

**University of Florida Levin College of Law
Law Center Association [LCA]**

**Fall Business Meeting
Saturday, September 7, 2019
Chesterfield Smith Classroom (180 Holland Hall)**

Attendees: Carter Andersen, Judge Patty Barksdale, David Bowers, Bill Boyles, Rebecca Brock, Derek Bruce, Brian Burgoon, Tim Cerio, Richard Comiter, James Cunningham, Edward Downey, Andy Fawbush, Scott Hawkins, Judge Jonathan Gerber, Lorie Gleim, Courtney Grimm, Adam Hall, Monica Williams Harris, Andrea Hartley, Jeffrey Hirsch, Judge Nelly Khouzam, Theo Kypreos, Ian Leavengood, Stephanie Marchman, Judge Joseph Marx, Bill McCollum, Michael Minton, Will Murphy, Judge Christopher Nash, Darrell Payne, Matthew Posgay, Gary Printy, Ray Royce, Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone, William Schifino, Tim Schulte, Judge Morris Silberman, Michael Smith, James Sowell, Lee Stapleton, Jo Thacker, Renee Thompson, Bob Thornburg, Scott Westheimer, Tad Yates

Attendees
By Phone: Kelly-Ann Cartwright, Nancy Pond Halula, Bruce Hoffman, Judge Charlene Honeywell, Christin Keane, Judge Mark Klingensmith, Elizabeth Krentzman, Judge Philip Lammens, Jorge Perez, Bob Pierce, Karen Walker

Faculty
Present: Dean Laura Rosenbury, Associate Dean Liz Lear, Professor Dennis Calfee

Staff
Present: Mike Farley, Andrea Fourman, Dan Hoffman, Debbie Menoher, Whitney Smith, Associate Dean Rachel Inman, Assistant Dean Paul Rollins, Lisa De Sanctis, Colleen Miller, Kevin Robertson, Josh Alter

9:00 a.m. LCA Chair Jo Thacker welcomed members and called the meeting to order. She reviewed the agenda and thanked Scott Hawkins for leading the new member orientation meeting on Friday afternoon. She recognized each new member as all members introduced themselves. New members include Kelley-Ann Cartwright, Lorie Gleim, Adam Hall, Nancy Pond Halula, Monica Williams Harris, Andrea Hartley, Theo Kypreos, Judge Philip Lammens, Judge Christopher Nash, Darrell Payne, Matthew Posgay, Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone, Tim Schulte, James Sowell, Lee Stapleton, Karen Walker and Judge Joseph Marx.

The Spring 2019 meeting minutes were moved, seconded, and approved by the body without dissent. Thacker turned the meeting over to David Bowers for an Audit Committee Report.

9:10 a.m. Audit Committee Report – David Bowers briefly shared the history of the LCA and noted that LCA has \$6M+ in financial assets. He explained that the UF Board of Trustees decertified academic DSOs (Direct Support Organizations), including the LCA as of June 6, 2019. DSOs were permitted to use UF resources, including the law school's facilities and staff. Bowers said that several meetings and discussions with UF leaders have taken place during the Summer and an agreement was reached that an annual audit would be conducted using June 30, 2019, as the effective date.

Bowers then made a motion to authorize a definitive agreement to transfer substantially all of the current LCA funds in exchange for UFF continuing to meet all existing gift agreements and holding LCA and its members harmless from any liability for not doing so.

During discussion, Scott Hawkins said that UFF has an endowment of \$1.8B+ managed by UFICO including UF Law's endowment of \$112M+. UFF is capable of doing gift processing, including credit card gifts, and routinely receives and manages gifts for the benefit of the law school. Gift agreements will be transferred to UFF who will assume responsibility for compliance. Some gift agreements may need to be revised if their existing provisions become illegal or inappropriate.

The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of the body without dissent.

Bowers said the next step is for the Executive Committee to discuss what to do with the LCA's incorporated entity and present its findings at the February 2020 LCA meeting.

9:30 a.m.

LCA Transition Update – Scott Hawkins and David Bowers led a discussion on the organizational transition to a new structure. Jo Thacker said in order to use UFF facilities, the body will need a new structure in the form of an Alumni Advisory Board to continue working with Dean Rosenbury. This would not change the LCA's mission. The LCA could keep the same name, but the bylaws would need to be changed to reflect the new format. Hawkins explained that other colleges have alumni councils. The LCA will have the same role to recruit good students, assist with employment opportunities, and promote private gift support for the law school. It was suggested that the LCA and LAC consider merging into one organization to streamline operations. Some members felt the LAC provided a better environment in which younger leaders could grow.

Hawkins made a motion for the LCA body to vote in favor of adopting the Advisory Board structure as the Board of Trustees and other campus leaders advise. Thacker shared that removing the LCA's financial burdens would be a good thing moving forward. The body expressed trust in the LCA Executive Committee to be good stewards and to make the right decision for the LCA.

The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of the body without dissent.

10:00 a.m.

Planned Giving Primer (Andrea Fourman) and Development & Alumni Affairs Update (Mike Farley) – Andrea Fourman presented the progress of the University's Go Greater capital campaign, the impact of gifts, and trends in gift types. She shared that the University's Legacy Society is comprised of donors who have documented a planned gift with the Foundation. There are 100 Legacy Society members from the College of Law, of which 41 have been documented during the campaign. The new "31 for 31" Planned Gift Challenge (31 documented planned gifts honoring the law school's current ranking), will take place from September 1, 2019 to March 1, 2020.

Mike Farley shared the law school's success in reaching its campaign goals three years early, noting major gifts from Fred Levin, Richard Cole, and Mori Hosseini among others. The law school's endowment is now at \$112.3M. Farley announced the BOT's recent approval of the naming of "The Ultima Morgan and John Morgan Courtroom" recognizing their \$1M gift in April 2019. Future priorities include reaching 200% of goal, a 15% annual giving rate, and implementing the "31 for 31" Planned Giving Challenge and 110th Anniversary Scholarship Challenge that runs October 1 to

December 31, 2019. Hugh Culverhouse will provide a 10:1 match for every \$110 donation from first-time donors, graduates of 15 years or less, and those in public, government, and non-profit sectors. The match for 1,000 gifts will result in \$1.1M in scholarship funds. Other priorities include recognizing donors through the Bierley Loyalty Society, hiring a new development staff member, and coordinating strategic travel. Farley reported that LCA active member giving was 74% during 2018 and that many members have an email exclusion on their records preventing them from receiving communications. Members can email Farley with a request to change the mail preference. He welcomed information from LCA members on new ideas and needs.

- 10:35 a.m. Reimagining UF Law's Student Experience and New Staff Introductions - Associate Dean Liz Lear presented the law school's recent initiatives to develop students, such as assigning students to advisors and an improved new student orientation program. The On-Campus Interview (OCI) process promotes a good fit between student and employer and resulted in a 71% placement rate at graduation. Lear introduced the new staff: Lisa De Sanctis, Colleen Miller and Kevin Robertson (Career & Professional Development); Josh Alter (Non-JD Programs); and Assistant Dean Paul Rollins (Admissions).
- 10:50 a.m. Break – LAC members joined the LCA Meeting.
- 11:00 a.m. Continuing Our Momentum to Top Ten – Dean Laura Rosenbury presented on the law school's journey to its highest rank ever. During the past two years, the acceptance rate was reduced and new admits had the highest credentials in history. In addition, the smaller entering class of 173 is more diverse and international. The number of non-JD students also increased. Efforts such as a smart growth strategy, new staff, bar tutoring, assigned 1L section leaders, health and wellness initiatives, student diversity and inclusion initiatives, and the new Bruton-Geer space will all contribute to a higher ranking in 2020. The Dean presented data including job placement, reputation, faculty resources, and funding. She shared that the law school's next ranking will be announced in March 2020. She thanked both the LCA and the LAC for their contributions to the efforts. UF Law is among the best values in the country.
- 11:45 a.m. Additional Committee Reports:
- FATAC - David Bowers reported on FATAC's goals, including enrolling 100 tax students (currently 97), supporting the new program to expedite dual JD/LLM degrees, expanding tax moot court activities, additional scholarships, and encouraging alumni and former teachers to visit UF. The main goal is to be ranked the #1 tax program in the world.
- Heritage of Leadership Awards Committee – Gary Printy reported on May 2019 inductees Judge Ben Krentzman, Judge William McRae, and Dean Emeritus Joseph Julin. Printy said he looked forward to nominating recently deceased Sandy D'Alemberte. He asked the body to email him additional nominees for posthumous recognition.
- Nominations Committee – Scott Hawkins asked the LCA members to help recruit new qualified members and email nominee names to him before the February 2020 meeting.

Bylaws Committee – Brian Burgoon asked members to email him any input on the revision of the LCA bylaws before the February 2020 meeting.

- 11:50 a.m. Thacker thanked the LCA Executive Committee for their work and recognized board members transitioning to Emeritus status by presenting them with UF umbrellas. These members included Betsy Gallagher, Michael Minton, Oscar Sanchez, Jack Hackett, Bill McCollum, Gary Printy, Glenn Waldman, John Bales, Lauren Detzel, Jeffrey Feldman, Patrick Cousins, Edward Downey, Jonathan Gerber, Charlene Honeywell, Marcia Howard, Thomas Julin, Nelly Khouzam, Lewis Murphy, Bill Perry, William Schifino, David Bilsker, Karen Dyer, Courtney Grimm, Frederick Hazouri, Gary Huston, and Mike Smith.
- 12:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned to lunch and tours of the new Bruton-Geer Second Floor remodeled space.