and congressional interests, and numerous attempts to fold the Law Library into the general library over the objections of the ABA.

The fact that most law students at Washington, D.C., law schools studied in the library’s reading room provided a natural constituency, as did their alumni practicing in D.C. firms and congressional staff. Indeed, the world-class foreign and international collections built by the foreign legal specialists obviated the need for local law schools to build in those areas. “We got our motivation from knowing the legal community really needed the Law Library.”

Upon her return to UF, where she earned her bachelor’s degree, Price led the effort to expand Florida’s flagship law library. “UF Law has the strongest historic collection anywhere in the state, so the new facility serves as a backstop for the whole state system,” she said. “I was involved in a similar project at NYU Law that cost almost four times as much, and I think the facility at UF Law is far better.”

Price says one of the most interesting projects she has worked on relates to expanding online resources with a $600,000 grant from the Starr Foundation. “I have been active in looking into how legal research is conducted in places like China, South Africa and Indonesia, and the online databases for students really level the playing field,” she said. “Now students in developing countries and Ivy League law schools have equal access to legal information, although it may take greater ingenuity to find it.”

She is a co-author of a bilingual guide to legal research for Chinese law students and is working with partners on a proposal for a Chinese legal research nutshell.

—By Jason Silver

Faculty Profile: Kathleen Price

Researching a unique discipline such as Islamic law would be a great challenge for most students at other schools, but UF Law’s associate dean of Libraries and Technology can go back to her connections from the Library of Congress to make life easier for UF Law students.

Kathleen Price, formerly the Law Librarian of Congress, arrived at UF Law in 2003 to spearhead the expansion of UF Law’s library, now known as the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center. She uses her previous experiences from the Library of Congress as well as the libraries at Duke, University of Minnesota and New York University Law School to create a place where students want to study and congregate.

“It’s been very exciting to see how students have shifted from books to online resources over the years,” Price said. “Now, more than ever, they are using the library as the hub for student life.”

Price’s unique service to law academics at the state and national level is hard to match. She faced the task of making the Law Library of Congress — which contains the world’s largest (more than seven miles worth) legal collection, a massive rare book collection that includes the Russian Imperial collection, and the vernacular global collections of Official Gazettes — relevant to the legal community after years of neglect resulted in out-of-date collections, a mismatch of foreign legal specialists and congressional interests, and numerous attempts to fold the Law Library into the general library over the objections of the ABA.

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Don Peters
Director of Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics; Director of Institute for Dispute Resolution; Trustee Research Fellow; Professor; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families
- Named Consumer Advocate of the Year by the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators.
- Interviewed Guest, “The Dave Ramsey Show” nationally syndicated radio program, 25 September 2007 (half hour radio discussion of usury law and payday lending).
- Speaker, “Usury Law, Payday Loans, and Statutory Sleight of Hand: Salience Distortion and American Credit Pricing Limits,” at the Second Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at New York University School of Law. He also spoke on the same topic at the California Consumer Affairs Association 33rd Annual Conference.
- Speaker on “Usury Law, Payday Loans, and Statutory Sleight of Hand: Salience Distortion and American Credit Pricing Limits,” at the California Consumer Affairs Association Annual Conference.
- Speaker on “Usury Law, Payday Loans, and Statutory Sleight of Hand: Salience Distortion and American Credit Pricing Limits,” at the Second Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at New York University School of Law. He also spoke on the same topic at the California Consumer Affairs Association 33rd Annual Conference.
- Speaker on “Subprime Lending Challenges: How We Got Here and Where do We Go From Here,” at the Iowa Finance Authority’s Annual Housing Iowa Conference.

Christopher L. Peterson
Associate Professor
- Presented paper, “A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. Subprime Home Mortgage Lending Crisis,” at the Law and Society Association annual meeting at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.
- Presented paper, “Usury Law, Payday Loans, and Statutory Sleight of Hand: An Empirical Analysis of American Credit Pricing Limits,” as part of an International Research Collaborative on Comparative Consumer Indebtedness at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.
- Plenary speaker on “The Mythology of American Usury Law” at the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators annual meeting.
- Published article, “Predatory Structured Finance,” in the *Cardozo Law Review*.

St. Petersburg Times, May 16, 2007

“...A police department is a very public institution and it needs to have very good relationships with all its constituencies. It seems to me not just an understandable rule but a very good rule to prohibit racially insensitive or racist language...."

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

In an article discussing the firing of seven cadets in the police academy for overusing the "n-word."

Stephen J. Powell
Director, International Trade Law Program
- Served on “Addressing Transnational Collaboration in the Law School Curriculum” panel at the SEALS annual meeting.

John Plummer
Assistant Dean for Administrative Affairs
- Provided primary administrative support for the SEALS annual meeting.
- Serves as the Levin College of Law representative to the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee of the Florida Bar.


“Because of the boy’s participation in the crime and the media attention the case has already received, withholding the statement now is like trying to put the genie back in the bottle.”

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

Quoted in various articles regarding an attorney’s request to withhold the release of a taped statement from a 10-year-old boy who pleaded no contest to beating up a homeless man.
Faculty Profile: Paul McDaniel

It’s no secret that UF Law’s taxation program is one of the nation’s best, and it’s because of scholars like Paul R. McDaniel, who has worked at the Department of Treasury and taught the subject for more than 30 years.

McDaniel, who has co-authored eight books and more than 50 articles on taxation, arrived at UF Law after serving as the director of New York University’s Graduate Tax and International Tax Program. The opportunity to get to know students at UF Law separates it from past institutions he’s been part of, he said.

“A major difference is that the graduate tax program at UF is about half the size of NYU’s,” McDaniel said. “The result is an extremely gratifying experience when it comes to getting to know students and working with them on a regular basis.”

One of McDaniel’s biggest contributions to UF Law is his role in advancing the International Tax Law program. He uses his experiences from NYU to help the program grow at UF Law, he said.

“The program is great because it attracts some really outstanding students from other countries,” he said. “I’ve been able to bring my past experiences to bear to help adapt the program at UF Law and make the process smoother.”

One of the more unique courses McDaniel teaches involves students from different countries working together on one team to reach a common goal, he said.

“One of the new courses I teach called International Tax Planning puts students on teams of three, with each student being from a different country. They have to work with the laws and treaties to figure out an optimal tax strategy,” he said. “Every course I teach is different because the students are all from different places, and it has proven to be a very rewarding experience.”

Throughout his career McDaniel has served the federal government by working with the Department of Treasury in the office of the Tax Legislative Counsel, where he was responsible for developing tax legislation and overseeing the issue of regulations by the Internal Revenue Service. In the 1970s he worked with Sen. Ted Kennedy on federal income tax law.

“No matter what I’ve done with the government, every opportunity has been very stimulating and rewarding,” McDaniel said. “I’m always trying to have a positive impact on tax policy and legislation in the United States.”

—By Jason Silver

Leonard L. Riskin
Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law

■ Co-taught a Negotiation Institute at Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies with Daniel Shapiro of Harvard Law School and Harvard Medical School.


Elizabeth A. Rowe
Assistant Professor


Michael L. Seigel
Professor


■ Testified as an Invited Witness before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, during a hearing entitled “Examining Approaches to Corporate Fraud Prosecutions and the Attorney-Client Privilege under the McNulty Memorandum.”

■ Presenting as a guest of the Public Ministry of the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, during the Ministry’s Commemorative Week 2007 titled, “Lessons Learned from the Prosecution of White Collar Crime in the United States: Pro and Con.”

■ Served as Small Group Leader for the Eighth Judicial Circuit Annual Professionalism Symposium held in Gainesville, Florida.

Michael Siebecker
Assistant Professor

■ Awarded a $5,000 grant for “Enhancement of Sustainability in Instruction” from the University of Florida Committee on Sustainability and the University of Florida College of Law.


■ Presenting a speech, “Corporate Law and the First Amendment,” before the American Constitution Society at the University of Florida College of Law.
Sydsvenska, August 21, 2007

Scholars and consumer advocates have been pointing this [the mortgage brokers’ role] out for a decade, but Congress hasn’t acted. The mortgage industry gives large campaign donations.

—Christopher Peterson, Associate Professor

Quoted in an article in Sweden’s leading newspaper about objectionable lending practices.

Christopher Slobogin
Stephen C. O’Connell Chair; Affiliate Professor of Psychiatry; Adjunct Professor, University of South Florida Mental Health Institute; Associate Director, Center for Children and Families

- Published the third edition of Psychological Evaluations for the Courts: A Handbook for Mental Health Professionals and Lawyers (w/ Gary Melton and four others) (recently referred to by a reviewer as the “Bible” of forensic mental health law).
- Article, “The Supreme Court’s Recent Criminal Mental Health Cases: Rulings of Questionable Competence” was the lead piece in the October issue of the ABA’s Criminal Justice Magazine.
- Published article, “Teaching Transnational Law and Regulation of the Police” at 56 J. L. Educ. 452 (2007).

Katheryn Russell –Brown
Director, Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations; Professor


Michael Allan Wolf
Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law; Professor

- Published “2007 Supreme Court Update” and “Chapter 78B: Green Buildings,” Powell on Real Property (Michael Allan Wolf ed. 2007).

Danaya C. Wright
Professor

- Selected to receive a UF Research Foundation Professorship Award for 2007-09. These professorships recognize faculty who have established a distinguished record of research and scholarship that is expected to lead to continuing distinction in their field.
- Published article, “Rails-to-Trails: Conversion of Railroad Corridors to Recreational Trails,” in Michael Allan Wolf (ed), 78A Powell on Real Property (2007).
- Published article, “Legal Rights and Women’s Autonomy: Can Family Law Reform in Muslim Countries avoid the Contradictions of Victorian Domesticity?” 5.1 Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World 33-54 (2007).
- Published article, “The Legacy of Colonialism: Religion, Law, and Women’s Rights in India” (co-authored with Varsha Chitnis), which was scheduled to appear in the fall issue of the Washington & Lee Law Review (2007).

Walter Weyrauch
Distinguished Professor; Stephen C. O’Connell Chair; Associate Director, Center on Children and Families

Money Trail

Fighting Terrorism Funding, One Banker at a Time

By James Hellegaard

It’s Sept. 11, 2007, and University of Florida Law Professor Fletcher Baldwin has just returned from another of his many trips overseas, this one to Cambridge University’s Jesus College in England where for the past 15 years he’s been an active participant in the International Symposium on Economic Crime.

More than 800 people from the worlds of banking, law enforcement, finance, legal practice, academia and government attended the annual symposium to receive instruction and training in anti-money laundering, anti-fraud and anti-cybercrime methods and strategies. UF’s Center for International Financial Crimes Studies, which Baldwin directs, is an official co-sponsor of the symposium.

“What we’re really trying to do is focus in on the economies of the countries and how you can prevent the terrorist and the organized criminal from using the banking systems of these countries,” explains Baldwin. “We discuss what regulatory agencies should be doing that they’re not doing today, and whether the banks and the bankers are at risk, which they are, of course.”

One thing Baldwin and other symposium speakers try to do is educate bankers about the “horrible money threat out there.” Among the major hurdles those fighting money laundering face is the welcome mat laid out by many impoverished countries that are eager to do business with terrorists and organized crime.

“A lot of the impoverished countries who have banking systems kind of welcome money to be laundered because they benefit from it,” he says. “Zimbabwe, for example, is a rogue country as far as the banking systems of the world are concerned. So, as long as the illicit guys have a banking system such as Zimbabwe’s to turn to, it’s going to be rather difficult for legitimate people to do very much about it.”

Another problem is trying to get elected government officials to enact appropriate legislation to give compliance officers a fighting chance of getting the records they need for convictions, Baldwin says. While much progress has been made in the six years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, in terms of regulatory legislation, he says, the implementation of that legislation has not been put to its intended use, which is to prevent terrorist financing.

“Quite frankly, a lot of law enforcement sees this as a good opportunity to use these extraordinary powers they have for just criminal [prosecution] — go after a drug dealer, which is not what was intended,” Baldwin explains. “The legislation is intended to go after terrorists, not the ordinary criminal.”

At this year’s symposium, where the theme was “The Wealth of Nations at Risk,” speaker after speaker decried the difficulties posed by the lack of available money and resources caused by the Iraq War.

“Governments, including our own, are overwhelmed and so understaffed because we need our money to fight terrorism in Iraq,” Baldwin says. “It’s disgusting the money we’ve put into Iraq and the money we’ve taken out of fighting the financing of terrorists and trying to get that money out of circulation. We’re so tied up with Iraq, we’re just neglecting everything else.”

That includes Afghanistan, where Baldwin is traveling in February to present a program in Kabul on “The Rule of Law Enterprise.” With the Bush Administration’s focus on Iraq, the U.S. has lost control of Afghanistan where heroin manufacturers are funneling their profits into terrorism funding.

“They’re back in business,” Baldwin says. “Where does their money go? Their money goes to recruit, and they’re doing a marvelous job of it.”
**Share Your News**

The address to submit Class Notes news online has been changed to FlaLaw@law.ufl.edu. You also can mail submissions to: UF Law Magazine, Levin College of Law, University of Florida, PO Box 117633, Gainesville, FL 32611.

If you wish to include your e-mail address at the end of your class note, please make the additions to the class note or provide permission to print.

**1953**

Melvyn B. Frumkes was honored with the Lifetime Service Award by the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

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**Gator Law Alums Connect in Japan**

The Gator Nation truly is everywhere. Married UF Law alums Sarah McIlrath (JD 04) and Bill Ward (JD 03) reunited with classmates Nicole Kibert (JD 03) and Chandra Lagrone (JD 03) for a Mexican dinner in Tokyo. McIlrath is working for a Japanese law firm while Ward is stationed at Camp Zama and serves in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG). Chandra also is serving in JAG, stationed in Baumholder, Germany. Kibert (nkibert@carltonfields.com) is working at Carlton Fields in Tampa. Pictured, from left to right, are McIlrath, Kibert, Lagrone and Ward.

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**1964**

Gerald F. Richman, president of the law firm of Richman Greer, has been named president of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). grichman@richmangreer.com

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**1969**

DeLane E. Anderson Jr. was one of 1,092 volunteer attorneys who participated in “Trial Lawyers Care,” which became the largest, most successful pro-bono project in the history of American jurisprudence. TLC represented 1,745 claimants and provided free legal representation to the 9/11 families who elected to receive injury or death damages from the Victim Compensation Fund established by the U.S. Congress.

Thomas J. Sherrard III received the “Best of the Bar” award from the Nashville Business Journal.

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**1972**

Hal Kantor was named “No. 17” of 50 individuals highlighted in “Orlando’s Most Powerful People” in Orlando Magazine.

Robert A. Mandell was recently elected to the board of trustees for the Burnham Institute for Medial Research.

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**1973**

Holland & Knight partner Martha Barnett was named one of the “50 Most Influential Women in Law” by The National Law Journal.

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**1974**

Leslie J. Lott spoke on intellectual property at the Institute of Continuing Legal Education’s Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute as well as the Florida Bar Intellectual Property Certification Review.

In recognition of his life-long devotion to the legal profession and for significant contributions to the pursuit of justice, the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section awarded its Pursuit of Justice Award to Larry S. Stewart. Stewart also has been appointed to the Program Committee of the Council of the American Law Institute, which approves and oversees all ALI programs and projects.

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**1977**

Lauren Detzel of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth in Orlando is now an adjunct professor at UF Law.

Carlton Fields Tampa Office Managing Shareholder Nathaniel L. Doliner (LLMT) has been appointed Vice Chair of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association (ABA) and, in addition, has become the editor-in-chief of The Business Lawyer.

Richard Fildes has been elected chairman of the board for the 2007-08 Florida Citrus Sports Foundation.
Thomas R. McNeill of Powell Goldstein has been appointed to the Committee on Corporate Laws of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Dennis Wall, an award-winning author, has written the 2007 supplement to the second edition of his book, *Litigation and Prevention of Insurer Bad Faith*. Wall was chosen by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution for its Panels of Distinguished Neutrals as a neutral mediator for insurance disputes and insurance coverage. He also spoke to the American Bar Association on “Payment of Undisputed Minimum Amounts” in hurricane claims and other property claims. dennisjwall@earthlink.net

1978

David Weisman with Greenspoon Marder was recently appointed to the Florida Bar Real Estate Certification Committee, which evaluates the qualifications for applicants to become Board Certified Real Estate Lawyers or to renew that certification.

1979

N. Diane Holmes of Orlando has been named a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. In addition, she is board certified in marital and family law and is a Florida Supreme Court certified family mediator.

Greenberg Traurig shareholder Alfred Malefatto has been elected president of The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Florida’s largest non-profit, non-partisan political and public affairs organization.

1982

Nathan S. Collier, founder and owner of the Collier Companies, which includes Paradigm Properties Management Team Inc., pledged $1 million to help endow the Nathan S. Collier Master of Science in Real Estate Program (MSRE) at UF’s Warrington College of Business Administration.

Linda R. Getzen has been elected president of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Inc. This Girl Scout council serves more than 10,000 girls in 10 counties in Southwest Florida.

Michael D. Minton (LLMT) has been elected by the shareholders of Dean Mead to serve a three-year term as president of the law firm. mminton@deanmead.com

Oscar Sanchez of Akerman Senterfitt was recently featured in an article in *El Nuevo Herald*.

1983

Robert Guild is the founding partner of the new Jacksonville-based trial law firm Matthews & Guild, which focuses on complex civil litigation and appellate work in state and federal appeals courts.

Eugenio (Gene) Hernandez, along with five other partners, founded the law firm of Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri in Coral Gables. He heads the firm’s immigration practice, specializing in the field of immigration, nationality and consular law in business-related matters, with an emphasis on corporate transfers, professionals, entrepreneurs and investors.

1984

Chris Ballentine of Fisher, Rushmer, Werennath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap made a presentation to risk managers, claims adjusters and other insurance professionals on the topic of “Understanding the Current CGL Policy.”

John Neukamm of Mechanik Nuccio Hearne & Wester in Tampa was elected as a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He currently serves as the Real Property Division director for the Florida Bar’s Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section. jbn@floridalandlaw.com

Holland & Knight partner Jim Shimberg has been named practice group leader for the real estate section in the firm’s Tampa office, part of the largest real estate practice in the U.S. This practice area focuses on all areas of commercial real estate, including developer and lender representation, leasing, land use and zoning, and acquisition and disposition of real estate. jim.shimberg@hklaw.com.

1985

Robert W. Bivins has co-founded a new firm, Bivins & Hemenway, in Brandon-Valrico. The firm will emphasize real estate, business law, lending work and estate planning/probate. bbivins@bhpalaw.com

John Elliott Leighton, a partner with Leesfield Leighton & Partners, was recognized as a “Top Lawyer for 2007” in *South Florida Legal Guide*. Leighton also has been elected vice chairman of the Academy of Trial Advocacy, a national invitation-only organization of leading plaintiff’s catastrophic injury trial lawyers. He was inducted in the Melvin Belli Society as a Fellow and was re-certified by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Leighton authored the two-volume treatise, *Litigating Premises Security Cases* (Thomson/West, 2006), the leading text on inadequate security litigation.

1986

Jeffrey H. Brickman has been named one of “Georgia Super Lawyers.” He practices intellectual property litigation and criminal defense and served as the district attorney of DeKalb County of Atlanta prior to joining Needle & Rosenberg.

William E. Ruffer, a partner with Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffer in Orlando, has been elected vice president of administration for the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America, Central Florida Council.
Public service is a way of life for Bill McCollum. After graduating from UF Law in 1968, he served in the Navy, retiring in 1992 from the Naval Reserve as a commander after having served 23 years as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG).

From 1981 to 2001 McCollum represented Central Florida citizens in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he founded the U.S. House Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare and was recognized as an expert on terrorism. He also served on the Intelligence and Banking committees as well the Judiciary Committee, in which he chaired the Subcommittee on Crime.

Since being elected Florida's attorney general in November 2006, McCollum (JD 68) has positioned Florida as a national leader in the fight against child pornography and has taken on several other serious issues.

What is your number one priority for Florida?

My top priority as attorney general is to make Florida a safer place to live, work and raise a family. My main areas of focus are protecting children from Internet pedophiles and sexual predators, gang violence, consumer protection, crimes against the elderly, identity theft and improving Florida's domestic security.

What issues regarding the legal system do you see on the horizon for Florida?

Litigation reform remains a significant issue. We need to work on ways to make the judicial system more efficient and reduce the cost of litigation to the parties. Specialty courts such as business and drug courts are likely to receive special consideration. On a criminal justice front, we really need to address our system of corrections. We put people in prison to incapacitate them, to punish them, to rehabilitate them and to send a deterrent message. Given the rate of recidivism, it's clear that the prisoners are not being rehabilitated. We must better prepare ex-offenders for re-entry to the community.

Name one achievement you are most happy to have accomplished thus far.

I am very proud of the accomplishments we've made this year in cybercrime. Seventy seven million children use the Internet every day in the nation. Of those, one of every seven is solicited for sex. With the support of Florida's school superintendents, our Cybercrimes Unit has prepared a 50-minute cybersafety program we are presenting in all middle schools and high schools designed to make children more aware of the dangers on the Internet and how to better protect themselves.

Recently, the Legislature passed legislation I proposed which enhances penalties for possession of certain types of child pornography and makes it a separate criminal offense to travel to meet a minor to engage in unlawful sexual conduct. It greatly increases the punishment for "grooming," which is when a predator misrepresents his or her age to a child in the course of one of these online chats or e-mails.

Also, starting in October, sexual predators and offenders were required to register any e-mail addresses and instant messenger names they use with FDLE. This will help Web sites like MySpace and Facebook keep these offenders from approaching our children on these popular social networking sites. Florida now has the toughest laws in the nation when it comes to protecting our children from Internet pedophiles and child pornographers.

How has your UF Law education prepared you for your current position?

I certainly got a good education. Professor Probert was an outstanding torts professor, and I really enjoyed Dean Fenn's course in future interests. My law school education gave me the ability to deal with complex issues and tasks. I learned how to get to the core of the issue and analyze it quickly. This has been particularly vital given how large and diverse the attorney general's office is. I also made friendships in law school that have endured over the years.

If you could have a long conversation with a lawyer from any time, who would it be and why?

My grandfather, Clyde H. Lockhart. He was an attorney in Brooksville and truly one of the great legal minds of his generation. In my youth I learned more at his feet about the law and life than I did from anyone else. At times when I have major decisions to make, I reflect on perspectives he gave me and I wish I could still have his counsel.

Editor's note: Florida's deputy attorney general and Bill McCollum's chief of staff is another UF Law graduate, Joe Jacquot (JD 99).
1987
Richard M. Bennubi, a partner at Liggio, Bennubi and Williams in West Palm Beach, has been installed as president of the Palm Beach County Justice Association. rbenrubi@liggiow.com

Brian Butler, a partner of Morris, Manning & Martin in Atlanta, represented Noble Investment Group in its acquisition of six AmeriSuites hotels from an affiliate of Global Hyatt Corporation.

1988
Cathryn A. Mitchell has become a partner with Fox Rothschild in the firm’s Princeton office.

1989
After two tours in the Mideast to focus on rebuilding infrastructure, education and governmental affairs, Brig. Gen. Michael Ferguson was a guest of honor and speaker at the Army Civil Affairs Dinner in Pensacola. He spoke on the war on terrorism and the need for vigilance.

1990
Robert L. Guyer taught physicians and fellows at Harvard Medical School how to advocate successfully before state legislatures. Guyer, former legislative counsel for Ralston Purina Co. and author of Guide to State Legislative Lobbying, lectures extensively on skills and techniques for influencing state legislatures and executive agencies. rlguyer@lobbyschool.com

Richard B. Lord has joined the National Arbitration Forum’s national panel of independent and neutral arbitrators and mediators.

1991
Jennifer A. Dietz has been appointed by the president of The Florida Bar to serve a second term as chair of the Animal Law Committee. She has also been elected to serve on the Executive Council of the Workers’ Compensation Section of The Florida Bar in 2008. She recently spoke at the LTC 100 Conference on “Highly Effective Workers’ Compensation Management.” At the Florida Bar’s Annual Convention in June 2007, she received The Florida Bar Animal Law Committee’s Leadership Award. In addition, Dietz was a guest on Fox Television’s show “Your Turn” to discuss recent trends in animal law. In July 2007, Dietz opened The Law Offices of Jennifer A. Dietz, LLC, a firm dedicated to animal law matters. jdietz@jenniferdietz.com.

William N. Halpern, real estate attorney with the law firm of Shuffield Lowman, recently received the highest rating available to attorneys by the nationally recognized Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

Kimberly Bonder Rezanka was recently elected as a shareholder in the law firm of Dean Mead and currently serves as president of the Brevard County Bar Association.

The Florida Bar Foundation has doubled its funding for Florida’s Children First (FCF) and has hired Robin Rosenberg, pro bono counsel at Holland & Knight, as deputy director in its new Tampa location.

Norma Stanley (LLMT) was notified in July that she is Board Certified in Wills, Trusts, and Estates by The Florida Bar.

Joseph N. Tucker of Dinsmore & Shohl was named as one of Kentucky’s Super Lawyers. joseph.tucker@dinslaw.com.

Winifred L. Acosta NeSmith
Honors come from small hometown

If Law alumna Winifred L. Acosta NeSmith (JD 95) may practice in Tallahassee, but she still stays true to her roots in the small North Florida town of Live Oak.

Her busy schedule as the assistant U.S. attorney of the Northern District of Florida did not stop Acosta NeSmith from visiting her hometown to be honored for her many contributions back to the community. In March she was honored by Mayor Garth “Sonny” Nobles with the Live Oak “key to the city” and a proclamation. She is believed to be the first African American to receive this honor. She also received numerous other awards from her high school, church, family and civic organizations.

“If we are moved with compassion, our time, talent and/or treasures will touch more lives than we can ever imagine for longer than we could ever imagine,” said Acosta NeSmith in her keynote address at a banquet benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Suwannee County.

She urged the audience to become mentors and encouraged everyone to steer a misguided person in the right direction.

Acosta NeSmith often returns to Live Oak for public speaking engagements and to serve on the Boys and Girls Club Steering Committee and the African American Development Council. Along with her husband, attorney Kimblin NeSmith, she also sponsors the “Acosta NeSmith Achievement Award,” a scholarship to a graduating Suwannee High School senior.

Acosta NeSmith recently was reelected to a third term on the National Black Prosecutors Association’s executive board and was recognized as the “Executive Board Member of the Year” for her outstanding service.

“I am humbled by the honors bestowed upon me,” Acosta NeSmith said. “It simply pleases my heart to brighten the lives of others, for the Bible teaches us ‘to whom much is given, much is required.’”

—Aline Baker
Rodney Brown
Aids Iraq High Tribunal

BY KATHY FLEMING

On November 5, 2006, UF College of Law graduate D. Rodney Brown (JD 91) stood at the rear of the courtroom in Baghdad when deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was found guilty of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death by the Iraqi High Tribunal. As Hussein was led away by guards after a defiant outburst, Hussein walked within a few feet of Brown. Hussein smiled at Brown, and Brown politely returned the gesture.

That was the closest that Brown, an assistant U.S. attorney in Jacksonville, came to the notorious Iraqi ruler during the six months he was deployed as an attorney adviser with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Regime Crimes Liaison’s Office at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

Brown was deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom after responding to a request from the Department of Justice for prosecutors willing to spend six months in Baghdad assisting and advising the Iraqi High Tribunal in the investigation and prosecution of high-ranking members of the former Iraqi regime.

“I have never been in the military but always admired those who served,” Brown said later, “especially the military veterans who became federal agents and investigated cases which I prosecuted. So the service part of the opportunity appealed to me. It was something I was being led to do.”

Back home in the United States, Brown’s usual work day as an AUSA involves investigating and prosecuting criminal cases in federal court, including drug trafficking, child exploitation, violent crime and firearms cases.

In Iraq, Brown and the other American lawyers assisting the tribunal were not in the courtroom during the trial proceedings. Instead their duties included assisting judges, prosecutors and even defense attorneys behind the scenes with security, logistics, defendant and witness transportation, legal arguments and proper courtroom procedures. He said it was “organized chaos.”

However, it was the travel throughout the country to locate and interview witnesses to mass killings of Iraqi citizens by the former regime that impacted Brown most. One case involved the investigation of the suppression of the 1991 Shi’ite uprising in which his team had to connect victims discovered in several mass graves to the criminal acts committed by the former regime. American forensic anthropologists would clean clothing found in the graves, arrange it on mannequins and then photograph the mannequins.

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In another investigation in northern Iraq, Brown said regime troops had taken every male over the age of 11 from several different villages and deported them. Brown also spent a week in Kurdistan working with the Kurdish minister of human rights investigating the 1983 genocide of the Barzani tribe, in which the remains of 513 men were found in a mass grave in southern Iraq.

He was appointed a special deputy United States Marshal and carried a weapon constantly during his tour. Although he flew more than 30 helicopter missions without taking fire, there were times — such as one afternoon in late January 2007 when four rockets struck and exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy as he worked inside — that came a little too close.

On November 11, 2006, Brown and more than 250 other Americans ran the Baghdad International Memorial Marathon. He said that the race, which coursed through parts of downtown Baghdad in the International Zone, was one of the highlights of his deployment. Brown watched and celebrated the Gators football national championship game in Baghdad, and gloated over the victory to several of his fellow lawyers who hailed from Ohio.

Brown said the Iraqis with whom he worked were appreciative of the American presence and treated him and his colleagues very well. It was, he said, the experience of a lifetime to be part of one of the trials of the century, like being at the Nuremberg trials in the 1940s.

On Brown’s last day in Baghdad before returning home, he visited several of the judges with whom he had worked closely to say goodbye. The judge thanked Brown for his service and stated that he wished that Brown could stay in Iraq for 10 years. Brown responded, “I don’t think that my wife would like that.”
Douglas Hendrikson
NASA launched a great career

BY JASON SILVER

ing with astronauts and hanging out at Kennedy Space Center’s launch pads are merely dreams for many people, but for Douglas Hendriksen (JD 66), those experiences have been part of just another day at the office for more than 40 years.

Hendriksen, whose main responsibilities include giving government procurement law advice and serving on source evaluation and mishap boards, was recently awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

His career at NASA, an organization that was in its very early stages while Hendriksen was in law school, has been an unexpected experience.

“NASA was not even around when I was growing up in Tampa, and it was just getting started when I was at UF,” he said. “It was a brand new agency that was blowing up rockets all over the place. Kennedy Space Center was not even built yet.”

After UF Law, Hendriksen went to NASA so he could practice contractual negotiations. He arrived shortly after the Apollo 1 fire that killed three astronauts and was inspired by the organization’s progressive mentality.

“When I came to NASA, I got an amazing feeling,” he said. “I had never been around so many bright, positive and proactive people.”

He also recalls the sense of urgency around Cape Canaveral after President Kennedy announced that the U.S. will go to the moon in the 1960s.

“Whenever there was a problem or challenge, we never backed down because we had to get to the moon,” Hendriksen said. “The Apollo Program was a big venture that attracted the best people from around the world. That’s the kind of people NASA had back then.”

At NASA Hendriksen relies on his days from UF Law to sometimes help solve problems totally unconnected to legal issues. When the Apollo Program ended NASA began preparing for the Space Shuttle Program, and had problems figuring out how to place new cranes in the Vehicle Assembly Building.

He thought back to his days at UF when Dean Fenn, a UF Law professor, told his classes to think outside of the box. Hendriksen used that mindset to help solve a major issue.

“The engineers wanted to cut a hole in the top of the Vehicle Assembly Building, which would have been a very complex operation,” he said. “The roof of that building is like lasagna, and contract-wise, the project would have been very hard to do.”

By thinking outside the box, Hendriksen convinced the engineers the newer refined cranes could be lifted into position by the old cranes already in the assembly facility. The head engineer loved the idea.

“Years later, during the Space Shuttle Program, the launch director came up and thanked me because the older cranes we kept in there were also still being used from time to time,” Hendriksen said. “That’s thanks to Dean Fenn showing me to think outside the box at UF Law.”

An expert when it comes to giving business and legal advice, Hendriksen has been extremely involved when it comes to helping NASA recover from tragic accidents like the Columbia disaster.

He serves on a board of advisers that decides what to do with the remaining wreckage and still gets calls daily for permission to work with the wreckage from universities and scientists.

“When the pieces of the shuttle started to come back, my team had to figure out what other people could have access to, where they could view everything and where NASA should store the wreckage,” he said.

“To this day I get calls from many different types of people who want access and I have to make certain recommendations.”

NASA employees value pride and honor when it comes to their daily work. Hendriksen, like other NASA employees, dedicates his efforts to astronauts who have fallen in the past.

“Since we couldn’t bring back the astronauts, we make sure the program goes on,” he said. “Everything we do at NASA honors the astronauts who have died, and we all spend whatever resources it takes to make sure we get a ‘Return to Flight.’”

A “Return to Flight” refers to getting astronauts to land safely back on Earth. In the 1970s, during the Apollo missions, Hendriksen remembers when NASA would allow employees to get really close to the Saturn V Rocket liftoffs.

“NASA was more cavalier when it came to safety back then. During Apollo 17 my colleagues and I were allowed to stand right at the tow-away facility to watch
the launch,” he said. “I remember having to hold onto a gatepost while my entire body and everything else vibrated during the launch. They would never let us that close nowadays.”

His responsibilities as a contract expert allow him to work with famous ex-astronauts such as Apollo 13’s Jim Lovell, and former Sen. John Glenn. Hendriksen helps them organize math and science scholarship programs.

“The U.S. is not as strong as it used to be in math and science, so I work with ex-astronauts to get young people on track,” he said. “NASA can’t offer scholarships because it’s a federal agency, but we help the ex-astronauts figure out what they can and can’t offer.”

Although his career at NASA is coming to a close, he’s still involved in daily contract writing and reviewing. As NASA transitions into the new Constellation Program, new contracts have to be made to build the redesigned rockets, transporters and launch pads.

“We need to replace the old crawler-transporters with one or two new ones that cost tens of millions of dollars each, and we have to write out the right clauses for the bidding that is coming up,” he said. “In the counsel’s office we have to be very careful about the costs and what options we offer to the contractors.”

After four decades of hard work and dedication, Hendriksen says he still loves being part of NASA operations and that it will take a big effort to keep him away.

“I just love working out here and could do it much longer, but my wife is getting mad and hammering me to say goodbye,” he said.

1992
Morgan R. Bentley was named chair of the Williams Parker Litigation Department and currently serves as president elect of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

Madeline Gauthier (LLMT) has just recently published the second edition of her book, Where There’s A Will, There’s A Way! and is presently practicing in Washington State.

Michael G. Schwartz (LLMT), of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been selected to the 2008 Best Lawyers in America list.

1993
Janice Matson Rickert recently left Fowler White Boggs Banker to start her own firm, Janice Matson Rickert, which focuses on defense of workers’ compensation, personal injury and property claims and conducting mediations. She is A-V-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a Supreme Court certified circuit civil mediator. jrickert@rickertlawgroup.com

1994
Kenneth McKenna, a partner with the Orlando law firm Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, recently served as a faculty presenter for the National Business Institute’s seminar on “Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims.” He also spoke on “Nursing Home and Medical Malpractice Litigation” at the Florida Legal Education Association’s annual Guardianship Team seminar. kmckenna@dwbklaw.com

Lance Reich has recently joined Woodcock Washburn in Atlanta. He specializes in complex patent prosecution and litigation, with a particular emphasis in the electronics, computer software, and business methods areas. lreich@woodcock.com

Marc A. Wites’ law firm Wites & Kapetan in Lighthouse Point, has awarded $10,000 in scholarship funds to Brazilian and Hispanic students attending college in the United States.

1995
Tim Cerio was named to serve on the UF Alumni Association national board. He is immediate past president of the UF Law Alumni Council and is an inaugural recipient of the Alumni Association’s Outstanding Young Alumnus award in 2006. He and his wife Jayne have three children and live in Tampa.

G. Steven Fender, a shareholder of Litchford & Christopher Professional Association, has been appointed vice-chair of the Judicial Liaison Committee for State Court/Federal Court of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar.

Keersten Martinez with Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Tailey & Dunlap was honored with the Orange County Bar Association’s Legal Aid Society Award of Excellence for her pro bono legal assistance in Central Florida.

Shotts & Bowen partner Daniel T. O’Keefe has been appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to a three-year term on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

1996
Patrick W. Maraist has founded Maraist Law Firm, a commercial litigation and appellate practice boutique in West Palm Beach. pmaarist@maraislawfirm.com.

Bruce A. McGovern (LLMT), professor of law at South Texas College of Law in Houston, has assumed the role of vice president and associate dean of academic administration.

Dr. Steve Shaw has announced his candidacy for the Florida House of Representatives District 24 Seat.

1997
Scott Farrell is the creator and host of The “Scott Farrell Show.” Scott can be heard live each Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on NewsTalk AM 1040 in Tampa Bay and streaming on www.ScottFarrellShow.com. Scott@ScottFarrellShow.com.

Nicole L. Goetz, formerly known as Nicole L. Smith, is a shareholder in Asbell, Ho, Klaus & Goetz and has been named co-chair of the ED Committee of The Florida Bar for 2007-08.

Sherri L. Johnson has been elected president of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. sjohnson@dentjohnson.com

Rahul Patel was named to serve on the UF Alumni Association national board. He is a partner with King & Spalding and is President of the UF Law Alumni Counsel. He is an inaugural recipient of the Alumni Association’s Outstanding Young Alumnus award in 2006 and has been involved with the Atlanta Gator Club®. He and his wife Swati have two children and live in Atlanta.

Tivoli Properties announced that Kurt A. Raulin has joined the company as general counsel and the head of its legal department in Atlanta.

Leslie Miller Tomczak was elected shareholder of Akerman Senterfitt. Tomczak is a member of Akerman’s Real Estate Practice Group and specializes in commercial real estate transactions, “big box” retail shopping center development, warehouse and industrial leasing, build-to-suits and reverse
Julio Jaramillo
Providing Hands-on Help to Immigrants

When Colombian and South American immigrants encounter challenges upon arriving in America, a fellow countryman steps forward to lend a helping hand. As the passionate president of the Colombian American Service Association (CASA), Julio Jaramillo (JD 91) advocates for human rights and helps hundreds of individuals and families each month work to earn their citizenship.

Jaramillo, who came to the U.S. from Colombia in 1966 and recently opened his own private law firm in Miami, feels Colombian and other South American immigrants are ignored in the U.S. “I got involved in CASA in 1995 because the problems my fellow Colombians and immigrants generally faced were at the point where something needed to be done,” Jaramillo said. “They are overlooked and have very little representation in the community.”

CASA is currently trying to expand its reach across Florida where about 500,000 Colombians reside. Jaramillo says that by some estimates, almost half of them are undocumented. “Though the majority of South American immigrants are in South Florida, there has been a tremendous migration to other parts of the state such as Naples, Tampa, even Pensacola and the Panhandle,” he said.

It receives referrals from community service organizations, elected officials and civic leaders “because they know the work we do, and no one gets turned away regardless of ability to pay,” he says.

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Jaramillo most enjoys the monthly “citizen drives” that CASA organizes. “Once or twice a month we help people get their documentation and begin the process of getting their citizenship,” he said. “You should see their faces and the gratitude they display when they can swear themselves in as U.S. citizens.”

Jaramillo remembers being taught at UF Law that lawyers should have a social conscience.

“It’s not only a privilege, but an obligation to better our society on behalf of those that can’t,” he said.

—Jason Silver

John M. Howe has started John M. Howe, PA, in West Palm Beach. Howe also has been elected to the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and appointed to serve on The Florida Bar’s Member Outreach Committee. For the next year he will continue to serve as a director-at-large on the board of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and as a director on the board of the Legal Aid Society of the Palm Beaches.

Andrew D. McNamee was recently promoted to shareholder of the Florida law firm Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson.

Adi Rappoport of Gunster Yoakley will co-chair a new practice area specifically for tax-exempt organizations to provide advice and counsel in the rapidly changing and highly scrutinized world of charities and non-profits.

1998

Michael Cavendish, attorney and shareholder with the new Jacksonville office of Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, has been appointed to the board of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority by Gov. Charlie Crist.

Kendall Mills-Conrad was named a partner with Eracilides, Johns, Hall, Gelman, Johannessen & Kempner. She will continue to practice in the area of workers’ compensation defense in the Jacksonville office.

Christopher Davis is the newly-elected president of the Daniel Webster Perkins Bar Association, named after one of the first African-Americans to pioneer law in Duval County. He also has joined Peek, Cobb, Edwards & Ragatz in Jacksonville.

Rick Ellsley has been named a partner of the Fort Lauderdale firm of Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Liberman & McKee. He serves as an executive officer for the Broward County Trial Lawyers Association, is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and has been board certified by the Florida Bar as a specialist in Civil Trial Law.

Marco Ferri, along with five other partners, founded the law firm of Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri in Coral Gables. He specializes in corporate transactions with a focus on cross-border mergers & acquisitions and financing transactions.

Jason Gonzalez was recently appointed general counsel to the Republican Party of Florida. He is a shareholder with Ausley & McMullen in Tallahassee and will continue to practice in the areas of commercial and government litigation. Jgonzalez@ausley.com or jgonzalez@rpof.org

1999

Adam K. Feldman, formerly a partner at Patterson, Anderson & Feldman in Jacksonville, has joined the Denver office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck as Of Counsel. He practices in the areas of real estate and hospitality law.

Brian Fender has been promoted to shareholder at GrayRobinson. bfender@gray-robinson.com

Stefan A. Rubin, a member of Ruden McClosky’s Corporate and Securities Group, was elected partner in their Orlando office. His practice includes general corporate representation, mergers and acquisitions, securities, employment and intellectual property.

Amy K. Tuck was appointed director of the Florida Division of Elections. aktuck@dos.state.fl.us

Michael J. Wilson was elected a shareholder of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen. He is a member of the Tax and Business Group and concentrates his practice in the area of domestic and international taxation.
2000
Brandon Biederman has been recognized by the South Florida Business Journal as a “2007 Up & Comer,” which profiled outstanding young business leaders under the age of 40 in South Florida. brandonbiederman@basfonline.org

Christopher R. D’Amico (LLMT) was recently elected a shareholder in the law firm of Dean Mead.

Osvaldo L. Gratacos has joined the Motorola Law Department as commercial counsel with worldwide federal contracts responsibilities in Washington, D.C. He previously held the position of acting legal counsel to the inspector general of the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. He also is an adjunct professor of international business transactions and procurement at the University of Virginia. osvaldo.gratacos@motorola.com

Asnardo (Nardy) Garro has joined Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri in Coral Gables as a partner. He will focus on corporate and financial services group, particularly in general corporate, lending and banking law. He represents startup companies, as well as established corporate and financial services clients with a broad range of transactional and regulatory matters.

Jorene Soto was awarded the Joint Commendation Medal by the United States Joint Forces Command. She graduated with distinction from the Georgetown University Law Center where she received an LL.M. with certificates in refugees and humanitarian emergencies and international human rights. Her article on trafficking in persons will be published in the upcoming edition of the Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender. Jorene.Soto@usdoj.gov

2001
Brad Culpepper recently opened a personal injury law firm, Culpepper Kurland, in Tampa Bay.

Matthew B. Lerner was the recipient of the inaugural Renaissance Associate Award given by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough for outstanding achievement in the areas of client service, training, pro bono, marketing, recruiting and productivity. matthew.lerner@nelsonmullins.com

Maggie D. Mooney, an associate from the Bradenton office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, has been accepted into the 2007-2008 Leadership Manatee class.

The Miami office of Richman Greer has named Blanca M. Valle as an associate. She will focus primarily in the areas of complex and commercial litigation, business torts, family law, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, and construction litigation. bvalle@richmangreer.com or bvalle@richmangreer.com

2002
Elena Kaplan (LLMT) has been elected president of the Young Lawyers Division of The State Bar of Georgia. She is an associate with Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs in Atlanta, practicing in the areas of employee benefits and executive compensation.

Judge Frank Orlando
Children + Teaching = Juvenile Justice

fter looking for a way to combine his love for children and teaching with a career in the legal field, Judge Frank Orlando (JD 63) found himself in the field of juvenile justice, not only in Florida but around the world.

Having served as a Circuit Court judge for 21 years, Orlando is now the director of the Center for the Study of Youth Policy at Nova Southeastern University Law Center in Fort Lauderdale. Orlando’s work is funded by the prestigious Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, Md. The foundation specifically funds projects, organizations and individuals involved in issues related to children and families.

In 1992 Orlando received the American Bar Association Livingston Hall Justice Award, an award that recognizes lawyers who have contributed to the field of juvenile justice. He refers to the Livingston Award as one of his most prized honors in addition to the work he has done at Nova University.

In 2000 Orlando was appointed as a Senior Research Fellow at the Dartington Social Research Unit in England, becoming the first American to receive this honor. That same year he served as the director of the International Juvenile Justice Network at Defense for Children International in Geneva, Switzerland.

Even with all the awards and honors Orlando has received, he believes he could not have been as successful without his law degree.

“Without my UF Law education I couldn’t have gone anywhere,” said Orlando. Orlando credits his success to the many students and teachers he met while in law school and says that without them, he would not have known how to combine his love for children with a career in the legal field.

—Alison Dubin

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David C. Scileppi, a corporate and securities attorney at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, is a co-founder of Orbis, a non-profit organization that represents a cross-section of the South Florida business community and is committed to offering a variety of opportunities for young professionals to develop their personal and business relationships.

2003
Christopher J. Hand has been elected by the Jacksonville Bar Association to the Young Lawyers Section Board of Governors
Hale E. Sheppard (LLMT) of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin in Atlanta has published legal articles in The Practical Tax Lawyer, Practical Tax Strategies and The Monthly Digest of Tax Articles.

2004
Jason Gordon, an attorney with Arnstein & Lehr, recently joined the board of directors of the Broward Homebound Program, an organization that provides case management and in-home services to elderly and disabled adults.

Cheryl A. Priest recently married Aaron Ainsworth (B.S. Finance, 2005). She also was named as one of Holland & Knight's 2007 Pro Bono All Stars. cheryl.priest@hklaw.com
Cindy A. Townsend recently joined Bell & Roper in Orlando as an associate. Townsend’s practice concentrates primarily on employment discrimination, civil rights litigation, municipal liability, general tort litigation and appellate law. CTownsend@bellroperlaw.com

2005
Dr. Thomas B.R. Christenson II (LLMT) has joined the law department of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as counsel on the corporate team. He previously was a tax associate for Meissner Tierney Fischer & Nichols in Milwaukee.

Judge William Terrell Hodges
Honored with Professionalism Award

Judge William Terrell Hodges (JD 58), a federal district court judge from Florida, has received the American Inns of Court’s 2007 Professionalism Award for the 11th Circuit.

Judge Hodges was nominated for this distinction by members of the Ferguson-White American Inns of Court in Tampa, who cited his “excellence, civility, professionalism and commitment to the highest legal and ethical standards. Based on this knowledge and experience, we have identified Judge Hodges as the person we know who best exemplifies the greatest ideals of our profession. He inspires each of us to strive to be the very best we can be professionally.”

After practicing law with Macfarlane, Ferguson, Allison & Kelly in Tampa, Hodges was appointed a U.S. district court judge in the Middle District of Florida at 37, becoming one of the youngest people ever appointed to the federal bench. Not only did he serve as chief judge of his district, he also chaired the Judicial Conference’s Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules as well as the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference — one of only a few district court judges to ever hold that position. Although Judge Hodges took senior status in 1999, he took on chairing the demanding Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation soon after.

Judge Hodges has received numerous state and national awards and accolades for his service and professionalism. He also has been a leader in establishing the American Inns of Court movement in Florida and served as president of both the Ferguson-White Inn of Court in Tampa and the Chester Bedell Inn in Jacksonville.
John G. White III
Another UF Law Grad Leads The Bar

As he begins his term as President-Elect of The Florida Bar, John G. White III (JD 83) follows in the footsteps of 32 other Levin College of Law grads in the association’s 58-year history who have been Bar Presidents and is UF Law’s first president-elect since 1998. White will take over as Bar president in June 2008.

“It has been way too long,” said White, who is a shareholder in the firm Richman Greer in West Palm Beach.

With the role of leading one of the largest bar associations in the country, White says he’s looking forward to the challenge of continuing to improve ethics and professionalism among the more than 80,000 lawyers in Florida.

“The Florida Bar spends more than $12 million on lawyer discipline every year,” White said. “We’re really trying to make it a more efficient disciplinary process.”

White wants to focus on educating attorneys when it comes to ethics, professionalism and diversity. He said The Florida Bar is exploring the possibility of creating mentoring projects similar to ones in other states.

“Right now we’re in the initial stages of looking into a professionalism program for new lawyers, which will also help encourage diversity,” White said.

White’s strong connection to UF has not faded since getting both his law and undergraduate degrees in Gainesville. He chose to attend UF Law because it’s an excellent school, he said.

“Choosing to go to UF Law was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made,” he said. “I really enjoyed my six-and-a-half years in Gainesville and obtained a great education there.”

One of the best things about having gone to UF Law is the fact that he can locate fellow UF colleagues anywhere he wants to get help or legal information, he said.

“I can pick up the phone and call Jacksonville, Pensacola, Tampa, Miami or Tallahassee and speak to an old friend from my days at UF Law,” he said. “It’s amazing that 10, 15 and 20 years later, the relationships from law school are still so strong.”

—Jason Silver

Suzannah Gilman has joined the Seminole County Victims’ Rights Coalition, working as the sole attorney for SafeHouse of Seminole. Gilman represents victims of domestic violence in their hearings on injunctions for protection against domestic violence and in other legal issues that arise as a result of the domestic violence.

sgilman@safehouseofseminole.org

John M. Hemenway has co-founded Blivins & Hemenway in Brandon-Valrico. The firm’s practice will emphasize real estate, business law, lending work and estate planning/probate.

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2006
Daniel Glassman, a corporate attorney at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart in West Palm Beach and a member of its Tax Practice Group, received the highest combined score on The Florida Bar exam for the 4th District Court of Appeal.

DGlassman@gunster.com

Gary M. Lucas Jr. (LLMT) with Morris, Manning & Martin has been chosen as a visiting professor of law at the University of Florida and will take a leave of absence from the firm to teach taxation courses.

Dr. Eleanor Sorresso was selected as a full-time associate medical director for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in Jacksonville.

Jeffrey T. Troiano (LLMT) recently joined Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota and practices in the areas of taxation, estate planning and administration and trust administration.

jtroiano@williamsparker.com

2007
Keisha Hylton-Rodic has joined the biotech practice for the firm Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox.

In Memoriam

Catherine Barclift (IL)
William R. Frazier (JD 48)
Rebecca Jakucbin (JD 00)
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Recognition

Several publications across the country honor peer recognition and professional achievements in the field of law. Typically hundreds of worthy UF Law alumni are recognized in these publications for their accolades, including the following who informed UF LAW magazine about their listings.

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**Lawdragon 500**
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Manuel J. Alvarez (JD 79)
Mark Alexandra Avina (JD 89)
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Robert T. Cunningham (JD 75)
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Ketan Vakil (JD 96)
Bill Wagner (JD 60)

Howard Coker
Honored by Peers for Distinguished Leadership

Attorney Howard Coker (JD 71) was named “Trial Lawyer of the Year” by the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates (FLABOTA), an honor that recognizes his distinguished record of results for clients, public service, work to promote legal professionalism and commitment to trial advocacy.

Coker, a senior partner in Coker, Schickel, Sorenson & Daniel, helped organize the Jacksonville chapter of ABOTA and served as its president in 1988. By 1997 he was president of FLABOTA and is now a Diplomate of ABOTA and a Fellow of the ABOTA Foundation.

“Howard Coker epitomizes those whom FLABOTA seeks to honor with the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. He has successfully tried more than 200 cases to jury verdict and has unfailingly shared his leadership skills through his public service to the legal profession and his community,” said Tampa attorney Martin Garcia, a past president of FLABOTA, when presenting Coker with the award.

Coker also is past president of The Florida Bar, the Florida Justice Association, FLABOTA and the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society. In 2006, Coker received the Perry Nichols Award presented by the Florida Justice Association Lawyers in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding and distinguished service in the pursuit of justice.

“I look back on my career with amazement and gratitude,” said Coker. “I am and always have been proud to be an attorney and to be able to help people whose lives have been severely impacted by the actions of others — to help protect and defend their rights under the law. It is a great honor to be recognized for my work in this way by an organization that includes some of the finest lawyers in our country today.”
For the past two years, it has been my distinct honor to serve as chairman of the Law Center Association and, more importantly, serve our law school and the exceptional students at UF Law.

It has been an eventful time as the law school facilities were upgraded and expanded, two U.S. Supreme Court justices visited our campus and funding was provided for a much needed trial advocacy center. Our student teams have won numerous state and regional honors and, of course, on my watch the Gators won three national championships. Coincidence? Seriously, what a great time to be a Gator - particularly a Gator lawyer.

I have especially enjoyed working with the dedicated alumni who comprise the Board of Trustees and other law alumni groups. We have helped plan for the college’s future and expanded alumni services and involvement. These efforts have paid huge dividends and will have a lasting influence on advancing the college.

There is just one area in which I think we can and MUST do better. As I’ve spoken with alumni, I’ve come to realize that many of them have given to various projects, but are not involved in the Annual Fund. Dean Jerry calls the Annual Fund donations the school’s “margin of excellence.” I’ve seen firsthand how true that is. These gifts are used as discretionary resources to send students to conferences and competitions, fund law journals and publications, provide scholarships and financial aid, support student organizations and provide the unique enrichment that our students and faculty need to make Florida Law an exceptional experience. I urge every alumnus to give back to the school through the Annual Fund. By doing so, you not only express your gratitude for the opportunities provided by your law education, but intensify the college’s momentum toward distinction. We CAN reach our vision of becoming the number one public law school in America, but it will only happen if each of us makes a yearly commitment. Get involved and support your school. There’s a lot going on and you’ll enjoy being part of it.

It’s great to be a UF Law graduate and it’s great to be a Gator.

Go Gators!

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

A HIGHER LEVEL

The University of Florida Law School has consistently provided the highest quality legal education to generations of students. The contributions of our loyal alumni to the Annual Fund ensure that we remain one of the premier public institutions for legal excellence in the United States.

My thanks go out to all of you who have made gifts, pledges, and contributions of time and effort to our law school. A hallmark of any elite law school is significant alumni participation in annual giving and fundraising efforts. Your gifts to the law school have helped provide valuable support for students and faculty, and enhanced the academic programs available at the college. Your contributions have enabled us to reward more students with much deserved financial aid, and sponsor events and programs that help make the law school a great place to work and study. With the opening of our new building and expansion of our library, we are now laying the foundation for the next era of excellence at Florida.

A special thanks to a remarkable group of dedicated people—the Alumni Council members and class representatives who volunteer each year to help with annual giving. Also, to the graduating classes who demonstrate their commitment to the future of our school through their significant class gifts. Combined, their efforts in contacting classmates and colleagues on behalf of the law school make all the difference. Although we can improve our participation rate, Florida has some of the most committed and faithful alumni and students in the country. I believe this display of loyalty and affection shows that our “law school family” is our institution’s greatest strength.

Your continued support will allow our law school to compete on an even higher level—a level we must reach to maintain our rightful place at the forefront of legal education. Your generosity will make a difference for the future of our law school and generations of students, proving that now and always, “it’s great to be a Florida Gator!”

Mark Klingensmith (JD 85)
President, UF Law Alumni Council
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Alumni receptions and other events around the nation are made possible by annual fund contributions from firms and individuals who understand the long-term value of close ties to the law school, alumni and legal profession.

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Gifts to the law school’s endowment are not spent, but instead are carefully invested to yield a dependable, stable source of income in perpetuity. Approximately 4 percent of earned interest from the market value of the endowment fund balance was transferred and spent for specific uses designated by donors and by college administrators for annual operating and administrative costs. (The additional earned interest above the 4 percent is returned to the fund balance.) The fund grew just over 21% in 2006-07 under the stewardship of the University of Florida Foundation Investment Company (UFICO), which oversees investments and law school endowment income.

Annual Fund Contributions
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Total Participation

Total Giving Participation 11%
Total Alumni Giving Participation 10%
Annual Fund Participation 8.21%
The endowed fund provides a permanent foundation for the college and is indispensable in supporting important programs and activities. Donors give to this fund for many reasons: to provide scholarships, honor distinguished careers, memorialize loved ones, serve as an estate-planning tool, or to simply thank and support the college. The benefits from those gifts are immeasurable and allow the college to weather state cuts and plan for the future. The donors recognized on these and the following pages gave in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

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Participation: 13%
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Class Total: $5,000.00
No. in Class: 8
Participation: 13%
Founders Society - gold
Irving & Hazel A. Cypen

Class of 1945
Class Total: $100.00
No. in Class: 7
Participation: 14%
Enrichment Society
Harry P. Edwards & Sylvia R. Mayer

Class of 1946
Class Total: $642,100.00
No. in Class: 13
Participation: 31%
Founders Society - gold
Lewis M. Schott* & Marcia Whitney Schott (D)

Trusler Society
Patrick G. Emmanuel*
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Class of 1948
Class Total: $2,150.00
No. in Class: 78
Participation: 5%
Enrichment Society
Mark Hulsey
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Class of 1949
Class Total: $3,075.00
No. in Class: 92
Participation: 7%
Trusler Society
D. Burke & Carolyn E. Kibler III
Enrichment Society
Morison & Virginia M. Buck

Class of 1950
Class Total: $1,525.00
No. in Class: 82
Participation: 12%
Founders Society - gold
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Enrichment Society
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John P. Howard
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John H. & Mardelle Sutherland

Class of 1952
Class Total: $1,600.00
No. in Class: 43
Participation: 9%
Trusler Society
Robert J. McDermott
Enrichment Society
Evans & Sara T. Crary

Class of 1953
Class Total: $6,800.00
No. in Class: 46
Participation: 9%
Founders Society - gold
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Trusler Society
Melyn B. Frumkes
Enrichment Society
Murray W. Overstreet, Jr.
Andrew G. & Mary Alice H. Pattillo

Class of 1954
Class Total: $4,800.00
No. in Class: 45
Participation: 11%
Founders Society - gold
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Associates
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Trusler Society
Ned F. Sinder
Enrichment Society
Richard W. & Judith C. Reeves
Charles E. Smith

Class of 1955
Class Total: $11,656.88
No. in Class: 34
Participation: 15%
Founders Society - gold
John Bargas
Enrichment Society
W. Dexter & Terese V. Douglass
W. Ray & Jacquelyn Fortner
Edward & Helen D. Siegel

Class of 1956
Class Total: $3,250.00
No. in Class: 37
Participation: 19%
Trusler Society
Peter T. & Claudia P. Fay
Johnson S. & Mary Savary
Enrichment Society
Reubin O. & Donna-Lou Askew
Jerry B. Crockett
Robert P. & Doris B. Gaines
William A. & Betty A. Zeiher

Class of 1957
Class Total: $205,588.95
No. in Class: 48
Participation: 13%
Founders Society - gold
John M. McNatt, Jr.
Robert M. & Mary M. Montgomery
Associates
James E. & Vanda L. Yonge
Enrichment Society
Joseph & Cornelia A. Garcia
Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr. & Mary S. Copeland
William L. & Etta M. Hendry

Class of 1958
Class Total: $3,850.00
No. in Class: 63
Participation: 10%
Founders Society - gold
T. Terrell & Neva S. Sessums

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Founders Society - silver
David & Marie Hyman
Enrichment Society
William T. & Peggy J. Hodges
Edward M. & Mary Jackson
Donald J. & Helen M. Lunny

Class of 1959
Class Total: $39,251.00
No. in Class: 62
Participation: 10%

Trusler Society
Stephen W. & Diana J. Sessums
Enrichment Society
Robert J. & Alice P. Boylston
J. Tom & Ann K. Smoot

Class of 1960
Class Total: $2,050.00
No. in Class: 70
Participation: 9%

Founders Society - gold
Ray F. & Raquel Ferrero
Enrichment Society
Bill & Ruth W. Wagner

Class of 1961
Class Total: $2,005,400.00
No. in Class: 75
Participation: 16%

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Fredric G. & Marilyn K. Levin
Founders Society - silver
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C. Parkhill & Mason C. Mays
Irvin A. & JoAn M. Meyers
John H. & Joan K. Moore
Thomas H. & Sandra H. Thurlow

Class of 1962
Class Total: $23,311.46
No. in Class: 109
Participation: 16%

Founders Society - silver
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Partners
W. George & Enid Allen
Wilton R. & Susanne D. Miller
Ernest A. & Norma M. Sellers*
Associates
Grace W. Taylor*

Trusler Society
J. Charles & Saundra H. Gray

Enrichment Society
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Robin & Jean H. Gibson
James H. & Virginia Gilbert
Jane R. & John F. Harris
James C. & Suzanne N. Hoover
Peter C. Jones
R. Layton & Mary S. Mank
Antonio Martinez, Jr.

Class of 1963
Class Total: $7,735.00
No. in Class: 95
Participation: 13%

Founders Society - gold
Joseph H. & Elsie O. Lang
Reverend Molly O. Louden &
William Bruce Louden
Larry S. & Pat K. Stewart

Class of 1964
Class Total: $6,700.00
No. in Class: 132
Participation: 9%

Founders Society - silver
Charles T. & Linda F. Wells
Trusler Society
Michael L. & Elizabeth P. Jamieson*

Enrichment Society
Haywood M. & Anne T. Ball
John W. & Susan C. Caven
William H. Davis
George D. Gabel, Jr.
Ben L. Holley
Robert M. & Patricia A. Johnson
Malcolm R. & Jane Kirschenbaum
L. Ralph Smith, Jr.

Class of 1965
Class Total: $150,351.09
No. in Class: 136
Participation: 15%

Founders Society - gold
R. Dewey & Lynn E. Burnsed
Founders Society - silver
Sidney A. & Annette Stubbs

Trusler Society
John-Edward & Ruth R. Alley
Stumpy & Dorothy L. Harris*
Gerald D. & Joanne W. Schackow

Enrichment Society
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No. in Class: 174
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W. Kelly & Ruth S. Smith
Founders Society - silver
Richard M. & Gail M. Robinson

Partners
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Allan P. & Betsy F. Clark*

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Rutledge R. & Noel D. Liles
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James M. & Judith P. Nixon
Charles P. & Judith H. Pillans
Stephan J. & Barbara G. Powell
Benjamin W. Redding III
John F. & Sandra L. Roscow

Class of 1967
Class Total: $9,320,000
No. in Class: 221
Participation: 11%

Founders Society - gold
Benjamin F. Overton
Founders Society - silver
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Partners
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R. William & Dee J. Rutter
Edward B. & Linda P. Woodbery
James H. & Pat Woodroffe

Class of 1968
Class Total: $59,705.00
No. in Class: 188
Participation: 13%

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Class Total: $219,000.00
No. in Class: 184
Participation: 12%

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Founders Society - silver
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F. Wallace & Christine R. Pope

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Roger D. & Carol F. Schwenke
Alexander Spitzer
Donald R. Tescher
Robert F. & Alaine S. Williams

Class of 1970
Class Total: $8,195.00
No. in Class: 204
Participation: 10%

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Alan R. Parlapiano

Enrichment Society
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John M. & Caroline P. Brumbaugh
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John C. Taylor, Jr.
Harry & Vivian W. Tempkins
John K. & Deborah L. Tucker

Class of 1971
Class Total: $83,825.00
No. in Class: 221
Participation: 7%

Founders Society - gold
W. C. & Susan Gentry

Barristers
Robert S. Bolt

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John K. & Marie L. Vreeland

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Robert J. Telfer, Jr.

Class of 1972
Class Total: $74,298.79
No. in Class: 355
Participation: 11%

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Jeffrey W. & Susan P. Warren*

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Class of 1973
Class Total: $1,212,800.00
No. in Class: 390
Participation: 8%

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No. in Class: 326

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Class of 1996
Class Total: $6,750.00
No. in Class: 373
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Class Total: $7,721.82
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No. in Class: 45
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Class of 2007
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Participation: 1%

Enrichment Society
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Ask any UF Law alum about which professors they remember, and chances are the retiring Walter Weyrauch will be one of them.

Since 1957 he’s been a scholar in the fields of family law, business organizations, comparative law and legal philosophy. But first he earned his law degree at the University of Frankfurt and other degrees at Yale Law School, Harvard Law School and Georgetown University.

In his 50 years at UF Law, he has impacted thousands of students, many of whom have become the leaders of Florida. In a 1988 article in the Florida Lawyer Magazine, now Lt. Gov. Jeffrey Kottkamp called Weyrauch his favorite professor.

“The professor I found to be the most thought-provoking, entertaining and realistic had to be Professor Walter O. Weyrauch,” Kottkamp said. “Professor Weyrauch is a master of intellectual legal thought. Some students may not like his approach, but at the same time no one can ignore what he says.”

During a speech to the graduating class in August 1985, Weyrauch called upon the new members of the legal profession to resurrect the field’s values.

“On the basic level of teaching you to be lawyers, any fixed ideas you may have had in approaching a case or controversy may have turned out to be potentially damaging to your professional tasks,” he said. “Preconceived ideas originate in more or less closed intellectual systems, while a lawyer, whether he likes it or not, is forced to operate with open-ended likes of inquiry …”

Mark Stein (JD 89), an attorney in Coral Gables, remembers listening to a lecture that Weyrauch gave about growing up in Nazi Germany.

“His young life experiences were fascinating to listen to, particularly from today’s perspective,” Stein said. “During the lecture he faced tough questions from students, and he did not back down from explaining what was going on in Germany at the time.”

After five decades he is still working and recently published “The Experience of Lawlessness” in the New Criminal Law Review.
Many people aspire to change the world, but few can tell you exactly how they’re going to do it. Ana-Klara Hering is one of those rare individuals capable of telling you how she is going to make a difference and making you believe it is possible.

A recent veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps with time spent in Iraq, Hering did not originally anticipate walking away from the University of Florida with three graduate degrees. However, having already obtained a masters in communication, she is now in a joint degree program seeking her law degree and doctorate in media law and policy and plans to apply these skills as a summer associate for Thomas and LoCicero in Tampa.

“It’s only all come together for me in the last six months,” Hering says. “Sometimes you don’t appreciate the value after the fact, and the last five years have been a journey for me.”

Inspired by media law classes within UF’s College of Journalism and Communications, Hering discovered the “nexus” of her passions.

“You walk out of those classes saying should Hering. portunity is worlding some of my other skills. I want to serve journalists now, protect what they do — that’s where law and media combine.”

By immersing herself in both fields, she will be well equipped to serve journalists in whatever capacity necessary — something she learned through her work at The Brechner Center and the Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project.

“My work here allowed me to do interviews with the top investigative journalists around the state,” says Hering. Observing their late hours, years of hard work and minimal financial reward gave her a renewed appreciation for what they were striving to achieve.

“They’re the ones who are really changing things, and I was inspired by that,” says Hering. “I realized they need good media attorneys to defend them when they get a subpoena, or when someone doesn’t give them the public record they have a right to, or when somebody doesn’t give them the public record they have a right to, or when somebody wants a prior restraint on something they want to publish.”

“I want to be a part of that mix,” declares Hering. “They all talk about the lawyer that helped them win their battle, so that a law was written or a scandal was revealed, and something changed.”

Hering’s convictions are strengthened by her concern that in today’s world, journalists are getting less support due to the business being in a financial crisis. If journalists do not receive proper support, their ability to perform as watchdogs is threatened.

“If the journalists aren’t going to be a surrogate for the public, to be able to learn on their behalf what the government is doing, to be able to relay that information so that citizens can make good decisions, then who’s going to do it for them?” asks Hering.

While studying First Amendment theorist Vincent Blasi, Hering came across a US Supreme Court case, New York Times Co. v. United States, that made it possible for the New York Times and Washington Post to publish the Pentagon Papers. During this case Justice Black made a profound point that Hering now describes as capturing “the nexus between serving my country as a Marine, the public as a journalist, and journalists as a future media lawyer.”
## Events Calendar

### 2008

**JAN 4**  
New York City Alumni Breakfast  
Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers  
7:30-8:30 a.m.

**JAN 17**  
Florida Bar Mid-Year UF Law Alumni Reception  
Miami, Hyatt Downtown, 6:30 p.m.

**JAN 25**  
Graduate Tax Lecture Series  
Guest Speaker: Tax Court Judge Robert Wherry

**FEB 1**  
Law Center Association Board Committee Workshop Meeting  
Tampa

**FEB 15**  
Nelson Conference

**FEB 16**  
Music Law Conference

**FEB 21-22**  
Wolf Family Lecture Series on Real Property Law

**FEB 28-MAR 1**  
Public Interest Environmental Conference

**MAR 28**  
JLPP 20th Anniversary  
Center for the Study of Race & Race Relations  
Spring Lecture - Honoring Federal Judge Stephan Mickle

**APR 11-12**  
Board of Trustees/Law Alumni Council Board Meetings  
Spring Book Award Ceremony  
Orange & Blue Game

**APR 18**  
Dunwody Distinguished Lecture

**JUN 18-21 (TBA)**  
Florida Bar Annual UF Law Alumni Reception  
Boca Raton

**SEPT 26-27**  
Board of Trustees/Law Alumni Council Board Meetings  
Fall Book Award Ceremony  
Gators vs. Ole Miss Football Game

All events take place in Gainesville unless otherwise indicated.  
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