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A Placement Miracle and Institutional Recognition



What a year for the economy! One year ago, all of us at the law school were dreading the uphill battle our May 2009 graduates would have to wage to find jobs. Despite the slowdown, more than 100 employers participated in On-Campus Interviews and other recruitment programs. Elmer Ignacio and his team in the Placement Office worked diligently. We hired a lawyer

here in the community, Christine Guard, on a part-time basis to focus exclusively on the May 2009 graduates. Alumni brought to us job openings and opportunities for unpaid internships and served as Placement Mentors. The students were impressive and determined.

I am pleased to say that the year has turned out much better than we ever anticipated for the May 2009 graduates. The most cited national benchmark for measuring law school placement efforts is nine months after graduation. Nine months later, 99% of our May 2009 graduates who were actively seeking employment were placed. Here are some facts about the placement outcomes for the May 2009 graduates:

- More than 60% of those employed found jobs in the private sector
- The average private sector starting salary was \$77,900
- The highest private sector starting salary was \$160,000
- The average government starting salary was \$51,170
- The average public interest starting salary was \$41,312

Most of the new placements, 76%, were in Florida, with Tallahassee, South Florida, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville the most popular destinations. Among the 24% that were out-of-state placements, Georgia, Washington, D.C., California, Illinois and Virginia were the most popular destinations.

Going forward, the economy remains a matter of concern. No one knows whether we are in a “double dip” or a “v” or a “u” or an “l.” No one knows whether public sector layoffs will hurt the wonderful successes many of our students have had in Tallahassee and elsewhere. No one knows whether the private sector will rebound. All we can do is have faith in our students and support them in their efforts to find their first jobs. Please continue to bring to the law school any openings you have or know of, including opportunities for unpaid internships. Please

don't hesitate to call Elmer Ignacio, 850.644.7471, or me, 850.644.3071, directly.

Institutional Recognition

I like to think that part of the reason our students are successful is the growing recognition of the strength of our student body and the program we offer them. This spring's Moot Court success, first place in four national competitions, was unprecedented. For six of the last nine administrations of the Florida Bar Exam, we were first among law schools with more than one test taker. *Hispanic Business* magazine rated us the nation's third best law school for Hispanic students. Our Environmental Law Program is now ranked 5th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. It was disappointing that we slipped two points in the overall ranking by *U.S. News*. Nevertheless, our upward trajectory is clear. The fact that the *Leiter Survey* rated our faculty as the nation's 23rd best in terms of per capital scholarly impact augurs well for the future of our national reputational rankings. So do the many successes of our wonderful alumni.

One way we can gain recognition for the school is by showing the extraordinary financial support of our students and alumni. This spring, 81% of our students made cash gifts to the law school. Once again, we are asking our alumni to follow suit. We are trying to achieve an alumni giving rate of 26%, which is more than triple the giving rate in most Florida law schools and will place us again in the nation's top 15 law schools in terms of alumni giving rate. Please know that we very much appreciate a gift in any amount, even if it is only \$5. You can send a check to me or to Annual Fund Director Becky Shepherd, made out in any amount, or give on-line at <https://foundation.fsu.edu/community/SSLPage.aspx?pid=815&srcid=838>.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner

Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

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DUNBARS MAKE TRADITION OF FAMILY, WORK AND PHILANTHROPY

By Christi N. Morgan



Pete Dunbar has a reputation as one of the hardest-working, most well-respected lawyers in Tallahassee. Although he has a very successful career, family always comes first. Perhaps that is why it is so rewarding for him to practice alongside his son and fellow Florida State University College of Law alumnus Marc Dunbar ('94).

“There is no greater enjoyment than to practice with my son,” said the 1972 law school graduate, whose father also was an attorney. “I have to admit, I believe my son is a brighter intellect than I am. It is with wonderful pride that I go through every day just to watch him do what he does. I couldn’t think of a greater element in my professional life than to practice with my son.”

The Dunbars are shareholders at Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A. As part of the law firm’s governmental and legislative affairs group, they also are mainstays at the Florida Capitol just two blocks from their downtown firm. In fact, you can see the building where Florida laws are debated from the windows that line Pete’s office.

The elder Dunbar has been walking the halls of the Capitol since he was an undergraduate political science major at Florida State University. He began as a volunteer for the Florida Legislature and was quickly hired into a permanent position.

“The whole process – changes in the Constitution and how the laws change – was fascinating. By the time I got near the end of my undergraduate years, I’m going, ‘law school is for me,’” said Pete.

Pete undertook one of his biggest legislative projects – the 1972 legislative district reapportionment – while he was a third-year law student. The skills he learned during that project led to his participation in the 1982 and 1992 reapportionment processes. He also has signed on to assist with the 2012 project.

The legislature was such a good fit for Pete that he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives at the age of

Long before entering the family business of law, Pete and Marc were active in their family’s favorite sport – baseball. Marc’s older brother, Matt, played professionally as a pitcher. In their playing days, Marc and Matt were talented enough on the diamond that they played on Florida State University’s NCAA baseball team.

30, after opening and running his own law firm in New Port Richey. When Pete left the legislature to become general counsel for then-Governor Bob Martinez, he moved to Tallahassee permanently with his wife Susan and their three children – Matt, Marc and Sara.

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Because Marc earned his bachelor’s degree with two years of athletic eligibility remaining, he was able to continue his baseball career during law school.

“As soon as I got out of school, I was actually planning on retiring from baseball, getting married and getting on with my life,” said Marc, who was engaged to his wife Chollet when he entered law school. “The baseball program asked me to come out of retirement and rejoin the team. The law school was very accommodating; we had to petition the ABA so I could take an underload. Being a

scholarship athlete, as far as I know, I was the only one that had ever done that at the law school, and it was extremely difficult to balance both.”

Marc eventually quit the baseball team to turn his full attention to law school, which had been his plan since childhood.

“My grandfather was a lawyer, my father was a lawyer, and it was just something I always wanted to do,” said Marc. “From very early on, that was what I wanted to do in life – do what my father and my grandfather did.”

Marc’s specialization in gaming and pari-mutuel law was not something he had planned. Six months after graduating with his law degree, Marc took a two-year hiatus from Pennington to serve as assistant general counsel and communications director for the Florida Department of State. Serendipitously, his work there introduced him to gambling issues. Marc was so intrigued that he continued working in the area when he returned to his firm.

“A former member of the legislature, John Culbreth, who had been one of the deans of the gaming lobby in Florida, decided that he wanted to slow down and recommended me to his biggest client, who just happened to be my

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father’s fraternity brother and college roommate,” said Marc, whose office decorations include a game that resembles a full-size slot machine. “That is my longest standing gaming client and was just sort of right time, right place. It was at the beginning of a time when people started to change the way they looked at Florida from a gaming perspective and my job for the client was to look at the industry differently.”

Under Marc’s leadership, his firm now has the biggest gaming practice in the state. He credits the success to two things: victories accomplished in court and in the legislature and the opportunity to teach gaming law at his alma mater.

Marc’s Gambling and Pari-Mutuel Law class at Florida State is one of a handful of law classes in the nation on the subject matter. In addition to giving the younger Dunbar an opportunity to showcase his talents on a different stage, the class has provided students with the knowledge they need to enter one of the fastest-growing, biggest industries in the state. The industry is so complex and ever-changing that many practicing attorneys audit the course each year.

As with his choice of profession, Marc is following in his father’s footsteps by teaching. Pete has been educating Florida State Law students as an adjunct

professor since 2004. Every fall semester, he teaches Condominium and Community Housing Law. Not only is Pete’s expertise invaluable to law students in Tallahassee, but he also educates others around the state through his book, *The*



Condominium Concept, which is now in its 12th edition.

“My grandfather was a college professor and one of the things that fascinated me was that he had written a number of books, all academic related, but the last one he wrote in retirement was a science

book for laymen,” said Pete. “I always admired my granddad for doing that book and in my mind, I’m thinking, ‘I want to do that someday.’”

“A couple of years later, I’m commuting during the legislative session, which I did every year, and I’m going, ‘You know, this meeting I just went to is like lots of meetings I go to and I end up giving proxy advice and the same instructions over and over again, and I thought, ‘I’m going to write a book.’ And driving in my car with a portable dictator, I began what has turned out to be chapter three of the book, which is the text I use at Florida State.”

Pete is one of the state’s foremost experts on condominium law, but when he graduated in 1972, Florida’s Condominium Act had been law for only nine years. Because of its relative infancy, Pete was able to become just as well versed in the law as more seasoned attorneys who practiced real estate law.

“What attracted me to this area was, ‘Hey, I’m barely out of law school, I’ve barely been admitted to the Bar, and I know as much as my father because he doesn’t know this act.’ Every other supposed real estate specialist, with rare exception, I could immediately stand toe-to-toe with,” Pete said.

Having different specialty areas allows Marc and Pete – and the other members of their firm’s 11-person legislative team – to best serve their clients at the Capitol. One such “client” is the law school. The Dunbars have been instrumental in helping the law school with its planned expansion. During the 2007 session, the Dunbars and other alumni helped educate lawmakers about the merits of turning over the First District

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Court of Appeal building to the College of Law. Pete and Marc now are helping administrators finalize plans for state funding for the project.

In addition to giving back in the classroom and at the Capitol, the Dunbars also support Florida State University financially. Their history of philanthropy began with an endowed swimming scholarship in honor of Pete’s mother, Ann Peck Dunbar, who swam for Florida State College for Women. Most recently, they jointly pledged \$200,000 to create the Dunbar Family Endowment for Excellence at the law school.

“When opportunities are made available to you, you need to give something back,” Pete said about why they support Florida State University. “The institution is just a great foundation, period. It makes available opportunities in your life that you wouldn’t otherwise have.”

Whether they are giving back, working or playing, the father and son have perfected doing things jointly. It comes naturally since the importance of spending time with family is ingrained in the Dunbars from a young age.

“We would plan what we would call our father and son trip,” said Pete about a tradition he hopes to continue with his grandchildren. “We fished in Alaska and in Canada and in Costa Rica and in the Grand Cayman Islands, and we scuba dived in the Bahamas.”

The family photos that cover the walls of Pete’s office are an indication that his commitment to family does not stop when the workday begins. That commitment will likely continue for many more generations.

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grandfather and my grandfather and particularly as I got older, learning what my grandfather’s reputation was inside the Bar, and then of course, being able to grow up and see how highly regarded my father is, it definitely challenges me every day to live up to the legacy of those three generations,” said Marc. “Not because it is lorded over me as this is what is expected, but because it is important to me to carry it on and to set an example to my children for what I hope they will do.” ■

Wells Set to Become First Female Chief Judge of the Third District Court of Appeal

By Christi N. Morgan



Although it is not a requirement that you earn a law degree from the Florida State University College of Law to be a member of Judge Linda Wells' immediate family, it might as well be. Wells, who serves on the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami, and husband Robert, an environmental lawyer, both graduated from the law school in December 1976. A generation later, the couple's two daughters added three more Florida State Law alumni to the family. Virginia Wells Tharp and her husband, Jeffrey Tharp, are 2007 graduates and Lindsey Wells graduated this spring.

Wells — whose pride in being a graduate of the law school led her and her husband to create the Wells Family Endowment for Moot Court with a \$25,000 gift in 2004 — decided to attend Florida State Law with her husband in the 1970s.

“When I graduated from college in 1969, women, in general, were not admitted in significant numbers to law school so it never occurred to me that I could go to law school,” said the judge. “But by the early ‘70s, by the time my husband got out of the army and decided to apply to law school, Title VII had come into being and women were being accepted into law school in more significant numbers, and it was a wonderful new opportunity that was open to me for the first time.”

During her work as a notes and comments editor for the *Florida State University Law Review*, Wells developed a love for legal research and writing — skills she uses daily as an appellate judge. When she is not hearing cases, she typically spends 8-10 hours a day reading briefs, writes and motions and conducting research. During bench weeks, of which she has one per month, her mornings are spent hearing cases and her afternoons are devoted primarily to reading and researching, writing and editing opinions.

“Our days are very quiet, very contemplative. I can sit for eight hours and realize I haven't gotten up to have a

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drink of water all day long,” said Wells. “As [former Third District Court of Appeal judge] Dan Pearson used to say, you have to have what’s called *sitzfleisch*, which translated literally from German is ‘sitting down flesh.’ If you like to get up and move around a lot – this is probably not the job for you.”

But for someone like Wells, who describes her days as “wonderful,” there is probably not a better career. “I love my job. I love researching and writing and arguing and this is my dream come true – my perfect job.

“The best part is the ability to delve into a complex issue and have the opportunity to take the time that you want to take to figure it out; to really come to the correct legal answer.”

The long-time Miamian’s path to the bench included practicing at several Miami law firms. Wells began her career as a litigator and transitioned to appellate work. During her 25 years practicing at private firms, Wells had the privilege of working with and learning from some brilliant legal minds, including Irwin Block, former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Arthur England and former Third District Court of Appeal Judge Daniel Pearson.

Wells, a member of the Florida State Law alumni board since 2005, also served as chief district legal counsel for the Florida Department of Children & Families in Miami immediately prior to her appointment to the Third District Court of Appeal in 2003.

Wells is scheduled to become her district’s chief judge in July 2011. Although her job description will not change

drastically – she will preside over fewer cases and tackle more administrative duties – Wells is honored to be the first woman to hold the job in the history of that court.

“I think it says a great deal about our profession; that there are so many women in our profession that it really is not a big deal anymore,” said Wells. “It’s wonderful commentary as to how things have changed between 1969 when I graduated from college, when I

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wouldn’t have even dreamed of going to law school, to now and how wonderful the people are that we get to work with these days.”

Even though Wells does more than her fair share of reading at the office, she also enjoys reading fiction when she is not at work.

“I love to read; I have to control myself because I could read a book every other day,” said the lover of murder mystery novels. The judge’s other hobby is gardening — she tends to the flowers in her butterfly gardens at her Miami home.

Except for the years Wells spent as a student in Gainesville and Tallahassee and the time she spent with her husband

while he served in the military, Wells has resided in the Miami area virtually all her life. She met her husband when they were students at Hialeah High School.

In September, the city will be the site of her youngest daughter’s wedding. On that much anticipated occasion, the Wells family’s five Florida State Law graduates will officially welcome a sixth alumnus, Lindsay’s fiancé and fellow spring 2010 graduate Andrew Grogan, into the family. ■

Joe Briggs: Our Man at the NFL Players Association

By Christi N. Morgan



A college football enthusiast, former offensive lineman and political insider, Joe Briggs may have landed the perfect job just a few years removed from law school. But if not for an automobile accident in 1999, Briggs may have been a professional football player instead of a lawyer lobbying on players' behalf on Capitol Hill.

As counsel for public policy and government affairs for the NFL Players Association, the 2007 Florida State University College of Law graduate is responsible for maintaining and building relationships with congressional, state and local elected officials, as well as their staffs. Prior to his promotion to the position in December 2009, Briggs served as manager of the association's financial programs department. He led efforts to help players receive advice about and manage their personal finances. Even in his previous position, Briggs was instrumental in the organization's government relations efforts and interacting with key legislative staffers in Washington, D.C.

"My job is pretty cool," said Briggs, who also has helped prepare testimony and secure witnesses for congressional hearings. "Every time I help a player, I help a community. A lot of people think of football players as just a guy you see on the field, but what they don't think about is the support system that guy feeds into – the coaches that they support by giving donations to local sports, the community activities that they provide their names to so they can help raise funds for those

things, the money that they add to the bottom line of the state and local economy through taxes. Every player I help that is able to sustain his career in the NFL, that is able to earn more, is able to put back into that system more. That is one of the coolest things about the job – you get to realize that you are one small cog in a big system."

Briggs' job also allows him to make an impact internationally. In January, he was named disaster relief coordinator for the NFL Players Association. In that capacity, Briggs was responsible for Haitian relief fund-raising efforts for the "ONE TEAM 4 HAITI" campaign.

Even though Briggs played only one year of high school football – other extracurricular activities included math club and student government – he excelled at the sport and was named to the Florida All-Star team after his senior season. The 6-foot, 5-inch lineman earned an athletic scholarship to play for Texas Christian University and had hopes to continue playing after college. Briggs was forced to recalculate his plans when, the day after he earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Christian, he was in the accident that ended his football career.

"I had to figure out what I wanted to do with my life," said Briggs, who had one more year of collegiate athletic eligibility. "I thought I had another year of college, meaning I thought I was immediately going to graduate school and I would be able to pursue an M.B.A. while I continued to play football, and then perhaps

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even go on and play professional football somewhere.”

Briggs shifted his focus and quickly found a job working for a small outsourcing company that placed him at Texas Instruments. He managed shipping and receiving for the Fortune 500 company in the North Dallas area. As the supervisor of about 25 people, his job in corporate America allowed him to grow his management skills and learn about the human resources side of business. When Briggs realized he wanted to transition to a career that would allow him to affect change, he decided to continue his education in law.

Although he knew he wanted to attend law school, Briggs opted first to pursue a master’s degree at Florida A&M University since he had not stepped inside a classroom for a couple of years. Not content to be only a student, Briggs also accepted an offer from former Florida A&M University President Dr. Fred Humphries to work as a student assistant in the university relations office. After being promoted to special assistant to the president, Briggs got his first taste of political life.

“Working in the president’s office gave me an opportunity to see how the Florida Legislature decided not only to fund the universities, but how other decisions were made in the legislature that affected the communities,” said Briggs.

After graduating in 2003 with a master’s degree in public administration, Briggs enrolled in law school. He began his legal studies in Orlando at Florida A&M University’s law school, but an especially active 2004 hurricane season propelled him to Tallahassee to finish his legal education.

“There were a lot of hurricanes that happened in Central Florida; almost all of the hurricanes hit my house, so going to law school in the fall semester of 2004 became a very difficult situation for me,” said Briggs. “Because we needed to do some repairs to my house, I moved to Tallahassee and decided to transfer to Florida State. The College of Law made my transition as a transfer student easy and supported me so much.”

In another fateful turn of events, an externship with former U.S. Senator Mel Martinez (’73) landed Briggs in the city he now calls home and introduced him to the national political scene. Briggs was one of two externs at Martinez’s Washington, D.C., office during the summer of 2006. Although his job with the Florida State Law alum was only supposed to last four weeks, the senator’s office hired Briggs as a staffer before his externship expired. Within a few months, and even before he had officially earned his law degree, Briggs was recruited to work in the financial programs department at the NFL Players Association.

Briggs, who also is a member of the National Bar Association Young Lawyers Division board, attributes some of his success to advice he has received from extraordinary mentors, many of whom also are Florida State law school graduates. As a young man growing up in Polk County, Florida, Briggs looked up to his next-door neighbor, Daryl Parks, who graduated from Florida State Law in 1995.

“He has been a mentor of mine since high school. He has a younger brother that is my age, and he would always encourage us to go to college and then to graduate school,” said Briggs. “Daryl

and [law partner] Ben Crump (’95) both worked together to give me advice on college and life and professionalism and they both shined as sterling examples.” Briggs even met his wife Kendra Davis Briggs (’96 B.S.) when he was a student at Florida State and she was an attorney at the Parks & Crump law firm.

Briggs’ mentors also have included Randy Hanna (’84) and JoLinda Herring (’96), who both supervised him when he worked at Bryant Miller Olive during law school, Sen. Martinez and Clay Deatherage (’03), who was general counsel in the senator’s office, and the presidents and interim president he worked for at Florida A&M University. The executive directors he has worked for at the NFL Players Association, Gene Upshaw and DeMaurice Smith, also have been exceptional role models.

As the founder of IMPACT, Briggs now imparts to others some of the advice shared by his mentors. The D.C.-based nonprofit organization Briggs created in 2006 aims to help young professionals, especially minorities, network and engage civically. IMPACT has hosted several successful networking events. During its inaugural year, it was the only young professional group to participate in a Wall Street conference to connect its members with Wall Street firms. With a distribution network of 35,000 people, the *IMPACT Your World* newsletter reaches young professionals across the country.

Briggs also impacts young minds as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. He taught Sports Business and Finance during the fall 2009 semester and is scheduled to teach another graduate level course during the summer of 2010. ■

Dickens' Telecommunications Work Takes Him on Global Travels

By Christi N. Morgan



As a partner at the nation's oldest telecommunications law firm, Benjamin H. "Ben" Dickens, Jr. is never bored. When not in his Washington, D.C., office writing briefs or meeting with clients, he is likely visiting members of Congress, traveling around the country trying cases before state public service commissions or racking up international frequent flyer miles. Dickens' work has taken him to locations including Greece, England, Argentina and Chile. But being headquartered in the nation's capital is ideal since much of the firm's work involves proceedings at the Federal Communications Commission.

Not all D.C. telecommunications attorneys develop as exciting a practice as Dickens. "It's as interesting as you want to make it," said the 1977 Florida State University College of Law alumnus, who has tried cases all over the United States. "It is like a buffet – it provides a smorgasbord of different opportunities. You walk the line and pick what you want to do and do it – that is how I decided I wanted to do international law."

Much of Dickens' international practice involves Townes Tele-Communications, Inc. As general counsel for the company, Dickens travels extensively to South America with its owner, Larry C. Townes. Dickens even lived in Lima, Peru, for Townes, working on a wireless project that involved the Peruvian government.

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“One of the high points of my career was being retained by Larry Townes about 14 years ago,” said Dickens, who was born in Port St. Joe and raised in Tallahassee. “A few years ago, he bought a local exchange company in North Florida – Northeast Florida Telephone Company; it touched me that he would buy a company in my backyard. He has had a major impact on my personal and professional life.”

Another high point of Dickens’ career was winning the 2007 Stanley C. Lott Award for his work as general counsel of Central Station Alarm Association. The award is the highest honor given by the association and recognizes exceptional contributions to the industry.

Dickens considers himself fortunate to have been surrounded by great men throughout his life. In addition to Townes, they include his father, Ben Dickens, Sr., Jack Shreve and Arthur Blooston.

Also an attorney, Ben Dickens, Sr., inspired his son to be a lawyer from a young age. “He was a great lawyer; I wanted to be like him,” recalled Dickens. The elder Dickens was one of the founders of the firm that is now Bryant Miller Olive and worked in the administration of Florida’s 34th governor, Farris Bryant.

“I decided to try to follow the same career path my father followed; he worked in bond financing, as bond counsel for the state of Florida,” said Dickens. “I decided after my first year of general practice in Tampa, which I did not like, that I would learn a specialty working for the state and later go into private practice.”

Shreve, former Public Counsel for Florida, became Dickens’ mentor after

Dickens took his first and only state job in Shreve’s office in 1978. During his time with Shreve, where Dickens practiced before the Public Service Commission, the telecommunications world exploded and Dickens was the lead attorney for some very high-level cases. “The last three years that I was with Jack, he became president of the National Association of State Util-

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ity Consumer Advocates. Jack let me handle all the litigation for NASUCA.” Dickens worked on federal appeals cases and was involved in the federal district court proceeding involving the break-up of the Bell System – a monopoly that provided the country’s telephone service until 1984.

It was his experience with Shreve’s office that allowed Dickens to confidently circulate his resume in the nation’s capital and led Arthur Blooston to hire him in 1984. Dickens has been with Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP ever since and became a named partner in just two years. “Blooston gave me exposure and breaks I needed at a time when it was important.”

With so much high-level legal experience, Dickens has a wealth of knowledge to share with new lawyers and law

students.

“I’m so grateful I had some practical experience in law school,” said Dickens. “I’ve been hiring young lawyers for 26 years in my firm; the key thing I look for is some commitment to a particular area of law or a commitment to work. I would encourage students to try to distinguish themselves through work.”

While growing his specialized law practice, Dickens also built a fulfilling personal life. He and his wife, Susie, have a home in Alexandria, Virginia, that they share with their African Grey Parrot, B.D. The bird has superior intellect, which may explain its ability to whistle the Florida State University fight song. The couple travels several times a year to its second home in Tampa, where Susie grew up, and are part of the Annapolis boating community. They also frequently travel to Europe.

Dickens’ favorite place to travel is Switzerland. Because his wife went to school in Lucerne and modeled in the country, the couple has many friends there.

In the future, Dickens hopes to have more time to develop those friendships. “At some point, I would like to practice less feverishly and try to give back to society and to travel more than we do.”

For now, many of Dickens’ travels will remain work-related. ■

Elizabeth Chamblee Burch: From Student to Professor

By Sally Bowman



She's in a position no other graduate of the Florida State University College of Law has found himself or herself in before — and she is happy to be there. Elizabeth Chamblee Burch is the first law school graduate to have returned to Florida State as a tenure-track professor.

Burch, a member of the class of 2004, worked for two years with the Atlanta firm of Holland & Knight LLP — practicing in securities class-action litigation and complex litigation — before joining academia. Her first teaching position was at Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, in Birmingham, where she taught for two years before joining the Florida State Law faculty.

“I had hopes of going into academia. You always hear that most professors graduate from Harvard or Yale so my route certainly wasn't the easiest one to take,” Burch explained. “I really enjoy writing and staying engaged in scholarship, but also have fun interacting with students and seeing them become interested in and excited about the law.” Burch thinks that continuing to write was the key to being able to come back to her alma mater.

When she is in the classroom, Burch teaches a first-year course, Civil Procedure, and two upper level courses: Complex Litigation and Evidence. Complex Litigation plays heavily into her scholarship. “For the past two years, I have been focusing on the problems

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in non-class aggregation. This is the way that mass torts are being resolved nowadays. Yet, there aren’t many people who write about aggregate litigation’s unique problems. Most people think of litigation as bipolar, as either an individual suit or a class action, but that’s a false dichotomy. Non-class aggregation falls in the middle, in a procedural no-man’s-land.” Her scholarship draws on the “literature from moral and political philosophy as well as social psychology to view plaintiffs in non-class aggregation as a community of sorts and to posit that the content of plaintiffs’ rights and obligations may depend on what follows from their membership in that community.”

She enjoys teaching Civil Procedure because “first-years are so bright-eyed and eager to talk about the law; it’s hard to recapture that enthusiasm later.” But she countered, “Once students understand all the problems with non-class aggregation, they find it much more compelling. My Complex Litigation class this year is such a great group. They are all digging in and asking the tough questions. Slowly but surely, they are seeing what makes it hard, what makes it complex, and why it is problematic.”

Burch implements a variety of techniques to keep her courses interesting. For example, “There’s A Pennoyer in My Foyer: Civil Procedure According to Dr. Seuss,” is a collection of poetry Burch has written in the style of Dr. Seuss, helping explain Civil Procedure to her students. “It keeps them engaged with Civil Procedure, a subject that the uninitiated might think of as dry.”

After nearly two years on campus, Burch is a much sought-after guide for

students interested in teaching. “They know I went to school here and they are interested in entering the academy, too,” she said. “It’s not easy, but it’s doable. We have an outstanding student body.

“Most people think of litigation as bipolar, as either an individual suit or a class action, but that’s a false dichotomy. Non-class aggregation falls in the middle, in a procedural no-man’s-land.”

They can absolutely do it.” Another bit of wisdom she shares with students interested in becoming professors: “It is as much about writing and scholarship as anything else. If writing is a chore, this is not the right field for you.” Burch’s chosen field must be a good fit; she was elected the Student Bar Association Professor of the Year by 2L and 3L students this spring.

Burch worked countless hours when she was practicing law, but teaching takes up more time than she ever would have thought as a student. “It’s a different kind of work, but it doesn’t necessarily feel like work because it’s what interests you,” said Burch, who writes at home a couple of hours daily before coming to work. “The first time you teach a class, it takes around eight hours to prepare for each class.”

With downtime at a premium, Burch spends much of her limited free time with a fellow faculty member. Her husband, Thomas V. Burch, also a 2004 alumnus, is a legal writing professor at the law school. The duo enjoys watching movies together and dining out. “We love trying new restaurants. For a city this size, we have great restaurants,”

she said. Since both Burches are on the law faculty and graduated from the law school, most of their friends are either faculty members or fellow graduates.

Coming back to her alma mater has

been a mutually beneficial move for the law school and Burch. “I’m very happy here. It is such an intellectually engaging place.” ■

Alumni Give Back to Law School

Pete and Marc Dunbar Create Law School Endowment



Tallahassee attorneys Pete and Marc Dunbar, father and son graduates of Florida State University's law school, have pledged \$200,000 to create the Dunbar Family Endowment for Excellence at the school. The gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The state match will be

added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$300,000.

"This endowment is a way for us to give back and support Florida State University's College of Law and ensure that in the future and for years to come others will have the same opportunities that may not have been available to them otherwise," said Marc Dunbar. "The education we received, the opportunities and the alumni connections we have, are something for which we will always be very grateful."

The income generated by the endowment will be used at the discretion of the law school for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives and funding for co-curricular student activities such as law journals and advocacy teams.

"We are all very grateful for this generous financial support," said Dean Don Weidner. "Both Marc and Pete help us in so many ways, including sharing their expertise with our students as adjunct professors."

"The education we received from the college formed the foundation on which we built our legal practice and other professional opportunities we've had throughout our careers," said Pete Dunbar. "One of the tenets of strong, thriving institutions like Florida State University College of Law is the commitment of its alumni to continuing to support the institution, its advancement and its ability to offer greater educational opportunities."

The Dunbars are shareholders with the Tallahassee firm of Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, as well as adjunct faculty members at the law school. Pete's practice

focuses on administrative, real property and governmental law, while Marc is an expert on gaming and governmental law. Pete also is a member of the law school's Board of Visitors.

Jo and Jim Wolf Create Law School Endowment



JoLyn Rawls "Jo" Wolf, a 1976 Florida State University College of Law graduate, and her husband, the Honorable James R. "Jim" Wolf, have pledged \$100,000 over time to create an endowment that

will support the law school's Moot Court Team.

The gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The \$50,000 state match will be added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$150,000.

"We wanted to support Moot Court and its dedication to appellate advocacy, an essential part of our professional lives," said the Wolfs.

In honor of JoLyn's father and husband, the gift will establish the Judges John S. Rawls and James R. Wolf Intramural Moot Court Competition.

"Because both my father and husband have been integral to the First District Court of Appeal, I wanted to honor their service as judges to that court," said JoLyn Rawls Wolf.

"This is the second significant gift that Jo and Jim have made to the law school and we are all very grateful for their continued financial support," said Dean Don Weidner. "This endowment will help our students improve their writing skills and oral advocacy skills in a competitive environment."

JoLyn is a legal writing professor at the College of Law and Judge Wolf is a member of the First District Court of Appeal.

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Cynthia and Charles Tunncliff Create Law School Endowment



Tallahassee attorneys Cynthia and Charles Tunncliff, wife and husband graduates of Florida State University College of Law, have pledged \$50,000 to create the Cynthia and Charles Tunn-

cliff Endowment for Excellence at the law school.

The income generated by the endowment will be used at the discretion of the law school for academic purposes, with special attention given to the trial practice and appellate practice programs and the Mock Trial and Moot Court teams.

“Everyone at the law school is very grateful for this generous financial support,” said Dean Don Weidner. “Cynthia and Charles’ gift will help our students hone the advocacy skills they need to be outstanding litigators.”

“Charles and I have always been active in support of the university through involvement in the Alumni Association – I am a past national chair – and Seminole Boosters,” said Cynthia Tunncliff. “This year it became possible for us to extend that support to the law school. We both graduated from the Florida State University law school and think it only appropriate that we contribute to the college that gave us the tools to have successful careers.”

Cynthia Tunncliff is a shareholder with the Tallahassee law firm of Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar. She concentrates her practice in the areas of administrative and appellate law, including administrative and judicial litigation involving administrative agencies. Charles Tunncliff is chief attorney for the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation’s Professions Section.

Steve Rissman Creates Law School Endowment



Orlando attorney Steven A. Rissman, a 1972 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, has pledged \$100,000 to create the Rissman Family Endowment at the school. The gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The state match will be added to the permanent

endowment, creating a total endowment of \$150,000.

This endowment will be combined with other gifts to the Alumni Centennial Chair, which supports the dean of the law school. This is Rissman’s third significant gift to the College of Law. His first gift of \$60,000 helped endow a professorship and his second gift of \$200,000 created the McConnaughay & Rissman Endowment for Excellence. Both previous gifts were made with Rissman’s friend Jim McConnaughay, a 1969 graduate of the law school.

“We are all very grateful to Steve for his continued generous financial support,” said Dean Don Weidner. “Steve is one of the reasons our programs continue to hit new highs.”

“My family and I feel a real sense of identity with the law school. We go to many of the events and I even taught a course at the law school at one time,” said Rissman. “Dean Weidner has done a spectacular job at recruiting a top-notch faculty and attracting some of the best students in the country. We wanted to do our part to help.”

Rissman is a shareholder with the Orlando law firm of Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue & McLain, P.A. His practice focuses on workers’ compensation defense. His son David Rissman will enter Florida State Law as a 1L in the fall.

Economic Downturn Demands Enhanced Placement Efforts

Despite the unstable economy and depressed hiring climate, 99 percent of the law school's graduating class of 2009 was placed within nine months of graduation. This incredible accomplishment would not have been possible without talented students, highly supportive alumni and faculty members and the sustained efforts of everyone in our Placement Office.

The Down Market



Terry Cole ('70)

Tallahassee attorney Terry P. Cole ('70) offers wise advice to students and recent graduates in this climate: It pays to know more than one area of law and be flexible. "The good thing about a law degree is you can do other things with it if you have to, while you are waiting for a turnaround," he said.



Andy Dogali ('86)

Another route some recent graduates around the state have taken is opening their own firms. Andy Dogali ('86), an expert in law firm management and chair of The Florida Bar's Law Office Management Assistance Service (LOMAS) Advisory Board, sees a lot of this happening. "There are people hanging shingles at a rate we've never seen before and that is a very scary thing to do," he said. "They probably should be referring to LOMAS because the 'how to start a

law firm' materials are terrific."

After visiting with alumni and firms across the region, law school Dean Don Weidner said not all sectors have been affected equally and several trends are clear. "The greatest dislocations seem to be in firms that specialize in public offerings, real estate and other transactional work," Weidner said.

According to Cole, firms specializing in bankruptcy, creditors' rights and mergers and acquisitions have picked up quite a bit of work. In fact, he said at least one large statewide firm based in southern Florida has cross-trained a number of its attorneys to handle an increase in those areas while avoiding

layoffs in areas such as real estate and commercial development.

"Many of the large firms have substantially slashed the number of summer associates and new lawyers they are hiring," Weidner said. He noted that many of the largest firms have asked new hires to defer their start dates, and for the first time in memory some have even rescinded offers.

At the other extreme, smaller firms seem more stable. Cole's firm, Oertel, Fernandez, Cole, & Bryant, P.A., is a small practice of 12 attorneys who specialize in administrative, environmental, governmental, health care and licensing law. "We have been very fortunate that we have not really been negatively impacted by the downturn," Cole said. "In the environmental area, people still have to have environmental permits for air emissions or water emissions. They still need a permit and when it gets complicated, they still call us just as they did before" the downturn.

Weidner has noted other tendencies in today's legal market. Litigation is on a firm foundation as is state government, especially given stimulus funding, and federal employment seems to be booming.

"I think litigators are going to at least be able to find places to work; transactional lawyers are continuing to have a very difficult time finding anything to do," said Dogali, who also is a shareholder and co-founder of Forizs & Dogali in Tampa. "For transactional lawyers, times are only good when the economy is good. Right now nobody is starting corporations or closing real estate contracts."

Cole added: "I see some signs of property sales starting to move here in Tallahassee," but added that some forecasts do not project revenues to return to pre-crash levels "until toward the end of this decade. So, for young lawyers, it's still a stretch."

Utilizing the Placement Office

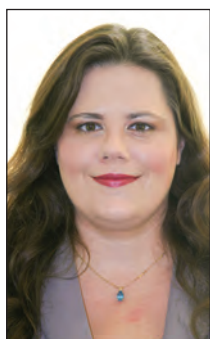
With such gloomy economic forecasts, many young and displaced attorneys are searching for a variety of networking opportunities, employment leads or other avenues to help them land positions. The law school's Placement Office can be an excellent resource.

"The downturn in the economy has forced the Placement

“Placement Efforts,” continued from page 16**Elmer Ignacio ('01)**

Office to be more aggressive and creative,” said Placement Office Director Elmer Ignacio ('01). “We are instituting programs and initiatives never done in the past.”

In addition to the most visible programs offered by the office – On-Campus Interviews and Resume Referral – employers and job seekers now have the ability to connect via videoconferencing. For example, this spring, Grant Fridkin Pearson Athan & Crown P.A., and Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A., both interviewed Florida State Law students by videoconference. The Placement Office also electronically compiles and maintains books of recent graduates' resumes for specific geographic areas in Florida as well as Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

**Christine Guard**

In addition to adding new programs, the law school hired Christine Guard in 2009 as a J.D. placement advisor. Guard, an assistant attorney general for the Criminal Appeals Section of the Florida Attorney General's office since 2005 and a 1999 Tulane University Law School graduate, was instrumental in assisting 2009 graduates with their job searches.

She now counsels recent and upcoming graduates and conducts special programming on topics like interviewing and networking.

The Placement Office also has a new assistant director, Becky Marsey, whose responsibilities include coordinating On-Campus Interviews, counseling students and reaching out to employers. Marsey's previous experience includes providing placement assistance to non-traditional students.

Alumni Involvement

Both Weidner and Ignacio emphasize that the Placement Office would not be nearly as successful without help from alumni. Both regularly receive calls from alumni who want to

help students find jobs. They welcome any alumni assistance, including opportunities for unpaid internships.

After recruiting and hiring recent Florida State Law graduates, Dogali has been pleased with the results. Three of the latest associates his firm has hired – Shelly Gentner ('07), Justin Hemlepp ('08) and Lindsay Galloway ('10) – are from Florida State Law. “It is not so much alma mater loyalty as it is the quality of the candidates – they were just terrific,” said Dogali. “One of the things I like about candidates coming from FSU is the add-on experience that I had as a law student there. In comparison to other cities in Florida and elsewhere, there are a lot of opportunities in Tallahassee that are afforded to a law student in the nature of clerkships and internships.”

Because large firms are limiting their number of hires during the downturn, Dogali's firm has access to candidates it might not have had in the past. “Justin is an amazing candidate and an example of the current marketplace,” said Dogali, who posted the position that eventually became Hemlepp's through the Placement Office. “Justin is the kind of candidate that a smaller firm like mine would have had difficulty competing for in the past. It's a different employment market now.”

Even if an alumnus does not have a vacant position at his or her office, there are many ways to help.

“In addition to directly hiring our students and graduates, alumni can help our placement efforts simply by notifying us of any job opportunities they know about,” Ignacio said. “Another way alumni can help is to take a phone call or respond to an e-mail if a student reaches out to you.” Ignacio added that students understand alumni may not be in a position to hire them, but they reach out for advice or information. Sometimes, they simply want to educate themselves about a particular area of practice or geographic area.

More than 600 graduates have made themselves available to provide job search advice as part of the Placement Mentors program. For more information about how you can help, to notify the law school of job vacancies or to volunteer to be a Placement Mentor, contact the Placement Office at 850.644.4495 or placement@law.fsu.edu or contact the dean directly at dweidner@law.fsu.edu.

Justice Scalia Visits Florida State University College of Law

United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia visited Florida State Law on Thursday, April 8. He met with faculty members and friends of the law school during an informal reception before addressing members of the student body.

During brief remarks in the law school Rotunda, Scalia expressed the importance of supporting law schools and reminded those in attendance that he was a law professor before becoming a judge. About 400 students and guests awaited Scalia's arrival at the Augustus B. Turnbull III Center, on the main campus of Florida State University, at the conclusion of the reception.

Justice Scalia opened his address to the student body with a display of humor — saying he was glad it had begun raining that afternoon, so students would not be wasting a “perfectly good turkey hunting afternoon” — before getting to the heart of what he wanted to share with students. He called his belief in originalism and an enduring United States Constitution his “shtick.”

“Originalism is nothing new; it used to be orthodoxy,” Scalia said. “Its whole purpose is to be a rock.” He argued against the concept of the Constitution as “a living document,” before adding, “The Constitution is not an organism, it is a legal text.”

The Supreme Court justice acknowledged the argument that originalists are conservative in ideology while those who favor a “living Constitution” are liberal



United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia speaks to more than 400 Florida State Law students and guests at the Augustus B. Turnbull III Center on April 8.

but said, “It has nothing whatsoever to do with your social views. Sometimes it will lead to greater freedom; sometimes it will lead to less freedom.”

He pointed out that the “living Constitution” ideology became dominant beginning with the Warren Court but the nation needs to get back to its “traditional ways of interpreting the Constitution.” He answered his own question of how that might be accomplished: It starts with changing a mindset, starting with young future lawyers. “It’s why I speak at law schools — you can’t do it through Congress.”

Scalia ended his impassioned commentary by accepting about a dozen questions from students and guests.

Guests who attended the events included United States District Judge Robert Hinkle, of the Northern District of Florida; Florida Supreme Court Justices Charles T. Canady, Jorge Labarga and Ricky Polston; several judges from the Florida First District Court of Appeal; Florida Solicitor General Scott Makar and Florida State University Board of Trustees Chairman Wm. Andrew Haggard.

“Everyone at Florida State Law was thrilled to welcome Justice Scalia to our campus,” said Dean Don Weidner. “This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet and hear from a major figure in American law.”

Florida State Law Welcomes New President

On February 1, Dr. Eric Barron became the 14th president of Florida State University. The law school community is pleased to welcome Dr. Barron back to Tallahassee and to the university – he earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Florida State as an honors student in 1973.

Barron brings a wealth of academic experience and enthusiasm to the presidency. Prior to becoming president, he was director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research. His university experience includes serving as dean of the Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin and director and dean of several academic units at Pennsylvania State University. He also is a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society and the Geological Society of America.

As part of a tour of all the colleges on campus, Barron spent an afternoon at the law school in March. He told students and faculty that he was visiting all of the academic units to learn first-hand how they operate. During informal discussions with faculty members, Dr. Barron asked for input on what they like and dislike about Florida State University and where they think changes could be made. Much of their discussion centered on a lack of state funding and a possible shift toward privatization.



Florida State University president Dr. Eric Barron, left, talks with Associate Professor of Law and Economics Dino Falaschetti.

Barron brings a wealth of academic experience and enthusiasm to the presidency. Prior to becoming president, he was director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Crisis in Haiti Draws Students Together; Alumnus Focuses Efforts on Recovery

The earthquake that tore lives apart more than 1,100 miles away in Haiti had the opposite effect on the campus of the Florida State University College of Law. Students from all backgrounds united to help Haitians in need — most of whom were strangers, some of whom were family.

The quake occurred on Tuesday, January 12. Before the end of the week, three on-campus organizations had united to begin a fund, food and supply drive. The Black Law Students Association, Christian Legal Society and Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights worked together, asking the law school community to donate any items from a list suggested by Doctors Without Borders and Yele — rapper Wyclef Jean’s foundation. By the beginning of the following week, still less than a week removed from the devastating quake, Muslim Law Students Association — which was formed in January — had joined forces with the trio. The first event on campus hosted by the group was a fund-raiser for Haitian relief efforts. Students sold baked goods, Arabic calligraphy and support bracelets.



Salomon Laguerre ('11)

The combined efforts of these diverse student groups were effective. According to the vice president of the CLS, Salomon Laguerre ('11), the groups

were able to send a truck full of supplies to Haiti, including food, water, medical supplies and clothing. In addition, nearly \$600 was raised in one week. “It was a great success and amazingly almost every student and faculty member on this campus came by and showed their support throughout this catastrophic time,” added Safiah Afify ('12), president of MLSA. “It is such a great testimonial of our law school’s sense of community and solidarity.”

For Laguerre, the disaster struck close to home. He was born in Haiti and much of his extended family still lives there. For days, several of his family members remained missing. As recovery

began, he learned a cousin had died in the quake. Laguerre said, “Millions are still left homeless by the quake. The rebuilding process is just going to need people who want to commit their time, money and efforts in every area.”

Students’ efforts did not end when the fund and supply drive ended. Twelve students volunteered for the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights’ Alternative Spring Break, many of whom helped Haitians already in the United States receive Temporary Protected Status. For instance, Bridget McDonnell ('12) worked in the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center in Miami. While she



Tawni Price, a nurse in Art Lester’s Disaster Medical Assistance Team, cares for a weeks-old infant in one of the port tent facilities his group established.

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Art Leter's DMAT team provided triage for hundreds of Port-au-Prince residents, including dozens of newborns.



Art Lester ('89)

are part of the National Disaster Medical System, functioning under the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

They cared for thousands of survivors before returning to Florida. “DMAT teams handle medical emergencies, perform routine medical care, refugee care and patient transport,” Lester explained.

While Lester has not been back to Haiti since January, teams that deployed have told him that conditions in Haiti are still grim. He continues to publicly speak to raise awareness and enlist aid for Haitians still in need.

“Clean water and functioning plumbing are not available in large areas of Port-au-Prince. The rains and hurricanes are coming and there are not enough sturdy, dry shelters. Medical care is still insufficient, although the United Nations, World Health Organization, Pan-American Health Organization, non-governmental organizations and other volunteers are doing Herculean work,” Lester said. “More than 30 countries sent help to Haiti’s need and it was good to be part of all that. If asked, any one of us would return in a heartbeat.”

did not assist anyone directly displaced by the earthquake, “the situation in the country served as an impetus to help those Haitians facing deportation to remain in the United States.” She worked on a number of briefs and attended immigration court with some of those Haitians. Her efforts — along with countless other students and alumni from across the state — allowed

Haitians to obtain lawful employment and earn incomes to help their families.

Efforts to aid Haitians went far beyond those of students. For one alumnus, assistance was a very hands-on matter. Arthur Lester ('89), a physician and attorney in Fort Walton Beach, traveled to Haiti just days after the earthquake as a member of a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT). DMAT teams

HOMECOMING 2009

Florida State University College of Law's homecoming festivities featured class reunions for the classes of 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999, along with a reunion party for all alumni sponsored and hosted by Virginia ('99) and John Dailey on Friday, October 30. The festivities continued on Saturday, October 31 with an all-alumni tailgate party on the law school green before the Florida State University Seminole's football game against the North Carolina State Wolfpack. Other events of the weekend included an Ethics CLE, an Alumni Board Meeting and the second-annual Team (Steve) Gey 5K: Moving Toward An ALS Cure.



1. John and Virginia ('99) Dailey sponsored and hosted the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Reunion on Friday evening. They are joined by law school Dean Don Weidner at their home for the party.
2. L-R: Julie Blackwell, Bruce B. Blackwell ('75), Dean Don Weidner, Florida Supreme Court Justice Ricky L. Polston ('87), and Deborah Polston celebrate after the awards ceremony at Friday's reception. Blackwell received the Alumni Association Service Award; Polston received the Distinguished Alum Award and university provost Dr. Larry Abele received the Class of '66 Award.
3. Stephen C. Cheeseman, left, and John Edward Roberts attended the class of 1969 reunion during homecoming weekend.
4. L-R: Dean Don Weidner, Jiji Weidner, Pat Hogan, J. Wayne Hogan ('72), Wendy Williams and C. Gary Williams ('72) enjoy Saturday's tailgate party at the law school.



- 5. More than 75 students, alumni, faculty members and friends of Steven G. Gey participated in Sunday morning's 5K run. The race started and ended at the law school.
- 6. Angel Liu Sessons ('08) and Jami A. Coleman ('08) enjoy Friday's all-alumni reception.
- 7. A group of graduates was excited about the alumni tailgate party at the law school on Saturday before the football game.
- 8. Jana L. Keenan ('09), Sterling A. McMahan ('08) and Ashley P. Mayer ('09) reminisced over law school at the alumni reception.

ALUMNI NOTES

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S. CURTIS "CURT" KISER was appointed general counsel of the Florida Public Service Commission. He is a former state senator.

1972

KENNETH L. CONNOR has co-written *Sinful Silence: When Christians Neglect Their Civic Duty* (CrossBooks Publishing). He is a shareholder with Marks Balette & Giessel, P.C., based in Leesburg, Virginia.

GARY A. FRIEDMAN was recognized in the *Daily Business Review's* fifth annual Most Effective Lawyers edition in the area of malpractice. He is a partner at Friedman & Friedman, P.A.

THE HONORABLE KIM C. HAMMOND, an administrative judge in Flagler County, has announced he will retire at the end of his term on January 3, 2011. He was appointed to the bench in 1979. He has been chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, held leadership positions with the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges and been an instructor with the Florida Judicial College.



WAYNE HOGAN recently received the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid's Credit Abuse Resistance Education Program's pro bono award for teaching credit responsibility to

local high school students.

1973

THOMAS F. ICARD, JR. helped lead his firm, Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A., to receive commendation for pro bono service from The Florida Bar.

STANLEY W. MOORE was named to the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a partner in the Sarasota office of Brigham Moore, LLP.

JOHN E. THRASHER recently was selected to serve as the chairman of the Republican Party of Florida.

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STANN W. GIVENS has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of family law; he has been listed each year since 1998. Additionally, he was included in the 2010

edition of *Super Lawyers* in the specialty of family law. He recently formed Givens Law Group, PLLC, with Christian M. Givens ('03). He is board certified in marital and family law and a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

RAYFORD H. TAYLOR was appointed president of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers for 2009-2011. He is a shareholder with Stiles, Taylor & Grace, P.A. in Atlanta.

GEORGE E. TRAGOS has been named to Florida's *Super Lawyers* list again. He also was selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of non-white collar and white collar criminal defense. He is a partner at Tragos & Sartes, P.L.

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A. WOODSON ISOM, JR. and **THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA R. ISOM** hiked the 27-mile Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in June of 2009 and celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in July. Judge Isom was re-elected for her fourth term as a circuit judge in Tampa. She also was appointed to the Supreme Court Task Force on Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and was appointed to serve as a vice-chair of The Florida Bar Civil Rules of Procedure Committee. She also was awarded the Tampa Bay Inn of Court's Abraham Lincoln Award.

RICHARD WHITE has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of trusts and estates. He is a partner at White & Crouch, P.A. in Gainesville.

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THE HONORABLE CAROLYN K. FULMER recently retired from the Second District Court of Appeal. She was appointed to that court in 1994.



LONNIE N. GROOT recently judged the "We the People ... The Citizens and the Constitution" Mock Congressional Hearings High School State Finals at the University of

Central Florida. He also recently received a President's Volunteer Service Award. Groot

practices at the Lake Mary firm of Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert, Whigham & Partlow, P.A.

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THE HONORABLE NIKKI A. CLARK received the 2010 Distinguished Judicial Service Award from The Florida Bar. The award honors outstanding and sustained service to the public, especially as it relates to support of pro bono legal services.

DAVID K. COBURN, staff director for the Florida Senate Rules Committee, received the James D. Westcott Medal during the Florida State University Alumni Association's Homecoming Awards Breakfast.

ROBERT S. GOLDMAN received the 2010 Florida Bar Pro Bono Service Award for the Second Judicial Circuit.

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BRUCE A. MINNICK has been chosen as a Florida Super Lawyer for the fifth year in a row. He is managing shareholder of The Minnick Law Firm in Tallahassee.



JOHN D.C. NEWTON, II has been appointed an administrative law judge for the Division of Administrative Hearings. He also was selected as one of Florida's Legal Elite for 2009.

JEFFREY B. TRAMMELL recently was reappointed for a second term on the board of visitors of The College of William & Mary.

1978

SHEILA M. MCDEVITT has been appointed to the board of directors for WEDU, West Central Florida's PBS station.



MARGARET ANN "PEGGY" ROLANDO has been selected to serve on the Florida State University Board of Trustees.

1979



LAWRENCE S. GENDZIER recently retired from the Florida Department of Transportation. He is a certified court mediator, offering mediation services in eminent

domain and real estate-related cases. He also is corporate counsel for GAI Consultants, Inc. He can be reached at 301 E. Pine St., Ste. 1020, Orlando, FL 32801, 407.423.8398 or L.Gendzier@gaiconsultants.com.

JUDITH D. KEITH retired in 2008 after having spent most of her career as a trial and appellate attorney for the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division.



TERRY E. LEWIS received the Bill Sadowski Memorial Outstanding Service Award from The Florida Bar's Environmental and Land Use Law Section. He also has been listed

in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of environmental law. He is a shareholder in the West Palm Beach office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

ANNE LONGMAN has been listed in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of environmental law. She is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

1980

JAMES W. LINN has been listed in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of labor and employment law. He is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.



MARK J. PATTERSON was named one of Tennessee's best lawyers in intellectual property law in the annual compilation by *Business TN* magazine. He is a shareholder at Wadley & Patterson, P.C., in Nashville.

RALPH A. PETERSON, a senior partner at Beggs & Lane, has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* in employment and labor law.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. RAND has been named a Larimer County (Colorado) judge.

1981

RONALD S. FANARO and Olivia Devonmille ('84) opened a practice together in 2008 and can be reached at Fanaro & Devonmille, 1201 19th Place, Bldg. A, Ste. 201, Vero Beach, FL 32960 or 772.569.7500.

LAWRENCE A. KELLOGG is a founding partner in the firm of Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman LLP. He can be reached at Miami Center, 34th Floor, 201 S. Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33131, 305.403.8788 or lak@LKLlaw.com.

DAVID A. KING was the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid February Pro Bono Attorney of the Month. His pro bono practice focuses on Clay County residents.

DAVID S. MARKUS was recognized in the *Daily Business Review's* fifth annual Most Effective Lawyers edition in the area of criminal justice.

H. JAMES TOWEY recently was awarded the Tuitio Fidei Award by the Cuban Association of the Order of Malta. He is president of Saint Vincent College, a Benedictine Catholic college in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

1982

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. COHEN has been elected president of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary for the 2009-2010 year. He is director and chief judge of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

JOHN W. LITTLE, III was named to the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Brigham Moore, LLP.

L. BUCK VOCELLE, JR. has been named to the Legal Elite list in *Florida Trend* magazine. He is founding and senior partner of Vocelle & Berg, LLP in Vero Beach and is board certified in civil trial law and business litigation.

1983

JEFFREY L. ANDERSON, an assistant public defender in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Appellate Division, was recognized in the *Daily Business Review's* fifth annual Most Effective Lawyers edition in the appellate division.

SANDRA E. FEINZIG recently completed work with United Nations Development Fund for Women/Afghanistan. She was a traditional dispute resolution consultant.

JAIME L. WALLACE helped lead her firm, Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A., to receive commendation for pro bono service from The Florida Bar.

1984

OLIVIA DEVONMILLE and Ronald S. Fanaro ('81) opened a practice together in 2008 and can be reached at Fanaro & Devonmille, 1201 19th Place, Bldg. A, Ste. 201, Vero Beach, FL 32960 or 772.569.7500.



MARK S. ELLIS co-wrote an article, "The History of CEELI, the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative, and the Rule of Law Movement Going Forward," that appeared in the *Minnesota Journal of International Law* in 2009. Ellis is executive director of the International Bar Association in London.



Tomorrow.

R. STEVEN LEWIS has been listed in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of environmental law. He is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

ANNE L. MCGIHON has joined Akerman Senterfitt as of counsel in the government and public policy practice.

1985



SAMUEL P. KING of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, LLP in Orlando has received the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section's Pursuit of Justice Award. He also was a speaker at The Probate Team 2009 seminar presented by the Florida Legal Education Association.

THE HONORABLE KRISTA M. MARX was featured in the *Palm Beach Post* in December. She is a judge in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

VALERIE O. PATTERSON is a Central Intelligence Agency officer in residence in the international studies program at West Virginia University. She is teaching a variety of classes that draw from her experience as a senior analyst working in the field. She has spent her career working in the CIA in a variety of capacities, including most recently, chief of the Administrative Law Division of the Office of the General Counsel. She also is a fiction writer. Her first teen novel, *The Other Side of Blue*, will be published this fall.

1986



MANUEL FARACH has been appointed to the inaugural Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and was elected vice-chairman. He is of counsel with the firm of Richman Greer, P.A. in West Palm Beach. His practice focuses on real estate and business law.

ENNIS "LEON" JACOBS, JR. gave the lead address at a community-wide Wakulla County Green Living Expo. His practice at Williams & Jacobs focuses on insurance, energy and real estate, with an emerging practice in environmental law and information technology transactions.

MARK S. ROMAN has been certified by The Florida Bar in civil trial.

MICHAEL A. SHORSTEIN was selected by The Florida Bar as the inaugural chair of the new committee serving the state's Adoption Law Certification Program. He will serve a three-year term. He is a partner at Shorstein & Kelly, P.A. and can be reached at 3821 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 or 904.348.6400.

1987

KENNETH E. KEECHL recently became Broward County mayor.

JAMES W. NUEBEL has opened his own practice specializing in personal injury law. He can be reached at The Nuebel Law Firm, P.A., 4767 New Broad St., Orlando, FL 32814.



AMELIA "MEL" REA MAGUIRE has been appointed associate dean for external affairs for the University of Miami's School of Business Administration. She is responsible for development initiatives and oversees executive education programs, communications and graduate placement.

1988

JOSE DE JESUS ARROJO is chief assistant state attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. He can be reached at 1350 N.W. 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33136, 305.547.0309 or JoseArrojo@miamiSAO.com.

MICHAEL W. JACKSON has been elected to the Alabama District Attorneys Association executive committee as a member-at-large.

1989

ALAN P. WOODRUFF has passed the New Mexico bar exam and is running for Congress to represent New Mexico's First Congressional District.

1990

SUSAN S. FOLTZ was named to the board of directors for the alumni association of New College.

ERIC R. HURST was promoted to chief professions attorney with the Florida

Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The Professions Section of the Office of the General Counsel oversees the prosecution of disciplinary actions against licensees in approximately 20 professions. He had been a prosecutor with the department for seven years. Hurst also is president and artistic director of Theatre A La Carte, a community theatre he founded in Tallahassee and which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this season. Last year, he was honored by the Florida Theatre Conference with a Distinguished Career Award for his years of service to community theater in Florida.

1991



MARK H. MULLER helped lead his firm, Quarles & Brady LLP, to win Law Firm of the Year from Legal Aid Service of Collier County. A partner in the firm, Muller was one of many

to volunteer substantial resources to Collier Lawyers Care, a pro bono program in the county.

JOHN J. WAHLEN is chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

1992

FRED E. KARLINSKY recently served as a panelist for the American Association of Managing General Agents 2009 Fall Meeting. The panel included insurance industry and government experts discussing legislative, economic and political issues. He also recently completed his sixth year as an instructor for the London-based Insurance Market Conference. He is a shareholder at Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A.

1993

THE HONORABLE WENDY LEIGH BERGER was the guest speaker for the Marketplace Christian Professional Resources Luncheon in February. Berger is a judge in Florida's

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The most avidly read section of *Florida State Law* is "Class Action." The law school's more than 7,500 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing — awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken and more. Just as important: Did you get married? Have a baby? Write a novel? Run a marathon? Perform in a band?

If you have anything that you would like to include in Class Action, please send information to alumni@law.fsu.edu or mail this form to:

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Seventh Judicial Circuit in the criminal division and she is presiding judge for the St. Johns County Adult Drug Court Program.

LAVERNE LEWIS GASKINS was awarded a 2010 Fulbright Grant and spent two weeks at Eszterházy Károly College in Eger, Hungary, supporting development and institutional planning as a Fulbright specialist. Gaskins is in-house counsel for Valdosta State University.

ROBERT K. LINCOLN helped lead his firm, Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A., to receive commendation for pro bono service from The Florida Bar.

MARY EVELYN LYTLE can be reached at Lytle, Sherry & Higginbotham, P.A., 1916 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32803, 407.956.1056 or mlytle@slaw.org.

DAVID B. SWITALSKI has opened his own firm and will concentrate in personal injury and wrongful death actions, business law and litigation, wills and probate and criminal defense. He can be reached at 1018 Thomasville Rd., Ste. 111-A, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or 850.222.6200.

1994

REBECCA L. BELLER received The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. The partner at Beller & Bustamante, P.L. logged 160 pro bono hours in her community, taught a number of Continuing Legal Education seminars and serves on the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid board of directors.

MARC W. DUNBAR was featured on the cover of a gaming publication, *Ante Up* magazine. He is a shareholder at Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A., where he specializes in gaming

and pari-mutuel law.

DINA A. KEEVER has joined Lewis Tein PL as of counsel. Her practice will concentrate on the defense of government investigations and prosecutions of securities, tax and white-collar-fraud cases in both civil and criminal proceedings.



BRUCE R. MEEKS celebrated 30 years working in state government last year. He has been inspector general for the State Board of Administration for about seven years.

Prior to that, he was most recently executive deputy attorney general. He can be reached at 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Ste. 100, Tallahassee, FL 32308, 850.488.4406 or bruce.meeks@sbafla.com.



SEAN A. PITTMAN has been elected to the board of directors of the Apalachee Center, which provides behavioral health care to families. He also recently was honored at the 17th

annual Minority Enterprise Development Business Luncheon in Tallahassee and donated \$100,000 to Tallahassee's Cascade Park for the development of The Smokey Hollow Plaza. Pittman is managing partner of Pittman Law Group, P.L., and co-host of "The Usual Suspects," a show on WCTV in Tallahassee.

1995

LINDA G. BOND was the featured speaker at the Big Bend Society for Human Resources Management meeting in October. She discussed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. She is a partner with Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Tallahassee.

DAMIAN M. FLETCHER has been named partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in Fort Lauderdale. His practice is focused on risk management, insurance, manufacturing, products liability, commercial litigation, transportation and alarm and security services.

BERNARD H. GENTRY has joined Broad and Cassel as of counsel. His practice focuses on contractual disputes, mobile home law and construction law.



TODD K. NORMAN has joined the commercial litigation practice group of Broad and Cassel in Orlando. His practice focuses on real estate, creditors' rights, construction and business disputes.

THE HONORABLE KATHY G. GARNER PARKER has been appointed to the Gadsden County Court. She is the first African-American and first woman appointed to the court in Gadsden County.

DAVID E. RAMBA has opened Ramba Law Group, LLC. He can be reached at 101 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.727.7087 or david@rambalaw.com.

ELIZABETH J. WALTERS received the 2009 Lauren Merriam Memorial Award from the Bay County Chamber of Commerce.

THE HONORABLE T.K. WETHERELL, II was appointed to the Florida First District Court of Appeal.

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Please take a moment to log in to the law school Alumni Directory Web site, www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/alumnidir.html, and update your personal information. This is a great reference tool for classmates to get in touch with one another, to network and to refer business to fellow alumni.

1996

RONALD A. CRISTALDI has been elected to the board of directors of Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts. He also is general counsel of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. He is a partner at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP in Tampa.

EDMOND E. KOESTER is a shareholder at Coleman Yovanovich Koester. He can be reached at Northern Trust Bank Building, 4001 Tamiami Trail N., Ste. 300, Naples, FL 34103 or 239.435.3535.

MALINDA R. LUGO has joined Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP as an associate. Her practice areas are health law, transactional and compliance, and commercial litigation.

DOUGLAS J. MCCARRON has been named to the legal elite list for *Florida Trend* magazine. He is an attorney at The Haggard Law Firm.



PATRICK JOHN MCGINLEY and his wife recently had a son. Patrick James McGinley was born December 8, 2009, and was seven pounds, seven ounces.



EMILIA A. QUESADA'S firm added four named partners to become Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez, Quesada, Lage, Crespo, Gomez & Machado LLP. She can be reached at The Colonnade Office Tower, Ste. 302, 2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33134, 305.424.0236 or equesada@smgqlaw.com.

1997

CRISTY CARRINGTON LEWIS leads Michael Saunders & Co.'s new division specializing in short sales. The licensed Realtor works in the company's Sarasota office.



CONAL F. DOYLE has been named one of the top 20 lawyers under 40 in the state of California for 2010, by the *Daily Journal*, California's daily legal newspaper. The American Trial

Lawyers Association also has named him one of the top 100 trial lawyers in the state for the second year in a row. He is a partner at Willoughby Doyle LLP and practices in the areas of civil rights, personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability and insurance coverage. He can be reached at 1814 Franklin St., Ste. 800, Oakland, CA 94612, 510.451.2777 or conal@willoughbydoyle.com.

LIEUTENANT PETER M. RODNITE can be reached at PSC 809 Box 71, FPO AE 09626-0071 or prodnite@yahoo.com.

THE HONORABLE LORI S. ROWE has been appointed to the Florida First District Court of Appeal.

1998

LILIA R. BELL has been named a partner at Ford & Harrison LLP. Her practice in the Atlanta office focuses on airline labor and employment issues. She also represents management in collective bargaining negotiations.



Tallahassee Democrat.

ROBIN R. GAULT, associate director of the Florida State University College of Law research center, recently won a poetry contest for a haiku that was published in the

ERIC S. GOLDEN has joined Burr & Forman LLP as a partner in its Winter Park office. He practices creditors' rights, bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

WILLIAM L. MARTIN, III, is an attorney in the FDIC, Legal Division, prosecuting professional liability and financial crimes. He can be reached at 850.803.1166 or

wmartin@FDIC.gov.

JASON W. OWSLEY is senior counsel at Texas Instruments Incorporated. He spent three years based in Munich, Germany, as regional counsel for the company's European sales and applications organization. He recently relocated to Dallas to take over legal support of the power management chip division.

SCOTT B. SMITH, a partner in Smith, Ivey & Fronrath, P.L. of Palm Beach Gardens has been named one of the top 100 trial lawyers in Florida by the American Trial Lawyers Association. He also has been reappointed to the City of Palm Gardens Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

RICHARD C. VALUNTAS was recognized in the *Daily Business Review's* fifth annual Most Effective Lawyers edition in the area of complex and business litigation.

ETHAN ANDREW WAY has expanded his practice to include safari law. His Tallahassee firm, Way Law Firm, P.A., also represents clients in the areas of bankruptcy, criminal, family law, general civil litigation and land use disputes.

RACHEL P. WHITESSELL is an attorney for the Connecticut Department of Public Works. She can be reached at 165 Capitol Ave., Ste. 437, Hartford, CT 06106 or Rachel.Whitesell@ct.gov.

2000

LOURDES BERNAL-DIXON was named a 2009 Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine. She also was named to the Florida Legal Elite Up and Comers list by *Florida Trend*. She is a partner in Daniels, Kashtan, Downs, Robertson & McGirney, P.A.'s Tampa office, where she focuses on the representation of lawyers in legal malpractice suits and before The Florida Bar.

STEPHEN T. ERWIN is principal and managing director of business and legal affairs for Highlander Wealth Services, LLC. He can be reached at 885 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80302, 303.449.6125 or serwin@highlanderwealth.com.



M. CHRISTOPHER LYON has been elected shareholder at Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. His areas of practice include legislative and governmental affairs, local government and special districts, professional licensure and real estate law.

2001

EILEEN D. FERNANDEZ is associate general counsel for the Orange County Public Schools, practicing in real estate. She can be reached at the Educational Leadership Center, 445 W. Ameila St., Orlando, FL 32801, 407.317.3200 or Eileen.fernandez@ocps.net.

JASON C. HILL can be reached at the Law Offices of Curtis & Hill, P.A., 701 Market St., Unit 109, St. Augustine, FL 32095, 904.819.6959 or jasonhill@curtishilllaw.com.

BRUCE M. "SKIP" HORACK, JR. has published *The Southern Cross* (Mariner Books, August 2009), a collection of short stories depicting life in Louisiana in the months leading up to and following Hurricane Katrina. The collection won the 2008 Bakeless Fiction Prize. Horack's works have been published in a variety of magazines and journals. He currently teaches at Stanford University, where he also was a Wallace Stegner Fellow.

REPRESENTATIVE MARCELO LLORENTE is chair of two committees in the Florida House of Representatives: the Full Appropriations Council on General Government & Health Care and the Policy Council.

J. CAMERON THURBER, an attorney in the enforcement division of the Federal Election Commission, received the agency's 2009 Innovation Award. He lives in northern Virginia with his wife, Jill, and two-year-old son, Ryan. He can be reached at 202.694.1650 or jthurber@fec.gov.

2002

HARMONY CONTI BODURTHA is an attorney at Orson and Brusini Ltd. She focuses her practice on civil litigation, personal injury, corporate and business law, insolvency and commercial litigation. She can be reached at 325 Angell St., Providence, RI 02906, 401.223.2100 or hbodurtha@orsonandbrusini.com.



MEGHAN B. DAIGLE and Nick Daigle welcomed a son to their family on November 18, 2009. Cameron also was welcomed by his three-year-old brother, Cole. Meghan is president of Daigle Law Firm, P.A., and practices family, probate and appellate law. She can be reached at 850.201.8845.

MONICA M. EVANS received the 2010 Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Pro Bono Service Award. She is an associate with Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A.

PATRICK J. RENGSTL is a senior associate in the firm of Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider & Grossman LLP. He can be reached at Miami Center, 34th Floor, 201 S. Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33131, 305.403.8788 or pjr@LKLlaw.com.

MATTHEW D. SCHULTZ is a shareholder at Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Echsner & Proctor, P.A. in Pensacola. He focuses on complex class action litigation and mass tort lawsuits. He can be reached at 850.435.7000 or mschultz@levinlaw.com.

THOMAS R. SULLIVAN was named to the 2009 "best up and comers" list by *Florida Trend*. He is a partner at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.

2003

SHAWN L. DEMERS is an associate attorney at de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP. He can be reached at 332 N. Magnolia Ave., P.O. Box 87, Orlando, FL 32801, 407.422.2454 or sld5@dbksmn.com.



CHRISTIAN M. GIVENS recently formed Givens Law Group, PLLC, with Stann W. Givens ('74). The firm will concentrate on family, personal injury and criminal law.

R. LAINIE WILSON HARRIS has joined Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. as an associate. Her practice areas include appellate practice and civil litigation.

STIRLING E. HALVERSEN is the new city attorney for the Isle of Palms.

QUINN A. HENDERSON is an associate in Adams and Reese LLP's new St. Petersburg office. He focuses his practice on construction, commercial, banking and administrative litigation. He also is a member of the Leadership St. Petersburg Alumni Association as a member of the class of 2009 and he is a member of the board of directors of the Tampa Bay Heart Foundation.



DANIEL W. LANGLEY has been recognized by The Florida Bar as board certified in city, county and local government law. He is a partner in Fishback, Dominick, Bennett, Stepter, Ardaman, Ahlers & Langley LLP in Winter Park. His practice is focused on local government law, eminent domain, construction litigation and land use and real estate.

SHARONDA P. MILLS is senior counsel with Wyndham Worldwide Corporation. She can be reached at 8427 S. Park Circle, Ste. 500, Orlando, FL 32819, 407.626.4587 or Sharonda.Mills@wyndhamvo.com.

JANNA S. NUGENT is an associate at Greenberg Traurig, LLP and can be reached at 3290 Northside Parkway, Ste. 400, Atlanta, GA 30327, 678.553.2317 or nugentj@gtlaw.com.

NICOLAS Q. PORTER recently was named partner at de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A. His practice areas include environmental, administrative and appellate litigation.

ANDREW E. STEARNS has been promoted to shareholder of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. He can be reached at Museum Tower, 150 W. Flagler St., Ste. 2200, Miami, FL 33130 or 305.789.3412.

2004

SCOTT A. ELCHERT is a patent attorney for Fujitsu in Alexandria, Virginia. He is married to fellow alumnus Tiffany L. Burton ('05).

DONALD C. FREEMAN is now practicing at Eubanks, Barrett, Fasig & Brooks. He can be reached at 3360 Capital Circle NE, Ste. C, Tallahassee, FL 32308, 850.224.3310 or Don@tallahasseepersonalinjury.com.

WATSON JAY HUNSTON, III is an associate at Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell. He practices commercial and construction litigation. He can be reached at 515 N. Flagler Dr., 19th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, 561.832.5900 or jhunston@caseyciklin.com.



DANICA L. LITTLE earned certification from the North Carolina State Bar in estate planning and probate law. She is an attorney at Wishart, Norris, Henninger & Pittman, P.A. in Charlotte.

LUKE NEWMAN has opened his own criminal defense practice, Luke Newman, P.A. He can be reached at 908 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303, 850.224.4444 or lukenewmanlaw@hotmail.com.

RAFAEL J. NOBO, III, and **LISA S. NOBO** recently joined The Pansler Law Firm as partners in its Orlando office. The couple lives in Orlando with their son Christian Rafael. They can be reached at 407.345.1221 or www.pansler.com.

RYAN K. PARKER is an associate at the Florida Association of Realtors in Orlando.



KATHARINE WALTER PAYNE has joined Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC as an associate. Her areas of practice are federal taxation, estate planning and corporate law.

KARA DECKER ROGERS is employee relations manager for Walt Disney World Parks & Resorts. She can be reached at 1675 Buena Vista Dr., Ste. 450, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 or 407.828.1551.

BRIAN J. ZICKEFOOSE is an associate with Polsinelli Shughart PC in Kansas City. He can be reached at 816.374.0585 or bzickefoose@polsinelli.com.

2005

LAURA S. BAUMAN is an associate in Adams and Reese LLP's new Sarasota office. Her practice concentrates on real property-related litigation.

LORA L. BEDFORD opened her own firm, the Law Office of Lora L. Bedford, P.A., and can be reached at P.O. Box 110281, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211 or 941.806.8148.

AMY M. FERRERA is an associate at Rywant, Alvarez, Jones, Russo & Guyton, P.A.



TOR J. FRIEDMAN married Nancy VanKoughnet on February 28, 2009, at the Monticello Opera House in Monticello.

EVRI DIKI "EVI" GEORGIU is an associate at Butzel Long Tighe Patton, PLLC. She can be reached at 1747 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Ste. 300, Washington, D.C. 20006, 202.454.2885 or egeorgiou@butzeltlp.com.

CAMERON M. KENNEDY has been appointed to the Florida Justice Association's board of directors. He is a partner at Corry & Kennedy, P.A. in Tallahassee.



KRISTOPHER J. KEST was named to the 2009 "best up and comers" list by *Florida Trend*. He is an associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.

2006



SARAH A. LINDQUIST was named to the Florida *Super Lawyers* Rising Star list. She also has been appointed to the board of directors for Family Services of Metro Orlando.

PAYAL NARESH SHAH is an associate at Butler Pappas Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP and can be reached at 777 S. Harbour Island Blvd., Ste. 500, Tampa, FL 33602-5723, 813.281.1900 or pshah@butlerpappas.com.

LINDSAY CARTER TIDWELL is an associate at Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A. Her practice focuses on elder law, estate planning and wills and trusts. She can be reached at 116 N.W. Columbia Ave., Lake City, FL 32056-1029 or 386.752.3213.

2007

CAPTAIN MIGUEL R. ACOSTA recently returned from a six-month tour in Iraq. He wrote about the tour in a series of articles appearing in *The Florida Bar News*. Currently, the Air Force JAG is a member of the legal office at Andrews Air Force Base. In July, he will move to Bolling Air Force Base to be the area defense counsel for Bolling and the Pentagon.

JAMES J. ARGENTO received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency. He works for the State Attorney's Office in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.



JOE D. BRIGGS is counsel for public policy and government affairs for the NFL Players Association. His non-profit organization, IMPACT, was featured on Essence.com and in the magazine.



AMANDA R. CARUSO has been appointed to the city of Orlando's Code Enforcement Board. She is an associate with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. and

focuses her practice on bankruptcy and creditors' rights and commercial litigation.

SCOTT J. EDWARDS has joined Hewitt Wolensky LLP in Maitland as an associate. His practice areas include products liability litigation, commercial litigation, personal injury litigation and appellate law.

DAKOTA M. FIORI is an assistant staff judge advocate for the Air Force. She can be reached at 56 FW/JA, 7383 N. Litchfield Rd., Ste. 2040, Luke AFB, AZ 85309 or 623.856.9537.

BARBARA J. LEACH has joined the bankruptcy department of Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, PA. She can be reached at 390 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 1500, Orlando, FL 32801, 407.423.4246 or bleach@whww.com.

MICHAEL J. MAKDISI was the primary editor and author of the third edition of *Introduction to the Study of Law: Cases and Materials* (LexisNexis, 2009). He practices at The Law Office of Michael J. Makdisi and can be reached at 1300 Clay St., Ste. 600, Oakland, CA 94612, 510.446.7895 or Makdisi.Law@gmail.com.

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ALAN C. NASH of Purdy, Jolly, Giuffreda & Barranco, P.A. is an adjunct professor at Brown Mackie College in Miami, where he teaches constitutional, criminal and tort law. He also has been appointed to the board of directors for the CREST program at Stranahan High School in Fort Lauderdale.

AMBER L. RUMANCIK was named pro bono attorney of the month for September by the Jacksonville Bar Association. She volunteers for the Fourth Judicial Circuit's guardian ad litem program, the Fletcher High School Mock Trial team and the Beaches Christian Counseling Center. She is an associate for Foley & Lardner LLP, focusing on general commercial litigation and construction law.

2008

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WILLIAM J. CANTRELL published an article, "Cleaning Up the Mess: *United Haulers*, the Dormant Commerce Clause, and Transaction Costs Economics," in the *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*.

LYNDA E. CARTER lives in Pagosa Springs, Colorado where she practices at her own firm. She also provides non-profit legal services through Pagosa Area Legal Services. She hosted her first "Jazz for Justice" public fund-raiser for the organization recently. She also was appointed to the county planning commission and the county housing board shortly after moving to the area.

ANDREW J. COLLINSON has accepted a federal clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit with the Honorable Emmett Ripley Cox.

GABRIEL B. CRAFTON has joined Rogers Towers, P.A. in its construction department, representing developers, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, governmental entities, homeowners and condominium associations.

VIRGINIA L. GULDE has joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as an associate. She focuses her practice on dealer, distributor and franchise litigation. She can be reached at 3600 Maclay Blvd. S., Ste. 202, Tallahassee, FL 32312, 850.907.2592 or Virginia.gulde@nelsonmullins.com.

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CAROLYN HASLAM recently published an article entitled "Urban Redevelopment and Contaminated Land: Lessons from Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Program" in the *Journal for National Association of Environmental Professionals*.

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GREGORY M. NOONAN has joined Corry & Kennedy, P.A. as an associate.

SEZEN Z. OYGAR has joined the firm of Neil, Dymott, Frank, McFall & Trexler APLC as an associate. Her practice areas include civil litigation and the defense of professional liability and medical malpractice matters. She can be reached at 1010 Second Ave., Ste. 2500, San Diego, CA 92101 or 619.238.1712.

JESSICA L. ROSE is an attorney and account manager for Crowe Paradis & Albren, LLP. She is based in Portland, Oregon.

ANGEL SESSIONS recently completed an LL.M. in tax law and is a senior tax attorney with the United States Department of Revenue.

2009



T. BENNETT ACUFF is an associate in the construction litigation practice group of Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa. He and his wife, Sally, welcomed their son, Mac Anderson Acuff, on December 9, 2009. Acuff can be reached at bacuff@hwhlaw.com.

MATTHEW L. BEVILLE cowrote a paper, "An information market proposal for regulating systemic risk," with Professor Dino Falaschetti and Michael J. Orlando. The article was published in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law*.

SEAN M. CROCKER has joined Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue & McLain, P.A. as an associate. His practice focuses on insurance defense and workers' compensation defense.

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JESSICA D. GOODWIN has joined the Fourth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office as an assistant state attorney.



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HEATHER N. TYNDALL has joined Sniffen & Spellman, P.A. as an associate. Her practice areas include school law, labor and employment law, insurance defense, constitutional law and license defense.

In Memoriam

DANIEL J. BROWN ('87) died August 22, 2009. He had been a commercial litigation attorney in Jacksonville and had taught school in Jacksonville and Spokane, Washington.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM R. "BILL" CAVE ('72) died October 29, 2009, in Tallahassee. After a varied legal career, he retired as an administrative law judge.

JACKSON S. FLYTE ('91) died January 22, 2010. He had been the director of the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel in the Florida Second District Court of Appeal since its inception in 2007.

BARRY J. GULKER ('90) died February 9, 2010. He was a resident of Tallahassee.

RICHARD D. MARS ('72) died February 4, 2010 after an extensive battle with lung cancer. He had been a long-time Polk County defense attorney.

THOMAS B. MATTHEWS ('77) died December 22, 2009, at Edinborough Healthcare Center.

MECHELE R. MCBRIDE ('96) died January 4, 2010. She was a senior attorney for the Florida Department of Financial Services, a board member of Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., and a former president of the Tallahassee Barristers Association.

ROBERT W. PERKINS ('69) died November 15, 2009. He was in the army for two years after law school and practiced in Tallahassee from 1975 to 2002. He continued to provide pro bono services after his retirement.

NELSON G. WILLIAMS ('87) died October 8, 2009, after a sudden illness. He performed the bulk of his work pro bono, with Withlacoochee Area Legal Services. After retiring, he became a certified voluntary mediator with the Citrus County Court.

Last Chance to Give to the Annual Fund

June 30 is the last day you can give to this year's Annual Fund. Please help us reach our goal of 26 percent alumni participation by sending a gift of any amount to: Florida State College of Law, Office of Development & Alumni Affairs, Tallahassee, Fla. 32306-1601. You can also give online at: http://www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/annual_fund.html.

If you have any questions about giving to this year's Annual Fund, contact Becky Shepherd at 850.644.0231 or rshepher@law.fsu.edu. Thank you for your support of the Annual Fund and Florida State Law!

LEE L. WILLIS, II ('71) died December 11, 2009. He was a first lieutenant in the army and received the Army Commendation Medal before attending law school. He spent his 38-year career at Ausley & McMullen, P.A. and was a lifelong resident of Tallahassee.

Members of Class of 2010 Published

Several members of the Florida State Law Class of 2010 recently have had papers accepted for publication. Below is a partial list.

Alvan Balent's article, "An Energy-Efficient Internet: The Next Revolution," will be published in the summer issue of the *Florida State University Law Review*.

Bradley Bodiford's article, "Florida's Unnatural Disaster: Who Will Pay for the Next Hurricane?" will be published in the April 2010 issue of the University of Florida's *Journal of Law & Public Policy*.



Jacob Cremer's article, "Fighting the Lure of the Infinite: Lease Conservation Easements at the Urban Fringe,"

was published in the *Environmental Law Reporter*.

Andrew Greenlee's co-authored article, "Sowing Seeds Uncertain: Ocean Iron Fertilization, Climate Change, and the International Environmental Law Framework," has been accepted for publication in volume 27 of the *Pace Environmental Law Review*.

Andrew Hoek's co-authored article, "*Sea Shepherd Conservation Society v. Japanese Whalers*, the Showdown: Who is the Real Villain," has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of Stanford's *Journal of Animal Law and Policy*.

Bonnie Malloy's article, "On Thin Ice: How a Binding Treaty Regime Can

Save the Arctic," has been accepted for publication in volume 16 of the *West-Northwest Journal of Environmental Law and Policy* (Hastings College of Law).

Steve Muscatello's article, "The FCC's Tipping Point Moment: Fleeting Expletives and the Child Safe Viewing Act Report," will be published in the summer issue of the *Florida State University Law Review*.



Nathan Paulich's paper, "Increasing Private Conservation through Incentive Mechanisms," has been accepted for publication in the *Stanford Journal of Animal Law and Policy*.

J. Trumon Phillips' article, "Fighting False Statements with Fabricated Sources: Applying the Appropriate Standard of Judicial Skepticism to Confidential Sources Used to Plead Falsity in Securities Fraud Litigation," will be published in the spring issue of the *Florida State University Law Review*.

J. Trumon Phillips' article, "Fighting False Statements with Fabricated Sources: Applying the Appropriate Standard of Judicial Skepticism to Confidential Sources Used to Plead Falsity in Securities Fraud Litigation," will be published in the spring issue of the *Florida State University Law Review*.

Margaret Seward's article, "The Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Energy Efficiency in Buildings (EEB): Why Reform Is Necessary to Promote CDM Projects in the Construction Sector," won third place (\$250 cash award) in the State Bar of California International Law Section's Third Annual Student Writing

Competition and is being reviewed for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *California International Law Journal*.



Travis Thompson's article, "Getting Over the Hump: Establishing a Right to Environmental Protection for In-

igenous Peoples in the Inter-American Human Rights System," has been accepted for publication in volume 19 of Florida State's *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*.



Katherine Weber's article, "Can You Eat Your Fish and Save It Too? Improving Protection of Pirated Marine

Species through International Trade Measures," has been accepted for publication in volume 25 of Florida State's *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*.

Amy Willis' article, "Business Insurance: First Party Commercial Property Insurance and the Physical Damage Requirement in a Computer Dominated World," will be published in the summer issue of the *Florida State University Law Review*.

Gertz Helps Lead Externship Program to New Heights



Sally C. Gertz

Someone once said that success breeds success. The Florida State University College of Law externship program is evidence of that belief.

When Sally C.

Gertz joined the faculty as a clinical professor in 2000, she supervised 15-20 student externs each semester. Now, she oversees 35-40 each semester. Gertz' years of practice as a commissioner on the Public Employees Relations Commission and staff counsel to the Florida Education Association helped prepare her to advise students with a wide variety of interests.

As the number of students in the externship program has grown, so have the number of externship placement offices. Students are able to extern in government agencies and judicial settings in Tallahassee, and in State Attorney, Public Defender and Legal Aid offices throughout Florida. Placements also include national and international options.

While Gertz' hard work and determination have paid dividends, she attributes much of the success to the caliber of students and faculty at the law school. "Our students are coming to us with national and international interests," she said. Those students often seek out externship opportunities that

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interest them most and come to Gertz with the externship option in hand. Technological advances have allowed Gertz — along with Clinical Professor and Director of Clinical Externship Programs Lawrence S. Krieger— to supervise students at more distant locations.

Also, Gertz said the law school's certificates in international and environmental law aid the program's reputation. "A lot of international or federal government agency placements are related to either the international faculty or to the environmental faculty. When you have nationally-known faculty, for instance in the environmental program, they're producing students who are highly desirable to the EPA and the Department of Justice."

Each semester, some students land full-time employment after they complete their externships. "It's a great way to hire new employees," Gertz said. "It is a 13-week job interview. It gives you the opportunity to show your employer how capable you are.

"Students have gotten jobs at the (Florida) Department of Environmental Protection and Earthjustice and the Leon County Attorney. Certainly, lots of students who do judicial externships wind up getting hired as judicial clerks."

In addition to supervising judicial, appellate and civil externs, Gertz teaches Civil Externship Perspectives (a companion class for externs) and Civil Pre-Trial Practice. For Gertz, the most rewarding part of working with externs is watching them develop into well-rounded future attorneys. Students' fresh eyes help enliven the offices they work in, and the experiences they have in those offices bring fresh perspective to the lessons they learn in the classroom. She watches as third-year students have what she calls "ah-ha moments." She explained, they may have lost their sense of direction during law school, but they meet clients, solve problems and "all of a sudden, it clicks. "This is why I started law school. This is exactly what I wanted to do."

Thanks in great part to Gertz, the opportunities for students to grow and succeed are boundless in the Florida State University College of Law externship program.

Faculty Media Hits

Fred Abbott was featured in a December 7 article about international drug seizures on LiveMint.com, a partner publication of *The Wall Street Journal* in India.

Paolo Annino was featured in March 13 and March 2 *Florida Today* articles about legislation advocated for by the Public Interest Law Center. He also was quoted in a February 24 *Orlando Sentinel* opinion piece, “Kids deserve a voice: Legislators should take cost-effective advocacy program for endangered kids off budget chopping block.” A study performed by Annino and the Public Interest Law Center was cited in a November 26 *Washington Times* blog about children serving life in prison. The same study was cited in a November 23 *New York Times* article. Annino also was quoted on November 7 in *The New York Times*. The article about appeals being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court was reprinted in the November 9 *Tampa Tribune*. Additionally, Annino was quoted in a November 9 *Miami Herald* article and a November 8 *Florida Today* article.

Rob Atkinson was quoted in a November 3 *Tallahassee Democrat* article, “Boys and Girls Clubs raffling off \$1.55M beach house.”

Shawn Bayern’s iPhone application for searching the U.S. Code was the subject of an article in the March 15 issue of *The Florida Bar News*.

Donna Christie was featured on March 31 in *The New York Times’* Room for Debate commentary, “What’s Behind Obama’s Drilling Plan?”

Sandy D’Alemberte was quoted in a February 3 *Tampa Tribune* article, “Did Facebook case violate First Amendment rights? Experts say maybe.” He also was quoted in a December 11 article by the News Service of Florida, “D’Alemberte asks court to name Innocence Commission.” D’Alemberte also was quoted in a November 17 *Tampa Tribune* article about an appeals case and a November 13 *Tallahassee Democrat* article about mental-health treatment.

Brian Galle was quoted in a November 23 *National Journal* article and blog, “Did Catholic Bishops’ Advocacy Cross The Line?”

Wayne Logan was quoted in *The Miami Herald* on December 7 in an article about a U.S. Supreme Court case on the use of the Miranda warning. In November, Logan was quoted in an *ABA Journal* article, “Adult Time for Adult Crimes: Is life without parole unconstitutional for juveniles?” Logan’s new book, *Knowledge as Power, Criminal Registration and Community Notification Laws in America*, was reviewed in the October 30 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Dan Markel’s book, *Privilege or Punish: Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties*, was referenced in a January 5 *Slate* article, “If a Siamese Twin Commits Murder, Does His Brother Get Punished, Too?” Markel also was quoted in a December 31 *Wall Street Journal* blog about judges showing leniency to military veterans. Markel’s blog, PrawfsBlawg, was named one of the top le-

gal blogs by the *ABA Journal* in December 2009.

J.B. Ruhl was quoted in a March 21 *San Antonio Express-News* article, “Coral may be listed as endangered, threatened.”

Nat Stern was quoted in an October 31 *Panama City News Herald* article, “School Prayer: The Establishment Clause debate.”

Florida State University Law Professor Creates U.S. Code iPhone Application



Shawn J. Bayern

Florida State University College of Law Assistant Professor Shawn J. Bayern has created an iPhone application that allows users to browse and search the U.S. Code from their phones. The free application was recently released for download on Apple's App Store.

"I released the app for free because, after all, the statutes themselves are free, and I thought it would benefit more

people that way. It was motivated ultimately by a civic sense that these materials should be easy for anyone to find," said Bayern. "It's perhaps a little odd for me to have written a program to facilitate access to statutes, since the bulk of my teaching and research is in the common law. I learned a bit about the structure of the U.S. Code myself just from writing the app."

"We are very proud of Shawn's creative application," said Dean Don Weidner. "He is one of several faculty members who bring strong scientific backgrounds to the law school."

Bayern joined the law school faculty in 2009. His research focuses on common law issues, primarily in contracts, torts and corporate law. Prior to his legal career, Bayern worked in computing research, served on groups responsible for developing programming languages, and wrote several books and articles about computer programming.

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Kapp Leads New Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine & Law



Marshall Kapp

In a collaborative effort between the law school and the medical school, Marshall Kapp joined the Florida State faculty as director of the new Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine & Law this spring. Kapp also is a courtesy professor of law, an affiliate of the Claude Pepper Institute and a professor in the medical school's Department of Geriatrics.

The Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine & Law, based in the medical school, is special in the higher education world. "Many law schools have health-law centers; many medical schools have medical humanities departments that touch upon legal issues. But I think both in terms of its potential educational program and projects it might do, this mission is unique for an academic enterprise," Kapp said.

Kapp served as the Garwin Distinguished Professor of Law and Medicine at the Southern Illinois University Schools of Law and Medicine. Kapp, who has a law degree from George Washington University and a master's degree in public health, also is a professor emeritus from Wright State University School of Medicine and for more than 20 years was on the adjunct faculty at the University of Dayton School of Law. He is current editor of the American College of Legal Medicine's *Journal of Legal Medicine* and serves on the editorial boards of several other major journals in health law. He has published and spoken extensively on topics in health law, medical ethics, and law and aging.

FACULTY NOTES

Includes selected faculty publications, external presentations and recognitions since the last issue of *Florida State Law*.

Frederick M. Abbott

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR

Presentations: *Freedom of Transit for Generic Pharmaceuticals and EU Border Measures: Recognizing the Limits of Patents* (Brussels, Belgium, Meeting of European Parliament Working Group on Innovation, Access to Medicines and Poverty-Related Diseases, March 2010); *Trends in Health Related Technology Transfer and Local Production: Initiatives and Stakeholders' Views* (Buenos Aires, Argentina, Latin American Dialogue on Technology Transfer for Local Manufacturing Capacity On Drugs And Vaccines, March 2010); *Innovation and Technology Transfer to Address Climate Change: Lessons from Implementing the*

WHO Global Strategy and Plan of Action, Intellectual Property and Cyberlaw Society (Duke University School of Law, Ninth Annual Hot Topics in Intellectual Property, February 2010); *Stakeholder Views on Transfer of Technology for the Development of Research Capacity and Local Production* (Cape Town, South Africa, African Workshop On Technology Transfer For Local Manufacturing Capacity On Drugs And Vaccines, organized with the support of the World Health Organization and the European Commission, December 2009); *Testimony Regarding Bill S-232, An Act to Amend the Patent Act (drugs for international humanitarian purposes)* (Ottawa, Canada, Standing Senate Committee on Banking,



L-R: D'Alemberte Professor Dan Markel, Gary & Sallyn Pajcic Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Wayne A. Logan and Associate Professor of Law and Economics Dino Falaschetti were honored with a reception this spring. The professors, along with Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Frederick M. Abbott, each had books published in 2009.

Trade and Commerce, November 19, 2009); *International Intellectual Property and Public Health Institutional Developments*, WTO Dispute Settlement, TRIPS and Pharmaceuticals, and *Recent Developments in the Jurisprudence of the United States Supreme Court in the Field of Patents* (Prangins, Switzerland, ICTSD Seminar for Senior Latin American Judges on Recent Trends in Intellectual Property Matters with Emphasis on the Pharmaceutical Sector, October 2009).

Kelli A. Alces

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: *Debunking the Corporate Fiduciary Myth*, 35 J. CORP. L. 239 (2009).

Presentations: *Revisiting Berle's Conclusions and Rethinking the Corporate Structure* (Seattle University Law School, Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law and Society Symposium: In Berle's Footsteps, November 2009).

Rob E. Atkinson, Jr.

RUDEN MCCLOSKEY, SMITH, SCHUSTER & RUSSELL PROFESSOR

Presentations: *Philanthropy and the Law: Remembering and Measuring the Common Good* (NYU School of Law, National Center on Philanthropy and the Law, 21st Annual Conference, "Shades of Virtue: Measuring the Comparative Worthiness of Charities," October 2009); *Why the English-Speaking World Will Never Have a Proper Legal Profession (And How We Lawyers Can Serve the Commonwealth Without One)* (Toronto, Advocates' Society of Ontario, End of Term Dinner, June 2009).

Shawn J. Bayern

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Presentations: *False Assumptions in Law and Economics* (Fordham Law School Annual Murphy Corporate Law Conference Panel, March 2010); *Rational Ignorance, Rational Closed-Mindedness, and Modern Economic Formalism in Contract Law* (William S. Boyd School of Law (UNLV), Panel on Asymmetric Information and Contract Law, Spring Contracts Conference, February 2010).

Elizabeth Chamblee Burch

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Articles: *Litigating Groups*, 61 ALA. L. REV. 1 (2009); *Aggregation, Community, and the Line Between*, 58 U. KAN. L. REV. 101 (2010) (symposium); *Procedural Adequacy*, TEX. L. REV. (2010) (invited response); *There's A Pennoyer in My Foyer: Civil Procedure According to Dr. Seuss*, 13 Green Bag 2d 105 (2009); *A New Way Forward: A Response to Judge Weinstein*, 2009 CARDOZO L. REV. DE NOVO 168 (2009) (invited response). **Presentations:** *Group Consensus, Individual Consent* (George Washington University Law School, Panel on Aggregate Litigation: Critical Perspectives, March 2010); *Aggregation, Community, and the Line Between* (Kansas Law School, Panel on The Future of Aggregate Litigation 10-Years Post-*Ortiz v. Fibreboard Corp.*, October 2009).

Robin Kundis Craig

ATTORNEYS' TITLE PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Articles: "Stationarity is Dead" - Long Live Transformation: Five Principles for Climate Change Adaptation Law, 34

HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 9 (2010); *Administrative Law in the Roberts Court: The First Four Years*, 62 ADMIN. L. REV. 69 (Winter 2010); *Water Supply, Desalination, Climate Change, and Energy Policy*, 22 PAC. MCGEORGE GLOBAL BUS. & DEV. L.J. 225 (2010); *Valuing the Public Health Aspects of Environmental Enforcement: Qualitative versus Quantitative Evaluations of Enforcement Effort*, 33 S. ILL. U. L.J. 403 (2009) (symposium). **Presentations:** *Avoiding the Jellyfish Sea, or, What Do We Mean by Sustainable Oceans, Anyway?* (S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment, 15th Annual Wallace Stegner Center Symposium: The Challenge of Sustainability, March 2010); *'Stationarity Is Dead' - Long Live Transformation: Five Principles for Climate Change Adaptation* (Tucson, Arizona, Fourth Annual CAMNet Rendezvous-Climate Change and Adaptive Management, Collaborative Adaptive Management Network, March 2010); *'Stationarity Is Dead' - Long Live Transformation: Five Principles for Climate Change Adaptation* (University of Arizona School of Law, March 2010); *State Public Trust Doctrines, the Emerging Ecological Public Trust, and the Balance of Public and Private Rights* (Georgetown University Law School, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Property and Society, March 2010); *Adapting Cooperative Federalism to Climate Change's Water Impacts: Who Should Get to Do What?* (University of Houston College of Law, 2010 *Environmental & Energy Law & Policy Journal* Symposium: Climate Change, Water, and Adaptive Law, February 2010); *Protecting Inflows from*

the Apalachicola River, Freshwater Inflows to Estuaries: 2010 and Beyond (Corpus Christi, Texas Parks & Wildlife and Gulf of Mexico Program, February 2010); *Public Health and Climate Change Adaptation* (New Orleans, Natural Resources Section Panel, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2010).

Joseph M. Dodge

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER

ALHADEFF & SITTERSON PROFESSOR

Presentation: *Taxes and Compensatory Tort Recoveries* (San Antonio, American Bar Association Tax Section, Tax Teachers Committee, January 2010).

Charles W. Ehrhardt

EMERITUS PROFESSOR

Presentations: *Advanced State and Federal Evidence* (Tampa, Civil Trial Certification Review, Trial Lawyers Section, The Florida Bar, February 2010); *A Look at Significant Differences in the Federal Rules and the Evidence Code* (Orlando, Federal Bar Association, December 2009); *Developing Trends in Excluding Evidence in Criminal Cases* (Orlando, 2009 Training Program, Office of the Public Defender, December 2009).

Brian Galle

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: *Preemption and Federal Administrative Law*, 34 ADMIN & REG. L. NEWS, (Winter 2009 at 5) (with Mark Seidenfeld). **Presentations:** *State Finance in Times of Crisis* (George Mason Law School Faculty Enrichment Series, March 2010); *The Role of Charity in a Federal System* (New Orleans, Association of American Law Schools Scholarly Paper Winners Panel, January 2010);

Federalism and the Federal Executive (Miami University Law Review Symposium: What Change Will Come: The Obama Administration and the Future of the Administrative State, January 2010); *The Role of Charity in a Federal System* (New Orleans, AALS Section on Nonprofits, January 2010); *The Role of Charity in a Federal System* (Boston College, December 2010); *Comments on "Income from Accumulation," by Louis Kaplow* (National Tax Association Annual Meeting, November 2009); *The Role of Charity in a Federal System* (George Washington Law School, October 2009); *The Role of Charity in a Federal System* (Loyola-L.A. Law School Tax Policy Series, October 2009).

Steven G. Gey

DAVID & DEBORAH FONVIELLE AND

DONALD & JANET HINKLE PROFESSOR

Article: *The Procedural Annihilation of Structural Rights*, 61 HASTINGS L.J. 1 (2009).

Tara Leigh Grove

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: *The Structural Case for Vertical Maximalism*, 95 CORNELL L. REV. 1 (2009).

Adam J. Hirsch

WILLIAM & CATHERINE VANDERCREEK

PROFESSOR

Article: *Delaware Unifies the Law of Charitable and Noncharitable Purpose Trusts*, ESTATE PLANNING (November 2009). **Presentation:** *Freedom of Testation/Freedom of Contract* (Texas Wesleyan School of Law Faculty Workshop, February 2010).

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Annino Study Relied Upon by U.S. Supreme Court



Paolo Annino

A United States Supreme Court decision handed down Monday, May 17 relied heavily on a study led by Florida State University College of Law Clinical Professor Paolo Annino. The decision, in the case of *Graham vs. Florida*, reflected the majority of the court's consensus that life in prison without the opportunity for parole represents cruel and unusual punishment for juvenile offenders who did not commit homicide. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy several times cited and relied on Annino's study, "Juvenile Life Without Parole for Non-Homicide Offenses: Florida Compared to Nation" in writing the opinion. The study found 109 people nationally who were teenagers at the time of their offenses and who are serving life without parole; 77 are in Florida.

Annino's research began more than a dozen years ago when the Public Interest Law Center received a grant from The Florida Bar Foundation to research teen offenders sentenced to adult prisons. "But for their encouragement and initial funding, I do not know that this would have happened," Annino said. "They gave us support and clear direction."

While Annino did not represent *Graham*, he and certified legal interns at the center represent clients who will be eligible for resentencing hearings. "This does not guarantee parole," Annino said. "It simply provides a fair sentence."

One of the Public Interest Law Center's clients, Kenneth Young, was featured in the study. "Kenneth has been a model inmate," Annino added. The center anticipates working on a resentencing hearing for Young. Because Florida has abolished parole, Young and other youthful offenders in Florida affected by the ruling will be eligible for resentencing hearings instead.

Annino, David W. Rasmussen, dean of the Florida State University College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and law school graduate Chelsea Boehme Rice conducted the study in July 2009, with assistance from law student Jessica Schuh Harmsen and Florida State undergraduate student Yale Olenick.

An added impact of the decision, Annino hopes, is that a bill that students presented to the Florida legislature the past three sessions will gain momentum. The bill, Second Chance for Children in Prison Act, made it through several committees in 2010 but did not make it to the floor for a full vote by either House. "The U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged that kids should be treated differently than adults. This bill does the same thing," Annino said. "Based on the *Graham* decision, we may change some elements of the bill before the session begins next spring."

Dean Don Weidner added: "Thanks to the financial support of The Florida Bar Foundation, Professor Annino has made our students an important part of this historic work."

Moot Court Students Excel



Front row, L-R: First-place winning Moot Court Team members include Rebecca Swindull, Lauren Davis and Jennifer Gutai; back row, Ana Barton, Steve Muscatello, Michael Redondo, Andrew Grogan, advisor Nat Stern and Tiffany Roddenberry. Not pictured is Yordanka Nedyalkova.

Four national championships in one year is a phenomenal accomplishment for any organization. In 2010, it marks a record achievement for the Florida State University College of Law Moot Court Team. The team's season of wins began in February with a first-place finish in the 2010 Religious Freedom Moot Court Competition, followed by the 2010 National Security Law Moot Court Competition, both at George Washington University Law School. Two more teams brought home national titles during the last weekend in February: from the Gabrielli National Family Law Competition at Albany Law School in Albany, N.Y., and the Luke Charles Moore Civil Rights

Invitational at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Team advisor Nat Stern, the John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor, noted that while each of the four teams "did a superb job," the "margin between winning and losing can be extremely fine" because judging is subjective and competition at the national level is so intense. He added, "The difference between a year in which we win one competition and one in which we win four competitions can be very small. This year, it came together wonderfully. Fortunately, deserving teams took first place in four different competitions."

Steve Muscatello, a third-year student and member of one of the winning

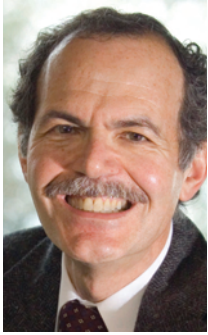
teams, compares the subjectivity of advocacy competition scoring to that of judging ice skating. Judges' preference comes into play, whereas in some other competitive activities, more objective scoring occurs. Stern compared Florida State Law's run of success this year to the football dynasty at Florida State University. During the dynasty, the football team was always highly competitive, but national titles could have been diverted by such small events as one missed field goal. The law school's Moot Court Team has been highly successful and competitive for years, but this is a year of championships.

Preparation is key to the success of any championship team, and the Moot Court Team is no exception to that rule. Winning team member Ana Barton attributes much of the success to Stern, who proves to be one of the most difficult practice judges that team members face.

"Professor Stern judges at least one practice for each of the individual competitions we go to, which always promises to be the most challenging round of questioning we could possibly have. If we survive that practice, we know we are in good shape for competition," Barton laughed.

The training the Moot Court Team has gone through this year obviously paid off. "Everything just aligned beautifully for our teams this year," Stern said.

Under Stern Observations



Nat S. Stern

After nearly 20 years of managing the Moot Court Team, he has turned it into a finely tuned machine. As the team’s advisor since 1997, Professor Nat S.

Stern is responsible for grouping students into competition teams, finding a competition for each team and placing each small group in the capable hands of a coach or coaches.

The task may sound fairly simple, but when one considers that Stern’s team pairings must consider the interests and opinions of 30 team members, it gets more complicated. Plus, Stern helps the team develop a budget, and he tries to sit as a judge during practices for each of his 15 small teams at least once. Stern also serves as a coach to one group annually.

Still, Stern is humble about what his

efforts mean to the team’s success.

“Students deserve overwhelming responsibility for their success,” the John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor said. “We can put a structure in place with excellent coaches and match them in a rational way, but their sterling talents and efforts ultimately account for the success of the team.”

Ana Barton, a third-year student, countered, “Our Moot Court Team would not be as polished or run as smoothly as it does were it not for Professor Stern. First, he works his magic behind the scenes not only by sorting out the assignment of team members to each competition, but also by recruiting

top-notch coaches who are willing to invest long hours helping us prepare.”

Third-year student Steve Muscatello also knows Stern’s true value: “Professor Stern has cultivated within our program a culture of excellence, hard work and pride in representing Florida State. He also provides the continuity — the institutional knowledge — necessary for a program that turns over with each graduating class. He challenges new team members to embrace and continue the tradition of success. He does this mostly through his obvious passion for written and oral advocacy — and that passion is contagious.”

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Championships

2010 Religious Freedom Moot Court Competition

George Washington University Law School
February 5
Members: Ana Barton (3L)
Steve Muscatello (3L)
Coach: Arthur Stern, III

2010 National Security Law Moot Court Competition

George Washington University Law School
February 13-14
Members: Andrew Grogan (3L)
Michael Redondo (3L)
Coach: The Honorable Bradford L. Thomas of the Florida First District Court of Appeal

Luke Charles Moore Civil Rights Invitational

Howard University
February 26-27
Members: Yordanka Nedyalkova (3L)
Tiffany Roddenberry (2L)
Coach: The Honorable James R. Wolf of the Florida First District Court of Appeal

Gabrielli National Family Law Competition

Albany Law School
February 26-27
Members: Lauren Davis (2L)
Jennifer Gutai (3L)
Rebecca Swindull (2L)
Coach: Arthur Stern, III

Solicitor General's Office Celebrates 10 Years



L-R: Solicitor General Scott Makar, Florida's first solicitor general Tom Warner, Florida Supreme Court Justice Jorge Labarga, Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp, and former Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth.

In 2009, the Florida Office of the Solicitor General celebrated its 10th anniversary. In honor of the milestone, the *Florida State University Law Review* recently published an article by alumnus Rachel Nordby ('08) about the history of the office and its contributions to the state and to the Florida State University College of Law.

In addition to representing the state of Florida in significant civil appeals cases, the Solicitor General serves as the Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar at the law school. As such, he is an adjunct professor and teaches one course each spring and fall semester. This partnership allows Florida State Law students to learn about cutting-edge legal issues directly from the attorney who represents the state's interests in major appellate cases. Since becoming Solicitor General in 2007, Scott Makar has taught courses such as Amicus Briefs and Famous Florida Trials. His experience as Solicitor General allows him to offer students unique perspective on high-level appellate practice. In addition to arguing cases before federal courts and the Florida Supreme Court, Makar represented the state before the U.S. Supreme Court four times during the current term.

For more information about the Office of the Solicitor General and its first 10 years, read the full *Law Review* article online.

Student Annual Fund Drive Topples Records — Again

During this spring's fund drive, a staggering 81 percent of Florida State University College of Law students made cash contributions to the law school's annual fund, making the 2010 rate of student giving the highest in the school's history. The student annual fund drive was January 25-31.

“We look at the annual fund drive as an opportunity to show our gratitude to the faculty and administration for all of the hard work that goes into preparing us for the legal profession.”

“Generating a culture of philanthropy is critical as state law schools are being privatized,” said Dean Don Weidner. According to American Bar Association data, Florida State is one of the nation's best law schools in terms of alumni giving rate.

“For the students, donating to the school is much more than a number,” said Student Bar Association President Andrew Fay, whose leadership was instrumental during the drive. “We look at the annual fund drive as an opportunity to show our gratitude to the faculty and administration for all of the hard work that goes into preparing us for the legal profession.”

The class of 2011 had the highest participation rate with 89.26 percent of the class making a donation.

Florida State Law Grads Excel on Florida Bar Exam

Florida State University College of Law graduates ranked first among the state's 10 law schools with more than one test taker on the February 2010 administration of the Florida Bar Examination.

Florida State Law graduates taking the February 2010 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 84.8 percent, according to statistics from the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. In six of the last nine Florida Bar exams our graduates ranked first among all Florida law schools that had more than one test taker. Ave Maria Law School, with one test taker, technically ranked first with a 100 percent passing rate. The overall passing rate of all law school graduates taking the exam for the first time was 72.2 percent. The exam was administered February 23-24 in Tampa to 812 first-time takers, including 33 from Florida State.

“We are very proud that Florida State Law students continue to achieve superb results on the Florida Bar exam,” said Dean Don Weidner. “Special congratulations and thanks go to our recent graduates for their outstanding accomplishment.”

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Marsey Joins Placement Office; Pankey Returns to Development Position



Becky Marsey

Becky Marsey became assistant director of the Placement Office in December 2009. Marsey first joined the Florida State University College of Law in November 2007 as faculty support coordinator.

As assistant director of the Placement Office, Marsey coordinates On Campus Interviews and works to increase employer participation in all aspects of recruiting through employer outreach programs. She also coordinates campus events and counsels first-year students on resume writing.

Before joining the law school, Marsey served Keiser University in Tallahassee in a variety of capacities, including continuing education coordinator, student services coordinator and, most recently, director of student services. As director of student services, Marsey was responsible for providing job placement assistance to non-traditional students. She has a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology.



Mark Pankey

Mark Pankey, a familiar face at the law school since 2002, has returned to the law school as its senior development officer, working directly with the dean to develop opportunities for and to secure major gifts of \$100,000 or more. He became director of development in May 2002 and was promoted to a vice presidency of the Florida State University Foundation in 2007. He continues to oversee development for the colleges of Education, Social Science & Policy, Criminology and Engineering as well. Before coming to Florida State University in 1997, Pankey served in development roles at Iowa State University, Benedictine University and California University of Pennsylvania.



Inaugural Issue of Florida Health Law Journal Published

The Florida Bar Health Law Section, in cooperation with the College of Law, has published the first issue of *The Florida Health Law Journal*. The inaugural volume presents timely and highly relevant articles by Florida health lawyers. L-R: December 2009 graduate **Jerry Rumph** and third-year law students **Latoyia Adams**, **Andrew Marcus**, **Roary Snider** and **Kaitlyn Bagnato** served as student article editors for the volume. James M. "Chet" Barclay ('69), founding editor-in-chief and former chair of the Health Law Section, serves as a section liaison to Florida State law students.



Chris Tanner, class of 2010, interviews with Stephen W. Metz ('75) of Metz , Husband and Daughton, P.A. during Mach Speed Mock Interviews. The interviews coincided with the law school's Board of Visitors meeting in February and gave students the opportunity to practice their interview skills with potential employers. More than 40 students participated with approximately 20 Board of Visitors members who donated their time.

CLOSING NOTES...

Ninety-nine percent of the graduating class of 2009 was placed within nine months of graduation, the majority of them in private firms.

Twenty-five percent of the students in our 2009 entering class have LSAT scores of 162 or higher and the average LSAT is 161. The median GPA is 3.53.

Our Student Bar Association was selected “SBA of the Year” in 2008 and 2009 by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

***Hispanic Business* magazine (2009) ranks us the nation’s 3rd best law school for Hispanic students.**



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