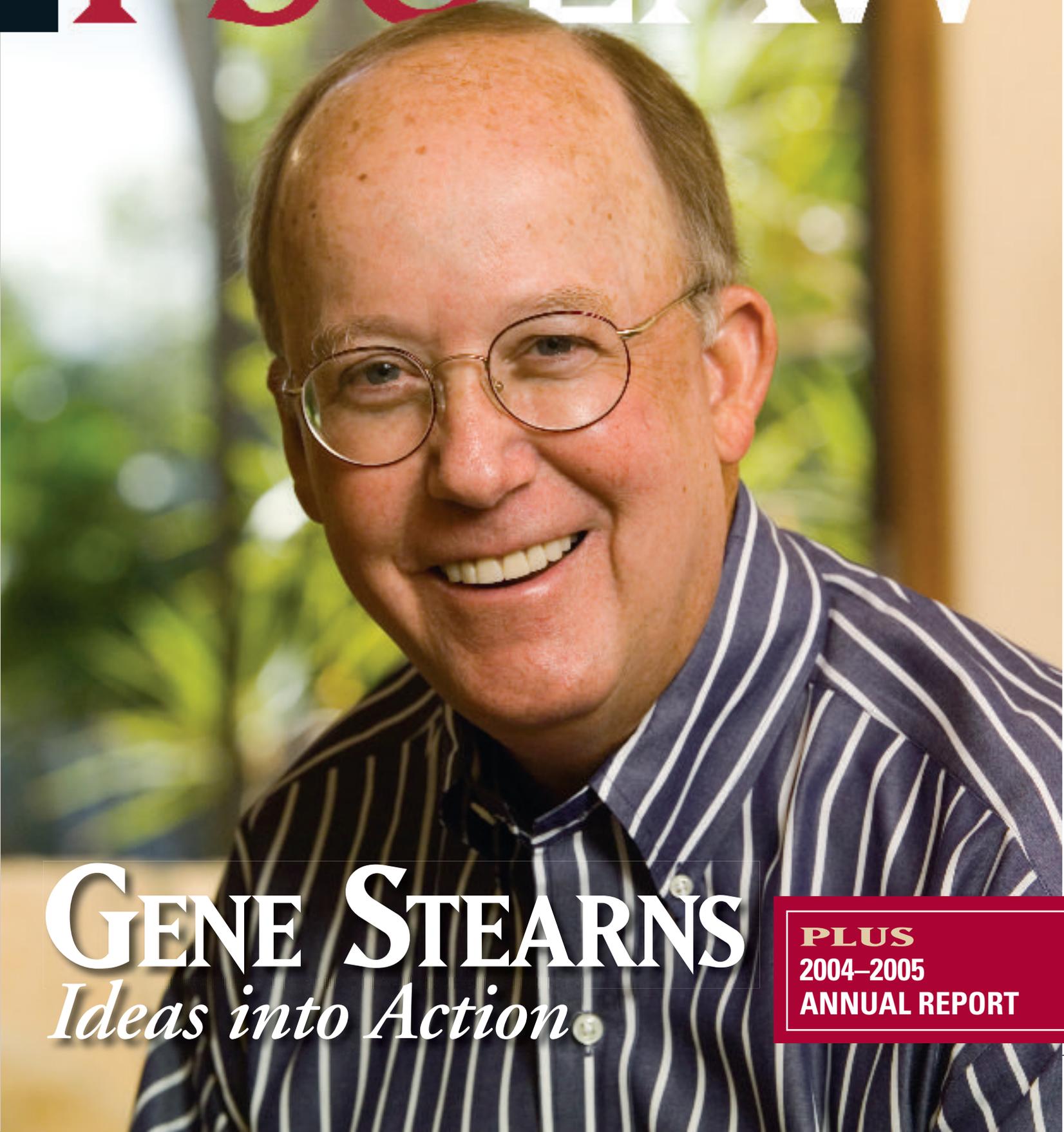


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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Weidner'.

**Don Weidner**

*Dean and Alumni Centennial Chair*

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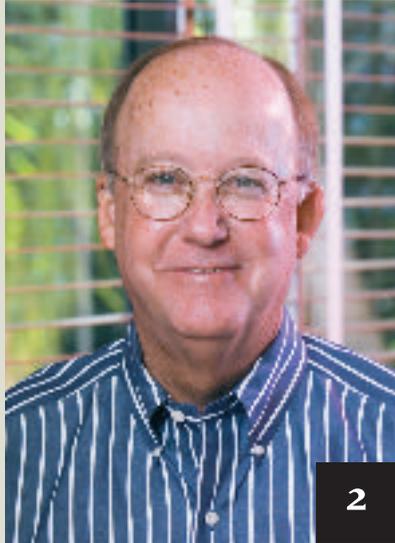
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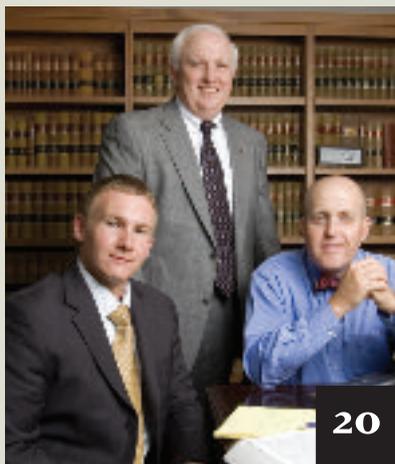
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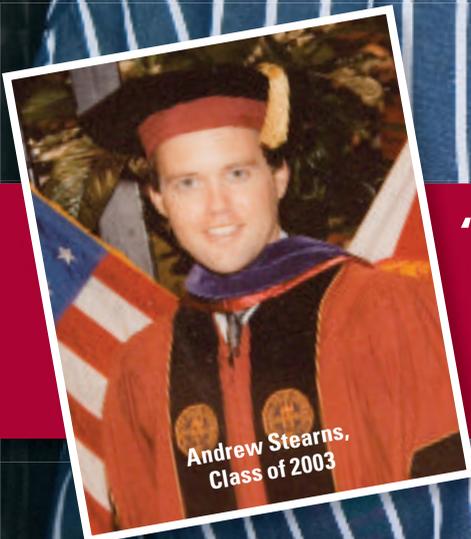
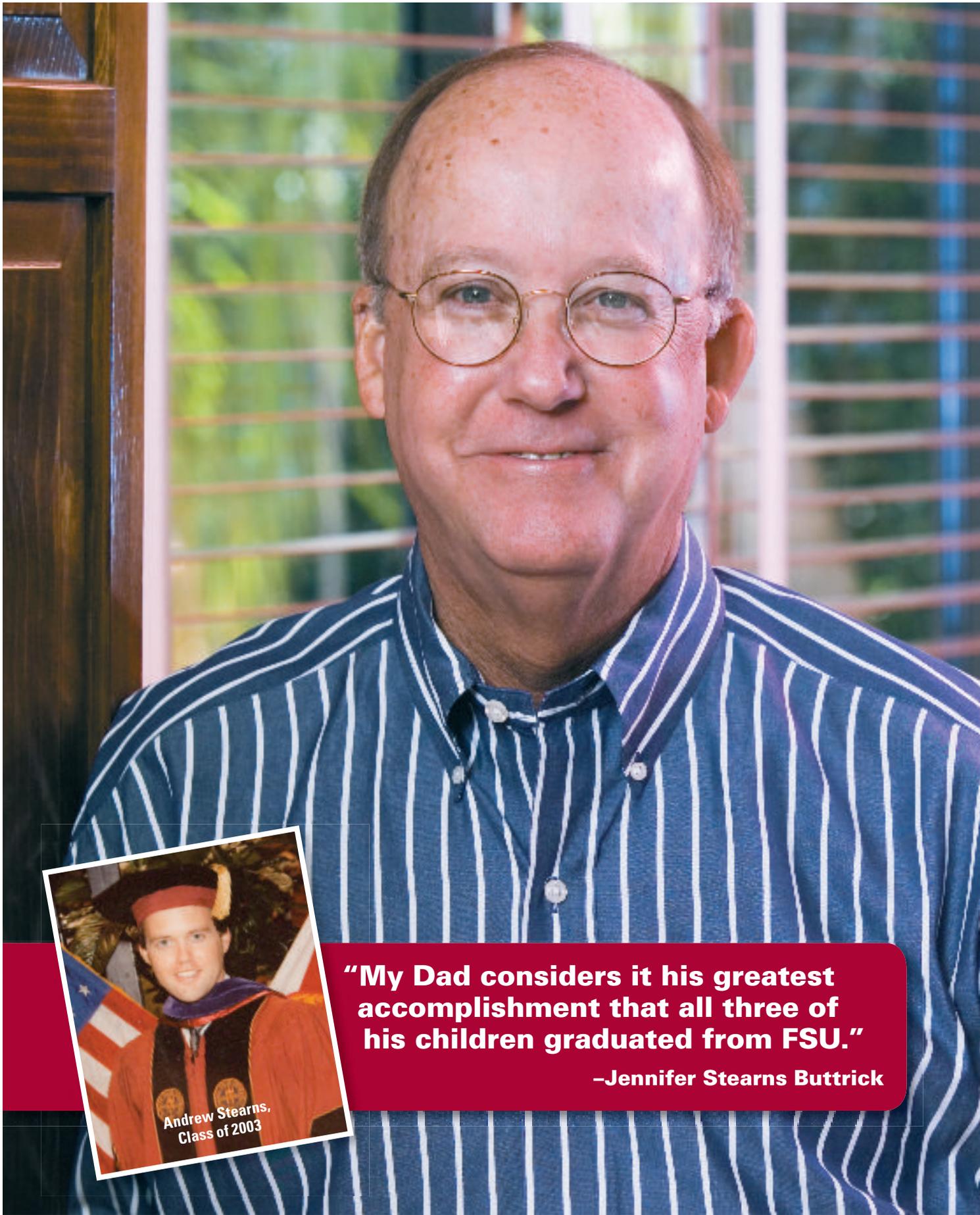
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**“My Dad considers it his greatest accomplishment that all three of his children graduated from FSU.”**  
—Jennifer Stearns Buttrick

# Gene Stearns

## A Visionary Who Helped Shape Florida's History

BY BARBARA ASH

Florida lawmakers of the late 1960s and early 1970s still refer to those years as a period of “great intellectual energy,” a “magical time” and the “most dynamic period in Florida’s political history.”

They point with pride to landmark legislation that shaped Florida’s future: the Constitutional Revision session of 1967 that resulted in the Florida Constitution of 1968, the 1969 reorganization of the executive branch of government, the modernization of the judicial branch, passage of pivotal environmental legislation and the restructuring of Florida’s state and local tax systems in the 1970s.

Key leaders of the day—Reubin Askew, Richard Pettigrew, Marshall Harris, Sandy D’Alemberte, among others—acknowledge a small group of young legislative aides whom they say were indispensable to them as they tackled those historic issues. Among the members of that group of standouts—many who later rose to the heights of political power in Florida—was Gene Stearns, an FSU law student in his early 20s who had acquired the respect and attention of powerful men.

The people who knew Stearns as president of the student body at Florida State, as a College of Law student and as a trusted political advisor say they are not at all surprised that today he runs one of the most successful law firms in Florida—Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson—and is considered one of the state’s brightest and most effective trial lawyers.

Stearns’ attendance in law school extended from the normal three years to five years because of the distraction of politics and coincided with his service at the highest levels of state government. From 1967 until 1972, when he graduated from law school, Stearns served on the staff of the Florida House of Representatives, which included Constitutional Revision, two years as committee staff for the House Committee on Governmental Reorganization (which at the time organized the Executive Branch of Florida government into 22 departments), and the last two years as chief of

staff to Richard Pettigrew, whose term as House Speaker began just as Reubin Askew was sworn in as Florida’s Governor in January 1970.

Askew, who first got to know Stearns when the former was representing Pensacola in the state legislature, said: “I was immensely impressed with Gene, and came to rely on him and his political judgment and counsel more than just about anybody. He was a very, very bright young man, very remarkable in his political instincts.”

### ‘A Prototype of a Brilliant Young Intellectual’

Askew continues to credit Stearns and a small group of Stearns’ colleagues (including FSU alums Greg Johnson and Jim Smith) for helping him become governor in 1970. “I was not seen as someone who was supposed to win. In fact, Lawton Chiles (who was running for U.S. Senate) and I were supposed to finish not just last, but a poor last.”

At a time when “no new taxes” was the theme of every statewide campaign, Stearns and his group gave Askew a theme that distinguished him from all the others: tax reform, supported by proposed new taxes on interest groups that Stearns believed had for too long controlled the political process. Stearns’ view was that, as the only candidate proposing new taxes to support critical state and local government programs that were in disrepair, the field of candidates would quickly be divided into Askew and everybody else, a distinction Stearns believed would allow Askew to overcome a huge disparity in campaign spending and name recognition.

Former Miami legislator Sandy D’Alemberte, who worked with Stearns during the 1967 to 1972 period on subjects ranging from Constitutional Revision to tax reform, said: “Gene had fresh thinking on a wide range of subjects and was very much involved in a significant level of policy development. Campaigning on a corporate income tax issue was a smart thing to do, but it took a great deal of advocacy on Gene’s part to convince Reubin to do that. It was a radical idea.”

Recalled Stearns: “Had Askew been a front runner he would not have spent much time listening to a 25-year-old law student. As it turned out, he could not afford better advice and we ended up surprising the pundits and big money with a victory financed by a shoestring budget. Of course, we had an unbelievably effective candidate who sold good government with passion.”

Askew's Fair Share Tax Plan, co-authored by Stearns, was the principal theme of Askew's campaign, led to the restructuring of Florida's state and local tax structure and set the stage for a host of other reform measures that swept in with the Askew/Pettigrew tide of fresh ideas.

"Shaping those issues became critically important to the campaign, and that's why I always felt that Gene played such a key role in my successful election," Askew said.

Dick Pettigrew describes the unusual role Stearns played during his term as speaker as critical to the success of the reforms of the early '70s. "Gene was my chief of staff and was at the same time a confidant of a new and popular governor who was trying to accomplish great things. Gene used that unusual circumstance to advance a bold public agenda he played a large part in creating."

Martin Dyckman, a columnist with the *St. Petersburg Times*, who covered the 1970 campaign and the early years of the Askew administration as the newspaper's Tallahassee bureau chief, remembers Stearns as a "brilliant prototype of a young intellectual who had not much of a role in government up until that time. He was an idealistic, passionate young man, determined to change the world for the better, and that appealed to Askew and Pettigrew."

Askew, who still keeps in touch with Stearns, said, "The key to Gene is that he's honest and straightforward in presenting his beliefs. In short, he's just a principled man, and I believe that's why he has done so well as an advocate. Because of his position as Richard Pettigrew's chief of staff, he was given an opportunity that few people of his young age have to exert his influence for the good."

Stearns observed that Askew and Pettigrew, "were two of the most decent people you could ever work for who became role models for what I aspire to be."

### **An Astute Trial Lawyer**

Although he had expected to make a career in politics and had accepted a job on Askew's staff to follow Pettigrew's speakership term, Stearns took a different career path immediately after graduating from law school. "The instant I completed law school I began to look differently at the prospect of politics as a life's work," Stearns said. "Up to that point politics had



**Jennifer Stearns Buttrick, Kara Stearns Sharp and Gene and Diana Stearns at their Key Biscayne home, where they have hosted alumni receptions**

been a wonderful experience, in large part because I had the freedom that came from not needing the job. If someone didn't like what I thought or said, and there were a fair number who didn't, it didn't affect my life or my family.

"The morning before I was to move to the Governor's office, however, I woke up with a feeling of claustrophobia. If I stayed in government I would suddenly find myself needing the job. I quit the day before I was supposed to start and that same day accepted an associate position in Dick Pettigrew's Miami law firm as a lawyer divorced from politics."

Stearns quickly proved himself as astute a trial lawyer as he was a political advisor.

In his first year in practice Stearns was lead trial counsel in a suit brought as a counterclaim against a real estate investment trust. He obtained summary judgment on the main claim brought against his client, tried a counterclaim to a jury that awarded a \$1.9 million verdict and thereafter successfully defended the verdict to Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeals.

"I'd never been to a trial before," Stearns said recently about the case. "It was good way to start a career as a trial lawyer."

That success became the first in a series of jury and appellate court triumphs that span a 33-year legal career:

- In March of this year, Stearns argued to the United States Supreme Court a decade long dispute among the federal circuits over the reach of federal jurisdictions in class actions. In June, a divided Supreme Court, in an opinion authored by Justice Kennedy, adopted Stearns' view of the federal jurisdictional issue and, in the process affirmed a jury verdict Stearns had obtained against Exxon Corporation for compensatory damages of \$500 million on behalf of Exxon service stations owners. With prejudgment interest, that claim now exceeds \$1.1 billion, one of the largest jury verdicts and damage awards ever awarded in the federal courts.
- Representing a group of Capital Bank shareholders seeking to oust control of the bank from a family group alleged to have abused it, Stearns successfully navigated litigation in multiple forums, including a lengthy Florida administrative hearing, which led to the ouster of the family from control of the bank and the ultimate sale of the company to a large banking organization.
- In numerous large federal securities class actions on behalf of corporate defendants, Stearns has established important precedents limiting corporate and officer and director liability in the United States District Courts and in the

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

- On behalf of a large generic pharmaceutical company, Stearns has successfully prosecuted suits stripping away patent claims asserted by name brand pharmaceutical companies that inflated the cost of prescription drugs by billions of dollars.
- On behalf of a large regional bank, Stearns obtained one of the largest RICO jury verdicts ever awarded.
- On behalf of then Congresswoman Carrie Meek and other African American community leaders, Stearns successfully prosecuted a Voting Rights Act case that compelled single member districts for election of Dade County Commissioners.

“It’s been a good run,” Stearns said.

## **Idealism: From Theory to Practice**

Still an idealist, who believes that “the greatest joy comes from doing things for others”—“psychic income” he calls it—Stearns’ advocacy extends into the realm of pro bono work.

“I have a macro view of social problems,” he said. “The genius of American government has not appeared very often at the local level. Most local governments are designed by public administrators whose idea of good government is giant government. I believe that prevents meaningful public participation at the most important level of government which, in turn, has fed the fundamental problems that beset government at every other level.”

Carrying that view from theory to practice, starting in the mid-1980s Stearns, on a pro bono basis, successfully represented communities throughout South Florida that aspired to create new local governments to serve those small communities in a way the regional governments could not. He represented organizing groups for what are now the Village of Key Biscayne, the City of Aventura, the Village of Pincrest, the City of Sunny Isles and the City of Islamorada, shepherding their petitions for self government through every step of the process.

Son Andrew, a 2003 graduate of the College of Law who practices with his father, said he learned a lesson through the controversial Dade County incorporation issues—particularly the importance of

“hard work and honesty.” He also learned about what kind of man his father is.

“He is a true believer in good government which made watching Dade County tough to take. He saw incorporating small towns as the means to address purely local issues more effectively and also temper the influence wielded by interest groups on the massive county bureaucracy,” said Andrew, who was 10 at the time. “From time to time, the incorporation issue was personally hurtful because the most vocal people in the community were adversaries, who were also the most mean-spirited.

“But in the face of adversity, he not only knew the right thing to do, but he was relentless in pursuing it. I believe that his professional success is the result of his honesty. When you are consistently honest, it’s tough for adversaries to deal with. Today, even the people who were major opponents of incorporation admit that it was the right thing to do.”

## **Close Family Ties and a Trip to Augusta**

Stearns and his wife, Diana, who met when she was 14 and he was 13, live on Key Biscayne and recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Diana Stearns graduated from Florida State in 1965 and Gene in 1966, both with Bachelor of Arts degrees.

In addition to Andrew, the Stearns have two daughters, Kara Stearns Sharp, a CPA in Miami and a 1990 graduate of Florida State; and Jennifer Stearns Buttrick, a shareholder in the litigation department of Stearns Weaver. She received her bachelor of arts degree from FSU in 1990 and her JD from the FSU College of Law in 1994. Sharp and Buttrick, whose husband also is a shareholder in the law firm, live within two miles of their parents on Key Biscayne.

“My Mom and Dad are a good team and always presented a united front,” said Buttrick. “We were blessed to have liberal parents in the sense that they gave us many cultural opportunities. We weren’t weeds let to grow freely, they directed us, but at the same time allowed us to make choices.”

Sharp, whom the Stearns adopted when she was 16, said, “Most people would not take in a teenager they didn’t know and teach them the same values from a moral perspective that they taught their other children—the importance of hard work and honesty. They have had a strong influ-

ence on me, and it’s been an incredible opportunity.”

Said Buttrick: “Throughout his career, he managed to be a great Dad, and was always there for us as we were growing up. He coached my brother’s sports teams, and instead of going to social events and fundraisers on Friday and Saturday nights, he was with the family.”

Now, every Monday night is “family night” at the Stearns’ home, where their three grown children, four young grandchildren and sons-in-law gather for dinner. “I love to see my Dad’s face light up when the grandchildren walk through the door,” Buttrick said. “He adores them, and they adore him.”

An avid golfer, Stearns, his two sons-in-law and nephew play golf every Sunday morning. Andrew Stearns calls it “Extreme Golf,” and passes on the 7:30 a.m. tee time.

Mixing work with pleasure, Stearns represented golfing legend Jack Nicklaus and his company in litigation arising from misfeasance of a senior officer of a subsidiary company. After Stearns laid out his strategy to deal with the case, Nicklaus said if that worked they’d celebrate with a round at Augusta. Later, when the matter was favorably resolved, Nicklaus fulfilled his promise. Stearns jokes that his round at Augusta with Jack Nicklaus was the largest fee he ever earned. “He doesn’t display much on his office walls, but he has the photo of himself and Jack Nicklaus at Augusta next to the scorecard hanging up there,” Buttrick said.

And then there’s FSU. Stearns says that his formative years as an FSU undergraduate and his five years in the College of Law were among the most important in his life. “From FSU all else flows,” said Stearns. “My professors, Chuck Ehrhardt, Mason Ladd, Gil Finnel, Bill Vandercreek and so many others provided inspiration about the law that is part of my life every day.” Capping it off has been the education of his children. “My Dad considers it his greatest accomplishment that all three of his children graduated from FSU,” Jennifer said. ✱

# Anne McGihon



## A Rising Star in the Colorado Legislature

**C**olorado State Rep. Anne McGihon is the first to acknowledge that her career has taken some surprising turns.

The Denver Democrat was re-elected in November 2004 with 61 percent of the vote in a district that is two-thirds Republican and independent. She has become a rising star in her party by fearlessly defending her convictions while reaching across the aisle whenever possible. She also serves as a Commissioner on Uniform State Laws – along with FSU College of Law Professor Charles W. Ehrhardt.

However, the 1984 College of Law graduate never planned on running for office. The truth is, she never even planned to be a lawyer.

“I never wanted to go to law school. In fact, I made fun of the poli-sci majors I knew in college who were headed for law school,” said McGihon, who received her Master of Social Work in 1980 from FSU. “I couldn’t understand why anyone would want to. I got involved in the courts doing psychiatric social work with inpatients at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital—dealing with family issues and Baker Act cases. At

the time, budgets were being cut back and I thought I could do more good in law.”

So she entered law school, became Student Bar Association president and graduated with honors. Her first job as a lawyer was as a litigation associate with Akerman, Senterfitt & Edison in Orlando. There, she drafted legislation, served as a lobbyist and worked on banking issues.

“I practiced in Orlando and loved the firm,” McGihon said. “It was wonderful, but I missed the Northeast, so I moved home to Washington, D.C. After I had been back for two years, I realized that at that

time, D.C. was a place where everybody worked too hard, even the cab drivers. It was the go-go '80s and not the place I wanted to be."

She had spent a summer in Boulder, Colorado, during graduate school and fell in love with it. "I was a Navy kid and lived in many places, but Colorado was the first place that felt like home. I always promised myself that I would make it back. It took a while, but I made it."

After three years in the nation's capital, McGihon landed at Holland & Hart in Denver in 1989. In addition to her duties as a senior litigation associate, she got involved in the state's political scene.

## An Unusual Series of Events

"When I moved out here, I became involved in local politics, working on campaigns at all levels," she said. In 2003, she helped a term-limited state senator get elected to a Denver city council seat. After he won, an unusual series of events changed McGihon's public life forever.

The state House representative from that district was elected, under Colorado

any real training—it was all on the job. Most new legislators are not used to the language, using the rules and procedures, and so it can be difficult for them. It was easy for me because I know the language of law used in the legislature," McGihon said. "I knew the procedures—nothing was new or startling as it is for so many freshmen legislators, even though I had no real orientation."

In fact, McGihon's nameplate was not even dry when she caused her first stir. House Bill 1078 sought to legislate the amount of pornography children could be exposed to, by requiring stores to screen everything sold. The bill would have fined or jailed booksellers, theatre owners and others for displaying broadly defined "sexually offensive materials" in their windows or bookshelves.

"I felt that the bill was unconstitutional. Yet, everybody told me there was no way in hell to kill it, even though it would have closed every bookstore in Colorado." McGihon did not back down. "I used legislative procedures to pass an amendment to the bill that killed it, saving taxpayers money by avoiding expensive litigation

health care. She is chairing an interim committee gathering information for studying solutions to resolve the health care crisis, especially for small businesses.

"The number of uninsured in the state went from 600,000 to 759,000 in the period since I was elected," she said. "It is the most important thing I can do — especially to reduce the cost of health care for all Coloradoans. We will be working on it for a long time."

## FSU Schoolmates Provide Support

She says her success to this point and in the future is the result of those supporters who have stood with her, including financial support from FSU schoolmates. "We've had lots of town meetings since I've been in office, and my supporters are always there. People spend their weekends with me. I wouldn't be anywhere without these folks," she said. "They make my service worth it. They are absolutely fabulous volunteers and friends. This is not a job you can do alone."

The same can be said of her growing private practice. McGihon & Associates has been primarily a one-lawyer firm since McGihon was elected, but that is changing. "I have a colleague joining me that will be able to continue our legal work during the session," she said. "There are two to three legislators who work with me in the off-season, including the Republican House minority leader."

After leaving for the Mountain Time Zone, McGihon maintained a connection to Florida by serving on the Florida Bar Board of Governors as an out-of-state member. "That desire to serve was instilled in me at law school and at my first job. I was told that we were expected to participate and give back for all the great things we have."

At one of those early Board of Governors meetings, she tucked away advice from a speech given by Florida State Sen. Skip Campbell about how lawyers need to serve in the legislature.

"It is shocking how few [lawyers] there are in the legislature. That means that people who know nothing about the law are charged with passing laws," McGihon said. "We lawyers must work in our legislatures and contribute—we have a public duty to participate. I encourage my colleagues to serve and make a difference." ❁

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law, to the vacated senator's spot, leaving the House seat open. McGihon's job was to find a replacement for the House seat, but a satisfactory candidate could not be found.

"It was all happening in the middle of an ugly redistricting fight, and the party folks decided that I should run, and I agreed."

The special vacancy election was a four-way race that took place over a 13-day period. On the first ballot, McGihon won with the necessary 50 percent plus one. She may have found herself in an unfamiliar place at the state Capitol, but that doesn't mean it took long for her to feel at home. McGihon said her law school education was invaluable during the transition—and since.

"Because I took a vacancy, I didn't get

over constitutionality," she said. "This was two weeks into my first session and it was gratifying."

In another case, she stood up to a Republican state representative looking to impeach a Denver District judge for ordering a woman who became a Christian and left a lesbian relationship not to teach her adopted daughter anything homophobic. McGihon and others, including Republican Party leaders, argued an impeachment was inappropriate, excessive and uncalled for.

The issue was quickly dropped.

McGihon's political capital has continued to increase and she has championed a number of health and mental health issues. As the Democrats enjoy control of the state House and Senate for the first time in 40 years, she says her top legislative priority is



*And the Winner Is...*  
**Kurt Bauerle**

BY DAVE FIORE

# Litigator Takes a Top Prize at Marco Island Film Festival

It is no secret that good lawyers are often good writers, but very few have parlayed that talent into an award-winning hobby. Kurt Bauerle has done just that.

Earlier this year, Bauerle co-wrote and co-produced his first movie, titled “Stuck,” which won a major award at the Marco Island Film Festival. The film stars Ken Howard (“The White Shadow”) and Wendy Malick (“Just Shoot Me”) as two of five people stranded on an elevator forced to deal with personality and culture clashes.

The 1998 College of Law graduate said he was always interested in film and didn’t give serious thought to attending law school until after he worked in Los Angeles for about three years.

“Going to law school was always in the back of my head, but I didn’t go right away,” Bauerle said. “After graduating from FSU (with an undergraduate degree in communications), I went out to Los Angeles and got a job at Lorimar TV as a production assistant, but the shows I was working on kept getting cancelled.” He said the lifestyle of intermittently working and then getting laid off was “troubling,” so he decided to go back to Tallahassee and start law school.

“I guess I just waited until I was mature enough to handle it,” he said.

His maturity was evidently not an issue as he graduated with honors before being snapped up by the prominent firm of Gray Harris & Robinson in Orlando. Then, when firm founder Gordon “Stumpy” Harris decided to leave the huge practice to start a new firm, Bauerle was one of just a few handpicked to join him at what would become Harris, Harris, Bauerle and Sharma. The firm specializes in eminent domain and property rights law.

“We represent interests in a major pipeline project, handling all the acquisitions,” Bauerle said. “I am proud to be part of the team helping to deliver natural gas to Florida.” In other parts of the state, the firm represents property owners.

## Project Started on a Lark

Bauerle said that on a lark, he and lifelong friend Brett Jaffee decided to write a script, but that they never thought they would do anything with it. Friends, however, prodded them to submit the script to an upcoming film festival.

“We missed the deadline, but we gave it to a local director, and he liked it and got excited about it,” Bauerle said. “It turns out that he was also an instructor at the Sundance (Film Festival) Film Lab. He showed it to actress Wendy Malick, and

“It was such an experience when they showed up,” he said. “From the first time we had a table reading with Wendy and Ken, I recognized that it doesn’t really matter what we wrote, it is all about the performances. They are so good at what they do.”

Bauerle said he worked on the movie on weekends and evenings and that they shot the film over a three-day holiday weekend. “We had to build the set, but it was not complicated since the entire movie takes place in an elevator,” he said.

The best part of the experience? “When

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**“I have plans for a feature ... that deals with the life and loves of a thirty-something lawyer.”**

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she loved it. Incredibly, she agreed to fly to Orlando and work with two producers she didn’t know.”

The next step was to find the male lead, but open casting calls in Orlando did not uncover any hidden gems. So they aimed their sights a little higher.

“We had a friend in D.C. who had contacts in L.A. who knew the publicist for Dennis Franz and Craig T. Nelson, but they were filming ‘NYPD Blue’ and ‘The District,’ respectively, and they could never make our tight schedule.”

Bauerle said the publicist also represented Ken Howard, but they never expected to hear from anyone again. Then, working at the law office on a quiet Sunday afternoon, Bauerle’s direct line rang. It was the White Shadow.

“I hear, ‘Hi, this is Ken Howard. I read the script, and I would love to be in the film. What are the details?’” Bauerle said. “I was in shock. The film has an interesting theme, and the script made sense, but it just doesn’t happen like this.”

Bauerle said the entire project was like a dream, and that even though he worked in L.A., the excitement of working with real stars doesn’t wear off.

we wrapped, everyone got a little teary-eyed,” Bauerle said. “Ken and Wendy said it was a magical set. They said everything was so rewarding to them, and that was rewarding to us. Ken was just gushing. It was pure movie making to them, not something commercial.”

It turns out that Howard was right about it not being commercial, because even with strong reviews and the festival award, Bauerle said there is just no market for shorts. But that has not slowed down the creative juices.

“I have plans for a feature that I am writing now that deals with the life and loves of a thirty-something lawyer,” Bauerle said.

While “Stuck” is not in video stores, the 20-minute film is available by request from Bauerle, who will send a DVD just for the asking. For a free copy, e-mail him at kurt@HHBSlaw.com.

Bauerle said being a lawyer and writing a movie script is actually not that much of a stretch. “Lawyers are creative, we write a lot and we are disciplined,” he said. “We have all the elements to be successful writers. It is satisfying and fulfilling to write something, even if it just stays in the drawer.” ✱

# Todd Foster



**Former FBI Agent Builds  
Successful Second Career  
in Criminal Law**

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## “Having a law degree and the clinical experience from FSU, plus a year and a half in the field gave me a lot of insight that other FBI agents did not have.”

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**T**odd Foster can tell you what he did before he went into private law practice. But then he'd have to kill you.

Well, that may be a little extreme, but the former FBI agent does believe it's best to keep the details of his work in organized crime and narcotics to himself.

Foster, a 1981 College of Law graduate, has used his experiences as an assistant state attorney, federal prosecutor, FBI agent and staffer in more than one U.S. Attorney's office to create a niche in private practice defending those in serious legal disputes.

In fact, it was the desire for a multitude of experiences that led Foster to the College of Law in the first place.

“I was impressed that the school offered clinical programs such as internships at the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's Office and with the local circuit judge and state attorney,” he said. “I could get a lot of practical experience while I was still in school because of the access to the Capitol. That was a big difference to me—to be already exposed to so much. I could get work and a leg up.”

While in law school, Foster met a local FBI agent who encouraged him to apply for the agent training program. His childhood ambition would be put on hold at graduation, however, as an agency-wide hiring freeze was in affect. Instead, he landed a position in the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville.

Eighteen months later, the freeze was lifted and Foster was offered a job. “I worked in organized crime and as a narcotics agent in Jacksonville and Houston, where I learned how to analyze, investigate and interview people to make cases,” he said. “I learned also how to deconstruct

defenses—I was effective at tearing up the defenses to our cases.”

Foster said he worked on both the investigations and the ensuing trials. “Having a law degree and the clinical experience from FSU, plus a year and a half in the field gave me a lot of insight that other FBI agents did not have. The assignments I received reflected my experience.”

### High-Profile Cases

His career took a sharp turn due to a high-profile murder in 1985. A Drug Enforcement Agency agent was kidnapped, tortured and killed in Guadalajara, Mexico, and the U.S. Department of Justice decided to beef up its cases against the involved drug cartels. The Department of Justice hired Foster for the U.S. Attorney's Office to work on the project.

Foster said he didn't think twice about accepting the dangerous task. “There was no fear in this assignment, because I had done it before at the FBI,” he said. “I was very motivated to do it, and the people surrounding me were very motivated as well. Fear was not a factor.”

He eventually became the supervisor of the Drug Trafficking section of that office before leaving for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa. There, he quickly rose to become chief of the Major Crimes Section where he personally prosecuted and supervised some of the largest fraud and racketeering investigations undertaken in the region.

In 1994, Foster joined what is now Cohen, Jayson & Foster, where he represents individuals and corporations suspected of committing serious crimes. The majority of his practice is focused on complex federal criminal matters, including pre-indictment

and trial representation.

Foster found himself on a national stage in 1997 when he represented parents accused of lying about the disappearance of their young daughter.

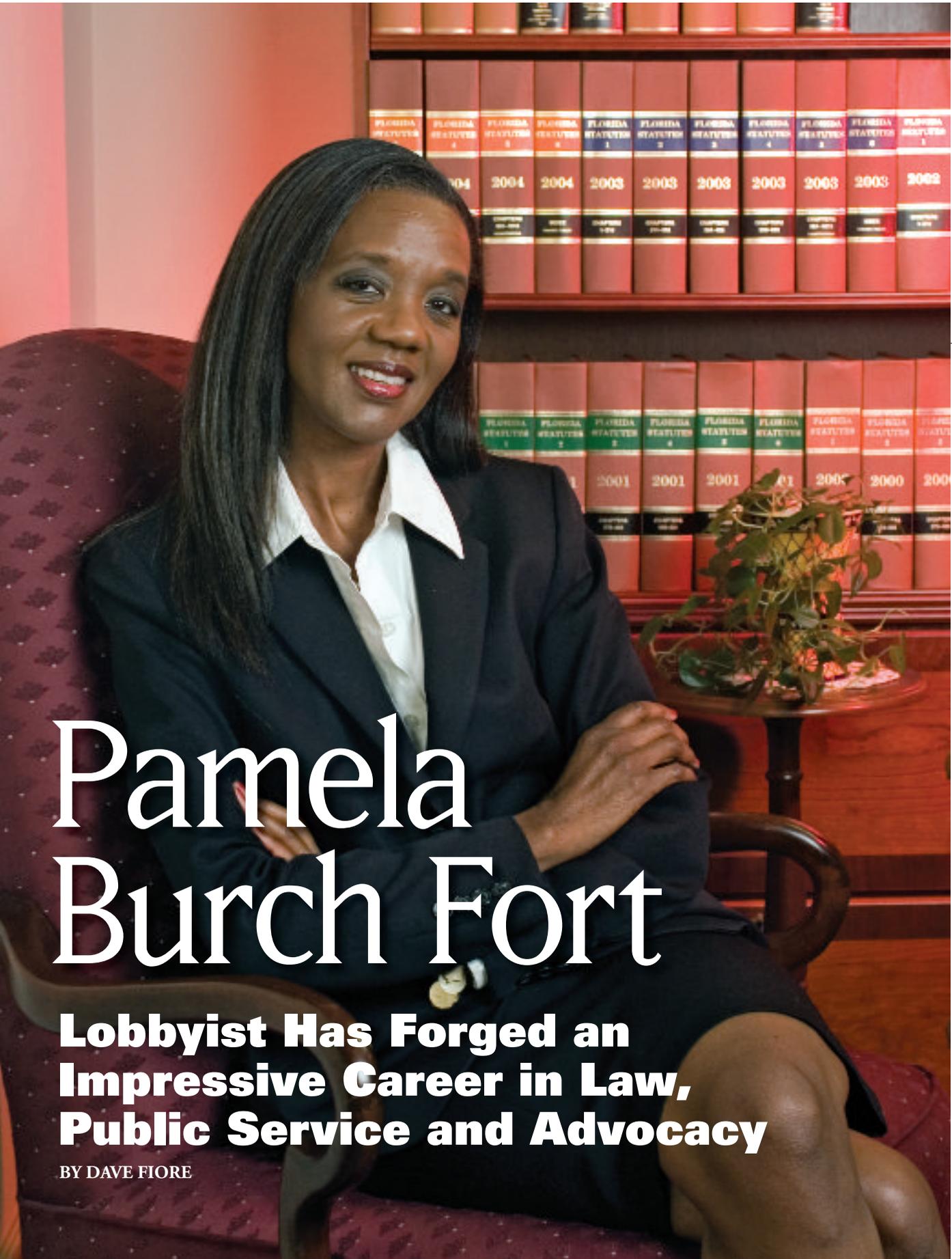
“In the case against Steven and Marlene Aisenberg, there was a missing child, and the parents were accused of knowing what happened to her,” Foster said. “The government planted a wire tap in the marital bedroom and in the kitchen of the home, and they were eventually indicted federally for being responsible for the disappearance of their baby. But the jury found it was all a big lie. The court ruled that there was fabrication of evidence and dismissed the case. For the first time in the history of the U.S. Department of Justice, they conceded that the indictment was carried out in bad faith and were ordered to pay \$1.4 million in attorney's fees and court costs.”

In another media-watched case, Sea Watch of Panama City Beach, Inc., owner of the La Vela nightclub, was indicted based on the alleged misdeeds of corporate employees. The government also wanted its beachfront property.

“The government indicted the ownership under the new federal crack house statute, because of alleged drug activity by some employees,” Foster said. “It was one of three locations [the others being nightclubs in New Orleans and New York] in which the government was trying to make an example. We got a full acquittal, because the jury found that the corporation or its owners did not instruct, approve or promote the illegal activities. It was a four-week case, and the jury deliberated just 50 minutes.”

Foster said he is grateful for the path his career has taken, although it has not followed any master plan. “It's just the way it happened,” he said. “The FBI was always a goal, and I was fortunate to get the opportunity. In the system, I got to be a federal prosecutor for 10 years, and at age 35 it was time to try something else.”

Foster said the choice for him, wife Pamela and their two children was a natural one. “What I knew best was criminal law,” he said. “That was the way to go.” \*



# Pamela Burch Fort

**Lobbyist Has Forged an  
Impressive Career in Law,  
Public Service and Advocacy**

BY DAVE FIORE

**P**amela Burch Fort knew she wanted a career in law by the age of 6. Her decision, she says, was based largely on what she saw on television every night. It was not Perry Mason who influenced her, she says, but rather anchors on the nightly news reporting the often painful challenges of a nation spurred to advance by the civil rights movement of the 1960's. The world needed changing—and she was certain she was the person for the job.

"I grew up in a home with parents who encouraged a love of reading and civic participation," said the 1977 College of Law

enact legislation aimed at suing the tobacco industry to recover the cost of treating Medicaid patients for smoking-related illnesses. The historic effort resulted in an \$11-billion settlement.

"My task was to ensure that the law remained viable and intact long enough for them to get to court," Fort says.

As a member of the Florida Senate staff experienced in the complexities of negligence and tort law, Fort was primarily responsible for shaping the legislative language and shepherding the bill through to passage.

critical political and governmental issues." In addition to legal, legislative and news updates, the site offers links to everything from sexual predator lists to getting your credit score. Fort does all the research and updating herself.

"Once I start the daily updating, it's hard to stop. I get into it and just go and go," she says. "The site exposes people to issues and articles they might not otherwise encounter. It shrinks the world."

Fort has been on the go since she was a first-grade newshound. She was one of the first dual-enrolled students in Florida and

## "I like working for myself, because I can take on issues I have a passion for."

graduate. "Participation fostered the desire to know everything that was happening in the world around me."

Her parents were academicians and were involved in their community. "They always tasked me with watching the news, and then when I saw them late in the evening, or sometimes not until the next morning, I would update them on the news events of the day."

Without Fox News or CNN, she relied on news shows, especially the "Huntley-Brinkley Report," to be her window to the world. That early training has served Fort well, as she has forged an impressive career in law, public service and in the advocacy of issues for which she has a passion.

As president of The Commerce Group, a lobbying and consulting firm, since 1995, Fort uses her experience to help clients that include major businesses, associations, local governmental entities, law firms and political candidates.

In 2002, Fort managed the redistricting efforts of Florida Democratic legislative and congressional members, coordinating the legal, demographic and cartographic units. This team was responsible for developing and defending redistricting plans before state and federal tribunals. Later that same year, she served as campaign manager for a Democratic congressional challenger.

She perhaps is best known for representing the legislative interest of the 11 law firms that sued the tobacco industry on behalf of Florida's taxpayers and sick smokers. The tobacco industry had never been held accountable for the medical devastation resulting from smoking. That is, until Florida became the only state to

She left the Legislature in 1995 after the tobacco bill passed, marking the end of an era at the Florida Senate. For 16 years, she served as a legislative analyst and as staff director to the Committee on Commerce, among others.

"Working on the Senate Commerce Committee was the most exciting time of my life," she said. "Writing laws that had an impact on everyone and everything was an amazing experience."

"This committee had the largest subject matter jurisdiction in the legislature at the time, responsible for regulatory oversight of many industries. These rather large bills were often complex and controversial. Making sure bills were procedurally, statutorily and constitutionally correct was quite challenging."

### Keeping Citizens Informed

In addition to her work at The Commerce Group, Fort is busy as executive director of Civic Concern, a progressive think tank created in 1999 focused on developing sound policy initiatives and a better vision of good governance for Florida. "I believe that democracy works best when citizens participate and are informed. This forum encourages citizens to participate in creating a better quality of life for families and communities by improving our system of education, health care, employment opportunities and general governance."

Since 2003, Fort also has published the online information portal "The Fort Report" ([www.fortreport.com](http://www.fortreport.com)) that is "intended for strategic thinkers interested in

received her associate in arts degree soon after completing high school. She finished law school in two years—a 1977 graduate of the class of 1978—as her peers were getting their undergraduate degrees.

Fort says, she witnessed injustices that fueled her desire to be a public defender. "I saw some not-so-pleasant activities. I was near the same age as the four girls killed in the Alabama church bombing. I understood the implications of the Brown v. Board of Education battle. I had to fight to attend a school in my own community."

Immediately after graduation, she got her wish, landing a position in the Public Defender's Office in the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit—a rural, south central part of the state. She says it proved to be a good training ground.

"It was interesting," she said with the slightest smile. "One judge was a former used-car salesman who had previously been the county's coroner. At the time, neither position in those counties required specific training or a degree. There were some challenging moments in the courtroom for a diminutive African American woman in that part of the state at that time. People wondered who in the world I was and where I came from."

Occasionally, Fort still receives that reaction, but for different reasons. Her unique combination of experiences and talents has her popping up in surprising places. And that's just the way she likes it.

"I like working for myself, because I can take on meaningful issues I have a passion for. I apply my legal training and experiences in perhaps untraditional venues, but in a manner that makes a positive contribution to the community." ❀



**“He (La Russa) is the expression of total toughness and integrity – his expression never changes. He is an innovator and is provocative. He is very compelling.”**

**—Buzz Bissinger**

**T**ony La Russa has been the subject of many writers, but a recent book by sportswriter and best-selling author Buzz Bissinger gives sports fans new and revealing insight into the mind of one of the game’s true legends.

*3 Nights in August: Strategy, Heartbreak and Joy Inside the Mind of a Manager*, published by Houghton Mifflin, puts readers in the dugout and the clubhouse of the St. Louis Cardinals during a crucial three-game series with the Chicago Cubs in the summer of 2003. The book was on the *New York Times* bestsellers list for 19 weeks.

La Russa, a 1978 College of Law graduate, is a sure first-ballot hall of famer as a manager, but his playing days were a little less distinguished. He originally was signed by the Kansas City Athletics as a middle infielder prior to the start of the 1962 season and made the major league roster the next year. Over the next six seasons, La Russa spent most of his time in the minor leagues, but he did make it back to the “dance” for short stints with the A’s and then later the Braves and Cubs. He also spent time in the organizations of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago White Sox and St. Louis Cardinals.

It was after his playing days were over that La Russa decided to take a break from baseball and get his law degree. He has never practiced law, but the education seems to have served him well. After graduating and managing a minor league team in 1978, La Russa was hired by the Chicago White Sox two-thirds of the way through the 1979 season and has been managing ever since—with the White Sox, Athletics and Cardinals. He has won 11 division titles, four pennants and a World Series with Oakland in 1989. He has been selected Manager of the Year four times, his last being in 2002. He is one of six managers in history to win pennants with both American and National League teams and is one of only two managers to be named

Manager of the Year in both leagues.

La Russa also is just the fifth major league manager in baseball history to have earned a law degree, joining Monte Ward in the late 1800s and Hughie Jennings, Miller Huggins and Branch Rickey in the early 1900s. Rickey was the creator of the modern baseball farm system and as an executive broke the color barrier by signing Jackie Robinson. They are all in the Hall of Fame.



**Author Buzz Bissinger and Tony La Russa**

La Russa is active off the field as well. He and wife Elaine are the founders of Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation, headquartered in Walnut Creek, Calif., which saves abandoned and injured animals. The foundation also runs programs to bring dogs and cats to visit abused children, hospital patients, seniors and shut-ins.

In a recent interview on “The Diane Rehm Show” on National Public Radio, Bissinger, whose first bestseller was *Friday Night Lights*, talked about what it was like to have unlimited access to the team and live in the shadow of such an intense competitor.

“He is the expression of total toughness and integrity – his expression never changes. He is an innovator and is provocative. He is very compelling,” Bissinger said.

“La Russa is one of only five major league managers in history who is also a

lawyer. He is a vegetarian in the land of meat eaters. He is an animal-rights activist, and what may be truly unique to baseball, he loves to read. He says it is the only way he gets away from the game. He is the third-winningest manager in history, and just as remarkable is that he has been a manager for 27 consecutive seasons, with only three teams. It is a grind, and to have that passion and intensity is really not easy. It is ulcer producing.”

The goal of the book according to Bissinger was to “excavate deep into the game and try to capture the odd and lonely corner of the dugout that he and all managers occupy.”

Part of that is done just by keeping track of his time at the park. La Russa is so obsessed that he lives alone for eight months a year while his family stays in California. “My life revolves around the score,” he says in the book. “I’ve had an incredible advantage at a terrific price.”

*USA Today* writer Bob Minzesheimer reviewed the book in 2004, calling it “an intimate and revealing look at one of baseball’s best minds...It should appeal to casual fans and inform the most knowledgeable grandstand managers.” He said Bissinger portrays La Russa as part tactician, part psychologist and part riverboat gambler.

La Russa knows the numbers for every game situation and believes in statistics, but he never ignores the human element and never denies the truth of his experience.

“There is no way to quantify desire,” La Russa said in the book. And his career is certainly evidence of that.

*3 Nights in August: Strategy, Heartbreak and Joy Inside the Mind of a Manager* is available in book stores and online. \*

# HAIL TO THE CHIEFS



**Three of Five Chief Judges of Florida's District Courts of Appeal are College of Law Grads** *By Dave Fiore*

# Gerald B. Cope Jr.

**G**erald B. Cope Jr. knew when he was a student at the FSU College of Law that someday he wanted to be a judge. With an undergraduate degree from Yale University, he was well prepared and motivated to make it happen.

“It was always a goal of mine to be a judge,” he said. “It was definitely one of the possibilities in the back of my mind before I left law school.”

In 1988, he realized that goal when he was appointed to Florida’s Third District Court of Appeal. This year, he is serving as the court’s chief judge.

“Being a judge seems to fit my personality,” Cope said. “In law practice, you are serving as an advocate, but as a judge, you are a public servant, and being a public servant has always appealed to me. When you are a judge, you are asked to make sure justice is done. It is one of the highest and most rewarding forms of public service.”

After Yale, Cope moved to Tallahassee and took a job with the Division of Youth Services at the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (now the Florida Department of Children & Families). After five years serving in administrative positions, he applied to law school.

“At the time, it made sense for me to study in Tallahassee. It was a young law school, so I was in around the ninth graduating class,” Cope said. “It fit in well with my plans.”

In hindsight, Cope said he is pleased with the decision to stay in Tallahassee.

“My time at the law school was excellent,” he said. “There was a great faculty who provided a strong legal education. It was a very talented faculty and a talented group of students as well.”

At FSU, Cope served as editor in chief of the *Florida State University Law Review*, where he worked with Matthew Stevenson, who now is the chief judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Cope was born in Orangeburg, S.C., in 1946. In 1951, his family moved to Melbourne, Fla., where he grew up. He is married to Carol Soret Cope, an attorney and author, and they have a daughter, who also is an attorney. Cope said their shared profession provides for interesting conversations when the family gets together.

Since being appointed to the bench, Cope has maintained a busy schedule of professional development and service. He has served on the Appellate Court Rules Committee since 1988, and has participated in other Bar-related

**“When you are a judge, you are asked to make sure justice is done. It is one of the highest and most rewarding forms of public service.”**

activities and the American Inns of Court. He also received an LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1992 and has published extensively.

Cope considers being named chief judge a great honor. “I am very appreciative for the opportunity to lead this court,” he said.

And while he has been making rulings on tough cases from the bench for 18 years, he still is troubled by the realities of family law.

“Those are the toughest kinds of cases to rule on,” he said. “Dealing with child custody or cases where there’s a need for support or a divorced spouse is hard. Those cases can be quite difficult and troubling.”

His advice to lawyers with an eye for the bench is to maintain a high standard of professionalism.

“If you want to be a judge, participate in litigation — be in court as much as you can,” he said. “And build a reputation for integrity and honesty, just as you would with any job.”

Most people would be surprised at the mechanics of how an appellate court works, according to Cope.

“A lot of people are accustomed to seeing trial courts on television. In the appellate court, we are hearing appeals after the trial phase is over,” he said. “Our analysis is strictly a legal analysis based on the record of the trial, the attorneys’ briefs and where they believe an error was made. There is no jury box and no testimony. We sit in rotating panels of three judges, which is a different setting to hear from the lawyers. It also makes the proceedings faster.”

Cope has been on the FSU Law School Alumni Board since 1989 and returns to campus for meetings whenever he can. \*  
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# Matthew Stevenson

**W**hen a high school trombone player named Matthew Stevenson came to the FSU campus to participate in a state band contest, he knew that someday he would go to school there.

What he didn't know is that he would continue on to law school and one day become the chief judge of Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal.

He says it was love at first sight.

"After visiting, I fell in love with Tallahassee and with the campus and its warmth and charm," Stevenson said. "I was in the marching band in high school and then played in the Marching Chiefs at FSU."

"I think it is significant because of the history of the state and the court," he said. "It is a sign that progress is being made. I hope it is an inspiration for people of color that they can do this or something even greater. I always try to work hard, but there is also luck involved. I am blessed and lucky to be chosen to sit as a judge."

To be named chief judge is awe-inspiring, according to Stevenson, because of the nature of the court and what it represents.

"This is the court of last resort in the fourth largest state in the most powerful country in the history of the modern world. Our judicial system is looked at as a model," he said.

## **"Professor Vernon Fox (now retired), is the one who encouraged me to think about law school and pursue a career in criminal law."**

Stevenson also joined the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, but not just for the social benefits.

"There were a lot of friendships that I gained there, but I really liked the work projects we did, too," he said. "We helped tutor elementary school students in Marianna, Fla., helping the kids learn to read. I really appreciated living on such a vibrant campus in the 1970s. It was a privilege, I thought."

Stevenson focused his studies on his criminology degree. He was aiming toward a career as a corrections officer when one of his professors suggested that he adjust his sights.

"Professor Vernon Fox (now retired), is the one who encouraged me to think about law school and pursue a career in criminal law," Stevenson said. "He truly inspired me."

After earning his degree from the FSU College of Law, Stevenson worked as an assistant public defender and then as a law clerk for the Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett while he served on both the Florida Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Fifth (now the Eleventh) Circuit.

"That kind of clerkship usually propels one to a large private firm, but I wanted to give military life a try," he said. So instead of a suit, Stevenson donned a Navy uniform as a member of the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. "It was risky at the time, but I followed my instincts and never regretted it. I have to admit that it is not as exciting as the TV series, but I got good experience in the courtroom right away."

In 1993, Stevenson became the first black judge on the Fourth District Court of Appeal, and this year became the first to serve as chief judge.

"This is largely an administrative position — I have no more influence on votes — but it is a large responsibility to ensure that our resources are being used effectively."

As chief judge, Stevenson is used to making important judgments, but not all of them are from the bench. For the past 12 years, he has used his discernment and wisdom to make split-second decisions as a referee for high school football games, and just recently got back in the ring to referee and judge amateur boxing matches.

"I got into boxing in the Navy," he said. "I was assigned to a ship, and the captain wanted to establish a boxing program. He was looking for volunteers, and I knew I didn't want to actually box, so the safest course for me was to referee."

Stevenson works with the U.S. Amateur Association and the Golden Gloves, the primary feeder system for the sport's Olympic program.

While he said he is grateful for all who have played a role in his success, none has been more important than his wife of 23 years, Dannette.

"She has been my encourager, my reality-tester and my sounding board," he said. "I could not have done it without her."

The Stevensons are the parents of three children.

Matthew Stevenson's love affair with FSU has not waned over the years either.

"I return to FSU every chance I get," he said. "I try to attend one or two football games a year, and I follow the team always." \*

# Carolyn Fulmer

**C**arolyn Fulmer received her bachelor's degree to be an English teacher, got a master's in university administration and started a doctoral program in educational technology — all before taking her first class in the law.

Today, she is the chief judge on Florida's Second District Court of Appeal.

"I was getting my master's in higher education — or university administration — at FSU at the same time my best friend was attending the FSU law school," Fulmer said. "His moot court partner was the man I married."

## **"Being the first woman judge in this district was not that big of a deal to me."**

After working a year at Spring Hill College in Alabama, she returned to Tallahassee to get married and entered the doctoral program at FSU.

"I soon realized that the jobs I was training for were mainly in foreign countries, so I decided to go to law school to attend one course in criminal law because my job as a research associate allowed me to take it for free," Fulmer said.

She got an "A" in the course, discovered her love for the law, and the rest is a matter of public record.

After graduating from the FSU College of Law with honors, the Jacksonville native served as assistant county attorney for the Polk County Commission until she was appointed to the County Court of Polk County by then-Gov. Bob Graham in 1981.

Fulmer said that although she enjoys it, becoming a judge was never a specific career goal.

"I knew I wanted to have a family, so I did not seek work in private firms because I wanted to have fairly regular office hours," she said. "I wanted to be a wife, a mother and a lawyer."

As it turned out, being a county attorney prepared Fulmer for the bench as well as anything she could have planned.

"When you are a lawyer for local government, you deal with contract law, unemployment, medical malpractice — a very broad variety of legal issues," she said. "When I was a county and circuit judge and cases would come up, many times I would have already seen something similar. I was

very grateful for that experience."

The mother of two said she is pleased that she has been able to stay in Polk County throughout her career.

"Lakeland is a wonderful place to raise children," she said. "The city has a well-run government, and the lawyers in Polk County practice law the way it should be practiced — they are civil and their word means something."

In 1983, Graham appointed Fulmer to the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, where she served in every division. She was appointed to the Second District Court of Appeal by former Gov. Lawton Chiles for a term beginning Jan. 4, 1994. She was the first woman to be selected to sit on that bench.

"Being the first woman judge in this district was not that big of a deal to me. I was a county judge in 1981, and in 1983, I was the first women judge in my circuit court," she said. "By then, women attorneys were not an oddity anymore. It wasn't until I got to the district court that I had any sense of being the first woman, based on some people's reactions. But that was 12 years ago; today no one even thinks about it.

"I did not take the position thinking I'm going to be the first woman — it was just a judicial job I thought I would really enjoy. I am proud and happy about it, but I did not plan to blaze a trail."

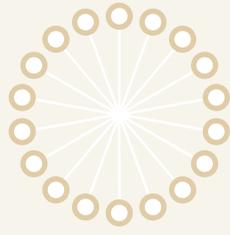
Over her years on the bench, Fulmer has found one area to be increasingly frustrating.

"Criminal sentencing has become so complex that it takes an inordinate amount of time to get through all the case law. It has become overly complex in a needless manner," she said. "It's not that ruling on the actual cases before us is more difficult, it just requires more time than it should. There is never enough time, but you do the best you can."

Off the bench, Fulmer found time to serve as a faculty member of the Florida Judicial College and the College of Advanced Judicial Studies, and a member of the Florida Court Education Council. Her Bar activities included serving on The Florida Bar Foundation. In recent years, her civic activities have included the Polk Museum of Art, the Polk Theatre and the Leadership Lakeland Program.

Fulmer said still she has great fondness for FSU, and she returns to campus whenever possible.

"I was unusual because I loved every minute of every year, but law school cured me of that. I was saturated by the time I finished," she said with a laugh. "I thoroughly enjoyed the friendships and professional relationships I made — many of which I still have." \*  
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# When It Comes to It's (Still) Who You

**The College of Law's Placement Office offers a wide variety of services to help students find a job, including amazing online resources and interactive features. But sometimes the best way to find a job is to attend bar association meetings and attorney receptions.**

**"You have to shake a lot of hands and eat a lot of bad chicken and rice pilaf to get the job of your dreams," said Placement Director Rosanna Catalano.**

**"The most important thing students can do is network and go to all kinds of networking events. We have all this fancy equipment, but people still get jobs the old-fashioned way – self-initiative and networking. It is still who you know."**

**Case in point: 2004 graduate Matt Leopold.**



Matt Leopold and Jim Towey

Leopold interned with Jim Towey, a 1981 College of Law graduate, in the U.S. Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives in Washington, D.C., in 2002. He fell in love with life in the nation's capital.

While finishing his classes, Leopold worked as a volunteer on 1973 grad Mel Martinez's successful campaign for the U.S. Senate and hoped to work for the junior senator after graduation.

After moving to Washington, however, he discovered there were no positions available, but he got the next best thing. "Senator Martinez's chief of staff said he would be happy to serve as a reference for me on Capitol Hill," Leopold said. "That, with the Jim Towey's recommendation was big."

Those references got him an interview at the State of Florida Washington Office. "They didn't have anything either, but they were nice enough to offer me a job as a staff assistant while I kept looking."

He jumped at the chance to work with Governor Bush's staff. "Getting your foot in the door is the hardest part about getting a job in D.C.," Leopold said. "But once you're in, you can move up."

After just two weeks, that is exactly what happened. The position of natural resources policy analyst became available, and he was hired. Mission accomplished.

Jake Kiker, a 2004 College of Law graduate, was fortunate to meet his mentor before he even knew he was going to be a lawyer. Tallahassee attorney and 1976 grad Rick Benton was an advisor at Kiker's fraternity and counseled him throughout undergraduate school and encouraged him to apply to law school.

"In the spring of my first year, he and I kept in touch and had lunch once a month. I decided to stay in town for the first summer to take classes and work toward graduating

early," Kiker said. "We talked about the kind of firm I wanted and my areas of interest. We narrowed it down to three Tallahassee firms. Rick sent letters to each telling them to expect my resume. I interviewed and received offers from all three."

Kiker took the position at Williams Gautier Gwynn DeLoach and Sorenson, P.A. as a clerk and has been there ever since—now as an attorney.

Benton says he felt confident in his recommendations because Kiker was "always a very mature young man, well-grounded and a good student. I wanted him to be with good lawyers and good people," he said.

It also helped Benton's confidence that he was a longtime friend and fraternity brother of firm partner Palmer Williams, who graduated from the law school in 1972. "I thought it was a perfect fit for Jake," Benton said.

Catalano says fellow students also can make good contacts.

"If they are in their third year clerking at a firm in town and are graduating, they can recommend turning that position around to a classmate," she said. "Recruiting takes up a lot of time, so employers are always looking for ways to narrow the field of candidates to interview. One person's blessing on a candidate can make a big difference."

Such was the case with Tim Qualls, a 2005 College of Law graduate. In his second year, he mentioned to a few classmates that he was looking for a summer position. One of them told Jenni Dunton, a mutual friend, who

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found Tim and offered to help.

"I e-mailed Jenni a resume, she printed it out on nice paper and turned it in at her firm, Young and van Assenderp, P.A. I got the interview and the job as a clerk. I worked there that summer, through year three, and I'm now an associate."

Qualls said the recommendation was especially important for him, because he fell into the category shared by the majority of those looking for a job.

"I was not in the top 10 percent of my class, which really limited my options," he said. "Lots of companies that come to campus state clearly that they require or at least prefer that you are in the top 10 percent, or are on the moot court or mock trial teams. I would love to have been, but it didn't work out for me."

What is working out is his job. "I love it. I always felt that even if I did not have those credentials, if I could get my foot in the door, I was willing to learn and work hard, and I could prove myself. And that is what has happened."

Lori Jobe (Gruber) also was helped by a classmate when she got a job at the Florida Department of Financial Services after contacting friend Beth Penney – both graduated in December 2004.

"I knew I wanted something with the state to stay in Tallahassee," she said. "I used the placement office to help with my resume and used the Web site for job postings, which tipped me off to contact Beth."

Penny, a senior attorney with the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, said her office was doing a joint project with Financial Services on hurricane mediation, when she was asked if she knew of anyone looking for a job.

"I knew Lori was looking and asked her to send me a resume, and I passed it along. It is important to let people know



Jake Kiker, Palmer Williams  
and Rick Benton

**"You have to shake a lot of hands and eat a lot of bad chicken and rice pilaf to get the job of your dreams."**

**—Placement Director Rosanna Catalano**

you are looking – word of mouth still works," Penny said. "It is important for friends to help each other. Relationships in law school are important, because once you graduate, you can continue to help each other."

Catalano says the placement office can help alumni as well.

"We often post lateral positions, and I counsel alumni," she said. "Sometimes, they will ask for guidance on a job search in a new city."

Catalano said any alumni interested in

being a placement mentor should contact her at [rcatalan@fsulaw.fsu.edu](mailto:rcatalan@fsulaw.fsu.edu). "We are always looking for alums to come and talk to students on practice settings. We love when alums come back in whatever capacity they are most comfortable with," she said. "They can speak to 70 people in a formal setting or have lunch with six or seven and just answer questions. Students always want to hear what it's really like out there."

## ALUMNI ENDOW \$1-MILLION CHAIR TO HONOR DEAN



Several College of Law alumni surprised Dean Don Weidner in June when they announced at The Florida Bar Annual Meeting that they had created the Alumni Centennial Chair. The Chair—endowed in excess of \$1 million—was established to honor the dean for his many years of leadership at the law school.

The dean will hold the chair for as long as he is a member of the faculty. When he retires, the Chair will be renamed the Donald J. Weidner Chair and will be used to support the sitting dean of the law school. Weidner served as dean of the law school from 1991-1997, interim dean from 1998-2000, and has served as dean from 2000-present.

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**—Ed Walborsky, '79**

The effort to endow the Chair was spearheaded by Ed Walborsky, a 1979 graduate and outgoing president of the College of Law's alumni association.

“We believe that the great strides our law school has made are directly linked to the passion, wisdom and tireless efforts of Dean Weidner,” Ed Walborsky said. “For some time, we have thought of doing something meaningful for Don to show how much we appreciate all he has done for the law school. He is one of the few deans at a national law school who sits without an endowed chair. We found that disconcerting and decided that our mission was to endow a chair in excess of \$1 million.”

Don Weidner joined the College of Law in 1976 as a professor. Since he became dean in 1991, the law school has shown significant increases in faculty scholarly productivity, student credentials, private funding and national rankings. Program strength has been added in environmental law, international law and business.

“I am deeply moved and profoundly grateful for this Chair, which is by far the greatest honor of my professional life,” the dean said.

In addition to Ed Walborsky, donors include Chris Cadenhead, Wayne and Pat Hogan, David and Deborah Fonvielle, Phil and Rita Blank, Sheila McDevitt, Buck and Donna Vocelle, Tom Scarritt, Mark Williamson, Judge Terry Terrell, Larry Beltz and Rick and Karen Torpy.

If you would like more information about the endowment, please call Mark Pankey, assistant dean for development, at 850-644-5160 or e-mail him at [mpankey@law.fsu.edu](mailto:mpankey@law.fsu.edu).

## We All Knew Jim Bacchus Would Make Good

**A** College of Law alum is among three outstanding Florida State University graduates who have left their mark on society in a meaningful and lasting way in the arenas of world trade, athletics and banking. They were honored as “Grads Made Good” at this year's Homecoming Awards Banquet on October 28.

The three honorees, chosen by the FSU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, are James Bacchus, Dianne Murphy and Gene Taylor.

James Bacchus (J.D. '78, Law) is chairman of the Global Trade Practice Group of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. He leads the international law firm's worldwide practice on trade policies, remedies, negotiations, disputes and other international trade issues. In particular, he offers legal, political and strategic advice to worldwide clients of the firm based on a unique combination of experience and expertise on the many issues related to the global rules for trade and commerce of the World Trade Organization. Bacchus is a former judge on the highest international tribunal of world trade, a former member of Congress and a former special assistant to the U.S. trade representative in the Executive Office of the President.

Bacchus recently returned to Greenberg Traurig after a leave of absence while he served as the chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization. The seven-member panel—the court of final appeal in international trade in Geneva—hears final appeals in international trade disputes involving the 95 percent of world commerce conducted by the 146 countries and other customs territories that are members of the WTO.

## Florida State Again Ranked as One of Top 10 Law Schools for Hispanics

For the second consecutive year, *Hispanic Business* magazine has ranked the College of Law among the Top 10 law schools in the nation for Hispanics.

For the academic year 2004-2005, Hispanics made up 9 percent of the school's 748-member student body and received 11 percent of the 205 law degrees awarded to the class of 2004.

The magazine surveyed 177 American Bar Association accredited law schools and ranked them based on the percentage of Hispanic students enrolled, the percentage of full-time Hispanic faculty, services for Hispanic students, Hispanic recruitment efforts and retention rates, quality of education and reputation. Reputation was based on the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of the institutions' programs in that magazine's *Best Graduate Schools* edition.

Florida State was noted by the magazine particularly for hosting programs and events geared toward recruiting Hispanics and for striving to provide a supportive environment for current students. Organizations such as the Latino Graduate Student Association, Cuban American Student Association, and the Puerto Rican Student Association provide mentoring and peer support for Hispanic students.

"Hispanic students and staff are an important and dynamic part of our community, and we try very hard to provide a welcoming environment to all of them, whether they hail from Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Cuba or Puerto Rico," said law school dean Don Weidner.

Like last year, Florida State's law school was ranked 10th by the magazine. The University of Miami ranked first and the University of Texas at Austin, second.

Though both had a 15 percent Hispanic enrollment, 13 percent of Miami's law degrees were earned by Hispanic students, compared to 10 percent by Hispanic students at Texas. Texas ranked first last year, and Miami, second. Stanford University ranked third this year.

Other law schools in the Top 10 include: Stanford University, University of Arizona, University of Southern California, the University of Florida, the University of Connecticut, Southwestern University and the University of California at Los Angeles.

## STUDENTS MEET WITH U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL



About 30 College of Law students, representing the Federalist Society and the Student Bar Association, met in September with United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez. Gonzalez was a speaker at the Governor's Leadership Forum at the Florida Capitol.

The students were invited to attend the event by Gov. Jeb Bush and had the opportunity to mingle with the secretaries and general counsels of various state agencies and state law enforcement officers.

# Lloyd Monroe Gives Up His Practice and Follows His Heart to Guatamala as a Missionary

**GUATEMALA CITY** — Guatemalan officials said they would abandon communities buried by landslides and declare them mass graveyards as reports of devastation trickled in from some of the more than 100 communities cut off from the outside world after killer mudslides.

Guatemala's death toll from torrential rains last week associated with Hurricane Stan stood at 652; 384 were missing.

The worst-hit communities will be abandoned and declared graveyards, officials said, after they stopped most efforts to dig out increasingly decomposed bodies.

"Panabaj will no longer exist," said Mayor Diego Esquina, referring to the Mayan hamlet on the shores of Lake Atitlan covered by a half-mile wide mudflow as much as 15 to 20 feet thick. "We are asking that it be declared a cemetery. We are tired, we no longer know where to dig."

Esquina said about 250 people remained missing. The bodies found were buried in mass graves.

— REPORT BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. OCTOBER 10, 2005.

**J**ust a few months after arriving in Guatemala as a Christian missionary, mudslides that devastated parts of Guatemala handed Lloyd Monroe a bigger opportunity than he had dreamed of to minister to the people in his new home. He, wife Melanie and sons Daniel and Asa, are now living in Panajachel, just across Lake Atitlan from areas that no longer exist—except as mud-covered graveyards.

The 1982 College of Law graduate left his successful practice, his home and its comforts to make a difference. Now, he has a better chance than ever to do just that.

Monroe received his undergraduate degree from Florida State, *magna cum laude*, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honorary society. He received his J.D. with high honors and was selected for the Order of the Coif.

He grew up on the family farm in Waukeelah, Florida,

not far from the capital city, and was the first to attend college. He said he went to law school because his dad lost a local election.

"My father unsuccessfully ran for sheriff in Jefferson County in 1976," Monroe said. "Had he won, I would most likely have transferred to University of Florida, majored in agriculture and helped him and my brothers with the farm. Instead, I could now major in history, go to law school and become a lawyer."

In the 1980s, Monroe's mother made several mission trips to Haiti, and in 1999 Melanie Monroe went to Cuba. He accompanied her the next year on the first of what would be many mission trips to the island nation. He said it changed their ideas about what a church and being a Christian is all about.

"Many Americans are semi-spoiled to spoiled comfort/security seekers," Monroe said. "Unfortunately, many folks in church are that same way and

attend out of some sense of duty and as 'consumers.' We want soft seats, a good (and short) sermon, good music and familiar fellowship, but we don't want to be challenged too much or taken out of our comfort zone. That doesn't square much with the faith adventure, which includes discomfort and even danger, laid out in the Bible."

In Cuba, he witnessed a joy that was not affected by circumstances. "These people had no political freedom, no medicine, little food, two or three sets of clothes and earned about \$7 per month," Monroe said. "But they had a joy and love for God, each other and for us that was contagious. The Christian faith thrives amongst discomfort, not comfort."

Monroe also made several trips to Guatemala over the next few years before making a final visit in 2004 with brother-in-law Bill Smith to confirm the need and get some discernment as to whether he should really give up his law practice and their good life in the states. His answer started with lost luggage.

"Our six suitcases of medicine, ministry material, dental supplies, etc., were lost by the airline. That caused us to return to Guatemala City three days after arriving to retrieve the luggage," he said. "A friend of ours invited us to attend a mission service that evening where she helps with music. After a touching musical service, the seminarian pastor went to his Genesis 12 scripture text and



**Lloyd Monroe in native dress with a family he befriended in Guatemala.**



faith that doesn't shy away from contemporary culture."

Monroe said the ministry includes a Christian coffee house and nightclub for expatriates, and feeding and clothing programs for the poor. "We want to live out our faith through lives of service," he

read in Spanish. I couldn't follow and opened my Bible. Bill was no longer translating but just sitting there, wet-eyed and grinning, as I read it: "The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you... and you will be a blessing.' I felt like a bug on God's microscope slide."

A successful trial lawyer and partner at Coppins, Monroe, Adkins, Dincman & Spellman, P.A., in Tallahassee, Monroe officially transitioned to "of counsel" status in the firm on August 1 and began full-time work with Porch de Salomon, which he and his family started with his sister, Suzanne Smith and her husband, Bill. The name means Solomon's porch, which is a reference to the Bible's description of Solomon's Temple in Acts 5 as a place to meet and prepare to take Christ's message to the world.

The ministry is designed to reach Panajachel's large population of expatriates – those temporarily or permanently in a country and culture other than that of their upbringing and/or legal residence – and to mobilize volunteer teams and individuals who come to minister to the indigenous population.

"Many of the expats, whether American or European, are suspicious of or even opposed to organized religion," he said. "With that in mind, we hope to minimize religiosity and maximize authentic, service-oriented

said. "We can help provide resources for and meet the tremendous humanitarian needs in the surrounding indigenous villages."

Financial support for the ministry comes from a variety of sources. "We are not on anyone's payroll and serve as volunteers," Monroe said. "My firm is paying modest 'residuals' to me for seven years and we have rented out our barn, loft apartment and horse pasture back home. We just cashed in life insurance and are dipping into our savings. The Smiths have a super-micro coffee roasting business back home which is being operated by a friend; perhaps it will again turn a profit soon."

The ministry also is supported by a number of churches and individual donors, some of whom have pledged monthly support.

Lloyd Monroe said they plan on staying indefinitely, with two visits a year back home to stay in touch with friends and family, especially daughter Hannah, who is in college.

He said while he is no longer practicing law, his legal career helped make this all possible. "It paid the bills, with some left over for 23 years," he said. "The 'left-over' is now helping support our family, still, as well as our ministry."

For more information, visit [www.porchdesalomon.org](http://www.porchdesalomon.org).

## Jim and Anne Corrigan's Gift Encourages Excellence on Moot Court



Jim Corrigan credits his experience on the College of Law's Moot Court team for kick-starting his successful career as a litigator. He is convinced that, along with his good grades, the Moot Court entry on his resume influenced the prestigious Orlando firm of Maguire, Voorhis & Wells to hire him into its trial section right out of law school.

The 1973 grad recalls with great fondness the years he spent in Moot Court with classmates Mel Martinez, Ken Connor, Bill Jennings, Danny Kepner and Chris Hart. Corrigan says that Connor, a year ahead of him and Martinez, is fond of telling the two that he "sired them from a legal embryo and made them everything they

are." Martinez and Corrigan still refer to Connor as "Sire."

Corrigan and Martinez, now a U.S. senator, teamed up their first year, 1972, with Professor Bill VanDercreek as coach and won Best Brief in the state competition.

Almost 33 years later, Corrigan and his wife, Anne, have created the James and Anne Corrigan Endowment for Moot Court with a gift of \$100,000.

"Now that I have the opportunity to help the Moot Court team, I'm happy to do it," said Corrigan, founding partner in the Pensacola firm of Corrigan & Janes, where he practices medical malpractice, personal injury, wrongful death and product liability law. "I know how expensive it is to travel."

Professor Nat Stern, the John W. and Ashley E. Frost Professor, who serves as the team's faculty sponsor, said: "This is a wonderful gift that should help the Moot Court Team extend its success in state and national competitions.

"The breadth of purposes for which endowment funds can be employed will allow the dean to direct them to their optimal use. For example, all of our teams that have won a national competition in recent years have benefited from the presence of their coach at the competition. The funds for coaches' travel from the Endowment of Excellence will enable us to continue to provide that invaluable support."

Similarly, Stern said, the availability of scholarships from the endowment will bolster the team's ability to compete by alleviating financial pressures that can interfere with team members' preparations. "All of us who are associated with the Team are deeply grateful to Jim and Anne for their extraordinary generosity."

Ken Lawson

## War on Terrorism

**All in a Day's Work for This '87 Grad** *By Dave Fiore*

**B**eing a key player in the war against terrorism does not always require a flak jacket and an M-16. Sometimes, a computer and a law degree can be just as lethal against those trying to support terrorist activities around the world.

Just ask Ken Lawson, a 1987 College of Law graduate working in Jakarta, Indonesia, to help the Indonesian government with the sometimes shady flow of money across its borders—and its high-speed Internet connections.

Lawson is working for Booz Allen Hamilton, an international consulting firm, which won a contract from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to assist the Indonesian government with establishing laws, providing training and increasing enforcement efforts in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.

"I am helping develop financial transparency in a developing country," Lawson said. "The USAID is concerned about the financial strength of developing countries, which helps the confidence of international investors. It is about the war on terror and international economics."

Lawson said the Indonesian government's laws in this area are somewhat new, and other nations are also providing technical assistance. "The Indonesian government's prosecution office is making sure it has the resources and skills to enhance its fight," he said. "We are helping them increase and hone their skills to make sure these crimes are not committed. Indonesia is the largest Muslim democracy in the world and has the potential to be a key economic player."

Lawson's work consists of training bankers, prosecutors, judges and investigators on money laundering/terrorist financing laws. "It also requires me to work with the highest levels of the Indonesian government regarding money laundering/terrorist financing legal and policy coordination," he said. "For instance, I am helping with drafting the Indonesian Money Laundering Strategy and establishing a transnational crime institute. Further, my work requires me to cooperate with other international non-governmental organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Financial Action Task Force."

His training in international monetary matters came as assistant secretary of enforcement in the Department of Treasury, a position for which he was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate.

"In this job, I oversaw policy related to anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing efforts. Primarily, we tracked funds

associated with Bin Laden and other terrorist groups," Lawson said. "The U.S. works with other countries on identifying and freezing those bank accounts so they cannot be used."

Lawson also was responsible for oversight of the Secret Service, Customs, the Bureau of Alcohol and Tobacco, the Office of Foreign Asset Control and the Financial Crimes Network – all Treasury law enforcement bureaus at the time.

Landing that position started with his desire to be an assistant U.S. attorney in Tallahassee. He had served for seven years as an assistant United States attorney prosecuting federal criminal cases in Tampa.

"When President Bush was elected, I sent Governor Bush a letter asking for support to be considered for the U.S. Attorney position in Tallahassee. I didn't get the position, but shortly thereafter I received an email for an interview in Washington. That was possible only because of the governor's support and faith in me. I was honored that I was entrusted with serving in the war against terror."

He accepted before Sept. 11, 2001, but because of the time needed for processing, he started his new position in a changed world in October 2001.

**Embracing Challenges**

Change was nothing new to Lawson. Since graduating from law school, he has embraced unexpected opportunities.

Immediately after law school, he entered the U.S. Marines Corps and served as a military prosecutor for three years.

"I was born and raised in Gainesville, and I needed to see a bit of the world and grow and develop. What I learned most in the Marines was leadership and how to take care of a team."

He then went to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa, then to the Treasury before a stint with the Transportation Security Administration in D.C. He was set to return to Tampa, but the day before he was to begin at Fowler White Boggs Banker, he got the call from Booz Allen Hamilton about the opportunity in Jakarta.

"Fowler White kindly gave me a one-and-a-half-year leave of absence to be here," he said. "They were kind and believe in the war against terror. They said come back when you're done." He is scheduled to rejoin the firm in June 2006.

Lawson is grateful that his journey began at the FSU College of Law. "Without my degree from FSU, I would not have been able to accomplish any of my dreams," he said. "My first year, I wrote down my goals in life – to be a federal prosecutor and an international lawyer. I feel blessed to have already accomplished both."

# Homecoming

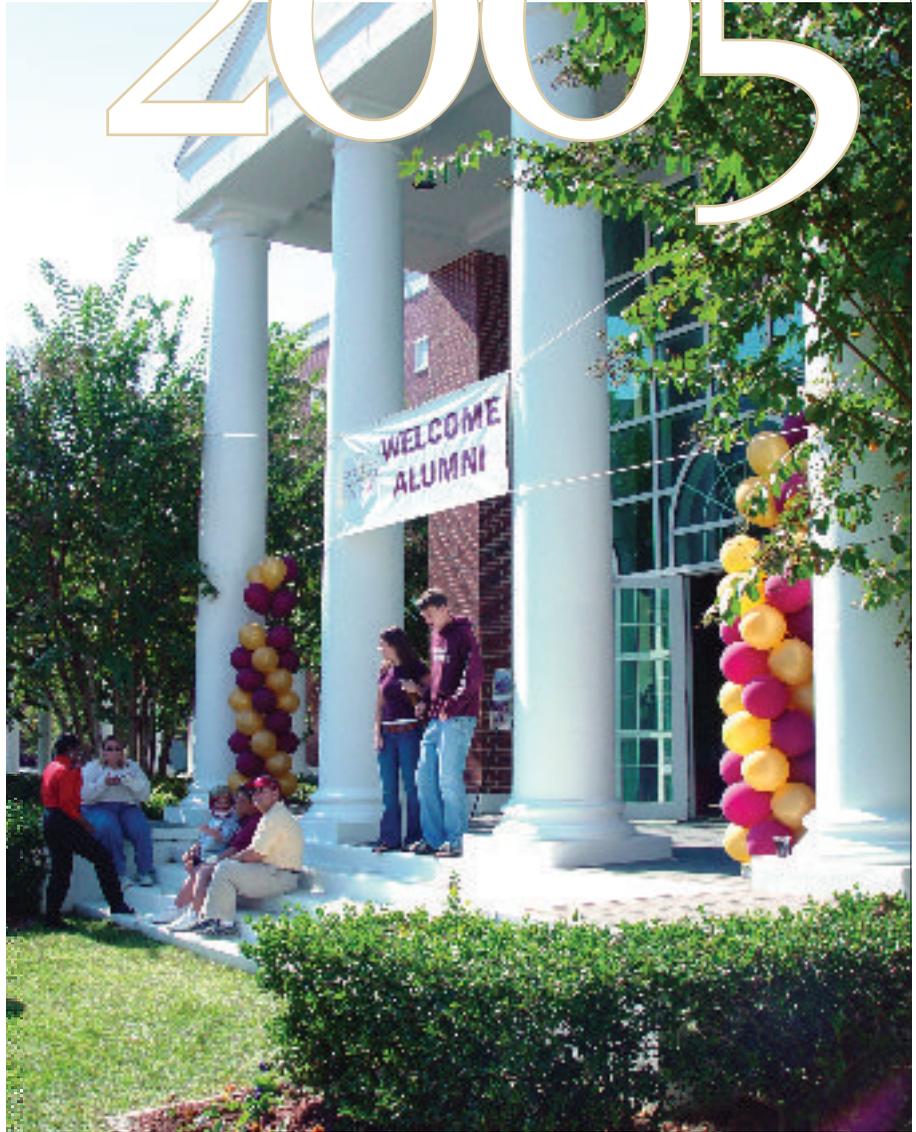
# 2005

The College of Law kicked off Homecoming Weekend 2005 on Friday, October 28, with the annual Law Alumni Party, hosted this year by Dean Don Weidner and wife Jiji at their Tallahassee home.

Nearly 200 guests attended the party, which specially honored the reunion classes of 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1995. Entertainment was provided by Professor Fernando Teson, Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar, and his Argentine tango quintet, Tango Sur.

More than 300 guests, including alumni, their families, faculty and students, attended the Law Alumni Tailgate Party was held early afternoon on the Village Green on Saturday. More than 300 guests attended, including alumni, their families, faculty, and students. Everyone enjoyed BBQ, family-friendly fun, and musical entertainment by 3L Colby Masterson.

**RIGHT** More than 300 guests enjoyed the beautiful weather and fun festivities on the Village Green.  
**BELOW** Class of 1995 graduates Dave Ramba and Stephanie Williams celebrated their ten year law school reunion.



Professor Fernando Teson (center) and his band Tango Sur performed authentic Argentine tango music during Friday evening's party. For more information on the band, go to [www.tangosur.net](http://www.tangosur.net)



Dean Don Weidner and his wife Jiji hosted this year's Law Alumni Party at their home in Tallahassee. Nearly 200 guests attended the event.

# ALUMNI

## Recognitions

### 1969

**James "Chet" Barclay**, a partner in the health law practice group of the Ruden McClosky law firm, has been appointed general counsel for the Florida Patient Safety Corp. He also is chair of the Health Law Section of The Florida Bar and was founding editor-in-chief of the Health Law Section's 2003 Florida Practitioner's Health Law Handbook.

**Robert W. Perkins** was invited to the ABA's Tort Insurance Trial Practice Section Annual Meeting in Chicago in August to discuss "Due Diligence" by attorneys to help "stem the trend of suing attorneys when such things as mergers and acquisitions go sour."

### 1970

**Marsha Lyons** of Lyons and Farrar has been named Membership Committee chair of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.



**A. J. "Jim" Spalla**, Of Counsel to the law firm of Young van Assenderp, P.A., was named among the Legal Elite by Florida Trend in the July 2005 issue. He maintains a statewide practice in eminent domain, mediation and lobbying.

**George L. Waas**, special counsel to the Attorney General of Florida, has been selected for biographical inclusion in the 60th Anniversary Edition of Marquis Who's Who in America.

### 1971

**John French** has been named a board member of The Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists for 2005-2006. He can be reached at the Law Office of John French, 1531 Live Oak Drive, Tallahassee FL 32301.

**W. Howard LaPorte** will fill the position of new circuit judge in Walton County. He was named to the newly created post by Gov. Jeb

Bush, and will start the new job in November 2005.

**Brian O'Neill** was selected by Legal Times as one of nation's 10 "Leading Lawyers in Energy" in an article titled "They Got the Power." He is partner in the Washington, D.C., firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae.

**Thomas T. Remington**, circuit court judge in Okaloosa County, was interviewed for an article that ran on the front page of The New York Times March 20, 2005, issue. The story was about courthouse security.

### 1972

**Charles A. Francis** was re-elected for a second term as chief judge of the Second Judicial Circuit. He also was named Judge of the Year for 2004 by the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He can be reached at Room 365A, Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, FL 32301; e-mail, francisc@leoncountyfl.gov.

**Wayne Hogan's** law firm's name has been changed to Terrell Hogan. The office is at 233 E. Bay St., Jacksonville, FL 32202; Tel., 904-722-2228.

**Charles Levin** has changed the name of his firm to Levin & Markowitz, Attorneys at Law. The firm does commercial and residential landlord representation in Florida. He can be reached at 400 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 1950, Tampa, FL 33602; Tel., 813-274-5135.

### 1973

**Warren Goodwin** has retired as chief assistant state attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit after more than 30 years in that office.

**Harold Knowles** of the Tallahassee firm of Knowles & Randolph, P.A., was elected to the board of directors of the Community Foundation of North Florida.

**W. "Spider" Webb Jr.**, president of Office Systems Consultants, Division of Webb, Inc. in Tallahassee, received Canon's Partners in Excellence Award.

### 1974

**Augustus Aikens Jr.**, a Leon County judge, has been elected treasurer of 2-1-1 Big Bend, a community counseling hotline.

**Henry Dean** has joined GrayRobinson, P.A., as Of Counsel, working in the firm's administrative law practice.

**Carl D. Motes** has joined the firm of Arnold, Matheny & Eagan, P.A., at 605 E. Robinson St., Suite 730, Orlando, FL 32801; Tel., 407-841-1550; e-mail, emotes@ameorl.com.

**George E. Tragos** has been appointed the incoming chair of The Florida Bar Criminal Procedure Rules Committee. He practices criminal defense law in Clearwater and Tampa. He can be reached at Law Offices of George E. Tragos, 600 Cleveland St., Suite 700, Clearwater, FL 33755; Tel., 727-441-9254; e-mail greek.law@verizon.net.



**Richard L. Geissal** has joined the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale, LLP, where he is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and concentrates in the area of toxic torts. He can be reached at One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600, St. Louis, MO 64102; Tel., 314-621-5070.



**Stann Givens**, partner in the divorce litigation firm of Knox & Givens, P.A., has been elected president of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers at the organization's 27th annual institute. He can be reached at 607 W. Horatio St., Tampa, FL 33606; Tel., 813-254-0034; e-mail, givens@tampafamilylaw.com.

## 1975

**Bruce Blackwell**, a member of the College of Law's Alumni Board, is listed in the 2006 edition of the Chambers USA: Best Lawyers in America and his firm name has changed to King, Blackwell, Downs & Zehnder, P.A. He can be reached at 25 E. Pine St., Orlando, FL 32801.

**Dominic M. Caparello** of Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A., was elected to the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

**Sidney Matthew** of Gorman & Matthew has been named vice president of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Susan Potter Norton** was the management editor of the American Bar Association's Section of the Litigation Model Jury Instructions for Employment Litigation. She and Jason Vail, '80, were contributing editors to five of the nine chapters.

**Daniel Thompson**, a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of the Berger Singerman law firm, was appointed to Florida Legal Services Governing Board by The Florida Bar Board of Governors. His practice focuses on conflict resolutions between clients and government agencies.

## 1976

**Lawrence N. Curtin** of Holland & Knight is listed in the 2006 edition of USA Chambers: The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in environmental law and natural resources law. He can be reached at P.O. Box 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

**Carolyn K. Fulmer** was unanimously elected chief judge of the 2nd District Court of Appeal, headquartered in Lakeland. Gov. Lawton Chiles appointed her to the 2nd Court of Appeal in 1994. She is the first woman to be appointed to the 2nd District. Her two-year term as chief judge began July 1.

**Thomas J. Jones** of Holland & Knight has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America 2006. He specializes in insurance law. He can be reached at P.O. Box 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302

## 1977

**James O. Cunningham** has opened his new law offices at 3117 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804.



**William H. Davis** was elected president of The Florida Bar Foundation. He also serves as a member of the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. He practices law in the areas of civil, criminal and administrative litigation at the Tallahassee firm of Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A.

**Charles Dodson** of Dodson & Boge has been named president of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Pamela B. Fort** of The Commerce Group has been named a board member of The Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists for 2005-2006. She can be reached at 104 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301.

**Debra Heise** was honored by the Idaho Judiciary with the George G. Granata Award for professionalism. She is a senior judge in the First District. She can be reached at Bonner County Courthouse, P.O. Box 1634, Sandpoint, ID 83864; Tel., 208-265-1446; e-mail, [dheise@co.bonner.id.us](mailto:dheise@co.bonner.id.us).

**Edwin P. Krieger** has joined the firm of Catania & Catania. He can be reached at 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 2400, Tampa, FL 33602; Tel., 813-222-8545; e-mail, [Edwin@cataniaandcatania.com](mailto:Edwin@cataniaandcatania.com).

**Jeffrey B. Trammell** of Trammell and Company can be reached at Suite 804, 1220 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; Tel., 202-223-3305.

**Christopher Weiss**, a partner in the Orlando office of Holland & Knight, LLP, is listed as one of Florida's Legal Elites for 2005 by Florida Trend magazine. He ranks as the No. 1 construction attorney in Florida by Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2005-2006. The Orlando Business Journal's 2005 Best of the Bar ranks him as one of the top construction lawyers in Orlando.

## 1978



**Miranda F. Fitzgerald** of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed in Orlando has been included in the 2005 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers directory. She also is among Florida Trend magazine's 2005 Legal Elites. In addition, she moderated a panel of land use experts on the new growth management law at the Environmental Summer School program held at Marco Island and sponsored by the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

**Christopher L. Griffin** is special counsel in the Tampa office of Foley & Lardner, LLP, and is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and Appellate Practice Group. He can be reached at 100 N. Tampa St., Suite 2700, Tampa, FL 33602.

**Sheila M. McDevitt** has been elected chair of the Saint Leo Board of Trustees for a two-year term. She is senior vice president-general counsel and chief legal officer for TECO Energy in Tampa and serves on the College of Law's Board of Visitors.

**Mary Lou Rajchel** has been appointed senior vice president of research and development for Florida TaxWatch.



**Harris K. Solomon** has been elected president of the Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Broward County and president of Temple Bat Yam of East Fort Lauderdale. He is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale firm of Brinkley, Mc Nerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum, LLP. He can be reached at Sun-Sentinel Bldg., 200 #. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301; Tel., 954-522-2200.

**Scott K. Tozian's** law firm name has changed from Smith & Tozian, P.A., to Smith, Tozian & Hinkle, P.A.. The firm is at 109 N. Brush St., Suite 200, Tampa Florida, 33602.

**Vicki Weber** of Hopping, Green & Sams received special recognition by Chambers USA, American's Leading Lawyers for Business 2005. The firm was ranked as Florida's top environmental law firm for the third year in a row.

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Please take a moment to log in to the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Directory website, [www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/directory](http://www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/directory), 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.

## 1979

**Peter Antonacci** of the law firm of GrayRobinson was appointed to serve on the Second Judicial Nominating Commission for the period of July 2005-July 2007.

**James L. Bacchus** received a Grads Made Good award during 2005 Homecoming at Florida State University. He is chair of the Global Practice Group of Greenberg Traurig. He can be reached at 800 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20006; Tel., 202-331-3100.

**Terry E. Lewis**, a shareholder in the West Palm Beach firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., was named one of Florida's 2005 Legal Elites in the area of environmental and land use law by Florida Trend magazine. He can be reached at 1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 1000, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; Tel., 561-640-0820.

**Robert L.F. Polsky's** firm has changed its name to Nuell & Polsky. It is at 782 N.W. 42nd Ave., Suite 345, Miami, FL 33126; Tel., 305-441-1122; e-mail, robpolsy@aol.com.

**Gary R. Preston** has joined Greenberg Traurig, where he is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group in the firm's Orlando office. He can be reached at 450 S. Orange Ave., Suite 650, Orlando, FL 32801; Tel., 407-420-1000; e-mail, preston@gtlaw.com.

**William L. Wright** was elected chief judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. He can be reached at P.O. Box 976, Marianna, FL 32447; Tel., 850-482-9078; e-mail, burchd@jud14.flcourts.org.

## 1980

**Thomas K. Equels** of Holtzman Equels had his article titled "Interview with a Dictator" published in The Long Term View, Vol. 6, No. 3. The journal is published by the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover. He can be reached at 2601 S. Baysore Drive, Suite 600, Miami, FL 33133; Tel., 305-859-7700; e-mail, tequels@heqlaw.com.

**Ralph A. Peterson** was selected as one of Florida Trend magazine's Florida Legal Elite. He is a board certified labor and employment attorney and partner with the Pensacola firm of Beggs & Lane. He can be reached by e-mail at rapigg@bellsouth.net.

**E. Jason Vail** and Susan Potter Norton were contributing editors to five of the nine chapters of the American Bar Association's Section of the Litigation Model Jury Instructions for Employment Litigation. He is an assistant attorney general in Tallahassee.

## 1982

**James M. Ervin Jr.** of Holland & Knight has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America 2006. He specializes in tax law. He can be reached at P.O. Drawer 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

**Steve Fredrickson** has been named assistant general counsel at the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation. He can be reached at 645A Larson Bldg., Tallahassee, FL 32399; Tel., 850-413-4144; e-mail, steve.fredrickson@fldfs.com.

**Lloyd Monroe IV** resigned from his law practice in August and he and his family have moved to Guatemala to do missionary work and open a coffee house to serve expatriates and tourists in the city of Panajachel.



**Robert N. Wesley** was the recipient of the 2005 Orange County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award. He is with the Office of the Public Defender, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 435 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801; Tel., 407-836-4806.

## 1983

**Joseph A. Bulone** was appointed circuit court judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. He is assigned to the Criminal Division in New Port Richey. He can be reached at 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654; Tel., 727-847-8922; e-mail, jbulone@jud6.org.

**Craig Dennis** of Dennis, Jackson, Martin & Fontella has been named president-elect of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Lawton Langford** has been named to the board of directors of the United Way of the Big Bend for 2005.

**Thomas P. Scarritt Jr.** has been named chair of the Florida Ethics Commission. He is with the Scarritt Law Group, P.A., 1509 W. Swann Ave., Suite 280, Tampa, FL 33606; Tel., 813-258-2300 ext 2257; e-mail, tscarritt@scarrittlaw.com.

## 1984

**Cody Fowler Davis** is a civil trial attorney and senior partner at the Tampa firm of Davis & Harmon, P.A. He can be reached at the firm's new location, 110 N. 11th St., 2nd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602; Tel., 813-222-3600.

**Alan M. Grunspan** has joined the Miami office of Carlton Fields, and can be reached at 100 S.E. Second St., Suite 4000, Miami, Florida 33131; Tel., 305-530-0050.

**Valeria Hendricks** is a board certified appellate attorney with Davis & Harmon, P.A., where she heads the firm's appellate and law department. She can be reached at the firm's new location, 110 N. 11th St., 2nd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602; Tel., 813-222-3600; e-mail, vh@davis-harmon.com.

**Ken Plante** of the Tallahassee firm of Brewton, Plante & Plante has been named chairman of The Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists for the 2005-2006 year. He can be reached at P.O. Box 10369, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

## 1985

**Ralph DeMeo** of Hopping, Green & Sams received special recognition by Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2005. The firm was ranked as Florida's top environmental law firm for the third year in a row.

**Martin R. Dix**, a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Akerman Senterfitt, where he practices in the area of pharmacy health care law, was presented with The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for 2005. He also serves on the board of Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.

**Mark E. Holcomb** of Holland & Knight has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America 2006. He specializes in tax law. He can be reached at P.O. Drawer 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302.



**Samuel King** of the firm of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, has been elected to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates. He also served on the faculty of The Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education Seminar on Advanced Trial Advocacy in Gainesville in May.

**Glenda K. Sutton** has become a partner in the firm of Andrews, Davis & Sutton. She can be reached at 694 Baldwin Ave. Suite 1, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435; Tel. 850-892-5838; e-mail, gks@defuniaklaw.com

## 1986

**Jeffrey P. Bassett** has joined the Florida Department of Children's and Families' Legal Services in Miami as an appellate and court supervisor.

**Jean Lee Burgess** recently was married and her name now is Jean Burgess Moore. She is with the Office of the Public Defender, 14th Circuit, P.O. Box 580, Panama City, FL 32402.

**Andy Dogali**, managing partner of Forizs & Dogali, P.L., has been selected by his peers to be included in the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

**Bruce Helmich** works as a legal clerk at the Tampa firm of Jeffrey A. Blau. He can be reached at 14024 W. Parsley Drive, Madeira Beach, FL; Tel., 727-392-6085; e-mail, joanhelmich@msn.com.

**Kimberly King** is president-elect of the board of 2-1-1 Big Bend, a community counseling hotline. She is an attorney with the firm of Hayward & Grant, P.A. She can be reached at 2121-D Killarney Way, Suite G, Tallahassee, FL 32309; Tel 850-386-4400; e-mail, kking@kkinglaw.com.

## 1987

**Sam Ard** of the Tallahassee firm of Ard, Shirley & Hartman, P.A., has been named a board member of The Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists for 2005-2006. He can be reached at P.O. Box 1874, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

**Kenneth E. Keechl** has been elected president of the Dolphin Democratic Caucus, Florida's oldest and largest gay and lesbian political organization. He is a senior litigation partner with the Fort Lauderdale firm of Brinkley, McNeerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum.

**C. Alan Lawson** was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to the 5th District Court of Appeal.

**E. Louis Stern** has joined McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. He can be reached at 6010 Cattleridge Drive, Suite 102, Sarasota, FL 34232; Tel., 941-955-6141.

**Nelson G. Williams** was recognized for 30 years of service by the Southern Division of the Train Collectors Association. He has published several dozen articles in four national magazines on his hobby. He is retired and can be reached at 7589 S. Grovewood Loop, Floral City, FL 34436; Tel., 352-344-9753.

## Send Us Your News

From all surveys, the most avidly read section of the FSU Law magazine is "Class Action." The law school's more than 7,000 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 as a lead singer in a band? If you have anything that you would like to include in Class Notes, please send your name, class year, phone number, e-mail address, and information to [aluminfo@law.fsu.edu](mailto:aluminfo@law.fsu.edu).

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## 1988

**Reginald Luster** has been reappointed by The Florida Supreme Court to a second three-year term on The Florida Bar Foundation's board of directors and will serve on the Development Committee and the Legal Assistance for the Poor/Law Student Assistance Grant Committee. He also is on the Jacksonville Bar Board of Governors.

## 1989

**Greg Lang** can be reached at Department of the Navy, SPLE5, 287 Somers Court, Suite 10041, Washington, D.C. 20393; Tel., 202-764-2021; e-mail, Gregory.Lang@ssp.navy.mil.

## 1990

**Faye Allen Boyce** was appointed to the Orange County judgeship. She can be reached at 642 Saint Edmunds Lane, Orlando, FL 32835.

**Jorge M. Cestero** has been elected chair of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar. He is board certified in marital and family law and is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He can be reached at Sasser, Cestero & Sasser, P.A., P.O. Box 2907, West Palm Beach, FL 33402; Tel., 561-689-4378; e-mail, jcestero@sasserlaw.com.

## 1991

**Karen Phillips** of Florida United Businesses Association has been named a board member of The Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists for 2005-2006. She can be reached at P.O. Box 1302, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

**Chad S. Roberts**, an officer and director of Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, was presented with The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for 2005.

**W. Fred Whitson**, director of medical economics for the Florida Medical Association in Tallahassee, is among the nine panel judges selected for the third annual Florida CHOICE Awards for Workers' Compensation.

## 1992

**Wendy W. Berger** was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to the bench of the 7th Judicial Circuit Court. She is one of the youngest circuit judges

in Florida. She can be reached at St. Johns County Courthouse, 4010 Lewis Speedway, Room 344, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

## 1993

**Brian Alexander** has been named director of business affairs at Discovery Communications, parent company to 15 cable networks, including Discovery Channel, TLC and Animal Planet. He practices in the area of contracts and negotiations and can be reached at 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90067; Tele. 323-883-0249; e-mail, brian\_alexander@discovery.com.

**William Keith Bryant** has joined the firm of Baker & Hostetler, LLP. He can be reached at 200 S. Orange Ave., Suite 2300, Orlando, FL 32801; Tel., 407-649-4000; e-mail, wkbryant@hotmail.com.

**Steven A. Grigas** has joined GrayRobinson in the firm's Tallahassee office as Of Counsel.

**Ann T. Marshall** has become a partner in the firm of Bishop, White, Miersma and Marshall, P.S. She can be reached at 720 Olive Way, Suite 1301, Seattle, WA 98101.

**Rob McNeely** and Cindy McNeely ('98) have opened The McNeely Law Firm, which specializes in family, entertainment and animal law. Both are adjunct professors at the College of Law. They can be reached at 2898-6 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308; Tel., 850-656-7780.

**Matthew Craig Meredith** has joined the Office of the Public Defender in Panama City. He can be reached at P.O. Box 580, Panama City, FL 32402; Tel., 850-784-6155; e-mail, mattmeredithesq@yahoo.com.

**Dawn Kimmel Roberts** is director of the Florida Division of Elections. She can be reached at 500 S. Bronough St., Suite 316, Tallahassee, FL 32399; Tel., 850-245-6200; e-mail, dkroberts@dos.state.fl.us.

**Rich Sox** and Robert Bass, '95, gave a speech titled "Leveling the Playing Field: Automobile Franchise Issues and Concerns" at the Multi-Dealership CFO Alliance Group Conference in April. He is with the Tallahassee firm of Myers & Fuller, P.A.

**Neibra Washington Collins** has joined the Pittman Law Group, P.L. as Of Counsel. She practices in the areas of marital and family, probate and guardianship, personal injury and general civil law. She can be reached at

a 528 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301; Tel., 850-216-1002; e-mail, beibra@pittman-law.com.

## 1994

**Mary Ellen Clark** has joined the Office of the Attorney General. She can be reached at 400 S. Monroe St., Suite PL-01, Tallahassee, FL 32399; Tel., 850-414-3300; e-mail, Mary\_Ellen\_Clark@oag.state.fl.us.



**Ryon McCabe** was named a partner in the firm of Ackerman Link & Sartory, P.A., where he practices in the areas of securities arbitration, business litigation, class actions and professional liability litigation. He also has been named one of the "Up-and-Coming Attorneys" in South Florida for 2004 and 2005 by the South Florida Legal Guide and was listed as an "Up-and-Coming Legal Elite" in Florida Trend magazine.

**Sean Pittman** has been named secretary of the 2005-2006 North Florida Executive Committee of the Children's Home Society. He also was selected to serve on the FedEx Orange Bowl Committee. His firm is the Pittman Law Group at 528 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301; Tel., 850-216-1002.

## 1995

**Robert Bass** and Rich Sox, '93, gave a speech titled "Leveling the Playing Field: Automobile Franchise Issues and Concerns" at the Multi-Dealership CFO Alliance Group Conference in April. He is with the Tallahassee firm of Fuller & Myers.

**Michael J. Bauer** has joined the Wakulla County Office of the State Attorney. He can be reached at Office of the State Attorney, Wakulla County Courthouse, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327.

**Benjamin Crump** received the National Bar Association's Affiliate Chapter of the Year Award on behalf of the association's Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter. The award was presented at the bar's annual convention. Crump, a partner in the Tallahassee law firm of Parks & Crump, is president of the Affiliate Chapter.

**Roseanne V. Zuayjas Eckert** is with Assistant Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, Southern Region. She can be reached at 101 N.W. 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33323; Tel., 954-713-1284; e-mail, EckertR@ccsr.state.fl.us.



**E. Ashley Hardee** has received the Brevard County Bar Association Professionalism Award. She is a senior trial court staff attorney with the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in Brevard.

**Shannon B. Hartsfield** of Holland & Knight has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America 2006. She specializes in health care law. She can be reached at P.O. Drawer 810, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

**Bruce T. Jeroslow** has joined the office of the Auditor General in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 111 W. Madison, Suite 512, Claude Pepper Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399 850-487-9184

**Daryl D. Parks** of Parks & Crump, LLC, in Tallahassee was elected chairman of the Minority Caucus for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America for 2004-2005.

**Gary A. Roberts** has been named a board member of The Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists for 2005-2006. He can be reached at the firm of Gary A. Roberts & Associates, LLC, 167 Salem Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

**Marlene Sallo** has joined the Florida Department of Children and Families. She can be reached at 1055 U.S. Hwy. 17 N., Bartow, FL 33830; Tel., 863-534-0062.

**William R. Waters Jr.** and Fred E. Pearson Jr., '96, have joined together to form the firm of Pearson Waters, P.A. The firm is at 703 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303; Tel., 850-841-7622.

## 1996

**Derek B. Brett** has joined the firm of Weston, Garrou, Dewitt & Walters. He can be reached at 81 Douglas Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714; Tel., 407-389-4529; e-mail, Derek@firstadment.com.

**Karla Dee Ellis**, who works for the Florida Senate, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of The Refuge House and head its nominating committee. She also was deployed with The American Red Cross to Gulfport, Mississippi, for two weeks

to aid Hurricane Katrina survivors. She can be reached at Suite 310, The Capitol, 404 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399; 850-487-5312; ellis.karla@flsenate.gov.

**Jeremy N. Jungreis**, Capt. USMC, has been published in Harvard Environmental Law Review, Vol. 29, No. 2, summer 2005. His article is titled "Permit Me Another Drink: A Proposal for Safeguarding the Water Rights of Federal Lands in the Regulated Riparian East." He is Regional Environmental Counsel for the U.S. Marine Corps at the Western Area Counsel Office, Bldg. 1254, MCB Camp Pendleton, CA 92055; Tel., 760-725-5613.

**S. Todd Merrill** has joined Taylor Woodrow as associate general counsel for the Florida, Texas and U.S. Tower divisions. He can be reached at 877 Executive Center Drive W. Suite 205, St. Petersburg, FL 33702; Tel., 727-563-9882; e-mail, todd.merrill@us.taylorwoodrow.com.

**Fred Eugene Pearson** and William Waters Jr., '95, have joined together to form the firm of Pearson Waters, P.A. at 703 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303; Tel., 850-841-7611.

**Tricia Prado** has joined the The North Florida Law Firm, P.A. She can be reached at P.O. Box 2000, Fort Myers, FL 33902; Tel., 239-337-1191.

## 1997

**Scott Monroe Coffey** has been named a partner with Steel Hector & Davis, LLP, where he advises local, national and international clients in general corporate, finance and banking-related transactions, including venture capital, secured and unsecured commercial lending, and mergers and acquisitions.

**Charles P. Sniffen** has joined the firm of Harlee & Bald, P.A., in Bradenton. He can be reached at 202 Old Main St., Bradenton, FL 34205; Tel., 941-744-5537; e-mail, cs@harlee-bald.com.

**W. Kevin Snyder's** new firm is Lacy & Snyder. He can be reached at 21 Eastbrook Bend, Suite 222, Peachtree City, GA 30269; Tel 770 486-8445; e-mail, Kevin@lacysnyder.com.

**Richard Woodford** has been appointed associate counsel for the Office of the Inspector General at the Securities and Exchange Commission. He is responsible for internal investigations into allegations of waste, fraud and abuse. He can be reached at 450 Fifth St.,

N.W. Stop 1107, Washington, D.C. 20549; Tel., 202-551-6018.

## 1998

**R. Scott Callen** has joined the golf resort and industry team of Foley & Larnder LLP, where he specializes in corporate counseling and labor and employment law. He represents numerous companies in the golf, retail and restaurant industries.

**G. Todd Cottrill** was elected a shareholder in the Jacksonville firm of Pappas Metcalf Jenks & Miller, P.A, where he practices land use and environmental law. He can be reached at 245 Riverside Ave., Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202; Tel., 904-353-1980; gtc@papmet.com.

**Eric P. Czelusta** has joined the law firm of Billing, Cochran, Heath, Lyles, Mauro & Anderson, P.A., where he specializes in medical malpractice, insurance defense, and hospital and health care law. He can be reached at 400 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401; Tel., 561-659-5970.

**Lisa M. Hurley** has joined Akerman Senterfitt in Tallahassee as Of Counsel. She concentrates her practice in government procurement law and governmental affairs. She can be reached at 106 E. College Ave., Suite 1200, Tallahassee, FL 32301; Tel., 850-224-9634; e-mail, lisa.hurley@akerman.com.

**Thomas O. Ingram** was elected a shareholder in the Jacksonville firm of Pappas Metcalf Jenks & Miller, P.A, where he practices land use and environmental law. He can be reached at 245 Riverside Ave., Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202; Tel., 904-353-1980; e-mail, to@papmet.com.

**Kimberly Johnson** has joined the San Francisco firm of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory in its real estate and land use group. She can be reached at Three Embarcadero Center, 12th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111; Tel., 415-837-1515; e-mail, kjohnson@allenmatkins.com.

**Lauren Kohl-Helbig's** new firm name is Gibson, Kohl-Helbig & Wolf, P.L. It is located at 1800 2nd St., Suite 901, Sarasota, FL 34236; Tel., 941-365-1166.

**Stephanie Crossman Lowman** has opened The Lowman Law Firm, P.A. She can be reached at 17 Lulu St., Brooksville, FL 34601; Tel., 352-797-7414; e-mail stephlowman@yahoo.com.

**Cindy A. McNeely** and Rob McNeely, '93, have created The McNeely Law Firm, which specializes in family, entertainment and animal law. Both are adjunct professors at the College of Law. They can be reached at 2898-6 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308; Tel., 850-656-7780.



**Scott B. Smith** has joined Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP, in West Palm Beach. He specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and product liability claims. He has achieved numerous verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1 million. He also is chair of the Academy of Trial Lawyers' Young Lawyers Division. In addition, he is a member of ATLA's Interstate Trucking Litigation Group. He can be reached at 561-820-2223 or by e-mail, ssmith@palm-beachlaw.com.

**Ethan Andrew Way** has opened Way Law Firm and is board certified in criminal trial law. He can be reached at 119 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301; Tel., 850-224-1191; e-mail, ethan@waylawfirm.com.

## 1999

**Angie Holley Desmond** and Sean Desmond ('02) welcomed their second child, Kristen Holley Desmond, on April 10, 2005. They have a son, Kevin Timothy Desmond, who was born Aug. 15, 2003. Angie is an assistant general counsel with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, in Tallahassee.

**Fred Maglione** married the former Sarah Stevenson in Houston, Texas, on May 21, 2005. He is the director of alumni relations, Omega Financial, Inc. in Atlanta. He can be reached at 265 Carlyle Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307; Tel., 404-371-4164; e-mail, fredmaglione@comcast.net.

**Allen S. McConaughay** has joined the personal injury law firm of Fonvielle Lewis Foote & Messer as an associate.



**John Kiel**, Capt., U.S. Army, is an assistant professor in the Department of Law at the U.S. Military Academy. He is teaching Constitutional Law and Military Justice. He can be reached at U.S. Military Academy, Department of Law, West Point, NY 10996; or 3075-B Wayne Place, West Point, NY 10996; e-mail, John.Kiel@usma.edu.

## 2000

**Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes** has been elected president of The West Palm Beach Chapter of The Links, Inc., a national community service organization. She is with the law firm of Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley in West Palm Beach, where she specializes in personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death litigation.

**Rochelle Birnbaum Chiocca** has announced that the name of her firm has changed to Chiocca & Chiocca, P.A. She can be reached at 2001 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 400, West Palm Beach, FL 33409; Tel., 561-253-0230; e-mail, Rochelle@chioccalw.com.

**Sean Desmond** and Angie Desmond ('99) welcomed their second child, Kristen Holley Desmond on April 10, 2005. They have a son, Kevin Timothy Desmond, who was born Aug. 15, 2003. Sean is a founding partner of the Tallahassee firm of Desmond & Maceluch, P.A., concentrating in personal injury and criminal law.

**Michael R. D'Onofrio** has joined the Naples office of the national law firm Quarles & Brady, where he practices in the commercial and construction law litigation groups. He can be reached at 1395 Panther Lane, Suite 300, Naples, FL 34109; Tel., 239-434-4917.

**Stephen T. Erwin** is general counsel of Agile Group, a Wall Street investment firm. He can be reached at 4909 Pearl E. Circle, Suite 300, Boulder, CO 80301; Tel., 303-440-6500; e-mail, erwin@agilefunds.com.

**Eric Radford Lloyd** has joined D.F.S., Division of Workers' Compensation. He can be reached at 200 E. Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399; Tel., 850-488-9370; e-mail, eric.lloyd@fdls.com.

**William Purdy** is a conflict review specialist at Holland & Knight. He can be reached at One Tampa City Center, 201 N. Franklin St., Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33602; Tel., 813-769-4325; e-mail, william.purdy@hklaw.com.

**Joseph Silva Jr.** has opened the law firm of Joseph Silva Jr., P.A., where he specializes in commercial litigation. He can be reached at 239 E. 4th St., Panama City, FL 32401; Tel., 850-763-8422; e-mail, joseph@jsilvalaw.com.

**S. Brent Spain** has become a partner with the law firm of Theriaque Vorbeck & Spain. He practices primarily in the areas of land use, local government and administrative law,

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## 2001

**Hilda Auguste** is the human resources director for Miracle of Love, Inc., an HIV non-profit organization that serves black and Hispanic males who are gay, bisexual or transgender by providing education, outreach, testing and case management for those who need help with medication or paying rent and utilities. She can be reached at 1800 Mercy Drive, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32808; Tel., 407-445-6008 ext. 29; e-mail, hauguste22@aol.com.

**Michelle L. Buckalew** has joined the firm of Andrews, Crabtree, Knox & Andrews, LLP, as an associate. She practices in the areas of insurance defense, medical malpractice, nursing home defense, products liability defense, government liability, employment law and civil rights litigation.

**Jenna Edmundson Caulfield** is a staff attorney at Inmates' Legal Assistance Program 78 Oak Street, P.O. Box 260237, Hartford, CT 06126; Tel., 860-246-1118.

**Marcelo Llorente**, the Florida House Representative from District 116, has joined the board of directors of the Pacer Health Corporation in Miami.

**Brittany Adams Long** has joined the First District Court of Appeal as a law clerk. She can be reached at 301 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399; Tel., 850-487-1000; e-mail, badamslong@hotmail.com.

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**Matt Rearden** and his wife, Amanda, are the proud parents of Mackenzie Grace, born Feb. 24, 2005. Matt is associate general counsel for International Speedway Corp. in Daytona Beach. He can be reached at 1801 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114; Tel., 386-681-4076.

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## 2002

**Michael John Barry** is working in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. House of Representatives. He can be reached at 108 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Tel., 202-225-2536; e-mail, mike.barry@mail.house.gov.

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**Shelbie Legg** will begin work in November at the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which borders Afghanistan. She will travel with her husband, Vassily Barybov. She can be reached at 82 Chilanzarskaya St., Tashkent, 700115, Republic of Uzbekistan; Tel., +998 (71) 120-5450.

**Molly Harris Litz** and Matthew Litz ('03) celebrated the birth of their son Campbell Isenhour Litz on Jan. 21, 2005. She can be reached at 1911 Misty Water Court, Apex, NC 27502; Tel., 919-372-7109. Matthew is an associate at the firm of Young Moore & Henderson.

## 2003

**Mark E. Adamczyk** has joined the Naples firm of Peck & Peck in the practice of real estate, litigation and estate planning. He can be reached 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd., Suite 103, Naples, FL 34108; Tel., 239-566-3600; e-mail, madamcz@yahoo.com.



**Jami McFatter Balkom** and her husband Josh Balkom celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Juli Allison Balkom April 29, 2005. Jami is with the firm of Manuel & Thompson and is a member of the College of Law's Alumni Board. She can be reached at 314 Magnolia Ave., Panama City, FL 32401.

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**Howard Currie's** new firm is Howard Currie, P.A. He can be reached at 1426 Towne Lake Pkwy., Suite 102-241, Woodstock, GA 30189; Tel., 404-247-8237; e-mail, vcurrie022@yahoo.com.

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**Angela Deanne Davis** married Sean Tobaygo, '03, in October 2004.

**Shawn L. Demers** has joined the firm of Butler & Hosch, P.A., as a Florida foreclosure attorney. He can be reached at 3185 S. Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, FL 32812; Tel., 407-381-5200 ext. 1095.

**Brian R. Evans** has joined the firm of Sponser, Bennett, Jacobs & Cristal, P.A. He can be reached at 400 N. Tampa St., Suite 2300, Tampa, FL 33602; Tel., 813-272-1401.

**Jennifer Gilmore** has joined the firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwattney, P.A., where she practices criminal law. She can be reached at 909 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301; Tel., 850-222-2000; e-mail, JGilmore@tallahasseeattorneys.com.

**Sarah R. Hamilton**, who, in addition to her law degree, received an MBA in 2003 from Florida State, has joined Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, as an associate in the firm's Capital Markets Group. She can be reached at 214 N. Tyrone St., Suite 2500, Charlotte, NC 28202; Tel. 704-338-5058; e-mail, SarahRHamilton@cox.net.

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**Matthew Litz** and Molly Harris Litz ('02) celebrated the birth of their son, Campbell Isenhour Litz on Jan. 21, 2005. Matthew is an associate in the taxation and estate planning law firm of Young, Moore & Henderson in Raleigh, N.C. He can be reached at 3101 Glenwood Ave., Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27612; Tel., 919-782-6860; e-mail, mcl@ymh.com.

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**Stephen J. Rapp** and Amanda Rapp, '03, were married this past year. He joined the firm of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A., and can be reached at 777 S. Flagler Drive, Suite 500 E. West Palm Beach, FL 33401; Tel., 561-650-0521.

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**Sean Tobaygo** married Angela Deanne Davis, '03, in October 2004.

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## 2004

**Lisa A. Balfour** is with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and is a prosecutor for the Construction Industry Licensing Board. She can be reached at 1940 N. Monroe St., Suite 42, Tallahassee, FL 32399; Tel., 850-414-9132; e-mail, lab.esq@comcast.net.

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**Kevin A. Gowen II** has joined the Orlando office of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., as an associate practicing in the area of commercial litigation. He can be reached at 201 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32802; Tel., 407-872-7300.



**Jason Jones** and his wife Danielle welcomed the arrival of their first child, daughter Amelia Grace, in March 2005. Jason is an assistant state attorney for the 2nd Judicial Circuit. He can be reached at Office of the State Attorney, 106 E. Washington St., Monticello, FL 32344; Tel., 850-342-0196; e-mail, Jonesja@leoncountyfl.gov.

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**Hans Laurenceau** has joined the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, and has announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives. He can be reached at 201 Southeast 6th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301; e-mail, Hans013@aol.com.

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## 2005

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**Lisa Bench Niewveld** has started NY Law Clerks with Courtney Connell, '05. The firm provides legal research, writing, case evaluation, preliminary opinions on legal issues,

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## In Memorium

**Lawrence Lee Carnes**, '69, of Tallahassee died Aug. 16, 2005. He was a retired patent and trademark attorney. Memorial contributions may be made to Down Syndrome Association of Tallahassee, 8830 Minnow Creek Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312.

**Edward Alphonso Cobham Jr.**, '89, died July 22, 2005. He was retired from the Florida Energy Office.

**Robert Treat Graham**, '75, of Pensacola died April 5, 2005. He was retired from the Office of the State Attorney in Pensacola. Memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Health Care Foundation, 1717 North E. St., Pensacola, FL 32501.

**James Richard Hooper**, '83, died July 1, 2005, in a plane crash. He was the sole owner of the Law Offices of James Richard Hooper, P.A., a nationally recognized law firm devoted to plaintiff's rights and the representation of the injured.

**J. Bob Humphries**, '72, of Tampa died Aug. 18, 2005. He was with the Tampa firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A. Contributions may be made to the J. Bob Humphries Student of Excellence Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 13425, Tampa, FL 33681.

**Scott Robert McRae**, '96, died August 9, 2005, in San Luis Obispo. He was the interim president of VAS Entertainment in San Luis Obispo. Donations in his name are being accepted at the Street Children's Reconciliation, Education and Assistance Ministry at SCREAM USA c/o Dave and Diane Wassener, 85 Heights of Hill St., Whitinsville, MA 01588.

**Joseph Lee Shields**, '74, of Tallahassee died June 16, 2005. He was a senior attorney for the Florida Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation Department. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

**Luther Charles Smith**, '73, died Sept. 28, 2005. He had been associated with several law firms, including Smith and Randolph; Knowles, Smith, Randolph and Cooper; and Hunter and Smith. He also was an attorney with the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Arthur E. Teele Jr.**, '72, of Miami died July 27, 2005. He was on the Miami City Commission and on the Miami-Dade County Commission.

# FACULTY

## News, Publications & Activities

### Criminal Law Scholar Dan Markel Joins Faculty



Criminal law scholar Dan Markel joined the faculty in the fall as an assistant professor.

Before entering academia, Professor Markel was an associate at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans, & Figel in Washington, D.C., where he practiced white-collar criminal defense and civil litigation in trial and appellate courts. He also has served as a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Michael Daly Hawkins on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"Dan's writings in criminal law have already commanded national attention, and we are very excited by what he brings to the scholarly mix of our faculty," said Dean Don Weidner.

Professor Markel's scholarship is focused on developing a new theory of retributive justice for liberal democracies and applying that theory in particular to topics such as the proper scope of mercy, the death penalty, punitive damages, shaming punishments, and transitional

justice in states recovering from mass atrocities. His articles appear in *Vanderbilt Law Review*, *Minnesota Law Review*, and *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*.

He also has written for or appeared as a commentator in a wide variety of national and international mass media, including the *Jerusalem Post*, *USA Today*, *The New Republic*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Markel is an avid blogger, and his law professor blog, PrawfsBlawg ([Prawfsblawg.blogs.com](http://Prawfsblawg.blogs.com)), recently has been cited in the *New York Times* and in *Slate*.

Raised in Toronto, he studied politics and philosophy as an undergraduate at Harvard University. He then did graduate work in political philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Cambridge, before returning to Harvard for his law degree. At Harvard, he was an Olin Fellow and served on the law review.

Professor Markel is the fifth new tenure track faculty member to join the law school in the past two years.

**"Dan's writings in criminal law have already commanded national attention, and we are very excited by what he brings to the scholarly mix of our faculty."**

**— Dean Don Weidner**

### New York Times Features Study by Jonathan Klick

A study by Jonathan Klick, the Jeffrey Stoop Professor of Law, was featured in the "Economic Scene" column of the June 16, 2005, *New York Times* (page C2).

The column highlights Klick's recent article, "Using Terror Alert Levels to Estimate the Effect of Police on Crime," published in the April 2005 *Journal of Law and Economics*.

The article was co-authored with Alexander Tabarrok, a professor of economics at George Mason University. A copy of the article is available at <http://mason.gmu.edu/~atabarro/TabarrokPublishedPapers.htm>.

In their study, Klick and Tabarrok use terror alerts to examine the effects on crime of more police in the Washington, D.C., area. Many social scientists estimate that the number of police officers has no effect on crime, but it is difficult to separate cause and effect relationships since cities with more police officers may have more crime. Klick and Tabarrok use a "natural experiment"—terror alerts that increase police officers for reasons having nothing to do with crime rates. Their study controls for tourism and the effects throughout various areas of the city, and also examines the effects on various types of crimes.

"On high-alert days," Professors Klick and Tabarrok suggest, "total crimes decrease by an average of seven crimes per day, or approximately 6.6 percent." According to the *New York Times*, "Since the terror-alert system operates nationally, this research can be replicated in any other city willing to share its daily crime statistics."

Professor Klick has published numerous articles on law and economics. He holds a J.D. and a Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University.



## Lois Shepherd's New Case Book Covers Bioethics and the Law

College of Law professor Lois Shepherd's new casebook, *Bioethics and The Law* has been published by Aspen Publishers with a teachers' manual and website forthcoming. The book covers issues of access to health care, medical experimentation, public health, and applications of new biotechnology, such as embryonic stem cell research and cloning.

"My strength in the legal aspects of end-of-life decision making combined well with my co-author's strength in reproductive rights, which are the two topics that dominate bioethics inquiry today," Professor Shepherd says. The casebook is co-authored by Janet Dolgin, a professor at Hofstra University School of Law.

The authors take a multidisciplinary approach in the book, presenting not only

legal cases but also materials written by doctors, anthropologists, sociologists, philosophers and historians. "Issues in this field are very controversial, and instead of shying away from that controversy, we've tended to include strong expressions from different points of view, which should stimulate good class discussion," Professor Shepherd said. The book also contains a number of hypothetical and public policy problems that provide an effective mechanism for prompting in-depth class discussion.

She was named the D'Alemberte Professor in 2004 and has been a courtesy faculty member of the FSU College of Medicine since 2002.

Author of numerous articles on bioethics and health law, Professor Shepherd teaches Contracts, Professional Responsi-

bility and Bioethics and the Law. Before coming to Florida State, she was with the Charlotte, N.C., law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson. She received her B.A. with highest honors, from the University of North Carolina, and her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was a senior editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

FSU College of Law faculty have authored more than 10 current casebooks, in fields such as civil procedure, legal ethics, taxation, environmental law, ocean and coastal law, energy law, endangered species regulation, international intellectual property and law and religion.

## Adam Hirsch Named the William and Catherine VanDercreek Professor

Adam Hirsch, a leading authority on wills and trusts, has been named the William and Catherine VanDercreek Professor of Law at The Florida State University College of Law.

The professorship is a collaborative effort of the VanDercreeks along with friends and former students of Bill VanDercreek. It was created to allow the law school to recruit or retain an exceptionally productive legal scholar.

Professor Hirsch teaches Bankruptcy Policy Seminar, Creditor's Rights, Estate Planning, Gratuitous Transfers, and American Legal History. He has served as the Roger Traynor Fellow at Hastings College of Law, and he is an Academic Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

"Bill VanDercreek has been a friend and mentor since the day I arrived at the College of Law," Hirsch said. "I am honored to accept this professorship."

Professor Hirsch received his law degree in 1982 and a Ph.D. in

history in 1987 from Yale University, where his doctoral dissertation received the George Washington Egleston Prize for the best dissertation in American history. He expanded this work into a book, *The Rise of the Penitentiary: Prisons & Punishment in Early America* (Yale University Press, 1992).

Over the past two years, Professor Hirsch worked as a consultant to the sub-committee of the Real Property Probate and Trust Section of The Florida Bar that drafted a comprehensive revision to Florida's statute covering disclaimers of inheritances. The Florida Legislature recently enacted the statute, and it awaits the governor's signature. Most of Professor Hirsch's scholarship over the past 15 years has focused on wills, trusts and estates, and jurisprudence.

Bill VanDercreek taught civil procedure and complex litigation courses at the College of Law from 1968 until his retirement in 1993. He was the Moot Court advisor for twenty-five years and now is professor emeritus.

**"Bill VanDercreek has been a friend and mentor since the day I arrived at the College of Law. I am honored to accept this professorship."**

**—Adam Hirsch**

# Legal Scholars, Judges Give Advance Praise for New Book by Jim Rossi



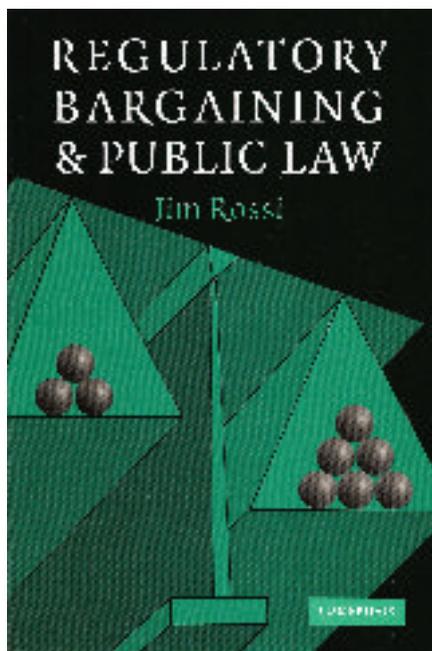
**J**im Rossi, the Harry M. Walborsky Professor of Law and associate dean for research at Florida State University College of Law, has published a new book, *Regulatory Bargaining and Public Law* (Cambridge University Press 2005).

*Regulatory Bargaining and Public Law* will prove beneficial to scholars and practitioners or law, economics, and political science because it provides a valuable approach to understanding administrative law generally and economic regulation more particularly," said Joseph Tomain, (*Bargaining in the Shadow of Regulation*, The Antitrust Source,) in a September 2005 review.

Prior to its publication in June, Professor Rossi's book received advanced praise from some of the leading legal scholars and judges in the United States. According to Matthew Spitzer, the dean of the University of Southern California Law School, "*Regulatory Bargaining and Public Law* is a must-read for anyone with a serious interest in the modern law of regulation." Spitzer, who is a lawyer and an economist, adds, "Rossi's approach yield fresh, new insights."

In the book, Professor Rossi explores the implications of a bargaining perspective for institutional governance and public law in deregulated industries, such as electric power and telecommunications. Leading media accounts blame deregulation for failures in competitive restructuring policies, as with the California deregulation fiasco. However, Professor Rossi argues that governmental institutions often influenced

by private stakeholders, share blame for the defects in deregulated markets. The first part of the book explores the minimal role that judicial intervention played for much of the twentieth century in public utility industries and how deregulation presents new opportunities and challenges



for public law.

The second part of the book explores the role of public law in a deregulatory environment, focusing on the positive and negative influences it creates for the behavior of private stakeholders and public institutions in a bargaining-focused political process. According to the Honorable

Richard D. Cudahy, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Professor Rossi's book "warns against a 'deference trap' leading courts to passive roles in conflicts involving political institutions, such as regulatory agencies and states." To address such concerns, Rossi's book suggests a unified set of default rules to guide courts in the United States and elsewhere as they address the complex issues that will come before them in a deregulatory environment. In addressing the judicial role, Professor Rossi analyzes consumer service obligations, takings jurisprudence, the filed rate doctrine, state action immunity, the dormant commerce clause, and federalism issues.

"Public policy analysts, legal scholars and students of political economy will all find the book an invaluable resource," says Daniel Farber, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley. Herbert Hovenkamp, a historian and professor of law at the University of Iowa adds, "Jim Rossi's *Regulatory Bargaining and Public Law* should be on the bookshelf of everyone interested in the regulatory process, antitrust and public law."

Rossi is an established administrative and regulatory law scholar who specializes in the energy industry. He is co-author of *Energy, Economics and the Environment* (Foundation Press 2000), the leading energy law casebook used in law school classrooms, and teaches Administrative Procedure, Antitrust, Energy Law, Regulated Industries, and Torts. Professor Rossi graduated with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1991 and in 1994 received an LL.M. from Yale Law School, where he was an Olin Fellow. He also has served as a faculty member at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law, and has taught as a visiting faculty member at the University of Texas School of Law and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

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**—Daniel Farber,  
University of California, Berkeley**

# Faculty News

Fall 2005

## FRED ABBOTT

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR

**Articles:** The WTO Medicines Decision: World Pharmaceutical Trade and the Protection of Public Health, 99 Am. J. Int'l L. 317 (2005); *Toward a New Era of Objective Assessment in the Field of TRIPS and Variable Geometry for the Preservation of Multilateralism*, 8 J. INT'L ECON. L. 77 (2005). **Presentations:** *International Technology Transfer* (Budapest, Hungary, Central European University, May 2005); *Regional Trade Agreements and the TRIPS-Plus Regulation of Intellectual Property* (Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland, International Law Association, British Branch 2005 Spring Conference, Regional Trade Agreements and the WTO Legal System, May 2005); *Regional Trade Agreements, Interest Groups and Legitimacy in the World Trading System: The Case of Intellectual Property at International Trade Roundtable: The WTO at 10 Years – The Regional Challenge to Multilateralism* (Brussels, Belgium, BRUEGEL, Center for International Business (Tuck School), World Bank (Development Research Group), June 2005); *Patents, Biotechnology and Human Rights* (Florence, European University Institute, International Workshop on The Impact of Biotechnologies on Human Rights, June 2005); *Patents, Data Protection and Global Information Flow in the Field of Medicines: Power, the Stratification of Wealth and the Consequences for Access and Public Health* (Yale Information Society Project, "The Global Flow of Information: A Conference on Law, Culture and Political Economy," April 2005); *Panelist on UNCTAD/ICTSD Resource Book on TRIPS and Development* (Geneva, Switzerland, April 2005); *Commentator to Paper on Data Exclusivity Rules* (Medecins Sans Frontieres meeting of Intellectual Property Experts Group, April 2005). **Other Activities:** Rapporteur for Committee on International Trade Law of International Law Association in meetings at WTO and WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland, June 30 – July 1, 2005; as an invited expert attended ICTSD workshop on Special and Differential Treatment, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 2, 2005; served as Expert Legal Adviser at WHO-UNICEF Workshop on IP coherence in procurement, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 4-5, 2005; as member of Quaker United Nations Office Expert Advisers Group participated in seminar for developing country WTO delegates on "Strategic options in intellectual property towards the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference", Puidoux Chexbres, Switzerland, Sept. 2-4, 2005, and in same capacity participated in workshop for least developed country WTO delegates regarding extension of TRIPS compliance periods, Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 5, 2005.

## AMITAI AVIRAM

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article:** *In Defense of Imperfect Compliance Programs*, 32 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 425 (2005) (symposium). **Presentations:** *The Evolution of Private Legal Systems* (Oñati, Spain, International Institute for the Sociology of Law - Conference: Self-Governance and the Law in Multinational Corporations and Transnational Business Networks, June 2005); *The Placebo Effect of Legal Actions* (NYU Economics Department, Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes, April 2005).

## DEBRA LYN BASSETT

LOULA FULLER AND DAN MYERS PROFESSOR

**Books:** PROBLEMS IN LEGAL ETHICS (7th ed. 2005) (with Mortimer D. Schwartz, Richard C. Wydick & Rex R. Perschbacher); CALIFORNIA LEGAL ETHICS (5th ed. 2005) (with Richard C. Wydick & Rex R. Perschbacher). **Articles:** *Recusal and the Supreme Court*, 56 HASTINGS L. J. 657 (2005); *Redefining the "Public" Profession*, 36 RUTGERS L. J. 721 (2005).

## CURTIS BRIDGEMAN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *They Don't Make Formalism Like They Used To: New Formalism vs. Classical Formalism in Contract Law* (Hilton Head, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2005); *Strict Liability and the Fault Standard in Corrective Justice Accounts of Contract* (Palo Alto, Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, May 2005). **Major Recognition:** *Strict Liability and the Fault Standard in Corrective Justice Accounts of Contract* was selected by peers in the commercial law field for presentation at the May 2005 Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum. Curtis is the second FSU College of Law faculty member to have been selected to present a paper to this prestigious forum.

## DONNA R. CHRISTIE

ELIZABETH C. AND

CLYDE W. ATKINSON PROFESSOR AND  
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL  
PROGRAMS

**Presentation:** *The Concept of Ocean Zoning: Lessons from Its Land Use Regulation Roots* (Ft. Lauderdale, Water and Waterways Conference, May 2005).

## JOSEPH DODGE

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF  
& SITTERSON PROFESSOR

**Commentary:** Published a letter critiquing an article by Professor Erik Jensen of Case Western Reserve University, *Jensen's Missiles Don't Get Off the Ground*, 107 TAX NOTES 131 (April 4, 2005).

## CHUCK EHRHARDT

MASON LADD PROFESSOR

**Treatise:** FLORIDA EVIDENCE (West Group 2005).

**Presentations:** *Admitting Hearsay Under Crawford v. Washington* (Miami State Attorney's Office, September 2005); *Emerging Criminal Evidence Issues* (Tallahassee, Office of the State-Wide Prosecutor, June 2005); *Selected Problems with Expert Witnesses* (Orlando, Florida Liability Claims Conference, May 2005).

## STEVEN GEY

DAVID AND DEBORAH FONVIELLE AND  
DONALD AND JANET HINKLE PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *A Few Questions About Cross Burning, Intimidation and Free Speech*, 80 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1287 (2005); *Free Will, Religious Liberty, and a Partial Defense of the French Prohibition of Religious Paraphernalia in Public Schools* (Eighth Annual Frankel Lecture), 42 HOUS. L. REV. 1 (2005). **Presentation:** *The Scholarship of Nadine Strassen* (University of Tulsa College of Law, 5th Annual Legal Scholarship Symposium, September 2005); *The Senate Judicial Confirmation Process* (Hilton Head, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2005).

## ELWIN J. GRIFFITH

TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Identifying Some Trouble Spots in the Fair Debt Collection Practice Act: A Framework for Improvement*, 83 NEB. L. REV. 762 (2005).

## ADAM HIRSCH

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE VANDERCREEK  
PROFESSOR OF LAW

**Article:** *Evolutionary Theories of Common Law Efficiency*, 32 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 425 (2005) (symposium). **Presentation:** *Comment on Trust Law in the 21st Century* (Cardozo Law School Symposium, September 2005).

## JONATHAN KLICK

JEFFREY A. STOOPS PROFESSOR OF LAW

**Articles:** *Data Watch: Torturing the Data*, 19 J. ECON. PERSP. 207 (2005) (with Eric Helland & Alexander Tabarrok); *Using Terror Alert Levels to Estimate the Effect of Police on Crime*, 48 J. L. & ECON. 267 (2005) (with Alexander Tabarrok); *Limited Autocracy*, REVIEW OF LAW & ECONOMICS, Vol. 1: No. 2, Article 5, <http://www.bepress.com/rle/vol1/iss2/art5> (2005); *The Microfoundations of Standard Form Contracts*, 32 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 555 (2005) (symposium). **Presentations:** *Diabetes Treatments and Moral Hazard* (Berkeley Law & Economics workshop, August

2005); *Abortion Access and Risky Sex Among Teens* (Northwestern Law & Economics Workshop, September 2005); *Differential Victimization: An Efficiency Justification for the Felony Murder Rule* (Barcelona, Spain, International Society for the Study of New Institutional Economics Annual Meeting, September 2005); *The Effect of Judicial Expedience on Attorney Fees in Class Actions* (Hilton Head, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2005); *Does Medical Malpractice Reform Help States Retain Physicians and Does It Matter?* and *A Micro Analysis of the Effect of Insurance Mandates on the Behavior of Diabetics* (Washington, D.C., American Association of Law & Economics Annual Meeting, June 2005).

## LARRY KRIEGER

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF  
CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

**Article:** *The Inseparability of Professionalism and Personal Satisfaction: Perspectives on Values Integrity and Happiness*, 11 CLINICAL L. REV. 425 (2005). **Presentations:** Moderator and Panelist (Florida Bar Masters' Professionalism Seminar, Annual Conference of the Florida Bar, Orlando, June 2005).

## TAHIRIH V. LEE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *Distance Learning: Lessons from the Internet Trade Simulation* (Beijing, China, AALS Conference for Law Deans, April 2005); *Exporting Judicial Review from the United States to China* (Columbia University Law School, Center for Chinese Legal Studies Conference, "New Scholarship on Chinese Law: A Celebration in Honor of Stanley Lubman," April 2005).

## CHARLENE D. LUKE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *"S" Corporations Update* (Amelia Island, Florida Bar Tax Law Section, Ullman Year in Review, July 2005); *Governing Risk in Tax-Preferred Investment Products* (Las Vegas, Nevada, Law & Society Annual Meeting, June 2005); *Simplification Efforts* (Moderator) (Washington, D.C., ABA Section of Taxation, Individual Income Taxation Committee, May 2005).

## DAN MARKEL

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article:** *State, Be Not Proud: A Retributivist Defense of the Commutation of Death Row and the Abolition of the Death Penalty*, 40 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 407 (2005). **Presentation:** *Luck or Law? The Fate of Equal Justice after Booker* (George Washington University Law School, Junior Criminal Law Professor Conference, July 2005).

## DAVID L. MARKELL

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Governance of International Institutions: A Review of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation's Citizen Submissions Process*, 30 N.C. J. INT'L L. & COM. REG. 759 (2005) (symposium).

## GREG MITCHELL

SHEILA M. MCDEVITT PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Libertarian Paternalism is an Oxymoron*, 99 NW. U.L. REV. 1245 (2005); *Asking the Right Questions About Judge and Jury Competence*, 32 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 519 (2005) (symposium); *Beyond Fireside Inductions*, 32 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 315 (2005) (symposium foreword). **Presentations:** *The Hows and Whys of Empirical Legal Scholarship* (Hilton Head, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2005) (panelist); *Government Regulation of Irrationality: Moral and Cognitive Hazards* (University of Virginia Faculty Workshop, March 2005). **Other Activities:** Appointed to be an associate editor for the JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES published at Cornell Law School.

## DAVID POWELL

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Book Chapter:** *Lapse, Antilapse and Descendible Beneficial Interests in Trust*, in ADMINISTRATION OF TRUSTS IN FLORIDA (Lexis/Nexis, Florida Bar CLE 2005).

## JIM ROSSI

HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND  
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

**Book:** REGULATORY BARGAINING AND PUBLIC LAW (Cambridge University Press 2005). **Articles:** *Moving Public Law Out of the Deference Trap in Deregulated Industries*, 40 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 617 (2005) (symposium); *Dual Constitutions and Constitutional Duels: Separation of Powers and State Implementation of Federally-Inspired Regulatory Programs and Standards*, 46 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1343 (2005) (symposium); *Foreword: The New Frontier of State Constitutional Law*, 46 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1231 (2005) (with James A. Gardner); *How the Filed Rate Doctrine Wreaks Havoc on Deregulated Energy Markets - And What Courts Can Do About It*, ELECTRICITY JOURNAL, April 2005, at 60. **Presentations:** Keynote Lecture, *Deregulation and Judicial Intervention* (St. Paul, MN, William Mitchell College of Law Annual Lecture on Regulatory Law, April 2005); *Political Bargaining and Judicial Intervention in Constitutional and Antitrust Federalism* (NYU Economics Department, Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes, April 2005); *Competition or*

*Cooperation as the Reference Point for Antitrust Federalism?* (St. Paul, MN, William Mitchell College of Law Faculty Colloquium, April 2005).

**Recognition:** Selected for Annual "Outstanding Alumnus Award" by Barrett Honors College, Arizona State University.

## J. B. RUHL

MATTHEWS & HAWKINS  
PROFESSOR OF PROPERTY

**Article:** *Taking Adaptive Management Seriously: A Case Study of the Endangered Species Act*, 52 KAN. L. REV. 1249 (2004). **Essays:** *Oh, Please: FREE's Environmental Seminars Offer Intellectual Value, Not Indoctrination*, LEGAL TIMES, August 1, 2005, at 54 (Points of View Column) (with Peter Appel); *The Disconnect Between Environmental Assessment and Adaptive Management*, ABA TRENDS, July 2005 at 1.

## MARK B. SEIDENFELD

PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Article:** *The Quixotic Quest for a "Unified" Theory of the Administrative State, Issues in Legal Scholarship: The Reformation of American Administrative Law* (bepress 2005) (available at <http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss6/>).

## LOIS L. SHEPHERD

D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

**Book:** BIOETHICS AND THE LAW (Aspen Publishers 2005) (with Janet Dolgin). **Presentations:** *Current Human Rights Issues: Terri Schiavo Case* (Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, 57th Annual Conference of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, August 2005); *The Schiavo Case and the Future of End-of-Life Decision-making in Florida* (Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association, June 2005); *Poster Session: Responsibility in Health Law and Policy* (University of Houston Law Center, American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Annual Health Law Teachers Conference, June 2005); *The Schiavo Controversy: Unsettling What Might Have Appeared Settled* (Loyola University-Chicago Law Journal Conference on "Death and Dying: An Examination of End of Life Issues 30 Years After Quinlan," April 2005).

## FERNANDO TESÓN

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR

**Book Chapter:** *Liberal Security*, in HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE "WAR ON TERROR" 57 (Richard Ashby Wilson, ed., Cambridge University Press 2005). **Articles:** *Ending Tyranny in Iraq*, 19 ETHICS & INT'L AFF. 1 (2005); *Tyrants and Empires: Reply to Terry*

Nardin, 19 ETHICS & INT'L AFF. 27 (2005). **Presentations:** *Global Justice, Socioeconomic Rights, and Trade* (Georgetown Law Center International Law Colloquium, September 2005); *Rational Choice and Political Morality* (with Guido Pincione) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, Universidad del CEMA, July 2005); *Global Justice, Socioeconomic Rights, and Trade* (Buenos Aires, Argentina, Universidad de Palermo, June 2005); *In Defense of the Intervention in Iraq* (Buenos Aires, Argentina, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, June 2005); *Rational Ignorance and Political Morality* (with Guido Pincione) (Grenada, Spain, Philosophy, Economics, and Law Workshop at the XXII World Congress of the Philosophy of Law and Social Policy, May 2005); *Ending Tyranny in Iraq* (University of Chicago Law School, International Law Colloquium, April 2005).

## JACK VAN DOREN

PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Environmental Law and the Regulatory State: Postmodernism Rears Its 'Ugly' Head?*, 13 N.Y.U. ENVTL L.J. 441 (2005). **Other Activities:** Served as a visiting professor to the University of Toulouse, France in March, 2005. In addition to teaching contracts to students there, he traveled to China and gave lectures to students at Renmin University Law School and China University of Political Science and Law.

## DONALD J. WEIDNER

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL CHAIR

**Presentations:** *How Should a Dean 'Keep Score' for Purposes of Promotion, Raises and Tenure?* (Hilton Head, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2005).

# Faculty in the News

College of Law faculty members regularly are called upon by state, national and international media to comment on legal issues of the day and on their scholarship. Recent media "hits" by our faculty include:

**Professor Jonathan Klick's** empirical research on the relationship between police and crime was discussed in the October 28 issue of the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*.

**Professor Steven Gey** was quoted in the October 24 issue of the *York Daily Record* (Pennsylvania) on an establishment clause challenge to a Dover school board policy on intelligent design and evolution.

**Professor Dan Markel's** blog (Prawfs-Blawg) was discussed in *The New York Times* and in *Slate* on October 13.

**Professor Dan Markel's** review of two books on Harvard University appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* on October 13.

**Professor Frederick Abbott** was quoted July 13 in *The New York Times* and in the *International Herald Tribune* on CAFTA's pharmaceutical provisions.

**The Summer for Undergraduates Program** was featured in July 1 issue of *The Florida Bar News*.

**Professor Jonathan Klick's** study on terrorism alert levels was highlighted in the "Economic Scene" section of *The New York Times* on June 16.

**Professor Steve Gey** was quoted in the June 6 and June 8 issues of *St. Petersburg Times* on the controversial school voucher issue.

**Professor Lois Shepherd** was quoted in the April 29 issue of the *Palm Beach Post* on the Florida Supreme Court's consideration of privacy issues.

**Professor Adam Hirsch** was quoted on the benefits of bankruptcy law in the *St. Petersburg Times's* April 15 issue.

**Professor J.B. Ruhl** discussed the law and politics of endangered species regulation in the April 14 issue of the *Daytona News-Journal*.

**Professor Joseph Dodge's** research on the costs of capital gains reporting for the tax system was cited in the April 10 issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

**Professor Lois Shepherd** tackled end-of-life issues as a panelist on the April 8 broadcast of NPR's "Science Friday."

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College of Law Students Rally to the Aid of I



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# LAW SCHOOL

## Displaced Students from New Orleans

**F**lorida State University College of Law faculty and staff spent much of the Labor Day weekend and the days immediately preceding on the phone extending offers of admission to 32 New Orleans law students. Five students from Tulane University Law School and two from Loyola University School of Law accepted the College of Law's offer of visiting student status for the fall 2005 semester and have been attending classes since early September.

Most of the students who received offers headed to places where they have families to house them or where schools have offered to enroll them tuition-free. Florida State University announced last week that it would waive out-of-state tuition for students who evacuated from states devastated by the hurricane.

The Office of Student Affairs coordinated the many offers of assistance to its visiting students. And individual students, as well as student

organizations, led by Florida State's Student Bar Association, pulled together to help however they could, including soliciting contributions for the American Red Cross and offering food, linens, money, school supplies and temporary housing to victims. Together

organization.

Second-year Florida State law student Malia-Jaye Lewis even offered to help by cooking up some crawfish etoufee and sharing pre-Katrina memories of New Orleans.

"The outpouring of support from our students, faculty

how hard it is on these students," said Atkinson, who graduated from the law school in 1993. "We thought this would be one way of helping a student by giving them a place to learn the tools of their future trade."

Janet Bowman, legal direc-

**"The outpouring of support from our students, faculty and alumni has made me very proud."**

**—Dean Don Weidner**

the organizations raised almost \$2,000 toward the effort. Members of Florida State's Black Law Students Association contributed to efforts by the national organization to start a book drive and create a web site (<http://katrinabooks.blogspot.com>) that serves as a clearing house for evacuee law students who needed textbooks so they could resume studying with as few interruptions as necessary, said Joe Briggs, a representative of the

and alumni has made me very proud," Dean Don Weidner said.

Tallahassee attorneys Tim Atkinson and law partner Terry Cole of Oertel, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant are among a number of College of Law alumni who offered assistance. Their law firm invited a law student from New Orleans admitted to Florida State to apply for an environmental law clerkship at their firm.

"Having lived through hurricanes, we understand

tor of 1000 Friends of Florida, contacted the law school on behalf of the Environmental Law Section of the Florida Bar to offer help to displaced students attending Florida law schools.

"It's important for everyone to do what they can to help these students," said Bowman, a 1987 graduate of the law school.

**At left, Students Rachic Wilson, Kareem Spratling and Joe Briggs helped raise money and supplies for Katrina victims.**

# Mock Trial Team Wins National Championship Title

## At Lone Star Classic in San Antonio



L-R: Jonathan Stimler, Josh Taylor, Robyn Blank and Joshua Grosshans.

**T**he Florida State College of Law's Mock Trial Team took first-place in the 2005 Annual Lone Star Classic National Mock Trial, held in mid-November in San Antonio, Texas.

Team members Robyn Blank, Joshua Grosshans, Jonathan Stimler and Josh Taylor advanced through six rounds of competition undefeated, maintaining the coveted first-place rank throughout the entire tournament against 16 prestigious law schools from across the country.

The team beat out the University of South Texas team, which is No. 1 in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings for trial advocacy, and also dismantled the Cumberland School of Law in the championship round. Cumberland also is considered one of the nation's top law schools in trial advocacy.

"We were told repeatedly by judges, attorneys and other competitors that the FSU team is one of the strongest Mock Trial teams they have ever encountered," said 3L Joshua Grosshans, Mock Trial Team president, who was elated at the win.

The team's coaches were attorneys Roxanne Rehm, a 2003 College of Law

graduate who was on the Mock Trial Team that won the championship at the 2002 Michigan State University National Trial Advocacy Competition, and Maria Santoro, a partner in the Tallahassee firm of George, Hartz, Lundeen, Fulmer, Johnstone, King & Stevens. Clinical Professor Ruth Stone, co-director of the College of Law's Children's Advocacy Center, is the team's faculty sponsor.

Two other College of Law Mock Trial squads also competed in mid-November, this time closer to home. The team of David Brooks, Seth Kerr, Nora Cho, Rebekah Smith and K.F. Lee advanced to the Semi-Final Round at the 2005 Annual Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Earl E. Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Tournament in West Palm Beach. In doing so, the team was acknowledged as one of the top four teams in the state-wide competition of over 16 teams.

Team members Mike Brown, Shelly Gentner, Demere Mason, Adam Litwin, and Jack O'Neil also competed.

Coaches were Kathy Garner of The Garner Law Group in Tallahassee and Judge James Wolf of the First District Court of Appeal.

## Fall 2005 Environmental Forum

Eminent domain experts participated in the Fall 2005 Environmental Forum on November 15 at the law school. "Eminent Domain in Florida after *Kelo v City of New London—Property Rights vs. Community Development*" was presented by the College of Law and the Environmental and Land Use Section of The Florida Bar.

Participants were:

- **Wade Hopping**, a founding member of the Tallahassee firm of Hopping Green & Sams
- **Michael Parker**, economic development director for the City of Tallahassee and executive director for the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency
- **Debra W. Schiro**, an assistant Tallahassee city attorney
- **Mark Seidenfeld**, the associate dean for Academic Affairs and the Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law
- **J.B. Ruhl**, the Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property, served as moderator.

# Mach Speed Mock Interview



Law students, dressed to impress with resumes in hand, waited in lines to participate in the Placement Office's Mach Speed Mock Interview event August 31.

The event applied the concept of speed dating to the task of job preparation. Students interviewed with attorneys for four minutes, then two short blows of a whistle would sound and the students were critiqued. After the critique one long whistle blow signaled the students to change interviewers.

The mock interviewers evaluated students on their resume, appearance, eye contact and oral communication skills. Many College of Law alumni, including C. Howard Hunter with Hill Ward & Henderson; Mary Ellen Clark with the Office of the Attorney General; Elmer Ignacio with Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer; David Herman with the Department of Veterans' Affairs; Reginald Dixon with the Department of Health; and Ladasiah Jackson with the Office of the Attorney General, volunteered to serve as mock interviewers for the event.

The Placement Office received such positive feedback from both the student and attorney participants that the event will now become a tradition at the law school.

## Advocacy Center Wins Prestigious National Award for Children in Prison Project

**T**he College of Law's Children's Advocacy Center won one of the most prestigious awards in clinical education for its Children in Prison Project.

The center's co-directors Paolo Annino and Ruth Stone were in Chicago in May to accept the Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project from the Clinical Legal Education Association. One of the center's students also was recognized for her work on the project and Stone won two writing awards.

The Public Interest award recognizes an outstanding clinical law school project that contributes to the public good. Alexander Scherr, president of CLEA, said the group seeks projects that reflect "creative and high-quality solutions to novel problems."

CLEA's awards committee chair Andrea Seislad called the Children in Prison Project a "very good example of a project that addresses very important issues of a much underrepresented group of people for a sustained period."

Clinical law students involved in the

Children in Prison Project advocate for improved prison conditions, such as better nutrition and education, for juvenile inmates (13-15 years old) in adult prisons. Under the supervision of clinical professors, students also perform post-conviction work, such as filing appeals and motions for re-hearings, research patterns of abuse in prison and track the number of children in the prison system. Among other clients, the center represents juvenile inmates applying to the governor and cabinet for executive clemency.

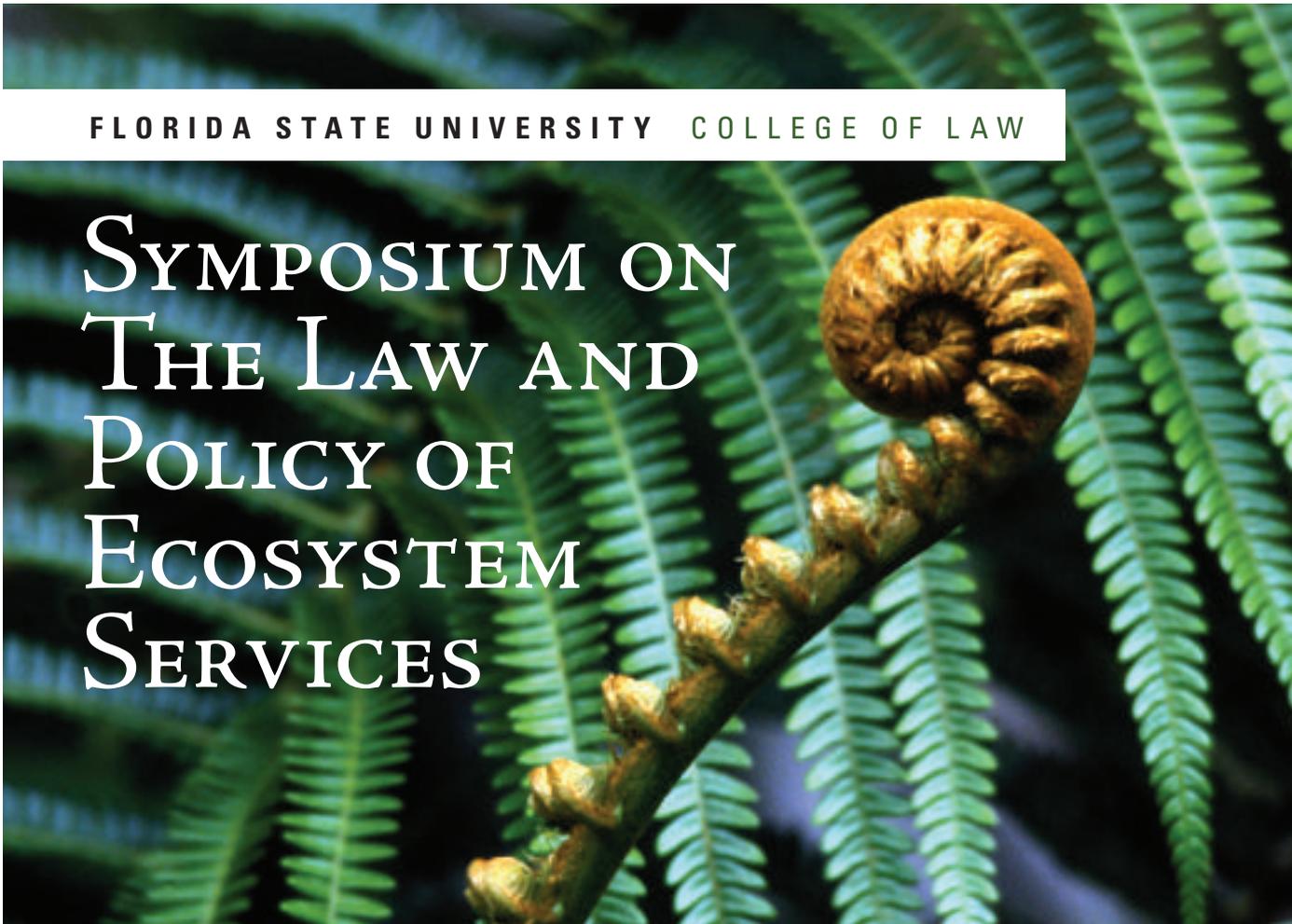
The project has been featured on National Public Radio, 60 Minutes II and was a *The New York Times* Sunday Magazine cover feature. It also has received international media attention in magazines such as Spain's *El Pais Semanal* and Germany's *Bild*.

College of Law student Jamie Ito received CLEA's annual Outstanding Student Award for her work with the project. CLEA created the award to honor a law student at each law school who has excelled in a

clinical course. Ito conducted in-depth interviews with juveniles in Florida's adult prison, drafted an extensive clemency petition and numerous affidavits.

Stone also was presented with second and third-place prizes in the CLEA Creative Writing Contest for her short stories titled "Ozzie Mendez" and "A World of Trouble." The entries were judged by Richard Sweren, a writer and producer of the television show "Law & Order"; Ross Berger, a New York City screenwriter; and David Gould, who co-authored the book *Blood Brothers* with Sol Wachler, a former New York appellate judge. In 2000, the first year that the writing contest was held, Stone placed second for her story, "Napoleonic and the Battle of Midway," and in 2001, she won the first-place award for "Clearwater." "Clearwater" will be published shortly by the *Thomas N. Cooley Journal of Practical and Clinical Law*.

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