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Looking Forward



Il of us at the law school have been celebrating our recent successes. But we also are hard at work on plans to build a future that is more exciting than any of us would have imagined even just a few years ago.

One thing we have set our sights on is taking our physical plant to the next level. Our student body has grown by more than 40% since we last added to our building. At the same time, the depth and richness of our programs have increased dramatically.

Several years ago, we commissioned architectural plans for a new building addition that would accommodate our space needs. The result was a plan for a 46,000 square-foot addition on the north side of Roberts Hall, between it and Jefferson Street. The estimated cost of that addition is \$24 million. The Florida State University President and Board of Trustees approved this addition for funding through the Courtelis Challenge Grant program, under which the State provides a 100% match of dollars contributed for new construction.

It now appears that there is a much less costly way to provide us with the space we need. The legislature has appropriated money to explore the need for new space by the First District Court of Appeal, which sits across the street. The Department of Management Services is, I believe, about to issue a report that says that it is more cost-effective to meet the Court's need by constructing a new building on a different site rather than by retrofitting and adding on to the Court's current building. That same report also will demonstrate that there is a further dramatic saving to the State if our law school moves into a vacated First DCA building rather than construct a new addition.

The First DCA building is 50,000 square feet, virtually identical in size to the new addition we have had on the drawing boards. Much of the First DCA building is "turnkey" as to the law school. That is, we could immediately move into much of the First District building with little or no modifications. For example, the wonderful courtroom, the compact shelving books and much of the office space can be used by the law school without any need for remodeling. Other space will require some changes. The total cost of remodeling the First DCA building for our purposes is \$4.7 million, as opposed to the \$24 million it would cost for a brand-new addition.

An acquisition of the First DCA building would fit rather nicely with another one of our major initiatives: the establishment of a Center in Law, Economics and Business. The theme of our law school is "Law with a Liberal Arts Orientation." Our goal is not merely to graduate lawyers; our goal is to graduate well-educated lawyers. One step toward that goal is ramping up the sophistication of our program in the broad area of Law, Economics and Business. We have on the books a proposal for a Center in that area that would harness the energies of law-trained economists. These new faculty not only would help to provide a new level of sophistication in our business, economics and finance offerings, they would also generate empirical studies that would benefit all the citizens of Florida. Imagine, right across the street from the legislature, a group of economists, housed in a law school, who could use their empirical skills to answer questions about the real-world impact of laws, regulations and judicial decisions. We would all be the richer for it!

Thank you again for all your support.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

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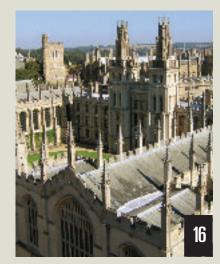
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THE JUDGES OF THE FIRST DCA

These First DCA judges make an exceptional contribution to the law school by teaching, coaching and mentoring Florida State law students. Standing: Judges Philip Podovano, James Wolf, Edwin Browning, Robert Benton, Peter Webster, William Van Nortwick and Ricky Polston. Seated Charles Kahn, right, and Paul Hawkes. Not pictured, Judge Marguerite Davis.

Dedicated Jurists Enrich Life at the Law School

artin Luther King Jr. Boulevard—the street that runs between the Florida State University College of Law and the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee—is a well-traveled path.

Judges from the First DCA make the jaunt to the law school almost daily to teach and advise students and to collaborate with faculty members. Law students cross in the opposite direction just as frequently.

These judges participate in all aspects of legal education at Florida State. They teach important basic courses, contribute to co-curricular activities by coaching moot court and mock trial teams, and sharpen the school's legal-skills education with regular seminars on research and writing. The judges are active in the placement of students and the development of minority lawyers; and the court provides unique externships in which Florida State law students participate in the full appellate process. Many College of Law graduates each year are proud to call First DCA judges their mentors.

Every judge on the court has been part of this process for at least the past decade, in part because of the externship program. And during the 2006-2007 academic year, 10 judges—more than half the court—also have taught or are teaching regular classes or coaching advocacy teams. Some do both. Their connection to the law school is so great that approximately one-third of the student body will work closely with one or more First DCA judges this school year. By the end of the academic year, the judges will have dedicated at least 1,000 hours to the school this year alone.

"The judges on that bench are making an exceptional contribution to the culture and success of this school and our graduates, a contribution that should serve as a model for courts and law schools around the country as we all try to bridge the gap between legal education and law practice," said Dean Don Weidner. "They have done so much to prepare students for their lives in the law."

In addition to contributing tremendously to students' academic education, many of the First DCA judges have gone out of their way to be available outside the classroom, says third-year student Tanya Simpson, who has been coached for moot court by Chief Judge Edwin B. Browning Jr. and Judge Bradford L. Thomas and taken courses taught by Judge James R. Wolf.

"From having lunch with students to inviting those who stay in town for Thanksgiving into their homes for dinner, the judges go the extra mile to help integrate Florida State law students into Tallahassee's judicial family and legal community," Simpson said.

Florida State law graduates say they emerge with a far richer sense of themselves as part of an engaged legal community than they would if the First DCA did not have such a good-neighbor policy.

Yet, First DCA judges describe their relationships with Florida State as one in which they receive as much as they give.

"When the students come over here, seeking knowledge and filled with enthusiasm, it invigorates the judges involved as well as the entire process," Judge Wolf said.

Judges Make the Grade in the Classroom

Members of the court have been part of the adjunct faculty throughout most of the school's 40-year history, teaching courses ranging from Native American Law to Trial Practice, and from Legislation to Constitutional Criminal Procedure to Accounting and the Law. This school year, First DCA judges are teaching more than 220 students in six courses.

Additionally, judges are regular participants in other professors' classes. Because of the close relationships that have developed over the years with the faculty, judges are guest lecturers every year in a wide range of substantive classes, on topics ranging from administrative law to judicial ethics in election campaigns to the economics of law practice. They also work directly with students in legal writing classes.

Judges sometimes report that class preparation takes up much of their weekends. Yet, those same judges insist that preparation and teaching are a great use of their time.

Judge Wolf, who has taught State Constitutional Law and Florida Individual Rights, has said, "I learn more when I teach than at any other time. I've gained a far more in-depth understanding of the Florida Constitution that I think has really helped me do my job on the court better." Students give him positive reviews for his efforts.

"Learning state constitutional law with Judge Wolf has been a remarkably gratifying experience," Simpson said. "Not only is he extremely passionate about the subject, but he takes a personal interest in making sure that each student knows and understands the material. He teaches us in the context of how important an understanding of the constitution will be in every area of law as we move from students to practicing attorneys in our respective fields."

Enthusiastic Coaches

Several First DCA judges have coached Florida State moot court teams in competitions that argued evidence, labor law, securities, civil rights, entertainment law, criminal procedure and intellectual property.

Coaching typically is a three-month commitment. It entails numerous meetings with team members to discuss legal issues and oral advocacy, observation and criticism of eight practice panels and travel with the team to competition. But the judges

enthusiastically surpass the minimum requirements. They open their courtroom for evening and weekend practices, videotape practices for closer critiques, and recruit other judges as panelists. As a result, students often are grilled by two or three real-life appellate judges at a time, and rarely face tougher questioning in competition.

Third-year Ariel Sofro who was coached by both Judge Philip Padovano and Chief Judge Browning says of herself and her team mates, "We learned so much from both of the judges. Judge Padovano really helped us develop and polish our own personal advocacy styles. He was an incredible help in preparing for the competition and he continues to be a mentor long after the competition. Judge Browning taught us to be better advocates, how to answer questions, and the importance of being clear and to the point. He focused not just on our presentation, but also gave substantive advice. And he didn't sugar-coat his criticisms because he wanted us to be prepared for anything we encountered.

"It was, of course, a little intimidating working with such distinguished and admired judges, but they were very gracious and quickly put us at ease. The more we got to know them, the more we wanted to improve not just for ourselves, but because they had invested so much time in us."

Chief Judge Browning, who has coached three teams, says he doesn't mind at all the time involved.

"I enjoy being able to help young lawyers and, hopefully, steer them away from some of the pitfalls I was not able to avoid," he said. "It rejuvenates my spirit and gives me great satisfaction to see such wholesome, competent and ethical people, like Ariel and Tanya, going into my profession."

Longtime faculty sponsor Professor Nat Stern calls the judges' involvement with moot court "the most important development in the program in all my years



as adviser." He credits them with teaching advocacy skills that bring strong results at competition and impart a lasting professional polish. One moot court member echoed this by saying of Judge Thomas, "His advice will no doubt benefit us for years to come as we begin the practice of law."

Externships: Applying the Law to the Facts

Externing at the First DCA is an unparalleled educational experience for Florida State law students. It combines rigor, responsibility and a unique exposure to judicial decision-making. A number of second- and third-year students have this opportunity.

"The judges are wonderful teachers and incredibly eager to make sure the students have a meaningful educational experience," said Sally Gertz, externship professor and faculty supervisor for the externship program. "For the students, it's like having their very own research and writing coach for a semester."

Externs are assigned directly to one of the judges or to the court's central staff. In either case, an extern is partnered with a full-time clerk, who helps the student learn to write case summaries and documents that judges can use and rely on. The staff attorneys and full-time clerks, with encouragement from the judges, also are whole-hearted and demanding mentors.

Third-year student Patsy Palmer calls her fall externship with Judge Charles Kahn "the most all-around valuable experience" of law school.

"It has required me to apply the skills and knowledge from various classes in a comprehensive way," said Palmer. "This externship has shown me so much about the importance of selecting the most important issues to appeal, avoid procedural pitfalls, and about writing crisp, well-reasoned briefs."

Student work is incorporated into bench memos, and judges give frequent feedback to the students. Externs regularly report that their writing, research and analytical skills improve during their time at the court. Many say they come to appreciate public service as a career choice, and, like Palmer, plan to pursue appellate practice. But students say what really sets the program apart is that externs sit in the judicial conferences where judges hammer out their opinions. The extern who prepared the pertinent case summary is routinely part of a conference, along with full-time clerks who worked on the case. This is not merely an opportunity to observe; judges often will turn to students with questions about the record, so they are actively engaged in the process (and sworn to secrecy about the content of discussions they hear there).

The First DCA is Florida's only appellate court to open its conferences in this way. Judges say that it is one of the best ways for students to learn how to apply the law to the facts of a case, and student evaluations reinforce that conclusion.

Third-year student Damian Zimmerman, who spent the summer externing with Chief Judge Browning, says "observing that final step of the process is intense and enlightening."

"If you have ever asked yourself if judges make decisions based on precedent or on politics or on how well the attorneys argued the case, this is an opportunity to see how the system actually works and how judges interact with each other. Sitting in on the conferencing is something that very few attorneys—even the most seasoned attorneys—get to see. In my career, I may be the only attorney I meet who has had that privilege."

Both Palmer and Zimmerman appreciated that the judges and their staffs treated them like lawyers during their externships.

"They welcomed me into the community of lawyers in a way I always will value," Palmer said.

"Judge Browning and his staff attorneys treated me like a colleague and not like a law student," Zimmerman said. "I benefited from those high expectations, from their helpful feedback and from their time and attention.

"I was able to speak to the judge on an almost daily basis and go over the record and relevant case law. I appreciate that time the most. Judge Browning and his staff were willing to share their vast experience. They encouraged me to share my opinions, to ask tough questions and to argue for an outcome. I truly felt that my contribution was appreciated."

Minority Development

The judges on the First DCA take an active role in diversifying the legal profession. They work directly with College of Law faculty, administrators and student organizations to identify the rich talent in the diverse student body and to assure that there are no artificial barriers to student opportunity at the court.

In a state in which disproportionately few African-American lawyers go to work for the judiciary, Florida State's African-American students report that the court is a welcoming place, where judges and staff alike are eager to recruit and develop promising young lawyers. As a result, increasing numbers of minority students are applying for externships and, after graduation, for full-time jobs at the court; and many who work there find it an excellent springboard to jobs in private or government practice.

One graduate who has benefited from her time at the court is Janeia Daniels, who supported herself in law school with a scholarship established by Judge Wolf and his wife JoLen Rawls Wolf to benefit minority law students with interests in the judiciary. Daniels worked as an extern and, after graduation, was hired first as a central staff attorney and later as "elbow clerk" for Judge Padovano. This year, she coached a moot court team in the Black Law Student Association regional and national competitions.

"What better mentor to have than a jurist to guide you in your profession?" she said. "Or a staff mentor to help you see how the process works behind the scenes? I took the skills I learned at the court back to class with me. As a result, I wrote better essays on examinations; I had better dialogues with professors. The entrée this court gave me into the profession has been indispensable."

Mentoring to Instill Enduring Values

Students throughout the College of Law say that they've also been well-mentored by the First DCA judges who teach, coach and work with them. Judges regularly make extra time for "their" students, to talk about traits they respect in lawyers who come before them or to use current events as teachable moments. Judges model professional behavior and values in public and private conversations; and they manage to elevate discussions without ever talking down to students.

When the judges explain why they add these law-school tasks to their already busy lives on the bench, they emphasize both the duty to give back and the fulfillment that they get from working with students. Judge Kahn calls it "cross-mentoring," a term from Inns of Court, where he and other First DCA members, including Judge Robert T. Benton II, help ensure that onefifth of local Inn membership is reserved for law students.

Chief Judge Browning, who describes moot court work as "sheer fun," tells students: "If I have any wisdom, I want to pass it on to the younger generation. Any time you help your profession, you help yourself and you help society. I'm proud that I'm a lawyer, and I want students to know how fortunate they are to be lawyers, too."

The judges are particularly successful in conveying this message because of their own distinguished careers and continued commitment to the profession. Members of the court are active in judicial conduct councils and the American Judicature Society. Judge William Van Nortwick, who received the ABA Pro Bono Publico Award shortly after joining the court, has taught Professional Responsibility and coached moot court. He believes that judges and senior lawyers "have a responsibility to the justice system to assist in the development of the next generation of lawyers. In addition, working with law students is invigorating. Their energy, idealism and dedication to the law cannot help but rub off on you."

Many law schools have had to search for partners like these, to develop the next generation of lawyers, teach professional skills and instill enduring values. At Florida State, a willing corps of First DCA judges is helping law students absorb almost every one of the 10 basic skills and four fundamental values that the MacCrate Report on Legal Education and Development identified. As one student said of the court, "While each of these judges made us better moot court competitors, more importantly, they made us better lawyers and better people."



A Bridge Between Faculty and the Profession

The judges of the First DCA also enrich the lives of the full-time faculty and bring them closer to both bench and bar. From the first week of New Student Orientation, faculty members and First DCA judges work together to introduce students to a coordinated and comprehensive message of professionalism. Their experiences differ, but their vision is the same.

A great deal of collaboration also goes on between full-time faculty and members of the court who teach the same or related courses. Professional Responsibility courses, for example, are taught by a mixture of full-time faculty and First DCA judges, who coordinate their efforts; and former Florida State University President Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, who has rejoined the law faculty, used Judge Wolf's State Constitutional Law syllabus as a model for his own. Perhaps more importantly, the oneon-one work that judges do with students both reinforces and inspires similar conduct on the part of the full-time faculty.

The judges also are an important bridge between the faculty and the rest of the profession. For example, retired Chief Judge James Joanos was founding chair of the law school's Board of Visitors, which brings lawyers and judges together with faculty, administrators, and students to encourage a wider range of interactions. And Judge Van Nortwick is the liaison between The Florida Bar Business Law Section and the College of Law; in that capacity, he brings talented practicing lawyers into the lives of the faculty and students.

"The continuing contributions to legal education of the judges on the First District Court of Appeal serve as an inspiration to other courts and law schools," Weidner said. "By their extraordinary efforts as teachers, coaches, employers and mentors to our students, the judges exemplify the highest standards of professional responsibility and increased understanding between legal education and the active practice of law." #

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT



Thornton Williams Leading the Way in Transportation Law BY DAVE FLORE

Tallahassee attorney Thornton Williams has built a flourishing private practice by keeping his clients on the road to success.

One of Florida's most respected and influential transportation lawyers, his clients include advertising giants Clear Channel Communications and Viacom, and TransCore, the company behind the SunPass toll-collection system. Williams, called a "pioneer" in transportation law in the April 2006 cover story of *Florida Transportation Monthly* magazine, is proud that these and other major companies have continued to rely on his firm to represent them over the years, particularly since Williams Wilson and Sexton P.A., still is a relatively small firm.

"I believe it is significant that we can

attract institutional clients when conventional wisdom says they would not seriously consider a firm of our size," said Williams, who cut his teeth on transportation law as general counsel at the Florida Department of Transportation from 1990 to 1996. "With our technical knowledge and approach to issues, we have found that if the clients meet with us, they are receptive to our strategic approach to their issues, and they ultimately hire us."

Williams started the firm in 1998 in Tallahassee with Paul Sexton, a former administrative law supervisor at FDOT, and one full-time support person. By the third year, they had opened a Fort Lauderdale office and convinced Mel Wilson, a former FDOT district general counsel and 1984 College of Law graduate, to join the firm. Now in their ninth year, the firm still is in growth mode. At the beginning of the year, the firm had five lawyers. Today, it employs seven lawyers and is poised to make additional hires.

Knowledge and experience in the field, says Williams, a 1981 College of Law graduate, are the keys to the firm's success.

"Because most of our lawyers held significant responsibilities in government in their areas of expertise over a number of years, we understand the governmental process," Williams said. "We know the policies that drive the thinking in government agencies because, in some cases, we developed them."

The technical training of the firm's lawyers gives them the ability to develop winning strategies fast.

"Even though we are capable of litigating because we understand the basis of the disputes, we often are able to persuade transportation agencies to agree to acceptable dispositions of the matter without litigation," Williams said. "They agree because we give them factual data or legal history based upon our experience to support a result that is in everyone's best interest."

While his tenure at FDOT laid the groundwork for future success in private practice, Williams admits that his inexperience in transportation law made those early days at the agency interesting.

"I suddenly was in charge of 27 lawyers and 60 people and was responsible for the coordination of policy for approximately another 75 lawyers out in the field," Williams said. "What I discovered is that transportation law is a very comprehensive endeavor. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that within the Florida Department of Transportation's General Counsel's Office, there were lawyers in administrative law, property damage, collections, tort law, construction litigation, eminent domain, employment law — almost every discipline."

To meet the needs of a transportation law practice, the firm has systematically hired lawyers with expertise in the legal areas affecting transportation interests.

Williams began his legal career as a felony prosecutor and within two years, he was one of five attorneys working for Gov. Bob Graham. He stepped from the



governor's office into the Administrative Hearings Section of the then-Florida Department of Business Regulation.

"The timing was fortunate for me at DBR, because it was at the height of the time-share melt down," Williams said. "Also, I got involved in some phenomenally large bankruptcies—tens of millions of dollars—including the largest bankruptcy in the history of the state of Florida at that time, which was over \$1 billion. It was a great foundation for me. This experience proved invaluable in handling some of the complex matters at FDOT."

Williams' next break came when thensecretary of the Department Business Regulation Steve McNamara was approached by former FDOT Secretary Ben Watts, who was new to the job, about an "internal logistical problem" at his agency.

"I was told that they needed some fresh

thinking at FDOT," Williams said. "They had great lawyers who were doing excellent work, but there was a perception that the legal office needed to go in a different direction. He wanted to bring in people who could think outside the conventional FDOT box. Steve told him (Watts) about me, and we hit it off as soon as we met."

Asked what he finds most rewarding about his success, Williams, who also serves as the county attorney for Gadsden County and sits on the board of the Tallahassee Urban League and is vice chair of the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority, says it has little to do with the practice of law.

"It's not the work," he said. "What I find most rewarding is that my kids are good kids, and they want to do something with their lives as they grow older. The second most significant thing is that I have had the opportunity to help people less fortunate. My dad taught me that you should work to do things that you care about and you should care about people who are not as lucky. As exciting as it is to have this opportunity, it is not as rewarding to me if I am not able to help others in the community."

The legacy of Williams and his wife, Harriet (Williams) Williams, who graduated from the law school in 1988, already is apparent in their three daughters. Ashley is a student at Georgetown University, Brittany is vice president of her freshman class in high school, and Chelsea is vice president of her middle-school class.

In turn, Williams says that one of the people who influenced his life was Dean Don Weidner. Williams served as the dean's research assistant for a period of time in law school.

"He helped me understand what it takes to be successful," Williams said. "I was a young kid who didn't know that I didn't know, and he helped me understand that there are a lot of opportunities in the world and you have to work hard to give yourself a chance—even though there is no guarantee. For that I am very appreciative." #



Champions for Children, Role Models for Students

BY JESSIE EASON

iagnosed with developmental and emotional disorders, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and a victim of sexual and physical abuse, 12-year-old "Jane" desperately needed medical and psychiatric services. Alarmed over her condition, mental health professionals recommended that she be given "crisis status" on the Medicaid waiver list. Being classified as in crisis meant that the girl would be moved to the top-tier of the 15,000-person waiting list for services. The Florida Department of Children and Family Services, however, insisted that foster children, like Jane, were ineligible for crisis status and denied the request.

Jane's future looked bleak. That was until her situation came to the attention of the Children's Advocacy Center and Tallahassee attorneys Carol Gregg and Mary Clark, both College of Law graduates doing pro bono work for the center.

It took Gregg and Clark and the faculty and students at the CAC three years, two administrative hearings and two appeals to the First District Court of Appeal, but Jane, now 15, finally was awarded the Medicaid waiver eligibility and now is receiving the services she needs. According to Gregg, the girl is "thriving and, truly, a different person."

"Thanks to Carol and Mary's extensive pro bono work, the Children's Advocacy Center won the case and now foster children in crisis around the state are eligible for Medicaid waiver services and no longer can be discriminated against," said CAC co-director Paolo Annino. "The outcome of the case will have a positive impact on all developmentally disabled children in Florida."

With caseloads that number between 60 and 80 at any given time, Annino and Ruth Stone, the center's other co-director, are grateful for volunteers such as Gregg and Clark, whose legal expertise and insight not only help the center win cases, but who, in the process, serve as coaches and mentors to students who are learning to advocate for children and the underserved.

"Carol and Mary are great role models for our students," Annino said. "They have incredibly busy work schedules, but still make the time to do pro bono work for us. They never tell the students what to do with their cases, but, rather, work together with them to solve our clients' problems."

Since it opened its doors in 1991, the center has served more than 2,000 clients. These include children denied access to special education, developmental services and supplemental services; those involved in delinquency, criminal law and school expulsion controversies; and adults with disabilities and victims of domestic violence.

Gregg, a 1974 graduate of the law school—and a key player in the creation of the center—and Clark, who graduated in 1971, began helping at the center in 2003 and were the first lawyers to take on pro bono work at the CAC. Both say they consider it a "blessing" that they are able to pursue their passions of working with students and serving underrepresented members of society.

"What makes volunteering at the center so fulfilling is that I'm not only working on cases that make a difference in children's lives, but I'm working with incredibly bright and talented students," said Gregg.

She says she and Clark decided to give their time to the CAC also because they saw a need for outside support of the clinic. Her involvement, she adds, has made her aware of center needs in addition to volunteers—monetary support to cover fees for filing, depositions and process servers, transcript costs and student scholarships and endowed chairs.

"Though the Children's Advocacy Center has outstanding faculty, excellent student participants and receives tremendous support from the legal community, funding for the clinic needs to be on a solid foundation, rather then depending on the whim of grants," said Gregg.

Gregg's legal expertise—and insight into children's issues—comes from a successful career that included directing the Florida House of Representatives Judiciary Committee from 1993-1997. Currently, she handles administrative health care regulation for the Department of Health, a position she also held at the American Health Care Association.

Committed early on to serving the state's most vulnerable population, Gregg's first job was as an instructor for the late Steve Goldstein, founder of the College of Law's Legal Services Clinic, a precursor to the CAC. The clinic was funded by a two-year Ford Foundation grant. Seeing firsthand the positive impact of the clinic on the local community, Gregg and Goldstein traveled to Washington, D.C., to fight for a federally funded legal services office in Tallahassee. Their efforts resulted in the creation of Legal Services of North Florida.

In the late 1980's, Gregg returned to

the law school and joined Goldstein and Nancy Daniels (now Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit, and a 1977 graduate of the law school) to teach and supervise students in the externship program. It was during this time the idea emerged for an institution that would provide hands-on learning opportunities for students while serving needy children of Florida.

"For years it had been the dream of



Paolo Annino, Mary Clark, law student Theresa Prichard, and Carol Gregg in the Children's Advocacy Center

Steve, Nancy, me and other faculty members to recreate the original legal services clinic as an in-house internship program focused on the legal needs of children," Gregg said.

The three worked diligently to obtain funding from The Florida Bar Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education. With the help of then-dean Sandy D'Alemberte, the dream became reality in 1991 and the Children's Advocacy Center was born.

Gregg's close friend and volunteering partner, Clark, also began championing for children early in her career. After law school she joined what was then the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services, where she was first involved in issues she learned to love: social services and children. She stayed in state government for several years before becoming an administrative judge, a position she held for 16 years until her recent retirement.

Gregg and Clark's legal experience and insight benefit students as well as CAC clients. "Carol and Mary turned a very intimidating and confusing situation for me and other students into an incredibly valuable learning experience," said 2005 graduate Jamie Ito, who as a student worked on Jane's case with the two lawyers.

Providing students with such learning experiences is a major goal of the CAC. Not only does the center offer quality services to indigent clients who otherwise would go unrepresented, but it also serves as a teaching tool, affording students a real-world education not found at many law schools. They receive intensive one-on-one and small-group training through individual meetings, group discussions, role-playing and participation in trials.

Lauren Collins, a second-year law student, has found the lessons learned through the CAC to be invaluable. "The culture of the system we work with is to not push the limits, but pushing limits is exactly what you have to do and that's what the Children's Advocacy Center has taught me: not to take 'no' for an answer."

The exceptional training students receive through the CAC has not gone unnoticed. "Over the years, I have hired a number of center participants, and without exception they have been well-trained advocates," said Daniels. "Professors Annino and Stone do a terrific job teaching and training the students."

After working with Gregg, Clark and Annino and seeing firsthand all the good that can be done, Collins says she now is considering a career in children's advocacy. "Dealing with the grief and initial shock and stress of the working on projects like the Jane case was tough," said Collins. "Mary and Carol helped me push through and not become discouraged by the challenge." **#**

Frank Sanchez Proves His Mettle As Head of Renaissance Steel

BY DAVE FIORE



isionary that he is, Frank Sanchez never imagined he'd be in the position he is today—the president and CEO of a manufacturing company.

In fact, the attorney, two-time White House appointee, former Tampa mayoral candidate, international business consultant—and College of Law graduate—tried to talk his way out of running Renaissance Steel, the Ybor City-based fabricator of light-gauge steel products used in construction.

"I didn't have the experience in the manufacturing or construction business," explained Sanchez. "But the owners convinced me that they had the experienced people in place – they just needed someone who could manage their resources and grow this into a larger company."

Sanchez accepted and soon proved that he had the mettle to run the company with the same intensity he has demonstrated throughout his career.

To get up to speed on the process of manufacturing steel trusses and frames for homes and commercial buildings, Sanchez immediately began working a shift on the production floor—a practice he continues today.

"I work at least one morning shift on the factory floor every month," he said. "I put on my steel-toed shoes, and get here at 5:45 in the morning, making trusses and panels. You learn a lot by actually being on the factory floor and putting our product together."

The Tampa native says he came by his work ethic through his father Francisco R. Sanchez and U.S. Senator Bob Graham, who as Florida's governor worked a different job one day a month to familiarize himself with his constituents.

"My father had a utilitarian view of life," Sanchez said. "You had to be productive and his message clearly rubbed off on me. Then, when I went to work at 18-years-old in Bob Graham's first gubernatorial campaign, I saw a guy who worked virtually every

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waking hour."

Sanchez has had an interest in politics since 1978, when he was a freshman at the University of Florida. He was busing tables at a UF Blue Key Club banquet and candidates' forum, at which the future governor was speaking. Sanchez decided then he wanted to help Graham get elected.

"I spent the whole evening trying to decide if I should walk up to him and finally commit myself to his campaign," he said. "It felt like the weight of the world was on my shoulders. At the end of the night, as everyone was filing out, I just marched up to him and told him my name and that I had been reading about him and that I wanted to help him. He took out his famous little notepad and wrote down my name, address and phone number. From that I got an interview with his campaign manager."

He took a year off from school and moved back to Tampa to work on the campaign as a scheduler and travel aide. By the following January, he had transferred



to Florida State and was working in the governor's office.

He earned his undergraduate degree and took the next year off to travel to 23 countries before enrolling in law school and reclaiming a place on the governor's staff. He served in a number of positions, including director of Florida's Caribbean Basin Initiative Program.

After law school, Sanchez practiced corporate law for five years at Steel Hector & Davis in Miami and then accepted an offer from Harvard University to study at its prestigious Kennedy School of Government. That decision would shape his career for years to come.

At Harvard, Sanchez took classes in negotiation and conflict resolution from Nobel Peace Prize nominee and law professor emeritus Roger Fisher, co-author of "Getting to YES," one of the best-known conflict resolution books, and founder of the Conflict Management Group, which specialized in facilitating negotiations in conflicts world-wide. Sanchez showed great promise in the area and was hired by Fisher before starting his own international consulting firm, which specialized in the Latin American market in high-stakes mediation, conflict resolution and leadership training.

Sanchez soon caught the attention of the White House. He accepted the position of special assistant to President Bill Clinton in the Office of the Special Envoy for the Americas, and a year later, Clinton appointed him U.S. assistant secretary of transportation for aviation and international affairs. "It took me a while to get used to the idea that I actually worked in the White House," he said. "There were times when I felt like a cross between Gomer Pyle and Forrest Gump. My morning started every day in the White House with a senior staff meeting in the Roosevelt Room, which is the president's conference room. I was very grateful to have the opportunity to serve."

Washington also re-ignited a desire for public service. He again returned to Tampa, and in 2003, ran for mayor.

"I decided to take the plunge, and it was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," Sanchez said. "We went from 2 percent name recognition, to beating out two other candidates and making the runoff. We didn't win, but we finished with 70 percent name recognition."

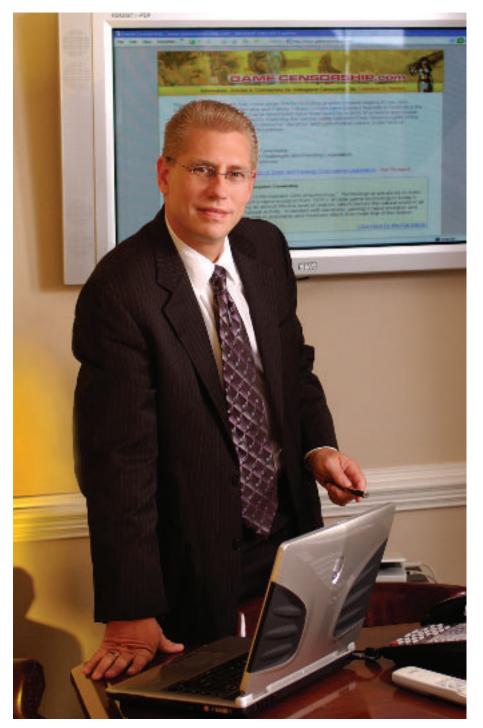
Today, in addition to his duties at Renaissance, Sanchez is active in his community. He serves on a number of boards, including the Patel Foundation for Global Understanding, of which he is chairman. The foundation, established in 2003 by Tampa physicians and philanthropists Kiran and Pallavi Patel, focuses on improving the human condition by providing programs and funding for health, education and the arts.

"I have worked in nearly 30 countries, between consulting and the White House, and I see all of us as interconnected," Sanchez said. "I have a strong interest in making a positive impact within my community, but globally as well. The Patel Foundation seemed to be a perfect match."

For his efforts, Sanchez was named Hispanic Businessman of the Year in 2005 for the Tampa Bay community and was honored as the nation's Daily Point of Light on April 13, 2006, for his outstanding community service. *****

LARRY WALTERS

He Might Not Always Like What His Clients Have to Say, But He Defends Their Right to Say It



rlando attorney Larry Walters is not one to back down from a fight—especially when the First Amendment is at stake. One of the nation's most respected defenders of free speech and an "ace" at censorship law, he chooses battles that usually are public, emotional and divisive.

And while some people don't like the fact that he represents major providers of adult entertainment, online gambling, online dating and Internet pharmaceuticals, one thing is certain—his clients love him. As well they should. On their behalf, he has initiated more than 100 federal lawsuits and successfully defended more than 25 criminal obscenity cases, many of which involved racketeering charges.

Webmaster Chris Wilson was quoted in the *Lakeland Ledger* as saying of Walters, "I love my lawyer," as he was led away in handcuffs by Polk County sheriff's deputies after being arrested for 301 obscenity charges relating to a site depicting Iraqi war dead.

"This man's belief in the law and constitution make him the lawyer of choice, in my opinion," said adult-film actress Britni in a recent Web posting. "He does not simply defend clients; he defends his very own ideals. This approach has made him a gallant and spirited foe of prosecutors all over the United States."

Those reporting on industries that depend on the defense of free speech also sing his praises.

"...Lawrence Walters has assumed the role as online gambling's preeminent industry attorney," said columnist Christopher Costigan on Gambling911.com. And Joseph Ditzler of the *Daytona Beach News Journal* wrote: "Larry Walters has undertaken unpopular cases to defend the right to free speech and expression."

Walters has appeared as a national expert on free speech and the Internet, on NBC, ABC, Fox News Channel, MSNBC, CNBC and CNN. His Web site, www. FirstAmendment.com, receives more than 2 million hits per month.

The 1988 College of Law graduate and partner in the national law firm of Weston, Garrou, DeWitt & Walters, acknowledges the stigma attached to defending the types of clients he does. And he still is trying to figure out why First Amendment lawyers are treated differently from lawyers whose clients are accused of horrendous crimes, and yet are often seen as heroes.

"Defense lawyers are not saying that it's okay to murder, or that it's okay to rape or commit crimes," Walters explains. "They're trying to defend an individual in a particular case based on reasonable doubt. But First Amendment lawyers advocate for their clients right to engage in certain types of speech, and that makes some people and groups crazy. They don't like the fact that we're not just saying that our client is innocent. They don't like the fact that we're saying our client has the *right* to engage in certain types of conduct."

That's not to say that engaging in the kinds of activities his clients take part in does not involve risks, he says.

"Our clients often operate in a gray area of the law, and that makes for a challenging practice, because the rules have not been written for our client base," he said. "As lawyers in this field, we are helping write the rules and make the law and interpret what little law is out there.

"Because my clients operate in a field where there is risk, we need to help them understand what the real risks are, how to operate within the bounds of the law—to the extent that it can be discerned or interpreted—and give them some assurance that they have a trained legal mind looking over their shoulders so they don't wander off into a problem territory."

If his clients do make a mistake, he says, it tends to be a serious mistake—racketeering or some other federal felony.

"The stakes are tremendously high,"

Walters said. "If it weren't so personally fulfilling, the stress would really get to me, because you have people coming to you with questions for which there are generally no answers, and that makes lawyers nervous. We want to guide our clients with certainty and point them in the right direction."

Walters says he recognizes the dangers associated with his practice and is careful to safeguard his reputation by keeping all his client relationships professional.

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"Some First Amendment attorneys have gotten sucked into the world of their clients, but I have always tried to draw a very clear line between lawyer and client," he said. "I do not go into business with my clients, nor do I take a percentage of their business in return for legal fees. Frankly, I don't often socialize with my clients. We live in very different worlds. I don't approve of some of my clients' messages, but I would fight to the court of last resort to defend their right to publish those messages. It's a very different thing to be part of an industry than to defend an industry."

Walters, whose offices are in Orlando, says his passion for First Amendment law came about in 1989 when he was practicing business litigation and banking law in Daytona Beach.

"The state attorney started prosecuting local video store owners and dragging them in front of news cameras for renting out movies that he didn't like," Walters said. "He was threatening to prosecute these guys if they did not take certain movies off their shelves. One was Pink Floyd's 'The Wall,' which happened to be one of my favorite movies."

Walters says he was amazed that no one questioned the arrests.

"I didn't know anything about obscenity or criminal defense at that point, but I asked my bosses if they'd mind if I helped these guys out," Walters said. "It just didn't seem right. So I did what I could, bumbling my way through representing these 'Mom with the Communications Decency Act, one of the worst pieces of legislation ever written," he said. The law was later overturned unanimously by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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The battle to overturn that legislation allowed Walters to entrench himself as a defender of individuals and businesses whose online presence would be targeted. He began marketing his services via an online banner advertisement—one of the first of its kind in the Internet law industry. The banner, he says, was popular and recognizable in the early days of the Internet.

The Internet boom may have created an incentive for him to practice First Amendment Law, but Walters is confident he would have found his way to the practice one way or another.

"If you're doing what you love and what means the most to you as a lawyer and a person, things are going to fall into place," he said. "I don't think I would be practicing law today if it weren't for the free speech practice. Ever since I started doing this kind of work, it has really felt effortless from a practice perspective. It is really a different life since I have discovered what fulfills me intellectually and emotionally as a lawyer." #

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College of Law Finding New Niche in

BY JESSIE EASON



n the wake of recent scandals and ethical breeches by corporate giants Enron,

WorldCom, Tyco and Hewlett-Packard, executives are more conscious than ever of the legal issues woven into every sector of business operations. So it's not surprising that recruiters are looking beyond the average M.B.A.-grad to job candidates with savvy legal skills.

"Most lawyers do not have the financial sophistication necessary in business, while most M.B.A. holders don't have the necessary legal skills," said lawyer and economist Jonathon Klick, the Jeffrey A. Stoops Professor at the Florida State University College of Law. "Lawyers who are well-versed in business principles will have a competitive advantage in the corporate world."

Recognizing a lack of strong, broadbased business programs at law schools in the southeast and the increasing demand for lawyers with sharp business skills, the College of Law is strengthening its program in Law, Economics and Business. "We have the opportunity to not only have the best business law program in the state, but also a regionally dominant program," said Dean Don Weidner.

Many Florida State College of Law alumni are leaders in the business world. They include heads of major corporations, hedge funds and venture capital funds, as well as top international and national investors. "We want to maximize the education of our students so they will continue to follow in the footsteps of these great alumni," Weidner said.

To give students a foundation in the areas of business, economics and finance, the law school is adding more business, economics and finance faculty and expanding upper-level course offerings to advance the business program. Taught by seasoned business law professors as well as by newer full-time faculty members, courses ranging from taxation to international intellectual property, securities regulation and game theory make up the curriculum.

Faculty members with well-established reputations in their fields include Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Fred Abbott, known

Law, Economics and Business

for his scholarship on international intellectual property; Barbara Banoff, an expert in business organizations and securities law; Joseph Dodge, a leading authority on tax law and the Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor; Tahirih Lee, who developed the course Internet Trade Simulation with the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade, the first law school course to link American students and Chinese students in simulated trade transactions; and Weidner, a recognized authority on partnerships, fiduciary duties and real estate finance.

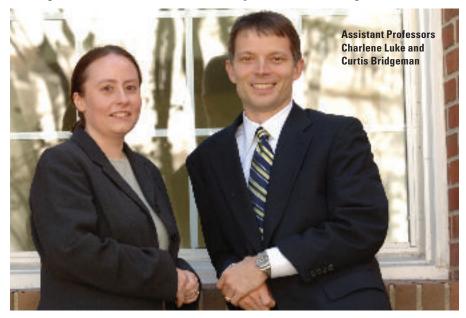
In recent years, the law school has hired a number of faculty members who are emerging as leaders in their fields. They include Curtis Bridgeman, whose scholarship explores the structure and philosophy of contracts, commercial and bankruptcy law; Charlene Luke, a corporate income tax expert; Lorelei Ritchie de Larena, who focuses on intellectual property law and technology transfer; Brian Galle, whose studies center on tax and broader administrative law issues; and Klick, who has a Ph.D. in economics in addition to his J.D. degree.

Klick brings into the classroom not only his combined economics and legal expertise, but also insights from his extensive empirical studies on the effects of law. His work has been published in *The Journal of Law and Economics, The Journal of Legal Studies* and covered in *The New York Times, Financial Times (London)*, and *The Washington Times.*

Klick uses a unique, methodology-based approach to his teaching. "Instead of just lecturing on how X court handles X matter, I teach my students tools that can be applied to many areas of the law and many areas outside the law," he said. This, according to Klick, gives Florida State students a competitive edge in the corporate law arena. "Many of our courses, such as my Corporate Finance class, are more typical of ones you'd find in an M.B.A. program than a law program, and the administration and faculty here at Florida State understand the value in this."

The Law, Business and Economics Program is enriched by guest lecturers and visiting faculty. Economist Jonah Gelbach, visiting for the 2006-2007 academic year from the University of Maryland, is teaching Social Insurance and Statistics Regulation and Unincorporated Business Entities in the spring. The law school regularly holds forums, symposiums and debates featuring highly respected scholars. Last year, for example, the college sponsored a major conference on default rules and in the spring will hold a seminar titled Empirical Law and Economics.

To broaden students' academic opportunities, the College of Law continues



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for Lawyers, Law and Economics, and a seminar on empirical law and economics. Manuel Utset, a leading scholar on the application of behavioral law and economics to issues in corporate law, will teach Business Associations and a seminar on game theory and business ethics during the spring 2007 semester. Joseph Leahy, who most recently practiced securities litigation as an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York City, is teaching Business Associations this fall and will teach Securities

to strengthen its relationships with other university departments. Students can take advantage of courses taught by courtesy faculty from the College of Business and the Department of Economics. The university also offers joint-degree programs including the J.D.-M.B.A. with the College of Business, which is ranked in the nation's top 25 among public universities by U.S. News & World Report, as well as master's and Ph.D. programs with the Department of Economics. **

Law Students Broaden Their Horizons at Oxford



BY JUSTIN HEMLEPP, 2L, COLLEGE OF LAW

or more than three decades, students enrolled in the College of Law's summer program in England have called St. Edmund—or "Teddy"— Hall home while studying at the University of Oxford and experiencing the culture that fostered the development of the Anglo-American legal system.

Each year, about 45 law students, including those from Florida State and across the United States and Canada, attend the five-and-a-half-week summer semester of legal studies at the world's first Englishspeaking university. Florida State's program is the oldest summer program at Oxford offered by an American law school.

Oxford clearly is an ancient place, whose towering colleges more resemble intimidating battlements than institutions of higher learning. Nevertheless, for centuries, kings, popes, presidents and saints have broadened their horizons at the university, and Florida State law students are following year after year in those famous footsteps.

Second-year law student Harrison Poole spent the summer of 2006 there, and says it was an "amazing experience." "It was an opportunity to study under some of the greatest professors in the world at a place where law was first taught in the 1700s," he said.

The Oxford program was one reason Charlotte Fernée, also a 2L and the 2006 group's student coordinator, chose to study law at Florida State. "I found out about the program when I was an undergraduate at FSU," she said. "I was immediately interested in it because I'm from England, my family is from England, and I knew I wanted to study British law."

Comparing the Oxford program to a Chinese law program she also attended



this summer, Fernée said that her time in England was more challenging. "It was very academically rigorous," she said. "It was interesting to see the China program immediately prior to the Oxford program because the two programs have very different philosophies behind them I think."

The philosophy behind the Oxford program, according to Florida State's John W. and Ashley E. Frost Professor of Law, Nat Stern, is "to provide students with an exceptional academic opportunity to study at Oxford with Oxford faculty and at the same time afford enough flexibility in the schedule so the students are also able to enjoy being in this part of the world."

The students took advantage of the location by traveling throughout Europe as well as participating in program-sponsored trips to Stratford-upon-Avon, the Royal Courts of Justice, Middle Temple, the Inns of Court and a Fourth of July cruise down the River Thames. Still, each class met every weekday during the session and the ABA-mandated attendance policy was strictly enforced.

"We take this seriously," said Oxford professor Jeffrey Hackney. "It's not a Mickey Mouse outfit. We're doing some serious stuff and the courses are taught at a serious level." Hackney, who began his teaching career at Teddy Hall in 1964, has for me."

However, the students are not the only Americans who benefit from the crosscultural legal experience. "I think that the relationship that we have with the Oxford Dons—from the perspective of the law professors ... that's a very important part of the program," said Donna Christie,

'You learn a great deal more than just the subject matter. You learn about culture, about people.'

-Ruth Lee

participated in the Florida State program since its second year. More students registered in his English Legal History course this year than any of the other courses offered: European Union Law, Comparative Criminal Procedure, Law of the Sea & U.S. Ocean Policy and 20th Century American Legal History.

"That was a great example of what I went there for," Fernée said of Hackney's class, "British law and the roots of the American legal system. And he's a charming personality."

Another program veteran, Oxford professor Peter Mirfield, has participated for more than a decade and also has been a visiting professor at Florida State. An Englishman who claims to bleed "garnet and gold," Mirfield says American students not only receive a different perspective from the Oxford faculty but also bring unique points of view to the classroom. "Remember that law here is an undergraduate discipline so the students I teach here are 18 to 21 typically" while FSU students are older, he said. "They've already got a degree and with that, comes a greater maturity and approach."

Hackney agreed. "I've found American students ask different questions from my U.K. students," he said, later noting that the American students' curiosity is "good the Elizabeth C. and Clyde W. Atkinson Professor of Law and Associate Dean for International Programs.

Stern echoed that sentiment: "One of the great perks for faculty is getting to associate with our Oxford faculty who are these extraordinarily bright and accomplished scholars who also happen to be very delightful people."

And though the students change each summer, some things always remain the same. "It's the oldest existing law school program at Oxford," Poole said. "It's something Florida State can be extremely proud of."

College of Law alumni and their spouses have generously supported study abroad by creating Oxford Studies Scholarships. They include Tom and Linda Scarritt, Vicki Weber and David L. Powell, and Joseph and Paula Flood.

Justin Hemlepp is a second-year student at the College of Law. He participated in the 2006 Summer Program in Law at Oxford.

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An Emotional Return Home, the Hard Task of Helping to Defend War Criminals

BY MOHAMED HAIDARA, 3L, COLLEGE OF LAW

ast spring, I, like many of my classmates at the College of Law, had to decide what to do in the summer. My choices were to take classes, work, intern or take the summer off. After much deliberation and consultation with some of my professors and my parents, I decided to apply for a summer internship with the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone.

After a long application process, I was accepted by the court's Defense Office as a summer intern, and with the support from the law school, the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, and my family and friends, I traveled to Sierra Leone. The internship was a great opportunity not only because of my interest in international law, but also because, as a native Sierra Leonean, it was an opportunity to see family and friends again after 11 years and to participate in the rebuilding of my home country.

Sierra Leone, a small West African country, is recovering from an 11-year civil war (1991-2002) between the Revolutionary United Front and government troops. The other warring factions were the Civil





Mohamed "Mo" Haidara spent his summer interning at the U.N. Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Defense Force and the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council. I was in Sierra Leone when the war started, but fortunately, I was able in 1995 to immigrate with some of my family members to the United States. The civil war not only devastated the country's fragile economy and infrastructure, but also claimed the lives of thousands, including some of my friends and family members.

After the end of the war, the government of Sierra Leone and the U.N. signed an agreement creating the United Nations Special Court to try those responsible for the atrocities and hold them accountable for their actions. The court's jurisdiction extends to those considered to bear the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law and Sierra Leonean law committed in the country's territory since Nov. 30, 1996.

Currently, 10 men, including the former president of Liberia, Charles Taylor, are in the court's custody, accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. The specific charges are "murder, rape, extermination, acts of terror, enslavement, looting and burning, sexual slavery, conscription of children into an armed force, and attacks on U.N. peacekeepers and humanitarian workers," among others. Nine of the accused currently are on trial and Taylor's trial is schedule to start next year at The Hague.

As a defense intern, my responsibilities included research and writing, drafting memos, attending court proceedings (taking notes and drafting cross-examination questions), attending meetings and meeting with detainees. As a law student, it was both humbling and flattering to hear my crossexamination questions being asked in an international war crimes tribunal.

One of the most educational and

challenging experiences during my internship was working with Karim Khan, the lead counsel on Taylor's defense team. As Khan's intern, I had the opportunity to meet Taylor, which was fascinating. Despite the challenges involved in the case, I felt prepared, thanks to the College of Law's international law curriculum. Classes such as Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, Refugee and Asylum emotional and inspiring. The visits not only saddened me, but also gave me a greater appreciation for my life in the United States and inspired me to help the less fortunate. Upon my return to the States, I established a non-profit organization, Help Sierra Leone, and am working with Indian Dove, a Canadian orphanage in Sierra Leone, to help the needy. So far, the law school community has been very supportive, and with

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Law, Criminal Law and Evidence were pivotal to my success. The internship now is one of the College of Law's International Law externship programs.

Personally, my return to Sierra Leone was very emotional, especially after such a long absence. I experienced, firsthand, the effects of the war on the daily lives of people including my family and friends. Basic necessities such as running water, electricity, schools, hospitals and other social services are almost non-existent. The country's economy is at its worst in recent history. Unemployment is over 65 percent, 68 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, life expectancy is just 40 years, illiteracy stands at about 70 percent (most parents cannot afford to send their children to school) and more than 60 percent of the population lack access to health care.

My visits to orphanages, schools, villages and an amputee camp were very help from the university's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, I will be traveling to Sierra Leone over the holiday season to help distribute the donated items to needy families.

This internship was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Defending men accused of crimes that personally affected me is one of the most difficult things I have ever done but my deep-rooted respect for the rule of law and presumption of innocence helped me through it all. I believe defending Taylor (or any of the other defendant) is also defending our very system of criminal justice, which is important because it ensures that we can all be defended if ever accused of a crime.

I believe the rule of law is pivotal to the survival of any society. For many years, Sierra Leone lacked the rule of law; for this reason, the Special Court is not only trying those in its custody, but it is also re-estab-



Mo Haidara (right) with a colleague in Sierra Leone.

lishing the rule of law in a society that so desperately needs it. I returned from this internship not only a better student of the law, but more importantly, I returned a better person, and I thank all those who helped make it happen for their support. #

To Learn More...

To learn more about the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone and Mohamed Haidara's experience, please visit the court's Web site www.sc-sl.org and his personal blog at www.jobeyme. blogspot.com. Also, if you would like to make a donation for needy families in Sierra Leone, please contact Mo at mch4434@fsu.edu or 850-322-1305. Thanks in advance for your help.

Beyond the Court Room: These Grads Advocate Before All Three Branches of Government

BY JUSTIN HEMLEPP, 2L, COLLEGE OF LAW

hree College of Law graduates have found that their "straight shooter" reputations, legal skills, and results-driven advocacy consistently produce positive outcomes for some of the nation's largest corporations.

Microsoft, eBay, Walt Disney World and The Florida Bar are among the bignames that the Tallahassee law firm of Metz Husband & Daughton represent.

Warren Husband,

Steve Metz and

James Daughton

Legislators and regulators are impressed when they interact with an individual who not only knows the process, but who also has "thought through all of the potential pitfalls and can respond with creative solutions and actually reduce them to writing," said 1976 graduate Metz. "Unlike many lobbying firms, we not only draft the proposed legislation or regulation, but we also back that up with

> a legal position paper. We don't have to rely on someone else to crank that out."

Still, political connections are critical for lobbyists, and cultivating relationships with state legislators is a continuing challenge.

"With term limits producing a constant influx of new legislators and the leadership of the Florida House and Senate changing very quickly, we have to

constantly make ourselves relevant," Metz said. "And that means staying on top of all our clients' issues and meeting with both legislators and candidates."

James Daughton Jr., a 1998 graduate, says the key to developing good relationships with legislators and regulators is being a "straight shooter."

"By being a consistently honest, ethical and substantive advocate, you earn a reputation as a straight shooter and a problem solver committed to achieving positive results for your clients. Legislators and regulators must know that you are going to tell it like it is and that you are not going to play games or steer anyone in the wrong direction."

Daughton, who worked in state government before enrolling at the College of Law and was a partner in a government consulting firm while in school, does not recommend diving into lobbying right after graduation.

"There is legislation introduced every year that can have huge financial consequences for both businesses and individuals. You must be present to win. You have to be over there," Daughton said, gesturing toward the Florida Capitol from the conference room of the firm's downtown Tallahassee office, "and you have to make sure that you're protecting your clients' interests."

Metz, a former assistant Florida attorney general, agrees. "I never intended to be a lobbyist," said Metz. "I began lobbying as a result of my legal practice, at the request of some of my clients. That was thirty years ago."

Despite any negative attitudes some in the public hold toward lobbyists, the reality is that businesses need to stay abreast of governmental activity that could affect them, Husband says.

"Given the complexity of the society we live in and all its moving parts, it would be foolish for any business in Florida to ignore what happens in Tallahassee," Husband said. "The uninformed business will be in for a rude awakening when state government takes some action that has a significant impact on the bottom line for business."

Husband, who worked on the law review and graduated second in his class, and his partners say the training they received in law school continues to influence how they approach a client's issue, and taught them the analytical skills needed to represent clients before state government.

"Because of our legal education, we've been very successful in getting things passed that make sense and that parties don't have to spend a lot of time and money arguing over in court," Husband said.

"Using our collective legal, governmental and political experience, our firm is uniquely positioned to examine our client's issues from every possible angle," said 1993 grad Warren Husband. "After belping to define our clients' short-term

helping to define our clients' short-term and long-term goals, we can develop and implement a cohesive strategy that often involves representation before each of the three branches of state government."

As lawyer-lobbyists, Steve Metz explained, the firm has "extra credibility" with state agencies, legislators and legislative committees. "Because of our legal training, we do our homework on every issue and know the ins and outs of every possible solution, allowing us to draft the proposed legislation or regulation and respond quickly with any amendments along the way."

ASTUTE BUSINESSMAN CHRIS CADENHEAD KNOWS A GOOD THING WHEN HE SEES IT

BY DAVE FIORE



Chris Cadenhead sometimes jokes that running his myriad business interests is like running a hospital emergency room. Keeping it all under control is simply a matter of prioritizing.

"I deal with whoever is bleeding the worst—like a hospital triage," said the 1983 College of Law graduate. "The real key is that I try to keep the businesses well-managed so we can avoid problems. I also surround myself with good people—a lesson I learned very early in life."

His strategy obviously works. All of his businesses are thriving. He owns a successful law practice, a title company, a couple of popular restaurants and four fishing piers. And he is in the process of helping to build a school in a small village in India.

In short, Cadenhead is not one to let a great opportunity – whether it be for himself or to help others – slip away.

Such was the case when Cadenhead purchased the lease for the Okaloosa Island Fishing Pier on Florida's Emerald Coast. The pier, originally built in 1972, provides a quarter-mile of prime fishing space for anglers to catch 100-pound tarpon, tuna, king mackerel, cobia and dolphin.

"It turned out to be a pretty lucrative business," Cadenhead said. "Then my sister, who lives in St. Pete, called and said I needed to look at the piers created by the old Sunshine Skyway Bridge."

That also turned out to be a good match, and Cadenhead entered into the lease on the Skyway State Fishing Piers with the Florida DEP. It is a threequarter-mile-long pier on the north and one-and-a-half-mile-long pier on the south side of Tampa Bay – each with its own tackle shop.

The most recent addition to Cadenhead's pier collection is the Pensacola Beach Gulf Pier, which at 1,471 feet, is the longest fishing pier on the gulf. Future plans for the pier include a restaurant, bait-and-tackle shop and a gift shop. The restaurant will be Cadenhead's second in Pensacola, as he already is a partner in Dharma Blue, a popular restaurant in Pensacola's historic district.

Cadenhead is the first to admit the irony of his business interests.

"I am not a fisherman," he said. "I have four piers and a 50-foot boat, but I have never fished on the piers, and I have only fished twice this year from my boat. I do love the water, but I am usually either working or playing golf."

The Crestview, Florida, native got his first glimpse of the long hours kept by a hardworking, small-town lawyer from his dad's best friend, who happened to be one of the most prominent lawyers in town.

"He was always kind of a mentor to me, and I also worked for him in law school," Cadenhead said. "I just always wanted to be a lawyer, even though I didn't always know why."

Today, he has a team of five lawyers working in offices in Crestview and Destin. His firm deals mainly with land issues, from condemnations and condo documents to property rights issues and construction. "This area (Destin-Ft. Walton) grew so fast that developers always have some problem with the county or cities where they are building. Whenever permitting is involved, there are going to be issues." said Cadenhead, who has a real estate license and has worked as a property appraiser and runs his own title company.

This astute businessman also is a generous philanthropist. He is supporting a public school he founded in a tiny village in India.

"About seven years ago, I went to India with a pastor friend who goes to the area on mission trips," he explained. "Daniel, the young man who was assigned to show us around had four degrees, but he couldn't do anything because of the country's caste system."

From Daniel he learned that there were no public schools in the area. Cadenhead decided in 1999 to finance a school, which he saw for the first time when he returned to the site in 2005. It now has eight teachers and about 50 students and consists of three huts. A new building, also funded in part by Cadenhead, is under construction.

"It was quite touching," he said of his visit to the school. "If you have never been (to India), it's hard to understand that these children have nothing."

Cadenhead says he still enjoys practicing law, but has begun thinking about passing his many torches.

"I do want to keep the law office open and try to teach my daughter (a Florida State senior honors student, who is hoping to attend the College of Law) the business," he said. "And my son is 24 and going to culinary school, so he will probably run one of the restaurants. By the time I am 55, I want to be out on my boat. I want to slow down and turn everything over to the kids."

Christian Caballero, Bedouin Joseph Lucky (White House) Fellows

Ten years ago, Bedouin Joseph was reading about the White House Fellows Program—one of the most prestigious leadership and public service programs in the nation. Today, the 2000 College of Law graduate is one of program's elite participants.

Joseph and Christian Caballero, a 2004 graduate of the law school, this summer were appointed White House Fellows for 2006-2007 by President George W. Bush. The two are among just 600 individuals selected for the honor since 1964 when President Lyndon Johnson founded the program. Fellows spend one year as full-time, paid special assistants to senior White House staff, cabinet secretaries and other high-ranking government officials. Roundtable discussions with leaders from the private and public sectors and trips to study U.S. policy in action both in the United States and abroad are some other perks of the job.

Selection to the program is highly competitive and Fellows are chosen based on a record of remarkable professional achievement, evidence of leadership skills, a strong commitment to public service and the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully to the highest level of federal government.

Past fellows include former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, former CNN president Tom Johnson and chairman of the New York Stock Exchange Marshall Carter.

Joseph says he is "humbled" to be in the company of such outstanding Americans.



"The fellows are amazing both in accomplishment and character," he said. "A decade ago, I was reading about this great program in General Colin Powell's biography, and today, I am not only a member of the program, but also working in the same office to which General Powell was assigned when he was a Fellow in the Nixon White House. "

Before his appointment to the Office of Management and Budget at the White House, Joseph practiced complex litigation and class action law in the New Orleans office of Adams and Reese. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the city, Joseph sought ways to help the city and state thrive again. He recalled reading about the Fellows program in Powell's biography and decided it was something

Past fellows include former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, former CNN president Tom Johnson and chairman of the New York Stock Exchange Marshall Carter. he should pursue.

"I'm confident that this White House Fellows program will give me the experience, insight and national contacts to help New Orleans overcome the challenges it faces," Joseph said.

Caballero says he also plans to use his experience as a Fellow to help the community. "Being a White House Fellow has been one of the highlights of my professional career," he said. "However, the Fellowship is not intended to be a pinnacle, but a springboard to make meaningful contributions to our communities, our nation and the world."

Caballero, who is assigned to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, served as chief of staff to the secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in Tallahassee and worked as deputy director of cabinet affairs for Gov. Jeb Bush. "The Fellowship has provided me with an opportunity to interact with some of the most influential people in the world, and has allowed me to test my skills and training at the highest level of government."

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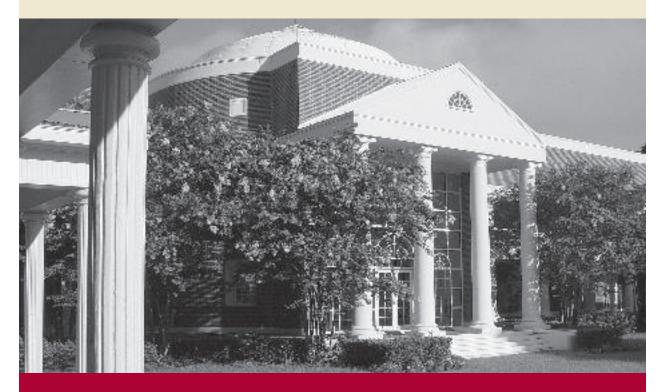
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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

This was a year of great success for the law school. The reputation of our outstanding students and faculty continues to blossom. The highlight of recent external recognition was when *U.S. News & World Report* rated our Environmental Program 14th in the nation and also raised our overall ranking by three more spots, to 53. *Hispanic Business* magazine rated us the 6th best law school in the nation for Hispanic students.

Private fundraising has been an important part of our successes, and this past year's results have been excellent. Our Annual Fund has been an unprecedented success, and our new major gifts are already making a difference.

ANNUAL FUND

Last year's Annual Fund hit another new high: 26% of our alumni made gifts to the law school. This level of alumni support sends a powerful signal about the enthusiasm our alumni have for the school and places us in the top 10 state law schools in terms of giving rate. Our student enthusiasm and generosity also bodes well for the future. This past year, 58% of our students contributed to our Annual Fund. They are blazing the trail for us all!

Proceeds from our Annual Fund have increased with our giving rate. This money enriches our entire academic program. It helps sponsor everything from student scholarships to distinguished speakers to graduation receptions for our students and their families.

MAJOR GIFTS

This past year, we received Major Gifts totaling \$1,944,877 in cash and \$2,359,000 in additional pledges, for a grand total of \$4,303,877. This success is remarkable. The "Cash Gifts By Level" portion of this Report includes only payments made during the fiscal year, even if they are but a portion of a larger gift. Under the heading of "Recent Larger Gifts," we outline the larger gift commitments that we have received in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. We want our reporting to you to be as conservative as possible.

All these gifts and pledges have provided important encouragement to all of us at the law school and are making a positive impact throughout our program. The future looks bright.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner, Dean

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RECENT LARGER GIFTS

We would like to thank those of you who made a major gift commitment between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. These gifts make it possible to continue the dynamic advance of the academic programs and reputation of the College of Law.

\$500,000 or more

Under the direction of Charlie Crist, Attorney General for the State of Florida, the law school has received a directed settlement of \$1,025,000. Of this amount, \$275,000 has been used to supplement the Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair. The income from the Chair provides funding for a Visiting Professor who also serves as the Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General. Alumnus Chris Kise ('90) recently served in this position. The remaining \$750,000 has been used to create the Attorney General Endowment for Excellence. The income from this endowment shall be used at the discretion of the law school, for such purposes as faculty support and student scholarships. The entire directed settlement will be eligible for a 75% match from the State of Florida.

\$250,000 to \$499,999

Melbourne resident Richard E. Torpy ('88) and his wife Karen have made a commitment to give \$250,000 over time to establish the Rick and Karen **Torpy Endowment for Excellence.** The income from the Torpy Endowment for Excellence shall be used at the discretion of the law school, for such purposes as faculty support and student scholarships. This gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. In addition to this gift, Rick and Karen have also made a gift of \$25,000 in support of the Alumni Centennial Chair. The Alumni Centennial Chair was created to support the Dean of the College of Law. Upon Dean Weidner's retire-

ment, the Chair will be renamed the Donald J. Weidner Chair and will be used to support the sitting dean of the law school. This gift, when combined with similar gifts for this purpose, shall be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Rick's firm, The Torpy Group, concentrates its practice in the fields of land use and development, real estate transactions, homeowners/condominium association representation, corporate litigation and formation, wills, estates and trusts, commercial transactions and intellectual property law. Rick is also a member of the law school's Board of Visitors.

\$ 100,000 to \$249,999

Two of the founders of the Florida Workers' Compensation, Inc., James N. McConnaughhay ('69) and Steven A. Rissman ('72), have made a commitment to give \$100,000 each to the law school. Their combined gift of \$200,000 will be used to create the McConnaughhay and Rissman Endowment for Excellence. The income from this endowment shall be used at the discretion of the law school, for such purposes as faculty support and student scholarships. Their gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Jim is a named partner in the Tallahassee office of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver and concentrates his practice in the areas of workers' compensation and civil litigation. Steve is a named partner in the Orlando office of Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue & McLain, P.A. and concentrates his practice in the area of workers' compensation defense.

Through her revocable trust, **Mary N. Roberts**, wife of former Florida Supreme Court Justice B. K. Roberts, has left the law school **\$150,000** to endow the **B. K. and Mary N. Roberts Scholarship**. The income from the endowment shall be used to award scholarships to law school students who demonstrate financial need. This gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

Alumni couple, David L. Powell ('87) and Victoria L. Weber ('78), gave \$106,031 to endow the Bob & Betty Weber and Helen Powell Oxford Studies Scholarship. The income from the Weber and Powell Oxford Studies Scholarship will be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a student who wishes to study abroad with the law school's Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England and who has financial need. This scholarship was created in honor of David and Vicki's parents. This gift is eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. David and Vicki are both partners in the Tallahassee firm of Hopping Green & Sams. David's practice focuses on land use and growth management, listed species protection, business expansion and relocation and facility siting. Vicki concentrates her practice in state and local taxation, administrative law, legislative relations and business expansion and relocation. Vicki is also a member of the law school's Board of Visitors.

Cecelia Bonifay ('84) of Orlando has agreed to donate **\$100,000**, through an individual retirement account, to endow the **Cecelia Bonifay Moot Court Scholarship**. This income from this endowed scholarship will be used to award scholarships to students who participate in Moot Court and who have financial need. The gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Cecelia is a shareholder in Akerman Senterfitt, where she has an office in Orlando and in Tavares, and she practices in the areas of real estate, land use and zoning, and administrative law. She is also a member of the law school's Board of Visitors.

James M. Corrigan ('73) and his wife Anne of Pensacola have made a commitment to give **\$100,000** over time to create an endowment for the Moot Court Team. The income from the James and Anne Corrigan Endowment for Excellence for Moot Court shall be used, at the discretion of the law school, to further the purposes of the Moot Court team. This gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Jim is a named partner in the Pensacola firm of Corrigan & Janes and practices in the area of medical malpractice, personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability. Jim is also a member of the law school's Board of Visitors.

Tallahassee alumnus Guyte P. McCord, III ('75) and his father, retired Judge Guyte P. McCord, Jr., have made a commitment to give \$100,000 over time to endow the Guyte P. McCord Memorial Scholarship. The income from the McCord Memorial Scholarship will be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a law student who has academic merit and who has financial need. This scholarship was created in honor of Guyte P. McCord who served as the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida from 1939 until his retirement in 1964. This gift is eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Guyte is a named partner in the law firm of McCord, Bubsey & Ketchum, LLP. His practice concentrates on the areas of land use, real estate, personal injury and class action.

Three alumni who are the named partners in the Tallahassee firm of Metz, Husband & Daughton, P.A. have made a commitment to give **\$100,000** over time to establish the Metz, Husband & Daughton Scholarship. Stephen W. Metz ('75), Warren H. Husband ('93) and James R. Daughton ('98) created the scholarship to attract an incoming student each year who has a demonstrated financial need for assistance in attending law school and who is: (a) the custodial parent of one or more children; or (b) has worked in a non-legal field for at least 4 years prior to admission to law school. This gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Steve is extensively involved in the legislative section of the firm and also practices in the area of administrative law. Steve is also a member of the law school's Board of Visitors. Warren is member of the administrative law, legislative & governmental affairs, and civil litigation sections of the firm. Jim's practice includes legislative affairs and administrative rulemaking with an emphasis on financial services, technology and healthcare.

Orlando attorney **A. Wayne Rich** ('70) and his wife **Gwen** have made a com-

mitment to give **\$100,000** over time to create the **A. Wayne and Gwen Rich Endowment for Excellence**. The income from the **Rich Endowment for Excellence** shall be used at the discretion of the law school, for such purposes as faculty support and student scholarships. This gift is eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. Wayne is Of Counsel in the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel where he is a member of the firm's Real Estate and Eminent Domain Practice Groups.

\$25,000 to \$99,999

Phil Blank ('74) and his wife Rita have made a commitment to give \$50,000 over time to support the Alumni Centennial Chair. The Alumni Centennial **Chair** was created to support the Dean of the College of Law. Upon Dean Weidner's retirement, the Chair will be renamed the Donald J. Weidner Chair and will be used to support the sitting dean of the law school. This gift, when combined with similar gifts for this purpose, shall be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida. In addition to this gift, Phil and Rita have also made a gift of \$15,000 in support of the Blank-Miller Scholarship and a gift of \$5,000 in support of the David and Cela Miller Scholarship, which awards scholarships to descendants of survivors of the Holocaust. Phil is the founding shareholder in the Tallahassee firm of Blank, Meenan & Dunphy, P.A. and focuses his practice on heath care, administrative law, lobbying and litigation. Phil is also is a member of the law school's Board of Visitors and he is a member of The Florida State University Foundation's Board of Trustees. Phil and

Rita's daughter Robyn is a 2006 graduate of the law school.

The Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel, led by managing partner and University of Florida graduate, M. Stephen Turner, has made a commitment to give **\$25,000** over time to support the Alumni Centennial Chair. The Alumni Centennial Chair was created to support the Dean of the College of Law. Upon Dean Weidner's retirement, the Chair will be renamed the Donald I. Weidner Chair and will be used to support the sitting dean of the law school. This gift, when combined with similar gifts for this purpose, shall be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

Tallahassee alumnus Terry P. Cole ('70) has agreed to give \$25,000 over five years to create an annual scholarship. The annual payment to the **Oertel**, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant Environmental Law Scholarship shall be awarded to at least one student each year who has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in environmental law and who has an outstanding academic record. In addition to this gift, the Oertel, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant Scholar will be offered a summer clerkship with the firm after the recipient's first year of law school. Terry is a named partner in the Tallahassee firm of Oertel, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant. Terry's practice focuses on environmental law and administrative law.

Orlando alumnus Joseph R. Flood ('82) and his wife Paula have agreed to give \$25,000 over time to endow a scholarship. The income from the Joe and Paula Flood Oxford Studies Scholarship shall be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a student who is of modest means to study abroad with the law school's Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England. Joe is a partner with Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton, P.A. Joe specializes in civil rights law, governmental liability, products liability and has lectured in the area of governmental civil rights, state tort liability, and insurance bad faith.

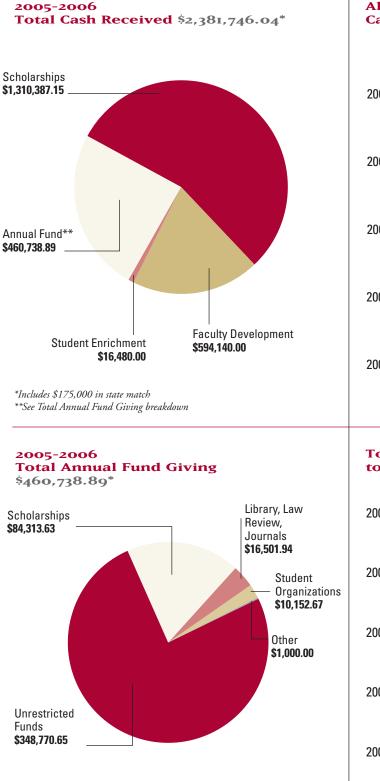
The Law Office of Gonzalez Porcher Garcia & Roca, led by founding partner Marcos R. Gonzalez ('98), has made a commitment to give \$25,000 over time to endow a scholarship. The income from the Gonzalez, Porcher, Garcia & Roca Diversity Enhancement Scholarship shall be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a student that would enhance the diversity of the law school, with preference given to a Hispanic student who has fled political repression. The firm is dedicated to serving the interests of those who have been injured by the negligence of others. Marcos' practice focuses on the areas of personal injury and workers' compensation claims.

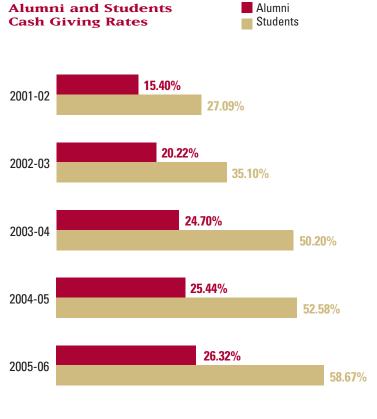
Joseph W. Lawrence, II ('76) has made a commitment to give \$25,000 over time to create an endowment for excellence. The income from the Lawrence Family Endowment for Freedom shall be used at the discretion of the law school, for such purposes as faculty support and student scholarships. Joe is a named partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli. Joe's practice focuses on the areas of construction law, government contract law and litigation. Amelia Rea Maguire ('87) of Miami has made a commitment to give \$25,000 over time to support the Alumni Centennial Chair. The Alumni Centennial Chair was created to support the Dean of the College of Law. Upon Dean Weidner's retirement, the Chair will be renamed the Donald J. Weidner Chair and will be used to support the sitting dean of the law school. This gift, when combined with similar gifts for this purpose, shall be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

Julio C. Martinez, Jr. ('86) and his wife Rene have agreed to give \$25,000 over time to endow a scholarship. The income from the **Julio and Rene** Martinez Diversity Enhancement Scholarship shall be used to attract students to the College of Law who are from groups that are historically underrepresented in the legal profession, especially Hispanic students, and who have financial need. Julio is a partner in the Kissimmee office of Attorneys Trial Group, which is a statewide litigation firm. Julio handles a wide variety of cases including motor vehicle collisions, wrongful death, workers' compensation, product liability and insurance contract disputes.

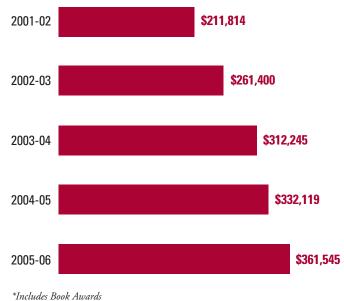
Louis B. "Buck" Vocelle of Vero Beach has made a commitment to give \$25,000 over time to support the Alumni Centennial Chair. The Alumni Centennial Chair was created to support the Dean of the College of Law. Upon Dean Weidner's retirement, the Chair will be renamed the Donald J. Weidner Chair and will be used to support the sitting dean of the law school. This gift, when combined with similar gifts for this purpose, shall be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

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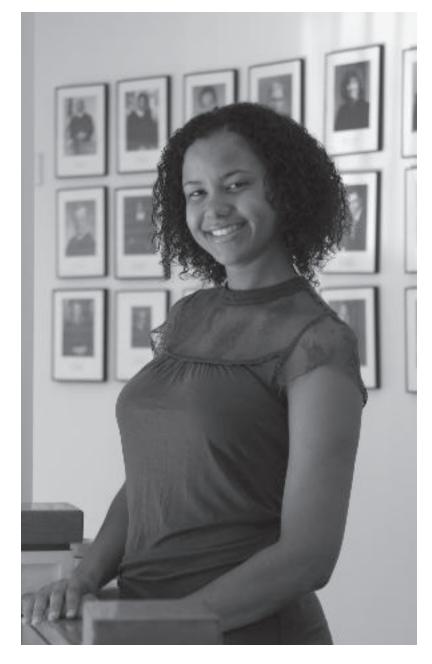
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Tom Equels, Laura Fabar Hope to Inspire 'Great Things' with New Endowment

Tom Equels and wife Laura Fabar have long been advocates for social justice in Florida. Now, with the newly created Equels-Fabar Endowment for Social Justice at the College of Law, they are hopeful that their work, and that of other proponents of social justice, will continue. The endowment will help fund programs and scholarships that inspire law students to improve society.

"The concept of social justice and responding to people in need helped shape me as an attorney; so the creation of this program was a personal dream for Laura and me," said Equels, managing director of the Orlando-based Equels Law Firm. "Our goal is to show students real-life examples of how lawyers make a difference by performing those everyday miracles that so often get overlooked. We want to inspire great things."

Over the years, Equels, a 1980 graduate of the law school, has been honored with The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award, the Federal Bar Public Service Award, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Miami's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award. The Vietnam War veteran earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, 15 Air Medals, and the Purple Heart for combat. Now, Equels is working on a project in schools and churches to promote virtues for success through seminars and the arts.

Fabar, managing director of the Miami firm of Laura M. Fabar & Associates, also is involved in social justice efforts. She was the first recipient of the Ray H. Pearson Guardian-ad-Litem Award, which recognizes exemplary pro bono service to the court and to the children of Miami-Dade County. In 1999, the American Bar Association Section of Family Law honored her for pro bono work in family law. She also was one of the main lawyers in the Elian Gonzalez case. Fabar continues as a Guardian ad Litem in several cases. "The lawyer who takes on a guardian ad litem case and protects a young child, the high school student working in a church food line to help feed the homeless, the doctor at the free clinic in a migrant camp, are all by their individual efforts, creating



a more just and virtuous society," Equels said. "Laura and I have been blessed in both our legal practices and civic activities. We are eager to share our experience with the next generation of lawyers."

Said Dean Don Weidner, "Tom and Laura have created an endowment that will inspire students to careers enriched by public service and we are grateful."

McCord Family Endows Scholarship in Memory of Father, Grandfather

With a \$100,000 gift to the Florida State University College of Law, Guyte P. McCord III and his father Guyte P. McCord Jr. have endowed the Guyte P. McCord Memorial Scholarship. McCord III, a 1975 College of Law graduate, and McCord Jr., retired First District Court of Appeal judge, created the endowment in honor of their grandfather and father.

"My father and I decided to make this gift to the College of Law based upon our family's 100 years of service to the legal profession in Tallahassee and based on our high regard for both Florida State University and the College of Law," Guyte McCord III said. "Our hope is that this donation to the law school will help attract top students exhibiting both merit and need." At least one Guyte P. McCord Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually.

Guyte McCord Sr., recognized as the founder of Tallahassee's commission-manager form of government, was appointed clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida in 1939, a position he held until his retirement in 1964. Prior to this appointment, McCord served as mayor of Tallahassee, U.S. commissioner for the Northern District of Florida, deputy clerk of the U.S. District Court, city attorney and Leon County's first prosecuting attorney. He attended Florida State University before receiving his law degree at Washington and Lee University, and was a past president of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

Guyte McCord Jr., a World War II and Korean War veteran, was a circuit judge for the Second Judicial Circuit Court of Florida from 1960 to 1974 and served as First District Court of Appeal judge for Florida from 1974 until his retirement in 1983.

Guyte McCord III is managing partner of Tallahassee law firm McCord, Bubsey & Ketchum, LLP.

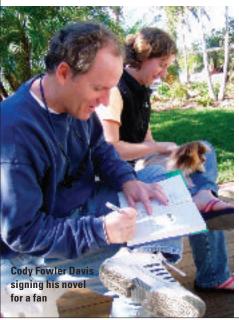
CODY DAVIS BRINGS HIS LEGAL EXPERIENCE TO BEAR IN HIS FIRST NOVEL

BY JUSTIN S. HEMLEPP, 2L, COLLEGE OF LAW

hile opportunistic lawyers may push the law to the line, others—particularly young attorneys fresh from law school remain idealistic as they learn that the system is not perfect. Tampa attorney Cody Fowler Davis said he wanted to show "the clash between the two" types of litigators in his first novel, "Green 61."

A fatal boating accident off Useppa Island, near Fort Myers, Fla., sets the stage for the battle of legal and ethical wits between the idealistic protagonist Anderson Parker and his former boss, the ethically challenged Justin Cartwright Jr. Cartwright defends the boating company we all know is responsible for the deaths of two children and another boater, while Parker, the plaintiff's attorney, scrambles to secure justice.

"I wanted to write a book where the defense lawyer was the bad guy because most people write books where the plaintiff is the bad guy," Davis said. "And I also wanted to write a book that



was pretty much accurate as to the legal system so people could get a feel for how a case progresses. So it started with the accident ... then it worked forward and backward."

Though he had long considered penning a novel, Davis, a 1984 College of Law grad, said he finally scratched the itch after reading a book he didn't like.

"About a year and a half ago, we were down at our island home, and I was reading a book," he said. "I didn't think it was that good, and I told my wife, 'You know, I think I'm going to write that book I always wanted to write.' And she said, 'Do it.' So I picked up a pad, looked out of the view of our island house and I saw the Intercoastal Waterway and green marker 61 (marking the Waterway's boundary)."

Namesake of his grandfather, Tampa attorney and former president of the American Bar Association Cody Fowler, Davis is president of Davis & Harmon, P.A. He spoke to *FSULaw* magazine from his Tampa office in October while preparing to monitor the gubernatorial debate between his brother, U.S. Rep. Jim Davis (D-Fla.) and Republican opponent, Florida Attorney General Charlie Christ.

Though Davis said he has lent a hand in his brother's many political campaigns, he never considered a political career for himself. "I was not electable after the sixth grade," he joked. "I was a little bit of a wild one, let's say." Instead, Davis has devoted his energy to many local boards, including those of a bank, a school and the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

In the courtroom, Davis & Harmon, P.A. represents both plaintiffs and defendants, he said, winning multimillion dollar judgments in the process. "I was with a big firm, and sometimes there would be a lot of lawyers on a case. It was a very good firm. And when I broke off, I tried to hire the best and brightest litigators I could find."

Davis has been recognized by *Florida Trend* magazine as a "Legal Leader" and a "Florida Super Lawyer," and also was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates. The attorney-novelist said he brought his legal experience to bear in "Green 61."

"Having been a litigator for years, I see accidents everywhere," he said. "I made up the story and just started writing on a legal pad." And though Davis said he has seen his share of "mean tricks" in the courtroom, neither of his two main characters is completely based on his personal legal experiences.

He explained: "Someone asked... 'Is Anderson Parker based on you?' and I said, 'No, I'm not that nice. Well, is Justin Cartwright based on you?' and I said, 'No, I'm not that mean.'"

Davis recently completed a sequel to "Green 61" with the help of his wife Beth. But while the second novel still is being edited, it is "Green 61" that is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

"It's a fun read," he said. "In a funny way, I think it's a good book for people to read when they're coming out of law school. It deals with the idealism of a young lawyer and kind of how the world really is out there."

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David and Debby Fonvielle Pledge Continued Support of the Public Defender Service Award

The two years David Fonvielle spent working in the Office of the Public Defender for the Second Judicial Circuit after graduating from the College of Law made a lasting impression on him. It was there, he says, that he learned to listen to his clients, to stay organized—in spite of huge caseloads and trial schedules—and to work with a staff of people.

A recent gift from Fonvielle and his wife Debby will ensure that other young lawyers have the same opportunity to learn those important lessons and be of service to the community. This fall, the Fonvielles made a \$275,000 testamentary gift in addition to a \$40,000 cash commitment to provide continued support of the David and Debby Fonvielle Public Defender Service Award they created in 2003.

The award is given to Florida State College of Law graduates serving in the Office of the Public Defender for Florida's Second Judicial Circuit. It originally was established to continue for four consecutive years. The Fonvielles are committed to continually funding the program during their lifetimes, after which their gift will provide permanent funding.

"We are amazed at the generosity of the Fonvielles," said Leon County Public Defender Nancy Daniels. "The award has been terrific for our office. Their gifts to our attorneys have helped us tremendously with recruitment and retention of staff, and we are very grateful for their support."

Fonvielle who graduated in 1972, has been in private practice since 1974. His firm, Fonvielle, Lewis, Foote & Messer Attorneys at Law, handles cases involving significant personal injury and wrongful death claims.

"We appreciate the foundation for the practice of law that is provided through Dean Weidner's initiatives and the College of Law," he said.



Kelly Overstreet Johnson, Hal Johnson Create Endowment for Excellence



Tallahassee attorneys Kelly Overstreet Johnson and Hal Johnson have created the Kelly Overstreet Johnson and Hal Johnson Endowment for Excellence at the College of Law with a \$100,000 deferred gift.

Overstreet Johnson, who graduated in 1982, and Johnson, a 1975 graduate, made the disbursement of their gift flexible, allowing the endowment to fund a variety of law school resources, including student scholarships, faculty incentives and co-curricular activities.

"We are delighted to be in a position to make this gift," Overstreet Johnson said. "The law school obviously has been instrumental in our careers and success as lawyers, and we are glad to be able to show our appreciation."

Overstreet Johnson is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel. She served as president of The Florida Bar from 2004-2005, president of the Tallahassee Bar Association from 1990-91 and president of Tallahassee Women Lawyers from 1984-1985.

Johnson has served as general counsel for the Florida Police Benevolent Association the past 27 years. He was chairman of the Labor and Employment Law Section of The Florida Bar and was on the Officer Discipline Penalty Guidelines Task Force for the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission.

"We owe much of our continuing success to the generosity of alumni such as Kelly and Hal," Dean Don Weidner said. "We are extremely grateful for their gift, which will support an array of programs here at the College of Law."

ALUMNI Recognitions

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John W. Frost II, senior partner with the Bartow, Fla., firm of Frost, Tamayo, Sessums, and Aranda, P.A., was named in the July edition of *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite section for the second straight year. Frost is board certified in civil trial practice and business litigation.

James N. McConnaughhay of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A., has been selected as a 2006 Florida Super Lawyer.

W.R. Olive's law firm, Bryant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.



Susan Roberts received the Chief Justice's Commendation for Exemplary Service in the area of domestic violence

and the Governor's Peace at Home Award for the Justice System. She also was named presiding judge of the Capital Murder and Jimmy Ryce Division of the 10th Circuit Court, and April 1, 2006, marked her 30th year on the bench. In addition, she is the proud grandmother of Kyle, born March 17, 2005.

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H. Mark Purdy is co-owner, mediator and arbitrator at Mediar, Inc. He can be reached at 1848 S.E. 1st Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316; Tel., 954-356-0017; e-mail, lawyerpurdy@aol.com.

A.J. Jim Spalla's firm, A.J. Jim Spalla, P.A., has a new address: P.O. Box 1793, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302; Tel., 850-224-4361.

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Robert G. Kerrigan, partner with the Pensacola firm Kerrigan, Estess, Rankin, McLeod & Thompson, LLP, published an article in the October 2006 issue of *The Florida Bar Journal* titled "Allowing Interlocutory Appeals from Orders Denying Summary Judgment."

Thomas G. Pelham of Fowler White Boggs Banker was named to *Florida Trend's* 2006 Super Lawyers and was elected to the executive council of the American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section. In addition, he gave a speech titled "Coastal Planning and Regulation in Florida" at the Second LSU Presidents' Forum on Meeting Coastal Challenges. The March 2006 forum was held in Baton Rouge, La.

Lee L. Willis, shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A., has been included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in energy law.

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Brian S. Duffy of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. was selected as a 2006 Florida Super Lawyer.

C. David Fonvielle, partner at Fonvielle Lewis Foote & Messer, was recognized in the 12th edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the category of Personal Injury Litigation. He can be reached at 3375 Capital Cir. N.E., Suite A, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308; Tel., 850-422-7773; e-mail, david@ wrongfullyinjured.com.

William Sned's firm, Sned & Tucker, P.A., has relocated to 3030 Dixie Hwy., Suite 5, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33405.

Jerry R. Spinks, retired IRS attorney, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for promoting historic preservation in Jacksonville. The award was presented in May 2006 by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

C. Gary Williams, shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A., has been included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in First Amendment law.

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Dr. Canter Brown Jr., has become the special assistant and counsel to the president of Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Ga. He can be reached at 478-825-6156; e-mail, brownc@fvsu.edu.

William W. Corry of the Law Offices of William W. Corry, P.A. served as the moderator at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers 2006 Membership Appreciation Luncheon. In addition, he received the 2006 Bronze Eagle Award from the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers at the annual convention in Hollywood. He can be reached at P.O. Box 527, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302; Tel., 850-222-3730; e-mail, wwc@corrylaw.com.

Sally Kest was elected unopposed to circuit judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida and will begin her term on January 2, 2007. Her husband John Kest ('73) also is a circuit judge in the Ninth Circuit.

Dick Schoditsch has retired from the State Attorney's Office, First Judicial Circuit, after 23 years serving as assistant state attorney and executive director. He lives with his wife Donna in Niceville, Fla.

Charles L. Woody, member of Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC, was named a leading lawyer in West Virginia for excellence in employment law by Chambers USA and was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He can be reached at P.O. Box 273, Charleston, W.Va. 25321; Tel., 304-340-3800; e-mail, cwoody@spilmanlaw.com.

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James D. Beasley, shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A., has been included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in energy law.

Thomas W. Brooks, partner at Meyer and Brooks, P.A., has been inducted as a fellow by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. He can be reached at 2544 Blairstone Pines Dr., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-878-5212.

Daniel C. Brown, shareholder with Carlton Fields' Tallahassee office, has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in insurance law.



Stann W. Givens, partner in the divorce litigation firm of Knox & Givens, P.A. in Tampa, Fla., was elected first vice-

president of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers at the organization's 28th Annual Institute.

Mal Greenfield and his wife Marlene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 26, 2006, at a dinner hosted by their three children. As part of the ongoing festivities, they flew to London and the Orkney Islands with their grandson in August and cruised to Quebec in October. Mal retired from The Florida Bar in 1999.

Nancy G. Linnan, shareholder with Carlton Fields' Tallahassee office, has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She specializes in environmental law, government relations law, land use and zoning law and real estate law.

Jason B. Loper has relocated his office to Landmark Office Center, 14310 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 290, Tampa, Fla. 33618; Tel., 813-964-0577; e-mail, jloper@loperlaw.com. **Robert W. Pass**, shareholder with Carlton Fields' Tallahassee office, was selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in energy law.

Robert A. Pierce, shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A., was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in tax law.

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Timothy B. Elliott's new office address is 2873 Remington Green Cir., Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

Kenneth R. Hart, shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A., has been included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in commercial litigation and tax law.

Robert S. Hightower made a presentation on various aspects of estate planning at a seminar sponsored by Lorman Educational Services, where he discussed the use of disclaimers, deferral in payment of estate tax and several asset protection considerations. He can be reached at 241 E. Virginia St., P.O. Box 4165, Tallahassee, Fla. 32315; Tel., 850-222-3363; e-mail, rsh@hightowerlaw.com.

Elise F. Judelle's law firm, Bryant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Marc A. Sussman is president of McCuen Properties, a development company that provides real estate services to public and private sector clients. He can be reached at 3610 American River Dr., Suite 100, Sacramento, Calif. 95864; Tel., 916-481-6300.

1976

Lawrence Curtin of Holland & Knight's Tallahassee office has been recognized among the nation's leading practitioners by Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2006.

Thomas Jones of Holland & Knight's Tallahassee office has been recognized among the nations leading practitioners by Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2006.

Thomas L. Neilson's new address is 300 Avalon Way, Thomasville, Ga. 31792; Tel., 229-226-6654; e-mail, tln1955@aol.com.

1977

Silvia Morell Alderman of Akerman Senterfitt has been named to *Florida Trend* magazine's 2006 Legal Elite. She can be reached at Highpoint Center, 12th Floor, 106 E. College Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-224-9634.

Nancy Daniels, Second Judicial Circuit public defender, was elected president of the Tallahassee Bar Association for 2006-2007. She can be reached at nancyd@leoncountyfl.gov.



William H. "Bill" Davis, partner with Dobson, Davis & Smith, was elected as trustee of The Florida Bar Founda-

tion's Endowment Trust. He can be reached at 610 N. Duval St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-224-2683.

Michael A. Edwards, attorney with Edwards & Clarke, P.A., can be reached at The Atrium, 631 N. US Hwy. 1, Suite 307, North Palm Beach, Fla. 33408; Tel., 561-845-6297; e-mail, medwards@medwards.com.

Richard B. Hadlow was named chairmanelect of the Florida Law Network. He can be reached at 100 N. Tampa St., Suite 4100, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-227-8500; email, richard.hadlow@hklaw.com.

Bruce A. Minnick has relocated his firm, The Minnick Law Firm, to 2815 Remington Green Cir., Suite 200, PO Drawer 15588, Tallahassee, Fla. 32317; Tel., 850-386-9444; email, bruce.minnick@electro-net.com.

<u>1978</u>

Martha H. Chumbler, shareholder with Carlton Fields' Tallahassee office, has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She

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Please take a moment to log in to the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Directory Web site, 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. specializes in environmental law, land use and zoning law.

Terry E. Lewis, a shareholder at Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been listed in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He can be reached at 1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 1000, Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; Tel., 561-640-0820; e-mail, tlewis@llw-law.com.



Sheila M. McDevitt, senior vice president-general counsel and chief legal officer of TECO Energy in Tampa, was

elected as co-chair of State University System Board of Governors to serve a twoyear term.

Victoria Weber, attorney with Hopping Green & Sams, was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She specializes in tax law.

<u>1979</u>

Peter Antonacci, attorney at GrayRobinson, was appointed to the Northwest Florida Water Management District beginning March 31, 2006, and ending March 1, 2008. He can be reached at 301 S. Bronough St., Suite 600, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-7717.

David Dee, formerly with Landers & Parsons, P.A., is now practicing with Young van Assenderp, P.A., as the two firms have merged. In addition, he was included in the 2006 Client's Guide of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business and the 2006 edition of Florida Super Lawyers. He can be reached at Gallie's Hall, 225 S. Adams St., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-7206.

Miranda Fitzgerald, attorney with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., was named in The Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers 2006. In addition, she was ranked in The Top 50 Female Super Lawyers 2006. She can be reached at P.O. Box 2809 Orlando, Fla. 32802; Tel., 407-843-4600; e-mail, miranda.fitzgerald@lowndes-law. com.

Anne Longman, a shareholder at Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been listed in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She can be reached at 125 S. Gadsden St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 10788, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302; Tel., 850-222-5702; email, alongman@llw-law.com.

1980



Charles N. Castagna received the Academy of Professional Mediators' Award of Merit at the Academy's Advanced

Training Conference. The award is the highest given by the academy and recognizes outstanding contributions to the mediation profession in Florida. He can be reached at Charles N. Castagna Mediation, Inc., Druhill Professional Center, 611 Druid Road E., Suite 512, Clearwater, Fla. 33756; Tel., 727-446-4221; e-mail, cnc@castagnamediation.com.

David Spicer opened the Law Firm of David W. Spicer in December 2005. The firm is located at 11380 Prosperity Farms Road, Suite 204, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. 33410; Tel., 561-625-6066.

David A. Yon, insurance and administrative attorney with Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, was named as one of *Florida Trend's* 2006 Legal Elite. He can be reached at 301 S. Bronough St., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-425-6654; e-mail, david@ radeylaw.com.

1981



Dean R. LeBoeuf, managing partner of the Tallahassee law firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney,

was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite in the area of civil trial for the third consecutive year. *Law & Politics* magazine also recognized him as a Florida Super Lawyer in the practice area of personal injury.

W. Scott Lindsey, formerly of Boyd, Lindsey, and Sliger PL, has opened the Lindsey Law Firm. He can be reached at 1882 Capital Cir. N.E., Suite 106, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

Christopher K. Vogel has joined Bricklemyer Smolker & Bolves, P.A. He will focus on eminent domain litigation for both the private and public sectors. He can be reached at 500 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 200, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-223-3888.



The Candidate

Many law school alumni may have noticed a familiar name on the ballot in November. Alum Belinda Noah of Tampa made a run for the Florida U.S. Senate seat. Although her campaign was unsuccessful, she says she is grateful for the opportunity to be on the ballot. "I was able to meet so many wonderful people from all walks of life who are concerned with what's best for Florida," said the 1979 graduate.

1982

James Ervin of Holland & Knight's Tallahassee office, has been recognized among the nation's leading practitioners by Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2006.

W. Douglas Hall, shareholder with Carlton Fields' Tallahassee office, has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in commercial litigation, environmental law, land use and zoning law. Robert Rothman, a partner with the Atlanta law firm of Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, was elected to chair the 75,000-member Litigation Section of the American Bar Association beginning in 2008. He can be reached at robert.rothman@agg.com.

Dan R. Stengle, attorney with Hopping Green & Sams, was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in land use and zoning law and real estate law.



Robert Wesley, Ninth Circuit public defender, has completed his third six-week mock trial summer program for middle school students in Orange and Osceola counties. He organized the summer program as a way to educate students about the legal system, and to act as an early delinquency prevention tool. He can be reached at 435 N. Orange Ave., Suite 400, Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel., 407-836-4800.

<u>1983</u>

Christopher Cadenhead has been appointed to Morgan Creek Energy Corporation's Advisory Board. In addition, he operates his own law firm from offices in Destin and Crestview, Fla. He can be reached at 543 Harbor Blvd., Suite 501, Destin, Fla. 32541; Tel., 850-682-6164; e-mail, chris@cadenheadlawfirm.com.

Randall Hanna's law firm, Bryant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

J. Christopher Lombardo, shareholder with Woodward, Pires & Lombardo, P.A., is negotiating a deal, at the request of the U.S. government, to supply the Iraqi Air Force with Polish-built aircrafts.

Cari L. Roth has been named to *Florida Trend's* 2006 Legal Elite. Her law firm, Bry-

ant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Brian R. Toung recently became CFO and corporate counsel/pilot for ET&T Distributors and is maintaining his personal injury and mediation practice. He can be reached at 213 Silver Beach Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32118; Tel., 386-255-3425.

1984

John F. Gilroy III has relocated his firm, John F. Gilroy III, P.A., to 1435 E. Piedmont Dr., Suite 100, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308; Tel., 850-385-1368.

R. Stephen Lewis, shareholder with Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been listed in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He can be reached at 125 S. Gadsden St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 10788, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-5702; e-mail, slewis@llw-law.com.

<u>1985</u>

Ralph DeMeo of Hopping Green & Sams has been selected for special recognition by Chambers USA. In addition, he was listed in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for his specialty in environmental law. He can be reached at P.O. Box 6526, Tallahassee, Fla. 32314; e-mail, rdemeo@ hgslaw.com.

Mark Holcomb, a partner with Holland & Knight's Tallahassee office, has been elected chair of The Florida Bar's Tax Section for 2006-2007. He also was recognized among the nation's leading practitioners by Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2006.



Samuel King of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier served as an instructor for The Florida Bar's Con-

tinuing Legal Education seminar, Advanced Trial Advocacy, in Gainesville in May. In addition, he was placed in the top 2 percent of Florida lawyers by his peers in a July 2006 poll conducted by *Florida Trend* magazine. Richard E. Whitaker of the Law Offices of Richard E. Whitaker, P.A. can be reached at 301 E. Pine St., Suite 150, Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel., 407-835-3778; e-mail, whitakerlaw@cfl.rr.com.

<u>1986</u>

Jeffrey P. Bassett received the Juvenile Justice Center's professionalism award. He is with the Attorney General's Children's Legal Services in Broward County. He can be reached at 2817 N.W. 7th Ave., Wilton Manors, Fla. 33311; e-mail, jeffrey@jeffreymichael.com.

Robert N. Clarke Jr., shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A., has been included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in commercial litigation and construction law.

Craig Clendinen is working in the Office of International Affairs and Governmental Relations for SIL International. He can be reached at 2011 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Cynthia L. Cox, a Circuit Judge in the 19th Circuit since 1996, recently started a Mental Heath Court in St. Lucie County. She can be reached at 218 S. 2nd St., Suite 312, Fort Pierce, Fla. 34950.

Frank J. Sanchez has been named president and chief executive officer of Renaissance Steel. In addition, he has been chairman of the Patel Foundation for Global Understanding since April 2006. Sanchez also was the recipient of the Daily Point of Light Award. He can be reached at 2900 E. 7th Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33605; Tel., 813-247-7200.

<u>1987</u>

Anne-Marie L. Bowen of Anne-Marie L. Bowen, P.A. recently made a presentation on ethics at the American Bankruptcy Institute Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop in Amelia Island, Fla. She specializes in consumer debtor law and can be reached at 1516 E. Hillcrest St., Suite 103, Orlando, Fla. 32803; Tel., 407-228-1300; e-mail, ambowen@bowenbankruptcylaw.com.





Lisa DeVitto joined the Children's Board of Hillsborough County as director of advocacy and public affairs in

Tampa. In addition, she recently received the Florida Coalition for the Homeless Outstanding Service to Homeless People Award.

Steven Malono, shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, was named to *Florida Trend's* 2006 Legal Elite. He can be reached at 215 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-2126; email, steve@penningtonlaw.com.

David L. Powell, attorney with Hopping Green & Sams, was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in land use and zoning law and real estate law.

1988

Kristin Adamson, partner in the Tallahassee firm Novey, Mendelson & Adamson, was elected secretary/treasurer by the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers at the 28th Annual Institute held in Tampa. In addition, she was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for her specialty in family law.

R. Stephen Coonrod of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A., has been selected as a 2006 Florida Super Lawyer.

Stephen S. Dobson III's firm name has changed to Dobson, Davis & Smith. He can be reached at 610 N. Duval St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-224-2683.

Scott R. Rost has joined Miller, South & Milhausen, P.A. He can be reached at 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1200, Orlando, Fla.

32801; Tel., 407-539-1638; e-mail, srost@ millersouth.com.

Belinda Caspi Wiseman has joined Shawn Elliot Luxury Homes and Estates as a licensed broker. She can be reached at 8037 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, N.Y. 11797; Tel., 516-364-4663; e-mail, belinda@ shawnelliot.com.

1989

Miguel M. de la O's firm is now de la O, Marko, Magolnick & Leyton. He can be reached at 3001 S.W. 3rd Ave., Miami, Fla. 33129; Tel., 305-285-2000.

Leonard Dietzen III, partner at Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, spoke at the Florida Public Personnel Association's 2006 conference in Tampa. He can be reached at 215 S. Monroe St., Suite 130, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-6550.

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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 Action, please send your name, class year, phone number, e-mail address, and information to aluminfo@law.fsu.edu or mail this form to:

The Florida State University College of Law Office of Development and Alumni Affairs Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601

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Michael P. Petrovich, attorney with Hopping Green & Sams, was included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He specializes in environmental law.



Gemma I. Santos, a teacher at The English Center in Miami, was one of 12 English experts chosen by the De-

partment of Homeland Security to create the first standardized exam for non-U.S. citizen applicants who wish to become naturalized. She is the only Florida member and only teacher among the group. She can be reached at gsantos10@hotmail.com.

Elizabeth Senterfitt will be installed as a judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit on January 7, 2007. She can be reached at 330 E. Bay St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32202.

Glenda Thornton, partner at Foley & Lardner, has been elected to the board of directors of United Way of the Big Bend. She can be reached at 106 E. College Ave., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-6100.

1990

Robert C. Downie II has joined the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields as a shareholder in the firm's government law and consulting practice group. He can be reached at 215 S. Monroe St., Suite 500, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-513-3603; e-mail, rdownie@carltonfields.com.

Rafael Gonzalez has opened his own law firm, The Law Office of Rafael Gonzalez, LLC. Also, he recently received the 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in addition to being elected vicechair of the City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council. Further, he has published three articles in both English and Spanish on workers' compensation in Las America Herald. He can be reached at 16765 Fish Hawk Blvd, Suite 362, Lithia, Fla. 33547; Tel., 813-681-8081; e-mail, rgonz@tampabay.rr.com.



Christopher Kise, Florida Solicitor General, has joined Foley & Lardner LLP as partner. He chairs the National

Appellate Practice and is a member of the White Collar Defense & Corporate Compli-

ance. He argued his third case before the U.S. Supreme Court in October, a new record for the law firm. He can be reached at 106 E. College Ave., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-513-3367.

John LaVia III, formerly with Landers & Parsons, P.A., is now practicing with Young van Assenderp P.A., as the two firms have merged. He can be reached at Gallie's Hall, 225 S. Adams St., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-7206.



Samuel P. Queirolo has joined the Tampa office of Bryant Miller Olive. He can be

Center, Suite 2700, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-273-6677.

Ricardo Reyes and David Tobin ('90) have moved their law firm, Tobin & Reyes, P.A., to 5355 Town Center Road., Suite 204, Boca Raton, Fla. 33486; Tel., 561-620-0656.

David Tobin and Ricardo Reyes ('90) have moved their law firm, Tobin & Reyes, P.A., to 5355 Town Center Road., Suite 204, Boca Raton, Fla. 33486; Tel., 561-620-0656.

<u>1991</u>

Timothy J. Center has been named director of the Council for Sustainable Florida at the Collins Center for Public Policy. He can be reached at 1415 E. Piedmont Dr., Suite One, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

Tammy de Soto Cicchetti, senior trial attorney for the Cicchetti Law Firm, has been awarded the National Republican Congressional Committee Congressional Order of Merit, the highest civilian honor. In addition, she was nominated by Gov. Bush to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Second Judicial Circuit. She can be reached at cicchettilaw@nettally. com.



Scott E. Gwartney, partner with the Tallahassee law firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, was rec-

ognized by *Law & Politics* magazine as a Florida Super Lawyer. He practices in the area of civil litigation, specializing in nursing home negligence and medical malpractice. Donna K. Hanes has joined the Tampa office of Wilkes & McHugh, P.A. She can be reached at One North Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 800, Tampa, Fla. 33609; Tel., 813-873-0026; e-mail, dhanes@wilkesmchugh. com.

David E. Marko's firm is now de la O, Marko, Magolnick & Leyton. He can be reached at 3001 S.W. 3rd Ave., Miami, Fla., 33129; Tel., 305-285-2000.



Kathy Maus, partner at Butler Pappas, was elected to the board of directors of the Defense Research Institute. She

can be reached at 3600 Maclay Blvd., Suite 101, Tallahassee, Fla. 32312; Tel., 850-894-4111.

Michael P. Spellman of Coppins, Monroe, Adkins, Dincman & Spellman P.A., has been reappointed by the president of The Florida Bar to serve another term on the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. He can be reached at P.O. Box 14447, Tallahassee, Fla. 32317; Tel., 850-422-2420; e-mail, mspellman@cmadslaw.com.

Scott Wallace has joined the firm of Seyburn, Kahn, Ginn, Bess & Serlin, P.C. He can be reached at 2000 Town Center, Suite 1500, Southfield, Mich. 48075; Tel., 248-353-7620.

1992

Donna E. Blanton, a government and administrative law attorney with Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, was named as one of *Florida Trend's* 2006 Legal Elite. She can be reached at 301 S. Bronough St., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-425-6695; e-mail, dblanton@radeylaw.com.

Kelly Cruz-Brown, shareholder with Carlton Fields, participated in the "Women Trailblazers in the Law: Our Vision, Our Voices" project's intensive interviewer training program. In addition, she recently was admitted as a member of the Federation of Regulatory Counsel.

Katherine E. Giddings, shareholder with Akerman Senterfitt, has been named to *Florida Trend* magazine's 2006 Legal Elite. She can be reached at Highpoint Center, 12th Floor, 106 E. College Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-425-1626.

Suzanne Suarez Hurley has started her own law firm, Suzanne Suarez Hurley, P.A. She can be reached at P.O. Box 13215, Tampa, Fla. 33681; Tel., 813-230-4019; e-mail, ssuarez@ij.net.

Avery D. McKnight of the labor and employment law firm of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. volunteered at a recent health fair and helped raise awareness for Big Bend Hospice. He can be reached at 906 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32303; Tel., 850-561-3503.

John Murray, partner with Wager Murray & Feit, P.A., was named president-elect of the Dade County Bar Association. He can be reached at jmurray@compusource.net.

Robert Scheffel Wright, formerly with Landers & Parsons, P.A., is now practicing with Young van Assenderp P.A., as the two firms have merged. He can be reached at Gallie's Hall, 225 S. Adams St., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-7206.

<u>1993</u>

Brian Alexander is the director of business affairs for Discovery Communications. He can be reached at 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 1500, Los Angeles, Calif. 90067; Tel., 310-975-5908.

Alexander Caballero's firm name has changed to Sessums Mason Black & Caballero, P.A. He can be reached at 307 S. Magnolia Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33606; Tel., 813-251-9200; e-mail, alex@smblawoffice. com.

Gary W. Flanagan has joined Fisher & Phillips LLP as of counsel. He can be reached at 1000 Marquette Building, 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60603; Tel., 312-346-8061.

Jeff Golomb, attorney with Morriss & Witcher, was named a 2005 Georgia Super Lawyer. In addition, he and Teresita Gomez ('94) had daughter Alexandra Marie Golomb on January 27, 2005.

Victoria Heuler of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. was recognized for outstanding achievement in the Florida chapter at the NAELA Symposium in April 2006. She can be reached at 1709 Hermitage Blvd., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308; Tel., 850-222-8121.

Eric P. Lachance has been promoted to director of project management at Complete Claim Solutions. He can be reached at 319 Clematis St., Suite 300, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401.

George A. Sarduy was appointed by Gov. Bush to be a county court judge for Miami-Dade County. He can be reached at 10710 S.W. 211th St., Room 2401-SDJC, Miami, Fla. 33189; Tel., 305- 252-5848.

1994

Joan Briggs of Adams, Briggs, and Briggs, has relocated to The Wall Street Lofts, 119 Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32114; Tel., 386-253-6571.

Melvin Burruss received the Dr. Jerome H. Holland Power of Humanity Award from the American Red Cross. The award is given to honorees from various fields who reflect the remarkable accomplishments of Holland, the first African-American chairman of the organization. Burruss is an attorney with the New York State Insurance Department and can be reached at 212-341-6522.

Teresita Gomez and Jeff Golomb ('93) had daughter Alexandra Marie Golomb on January 27, 2005.



Kelly A. O'Keefe has joined the firm of Berger Singerman. In addition, she was elected as secretary of the Tallahas-

see Bar Association for 2006-2007. She can be reached at 315 S. Calhoun St., Suite 712, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel. 850-561-3010; e-mail, kokeefe@bergersingermam.com.

Suzanne Van Wyk's law firm, Bryant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

<u>1995</u>

Richard Bradford has opened the law firm of Bradford & Bradford, P.A, with Patricia Bradford ('97). He can be reached at 631 W. Lumsden Rd., Brandon, Fla. 33511; Tel., 813-413-2402; e-mail, fsusma@verizon.net. Jonathan B. Butler has joined the West Palm Beach office of Fowler White Burnett P.A. He can be reached at Phillips Point, Suite 800, West Tower, 777 S. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; Tel., 561-472-2327; e-mail, jbutler@fowler-white.com.



Marlon Hill, partner at the Miami law firm DelancyHill, was recently elected to serve a two-year term on the Ja-

maica Diaspora Advisory Board Leadership to represent the southern United States. The board is responsible for reviewing progress in the implementation of policies and programs for the mutual benefit of Jamaicans at home and abroad.

Shannon Hartsfield of Holland & Knight's Tallahassee office has been recognized among the nations leading practitioners by Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2006.

Veraunda Jackson-Hubbard has been volunteering with the Orange County Teen Court Program for more than 10 years, serving as a judge and an advisor to the youth on the jury. She also is founder and CEO of EHAP Inc., a professional and personal development company.



Douglas McCarron has joined the law firm of Haggard, Parks, Haggard & Lewis, P. A., and will specialize in neg-

ligent security, wrongful death and other personal injury cases. He can be reached at 330 Alhambra Cir., Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Tel., 305-446-5700.

Jay Paull IV is vice-president of corporate affairs at Cyren Call Communications. He can be reached at 1701 Lewinsville Road, Suite 201, McLean, Va. 22102.

Jason Ricardo of Ricardo & Wasylik has moved his office to the Historic Train Depot at Meridan Ave. and Hwy. 98 bypass in Dade City, Fla. He can be reached at Tel., 352-567-3173; e-mail, jason@ricardolaw. com.

Meredith Trammell Roop has been named president-elect of the Tallahassee Bar Association for 2006-2007. She can be reached at meredithtram@hotmail.com. Pamela D. Bridgewater Toure is a professor of law at American University and specializes in property law, inheritance law and reproduction and the law. She can be reached at Washington College of Law, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016; Tel., 202-274-4065.

Mike Wasylik of Ricardo & Wasylik, has moved his office to the Historic Train Depot at Meridan Ave. and Hwy. 98 bypass in Dade City, Fla. He can be reached at Tel., 352-567-3173; e-mail, mike@ricardolaw. com.

<u>1996</u>



holder with the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., has been appointed to

Ronald A. Christaldi, share-

the advisory board of CreativeTampaBay, Inc., a non-profit organization that encourages community innovation.

Dana Crosby-Collier is now working for the Orange County Attorney's Office. She can be reached at 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Third floor, Orlando, Fla. 32801.

Amanda Adams Holbrook is practicing family law with Perla & Associates, P.A. She can be reached at 203 E. Livingston St., Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel., 407-245-7700.

Major Jeremy Jungreis, U.S. Marine Corps special counsel in environmental law, has been working as lead agency counsel for complex federal water rights and water quality litigation in the Central District of California. He also recently briefed the chairman of the California Air Resources Board on alternative fuel use and greenhouse gas reduction in the Department of Defense. He can be reached at the Western Area Counsel Office, Box 555231, Camp Pendleton, Calif. 92055; Tel., 760-725-5613.

Russel Lazega has been invited by West Publishing to co-author a legal treatise, *West's Survey of Florida Insurance Law*, with Patrick McGinley ('96). He also is scheduled to release the 2007 edition of *Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, Personal Injury Protection.* Patrick McGinley has been invited by West Publishing to co-author a legal treatise, West's Survey of Florida Insurance Law, with Russel Lazega ('96). He also is scheduled to release the 2007 edition of Florida Workers' Compensation with Forms.

Emilia Quesada, partner at Adorno & Yoss, recently won a bid for Dell. Inc.'s national commercial litigation work. She can be reached at 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 400, Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Tel., 305-460-1093.

Pablo S. Quesada has started his own firm, the Law Offices of Pablo S. Quesada. He can be reached at The Colonnade, Suite 302, 2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Tel., 305-774-6400; e-mail, quesada@psqlaw.com.

Fred Eugene Pearson has formed the law firm of Pearson & Myers. He can be reached at 703 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32303; Tel., 850-222-9840.

Michael D. Starks, senior counsel at Holland & Knight, was appointed to *The Florida Bar Journal News* editorial board. In addition, he recently published "Deconstructing Damages for Destruction of Evidence: Martino Eradicates the First-Party Tort of Spoliation of Evidence" in the July/August 2006 issue. He can be reached at 200 S. Orange Ave., Suite 2600, Orlando, Fla. 32801.

John E. Thomas has formed his own law firm, Burnett & Thomas, concentrating in complex business, personal injury and insurance litigation, representing injured individuals and individuals with sinkhole, hurricane and homeowner claims. He can be reached at 501 E. Jackson St., Suite 200, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-221-2525; email, jthomas@burnett-thomas.com.

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Patricia Bradford has opened the law firm of Bradford & Bradford, P.A. with Richard Bradford ('95). She can be reached at 631 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon, Fla. 33511; Tel., 813-413-2402; e-mail, patricia@bradfordfirm.com.

Joshua Drechsel has opened the Brumbelow Drechsel Law Group P.A. He can be reached at 750 94th Ave. N., Suite 202, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33702; Tel., 727-576-6262. Anthony J. Mazzeo's address has changed. He can be reached at Region Legal Service Office Europe, PSC 817, Box 8, FPO AE 09622-0008; e-mail, tonymazzeo@1988. usna.com.

Liz Williamson is with the firm of Hunton & Williams. She can be reached at Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 E. Byrd St., Richmond, Va. 23219; Tel., 804-788-8514; e-mail, ewilliamson@hunton.com.

<u>1998</u>

Rachel E. Fugate has joined the firm of Thomas & LoCicero PL. She can be reached at 100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 500, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-984-3065; e-mail, rachel.fugate@tlolawfirm.com.

Rachel Payne has married and is now Rachel Whitesell. She joined the firm of Butler Norris & Gold and can be reached at 254 Prospect Ave., Hartford, Conn. 06106; Tel., 860-236-6951.



Todd P. Resavage has joined the law firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney as associate attor-

ney, practicing in the areas of personal injury and criminal defense. He can be reached at 909 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-2000.

George A. Smith Jr.'s law firm, Bryant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301. He can be reached at 850-222-8611.



Scott B. Smith and his wife Molly welcomed Sandra Patricia and Tucker Francis Smith on June 20, 2006. He

practices at Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP, and recently was elected to the board of directors of The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. He can be reached at 561-820-2223; e-mail, ssmith@palm-beachlaw.com.

Christopher Steinhaus has joined the firm of Hill, Adams, Hall & Schieffelin, P.A. He can be reached at 1030 W. Canton Ave., Winter Park, Fla. 32789; Tel., 407-628-4848.

Melissa G. Thorn, senior counsel for Foley & Lardner LLP, has been appointed to chair

the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. The committee will strive to educate the Bar and community about alternatives for dispute resolution, focusing on mediation and arbitration.

Matthew R. Willard has been appointed to The Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism. He also was appointed to the board of directors for the Tallahassee Community College Alumni Association. He can be reached at P.O. Box 10007, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302.

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Kenneth J. Alexander, an attorney with the Florida Department of Financial Services, was appointed to the Florida State University Alumni Association Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning in September. He is also CFO/COO for the Natural Men and Natural Women organization, a non-profit group dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged citizens through self, economic, community and cultural awareness.

Gladys Ayala has moved from the New York office of Pfizer Inc. to the Connecticut office. She can be reached at 50 Pequot Ave., New London, Conn. 06320.

Robert Hosay has joined the firm of Foley & Lardner LLP as special counsel. He can be reached at 106 E. College Ave., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-513-3382; e-mail, rhosay@foley.com.

Markenzy "Mark" Lapointe has joined the firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. He can be reached at 100 S.E. 2nd St., Suite 2800, Miami, Fla. 33131; Tel., 305-539-8400.



Jennifer Kolinski Millis has joined Peek, Cobb & Edwards, P.A and will focus on catastrophic injuries and wrong-

ful death cases. She can be reached at 1301 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207.

Bryon Starcher, attorney with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, has been named to the advisory board of the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* at Emory University School of Law. He can be reached at 999 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30309; Tel., 404-817-6135; e-mail, bcs@ nmrs.com.

Roger C. Salmonsen has joined the Sniffen Law Firm, P.A. and will primarily practice in the areas of labor and employment law, commercial litigation, administrative law and eminent domain. He can be reached at 211 E. Call St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-205-1996.

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Joan Anderson, president of the Legal Aid Foundation board, has added the foundation to the list of providers of free legal services to low-income families in Leon County whose children face expulsion from school. She can be reached at P.O. Box 10095, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302; Tel., 850-222-3533.

Richard L. Barry has been named partner at McEwan, Martinez & Dukes, P.A. He can be reached at P.O. Box 753, Orlando, Fla. 32802; Tel., 407-423-8571; e-mail, rbarry@mmdorl.com.



Edward T. Bauer recently was named partner at the law firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney. He

specializes in criminal defense and has been with the firm since 2000. He can be reached at 909 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-2000.

Rochelle Birnbaum Chiocca and husband John Chiocca welcomed their second child and first daughter Mia Raven on September 26, 2006. Rochelle is a shareholder with Chiocca & Chiocca, P.A. in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dana L. Dowling is now a staff member at the Supreme Court of Florida. She can be reached at 500 S. Duval St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32399.

Heidi L. Hobbs has joined Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill & Mullis, P.A. She can be reached at 200 Central Ave., Suite 1600, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33701; Tel., 727-896-7171; e-mail, hhobbs@trenam. com.

Bedouin Joseph, formerly a complex litigation and class action attorney at the New Orleans office of Adams and Reese LLP, was appointed to the 2006-2007 class of White House Fellows by President George W. Bush.

Brett Marlowe has joined the firm of Page, Eichenblatt, Bernbaum & Bennett, P.A. as an associate in the area of commercial and construction litigation. He can be reached at 214 E. Lucerne Cir., Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel., 407-386-1900; e-mail, bmarlowe@ floridalawonline.com.

Anthony Miller, assistant general counsel at the Department of Management Services, will provide reduced-price and free legal assistance to low-income students in Leon County facing expulsion from school.

Alicia Westhoff Reid is corporate counsel and vice president at EverBank Financial Corporation, specializing in bank regulatory law and customer financial services law. She can be reached at 8100 Nations Way, Jacksonville, Fla. 32256; Tel., 904-281-6302; e-mail, alicia.reid@everbank.com.

Adam M. Pastis has joined the law firm GrayRobinson. He can be reached at 301 E. Pine St., Suite 1400, Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel., 407-843-8880.

Bart R. Valdes was appointed managing associate attorney for the newly opened Tampa office of deBeaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP, specializing in commercial litigation. He can be reached at 500 N. West Shore Blvd., Suite 940, Tampa, Fla. 33609; Tel., 813-288-9650; e-mail, bvaldes@dbksmn.com.

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Robert D. Clarke has joined True Partners Consulting as a senior tax consultant. He can be reached at 400 N. Ashley Dr., Suite 1625, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel, 813-434-4005; e-mail, robert.clarke@truepartnersconsulting.com.

Jeanne B. Curtin has joined Greenberg Traurig, P.A. and is working with the Environmental and Land Development Group. She can be reached at 101 E. College Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-6891.

Sharon Jones has joined the Law Office of Don Pumphrey Jr. as a member of the criminal defense team. She can be reached at 553 E. Tennessee St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

Analyn Merkle has joined the firm of Persante & McCormack. She can be reached at 2555 Enterprise Rd., Bldg. 15, Clearwater, Fla. 33763; Tel., 727-796-7666.

Thomas N. Palermo, assistant state attorney in the 13th Judicial Circuit and lead trial attorney in the Economic Crimes Unit, was appointed by Gov. Bush to the Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for a term of four years. He can be reached at 700 E. Twiggs St., Room 631, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-274-1470; e-mail, Palermo_t@sao13th.com.

Marc A. Peoples has joined the firm of Huey, Guilday, Tucker, Schwartz & Williams P.A. as an associate. He can be reached at 1983 Centre Pointe Blvd., Suite 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308; Tel., 850-224-7091.

Karusha Y. Sharpe has joined Greenberg Traurig, LLP. She can be reached at 101 E. College Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Mike Sjuggerud, associate with the Orlando office of Holland & Knight, was accepted for secondment to Anderson Mori & Tomotsune in Tokyo, Japan. He will be in Japan for one year beginning January 2007 assisting with international mergers and acquisitions.

Deborah B. Stern has joined the Customs and International Trade Department with Becker & Poliakoff. She can be reached at 3111 Stirling Road, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33312; Tel., 954-364-6042.

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Jennifer Bumbalough has joined the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society as the legacy coordinator. She can be reached at 5709 W. Jetton Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33629; e-mail, jennifer.bumbalough@cancer.org.

Robert G. Churchill Jr. has opened the Law Office of Robert G. Churchill Jr. He can be reached at 7113 Beech Ridge Trail, Suite 2, Tallahassee, Fla. 32312.

William Collins Cooper has joined the firm of Crabtree & Fallar, P.A and will practice real estate law. He can be reach at 8777 San Jose Blvd., Suite A-200, Jacksonville, Fla. 32217. J. Scott Herman has joined the law firm of Adams & Conan, P.A. He can be reached at 320 N. Magnolia Ave., Suite B-8, Orlando, Fla. 32801.

Melissa VanSickle Hornsby has joined The St. Joe Company as counsel for the Towns and Resorts division in Leon and Franklin Counties. She can be reached at 3800 Esplanade Way, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Fla. 32311; Tel., 850-402-5161.



Daniel W. Langley has become an equity partner in the law firm of Fishback Domi-

nick. He joined the firm in 2003 and practices in the areas of eminent domain, land use, real estate transactions and litigation, and government and municipality. He can be reached at 170 E. Washington St., Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel., 407-425-2863; e-mail, dlangley@fishbacklaw.com.

Shelbie Legg recently was appointed as vice consul at the U.S. Embassy in Uzbekistan. She can be reached at Republic of Uzbekistan, 82 Chilanzarskaya St., Tashkistan 700115.

W. Timothy Weekley has started his own firm, W. Timothy Weekley, P.A., and will specialize in business and corporate law, criminal law, family and matrimonial law, and real estate law. He can be reached at 201 E. Government St., Suite 20, Pensacola, Fla. 32501; Tel., 850-433-6264; e-mail, tim@ wtimothyweekley.com.

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Laura Atlee has joined the firm of Steptoe and Johnson, LLP. She can be reached at Ave. Louise 240, Box 5, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium; e-mail, laura_atlee@yahoo.com.

Amy L. Comer has joined the law firm of Thompson & Knight. She can be reached at 1700 Pacific Ave., Suite 3300, Dallas, Texas 75201.

James M. Durant Jr. has joined the firm of Boyd, DuRant & Sliger, P.L. He can be reached at 1407 Piedmont Dr. E., Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

Jeff Goodman has joined the Denver Broncos as a scout covering the southeastern part of the country. **Eric Knopp** has joined the firm of Johnson, Zippay & Walters, P.A. He can be reached at 1401 N. University Dr., Suite 301, Coral Springs, Fla. 33071; Tel., 954-755-9880, email, eknopp@jzwlawfim.com.

Jennifer Levine is an attorney with Higer Lichter & Givner. She can be reached at 2999 N.E. 191 St., Suite 700, Aventura, Fla. 33180; Tel., 305-933-9970; e-mail, jlevine@ hlglawyers.com.

Matthew C. E. Litz has joined Deloitte Tax LLP in Raleigh, N.C., as a senior tax consultant. He can be reached at Tel., 919-546-8176; e-mail, mlitz@deloitte.com.

John G. Maus Jr. is currently employed at Citigroup Trust as an assistant vice-president, trust officer. He can be reached at 485 Lexington Ave., 10th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017; Tel., 212-783-3703; e-mail, john. g.maus@citigroup.com.

Kristina Niederlehner received the President's Club Award and the National Governmental Account Manager of the Year at Thompson-West. She also has transferred from the South Carolina office to the Sarasota, Fla., office and can be reached at 15 Paradise Plaza, Suite 261, Sarasota, Fla. 34239; e-mail, kris.niederlehner@thompson.com.

John Patti has joined the law firm of Storm LLP. He can be reached at 901 Main St., Suite 7100, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Robert Rogers III has joined the firm of Holland & Knight, and in April 2006, he married Kara Decker ('04). He can be reached at 200 S. Orange Ave., Suite 2600, Orlando, Fla. 32801; Tel. 407-425-8500; e-mail, robert.rogers@hklaw.com.



Toni Wortherly accepted a teaching position with Duncan U. Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Fla. In ad-

dition, she spoke on "Navigating Common Legal Issues – Entertainment Law Basics for Urban Artists" at the Urban Gospel Alliance Awards and Conference in Houston in June 2006. She can be reached at lyrics11@ hotmail.com.

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Dana R. Blunt has joined the firm of Carlton Fields. He can be reached at 4221 W. Boy Scout Blvd., Suite 1000, Tampa, Fla. 33607; Tel., 813-223-7000.

Christian Caballero has been named by President George W. Bush to the 2006-2007 class of White House Fellows. He previously served as chief of staff to the secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and can be reached at mattcab@ msn.com.

Janeia Daniels has joined Meyer and Brooks, P.A. She can be reached at 2544 Blairstone Pines Dr., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-878-5212.

Kara Decker, attorney with Bell, Leeper & Roper, P.A., married Robert Rogers ('03) in April 2006. She can be reached at 2816 E. Robinson St., Orlando, Fla. 32803; Tel., 407-897-5150; e-mail, krogers@blrlawfirm. com.

William Keith Knight has joined The Roebuck Law Office. He can be reached at 200 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32202; Tel., 904-596-9040; e-mail, wkknight@roebucklaw.com.

Danica Little, attorney at Wishart Norris Henniger & Pittman, recently was sworn in as a member of the South Carolina Bar. Already a member of the North Carolina Bar, she can now represent clients who do business in both states. She has been with Wishart Norris for two years and concentrates on estate planning, business succession planning and tax planning.

Robin E. Myers was named assistant state attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit in Quincy, Fla.

Pavlina Petrova is an assistant public defender in the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Clearwater office. She represents clients charged with misdemeanors.

Theresa B. Proctor's law firm, Bryant Miller Olive, has moved to 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Brent Zimmerman has joined Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. He can be reached at 50 N. Laura St., Suite 2600, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202; Tel., 904-598-6138; e-mail, bzimmerman@sgrlaw.com.

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Frank T. Bayuk has joined the firm of Jones Day as an associate. He can be reached at 1420 Peachtree St. N.E., Suite 800, Atlanta, Ga. 30309; Tel., 404-581-8136; e-mail, fbayuk@jonesday.com.

Nathan Chapman has joined Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. He can be reached at 999 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30309; Tel., 404-853-8079; e-mail, nathan.chapman@sablaw.com.

Christine Demaere recently married and is now Christine Demaere Hoke. She has joined the offices of Kennedy Covington and can be reached at Hearst Tower, 47th floor, 214 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202; Tel., 704-331-7495; e-mail, choke@ kennedycovington.com.

Spencer Evans is working as tax counsel for the Transaction Privilege Tax Appeals Division of the Arizona Department of Revenue. He can be reached at 1600 W. Monroe, Suite 623, Phoenix, Ariz. 86314; Tel., 602-716-6519; e-mail, sevans@azdor.gov.

Cameron Kennedy is an attorney at the Law Offices of William W. Corry, P.A. He can be reached at P.O. Box 527, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302; Tel. 850-222-3730.

William Lazenby is clerking for the Honorable Mark A. Pizzo. He can be reached at Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse, 801 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33606; Tel., 813-301-5014.

Adam Raschke has joined True Partners Consulting, a firm specializing in tax and business advisory needs. He can be reached at 400 N. Ashley Dr., Suite 1625, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Tel., 813-434-4006.

Karen Reschly has joined the firm of Mazursky & Dunaway, LLP as an associate. She can be reached at Monarch Tower, Suite 2400, 3424 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30326; Tel., 404-888-8822.

Diane Suhm has joined the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human rights and will focus on human rights, immigration and international law. She can be reached at 426 W. Jefferson St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-443-0410; e-mail, dianesuhm@ gmail.com. Joseph D. Tegerdine is general counsel for WNC Satcom Group. He can be reached at 4516 Hwy. 20 E., Suite 120, Niceville, Fla. 32578; Tel., 850-897-1206 ext. 212; e-mail, joe.tegerdine@w-neweb.com.

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Cheri Blanchette has joined the State Attorney's Office in Orlando. She can be reached at 415 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32802.

Stefano Grace has joined the Sorainen Law Offices as a member of the mergers and acquisitions, securities law, and corporate finance practice groups. He can be reached at Parnu Mnt. 15, 10141 Tallinn, Estonia.

Douglas Helling has joined the firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker. He can be reached at 501 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1700, Tampa, Fla., 33602; Tel., 813-228-7411; e-mail, helling@fowlerwhite.com.

Wes Hill has joined the firm of Martinis & Hill. He can be reached at 110 Madrona Ave. S.E., Salem, Ore. 97302.

Thomas Hunker is a staff attorney for Justice Kenneth B. Bell. He can be reached at 500 S. Duval St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32399; Tel., 850-414-9394; e-mail, hunkert@flcourts.org.

C. Harrison Meerdink is working for the Guardian *ad Litem* Program, 14th Judicial Circuit in Panama City. He can be reached at, 533 E. 11th St., Panama City, Fla. 32402; Tel., 850-747-5180.

Emily Psalmonds is now an assistant state attorney with the 12th Judicial Circuit. She can be reached at the Criminal Justice Building, 2071 Ringling Blvd., Suite 400, Sarasota, Fla., 34237; Tel., 941-861-4400; e-mail, emily.j.psalmonds@gmail.com.

Payal Shah is working at the Florida Supreme Court as a staff attorney for Justice Peggy A. Quince. She can be reached at 500 S. Duval St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32399; Tel., 850-922-1268.

Kareem Spratling has joined Bryant Miller Olive. He can be reached at 101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900, Tallahassee, Fla.; Tel., 850-222-8611; e-mail, kspratling@bmolaw. com.



Joseph F. Ullo has joined the firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. He can be reached at 245 Riverside Ave.,

Suite 150, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202; Tel., 904-353-6410.

In Memoriam

Albert H. Grinsted, '72, died February 14, 2004. He was 87.

Gary Pajcic, '72, died August 2, 2006, of a rare form of viral encephalitis. He was the starting quarterback for the Seminoles from 1966-1968, a personal-injury attorney and co-founder of Pajcic & Pajcic in Jacksonville, Fla. Memorial contributions may be made to Creating Opportunities that Result in Excellence, c/o Duval County Public Schools, 1701 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207.

Robert A. Mick, '73, senior minister at Fair View United Methodist Church, died May 14, 2006. Memorial contributions may be made to Fair View United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 27, Mount Mourne, N.C. 28123.

Laurie Sistrunk, '77, a retired attorney from the Florida Public Defenders Office, died on July 27, 2006. She was 54.

Edward K. Halsey, '81, died March 29, 2006, at the age of 89. Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, 1111 36th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

Carolyn Goodman, '99, a family practitioner, died July 7, 2006. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, Fla. 32174.

Shannoya Corrodus Robinson, '00, an associate at Gelfand & Arpe, P.A., died on July 16, 2006. Memorial contributions to the Shannoya Corrodus Robinson Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Foundation Office at Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, Fla. 34981.

Christopher Mascharka, '01, an accountant with Moss Adams and Neff LLP in Albuquerque, N.M., died June 4, 2006. He was 37.

Guanming Fang Helping Atlanta Go Global



The Atlanta business community is fortunate to have College of Law alum Guanming Fang on its team. Born in China and fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese, in addition to English, Fang is an accomplished international lawyer who specializes in business transactions with one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Because of her expertise in both U.S. and Chinese corporate law, she was chosen to be part of a 27-member delegation led by Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin to boost Atlanta's economic ties with Chinese businesses.

The delegation met with government officials in Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan and Hong Kong. Fang, an associate in the Corporate and Securities Practice Group of

the Atlanta office of Womble Carlyle, also met with international and local business leaders with already established offices in the United States as well as those considering setting up joint ventures with American corporations.

"The trip was very successful," said the 1998 law graduate. "After more than 25 years of rapid economic growth, many companies in China are ready, capable and willing to expand their businesses globally. The delegation shared with the business and government leaders in China what Metro Atlanta has to offer to Chinese businesses that are interested in expanding to this part of the world."

Since her graduation from law school, Fang has been active in a number of organizations that facilitate U.S.-China business relations. She co-founded and serves on the board of directors of Georgia-China Alliance Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to promoting business exchanges between the United States and China. From 2001 to 2005, Fang served on the board of directors of Chinese Business Association of Atlanta Inc., and from 1999 to 2000, she was the secretary of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Chinese Americans.

Fang was named to "Georgia Rising Stars" by Atlanta Magazine in 2005 and "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in 2005. She credits much of her success to the education she received at Florida State. "To be a successful international lawyer, one must first be a good lawyer. My studies at FSU gave me a solid foundation to pursue a career in corporate practice, including international transactional practice."

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Alumni giving helps the law school and provides a measure of our success that gets everyone's attention. Last year's alumni giving rate of 26% placed us among the top 10 public law schools is the country on this measure. Our goal this year is to reach an alumni giving rate of 27%. Every gift matters. Please help us reach our goal by making your gift online at http://www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/index.html or by sending in your check made payable to FSU College of Law. For questions, please contact Becky Shepherd, director of Alumni Affairs & Annual Fund, at rshepher@law.fsu.edu or (850) 644-0231.

FACULTY News, Publications & Activities

Annino Selected for Florida Guardian *Ad Litem's* Highest Honor



For his efforts, particularly on behalf of foster children, Professor Paolo Annino recently was honored as the Guardian *ad Litem* Advocate of the Year by the statewide Guardian *ad Litem* Office and Gov. Jeb Bush. In addition, Annino, co-director of the Children's Advocacy Center at the law school, was presented with the Community Advocate Award from the Guardian *ad Litem* Office of the Second Judicial Circuit. He was selected from among nominees of the state's 20 judicial circuits. All of the judicial circuits fall under the auspices of the statewide Guardian *ad Litem* Office.

Presented annually, the awards recognize members of the community who have gone "above and beyond" to support the Florida Guardian *ad Litem* Program and its efforts to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

Annino has worked with the Guardian ad Litem Program for 11 years. He says his focus on foster care stems from the sheer number of children in the system. Each year, from 9,000 to 10,000 children pass though the Florida foster care system and need advocates to protect their welfare. One goal of the program is to appoint a guardian for every child in foster care.

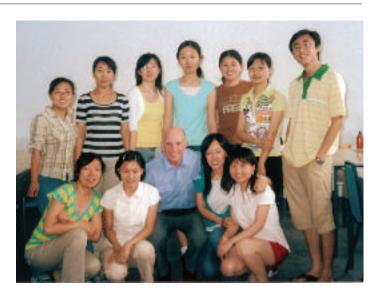
"Although Mr. Annino's advocacy is primarily confined to the Big Bend area, his passion for children and justice so inspires his students that they continue his good work on a state and national basis in both the courtroom and the boardroom," said Marcia Hilty-Reinshuttle, director of the Second Judicial Circuit Guardian *ad Litem* Program. "Indeed, Mr. Annino's influence can be felt far and wide."

To date, Annino and his students have provided legal representation to more than 700 children. Currently, they are working on 60 cases, one-third of which are foster care cases.

"I've been studying the Florida foster care system for a number of years and the portrait is painted primarily in gray," says Annino. "However, there is a bright beam of light that shines through this gray portrait of our foster care system, and that is the Guardian *ad Litem* Program. Every year, a greater percentage of children in the foster care system are appointed guardian *ad litems.*"

Professor Van Doren Spends Semester in China

Professor Jack Van Doren spent the spring 2006 semester teaching at two universities in Tianjin, China. Van Doren taught Fundamentals of the United States Legal System to students at Tianjin Foreign Studies University and Tianjin University of Finance and Economics. He also lectured at Shantou University and two events sponsored by the United States Embassy at the Intermediate Appellate Court of Tianjin and the Tianjin Bar Association. His wife, 1980 College of Law graduate Sonia Crockett, accompanied Van Doren to Tianjin and taught English through American Culture and Law at the two universities.



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FRED ABBOTT

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR Presentations: Strategic Options for Indian Pharmaceutical Suppliers in the 2006 Regulatory Environment (YALE LAW SCHOOL ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE CONFER-ENCE, APRIL 2006); TRIPS II, Asia and the Mercantile Pharmaceutical War: Implications for Innovation and Access (STANFORD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DE-VELOPMENT CONFERENCE ON CHALLENGES OF ECONOMIC POLICY REFORM IN ASIA, JUNE 2006); Report of Rapporteur (TORONTO, CANADA, INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION (ILA) BIEN-NIAL MEETING TO COMMITTEE ON INTERNA-TIONAL TRADE LAW OF THE AT ILA, JUNE 2006); participant (GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, WIPO DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE PANELISTS MEETING, OCTOBER 2006); The Relevance of Public Health-Related TRIPS Flexibilities for Local Pharmaceutical Production and Access to Medicines (GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARRANGEMENTS: IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PRODUCTIVE CAPABILITIES IN THE SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES SEMINAR, UNITED NA-TIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOP-MENT, OCTOBER 2006); TRIPS - Plus Provisions in Bilateral/Regional Trade Agreements: Implications for Long Term Public Health & Development Goals (PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, CARIBBEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES, OCTOBER 2006).

PAOLO ANNINO

CLINICAL PROFESSOR Recognition: honored as Guardian *ad Litem* Advocate of the Year by Gov. Jeb Bush and the Florida Guardian *ad Litem* Office.

ROB ATKINSON

RUDEN, MCCLOSKY, SMITH, SCHUSTER & RUSSELL PROFESSOR

Presentation: Rediscovering the Duty of Obedience: Toward a Trinitarian Theory of Fiduciary Duty (MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN PRIVATE AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG, CONFERENCE ON COMPARATIVE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, JULY 2006).

BARBARA BANOFF PROFESSOR

Article: Vertical Integration, Relational Contracts, and Specialized Investment: A Reply to Baker and Krawiee, 33 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 757 (symposium).

DEBRA LYN **BASSETT**

LOULA FULLER AND DAN MYERS PROFESSOR Article: The Defendant's Obligation to Ensure Adequate Representation in Class Actions, 74 UMKC L. REV. 511 (2006) (symposium).

CURTIS BRIDGEMAN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: Default Rules, Penalty Default Rules and New Formalism, 33 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 683 (symposium).

DONNA CHRISTIE

ELIZABETH C. AND CLYDE W. ATKINSON PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS Article: Implementing an Ecosystem Approach to Ocean Management: An Assessment of Current Regional Governance Models, 16 DUKE ENVTL. L. & POL'Y F. 117 (2006) (symposium). Recognition: Living Marine Resources Management: A Proposal for Integration of United States' Management Regimes, 34 ENVTL. L. 107 (2005), was chosen one of the top 10 environmental/land use articles for 2005 and is being reprinted in 37 LAND USE & ENVTL. L. REV. (2006).

ROBIN KUNDIS CRAIG

PROFESSOR OF LAW Article: Urban Runoff and Ocean Water Quality in Southern California: What Tools Does the Clean Water Act Provide?, 9 CHAP. L. REV. 313 (2006). Presentations: Marine Protected Areas and moderated More Wading Into Muddied Waters: The Supreme Court's Interpretations of CWA Jurisdiction (SAN DIEGO, ABA'S SECTION ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES, OC-TOBER 2006); Administrative Law in the Supreme Court, 2004-2006: Trends, Cases, and Unexploded Bombshells (AUSTIN, TEXAS, TEXAS STATE BAR'S ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURSE 2006, SEPTEM-BER 2006); Rapanos v. United States (WASHINGTON, D.C., ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE/ABA SECTION ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESOURCES/D.C. BAR ASSOCIATION PANEL, JULY 2006).

LORELEI RITCHIE DE LARENA ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Presentations: moderated *Employee-Inventor Rights* (LOS ANGELES, LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, SEPTEM-BER 2006); *The Price of Progress: Are Universities Adding* to the Cost? (BERKELEY, BOALT LAW SCHOOL 6TH ANNUAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SCHOLARS CONFERENCE, AUGUST 2006). **Recognition:** appointed by Hon. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez to the national, nine-member Trademark Public Advisory Committee (three-year term, commenced August 2006).

JOSEPH DODGE

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF & SITTERSON PROFESSOR

Articles: Debunking the Basis Myth Under the Income Tax, 81 IND. L. J. 539 (2006) (with Jay Soled); Theories of Tax Justice: Ruminations on the Benefit, Partnership, and Ability-To-Pay Theories of Tax Justice, 58 TAX L. REV. 399 (2005).

CHARLES EHRHARDT MASON LADD PROFESSOR

Book: FLORIDA EVIDENCE (West Group, 2006 ed.). Presentations: Emerging Issues in Criminal Evidence (ORLANDO, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, JUNE 2006); Evidence in Workers Compensation Cases (ORLANDO, CONFERENCE OF JUDGES OF COM-PENSATION CLAIMS, MAY 2006); Evidence Issues in Cases Involving Guardian Ad Litems (TALLAHASSEE, STATEWIDE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM ATTORNEY TRAINING CONFERENCE, MAY 2006); Recent Issues in Civil Litigation (JACKSONVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION, EHRLICH LITIGATION SEMI-NAR, APRIL 2006); Evidence: State and Federal (TAM-PA, CRIMINAL LAW CERTIFICATION REVIEW, FLORIDA ACADEMY OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS, APRIL 2006).

BRIAN GALLE ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: The Justice of Administration: Judicial Responses to Executive Claims of Independent Authority to Interpret the Constitution, 33 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 157 (2005).

STEVE GEY

DAVID AND DEBORAH FONVIELLE & DONALD AND JANET HINKLE PROFESSOR Article: Contracting Away Rights: A Comment on Daniel Farber's "Another View of the Quagmire," 33 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 953 (symposium). Presentation: The Evolving Meaning of the Religion Clauses (PALM BEACH, SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL MEETING PANEL, JULY 2006).

ADAM HIRSCH

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE VANDERCREEK PROFESSOR OF LAW Presentation: Text and Time: A Theory of Testamentary Obsolescence (GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY FAC-ULTY WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 2006).

FAYE JONES

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY AND PROFESSOR **Presentation:** The Future of the Law Library: Collections, Services and Technology (PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL MEETING PANEL, JULY 2006).

JON KLICK

JEFFREY A. STOOPS PROFESSOR OF LAW Articles: Salvation as a Selective Incentive, 26 INT'L REV. L. & ECON. 15 (2006); Two Dimensions of Regulatory Competition, 26 INT'L REV. L. & ECON. 56 (2006) (with Francesco Parisi & Norbert Schulz); Government Regulation of Irrationality: Moral and Cognitive Hazards, 90 MINN. L. REV. 1620 (2006) (with Gregory Mitchell); Preemption in the Rehnquist Court: A Preliminary Empirical Assessment, 14 SUP. CT. ECON. REV. 43 (2005) (with Michael Greve). Presentations: Abortion Access and Risky Sex Among Teens, and The Effect of Compensation Method on Timing of Settlements, and Incomplete Contracts and Opportunism in Franchising Arrangements (BERKELEY, AMERICAN LAW AND ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 2006); discussant, Current Research on Medical Malpractice Liability (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, MAY 2006); discussant, judge and jury (WASHINGTON, D.C., AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, MAY 2006); Medical Malpractice Reform and Physicians in High-Risk Specialties (UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, LA-BOR/PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOP, APRIL 2006).

LARRY KRIEGER

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS Presentations: Using the Legal Writing Classroom to Create the Complete Professional (ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BIANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEGAL WRIT-ING INSTITUTE, CLOSING PLENARY SPEAKER, JUNE 2006); Authority Behavior and Academic Support – Impacts on Grades and Bar Exam Performance (BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, NORTHEAST REGIONAL ACA-DEMIC ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP, JUNE 2006 (video presentation)); The Natural Sources of Professional Behavior (BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FLORIDA BAR, BOARD OF LEGAL SPE-CIALIZATION AND EDUCATION, JUNE 2006).

TAHIRIH LEE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Articles: Exporting Judicial Review From the United States to China, 19 COLUM. J. ASIAN L. 152 (2005). Presentations: Trade Policy of the PRC, and Intellectual Property Protection in the PRC, and Striving for Profitable Investments While Complying With Currency Controls in the PRC, and Corporate Vehicles for Direct Foreign Investment in the PRC (NANKAI UNIVERSITY LAW DEPARTMENT, JULY 2006).

DAN MARKEL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: Connectedness and Its Discontents, 155 U. PA. L. REV. PENNUMBRA 38 (2006), HTTP://WWW.PEN-NUMBRA.COM/ISSUES/ARTICLES/154-2/MARKEL. PDF. Presentations: Luck or Law? The Fate of Equal Justice After Booker (PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, SOUTH-EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNU-AL MEETING, NEW SCHOLARS WORKSHOP, JULY 2006); Criminal Justice and the Antigone Problem: Should Family Ties Matter? (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 2006).

DAVID MARKELL

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR Article: Understanding Citizen Perspectives on Government Decision-Making Processes as a Way to Improve the Administrative State, 36 ENVTL. L. 651 (2006). Presentations: The Impact of Trade Agreements on Domestic Enforcement and Compliance (PACE LAW SCHOOL, 4TH IUCN ACAD-EMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW WORLDWIDE COLLOQUIUM, IMPLEMENTING ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF ENFORCE-MENT AND COMPLIANCE, OCTOBER 2006); Issues of Institutional Design and Implementation: An Assessment of the CEC's Citizen Submissions Process (BREN SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT, FALL 2005).

DAVID F. POWELL

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR Articles: The New Florida Trust Code: Part II, FLA. BAR J., October 2006, at 22; The New Florida Trust Code: Part I, FLA. BAR J., July/August 2006, at 24

BENJAMIN J. PRIESTER

Article: Return of the Great Writ: Judicial Review, Due Process and the Detention of Alleged Terrorists as Enemy Combatants, 37 RUTGERS L.J. 39 (2005).

JIM ROSSI

HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

Article: The Puzzle of State Constitutions, 54 BUFF. L. REV. 211 (2006) (book review). Presentations: The Revised 2007 MSAPA: Paths of Departure, Paths for Reform? (TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, PAT DORE ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2006); Constitutional Isolationism and State Separation of Powers as Barrier to Interstate Compacts (MAR-QUETTE UNIVERSITY, CONFERENCE ON "IS THE WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION OBSOLETE," OCTO-BER 2006); Recent Developments on Adjudication, and panel presentation Ex Parte Contacts and Guideline Documents Under the Revised Model State Administrative Procedure Act (DES MOINES, IOWA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES MID-YEAR MEET- ING, JUNE 2006). **Recognition:** elected a Fellow to the American Bar Foundation.

J.B. RUHL MATTHEWS & HAWKINS PROFESSOR OF PROPERTY

Book: THE LAW OF BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYS-TEM MANAGEMENT (with John Nagle) (Foundation Press, 2nd ed. 2006). Articles: In Defense of Regulatory Peer Review, 84 WASH. U. L. REV. 1 (2006) (with J. Salzman); Default Rule Opt-Outs and Interest Group Shut-Outs: Citizen Participation and Contractarian Innovation in Environmental Law, 33 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 903 (2006). **Presentations:** The Law and Policy of Ecosystem Services (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, PH.D. DISSERTATION DEFENSE, JUNE 2006) (Ph.D. awarded August 5, 2006); The Demographics of Wetlands Mitigation Banking (ALI-ABA ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WETLANDS LAW, JUNE 2006); Intertemporal Choice in the Regulatory State (VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL, GRUTER INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LAW, BIOLOGY, AND THE MIND, MAY 2006).

MARK SEIDENFELD

PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS **Presentation:** Agency Decisions to Regulate (SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, OCTO-BER 2006).

LOIS SHEPHERD D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

Articles: In Respect of People Living in a Permanent Vegetative State—And Allowing Them to Die, 16 HEALTH MATRIX 631 (2006); Rethinking Health Law: Assuming Responsibility, 41 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 446 (2006), reprinted in ICGAI JOURNAL OF HEALTHCARE LAW (May 2006); Rethinking Health Law: Introduction, 41 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 341 (2006) (with Mark A. Hall and Carl E. Schneider) (symposium introduction). Presentations: Levinas to Law: Defining the Project (CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE OF LEVINAS AND LAW, MCGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW, 2006); Genetics and Parenting (VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA JUDICIAL CONFERENCE, AUGUST 2006); Rethinking Health Law (UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS, ANNUAL HEALTH LAW TEACHERS CONFERENCE, JUNE 2006).

RUTH STONE

CLINICAL PROFESSOR Publication: *Clearwater*, 8 T.M. COOLEY J. PRAC. & CLINICAL L. 5 (2006) (short story).

FERNANDO TESÓN

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR Book: RATIONAL CHOICE AND DEMOCRATIC DE-LIBERATION: A THEORY OF DISCOURSE FAILURE (with Guido Pincione) (Cambridge University Press 2006). Article: *Eight Principles for Humanitarian Intervention*, 5 J. MIL. ETHICS 93 (2006).

DONALD WEIDNER

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR Book: THE REVISED UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (with Robert W. Hillman and Allan W. Vestal) (West 2006). Presentation: Diversity in Legal Education (OR-LANDO, FLORIDA BAR DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM, APRIL 2006).

LESLEY WEXLER ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: Allowing Girls to Hold Up Half the Sky: Combining Norm Promotion and Economic Incentives to Combat Daughter Discrimination in China, 7 CHI. J. INT'L L. 79 (2006). Presentation: Sub-Federal Integration of Unratified and Non-Self-Executing Treaty Law (LOYOLA UNIVER-SITY CHICAGO FACULTY WORKSHOP, AUGUST 2006).

JOHN YETTER ROBERTS PROFESSOR

Presentation: *Evidence, Evidence, Evidence* (KEY WEST, FLORIDA PUBLIC DEFENDER ASSOCIATION SEMI-NAR "BUILDING A BETTER DEFENSE," AUGUST 2006).

Fall 2006 Environmental Law Forum



A panel of environmentalists met at the law school in November to discuss the use of marine reserves as fishery and ecosystem management tools. Specifically, the participants covered the scientific basis for using marine reserves in fishery and ecosystem protection management, the legal authority for creation of marine reserves and some of the controversial aspects of marine reserves.

The forum was sponsored by the College of Law and the Environmental and Land Use Section of The Florida Bar. Participants included:

- Biological Science Professor Felicia Coleman, director of the Florida State University Coastal Marine Laboratory, who researches population ecology of reef fisheries and has a long-standing interest in how science is incorporated into fishery management and reflected in governmental policy
- **Robin Craig**, the Attorney's Title Insurance Fund Professor at the College of Law and an expert on the Clean Water Act, the connection of fresh water regulation to ocean water quality, marine biodiversity and marine protected areas, and water resource protection
- **Charles Shelfer**, deputy general counsel for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and counsel to the Division of Marine Fisheries Management
- David White, director of the Southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Regional Office of The Ocean Conservancy and an advocate for expanded use of marine zoning and ecosystem-based management to conserve fish populations and marine ecosystems
- **Donna Christie**, the Elizabeth C. and Clyde W. Atkinson Professor at the College of Law and an authority on legal issues surrounding ocean and management law and co-author of the leading textbook in the field, was the moderator.

Tesón Publishes New Book on Deliberative Democracy



Cambridge University Press recently published "Rational Choice and Democratic Deliberation: A Theory of Discourse Failure" written by College of Law Professor Fernando Tesón and Guido Pincione. According to Cambridge, the book offers the "first comprehensive and sustained critique of theories of deliberative democracy."

Tesón, the Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar, is a leading authority in the field of international law and ethics. He also is the author of "Humanitarian Intervention" and "A Philosophy of International Law."

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2007 Summer for Undergraduates Program

Know any undergraduate students considering law school? Encourage them to apply for the 2007 Summer for Undergraduates Program. It's an intensive four-week program in which select students, particularly those from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, get an inside look at law school and lawyering. The 2007 program will run from May 21-June 15 and applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 30, 2007. For more information visit www.law.fsu.edu/slp or e-mail saffairs@ law.fsu.edu. Florida State again has been named one of the Top 10 law schools in the nation for Hispanics. The law school jumped from tenth to sixth place in an annual ranking by *Hispanic Business* magazine. It was ranked tenth by the magazine for the past two years. The rankings appeared in the magazine's September issue. Hispanic students.

For the 2005-2006 academic year, Hispanics made up 8 percent of the school's 772 student body enrollment and received 19 of the 274 law degrees awarded to the class of 2006.

"Clearly, our overall program strength and reputation for academic excellence has caused us to be higher in the rank-

Hispanic Business praised Florida State in particular for hosting programs and events geared toward recruiting Hispanics and for striving to provide a supportive environment for current students.

The magazine surveyed law schools accredited by the American Bar Association 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 nation's law schools in that magazine's Best Graduate Schools edition.

Hispanic Business praised Florida State in particular for hosting programs and events geared toward recruiting Hispanics and for striving to provide a supportive environment for current students. Organizations such as the Spanish American Law Student Association, Cuban American Student Association and Puerto Rican Student Association provide mentoring and peer support for ings than schools with a higher Hispanic enrollment," said Dean Weidner.

The University of New Mexico School of Law was ranked number one for the first time this year, with 24 percent Hispanic enrollment overall and 27 percent earning law degrees in 2006. The University of Miami fell to second place in the rankings, with 12 percent Hispanic enrollment and 15 percent earning a degree in 2006. The University of Texas at Austin ranked third.

Other law schools in the Top 10 for 2006 include: Stanford University, the University of Arizona, the University of Florida, Southwestern University, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Connecticut.

LAW SCHOOL

Florida Bar Exam Our Grads No. 1—Again

Once again, Florida State law graduates had the highest passing rate on this summer's Florida Bar exam. This was the fifth of the last 10 bar exams in which Florida State graduates outranked the other nine law schools in the state.

Florida State grads taking the July 2006 General Bar Exam for the first time passed by a rate of 88.1 percent, according to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The overall passing rate of graduates taking the exam for the first time was 75.1 percent. Florida State's nearest competitor was the University of Miami, which had an 85.7 percent passing rate. The exam was administered July 25-26 in Tampa to 2,410 first-time takers, including 185 from Florida State. Passing rates for other Florida law school graduates were: University of Florida, 81.2 percent; Stetson, 81 percent; Florida International, 79 percent; Florida Coastal, 75.4 percent; Nova Southeastern, 74.9 percent; Barry U. of Orlando, 72 percent; St. Thomas, 63.1 percent; Florida A&M, 56.3 percent. Graduates of non-Florida law schools passed at a rate of 71.6 percent.



Moving On Up!

Adam Hurlburt, 1L, receives his first pledge during the 2006 fall phonathon.

Between October 2 and October 19, about 45 College of Law students made more than 22,000 calls to alums asking for support of the Annual Fund. Alumni pledged a total of \$96,693! Thank you!

Mock Trial Team on Top of Their Game at AFTL Competition

The Mock Trial Team took first place in this year's E. Earle Zehmer Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. The competition was held in November in West Palm Beach. The top team included advocates Conti Moore and Karlyn Hylton and their dedicated witnesses, Brandy Hance and Nathan Prince.

Students Winston Taitt, Mary Will, Alan Nash and Scott Seagle and their dedicated witness Todd Kawecki advanced to the semi-finals as one of the final four teams at the competition. Florida State was the only school with two teams advancing to the semi-finals. Tallahassee attorneys Dean LeBoeuf ('81) and Maria Santoro coached the teams to victory.

> L-R: Coach Dean LeBoeuf, advocate Conti Moore, Coach Maria Santoro, advocate Karlyn Hylton, and dedicated witnesses Brandy Hance and Nathan Prince



Moot Court Team Takes First Place at Workers' Comp Competition

Our Moot Court team brought home another big championship—this time from the E. Earle Zehmer Moot Court competition held in Orlando in August.

Jennifer Menendez-Kotch and Erika Siu placed first out of 12 teams representing seven schools. The competition is sponsored annually by the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute during its Workers' Compensation Education Conference.

Siu also received the award for Best Individual Oral Advocate out of a field of 24 students from seven schools, which included Barry, Florida Coastal, Nova Southeastern and Stetson universities and the universities of Florida and Miami.



Erika Siu and Jennifer Menendez-Kotch, first-place winners at Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition with First District Court of Appeal Judges Peter Webster, Edwin Browning Jr. and Bradford Thomas

The final round was argued in front of First District Court of Appeal judges Peter Webster, Edwin Browning Jr. and Bradford Thomas. The preliminary and semifinal rounds were judged by compensation claims judges from across the state. The Florida State team was coached by Tallahassee attorney and 1984 College of Law graduate Michael Maida of Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell & Hoffman, P.A.

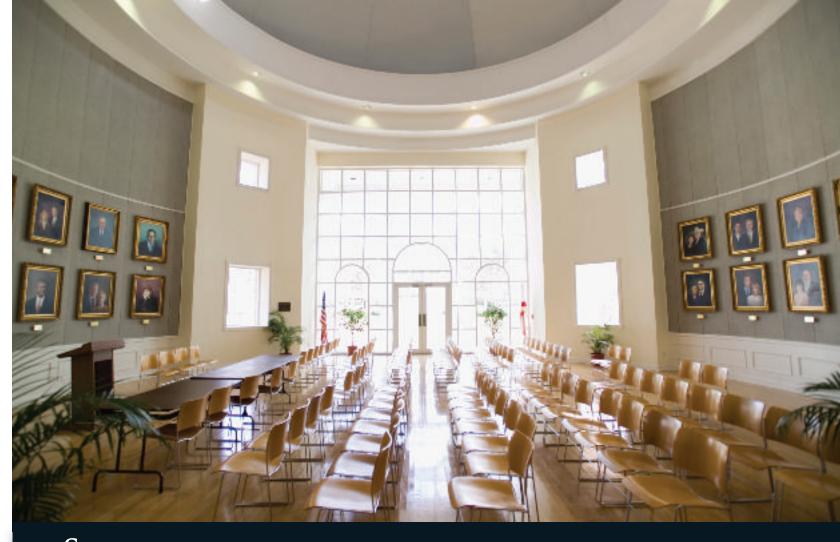
Moot Court Final Four

Erika Siu took the top honor as the Broad and Cassel Outstanding Appellate Advocate at this year's Moot Court Final Four Competition. Siu, Marian Burton, Krista Sivick and Christina Taylor presented arguments before the Florida Supreme Court to Justices Harry Lee Anstead, Raoul Cantero III, Barbara Pariente, Peggy Quince and Charles Wells. Stephen Turner, managing partner of the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel, presented Siu with the Broad and Cassel Outstanding Appellate Award at a reception following the competition.



Final Four participants: (I to r) Christina Taylor, Krista Sivick, Marina Burton and Erika Siu

Erika Siu is congratulated by Stephen Turner



Some notes about our law school...

U.S. News & World Report shows the College of Law as one of the fastest rising law schools in national rankings (up 14 slots in just two years to 53).

U.S. News & World Report ranks the Environmental Law Program at the College of Law as 14th strongest in the nation.

The College of Law has been listed repeatedly as one of the nation's "Top Ten Law Schools for Hispanics" by *Hispanic Business* magazine. We are ranked sixth best this year.

The current student body of the College of Law represents 37 states, 10 countries and 222 colleges and universities. Twenty-five percent of the students at the College of Law have LSAT scores of 161 or higher and the average LSAT is 159. The average GPA is 3.4.

The College of Law has an enviable 99 percent placement rate nine months after graduation.

Our faculty consistently ranks as one of the nation's 25 most downloaded law faculty on the Social Science Research Network.

The College of Law's Eminent Scholar Chair holder Fernando Tesón has been hailed as "the world's preeminent moral philosopher of international law."



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