

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW
LAW CENTER ASSOCIATION
FALL BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

Virtual Attendees:

Carter Andersen, Judge Patty Barksdale, Bradley Bondi, Christopher Boyett, Robert Bradley, Rebecca Brock, Derek Bruce, Brian Burgoon, Richard Comiter, Patrick Cousins, Spencer Cummings, James Cunningham, Katie Dearing, Carla DeLoach, Brian Dorn, Fabienne Fahnstock, Dori Foster-Morales, Lorie Gleim, Cheryl Gordon, Courtney Grimm, Lee Gunn, Nancy Pond Halula, Shawn Harrison, Andrea Hartley, Scott Hawkins, Bruce Hoffman, Jarrett Hoffman, Judge Charlene Honeywell, Judge Paul Huck Janie Innis-Thompson, Yolanda Cash Jackson, Cristin Keane, Judge Nelly Khouzam, Jay Kim, Elizabeth Krentzman, Theo Kypreos, Kristine Lambert, Judge Philip Lammens, Ian Leavengood, Stephanie Marchman, Judge Joseph Marx, Phillip Mays, Elizabeth McCausland, Sigrid McCawley, Bill McCollum, Judge Christopher Nash, Tracy Nichols, Louis Nostro, Rahul Patel, Bill Perry, Robert Pierce, Matthew Posgay, Gary Printy, Katrina Rolle, Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone, Lawrence Sellers, Judge Morris Silberman, Effie Silva, Michael Silva, Richard Smith, James Sowell, Lee Stapleton, Jo Thacker, Robert Thornburg, Jason Unger, Glenn Waldman, Scott Westheimer, Tad Yates

Faculty & Staff Present:

Laura Rosenbury, Dennis Calfee, Mike Farley, Dan Hoffman, Shannon Sumerlin, Debbie Menoher, Rachel Inman, Silvia Menendez, Jason Nance, Paul Rollins, Janice Shaw

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Whitney Untiedt, Frankie Berardi

9:03 a.m. LCA Chair James Cunningham welcomed members and called the meeting to order. He acknowledged Friday's new member orientation and introduced committee chairs Derek Bruce (Career), Lee Gunn and Judge Morris Silverman (Recruitment), Carter Andersen (Alumni Affairs & Development), Cristin Keane (FATAC) and Jo Thacker (Membership). He introduced Dean Rosenbury and praised her leadership.

9:10 a.m. State of the Law School Address - Dean Rosenbury presented the Law School's accomplishments and recent initiatives. She thanked the board for their support of students this Summer through funding and hiring and for their participation in virtual Summer Tour events. She shared how the college prepared for the resumption of classes during the pandemic with the guidance of UF Health. She presented slides on the Class of 2021, new faculty and staff hires, facility upgrades and the departure of Kelli Murray. Members asked questions about the rankings, COVID impacts and faculty diversity.

9:56 a.m. Special Topic – HBCU Pathway to Law Endowed Scholarship (Yolanda Cash Jackson)
Yolanda talked about the scholarship's origins and mission to increase the pool of Black lawyers. She thanked lead donors: Paul Perkins, Greg Francis and Hugh Culverhouse. Dan Hoffman thanked other donors and Yolanda for her leadership on the project, as well as the LCA members for their feedback and assistance.

10:30 a.m. UF Law Administration Updates
Career & Professional Development Report (Assistant Dean Paul Rollins) - Dean Rollins stated the admissions rate of 29-30%, an increase over last year, and acceptance rate of 20%, a decrease of 1%, and other statistics that were reported to *U.S. News*. He thanked the LCA for helping with recruitment, particularly Lee Gunn and Judge Morris Silberman.

Career & Professional Development Report (Assistant Dean Janice Shaw) - Dean Shaw introduced herself and reviewed initiatives such as creating books of resumes in geographic areas, the new advising team, and future hiring of a recruiting assistant director. She asked for feedback and invited LCA members to participate in practice interviews and area programming. She stated CPD priorities such as student preparation, hiring, and building employer relationships.

Curriculum & Bar Passage Report (Assistant Dean Jason Nance) - Dean Nance identified graduate challenges due to the FL Bar date changes. A Bar Task Force was created for support, and Janice Shaw will be taking over bar support going forward. Dean Nance shared that UF Law offers a cutting-edge curriculum that prepares students for their careers. He thanked LCA members who taught compressed courses or served as guest speakers.

Experiential Education Report (Associate Dean Silvia Menendez) - Dean Menendez shared that thanks to Dean Rosenbury and UF, the law school received \$800,000 in Summer stipend funds to assist students with expenses while working. The Semester In Practice Program, internship programs and clinics were all doing well remotely.

Student Affairs Report (Associate Dean Rachel Inman) - Dean Inman shared that the Fall orientation utilized the Zero L new onboarding program created by Harvard Law. She reviewed the campus safety protocols for COVID, including new procedures and student support programs. She also welcomed LCA members to join in the mental health and wellness sessions with students on Wednesday evenings.

Development & Alumni Affairs Report (Sr. Director Michael Farley) - Mike Farley shared that, to date, the Go Greater campaign has raised \$2.73B of the \$3B goal. UF Law met its \$50M goal early and has raised more than \$54.6M in addition to a large stock gift (110% of goal). He shared that LCA member giving is trending at 50% rate overall and 80% for active members. He also shared UF Law alumni demographics and the number of unreachable alumni due to no email address on file or other UF Foundation policies. Mike thanked Holland & Knight for sponsoring much of the Summer Tour and LCA members and others for hosting or supporting the 20 virtual events. Initiatives in the future include various appeals, a naming inventory project, and other programming. Dan Hoffman reported on the HBCU action plan and Artificial Intelligence University, in which UF Law will play a role. Shannon Summerlin reported on stewardship efforts, Grateful Gator Day, Gator Giving Day and class reunions that are in the planning stages. UF Law alumni will be recognized on social media platforms for the 40 Under 40, Gator 100 and Grand Guard programs.

- 11:50 a.m. Committee Reports
- Executive Committee (James Cunningham) – James reported that the committee met July 29 and December 22 for updates. He encouraged members to attend the CLE session on The Legal Practice in COVID Times at the end of the meeting led by Judge Barksdale and a panel of other judges. He challenged the membership to consider a \$100 for 100 in 2021 giving commitment by all LCA active members.
- Alumni Affairs & Development Committee (Carter Andersen) – Carter explained the mission of the committee is to support the Dean and the Development Office and to provide introductions and connections to alumni.
- Career Committee (Derek Bruce) – Derek shared that the committee focuses on helping students and graduates find employment and provides mentoring, shadow programs and clerkship opportunities.
- Recruitment Committee (Lee Gunn & Morris Silberman) – The co-chairs met with Paul Rollins to help strategize on how to recruit a competitive pool of applicants and keep Gator undergrads at UF. Mike Farley announced that UF Law was recently named in the top five of all law schools in value by *National Jurist Magazine*.
- Membership Committee (Jo Thacker) – Jo coordinates the recruitment of LCA members and accepts recommendations for a slate that will be presented at the January meeting and voted on at the May meeting. New members begin their term July 1.
- FATAC (Cristin Keane) – Cristin said the committee’s 2018 strategic plan provided a strong focus for the Tax program and the hiring of excellent faculty. The JD/LLM seven semester program has been a big success.
- 12:10 p.m. Law Alumni Council Report (Whitney Untiedt) – Whitney reported on the activities of the LAC and how the membership was the most diverse in its history. The LAC’s fundraising challenge ended with a 100% giving rate this year.
- 12:15 p.m. Student Bar Association Report (Frankie Berardi) – Frankie Berardi shared that the SBA seeks to engage students and collaborate with alumni on programs to support improvements in diversity, wellness and outreach.
- 12:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned.
- 12:30 p.m. LCA Member CLE (Judge Patty Barksdale) – Members were invited to attend a panel presentation on The Legal Practice in COVID Times.