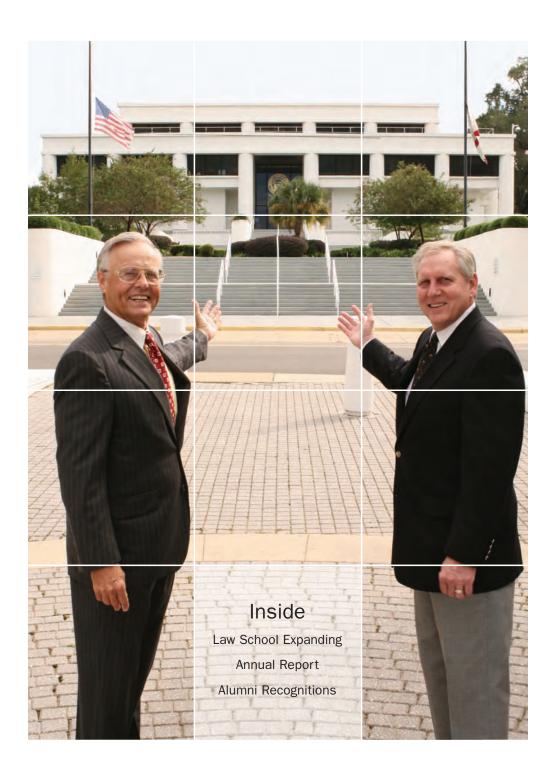
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What Wonderful Alumni!



This issue of *Florida State Law* makes clear that our stunning alumni are galvanized to help us achieve our goal of becoming recognized as one of the very best law schools in the nation!

This past spring, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$250,000 to enable the law school to plan its acquisition of the First District Court of Appeal building as an addition to our physical plant. This issue's cover story tells some of the details of the acquisition and what it will mean to our programs. Make no mistake about it: we would not have received this appropriation without the hard work of our alumni. We all owe a special debt of thanks to Phil Blank ('75), Pete Dunbar ('72), Senator Steve Geller ('82), First District Court of Appeal Judge Paul Hawkes ('86), Counsellor to the Governor Chris Kise ('90), Steve Metz ('75), former Speaker of the House James Harold Thompson ('69), former Speaker of the House John Thrasher ('73) and Senator Alex Villalobos ('88). Then-Secretary of the Department of Management Services Tom Lewis was a third-year student who was already helping us out!

Other alumni featured in this issue make clear that the rich professional diversity and successes of our alumni are playing a critical role in our burgeoning reputation for excellence. From Fifth District Court of Appeal Judge Emerson Thompson ('73) to Pensacola civil rights lawyer Dan Soloway ('85) to Blockbuster's Mitzi Brown ('97) in Dallas to *JEZEBEL's* Beth Weitzman ('96) in Atlanta, our alumni are making us proud and causing everyone else to take note!

This issue also tells the tale of extremely generous alumni financial support. Our annual giving rate of 26 percent makes us the nation's sixth best public law school in terms of alumni participation. With your help, we plan to do even better this year! And new generations of alumni are becoming major donors. It is gratifying to see that our endowment is closing in on the \$30 million mark. That is just for openers.

Many alumni help us in a wide variety of other ways. Some serve as placement mentors, some serve as fullor part-time faculty, some serve as guest lecturers in our classes, some help us to recruit students, some hold "Networking Noshes" to mentor our students and many, most importantly, hire our students. Thank you all. If you are interested in getting more involved, please let me know.

Last but not least, I must and am delighted to mention our newest alumni. The May 2007 graduates, I think you all know, had the highest passing rate on the July 2007 administration of the Florida Bar Examination. That means that, in three out of the last four administrations of the Florida Bar Examination, our newest alums placed us first among the state's ten law schools. And, if they follow in the footsteps of the Class of 2006, their placement rate nine months after graduation will be a staggering 99 percent! Future issues of this magazine will continue to highlight our tradition of pride.

Thank you all, alumni! It is an honor to help you carry the Florida State Law banner so high and so proud!

Thanks!

Don Weidner Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

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LAW SCHOOL

ith the state's highest bar exam passage rate, an outstanding 99 percent placement rate and a dynamic faculty of experts recognized nationally for their scholarship, the Florida State University College of Law is ranked in the top tier of American law schools in terms of academic reputation by U.S. News & World Report. This has occurred despite a space deficit that has plagued the law school for quite some time. Since Florida State Law facilities were last expanded in 1986, the size of the student body has increased by more than 40 percent.

Thanks in great part to the hard work and persistence of many dedicated alums, University and law school administrators and Florida lawmakers, Florida State Law is poised to acquire the 50,000 square-foot First District Court of Appeal (1st DCA) building, which is directly across the street from the law school's existing facilities. Although the journey has been long and is still not complete, law school administrators could not be more pleased to report this exciting news.

With current facilities being utilized at full capacity, the law school started planning for an expansion in 2002. Using its own funds, Florida State Law commissioned an architectural planning study to determine new space requirements necessary to accommodate its expanding student body and enhanced academic programs. The resulting conceptual plan called for a new 46,000 square-foot wing on the north side of the law school. When the project was approved by the University and its Board of Trustees in 2002, it was placed on a list of projects approved for Challenge Grant funding.

For approximately four years, the expansion project remained on the University's to-do list. Then, an exciting alternative opportunity for expansion materialized when officials at the 1st DCA realized they had outgrown their downtown Tallahassee courthouse and began the process of seeking funding for additional space.

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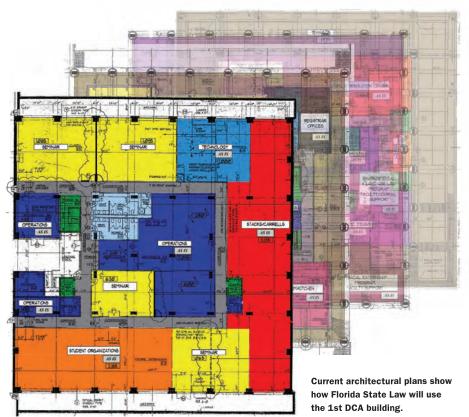
"The planning stage has been around for at least half a decade, but the funds needed for capital improvement make it hard to keep up with space needs," said alumnus Pete Dunbar, a shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. "This presented a wonderful opportunity to make that space available, and to do so at a fraction of the cost."

As part of the process of evaluating the 1st DCA's request for additional space, the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) conducted an extensive study during the summer and fall of 2006 at the request of Governor Jeb Bush. Numerous possible alternatives and sites for new space for the 1st DCA were considered, as was the most cost-effective use of the courthouse building should it be vacated. A wide range of stakeholders was involved in meetings over a period of many months, including representatives of Florida State University, the Office of the Attorney General of Florida, the Office of the Public Defender, the Florida Department of State and the Office of the State Courts Administrator. Tom Lewis ('08), Secretary of DMS at the time, was personally involved in the project and presided over the meetings with all possible stakeholders.

As a stakeholder deeply interested in the outcome of the DMS study, Florida State Law seized the opportunity to prove to the state that the law school should acquire the 1st DCA building if it became available.

"Part of the reason we were so successful is that we already had architectural plans and cost estimates for a building expansion and we knew what our space needs were," said Assistant Dean Stephanie Williams. "We also developed and provided DMS with architectural plans to show how we would use the 1st DCA space. That enabled us to prepare a proposal showing substantial cost savings to the state and to Florida taxpayers."

Also instrumental in the law school's efforts to convince state officials that it



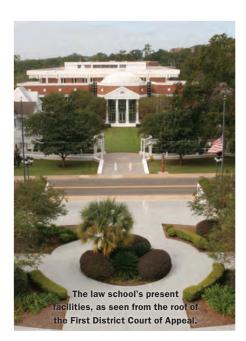
should acquire the building was a group of graduates who served as advisors to administrators, counseling them throughout the DMS and legislative processes. The acquisition would not have been possible without the experience and expertise of graduates Phil Blank ('75), Pete Dunbar ('72), Steve Metz ('75), former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives James Harold Thompson ('69), and former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives John Thrasher ('73).

College of Law alumnus Judge Paul M. Hawkes ('86), a former state legislator, also played a critical role in helping shape this outcome. Because of their legislative experience, Judge Hawkes and his 1st DCA colleague Judge Bradford L. Thomas, an FSU undergraduate degree holder, were very effective in talking to legislators about the space needs of the 1st DCA and the law school.

"Judge Hawkes and Judge Thomas had a vision and they were masterful and very effective in making it happen," said Metz, a shareholder at Metz, Husband & Daughton, P.A. "The respect given to them by the Legislature because of their legislative backgrounds gave them a lot of credibility."

"The Florida State College of Law should be very proud of the maturity level it has reached," said Metz of the alumni who helped throughout the process. "The law school has a number of graduates who are influential political leaders throughout the state. Dean Weidner's incessant, positive energy and vision also made the acquisition possible. He just kept at it throughout the entire process."

On December 4, 2006, after months of meetings and study, the DMS recom-



mended that the 1st DCA move into a new 95,000 square-foot courthouse in Tallahassee's Southwood area and that the law school expand into the existing 50,000 square-foot courthouse. The DMS study noted the more than 40 percent increase in the size of the law school's student body since facilities were last expanded in 1986 and the undeniable fact that, compared to constructing the approved \$24 million new wing, the University would spend substantially less - only \$4.7 million and less than \$100 per square foot – to reconfigure the 1st DCA building. Moving to the vacated courthouse will give the law school virtually all the space it would have added by building a new \$24 million facility.

"We were very supportive of the DMS study. It became very clear during the process that renovating the 1st DCA space [for their continued use] would be very costly and bad for taxpayers," said Florida State University President T.K. Wetherell, whose tremendous knowledge of the legislative process and championing of the law school were keys to the 1st DCA building acquisition. "When the issue was placed before the Legislature, we talked to the court, to the Governor's Office and to members of the Legislature. Don [Weidner] did a great job as did some outstanding alumni; and the legal community in general supported us because [the law school's acquisition of the 1st DCA building] was the right decision."

Substantial savings to the state, in addition to the law school's rapidly rising U.S. News & World Report reputational rankings, convinced legislators that Florida State had an excellent case for acquiring the 1st DCA courthouse.

"The reputation of the law school and the sense that it is on the rise resonated with the leadership of the Legislature," Metz said. "It also helped that many people making the decision frequently travel by the law school and the 1st DCA and can physically see how much logical sense it makes."

During its 2007 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature appropriated money to construct a new courthouse in Southwood for the 1st DCA and also appropriated funds for Florida State Law to plan its move into the building being vacated by

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"[The acquisition] shows what a group can do when they work together, what can be accomplished when you have a leader who is seen as a person with good intentions and an intellectually honest approach to solving a problem - Don Weidner," said Blank, founding shareholder with the firm of Blank & Meenan, P.A. "Our message concentrated on not only why this was good for the law school, but also why it made sense for the Legislature to move the court, and allow the law school to acquire the property. The fact that the comparative cost of this project was so low in light of other alternatives showed the Legislature and staff that we care about how tax dollars are spent."

Prior to this outstanding victory, several legislative leaders and other government officials helped educate the Florida Legislature about the benefits associated with the law school's acquisition of the 1st DCA building. Instrumental in this education process were Representative Marti Coley, Senator Victor Crist, Senator Steven Geller ('82), Senator Jim King, Representative Joe Pickens, Representative Ray Sansom and Senator Alex Villalobos ('88). And with so many appropriations measures vying for the Governor's approval, the law school was fortunate to have Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp encouraging legislators to sup-



port the acquisition.

Everyone at the law school is very appreciative of the efforts of state policy-makers and their recognition of Florida State Law's space needs. All alumni who know or live in the districts of the legislators who helped throughout this process are encouraged to express their thanks.

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"The expansion will do wonders for the law school and our moot court and mock trial programs," said Wetherell. "The DCA building will be a great addition to not only the law school, but also to Tallahassee and the community. It will be great for the Legislature as well and will provide some continuing education opportunities."

"What you are going to see with the 1st DCA, the law school, the Center for Professional Development, and the civic center is a cooperative venture for the law school and the Tallahassee community in general," Wetherell said when asked about how the building acquisition will affect Florida State's future plans. "The whole area will become an FSU complex with opportunities for the university to expand."

While the law school is eager to take up residence in the 1st DCA courthouse, it will be 2009 at the earliest before it fully acquires the building. In the meantime, the renovation of the 1st DCA building has been included in Florida State's Master Plan and law school faculty and administrators continue to plan for the acquisition.

As a result of years of careful planning and aggressive lobbying, the law school is closer than ever to completing the largest facilities expansion in its history. And because only nominal renovations to the building will be necessary after it is vacated by the 1st DCA, Florida State Law students and staff will be able to start using the building very quickly.

To fulfill the goal of having one of the nation's premier venues for advocacy training and competitions, current plans include using the 1st DCA's existing courtroom and adding four smaller courtrooms. Administrative offices, seminar rooms, library and study space, a student organization area and a proposed Law, Business and Economics Center are also components of the law school's current plans for the 1st DCA building. These changes will allow for some very beneficial renovations to the law school's current space, including the conversion of the current courtroom into a much needed 100-student classroom. "Our law school is in great shape. The dean and the faculty are doing a great job," said Thompson, a shareholder at Ausley & McMullen, P.A. "Being in the state capital is a great asset and this kind of activity just proves that. This was just another way to take advantage of [being in Tallahassee]. Dean Weidner did a great job – he did it all and he deserves the credit."

Even though there is still work to do and budget hurdles to clear before the moving trucks cross Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the courthouse, law school administrators are thrilled to have entered the next stage of planning for the expansion. With the continued support of advocates like President Wetherell, top state legislators and the many influential alumni who have been valuable allies throughout the process, there will be much more news concerning acquisition plans as they develop.

"This accomplishment is a great example of the natural partnerships that there are with the College of Law, the university, the Legislature and the leadership of the state," said Metz. "Because we're housed [in Tallahassee], it makes great sense that we have those partnerships. We should use this as a model to build on those partnerships in the future."

A Blockbuster Balancing Act



Balancing the many demands of a corporate law career at a Fortune 500 company would be difficult enough for most people, but one Florida State College of Law graduate manages to juggle her career with motherhood, caring for three young children all under the age of five. What is the secret to making it all work for this honors graduate?

As an in-house attorney for Blockbuster Inc., Mitzi Brown has worked on a variety of legal issues since graduating from law school in 1997. From the general operation and marketing duties she handled in her early days as a staff attorney to negotiating contracts with major motion picture studios, Brown has learned the business of Blockbuster in depth. And as the primary attorney for Blockbuster subsidiary DEJ Productions Inc. (which Blockbuster sold in 2005), she played a significant role in negotiations for the acquisition and home video distribution of more than 200 motion pictures, including recent award winners "Monster"

and "Crash."

Brown says studio work "that involves primarily the acquisition of physical products" takes up the majority of her time in her newest role as managing counsel. She negotiates, structures and drafts agreements with the major film studios and numerous other vendors and distributors of the thousands of movies, snacks and video games in local Blockbuster stores.

A recent negotiating highlight of her decade-long career at Blockbuster came last fall when she served as the company's attorney on a deal that gave Blockbuster exclusive rental rights for The Weinstein Company's theatrical and direct-to-video titles. When announcing the agreement with the multi-media enterprise in New York City, Brown had the opportunity to meet Miramax Films co-founders and The Weinstein Company owners Harvey and Bob Weinstein.

"That was a good moment for me because they seemed to be impressed with my performance, and that's a lot coming from the party that you are negotiating with," Brown recalled.

Being an attorney for a leading global provider of in-home movie and game entertainment comes with benefits Brown could not have received in private practice, and working with and observing so many business executives right out of law school has taught her much about corporate law.

"One of the benefits of working in house is that you are able to and must learn the business of the company," explained Brown. "I have a stake in this company and how well this company does. I feel like every day I can come in and I can contribute to that."

While it would be understandable if a company with more than 7,800 stores worldwide had a team of hundreds of inhouse attorneys, Blockbuster's Dallas legal department actually consists of about 10 lawyers. The team is responsible for all of Blockbuster's North American stores and operations. Having the assistance of outside law firms around the country that help with local litigation and labor and employment cases makes their jobs more manageable.

Although Blockbuster attorneys log long hours, Brown's job is not without perks. Two of these perks are attending exclusive movie screenings with her family and meeting famous actors through Blockbuster's Spotlights Program, including Edward Norton and the Wilson brothers (Andrew, Luke and Owen). Brown also attended The Blockbuster Entertainment Awards when the show was still being aired.

As the mother of four-year-old twin boys, Caleb and Mason, and two-year-old Jacob, Brown's home life does not provide the conventional respite from her hectic days at the office. Fortunately for Brown and her husband of 12 years, Roy, who is a mechanical engineer, they have worked to find a balance between their careers and taking care of the boys.

"My husband has been my partner in all of this and he's been my cheerleader and

is home every morning until 8:00 a.m., when the nanny arrives. The one that leaves the house before the nanny arrives is always home by 5:30 p.m. Such a schedule requires teamwork, planning and mutual cooperation.

"We also try not to plan anything extracurricular for the kids on weeknights and we do most of our extracurricular activities with the kids on the weekends, so that tends to help our stress levels," said Brown.

Even though the majority of Brown's spare time is devoted to her children, she still manages to steal a few hours a week for herself. Rising early for a 5:15 a.m. exercise class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday helps her get the day going and is something she really enjoys, even if she does not like

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Brown and her husband were married in August 1995 during the summer between her first and second years of law school. She received a job offer from Blockbuster the same month she graduated, and Roy was in the middle of acquiring his second undergraduate degree at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. Realizing that Roy's professional choices would necessitate leaving Tallahassee eventually, the two decided to follow Brown's career to Dallas and Roy transferred his studies to the University of Texas at Arlington.

The theme of successfully negotiating the demands of school and work with their personal lives has always been a part of the Browns' union, so their balancing act naturally carries over into raising children.

"If you sit down and you start thinking about everything, you can get overwhelmed very easily, so we find a balance," said the mother of three. Having hired a nanny after their third son was born, one of them waking up before daylight. She also tries to reconnect with old classmates and sorority sisters whenever possible, sometimes at Florida State football games.

Navigating the demands of her rewarding career and young family has not kept Brown from setting significant goals. "I would like to be general counsel of a company one day," she said. "But, along those lines, my family is very important to me and being able to do things with my children is very important to me. Striking that balance and being able to do that is probably not going to be the easiest thing to do. But I think I would like to try it. I have a very supportive family and a supportive husband so I think it's a possibility."

Brown admits her secret is simply taking life one day at a time. With her focus divided evenly between family and career, she is boldly parlaying the challenges of motherhood and professional success into a fulfilling future, both at home and at the office. For this Florida State Law graduate, the possibilities are limitless.

SERENDIPITY



uck is the intersection of preparation and opportunity. That is one of the many pieces of sage advice Judge Emerson R. Thompson, Jr.'s grandfather shared with him when he was a young boy. While people might call Thompson lucky, the truth is that his dedication to preparation has been instrumental in his success as a husband, father and judge.

If you want a glimpse into the man Thompson is today, ask him to describe his grandfather – the man he credits as being "probably the most important male figure" in his life.

Calm, quiet and insightful, Herbert

Gay Jackson was "a very stabilizing force," recalled Thompson, "and he was always available to give me counsel and guidance."

When talking with the judge, you realize that the characteristics he admired in his grandfather – things like wisdom, a strong work ethic and self-reliance – were passed on to him and are the traits that have shaped his long and successful judicial career.

Growing up in the housing projects of Jacksonville, Florida, Thompson never contemplated a law career and did not envision himself on the bench as one of Florida's future judges. His goal instead, was to become a physician, and he was on track to becoming a doctor until his college organic chemistry course provided him with a change of heart, he joked. Even then, he still was not eyeing a legal career.

Having high verbal scores and an interest in history and politics, majoring in political science was a natural fit for Thompson. It was the late 1960s and the civil rights movement was going strong. He wanted to receive a degree in political science and a certificate in African Studies, which was taught in the political science department at the University of Florida, and his new aspiration was to earn his Ph.D. and become a professor so he could teach African Studies.

But just as Herbert Gay Jackson had predicted, Thompson experienced a stroke of luck when preparation and opportunity intersected and set into motion one serendipitous event after another.

Thompson and his senior roommate had a lot in common during his junior year at the University of Florida. Harry Lamb ('72) had taken the LSAT and planned to attend the Florida State University College of Law. The two roommates talked openly about Lamb's reasons for pursuing law school and then, during the judge's senior year, he learned that some of the professors he greatly admired earned very little when compared to many Florida attorneys.

It did not take long for Thompson to start making plans to take the LSAT.

"The Lord laid a blessing on my heart to change majors," Thompson often says about his decision to change course and attend law school.

Thompson was accepted by two in-state law schools—Florida State and the University of Florida. Having already spent three full years in Gainesville, he decided to attend law school in Tallahassee because it offered more opportunity for a social life. Before he began law school, serendipity intervened again, leading Thompson to his future wife.

Geraldine Fortenberry worked as a secretary for the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) program at the University of Miami during the summer of 1970 when Emerson R. Thompson was attending the six-week CLEO prep program for students entering law school. The two met in June and married in December 1970.

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2006, Geraldine Thompson is credited by her husband as having the most direct influence on him. "She has always been very focused on doing things and accomplishing things," said Thompson. "She'll see something and make it come true, not just dream about it or talk about it. That is a quality I've always admired in her."

Representative Thompson has also been supportive from the outset of her husband's career. During finals week of his last semester in law school, Thompson was offered a job at the State Attorney's Office in Orlando, where he had previously interned. At the time, he thought the city would be a temporary home for him and Geraldine. As a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, his plans were to work in Orlando while awaiting a military assignment into the JAG Corps. But at the conclusion of the Vietnam War he was rifted from the military due to a reduction in forces.

While waiting it out in Orlando, Thompson became active in the Orange County Bar Association and formed a friendship with its executive secretary, Pat Sambrook. It was Sambrook who encouraged Thompson to apply for a vacancy on the Orange County Court in 1976. In fact, the only reason he applied for the vacancy was to fulfill a promise to Sambrook. If not for Sambrook's persistence, he would have forgone applying for the county court vacancy in favor of private practice, the judge recalled.

Today, Thompson still lives by the values that his grandfather passed on to him as a child. He remembers that his grandfather never tired of stressing a strong work ethic and self-reliance.

"When I was getting ready to grow up, and that's the way he would say it," said Thompson, "he said 'now that you are getting ready to grow up, you understand that every tub must sit on its own bottom. If you are going to be a man you are going to have to pick your own way to live and support yourself. You can't expect other people to support you.""

Thompson is clearly the man his grandfa-

ther worked to mold. After his appointment to the Orange County Court in 1976, he was appointed to the Ninth Judicial Circuit in 1980, and then to the Fifth District Court of Appeal in 1993. His commitment to Florida has earned him a 31-year-long judicial career.

During his time as a trial court judge, Thompson sat on a number of interesting, high-profile cases. One death penalty case involved the woman known as Florida's "Black Widow," who was convicted of killing her husband and her son and attempting to kill her boyfriend. Her execution in 1998 was the first for a woman in Florida since 1848. the wisdom of Thompson's grandfather. Now that he is older and has his own family, the youngest Emerson Thompson has an even greater appreciation for the nuggets of wisdom passed on by his father.

"Those sayings have a whole new meaning and have definitely played a role in my life," said Emerson Thompson, III. As his two daughters, ages two and six, get older and can grasp the words' value, he knows he will repeat them over and over again as his father did.

"My dad has been an inspiration and a good example of what a father should be," said Thompson, III. "And he is a good example professionally. He was one of the

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A rape trial involving Australian victims was another case over which Thompson presided. It wasn't until the judge was recognized in England by someone who followed the trial that he knew the case had international repercussions. "Cases have an impact on people that you don't even realize," commented Thompson about the power of television and the news media.

Even though his time on the bench has been very interesting and rewarding, it is not the accomplishment of which Thompson is most proud. The judge's voice lights up when he talks about his three children. He has two daughters: Laurise Ann Thomas, an entrepreneur in Tallahassee, and Elizabeth R. Thompson, a pharmaceutical sales rep for Pfizer in Pasco County. His son, Emerson R. Thompson, III, is an accountant in Tallahassee.

Every tub in the Thomson family sits on its own bottom, and the children reflect the judge's hard work and Geraldine's ability to make things happen. "My kids have done well," said Thompson. "They've never given me a nickel's worth of real trouble."

The Thompson family has had some good "luck," as everyone still benefits from

first African-American judges in the state and dealt with a lot of adversity and opened a lot of doors. He always adhered to his principles and maintained his integrity and was professional."

As one might guess, Thompson's plans for the future involve working hard and being prepared if an opportunity arises. After being on the bench for over 31 years, he will retire in January 2008 when he completes his tenure in the Florida Deferred Retirement Options Plan. If the past is any indication of the future, opportunity will come knocking again and Thompson will be ready. Herbert Gay Jackson would be proud.



Keeping up with Atlanta's hottest trends is a full-time job. Building a network that includes the city's movers and shakers and staying connected to the pulse of a thriving metropolis can be a never-ending pursuit. Yet, this just partially describes Beth Weitzman's responsibilities as editorin-chief of three of the city's finest magazines.

Although she did not quite envision working in the magazine business when she entered law school, Weitzman did plan to end up in a corporate position after practicing law. "I figured I'd practice law for just enough time to become marketable, and then segue into the business world," said the Atlanta resident. But her journey to what has culminated in the perfect job began with a simple dinner invitation that she did not even want to accept.

The invitation Weitzman reluctantly accepted placed her next to founder and then coowner of *JEZEBEL* magazine Josh Goodhart, who quickly struck up a conversation with her over dinner about his search for an editor. She had been litigating at the Atlanta law firm Long, Weinberg, Ansley and Wheeler (now Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial) for three years and while really enjoying the lawyers of the firm and her clients, the itch to jump into the business world was overwhelming. Within days, the 1996 College of Law honors graduate met with *JEZEBEL*'s other owners and was hired.

With its exclusive celebrity interviews, exotic travel features, previews of the newest restaurants and timely columns about Atlanta trends, *JEZEBEL* is the lifestyle magazine that you find in the board rooms of the city's leading professionals and at the homes of Atlanta's most affluent residents.

As the executive responsible for the overall vision for the look and feel of this monthly publication, Weitzman's days involve conceptualizing articles, managing and hiring writers, editors and photographers, fielding hundreds of e-mails from local and national businesses wanting JEZEBEL's attention, and orchestrating exclusive celebrity cover stories-and that is just her morning schedule. She also works with the art department to ensure that the vision for an article is accurately presented on the magazine's pages and aligns the activities of the events division with the overall branding strategies for the magazine.

Researching the high-end resort destinations that are splashed across the pages of each issue of JEZEBEL has given Weitzman the opportunity to travel extensively and enjoy the perks that come with the position Weitzman has held for almost eight years. She recently traveled to Mustique, a private island that serves as a playground for rock legend Mick Jagger and fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger, and is closing in on accomplishing her goal of experiencing all the Caribbean islands. "Before I started at the magazine, I didn't even own a passport," remarked Weitzman. "And now I'm almost done with my passport - I need to get another one."

In addition to accumulating a bank of frequent-flyer miles, Weitzman dines at the finest gourmet restaurants, has access to luxury cars, and the list of celebrities she has met and interviewed is as long as it is impressive. It includes music legend Elton John, film icon Pierce Brosnan, pop music queen Mariah Carey, "Grey's Anatomy" leading man Patrick Dempsey, "24" star Kiefer Sutherland and the sensational Mandy Moore, who graced the cover of *JEZEBEL*'s June 2007 issue.

"You forget about their celeb status when you are talking to them," said Weitzman about her encounters with celebrities, "because what you realize is, they are just like everyone else. They just happen to act for a living."

As you might expect, the line between Weitzman's professional and personal lives is blurred, but she would not change a thing. "I love what I do. When I was transitioning from law, I wanted to find something that when I woke up every day I was super excited about," she said. "I wanted something where there wasn't a definitive line between work and life, and that's what I get to do now. Work is life, and life is work. And I wouldn't change a thing. I am fortunate to have amazing owners, and I am so thankful for the opportunities they have afforded me."

"I love meeting people; I love helping to promote Atlanta and the community and the businesses. It's really great when you find a small business and you do a story on them and help them become successful."

She admits that for better or for worse, she is definitely a workaholic, but "it's not necessarily a bad thing when you love what you do, to always want to do it."

During the rare times when she is not



devoting her full attention to her three magazines – *JEZEBEL*'s parent company, Dickey Publishing, acquired *Atlanta Sports and Fitness* about five years ago and *Tuxedo Road* will debut this winter – Weitzman can be found spending time with her two dogs, Jez and Bella, at the park. But like most other facets of Weitzman's personal life, her pets are a part of her work. "They actually have their own column in the magazine where they model doggie couture

"I love meeting people; I love helping to promote Atlanta and the community and the businesses."

fashions," explained the owner of two King Charles spaniels.

Even though the career track Weitzman took to becoming an influential businesswoman is very different from the route taken by other College of Law alumni, she says her legal education at Florida State and the years she spent practicing law absolutely help her excel in the fast-paced magazine world.

"The legal education and then having practiced law has definitely served me well," said the hard-working editor who passed the Georgia Bar during her third year of law school. "I have utilized the communication skills that I learned, and being able to manage my time efficiently (which she attributes to the years she spent billing hours) is key. I am very appreciative for the time that I spent practicing, and I certainly see it as an asset. It helps me look at articles in a much different way than a typical editor would because I understand the legalities of things, and certainly have a critical eye. Also, I really appreciate what I have now."

For someone who earns a living from the written word, it is surprising that as a firstyear law student, Weitzman was terrified of her Legal Writing I course. She credits her professor, Claire Matturro, with helping her get over the fear by spending extra time working with her to build her confidence in that arena.

"Ironically, about a year ago I got an email from Claire Matturro, saying 'Hello Beth. I'm wondering if this is the same Beth Weitzman who took my legal writing class who is now editor-in-chief of two of If you believe in yourself and your abilities, you can make it happen."

Atlanta's finest magazines. Is this you? That

is wonderful. Congratulations," recalled

Weitzman. "It was kind of funny how it all

mentoring, Weitzman excels by writing

about things she finds fun and entertaining. Her advice for other lawyers considering

nontraditional jobs is to "figure out what

you are really good at, what you love to do,

and figure out what the job is from there.

Thanks in part to Matturro's advice and

came around."

Clearly, Weitzman's passion for her job will continue to help her promote affluent living in Atlanta for many years to come. With the upcoming launch of *Tuxedo Road*, the first magazine that Weitzman and her team have created from scratch, this is an exciting time to be working at Dickey Publishing. "For me, the challenge is obviously that it is a magazine for men and I am not a man," said Weitzman. "The nice thing is having owners that are very involved and excited about the project. I get to pick their brains and really put together the ultimate magazine, targeting a very specific high-end demographic of Atlanta men."

While preparing for the launch of *Tux-edo Road* and performing her many other daily duties is keeping Weitzman busy, she has big goals for the future. Continuing to build the *JEZEBEL*, *Atlanta Sports and Fitness* and *Tuxedo Road* magazine brands in Atlanta is her first order of business, but eventually Dickey Publishing plans to enter other markets, and she is very excited about doing just that.

Whatever the future holds for this Florida State College of Law graduate, one thing is certain. Few lawyers ever get the assignment to travel the world, as Weitzman does, and even fewer get the opportunity to walk shoulder-to-shoulder with the glamorous.

Daniel M. Soloway:

Civil Rights, Personal Injury and Family



an Soloway remembers the first piece of advice he received upon entering the Florida State University College of Law in 1982. "I asked my torts professor for her best advice on how to achieve success in law school. She sized me up, stared at my long hair and replied, 'Get a haircut."

So began a law school experience that has led to a 23-year legal career highlighted by awards and achievements reserved for those lawyers with exceptional competence, the highest ideals of professionalism and dedication to the legal field. From The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award in 1990, to presenting a "friend of the court" argument before the United States Supreme Court in 2004 as the attorney chosen from over 50,000 members of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America to represent them before the Supreme Court, to his "AV" Martindale Hubbell rating and his State and National board certifications in civil trial law, Soloway credits many of his achievements to the advice he received from his professors while attending law school at FSU.

"I got the haircut first, and then I kept on listening to my professors during the next three years. In a nutshell, they advised me to work harder than all the other lawyers and to have a career that included more than just practicing law."

Soloway took full advantage of his time in law school. With help from professors Steve Goldstein and Chuck Ehrhardt, he began trying cases as the appointed FSU Public Defender and as a summer intern with the State Attorney's Office for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. By the time he graduated law school with honors in 1985, Soloway had voluntarily worked for all the circuit judges in Tallahassee and clerked for the Dexter Douglass law firm. Upon graduation, he received numerous employment offers from trial law firms throughout Florida, having tried more than forty cases - including eleven jury trials - during law school.

"I accepted the job offer in Pensacola, even though it was the lowest paying position of all the offers, because it presented the greatest potential," said Soloway. "I wanted to do constitutional law cases, including civil rights trials and appeals. My employer gave me that discretion immediately upon passing the bar. Constitutional law was my favorite subject, although it was not the course in which I got my highest grades. Nevertheless, it was in my mind, the most important area of the law."

During the more than two decades he has devoted to trying cases, Soloway has won numerous million and multi-million dollar jury verdicts and settlements in both civil rights and personal injury cases. Noteworthy cases include a two-week trial in Montgomery, Alabama, where Soloway convinced a federal jury to award \$2.3 million to two Florida men whose civil rights were violated when an Alabama police captain planted drugs on them to attain a criminal conviction.

In another case, Soloway won the largest settlement ever paid in a civil rights case from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, stemming from an inmate death in Atlanta, Georgia. Soloway set more records in winning a \$10 million jury verdict in a simple trip-and-fall case, one of the largest such verdicts in Florida and the nation.

The case Soloway says was one of his most rewarding also set a record jury verdict, but that is not why he treasures that victory above others. "My first federal jury trial was very rewarding because it showed me that I could really 'do it.' I tried the case and beat the most experienced and successful civil rights defense lawyer in the Southeast. I remember thinking, 'I really can be good at this.' I don't know that it was my best effort or verdict though, because I was still a rookie, only two years out of law school."

The civil rights case, *Mandel vs. Doe*, was only his second case after graduation from law school. Representing an injured prison inmate who was refused adequate medical care concluded in a judgment on a jury verdict of almost \$1 million, the largest such verdict in Escambia County history. The appeal of the case before the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals created precedent for millions of citizens in four states, and has been cited more than 1,000 times by federal appellate courts across the country.

Soloway credits his record jury verdicts to hard work and his passion for jury trials.

Yet he distinguishes his trial work from other pursuits within his legal career.

"I love to write, and I really hope to carve out the time necessary to create and publish both legal and non-legal works I can be proud of and that other people will enjoy," Soloway said. He has already written more than a dozen published articles and, as a 21-year-old undergraduate student at the University of New York, he wrote a book on civil justice reform. His current project is a bit more ambitious since it is his first attempt at writing a screenplay.

Soloway met his current project's subject, Alabama attorney Fred Gray, during a federal civil rights case in which Gray served as Soloway's local counsel. At the time, Soloway had never heard of Fred Gray, nor did he even recognize the name. As the civil rights attorney for Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Tuskegee Syphilis Study and hundreds of other major cases that energized the civil rights movement in America, Gray's achievements are legendary, even if his name is not well known. Following the trial, Gray asked Soloway to write the screenplay for a Hollywood movie based upon his best-selling autobiography, "Busride to Justice." The project that is Soloway's labor of love is almost complete.

"I also love to teach and mentor young lawyers," said Soloway. "What I love is filling in the gaps. I love being able to give young lawyers the benefit of my experience by providing the details of practicing in various areas of law. It keeps them from falling into traps as a result of being unwary of the pitfalls of complex lawsuits and trials."

Over the last sixteen years, Soloway has given lectures and speeches throughout Florida and the nation to hundreds of lawyers on subjects including personal injury, civil rights, disability law and trial advocacy. He also regularly teaches and mentors the associates at his law firm.

Beginning in January 2008, Florida State law students will benefit from Soloway's years of experience and knowledge when he and Gray teach a civil rights litigation course as adjunct professors at the law school.

Since he graduated, Soloway has remained involved in the law school and teaching is just one more way that he will strengthen his connection to Florida State. "One of the things that makes me most proud of FSU is Don Weidner," said Soloway of the man he initially knew as a property professor. "As he's risen to the rank of dean, I don't think I've ever seen anyone work so hard to make our law school so great and it makes me very proud." It was Dean Weidner who convinced Soloway to establish the Soloway Diversity Enhancement Scholarship Fund, which provides thousands of dollars to minority first-year students who would otherwise be unable to afford to attend Florida State Law.

With so many diverse achievements, Soloway says the accomplishment he is most proud of is doing what he said he always wanted to do. "I always wanted to be a lawyer, and I always wanted to be a family man. I was lucky; I decided at an early age what I wanted to be and how I wanted to get there, and I did it."

Soloway's wife Natalie (a 1987 Florida State graduate with a B.S. in psychology) and daughters Rachael Ann and Rebecca Leigh always come first. "I'm for the most part a family man. I like to spend time with my children and my wife," he said when asked what he does in his spare time. Cooking family dinners and taking the girls to school are daily activities for the 1985 College of Law graduate and sole owner of the Soloway Law Firm in Pensacola.

In its ninth year of fighting for the rights of clients, the firm's four attorneys and ten employees litigate cases throughout the Southeast. Over the last twenty years, Soloway's civil rights cases have received national and even international attention, including coverage by all the major television and cable news networks, as well as *The New York Times* and other prominent print media.

"I'm leaving the public exposure and heavy litigation of the big civil rights cases to the younger lawyers at my firm," Soloway said. With all his other projects, Soloway has plenty to do besides practicing law, evidence that he is still following the advice given to him by his law school professors more than two decades ago.

Law Student Returns to Africa Through an Internship

BY MARRON GEBREMESKEL



y destiny, my history, and my future are entrapped in the beautiful continent raped of its beauty and prosperity, Africa. I am the living testament that hard work and determination may be enslaved or trapped, yet never will they disappear. My parents are both refugees from the Eritrean war against Ethiopia. Like many other Eritreans, they walked to Sudan with nothing but a dream and the clothes on their backs for a better life.

My internship with the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) in Eritrea this past summer was a life changing experience, to say the least. It was only the second time I had visited the country and started with a five day tour of Gash Barka in the Northeastern tip of Eritrea, where the country's nine tribes are hungry for changes yet satisfied with simplicity. The tour culminated in the grand opening of a new NUEW training center in Barentu, where the women and young girls in the village can learn how to read, write, sew, and generate income. The grand opening of the training center showed the unity of the international Eritrean community. These women showed me that as a group, anything is possible. They saved a million nakfa (the Eritrean currency) to build this training center. I was so proud to intern with such a great organization.

When the tour concluded, I began the normal office hours of the internship. I

Eritrean women celebrate the grand opening of a new National Union of Eritrean Women training center where they can learn how to read, write, sew, and generate income.

worked with the research department from 8-6 p.m. doing various activities, traveled to several villages researching the situation of women in the country and created a presentation comparing the laws that affect women in Eritrea and the United States.

I also helped with the organization's Web site and taught basic computer skills to a group of about 13 young girls with another intern. When the class began, some of students did not know how to capitalize a letter, space between words, or even indent a paragraph. Within four to five weeks they were typing papers, creating PowerPoint presentations, and performing various Excel functions. That was one of the most fulfilling experiences I got out of the internship. Helping the underrepresented areas of the population is where my heart lays, whether it is in America or Africa.

My internship enhanced my skills as a future attorney. For example, one day I sat through a client arbitration/mediation session in which a NUEW counselor was talking to a young woman who said she was raped by an older man while working as his house maid. The mediator explained to the woman all of her rights and options. I noticed that the arbitration process in Eritrea is very similar to process in the United States.

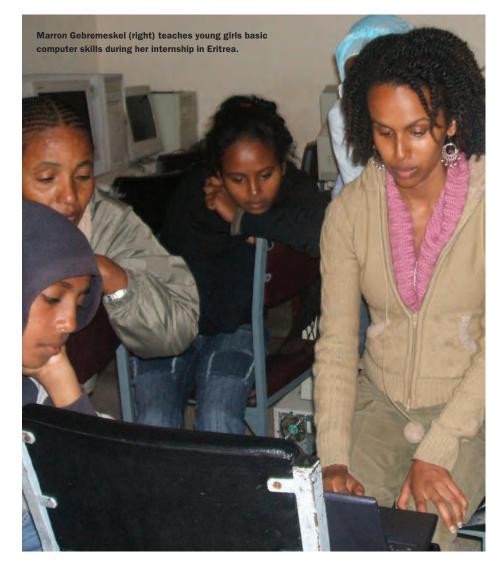
I also visited court rooms in Eritrea and sat through informative civil law proceedings. I observed that Eritrea court rooms

In Eritrea, my eyes were opened to the work that needs to be done in the world. An internship is a time to gain firsthand experience and expertise. This summer, I learned that my heart is in international law. are less formal than those in the United States and judges seemed to be more like friends. Asking judges questions about the Eritrean legal system taught me even more. One judge articulated the main distinctions between American and Eritrean laws, with the main difference being that Eritrea has not adopted the jury system in the court room. However, disputes in the more rural parts of Eritrea are settled by a group of elders, similar to a jury.

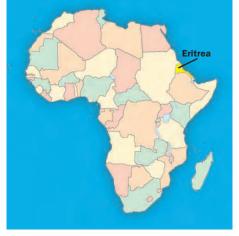
My assignments in Eritrean villages motivated me to be a fighter. During one project, I interviewed and researched the financial situations of multiple women to whom the organization had loaned money. One woman was loaned the equivalent of \$66, which she used to buy a battery operated television. Charging people a few cents to watch the television, she eventually saved enough money to open her own store. The widow and mother of five showed me that devastation is God's way of providing us with an opportunity to persevere.

My trip to Eritrea this summer was a humbling experience. From electricity outages to not having hot water to hand washing my clothes, I had to adjust to a simpler life. After being in Eritrea for a while I was not begging for civilization, yet dreaming that everyone in civilization would experience the beauty of traveling and learning from people like my family. Fortunately, I got to meet my great-grandmother for the second time. She may live in a village, and she may not be the richest woman in the world, but a bubble of happiness and joy surrounds her. By the end of my time in Eritrea I had learned to value life more.

In Eritrea, my eyes were opened to the work that needs to be done in the world. An internship is a time to gain first-hand experience and expertise. This summer, I learned that my heart is in international law. I dream of helping society's different cultures. Traveling is my passion, and law is the means. Eritrea is very close to my heart, so I was extremely appreciative for the opportunity given to me by the Center for The Advancement of Human Rights and Professor Terry Coonan. Because it is impossible to convey my intrinsic transformation from this experience into words, hopefully my future actions will do so, instead.







(LEFT) Florida State Law student Marron Gebremeskel spent her summer interning for the National Union of Eritrean Women in Eritrea, Africa.

NOTEWORTHY

Founding Partners of Parks & Crump, llc Increase Scholarship Commitment



Law partners and 1995 Florida State Law graduates Benjamin Crump and Daryl Parks have increased their original commitment to the Parks & Crump Diversity Enhancement Scholarship by \$75,000, bringing their total gift to the endowment to \$100,000.

Crump is a founding partner with Parks & Crump, LLC and Parks is the founding and managing partner of the law firm. The Tallahassee-based firm is one of the most successful personal injury law firms in Florida and the second largest African-

The Tallahassee-based firm is one of the most successful personal injury law firms in Florida and the second largest African-American-owned plaintiff's law firm in the country. American-owned plaintiff's law firm in the country.

"We are all grateful for the rapidity with which Ben and Daryl have turned to the support of the school," said Dean Don Weidner. "Their Diversity Enhancement Scholarship will help us serve as a powerful engine of access to the legal profession."

The income distributed from the endowed scholarship will be used to increase diversity in the law school's student body by providing scholarship support to students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, especially African-Americans. To the greatest extent possible, scholarship recipients will be either Florida residents or be willing to make a commitment to remain in Florida to practice law for at least three years after graduation.

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

"Daryl and I think it is extremely important for those of us who have benefited so much from our Florida State legal education to give back so that others can benefit as well," said Crump. "We encourage Dean Weidner and the rest of the administration to continue pushing for diversity to help FSU become the best place in the nation to study law."

Raines Serves in Iraq



David Raines ('07) and wife Miranda are the proud parents of Xavior Tristan. Raines, a 1st Lieutenant, recently returned

from a tour in Iraq where he was a platoon leader for Alpha Company 2-136 Infantry, 1/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard. The group, which is also known as the Red Bulls, was based south of Baghdad out of Camp Adder.

College of Law Graduate Mentors the Afghan National Army BY JEANINE WOMBLE

ne of the least discussed elements of the conflict in Afghanistan is the mentoring program currently underway with the Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan National Police (ANP). As a United States Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps officer who recently returned from an assignment in Afghanistan, I witnessed firsthand the country's struggle to implement a new legal system and tried to contribute to Afghanistan's efforts to overcome years of poverty and conflict. Mentoring was at once inspiring, humbling, infuriating and frustrating; and, above all, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help rebuild a nation.

The state of Afghanistan is in the process of rising from the ashes of 30 years of war. Life and death issues such as rampant unemployment, solving critical infrastructure problems, raising literacy levels, and lowering infant mortality are critical to Afghanistan's development. Couple these issues with an active insurgency and you have a snapshot of the problem faced by Afghanistan's people and the fledgling democratic government charged with leading the nation into a brighter future. What I found remarkable is that Afghanistan is simultaneously exploring a much more philosophical issue: how to develop the rule of law, believing that this too is a key to its

lasting security.

During my tour in Afghanistan I spent most of each day with Afghans, teaching, listening, debating, drinking chai and talking about our families, politics and how to solve the world's problems. I was the first non-relative female that my Afghan counterparts had ever met. In Afghanistan, men do not interact with women outside of their own family as social events are strictly divided by gender. My Afghan counterparts quickly and openly accepted me, treating me with respect and as an equal. My gender was no more than an initial novelty and, for one official, a recruiting tool. At one of our meetings, he announced that he told Afghans he met on ANA recruiting trips, "There are American women here fighting for your country, yet you still do nothing! You should be ashamed of yourself!"

My official job as a mentor was to help the ANA's Judge Advocate General – a nonlawyer, Soviet trained artillery man – and the members of the ANA JAG Corps to learn how to use the newly-adopted military justice system. This system is fairly similar to our Uniform Code of Military Justice and is a significant departure from previous military justice systems in Afghanistan. I advised prosecutors and defense counsels, most of whom had no formal legal education, on how to present evidence, make



arguments and advocate for their clients. I advised trial and appellate level judges on motions practice – a new and novel concept that still exists more in theory than in practice – and how to deal with violations of criminal procedure and the conflicts between what they believe is "right" and what the law tells them is legal. I helped the corps, as a whole, address policy issues including ethics regulations and unique problems such as how to handle political appointees who are illiterate but cannot be fired due to their connections.

My true challenge in being an effective mentor was trying to find the fine line between advocating new ideas and procedures and forcing elements of western jurisprudence on a culture in which they do not make sense. It was my job to introduce and explain western legal concepts, to fight the initial negative reaction against the newness of those ideas and to spark debate among Afghans about how to best push forward the rule of law in Afghanistan. However, it was decidedly not my job to create a clone of the American military justice system. I quickly learned that Afghans would ardently debate for a while and then abruptly concede the point to end the discussion, often with no intention of carrying out what was "agreed" upon. Letting the discussion reach that point was not only ineffective, but also disrespectful to Afghan culture.

As a mentor, my mission was to create a fair, transparent, and reasonably predictable system and to ensure that the resulting system worked within Afghan culture and society. The worst thing I could have done was to take the position that there was only one right way to achieve a just result.

Disclaimer: The views expressed by the author are hers and do not represent the United States Department of the Navy or Department of Defense.

HOMECOMING 2007

More than 350 alumni and their guests attended the Homecoming Tailgate Party on the Law School Green.



COLLEGE LAW Welcome Alumni The 2007 Homecoming Weekend festivities were a huge success. More than 350 law school alumni and their families attended the Law Alumni Tailgate Party and more than 250 alumni joined hosts Pete and Susan Dunbar at their home for the Law Alumni Reception. **To view more Homecoming photographs, visit http://www.law.fsu.edu/ alumni/index.html.**





(RIGHT) L-R: Emeritus Professor Chuck Ehrhardt, Judge William Gary ('72), Judge Charles Francis ('72) and Pete Dunbar ('72)

> (FAR RIGHT) Kelly Overstreet Johnson ('82) (left) and Phil Claypool ('76)









(TOP) Heather Pinder Rodriguez ('98) and daughter

(ABOVE) Judge Jose' Rodriguez ('77) (left) and Judge Linda Wells ('77)

(LEFT) Linda Bond ('95) receives the 2007 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award from Dean Don Weidner.

Law School Gets a Facelift

Next time you are in downtown Tallahassee, we invite you to stop by the law school to visit and tour our newly-renovated Research Center and state-of-the-art classrooms. The convergence of construction crews on the law school during the summer of 2007 resulted in a very impressive facelift to our facilities.

In addition to much-needed cosmetic improvements, our lecture halls on the first floor of B.K. Roberts Hall are now equipped with technology podiums that allow professors to present multi-media lectures. Four 60-inch plasma television monitors mounted throughout room 101 bring instruction even closer to our students. We also have the capability to send video and audio from one lecture room to another for large events. As in all of our other classrooms, a strong wireless infrastructure in our lecture rooms allows students to utilize the Internet during class.

Our Research Center also was transformed over the summer. Highlights include an improved student seating area for studying on the ground floor and cosmetic enhancements in the lobby and circulation desk area.

The renovations are just one example of the many ways Florida State Law faculty and staff are working to improve the law school experience for our outstanding students.





(TOP) Our premier Research Center classroom was created in 2006. (ABOVE) Students use the recently transformed Research Center lobby.



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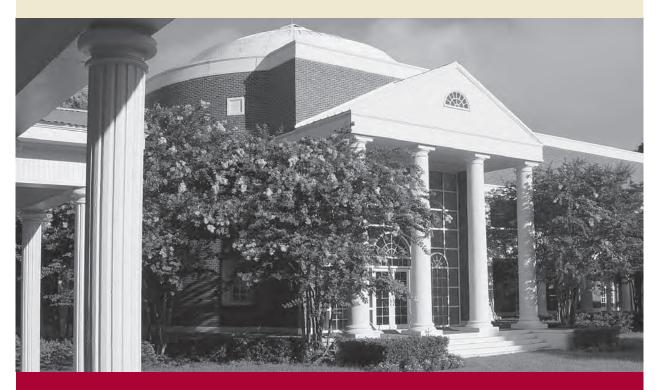
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Gifts to the College of Law provide critical support for students, faculty and academic programs. This Annual Report gratefully acknowledges all gifts received between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Gifts received between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008 will be recognized in the Fall 2008 *Florida State Law*.

Your support makes an exciting difference. Thank you.



We strive to produce a complete and accurate report. Please call any errors or omissions to the attention of:

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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 12th in the nation and our Tax Law Program 21st in the nation (tied with Columbia).

Private fundraising has been an important part of our successes. Our Annual Fund continues to reflect strong student and alumni support, and our new major gifts are already making a difference.

ANNUAL FUND

Last year's Annual Fund remained high: 26 percent 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 makes us the nation's 6th best public law school in terms of giving rate. Our student enthusiasm and generosity bodes well for the future. This past year, 65 percent of our students contributed to our Annual Fund. They are blazing the trail for us all!

Gifts to the Annual Fund enrich our entire academic program. The Annual Fund supports 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 \$1,773,918 in cash and \$1,828,001 in additional pledges, for a grand total of \$3,601,919. 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. We want our reporting to you to be as conservative as possible. Under the heading of "Recent Larger Gifts," we outline the larger gift commitments that we have received in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

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 very bright!

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner, Dean

RECENT LARGER GIFTS

We would like to thank those of you who made a major gift commitment between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. These gifts make it possible to continue the dynamic advance of the academic programs and reputation of the law school.

\$1 million or more

A Florida State University College of Law graduate and his wife, who have asked to remain anonymous, have made a commitment to the law school of **\$1,000,001**, to be paid over four years, to create an Endowment for **Excellence.** The income distributed from this endowment can be used, at the discretion of the law school, for purposes that include student scholarships (merit- or need-based), merit incentives for faculty and funding for co-curricular or other student activities. This gift will be eligible for a 75 percent match from the State of Florida. The \$750,000 state match will also be put into the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$1,750,001.

\$300,000 to \$999,999

Tallahassee residents **David** ('72) and Debby Fonvielle have 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 who are serving as public defenders in the Office of the Public Defender for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida. Through the Public Defender Service Award, the Fonvielles hope to encourage more students to pursue a career in public service, recruit students to the College of Law who are interested in pursuing a career in public interest law, specifically as a public defender, and reward those law school graduates who have completed at least one year of service with the Office of the Public Defender for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida. David is a named partner in the Tallahassee firm of Fonvielle, Lewis, Foote & Messer.

\$100,000 to \$299,999

Atlanta couple Kevin Wood and Mary Jo Peed, both 1985 graduates of the law school, have committed \$250,000 over time to create the Kevin Wood and Mary Jo Peed Endowment for Excellence. Kevin and Mary Jo chose to give the law school flexibility in the use of the income from this endowment. Income may be spent on things such as student scholarships, faculty incentives and co-curricular activities. This gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the State of Florida. Kevin Wood is Vice President, Counsel and National Business Development for Stewart Title Guaranty. Mary Jo Peed is Vice President, General Counsel for AT&T.

Tallahassee residents Lawrence J. Block, Jr. ('83) and his wife Carol have agreed to donate \$150,000 over time to endow the Lance and Carol Block Children's Advocacy Center Clinical Professorship. This gift is historic because it is the first professorship specifically endowed to attract or to retain a clinical professor. When the endowment is fully funded, it will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the State of Florida. Lance is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., and he practices personal injury law.

Thomas K. Equels ('80) and his wife Laura Fabar have pledged \$100,000 over time to establish the Equels-Fabar Endowment for Social Justice to teach law students about the importance of social justice. The income from the Equels-Fabar Endowment for Social Justice will fund programs and scholarships aimed at developing individual virtues to improve society. This gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the State of Florida. Tom is the managing director of the Equels Law Firm, which has offices in Miami, Orlando and Tallahassee, and devotes his practice to complex litigation. Laura practices family law in Coral Gables and is the managing director of Laura M. Fabar & Associates, L.L.P.

Alumni couple Kelly Overstreet Johnson ('82) and Hal Johnson ('75) have created the Kelly Overstreet Johnson and Hal Johnson Endowment for Excellence with a \$100,000 testamentary gift. Kelly and Hal chose to give the law school flexibility in the use of the income from this endowment. Income may be spent on things such as student scholarships, faculty incentives and co-curricular activities. When the testamentary gift matures, it will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the State of Florida. Kelly is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel. In 2004-2005, she served as president of The Florida Bar. Hal is general counsel for the Florida Police Benevolent Association.

Wisconsin residents Robert J. Loots and his wife Mary Ladd Loots (who is the daughter of Mason Ladd, the founding dean of the law school) have given \$100,000 to endow the Mason Ladd Merit Scholarship. The income from the endowment shall be used to award a merit scholarship to one or more students who have demonstrated academic excellence in their law school studies. Financial need may also be taken into account as a consideration secondary to merit. When the endowment is fully funded, it will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the State of Florida. This is the second large gift that Bob and Mary have given to the law school. Their first gift of \$22,500 was in response to an effort to endow a professorship in Mason Ladd's name. Their most recent commitment recognizes Mason's legacy and celebrates the 40th anniversary of the founding of the law school.

Pensacola attorney **B. Richard Young** ('84) and his wife **Suzanne** have pledged **\$100,000** over time to create the **Young Family Endowment**. The income from the endowment shall be used: 1) to award a merit scholarship to one or more incoming law students who



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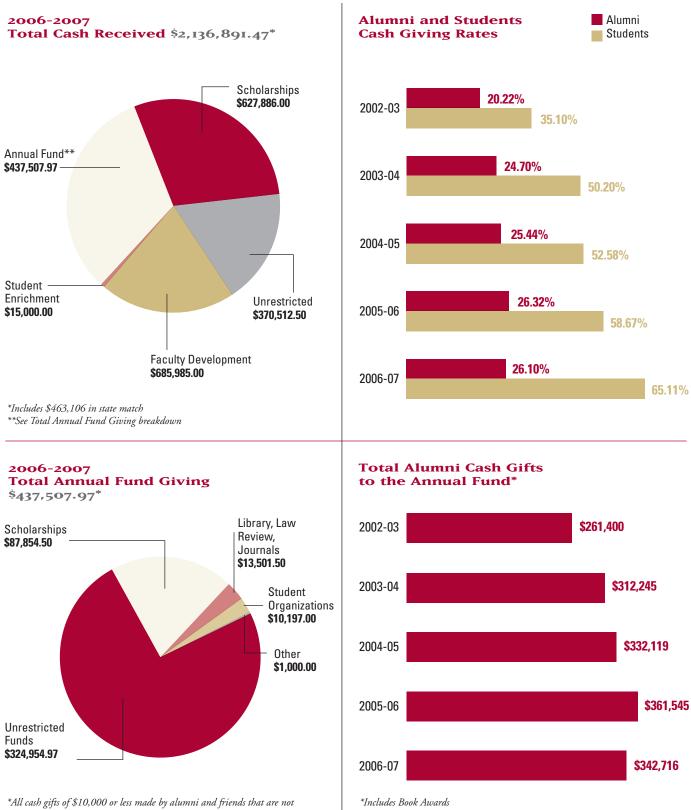
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Fort Lauderdale attorney **Fred E. Karlinsky** ('92) has made a commitment of **\$25,000** over time to endow the **Karlinsky Family Scholarship**. The income distributed from the endowment will be used to fund a scholarship for an incoming student. Fred is a named partner in the Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate law firm. Fred concentrates in the areas of insurance regulatory and related matters, executive and legislative governmental affairs, administrative law and corporate representation.

Joseph W. Lawrence, II ('76) has made an additional commitment to give \$50,000 over time to the Lawrence Family Endowment for Freedom that he created last year. The income from the endowment 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. Jennifer Beltz ('96) has made a commitment to give \$25,000 over five years to create the Jennifer Beltz Scholarship. Jennifer's annual gift of cash will be immediately distributed to award a merit scholarship to one or more students with records of academic excellence. Jennifer practices with the St. Petersburg firm of Beltz & Ruth, P.A. and focuses on representing those injured in automobile and motorcycle accidents.

J. Michael Coleman ('86) and his wife Peggy have pledged \$25,000 over five years to create the Mike and Peggy Coleman Fund for Excellence. The annual gift of \$5,000 will be used to support, in equal parts, the Moot Court Team and the law school's Annual Fund. Mike is a partner in the Naples firm of Coleman, Hazzard & Taylor, P.A. and he practices in the areas of commercial, construction and probate litigation.

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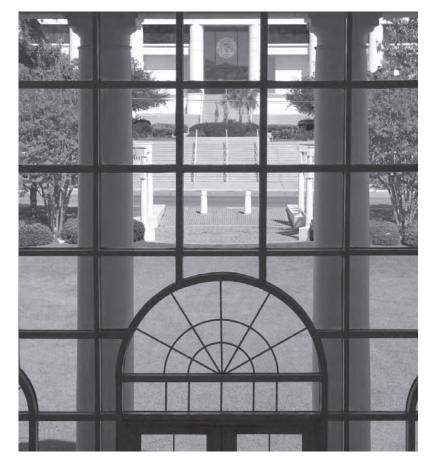
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Fred Karlinsky Increases Commitment to Karlinsky Family Scholarship



Fort Lauderdale attorney Fred Karlinsky, a 1992 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, has increased his original commitment to the Karlinsky Family Scholarship by \$75,000, bringing his total gift to the endowment to \$100,000.

This gift will be eli-

gible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The \$50,000 state match will be added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$150,000. The income generated by the endowment will be used to recruit top students to Florida State.

"Fred's extremely generous support of the law school will help us attract and support superb students," said Dean Don Weidner.

"My family and I are fortunate to have experienced many opportunities throughout our lives, and it is important for us to share these gifts with others," Karlinsky said.

Karlinsky is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale firm of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A., and has an insurance regulatory and governmental consulting practice.

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Alumni Couple Larry and Jeanne Curtin Endow Scholarship

With a commitment of \$100,000, Florida State law school graduates Larry ('76) and Jeanne Curtin ('02) have endowed the Larry and Jeanne Curtin Scholarship.

The Tallahassee couple's gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The \$50,000 state match will be added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$150,000. The income generated by the endowment will be used to recruit top students to Florida State.

"We are very grateful for Larry and Jeanne's generous support of the law school," said Dean Don Weidner. "This endowment will help us attract and support the best and brightest students."

"Larry and I greatly benefited from the excellent legal education we received at Florida State Law," said Jeanne Curtin. "We are pleased to see the law school flourishing and are thrilled to be able to endow this scholarship so that future lawyers can benefit as well."

Larry Curtin is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight and practices in the areas of environmental and administrative law. Jeanne Curtin is a founding member of the Hartman Curtin law firm in Tallahassee. She focuses her practice in the areas of environmental and land use law.

Bond, Cantero and Frost Receive Awards

The Florida State College of Law Alumni Association has selected Florida State Law graduates Linda Bond ('95) and John W. Frost, II ('69) to receive awards for their outstanding service to the law school. Bond is the 2007 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award winner and Frost is the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Alum Award. Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul G. Cantero, III, a non-Florida State Law graduate, was selected by the alumni association to receive the 2007 Class of '66 Award for his distinguished service to the law school and community.

ALUMNI NOTES

1969

JOHN W. FROST, II has been certified as a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum and has been named as the 2007 Distinguished Alum by the FSU College of Law Alumni Association board of directors. He is a senior partner with the firm of Frost Tamayo Sessums and Aranda, P.A. in Bartow.

RONALD A. MOWREY has been added to Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers. He is with the firm of Mowrey & Mitchell, P.A. He can be reached at 515 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Ph.: 850.222.9482.

ROBERT W. PERKINS is now a grandfather. His only daughter Elizabeth gave birth to granddaughter Cadence in June.

JOHN E. ROBERTS announces that he and his wife of 37 years, Kathryn, have three children, all of whom are attorneys. Sons Russell and John Young practice with their father at the firm of Roberts, Roberts & Roberts. Daughter Kathy practices law in Mississippi. He can be reached at P.O. Box 1544, Marianna, Fla. 32447; Ph.: 850.526.3865.

1970

ROBERT C. COGSWELL, JR. is general counsel for Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C.

MARSHA L. LYONS has been certified as a circuit court and county mediator and is offering mediation services to north and central Florida. She is with the firm of Lyons & Farrar, P.A. in Tallahassee.

1972

THE HONORABLE KIM C. HAMMOND'S name adorns a new courthouse in Flagler County, Fla. The Kim C. Hammond Justice Center

opened in September. He is a circuit court judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida.

THE HONORABLE F. SHIELDS MCMANUS

has been appointed a circuit judge. He is assigned to the Okeechobee County Civil Division of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He can be reached at 312 N.W. 3rd St., Ste. 341, Okeechobee, Fla. 34972.

HORACE D. "DAN" ROBUCK, JR. was named the 2006 Leesburg Citizen of the Year. He is the CEO of Ro-Mac Lumber in Leesburg, Fla.

MICHAEL A. TARTAGLIA will be retiring in January 2008 after 30 years of service with The Florida Bar. He has been the division director of programs for the Bar since 1989.



CHARLES L. WOODY has been recognized by Chambers USA as a leading lawyer in West Virginia in labor and employment law.

Thomas & Battle, PLLC.

1973



WILLIAM W. CORRY received the 2007 Gold Eagle Award from the Florida Justice Association (FJA) at its annual convention. He was also re-elected to FJA's board

of directors for 2007-2009. He is a personal injury attorney with the Law Offices of William W. Corry, P.A. in Tallahassee.

1975

KELLY D. HANCOCK has been included in the 2007 Best Lawyers of America and named a 2007 "Super Lawyer" by Florida Super Lawyer magazine. She is a partner at Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Liberman & McKee in Fort Lauderdale.

THE HONORABLE E. DOUGLAS SPANGLER is now a judge of compensation claims. He can be reached at 2080 McGregor Blvd. Fl. 3, Fort Myers, Fla. 33901

1976

THE HONORABLE ELEANOR M. HUNTER

is an administrative law judge with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings in Tallahassee. She can be reached at The DeSoto Bldg., 1230 Apalachee Pkwy., Tallahassee, Fla. 32399-3060; Ph.: 850.488.9675.

THOMAS L. POWELL has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of the Best Lawyers in America for his work in the area of family law.

1977

JAMES O. CUNNINGHAM has been selected as a 2007 Florida Super Lawyer and Lawdragon 3000 Leading Plaintiff's Lawyer in America. He is with the Law Offices of James O. Cunningham, P.A., where he practices in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death.

BRUCE ALEXANDER MINNICK was selected as a Florida Super Lawyer for his work in civil rights, employment and labor law and business litigation. He is a managing shareholder with The Minnick Law Firm in Tallahassee.

1978



SHEILA M. MCDEVITT has retired after 26 years with TECO Energy. She plans to remain active consulting for the legal and business communities, and to devote

more of her time to public service in support of higher education.

1979

TERRI JO BARRON has married The Rev. Kenneth J. Roach and is now Mrs. Terri Jo Roach. The couple resides in Tallahassee.

CHARLES E. BUKER, III can be reached at Market Neutral Capital Investments, LLC, 3003 Perimeter Summit Blvd., Ste. 1400, Atlanta, Ga. 30319; Ph.: 404.460.5467.

WILLIAM J. "BILL" COHEN has joined Lesesne Capital Management, Inc. as a principal. He can be reached at 750 Monarch Plaza, 3414 Peachtree Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30326; Ph.: 404.231.3414; e-mail: billcohen@lesesnecapital.com.

MELANIE ANN HINES received The Florida Bar President's Award of Merit during the Bar's annual convention in June. She is a partner in the law firm Berger Singerman where she focuses on crime prevention in the commercial context and litigation involving business crimes.

THE HONORABLE ERNEST M. JONES, JR.

has been sworn in as a judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, where he serves in the Juvenile Court Division. He can be reached at P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J164, Bartow, Fla. 33830.

1980

E. JASON VAIL is special counsel for the Florida Senate. He can be reached at 404 S. Monroe St., Rm. 402, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399-6526; Ph.: 850.487.5173; e-mail: vail.jay@flsenate.gov.

1981

EDWARD M. "SKIP" BOOTH, JR. has joined the firm of Zisser, Robison, Brown, Nowlis & Maciejewski, P.A., where he practices aviation law. He can be reached at 1 Independent Dr., Ste. 3306, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202.



DEAN R. LEBOEUF was honored as the 2006 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates-Tallahassee Chapter. He is managing

partner of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Foster & Gwartney, P.A. in Tallahassee.

THE HONORABLE MARK H. MAHON has been appointed to fill an opening on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. He previously represented District 16 in the Florida House of Representatives.

CHARLES R. TALLEY has joined the Kean Miller Firm in New Orleans, La. as a partner. He can be reached at 909 Poydras St., Ste. 1450, New Orleans, La. 70112; Ph.: 504.585.3050; e-mail: chuck.talley@ keanmiller.com.

1982



LOUIS B. "BUCK" VOCELLE, JR. and Paul R. Berg ('91) announce the formation of Vocelle & Berg, LLP in Vero Beach. With the addition of associate Peter J. Sweeney

('04) and Michael G. Kissner (FSU law student) as a summer law clerk, the firm is truly an "all FSU" law firm. The firm is a civil litigation boutique specializing in cases involving serious injury and death, insurance disputes and business and construction litigation. He can be reached at 3333 20th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960-4269; Ph.: 772.562.8111.

1983

JAMES S. "JIM" CRANE is an executive editor with CNN The Row/Wires. He has been working in film and television since 1989.

MARK S. ELLIS has published two articles: "The Saddam Trial: Challenges to Meeting International Standards of Fairness with Regard to the Defense" in Volume 39 *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* (2006-2007) and "Combating Impunity and Enforcing Accountability as a Way To Promote Peace and Stability – The Role of International War Crimes Tribunals" in the 2006 Volume 2 *Journal of National Security Law & Policy.* He is the executive director of the International Bar Association in London. LESLIE B. MCWILLIAMS has won the Bruce C. Bailey Volunteer Lawyer Award for her work with Southeast Tennessee Legal Aid. She practices family law in Chattanooga, Tenn.

LARRY E. METZ is chairman of the Lake County School Board, to which he was appointed in 2004 and then elected to a four-year term in 2006. He practices civil litigation with the firm of Larry E. Metz, P.A. He can be reached at 531 N. Bay St., Eustis, Fla. 32726; Ph.: 352.483.5655; e-mail: larry@metzlawyer.com.

THE HONORABLE LISA S. NELSON was appointed as an administrative law judge in Tallahassee.



CARI L. ROTH has been named among the top lawyers in the state in the 2007 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine. She is with the Tallahassee office of

Bryant Miller Olive, where she practices in the areas of land use, state and local government, administrative and public procurement and governmental consulting.

BRIAN R. TOUNG has relocated part of his practice to lead ET&T Distributors, Inc.'s new Playgrounds Worldwide, Inc. division. He also taught Aviation Law at the Daytona Beach campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 2007. He can be reached at 947 Beville Rd., Ste. 14, South Daytona, Fla. 32119.

1984

DOUGLAS L. HALL has been named the 2007 Florida Assistant State Attorney of the Year by the Florida Retail Federation. He is an assistant state attorney with the Second Judicial Circuit.

RANDALL W. HANNA has been named among the top lawyers in the state in the 2007 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*

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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/alumnidir.html**, and update your personal information. This is a great reference tool for classmates to get in touch with one another, to network and to refer business to fellow alumni.

Class Action

magazine. He is with the Tallahassee office of Bryant Miller Olive, where he practices in the areas of public finance, state and local government, governmental consulting and energy and utility.



J. STEPHEN MCDONALD has been named a shareholder

with the firm of ShuffieldLowman. His practice areas include commercial litigation,

appellate practice and civil trial practice.

THE HONORABLE R. BRUCE MCKIBBEN is

now an administrative law judge. He can be reached at 1230 Apalachee Pkwy., The DeSoto Bldg., Tallahassee, Fla. 32399.



JOSHUA A. WHITMAN is the 2007-2008 president of the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates (FLABOTA). He is a partner and shareholder at

Milton, Leach, Whitman, D'Andrea, Charek and Milton, P.A. in Jacksonville.

1985



SAMUEL P. KING recently served as a faculty presenter for the National Business Institute's "Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims" continuing

education seminar. King is a partner with the Orlando firm of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, LLP.

CARLYN H. KOWALSKY has taken a new position as managing attorney for the Office of Counsel of the South Florida Water Management District. The practice group handles a variety of legal matters supporting the agency's mission, including land acquisition and contracts related to restoration of the Everglades. She can be reached by phone at 561.682.6240; e-mail: ckowalsk@sfwmd.gov.

EVAN K. LANGERT is the commercial division director for Keller Williams San Francisco Properties. He can be reached at 1500 Franklin St., San Francisco, Calif. 94109; Ph.: 415.202.9900.

1986

BLAKE M. CARLTON has opened Blake Carlton Law Offices, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale. The firm represents clients needing assistance in civil disputes. He can be reached at 2699 Stirling Rd., C 407, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33312; Ph.: 954.364.4844; e-mail: blakecarltonlaw@ bellsouth.net.

MARY ANN MORGAN is one of only four female attorneys in Florida included on the national Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff's Lawyer list. She is the managing partner of Billings, Morgan & Boatwright in Winter Park.

1987

DOMINIC C. "DONNY" MACKENZIE has been appointed to the board of directors of The Florida Bar Foundation. His three-year term began July 1. He is a partner and member of the litigation department at Holland & Knight in Jacksonville.

RICHARD H. MCDUFF has passed the South Carolina Bar exam and is practicing in Greenville, S.C. as a shareholder with Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann, P.C. He also has been recertified by The Florida Bar in Civil Trial Law and was named a Florida Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics* magazine.

THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. MORENO has been sworn in as a magistrate for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. He can be reached at the Orange County Courthouse at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32801.

KAREN OEHME has been named the director of the Institute for Family Violence Studies at Florida State. The Institute's Florida Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation program, which she previously directed, received a national Judith Wallach President's Award from the Supervised Visitation Network at its national meeting.

1988



CHARLES L. COOPER,JR. has joined the firm of Bryant Miller Olive, where he practices in the area of real property. He can be reached at 101 N. Monroe St., Ste.

900, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

RICHARD C. POWERS has been named assistant director of the FBI's Office of Congressional Affairs.Prior to his appointment, he served as the special agent in charge of the FBI's Denver division.



PAUL J. ULLOM has received Board Certification from The Florida Bar in the area of construction law. He is a shareholder in the Tampa office of Carlton Fields. His

practice involves commercial and real estate litigation, with an emphasis on construction litigation.

1989

THE HONORABLE JONATHAN E. SJOSTROM was named 2006 Trial Judge of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates-Tallahassee Chapter. He is a circuit judge for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida.

DONALD J. THOMAS is the senior partner in the newly formed firm, The Thomas Law Group. He can be reached at 445 E. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432-5017; Ph.: 561.368.7474.

1990

RAFAEL GONZALEZ has been serving as an adjunct at Stetson University College of Law, the University of South Florida College of Public Health and the University of Tampa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He taught workers' compensation and social security disability law during the spring 2007 semester. He can be reached at The Law Office of Rafael Gonzalez, LLC, 16765 Fish Hawk Blvd., #362, Lithia, Fla. 33547; Ph.: 813.425.2549; e-mail: rgonz@ tampabay.rr.com.



SAMUEL P. QUEIROLO has been named among the top lawyers in the state in the 2007 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine. He is with the Tampa office of Bryant

Miller Olive, where he practices in the area of real property.

1991



DAVID W. ADAMS is a partner in the firm of Sponsler, Bennett, Jacobs & Adams, P.A. in Tampa.



PAUL R. BERG and Louis B. "Buck" Vocelle, Jr. ('82) announce the formation of Vocelle & Berg, LLP in Vero Beach. With the addition of

associate Peter J. Sweeney

('04) and Michael G. Kissner (FSU law student) as a summer law clerk, the firm is truly an "all FSU" law firm. The firm is a civil litigation boutique specializing in cases involving serious injury and death, insurance disputes and business and construction litigation. He can be reached at 3333 20th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960-4269; Ph.: 772.562.8111. TAMMY DE SOTO CICCHETTI has been asked to act as chairman of the House Republican Trust for the state of Florida by House Republican Leader John Boehner.

CHERYL PARKER ROSE is the director of intergovernmental affairs for U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. As director, she works to strengthen the partnership between the House and state and local elected officials.



SALLY STILL competed at the Summer National Championships for fencing and won a spot on the American team that competed in the World Championships in Australia in

September. She is a partner at the Boca Raton office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, where she specializes in employment law. ELECTRA THEODORIDES-BUSTLE has been selected to serve on the 2007-2008 board of directors for The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. She is the executive director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

1992

JOHN P. MURRAY was installed as president of the Dade County Bar Association in June 2007. He has also opened The Murray Law Firm, P.A. in Miami. He can be reached at 2655 Lejune Rd., No. PH1-D1, Miami, Fla. 33142-5638.

ROBERT N. NICHOLSON has joined the firm of Broad and Cassel in its Fort Lauderdale office. He is a member of the firm's white collar criminal and civil fraud defense and health law practice groups.

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The most avidly read section of *Florida State Law* 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 in a band?

If you have anything that you would like to include in Class Action, please send 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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BUSINESS ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
BUSINESS PHONE:	BUSINESS FAX:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
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1993

TIMOTHY C. DURHAM has been awarded the Bronze Star for his service during a one-year deployment in Iraq. His platoon conducted more than 100 missions and logged over 15,000 miles on some very hostile roads. He is a deputy supervisor of elections for Collier County, Fla.



VICTORIA E. HEULER has

been Board Certified by The Florida Bar in the area of elder law. She is with the law firm of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope &

Weaver, P.A., where she focuses her practice on guardianships, capacity and elder rights.



THE HONORABLE LORRAINE M. KELLY was elected to

serve as a county court judge in Pinellas County, Fla. and took office in January 2007. She can be reached at

14250 – 49th St. N., Clearwater, Fla. 33762.

DR. MABLE H. SMITH is the founding dean for the College of Nursing at the University of Southern Nevada. She can be reached at 11 Sunset Way, Henderson, Nev. 89014; Ph.: 702.968.2071.

1994



NEIBRA WASHINGTON

COLLINS is an attorney for The Pittman Law Group in Talla-hassee. The firm has won the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Small

Business Excellence Award in the 1-9 employee category. She leads the firm's marital and family law, guardianship, estate and probate, and civil litigation practice areas. Sean Pittman ('94) is president of the law firm.



RYON M. MCCABE

announces the opening of his new firm, McCabe Rabin, P.A. in West Palm Beach. The firm focuses on business litigation, securities

arbitration, consumer protection and white collar criminal defense. He can be reached at rmccabe@mccaberabin.com.

SEAN A. PITTMAN'S firm, The Pittman Law Group, has won the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Small Business Excellence Award in the 1-9 employee category. He is president of the firm and Neibra Washington Collins ('94) is the lead attorney for the firm's marital and family law, guardianship, estate and probate, and civil litigation practice areas.

ALAN G. WILLIAMS has published *Physician*, *Protect Thyself*, a book that is available in all major retail and university bookstores. He also served in 2007 as an adjunct professor teaching medical malpractice law at Florida State Law.

1995

OMAR J. ARCIA has opened the Arcia Law Firm LLC in Miramar, Fla., where he handles cases in the areas of business litigation, personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice. He can be reached at 1.800.770.7102; e-mail: omararcia@ bellsouth.net.

LINDA G. BOND has been selected as the 2007 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award winner by the College of Law Alumni Association board of directors. She is a partner with the firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Tallahassee.

J. WILEY HORTON has co-invented the SimpleShot, a life-saving device used to administer an emergency dose of insulin to people with severe hypoglycemic episodes. The invention won first place in the History Channel's "Invent Now Challenge" and was featured on National Public Radio's "Science Friday" program. He is a shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A. in Tallahassee, where he practices in the areas of patents, copyrights and trademarks.



DARYL D. PARKS has been appointed to the Florida A&M University board of trustees. He will serve through January 2011. He is the founding and managing partner of Parks &

Crump, LLC.

DAVID E. RAMBA has been elected to the Florida Telecommunications Industry Association board of directors. He is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. REBECCA SHAW WIDEN has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Haapala, Alture, Thompson & Abern, LLP, where her practice focuses on the defense of public entities and their employees in civil actions. She can be reached at 1939 Harrison St., Ste. 800, Oakland, Calif. 94612; Ph.: 510.763.2324; e-mail: rebeccawiden@hatalaw.com

1996

JEFFREY A. CARTER has joined the firm of Higley & Szabo, P.A. as an associate. He can be reached at 986 Douglas Ave., Ste. 102, Altamonte Springs, Fla. 32714; Ph.: 407.389.7833.



RONALD A. CHRISTALDI has joined the firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP as a partner. He leads the firm's Tampa Health Care Practice Group. He can be reached at

101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Ste. 2800, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Ph.: 813.229.7600.

KIMBERLY ROCKWELL HOFFMAN has been recognized by Chambers USA as a leading Delaware lawyer for her work in land use and zoning. She is a shareholder in the firm of Riley Riper Hollin & Colagreco. She can be reached at 1201 Orange St., One Commerce Center, 3rd Fl., Wilmington, Del. 19801.

JEREMY N. JUNGREIS has joined the firm of Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott LLP as of counsel in the Orange County, Calif. office. His practice focuses on environmental and land use issues.

MICHAEL D. STARKS has received the 2006 Florida Bar *Journal* Excellence in Writing Award for his article, "Deconstructing Damages for Destruction of Evidence – *Martino* Eradicates the First-party Tort of Spoliation of Evidence." His article was published in the July/August 2006 Florida Bar *Journal*. He is senior counsel at the Orlando office of Holland & Knight LLP.

1997

JESSICA B. LASSMAN is a partner at Rosenthal Rosenthal Rasco, LLC and has been married for five years. She practices in the areas of family law, probate and civil and corporate litigation. She can be reached at 2875 N.E. 191st St., Ste. 500, Aventura, Fla. 33180; Ph.: 305.937.0300. MARY CLAIRE (MEYER) MILLER is a partner at Miller & Williams, PLC, where her practice includes commercial and residential property transactions. She can be reached at 2905 Corinthian Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32210; Ph.: 904.425.0040.

KEEVIN WILLIAMS has been appointed president of the Florida Black Business Investment Board by its board of directors. He can be reached at 2019 Centre Pointe Blvd., Ste. 101, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308; Ph.: 850.878.4566; e-mail: keevin. williams@fbbib.com.

1998

JUDITH ANN GARBO was recently married and is now Judith Ann Garbo Hayes. She is an associate with Greenberg Traurig, P.A. in Orlando.

MICHAEL J. KANOTZ serves as elections counsel for the California Secretary of State's Office. He can be reached at 1500 11th St., 5th Fl., Sacramento, Calif. 95814; Ph.: 916.653.1690.

SCOTT B. SMITH has been appointed to The Florida Bar Code & Rules of Evidence Committee for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2007. He also spoke at the 2007 Florida Justice Association Annual Convention on the topic of "Retrieving and Organizing Medical Records." He practices at the firm of Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP. He can be reached at 515 N. Flagler Dr., 10th Fl., W. Palm Beach, Fla. 33402; Ph.: 561.820.2223.

1999

CHARLES W. INMAN is now practicing at The Law Offices of Calandra & Inman. He can be reached at 2605 N. Howard Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33607.

TIFFANY D. MOORE was elected to the Board of County Commissioners for Orange County, Fla. in 2006. She can be reached at 201 S. Rosalind Ave., 5th Fl., Orlando, Fla. 32801.

KATHLEEN M. O'CONNELL is now employed in the Legal – Special Assets Division of SunTrust Bank. She can be reached at 303 Peachtree St., 36th Fl., Mail Code GA-Atlanta-0662, Atlanta, Ga. 30308; Ph.: 404.813.0493. DAMIAN E. THOMAS was installed as president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Dade County Bar Association in June. He is a partner in the firm of Wasserman & Thomas, P.A. He can be reached at 11098 Biscayne Blvd., Ste. 308, Miami, Fla. 33161.

2000

STEPHEN A. BAILEY has opened The Bailey Law Firm, P.L. His practice areas are eminent domain, mediation and arbitration and general real estate. He is married to Huy-Yen T. Cam ('02). He can be reached at 215 Delta Ct., Tallahassee, Fla. 32303; Ph.: 850.523.4445.

ROSALYN SIA BAKER-



BARNES has been elected to serve as chair-elect of the Florida Justice Association's Young Lawyer Section and to serve on the board of

directors of the Florida State College of Law Alumni Association. She is an associate at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. in West Palm Beach.

ZINELLE A. OCTOBER has started a fellowship in public affairs with the National Urban Fellows program and has been placed with the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials for a nine-month mentorship. She can be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 230, Washington, D.C. 20003; Ph.: 202.546.2536.

JEFFREY M. SCHUMM is now the assistant general counsel and corporate director of compliance for Orthofix Inc. He can be reached at 10115 Kincey Ave., Ste. 250, Huntersville, N.C. 28078; Ph.: 704.948.2626.

JULIA R. SOTOLONGO has joined the firm of Arnstein & Lehr LLP in their Miami office. She can be reached at 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Ste. 3600, Miami, Fla. 33131-2395; Ph.: 305.374.3330; e-mail: jrsotolongo@ arnstein.com.

2001

PAUL T. JAEGER has received a "Highly Commended Award" as part of the Emerald Group Publishing 2007 Literati Network Awards for Excellence for the co-written article "Functionality, Usability and Accessibility: Iterative User-Centered Evaluation Strategies for Digital Libraries."

BEDOUIN L. JOSEPH recently completed service as a White House fellow, with placement in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. He is a partner at Adams and Reese LLP in New Orleans.

MARIE E. MASSON has joined the Miami office of Adorno & Yoss as an associate. She can be reached at 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste. 400, Miami, Fla. 33134.

KOMAL U. PATEL has joined Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. as corporate counsel for commercial litigation. She can be reached at 2455 Paces Ferry Rd., Building C-20, Atlanta, Ga. 30339; Ph.: 770.384.4461.

THOMAS A. ROBES is an associate at the newly formed firm, The Thomas Law Group. He can be reached at 445 E. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432-5017; Ph.: 561.368.7474.

2002

JEANNE B. CURTIN is a partner in the newly formed firm of Hartman Curtin, LLC. She also has been chosen to serve on the 2007-2008 board of directors for The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. She can be reached at P.O. Box 10910, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302-10910; Ph.: 850.386.4242; e-mail: jcurtin@hartmancurtin.com.

MATTHEW L. FELIX has joined the firm of Older & Lundy, where he practices marital and family law. He can be reached at 3014 W. Palmira Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33629; Ph.: 813.254.8998; e-mail: mfelix@ olderlundylaw.com.

GEORGE T. LEVESQUE is the deputy chief of staff and special counsel for Marco Rubio, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. He can be reached at 420 The Capitol, 402 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32399.

MARISA UGALDE SUGARMAN has joined the Atlanta office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, where she practices in the areas of labor and employment law.

2003



JAMI MCFATTER BALKOM'S daughter Alli recently performed in her first dance recital. She is with the firm of Manuel & Thompson in Panama City, where she

practices in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death.

JON J. HERNAN is now with Seipp, Flick & Kissane LLP. He can be reached at 1025 Greenwood Blvd., Ste. 275, Lake Mary, Fla. 32746-5408; Ph.: 407.585.7606; e-mail: jhernan@sfklaw.com.

KEVIN M. SMITH has joined the firm of Brown, Tarlow, Bridges & Palmer, P.C in Oregon. He can be reached at 515 E. 1st St., Newberg, Ore. 97132-2909; Ph.: 503.538.3138.

SUSAN L. ST. JOHN has joined the firm of Amundsen & Smith. She has also received her LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. She can be reached at 502 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32302.



GIGI ROLLINI THOMAS is now practicing at Holland & Knight LLP in the firm's litigation section. She can be reached at 315 S. Calhoun

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In Memoriam

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Florida Trend's LEGAL ELITE



The following college of law alumni have been recognized in the fourth annual edition of florida trend's legal elite. this list is compiled by inviting all in-state members of the florida bar to name lawyers they hold in the highest regard.

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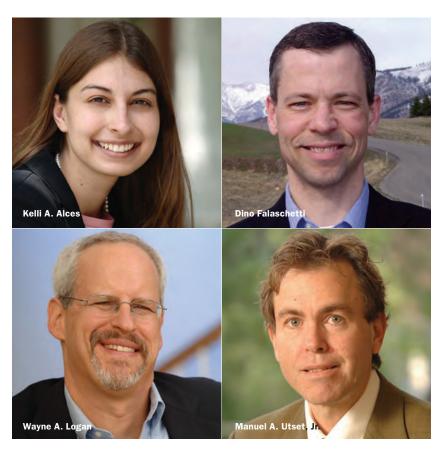
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FACULTY NEWS

Four New Faculty Members Join the Law School

n addition to Florida State Law's new first-year, transfer and visiting students, four new professors join us this year. During the fall semester, professors Kelli Alces, Wayne Logan and Manuel Utset began teaching. Alces and Utset greatly bolster our interdisciplinary program in the important area of Law, Business and Economics; Alces' scholarship focuses on the intersection of corporate and bankruptcy law and Utset, the Charles W. Ehrhardt Professor, is a leading scholar on applying behavioral law and economics to issues in corporate law. Logan, the Gary & Sallyn Pajcic Professor and our senior criminal law faculty member, has propelled our criminal law and criminal justice program to one of the strongest in the region.

This spring, our business program will gain another dynamic faculty member when Dino Falaschetti arrives on campus. Falaschetti is an empirical economist who has fulfilled managerial responsibilities in corporate finance and accounting for a Fortune 100 company. The addition of Alces, Falaschetti and Utset to our faculty gives Florida State one of the best business law programs in the Southeast.



FACULTY IN THE Blogosphere



When he is not teaching class, collaborating with students or pursuing scholarship, Assistant Professor Dan Markel is most likely traveling through the blogosphere. The blog he started in 2005,

PrawfsBlawg at Prawfs.com, is a forum that allows Professor Markel's ideas to be available to all without intermediaries or obstacles. As someone who was new to the legal teaching profession, the desire to create a community where young law professors could share important information and "banter" about scholarship motivated him to create the blog.

"Additionally, at the time I started Prawfs.com, there really wasn't a centerleft alternative to the law professor group blog, the Volokh Conspiracy," said Professor Markel. "Our hope was that we would emerge as a casual forum for independent and rigorous thinking – principally but not exclusively for moderates and liberals in the legal academy. Fortunately, we have achieved that goal. And, somewhat to my surprise and relief, the blog has selfconsciously become quite hospitable to many points of view, including libertarian and conservative ones."

Another faculty member who can be found in the blogosphere is J.B. Ruhl, the Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property. He is a founder of the Jurisdynamics blog and is an active blogger when time permits. Ruhl describes Jurisdynamics as "very eclectic. Its main focus is the dynamic interaction of law with science and policy and everything else."

Professors Markel and Ruhl are not the only faculty members active in the blogosphere. Previous contributors to Prawfs. com have included Florida State Law professors Brian Galle, Fernando Tesón and Lesley Wexler, and you can find posts

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from several other law professors on other popular legal academia blogs.

"There are many different purposes for blogging and it's not for everyone," said Ruhl. "But it can be a really useful outlet."

Because of the many benefits of blogging – such as the ability to promote scholarship to audiences that would not have read works elsewhere, a sense of gratification, the ability to flesh out thoughts for future work and the freedom to discuss ideas at the depth and time of their choosing – it is no surprise that the Florida State Law faculty has made its presence known in the blogosphere.

Klick and Gelbach Conduct Workshop at Yale Law



In March 2007, Jonathan Klick, the Jeffrey A. Stoops Professor, and Jonah Gelbach, a Visiting Professor, presented their paper titled *Cheap Donuts and Expensive Broccoli: The Effect of Relative Prices on Obesity* at Yale Law School. Because information about the pair's work in the general topic of statistics known as bootstrapping—a way to better measure how confident scholars should be with respect to statistical estimates—would be useful in empirical legal studies, Klick and Gelbach were asked if they

would conduct a day-long workshop on the topic for the Yale faculty.

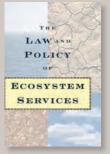
On July 19, Klick and Gelbach returned to Yale Law to teach some of the nation's top faculty members who conduct empirical legal studies. The pair presented *Using BS effectively in Empirical Law and Economics: A Primer on the Bootstrap Parts I & II*, walking Yale faculty through bootstrapping methods using existing papers and simulations. In one example, Klick and Gelbach showed how the results in one of Klick's published papers changed when the more sophisticated methods were used. "Everyone in attendance was very interested and asked a lot of questions," said Klick. "And they were exceedingly positive in their feedback."



Island Press recently published *The Law and Policy of Ecosystem Services*, a book written by Florida State Law Professor J.B. Ruhl (with Steven E. Kraft and Christopher L. Lant). According to Island Press, the book "is the first comprehensive exploration of the status and future of natural capital and ecosystem services in

American law and policy."

Ruhl, the Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property, is a nationally regarded expert in the fields of endangered species protection, regulation of wetlands, ecosystem management, environmental impact analysis, and related environmental and natural resources fields.



FACULTY NOTES

Includes publications, external presentations and other noteworthy items that have occurred between publication of the spring 2007 issue of the magazine and mid-October 2007.

Frederick M. Abbott

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR

Article: A New Dominant Trade Species Emerges: Is Bilateralism a Threat?, 10 J. INT'L ECON. L. 571 (2007). Presentations: Free Trade Agreements and the Reshaping of Global Pharmaceutical Supply: Implications for Development and Access (Duke Law School, International Law Speaker Series, April 2007); TRIPS, the WTO Decision of August 30, 2003 and Canada's Access to Medicines Regime: An Overview (Ottawa, Canada, Joint Program of the North-South Institute and Canadian HIV/ AIDS Legal Network, Access to Medicines and Intellectual Property, April 2007); Patent Quality (panelist) (Yale Law School, Yale Information Society Project, Access to Knowledge Conference April 2007); Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Berne, Switzerland, Served as faculty at World Trade Institute MILE Program, May 2007); FTAs, the Latin American Pharmaceutical Sector and Public Health: Planning the Way Forward (Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, at XXVIII Annual Meeting of Latin American Pharmaceutical Producers Association (ALIFAR), May 2007); Access to Essential Medicines: Lessons Learned Since The Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, and Policy Options for the European Union, Directorate General External Policies of the European Union (Brussels, Belgium, Public Session of the International Trade Committee of the European Parliament, June 2007) (with Jerome Reichman); The Problems of Intellectual Property and How to Address Them (Panama City, Panama, Workshop on Experiences in the Implementation, Administration and Use of Trade Agreements in Latin America,

June 2007); Enhanced Patent Protection in International Agreements and Free Trade Agreements (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Second International Seminar on Patents, Innovation and Development hosted by Abifina (Brazilian Association of Fine Chemical and Biotechnology Industries), July 2007); Comparative Study of Selected Government Policies for Promoting Transfer of Technology and Competitiveness in the Colombian Pharmaceutical Sector (Bogota, Colombia, USAID Technical Expert, August 2007).

Kelli A. Alces

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Articles: Directors' Duties in Failing Firms, 1 J. BUS. & TECH. L. 529 (2007) (with Larry Ribstein) (symposium); Moving Toward a Federal Law of Corporate Governance in Bankruptcy, 31 S. ILL. U. L.J. 621 (2007).

Rob E. Atkinson, Jr.

RUDEN, MCCLOSKY, SMITH, SCHUSTER & RUSSELL PROFESSOR

Presentation: *Law and Literature* (Amelia Island, Florida, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2007).

Curtis Bridgeman

JAMES EDMUND AND MARGARET ELIZABETH HENNESSEY CORRY PROFESSOR

Article: Reconciling Strict Liability and Corrective Justice in Contract Law, 75 FORDHAM L. REV. 3013 (2007). Presentation: Why Contracts Scholars Should Read Legal Philosophy: Positivism, Formalism, and the Specification of Rules in Contract Law (University of Illinois School of Law Faculty Workshop, August 2007).

Donna R. Christie

ELIZABETH C. AND CLYDE W. ATKINSON PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Article: A Tale of Three Takings: Taking Analysis in Land Use Regulation in the United States, Australia and Canada, 32 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 343 (2007).

Robin Kundis Craig

ATTORNEYS' TITLE INSURANCE FUND PROFESSOR

Articles and Columns: Which Way Federalism Under Section 402?, 22 NAT. Resources & Env't. 20 (Summer 2007); Protecting Oceans from Urban Stormwater Runoff, 21 NAT. RESOURCES & ENV'T. 36 (Spring 2007); Valuing Coastal and Ocean Ecosystem Services: The Paradox of Scarcity for Marine Resources Commodities and the Potential Role of Lifestyle Value Competition, 22 J. LAND USE & ENVT'L L. 355 (2007) (symposium); Water Flow, Water Quality, and Threatened Florida Corals, 22 NAT. RES. & ENV'T (Fall 2007), at 8; four Supreme Court News columns in ABA Administrative and Regulatory Law News (Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall 2007). Presentations: Fishers, Divers, Scientists, Lawyers, and Marine Protected Areas: The U.S. Experience in Protecting Coral Reefs (University of Auckland, 5th International Coastal & Marine Tourism Congress, September 2007); Getting the Hang of the Eastern Public Trust Doctrines (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Eastern Water Law Panel, ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, September 2007); Private Rights, Public Resources (panel moderator) (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Eastern Water Law Panel, ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, September 2007); Overview of Wetlands Regulation (Las Vegas, CLE International National Wetlands Conference, June 2007). Recognition: Selected a Natural Resources Distinguished Environmental Graduate by Lewis & Clark Law School. Other: Participated on behalf of the National Research Council

in Capitol Hill talks and a press conference regarding the release of the NRC's report on the Clean Water Act and the Mississippi River.

Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte

PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND PROFESSOR

Article: A Critique of Roscoe Pound's Popular Dissatisfaction with the Administration of Justice: The Missing Discussion of Criminal Law, 48 S. Tex. L. Rev. 969 (2007).

Lorelei Ritchie de Larena

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Presentations: *Recent U.S. Supreme Court Cases on Patenting* (Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, June 2007); *Recent U.S. Supreme Court Cases and Licensing Practice* (California State Bar teleconference, July 2007).

Joseph Dodge

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF & SITTERSON PROFESSOR

Presentations: The Role, Foundation, and Content of Ability to Pay in Tax Theory (Berlin, Germany, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 2007); The Meaning and Function of "Direct Tax" in the U. S. Constitution (Berlin, Germany, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 2007); Murphy, Tax Policy, and Pedagogy (panelist) (Washington, D.C., ABA Tax Section Meeting, May 2007).

Dino Falaschetti

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW AND ECONOMICS

Presentation: Sex Differences in Risk Taking? Evidence from Female Representation in Legislatures (Washington University, Center in Political Economy workshop, October 2007).

Brian Galle

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Articles: Can Discriminatory State Taxation of Municipal Bonds Be Justified?, 117 TAX NOTES 153 (October 8, 2007) (with Ethan Yale); Designing Interstate Institutions: The Example of the Streamlined Sales & Use Tax Agreement, 40 U.C. DAVIS L. Rev. 1381 (2007); Interpretative Theory and Tax Shelter Regulation, 26 VA. TAX REV. 357 (2006); Municipal Bonds and the Dormant Commerce Clause After United Haulers, 115 TAX NOTES, June 11, 2007, at 1037, and 44 STATE TAX NOTES, June 18, 2007, at 837. Presentations: Policy Innovation in Centralized and Decentralized Governments (with Joseph Leahy) (Toronto, Canadian Law & Economics Association Annual Conference, September 2007); Fairness and Federalism in Taxation (Berlin, Germany, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 2007); Avoidance, Enforcement and Legitimacy of the Tax System (panel chair/discussant) (Berlin, Germany, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 2007); Fairness and Federalism in Taxation (Amelia Island, Florida, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2007).

Sally C. Gertz

CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Presentation: File Now, Pay Later: Florida's Switch from Waivers to Payment Plans to Provide Indigents with Access to Civil Justice (Tallahassee Bar Association, June 2007). **Other:** Appointed to the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases.

Steven G. Gey

DAVID AND DEBORAH FONVIELLE AND DONALD AND JANET HINKLE PROFESSOR

Chapter: *Atheism and the Freedom of Religion*, in THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO ATHEISM (Michael Martin, editor) (Cambridge University Press 2007). **Other**: Luncheon speaker at the Presbyterian University Center Faculty Luncheon Series titled *The Constant Challenges of Academic Freedom*, October 9, 2007.

Jonathan Klick

JEFFREY A. STOOPS PROFESSOR

Article: A Law and Economics Perspective on Terrorism, 128 Pub. CHOICE 147 (2006) (WITH NUNO GAROUPA & FRANCESCO PARISI). Presentations: Cheap Donuts and Expensive Broccoli (Rice University/ University of Houston Departments of Economics, Microeconomics Workshop, October 2007); Cheap Donuts and Expensive Broccoli (George Mason University School of Law, Levy Workshop, October 2007); The Effect of Contract Regulation: The Case of Franchising (University of Pennsylvania Law School Faculty Workshop, October 2007); The Effect of Contract Regulation: The Case of Franchising (University of Southern California School of Law Faculty Workshop, September 2007); Medical Malpractice Reform and Physicians in High Risk Specialties (The RAND Corporation, Institute for Civil Justice Workshop, September 2007); Abortion Access and Risky Sex Among Teens (University of Southern California School of Law Faculty Workshop, August 2007); Using BS Effectively in Empirical Law and Economics: A Primer on the Bootstrap (Yale Law School, July 2007).

Lawrence S. Krieger

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Article: Understanding the Negative Effects of Legal Education on Law Students: A Longitudinal Test of Self-Determination Theory, 33 PERSONALITY & SOCIAL PSYCH. BULL. 883 (2007) (with Kennon M. Sheldon). Recognition: Selected as the inaugural chair of the Association of American Law Schools Balance in Legal Education Section.

Tahirih V. Lee

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Presentations: Extended Land Leasing, Foreign Enclaves, and the Rise of Federalism and Local Politics in Early Twentieth Century China (Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, October 2007); four lectures titled Introduction to International Business Transactions in China; International Trade in China in Historical and Political Perspective; Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Law in China; and Strategies for Negotiating and Investing in China (Tianjin, China, Nankai University, July 2007).

Charlene D. Luke

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: Taxing Risk: An Approach to Variable Insurance Reform, 55 BUFF. L. Rev. 251 (2007).

Dan Markel

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Articles: Wrong Turns on the Road to Alternative Sanctions: Reflections on the Future of Shaming Punishments and Restorative Justice, 85 Tex. L. Rev. 1385 (2007); Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties, 2007 U. ILL. L. REV. 1147 (with Jennifer M. Collins and Ethan J. Leib). Presentations: Retributive Damages (Loyola University New Orleans Law School Faculty Workshop, October 2007); Retributive Damages (University of St. Thomas-Minnesota Faculty Workshop, October 2007); Criminal Procedure: New Challenges, New Ideas (panelist) (Amelia Island, Florida, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2007); Retributive Damages (Berlin, Germany, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 2007); How To Get a Job (panelist) (Berlin, Germany, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 2007); Retributive Damages (University of Haifa Faculty Workshop, June 2007); (Bar-Ilan University Faculty Workshop, June 2007); (Tel-Aviv University Faculty Workshop, June 2007).

David L. Markell

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Article: Is There a Possible Role for Regulatory Enforcement in the Effort to Value, Protect, and Restore Ecosystem Services?, 22 J. LAND USE & ENVT'L L. 549 (2007) (symposium).

Gregg D. Polsky

SHEILA M. MCDEVITT PROFESSOR

Recognition: Selected by the Internal Revenue Service as the 2007-2008 Professor in Residence.

Benjamin J. Priester

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: The Canine Metaphor and the Future of Sentencing Reform: Dogs, Tails, and the Constitutional Law of Wagging, 60 S.M.U. L. REV. 209 (2007).

Jim Rossi

HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

Article: Constitutional Isolationism and the Limits of State Separation of Powers as a Barrier to Interstate Compacts, 90 MARQ. L. REV. 721 (2007) (symposium). Presentations: Cooperative Federalism and Judicial Review (University of Iowa Faculty Workshop, October 2007); ALJ Finality and Judicial Review (Washington, D.C., National Association of Administrative Law Judges Annual Meeting, October 2007); Power Generation: Efficiency, Supply, Demand, Price and Markets (Tallahassee, Florida, Village Square Meeting, October 2007).

J.B. Ruhl

MATTHEWS & HAWKINS PROFESSOR OF PROPERTY

Book: THE LAW AND POLICY OF ECOSYS-TEM SERVICES (with Chris Lant & Steve Kraft) (Island Press 2007). Articles: The "Background Principles" of Natural Capital and Ecosystems Services—Did Lucas Open Pandora's Box?, 22 J. LAND USE & ENVT'L L. 525 (2007) (symposium); Introduction: The Law and Policy Beginnings of Ecosystem Services, 22 J. LAND USE & ENVT'L L. 157 (2007) (with James Salzman) (symposium); The Pardy-Ruhl Dialogue on Ecosystem Management Part IV: Narrowing and Sharpening the Issues, 24 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 15 (2007); Ecosystem Services and the Public Trust Doctrine—Working Change from Within, 15 SOUTHEASTERN ENVTL L. J. 227 (2007) (with James Salzman). Presentation: Democracy, Environmental Law and Land Use: Conflict or Confluence? (panelist) (Amelia Island, Florida, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2007).

Mark B. Seidenfeld

PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Presentation: Agency Decisions to Act (University of Missouri-Columbia Faculty Workshop, October 2007).

Lois L. Shepherd

THE FLORIDA BAR HEALTH LAW SECTION AND D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

Article: Heroes, Lawyers and Writers—A Review of Two Schiavo Books, 31 Nova L. Rev. 315 (2007) (book review).

Harold P. Southerland

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Article: The Case for American History in the Law-School Curriculum, 29 W. New Eng. L. Rev. 661 (2006).

Nat S. Stern

JOHN W. AND ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR

Articles: The Doubtful Validity of Victim-Specific Libel Laws, 52 VILL. L. REV. 533 (2007); Increasing Safety for Battered Women and Their Children: Creating a Privilege for Supervised Visitation Intake Records, 41 U. RICH. L. REV. 499 (2007) (with Karen Oehme).

Fernando Tesón

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR

Presentations: What is Aggression? (University of Paris Sorbonne, Cornell University Paris Institute for International and Comparative Law, July 2007); Kant and the Problem of Legislation (University of Jena, Germany, Conference on "Kant's Doctrine of Right" July 2007); The Question of Intent in Humanitarian Intervention (Cracow, Poland, World Congress of Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy (IVR), August 2007); Some Problems in Defining Aggression as an International Crime (Cracow, Poland, World Congress of Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy (IVR), August 2007).

Donald J. Weidner

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR

Book: The Revised Uniform Partner-SHIP ACT (with Robert W. Hillman & Allan W. Vestal) (West Group 2007). Presentations: Changes in Legal Education (Panama City, Florida, Annual Banquet of the St. Andrew Bay Inn of Court, September 2007); Roundtable Discussion on the Law School of the Future (Amelia Island, Florida, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2007); Empowering Youth and Assuring Democracy (Pensacola, Florida, Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association Law Day Luncheon Keynote, May 2007); Fundraising Tips for Deans in Intermediate Development Programs (Broomfield, Colorado, ABA Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Development Conference, May 2007).

Lesley Wexler

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: The Non-Legal Role of International Human Rights Law in Addressing Immigration, 2007 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 359. Presentations: Human Rights Impact Statements (Georgetown School of Law, Georgetown Immigrant Rights and International Human Rights Conference, October 2007); *Employment Compensation as a Screen* (University of Colorado/University of Denver Colloquia in Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, September 2007); *The Role of International Law in Addressing Immigration: The Contribution of Human Rights Approaches* (Amelia Island, Florida, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2007).

AROUND THE LAW

Hispanic Business Magazine Again Names Florida State the Nation's Sixth Best Law School for Hispanics



Florida State is once again the nation's sixth best law school for Hispanics, according to *Hispanic Business* magazine. This is the fourth year in a row that the law school has been named in the top ten and the second year in a row that the law school has been ranked sixth best.

The magazine surveyed all the nation's law schools accredited by the American Bar Association and ranked them on a variety of factors, including the percentage of Hispanic students enrolled, the percentage of full-time Hispanic faculty, services for Hispanic students, Hispanic recruitment efforts and retention rates, and quality of education and reputational ranking as reflected in U.S. News & World Report.

For the 2006-2007 academic year, Hispanics made up eight percent of the school's 765-member student body enrollment and received 19 of the

245 law degrees awarded to the class of 2007. Seven percent of full-time faculty members were Hispanic.

"Because other schools have even more Hispanic students and faculty than we do," said Dean Don Weidner, "it is our reputation for academic excellence that puts us over the top."

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2008 Summer for Undergraduates Program

Do you know any undergraduate students considering law school? Encourage them to apply today for the 2008 Summer for Undergraduates Program – our law school's intensive, month-long program that provides select students, particularly those from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, with an inside look at law school and the legal profession.

The 2008 program will run from May 19-June 13 and applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 28, 2008. For more information, visit www.law.fsu.edu/slp or e-mail saffairs@law.fsu.edu.



SCHOOL

Florida State Grads Have the Best Bar Passage Rate Again

Florida State Law graduates have again ranked first in the state on the July administration of the Florida Bar exam. For three of the last four administrations of the exam, Florida State graduates have been first in the state.

Florida State grads taking the July 2007 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 89 percent, according to statistics released by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The overall passing rate of graduates taking the exam for the first time was 80.4 percent. The exam was administered July 24-25 in Tampa to 2,450 first-time takers, including 164 from Florida State.

"We are all thrilled with the record of excellence our students have achieved on the Florida Bar Exam," said Dean Don Weidner. "Special congratulations and thanks go to the May 2007 graduates for their superb accomplishment."

Williams and Catalano Assume New Roles



Stephanie Williams



Rosanna Catalano

Stephanie Williams, a 1995 graduate of the law school, has been appointed the new Assistant Dean for Development at Florida State Law. She replaces Mark Pankey, who is now the Assistant Vice President for Development at the Florida State University Foundation. Williams practiced law in Tallahassee before joining the law school as Director of Career Placement in 1999. She was later promoted to Associate Dean for Administration in 2000. Both in her capacity as a practicing attorney and as a member of the law school's administrative team, she has been extremely engaged with the legal profession and the law school's alumni. As Assistant Dean for Development, Williams works directly with the Dean to develop opportunities for and to secure major gifts of \$100,000 or more.

Succeeding Williams is Rosanna Catalano, who is the law school's new Assistant Dean for Administration. Catalano, a 1997 University of Florida College of Law graduate, practiced law in Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee before joining the law school in January 2005 as Director of the Placement Office. As Assistant Dean for Administration, Catalano is responsible for all official law school functions that are not directly related to the academic program or student affairs and supervises all non-academic staff.



Markell Named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Professor Dave Markell, a law school faculty member since 2002, has assumed the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs position at Florida State Law. Widely recognized for his scholarship involving environmental and administrative law and policy, Markell's teaching experience dates back to 1994.

In his new role, Markell is responsible for all matters that relate to the program of study at Florida State Law. His responsibilities include creating the class schedule, academic advising, enforcing the law school grade curve, approving students applying credit towards their J.D. for courses taken outside of the law school, hiring and training of adjunct professors, advising the Dean on faculty assignments, hiring visiting professors, and recommending to the faculty and implementing updates and changes to the rules governing the academic program.

Mock Trial Team Holds Intramural Competition

On October 6, the Florida State Law mock trial team completed the annual Wayne Hogan Intramural Competition – the training competition for new team members. The competition is named after mock trial benefactor and alumnus Wayne Hogan, whose generous gift to the law school helps fund the activities of the law school's mock trial team.

Third-year law student Ben Smith coached winning team members Gennifer Bridges Powell, Stacy S. Sharp and Raju Vyas. Powell also received the most votes for best advocate.

Four teams comprised of 14 students competed in the event and were evaluated by local judges representing the Second Judicial Circuit, the Division of Administrative Hearings, and the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims. Also serving as competition judges were attorneys from the Office of the Public Defender, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the State Attorney's Office and private firms.



PHONATHON

For three weeks in October, students were busy calling alumni as part of the law school's annual Phonathon. Thank you to everyone who answered the call and pledged their support!



Spring 2008 Tax Conference

Some of the nation's leading tax law faculty members will be at the law school on April 4-5 for the 2008 Critical Tax Conference. Joseph Dodge, the Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor, is organizing the conference, which has been in existence for about a decade and is hosted by a different institution each year. The event allows tax scholars to present their works-inprogress for feedback from peers.

Shepherd Named The Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor



Professor Lois Shepherd, a highly regarded bioethics and health law expert, has been appointed The Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor at Florida State Law. The Florida Bar Health Law Section endowed the professorship with a \$100,000 gift to the law school in 2001.

"We are delighted to have Professor Shepherd in place as The Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor," said Health Law Section chair Laurie Levin, who is of counsel at the Orlando office of Baker Hostetler. "As a leading authority on health law issues, she will help us advance our mission of providing a forum for communication and education leading to the improvement and development of the field of health law."

An active teacher and scholar on health law, Shepherd is currently working to assure greater cooperation between the law school and Florida State's medical school. She has expressed great enthusiasm about the appointment, which will bring together the work of the Health Law Section and its members and the law school's students and faculty.

"It's a real honor to be named to this professorship and I am looking forward to strengthening the ties between our students and faculty and the practicing health law bar," she said.

Shepherd, whose scholarly output is extensive, has been a law school faculty member since 1993. She recently published a co-authored casebook titled *Bioethics and the Law* and has published and presented numerous articles related to the law of end-of-life decisionmaking. An expert on the highly publicized end-of-life decision-making case involving Florida resident Terri Schiavo, she has written several articles and made many presentations regarding the Schiavo case. Her law degree is from Yale University.



CLOSING NOTES...

Our current students represent 38 states, 14 countries and 219 colleges and universities,

including: Brandeis, Cornell, Duke, Dartmouth, Emory, Fordham, George Washington, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Mount Holyoke, Princeton, Stanford, Texas, U.C.L.A., U.N.C.-Chapel Hill, U. of Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt, Virginia and Yale.

Twenty-five percent of the students in our 2007 entering class have LSAT scores of 162

or higher and the average LSAT is 160. The average GPA is 3.5.

Our May 2006 graduating class had a **99 percent placement rate** nine months after graduation.

This year, members of our faculty are serving as visiting professors at **Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School, the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Vanderbilt Law School.**

Overall, U.S. News & World Report (2007) ranks us in the **top tier of American law schools** in terms of academic reputation (at 48).

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