

**UF Levin College of Law
Law Center Association (LCA)
Spring Virtual Board Meeting**

Friday, May 14, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present: Carter Andersen, Jack Bierley, David Bilsker, Brad Bondi, Bill Bone, Jeffrey Boone, Rebecca Brock, Derek Bruce, Brian Burgoon, Kelly-Ann Cartwright, Marti Cochran, Richard Comiter, Patrick Cousins, Spencer Cummings, James Cunningham, Barry Davidson, Katie Dearing, Carla DeLoach, Brian Dorn, Andrew Fawbush, Dori Foster-Morales, Greg Francis, James Gale, Lorie Gleim, Cheryl Gordon, Courtney Grimm, Lee Gunn, Jack Hackett, Nancy Pond Halula, Shawn Harrison, Andrea Hartley, Bruce Hoffman, Jarrett Hoffman, Judge Paul Huck, Janice Innis-Thompson, Cristin Keane, Nicole Kibert Basler, Jay Kim, Kristine Lambert, Roger Lambert, Judge Philip Lammens, Stephanie Marchman, Phillip Mays, Elizabeth McCausland, Bill McCollum, Judge Christopher Nash, Louis Nostro, Gary Printy, Matthew Posgay, Katrina Rolle, Oscar Sanchez, William Schifino, Judge Morris Silberman, Effie Silva, Michael Silva, Jim Sowell, Lee Stapleton, Jo Thacker, Renee Thompson, Robert Thornburg, Jason Unger, Glenn Waldman, Karen Walker, Greg Weiss, Scott Westheimer, Tad Yates, Peter Zinober

Ex-Officio Members Present: Celeste Hankins

Faculty Present: Dean Laura Rosenbury, Professor Dennis Calfee

Staff Present: Mike Farley, Dan Hoffman, Shannon Sumerlin, Debbie Menoher, Paul Rollins, Janice Shaw, Silvia Menendez, Rachel Inman

- 2:30 p.m. LCA Chair James Cunningham welcomed members and called the meeting to order.
- 2:33 p.m. U.S. News Update & State of the Law School – Dean Rosenbury noted our challenging year and rise in the rankings. UF Law is #2 among public law schools in student indebtedness due to low tuition and donor support for scholarships. She announced faculty retirements and departures including Professors Darren Hutchinson and Danny Sokol. James Cunningham requested a one-page talking point document for LCA members to use in conversations about the school.
- 2:56 p.m. Office of Admissions Updates – Assistant Dean Paul Rollins shared enrollment statistics noting an increase in non-FL residents and 10 confirmed HBCU scholarship recipients.
- 3:07 p.m. Office of Career & Professional Development Updates – Assistant Dean Janice Shaw announced an increase in student engagement due to networking events and programs. More than 90% of UF Law's 2020 graduates are employed or currently pursuing employment. Dean Shaw invited LCA members to contact her with information about employment opportunities for students.
- 3:27 p.m. Office of Experiential Education Updates – Assistant Dean Silvia Menendez announced the extensive experience available to students through the school. Clinics are nearly fully enrolled for the coming term. A new taxpayer clinic is being created and grants were submitted. Dean Rosenbury said UF Law plans to move up Spring grade deadlines to expedite Summer hiring.

3:35 p.m. Office of Development Updates – Sr. Director Michael Farley recognized award winners that will be presented at September’s LCA meeting. As part of the Go Greater Campaign, Law has raised \$56.43M or 113% of its goal 36 months early. UF Law's endowment sits at a record level of \$131.4M. Future initiatives will focus on HBCU and AI action plans, naming opportunities, an estate planning program, and the Law Firm Giving Challenge. A transformational gift will be announced soon. The new Bierley Loyalty Society honors Mr. Bierley for his many years of consistent support to the university. UF Law will be holding virtual affinity building events this Summer and Fall and working toward in-person alumni receptions and class reunions.

Shannon Sumerlin – Reunions ending in 1s and 6s will be held September 24-25, 2021 (the UF vs TN home game weekend). She requested LCA members to consider helping host the events. She announced a 21 in 21 for #21 goal for new estate planning gifts to the law school. Members may contact her to discuss any estate gifts they may be planning to make.

Dan Hoffman – Dan gave an update on HBCU and AI initiatives and thanked members for many referrals. The 2021 Law Firm Giving Challenge will run from June 15 to July 15.

4:00 p.m. Committee Reports

Admissions – Lee Gunn & Judge Morris Silberman reported that LCA member letters made a difference in the school's successful admissions recruiting season.

Bylaws – Brian Burgoon reviewed an Active/Emeritus Term proposal that gives Active members who have already completed a five-year term the ability to elect Emeritus status rather than complete the new five-year term that was recreated under recent bylaw changes. There will also be no need to sit out one year between the first and second Active term. **VOTE - Motion did not require a second and was approved by the body without dissent.**

Career Services – Derek Bruce summarized recent placement successes including OCI conducting almost 1000 interviews.

Development & Alumni Affairs – Carter Andersen reviewed the Heritage of Leadership Inductees and one additional nominee (Judge Peter Fay). **VOTE – Motion did not require a second and was approved by the body without dissent.**

FATAC – Cristin Keane summarized Thursday's FATAC meeting and celebrated UF Law’s #2 overall ranking among Tax programs in the country.

Membership – Jo Thacker presented the 2021 recommended slate of new members and next year's officer nominations for a vote. New LCA Members include Geddes Anderson, Jacqueline Arango, Elizabeth Callahan, Evan Ferl, Secretary Nikki Fried, Christian George, LaShawnda Jackson, Jessica Furst Johnson, Stephanie Mickle, The Hon. Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, Melissa Nelson, Karen Persis, Grier Pressly, The Hon. Ed Scales, Whitney Untiedt, Marc Warren, Thomas Wert. The 2021-2022 Executive Officers: Carter Andersen (Chair), Greg Weiss (Chair-Elect), Courtney Grimm (Vice Chair), and Brian Burgoon (Secretary). **VOTE – Motions did not require a second and was approved by the body without dissent.**

4:17 p.m. Announcements

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

2021-2022 Calendar – Carter Andersen reviewed next year's proposed meeting schedule including September 10-11 in Tampa (along with the UF vs USF away football game); January 28-29 (subject to change) in Gainesville (along with a home basketball game); and May 19-20 in Gainesville (along with Commencement and Past Present and Future Awards Ceremony).

Service Recognition – James Cunningham announced that Active members will be receiving a paperweight as a thank you from the Executive Committee. He then presented Brian Burgoon with the Austin Peele Outstanding Trustee Award. Michael Farley shared that outgoing Past Chair Jo Thacker will receive an engraved gavel recognizing her years of service to the board.

Officer Transition – James Cunningham thanked everyone for a great year and asked the group to support Carter Andersen who will take over as Chair at the end of June.

4:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

4:45 p.m. Member CLE: E-Discovery Highlights with Professor Bill Hamilton