

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW
LAW CENTER ASSOCIATION
WINTER BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021
VIA ZOOM**

Virtual Attendees:

Carter Andersen, Judge Patty Barksdale, Robert Bradley, Rebecca Brock, Derek Bruce, Brian Burgoon, Kelly-Ann Cartwright, Marti Cochran, Richard Comiter, Patrick Cousins, James Cunningham, Carla DeLoach, Brian Dorn, Andrew Fawbush, Dori Foster-Morales, Greg Francis, Lorie Gleim, Cheryl Gordon, Courtney Grimm, Lee Gunn, Jack Hackett, Adam Hall, Nancy Pond Halula, Judge Marcia Howard, Monica Harris, Shawn Harrison, Andrea Hartley, Scott Hawkins, Bruce Hoffman, Jarrett Hoffman, Judge Marcia Howard, Cristin Keane, Judge Nelly Khouzam, Jay Kim, Kristine Lambert, Roger Lambert, Judge Philip Lammens, Ian Leavengood, Judge Joseph Marx, Phillip Mays, Elizabeth McCausland, Sigrid McCawley, Bill McCollum, Michael Minton, Judge Christopher Nash, Louis Nostro, Paul Perkins, Bill Perry, Robert Pierce, Matthew Posgay, Gary Printy, Oscar Sanchez, Judge Morris Silberman, Effie Silva, Michael Silva, Richard Smith, James Sowell, Lee Stapleton, Robert Stern, Jo Thacker, Renee Thompson, Jason Unger, Glenn Waldman, Karen Walker, Greg Weiss, Scott Westheimer, Guy Whitesman, Judge Allen Winsor, Tad Yates, Stephen Zack

Faculty & Staff Present:

Laura Rosenbury, Dennis Calfee, Mike Farley, Dan Hoffman, Shannon Sumerlin, Debbie Menoher, Paul Rollins, Janice Shaw

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Provost Joe Glover, Will Lewis, Frankie Berardi

- 9:00 a.m. LCA Chair James Cunningham welcomed members and called the meeting to order. He noted the passing of two great UF Law leaders, Fredric Levin and Judge Stephan Mickle. A motion to accept the Fred Levin Memorial Resolution was seconded and approved by the body without dissent.
- 9:17 a.m. State of the Law School Address – Dean Rosenbury presented the State of the Law School address including updates on application trends, OCI, the Bailey Courtroom renovation, faculty staffing and the AI initiative. She thanked board members for their support.
- 9:48 a.m. Special Topic: AI University – Provost Joe Glover presented UF’s AI initiative which was launched by a \$60M supercomputer gift by NVIDIA founder Chris Malachowsky. The technology will be used for many applications including curriculum and research. UF plans to hire 100 more faculty members in the AI space. All SUS campuses will participate, and other partnerships are expected.
- 10:15 a.m. Office of Admissions Update – Assistant Dean Paul Rollins presented updates on entering student credentials, recruiting and diversity goals, and thanked alumni for their support.
- 10:27 a.m. Career & Professional Development Update – Assistant Dean Janice Shaw thanked Derek Bruce and the Career Committee for participating in practice interviews. There are 150 employers participating in OCI. She will invite LCA members to upcoming networking events.
- 10:45 a.m. Development & Alumni Affairs Update – Sr. Director Michael Farley announced the celebration of the life of Judge Stephan Mickle scheduled for February 13 at the Phillips Performing Arts Center. He thanked the LCA Executive Board for funding Judge Mickle’s portrait that now

hangs in the MLAC foyer. UF Law's campaign total is \$57M+ and about 114% of the Go Greater goal. He also presented LCA giving rates, alumni demographics, future programming and fundraising efforts, and 2021 alumni awards.

Shannon Sumerlin thanked alumni mentor volunteers. Her current focus includes the Tax program, gift and estate planning, and Gator Giving Day on February 18, 2021. She asked members to serve as social ambassadors for the event.

Dan Hoffman shared that his current focus is the HBCU scholarship and AI donations. He asked members to contact him about their support for either one or referrals to other alumni.

11:23 a.m. Committee Reports

Admissions – Lee Gunn and Judge Morris Silberman invited members to help with writing letters to admitted students and matching alumni with applicants.

Bylaws – Brian Burgoon shared a proposed bylaw change. With the appointment of everyone to new five-year terms, current active members may volunteer to become emeritus if they choose. Emeritus members are not required to attend meetings, are non-voting, and cannot serve as committee chairs. Please notify Mike Farley of any desired changes. Also, the one-year requirement to sit out was eliminated.

Career Services – Derek Bruce mentioned opportunities to serve as practice interviewers, becoming a mentor, and hiring graduates. The deadline for reporting ABA employment data is March 15. Mike Farley or Janice Shaw will send a reminder.

Development & Alumni Affairs – Carter Andersen asked for members to support Gator Giving Day and to send other fundraising ideas to him. Nominees for the Heritage of Leadership were announced. A motion to support of the nomination of Fred Levin and Judge Stephan Mickle was seconded and approved by a vote of the body without dissent.

Membership – Jo Thacker presented the 2021 slate of new member and officer nominations. Please notify her of any concerns prior to the final vote scheduled during the Spring 2021 LCA meeting in May. Members interested in serving as Secretary should also contact her.

11:48 a.m. Announcements

Law Alumni Council – Will Lewis updated members on LAC activities and events.

Student Bar Association – Frankie Berardi updated members on Spring 2021 activities and the SBA's vision. Their focus is on a financial literacy programming, diversity, and mental health issues.

Alumni Adjuncts – Brian Burgoon and Scott Westheimer reported on opportunities to teach as an adjunct or compressed course faculty member. Mike Farley will send more information.

12:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

12:05 p.m. Member CLE: "Electronically Stored Information Discovery Issues" with Greg Weiss