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A portrait of Mel Martinez, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, a white striped shirt, and a red tie. He is smiling and has his arms crossed. The background is a blurred view of a large arched window.

## MEL MARTINEZ

### Our First U.S. Senator!

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ANNUAL REPORT

## A National Law School

We woke up one morning to discover that we have a national law school on our hands. Our primary loyalty is, of course, to the taxpayers of Florida, who provide us with substantial subsidy. The best way to honor their trust is to offer an academic program that is a credit to our students and to our alumni. We must maximize the value of a law degree from Florida State. To do that, we must offer a program that is held in high regard both regionally and nationally and is attractive to students from other states.



This year, our 750 students come from 208 different colleges and universities and 37 different states. Although most of our students are and should be Florida residents, the out-of-state tuition of \$27,500 a year (*versus* \$7,500 a year for Florida residents) has not deterred the thirty percent of our students who hail from other states. Our average LSAT has risen to 159 (79th percentile), and 25% of our students have LSAT scores of 161 (85th percentile) or above. On the downside, we are forced to turn away many fine applicants. On the upside, the students we enroll are extraordinarily bright, hardworking and impressive in many ways. Our minority enrollment in this fall's entering class is 25%, with Asian Americans now making up 5% of our student body. We try and, I think succeed, in offering a welcoming environment for all of our students. We are all thrilled that, this fall, *Hispanic Business* magazine ranked us in the top 10 law schools in the nation for Hispanic law students.

Our faculty are nothing short of astonishing. They are traveling at the highest levels nationally, and in the process are enhancing the prestige and value of a Florida State law degree. In just the past few years, our faculty have served as visiting professors at Berkeley, Cornell, the University of North Carolina, the University of Texas, Vanderbilt and Virginia, among others. Indeed, Professor Jim Rossi resigned his tenured full professorship at UNC in order to return to Florida State. He found us a more exciting academic environment and a school with a stronger sense of mission.

Our alumni are amazing us all with the breadth and depth of their accomplishments. Probably no alum has held more of the national spotlight than Mel Martinez, who graces the cover of this issue and who is our first U.S. senator. Our last cover featured Kelly Overstreet Johnson, our third Florida Bar President in 10 years. The alumni notes in this and other issues attest to the personal and professional accomplishments of alums throughout the state and nation.

This issue of *FSULaw* is in large part a "thank you" to all of you who have provided us financial support throughout the year. Private giving is what is enabling us to take our program to a national level of excellence. Private giving makes everything possible, from a Moot Court Team that can afford to send coaches to competitions to a faculty who can have merit increases to supplement the State's \$1,000 across-the-board appropriations of recent years. Our major donors are, of course, critical to us, and we are all in their debt. But our Annual Fund Donors are equally critical. This past year's Alumni Giving Rate of 24% is a monumental accomplishment—and one that leaves us with an Alumni Giving Rate in the top 15 of all public law schools nationally. We are also thrilled that the student giving rate is 50%—our students are inspiring us all! Make no mistake about it: every gift counts. Every gift to the Annual Fund matters for at least three reasons. First, small gifts add up to large amounts that make significant differences. Second, the rate of alumni support motivates all of us here at the law school—both the faculty doing the teaching and the student groups receiving your support. Every gift is a welcome vote of confidence in a time of budget cuts. Third, the rate of alumni giving motivates major donors. Our major donors contribute such large amounts only because they are confident that they are a part of a much larger movement supporting continuing excellence at our school.

Thank you all for your wonderful work and for your generous support.

Sincerely,

**Don Weidner**

*Dean, College of Law*

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# OUR FIRST

## Alum Mel Martinez's Meteoric Rise to National Prominence A Testament to the American Dream

BY BARBARA ASH

**L**ittle did Mel Martinez realize when he stepped off the plane that carried him from Castro's Cuba to Miami 42 years ago that he was stepping into his own version of the American Dream.

In the four decades since his now-famous freedom flight, Martinez has made what he calls his "improbable journey" from lonely and frightened 15-year-old refugee to U.S. senator.

With his November 2 victory over Democrat Betty Castor, Martinez became the first Cuban-American to be elected a U.S. senator. Four years earlier, he became the first Cuban-American to serve in a presidential cabinet, a post he held for three years before returning to Florida in December 2003 to seek the Republican nomination for the senate.

Martinez, 58, also has made history at Florida State University as the first College of Law graduate ('73) to reach such heights of U.S. political power.

When he cast himself in ads and speeches as "a living testament to the American Dream," it was more than campaign rhetoric. His story became well-known across the nation.

Martinez arrived in Florida in 1962 and lived in refugee camps and foster homes in Orlando before being reunited with his family, who came to the United States four years later. He put himself through school, earning his undergraduate and law degrees at Florida State, and then made a name for himself as a successful trial lawyer, respected civic leader and the first popularly elected Republican chairman of Orange County. Then President George W. Bush selected him to serve as secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Throughout his career and with all of his successes, Martinez has remained intimately involved in

life at the College of Law. He served as Alumni Association president in 1981-82, hosted alumni at his home and, while he was secretary of HUD, made a student recruitment video that was posted on the law school's web site.

Martinez said his election to the U.S. Senate—the highest political position attainable by a naturalized citizen—is proof that "if you believe in the American Dream of freedom and opportunity and if you pursue it with hard work, respect and an abiding faith in God, then all things are possible."

In his victory speech, Martinez said that as a senator he is "eager to repay his debt to America and Florida by passionately defending and safeguarding the American Dream for this and future generations."

### Playing in the Major Leagues of U.S. Politics

**A**s a boy who loved playing baseball on the fields of his native Cuba, Martinez had set his sights on making it to the major leagues. He never dreamed that he would make it to the major leagues of U.S. politics and one day play catch with the president of the United States at Camp David. Nor had it ever occurred to him, as a young immigrant trying desperately to learn English and to lose his Cuban accent, that one day he would be the Republican Party's leading Hispanic figure and deliver a prime-time 2004 convention speech endorsing Bush's re-election.

Martinez became friends with Bush during the 2000 presidential campaign. As one of the campaign chairs, Martinez frequently picked up the candidate at the Orlando airport and drove him to meetings and appearances.

# SENATOR!



President George W. Bush introduces Mel Martinez at the White House.

## Throughout his career and with all of his successes, Martinez has remained intimately involved in life at the College of Law.

“We’d make two or three stops and sit in the car and talk,” Martinez recalled during a recent visit to the law school. “He loves baseball and is a real family man and very easy to talk to and so, on a personal level, we connected.

“He thought I was sincere in what I was trying to do in public life. And I think he viewed the things I was doing as having a great similarity to his philosophy of compassionate conservatism. He wanted to

make sure that he surrounded himself with people who are like-minded that he could bring to Washington to make a difference. He felt my story was a unique story and a unique opportunity.”

As the two sat in a parked car during one of the Orlando visits, Bush told Martinez that he would need good people in Washington when he was elected, and then dropped the topic.

“I thought to myself, ‘I wonder if that

means that I should help him recruit some of those good people or maybe it was more personal,’” Martinez said, laughing. “I was too afraid to touch it because it seemed too incredible. But, as time went on, I would get inquiries from his staff. I told them I would only leave my job for a cabinet position. I didn’t hear anything more about it until after the election. Then on the seventh of December 2000, I got a call from the governor (Jeb Bush) saying, ‘My brother

would like you to be on his cabinet. He would like for you to be HUD secretary. Can I tell him you'll do it? And should he call you? And I said, 'Yeah, I think I will.' ”

Martinez said he was particularly pleased because he was the president's third cabinet pick after Colin Powell, whom Bush tapped as secretary of state, and Don Evans, who became his commerce secretary.

“It wasn't an afterthought, or 'Gee, now we need a Hispanic on the cabinet,' so I was very honored, very thrilled,” Martinez said.

## Making a Difference in Washington

**M**ore than once Martinez had to take a reality check during the course of his meteoric rise to national prominence.

“Sitting at the cabinet table, I honestly would have moments of pinching myself,” he said. “I'd sit there and see the portraits of Teddy Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower and busts of Jefferson and Franklin and I'd think, 'Here sat FDR with his cabinet, here sat Teddy Roosevelt with his cabinet and here sat Kennedy with his cabinet during the Cuban missile crisis. This is where they sat, and, now, someone like me is sitting at this table. It was incredible.'”

Martinez has gotten to know current-day heavy hitters of American politics, such as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney. He calls Attorney General John Ashcroft “a pal.”

“When I was in law school, I thought that to clerk for a federal judge would have been so incredible,” he said. “I never would have thought that I would know the attorney general on a first-name basis or that I would go to his house for dinner or that he would come to mine. To be in the cabinet and to have those opportunities is unique to say the least.”

In his cabinet post Martinez said he made important contributions in areas in addition to housing.



Mel Martinez with son John Martinez at the College of Law, where John is a second-year student

“I had a great deal to do with the domestic agenda of the administration and beyond that, I was able to bring a perspective on the Latin American issues. As we were putting together the coalition for the war, I had an opportunity to talk with foreign leaders, and I think I made a contribution by getting the Spanish-speaking world to understand the nature of our concerns and reasons for the war in Iraq.

“I was able to articulate those reasons in Spanish to the world community, doing the equivalent of 'Meet the Press' in Spanish in Madrid—representing our government and trying to do the same thing Colin Powell does in our 'Meet the Press.' But in that world I was the voice of our administration. That was powerful, wasn't well known and had nothing to do with HUD, but when you're in the cabinet of a president, you do things well above and beyond your narrow job title.”

Away from the cabinet table, Martinez said that “one of his biggest kicks” was playing catch one fall day with Bush at Camp David.

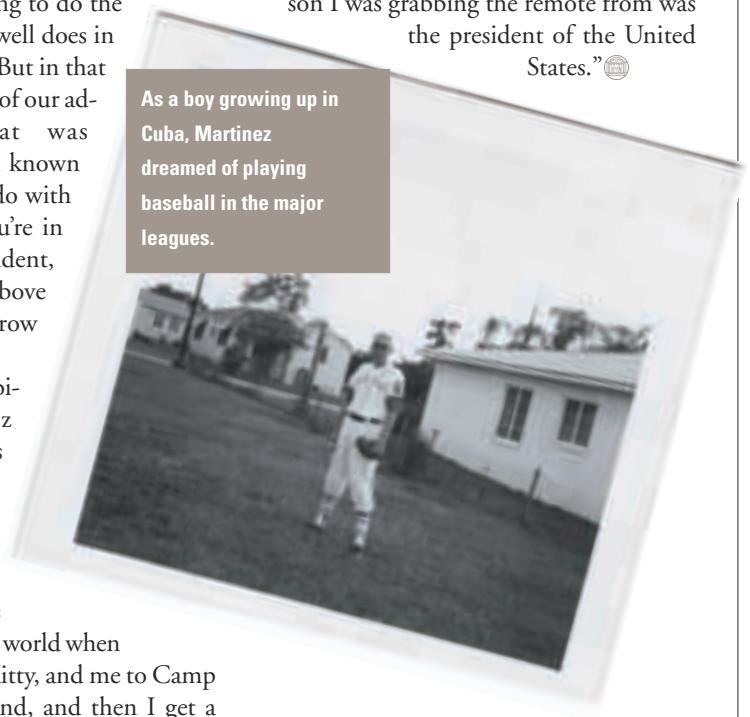
“I thought I was the luckiest guy in the world when he invited my wife, Kitty, and me to Camp David for the weekend, and then I get a

message at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon from his office, saying, 'The president would like for you to bring a glove.' Now, that was a lot of fun.”

Martinez recalled with a laugh another incident that occurred during the same weekend that illustrates how far he has traveled from Cuba.

“We were watching college football. He (Bush) was watching Texas and I was trying to watch FSU. At some point, Kitty warned me that I was grabbing the remote from him and turning on the FSU game and that I should be reminded that the person I was grabbing the remote from was the president of the United States.”

As a boy growing up in Cuba, Martinez dreamed of playing baseball in the major leagues.





BRADLEY STOEKEY

# REGINALD LUSTER

**Making History in Jacksonville**

BY JEFFERY SEAY



**R**eginald Luster, a College of Law alumnus known for his belief in the good that lawyers can do for their communities, made history this summer. He was sworn in as the first African-American president of the Jacksonville Bar Association, a 107-year-old organization that first accepted African-American lawyers in 1966.

Luster, a 1988 graduate, has big plans for his one-year term that began June 10. They include increasing the association's membership and educational opportunities for members, and encouraging members to rededicate themselves to public service.

"I am both humbled and honored to serve in this capacity," said Luster, 40. "Obviously, I realize the historical significance and so do the members of the bar and the community. These are exciting and historical times for all of Jacksonville and, in particular, the Jacksonville Bar Association.

"I just hope that, in years to come, when others look at my service as president, it will inspire young men and women who practice law to do the same. That is, to seek this position so that they, too, can serve the bar and serve the community."

After being sworn in as president, Luster's steadfast belief in service to the community was evident in his speech to the assembled members of the bar.

"I reminded them about their oath of office and I actually read it. The oath makes it quite clear that we have that obligation. It says, 'I will never reject from any consideration personal to myself the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.'"

He asked that the members of the Jacksonville Bar work with the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, volunteer some time, handle a pro bono case or do anything in order to fulfill that obligation.

In terms of his other goals as president—increasing membership and educational opportunities for members—his work ethic is apparent as he strives to build the Jacksonville Bar into a stronger, more responsive organization.

"The Jacksonville Bar Association currently has approximately 1,800 members. However, The Florida Bar reports that there are approximately 2,900 lawyers in the 4th Judicial Circuit, which includes Clay, Duval and Nassau counties. Therefore, there are a large number of lawyers out there who I believe can benefit from membership.

"In addition to that, I plan to concentrate on providing what I consider to be comprehensive continuing legal education seminars for lawyers in this circuit. My plan is to ask those lawyers who've agreed to serve as section chairs—who I appoint—along with their section members to help put on a CLE seminar so that our members can get updated information and find out about

## Luster is the first African-American president of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

certain law trends or important decisions that may have occurred, not only in Florida, but throughout the entire country.

Luster, whose training allows him to offer an uncommonly broad practice of personal injury law, employment law and constitutional law, is a partner in the Jacksonville firm Luster and Davis, P.A.

"I have a civil practice in both state and federal court," he said. "When I initially began the practice of law, I worked as an associate and, eventually, a partner in an insurance defense law firm, where I developed my expertise in personal injury law. Thereafter, I worked as an assistant United States attorney with the Department of Justice where I defended the federal government in both tort actions and employment discrimination actions. That is also how I got my exposure to constitutional issues."

As a result of his service to the Justice Department, Luster was honored in 2000 with the Director's Award for Superior Achievement in Furthering Equal Employment Opportunity, after serving a detail with

the executive office in Washington, D.C.

"I received assignments requiring me to travel throughout the country and conduct investigations into allegations of employment discrimination, on behalf of either U.S. attorneys or their management employees."

Luster looks back on his days at the College of Law with fondness and praised the faculty and staff for doing an excellent job in preparing students to be lawyers.

"I met (former) Dean (Talbot "Sandy") D'Alemberte in the summer of 1984 at a breakfast on campus. I told him I was planning on coming to law school at FSU. He asked me to call when I was ready to attend. In the spring of 1985, my academic adviser gave him a call and said, 'Hey, remember that guy Reggie Luster? Well, he's ready to go to law school.'"

Luster recalled that D'Alemberte hired him that summer before he started classes.

"I did a lot of administrative and clerical work, but had the opportunity to meet a lot of the law professors. That was great because they would actually teach me that fall of 1985."

Not only did Luster enjoy the opportunities of learning the law at the hands of FSU faculty, but also meeting and getting to know his classmates.

"I still talk to them," he said. "I had lunch with one of them recently, and we always reflect on the good days in law school at FSU." 🍷



**One of Mississippi's 'Winningest' Attorneys  
Doing Well and Doing Good**

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# Bob Owens

BY BARBARA ASH

**B**ob Owens has had a long string of professional successes and honors during his 26-year legal career.

He has won multimillion dollar settlements and jury verdicts for his clients. He has received the Lawyer of the Year Award from Mississippi's NAACP and the Hinds County Trial Lawyers Association's Award for the largest jury verdict in the county. And he is listed among the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers and the National Law Journal's Winningest Law Firms in the United States.

18-wheeler in Memphis, Owens obtained a \$1.8 million jury verdict for his client. He also obtained a \$3-million settlement in a gas explosion case caused by the negligence of the employee of a major gas company. In a case involving a roll-over due to defective design, Owens obtained a settlement of \$1 million.

He has been particularly successful in his representation of severely damaged babies. He first came to prominence in 1983 when he and three colleagues (including wife Denise Sweet Owens) won what was then the largest jury award for medical malpractice in state history—\$4.5 million.

another brother-in-law and his wife. Denise Owens was one of the first black Chancery Court judges in Mississippi.

The Owenses are close to their four children: Selika, who is in medical school at the University of Indiana; Bobby, a law student at George Washington University (his mother's alma mater); Brittany, a senior at the Hampton University in Norfolk, Virginia, and Jason, a freshman at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Despite his numerous professional accomplishments, Owens says that his family has always been "the real priority for me." He and his wife were named "Parents of

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But one of his proudest professional accomplishments, he says, was his recent appointment by the governor of Mississippi to an 11-year term on the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning. The 12-member board is the constitutional governing body of Mississippi's eight public universities and one of the most prestigious boards in the state.

"Education is the key that opens doors to all kinds of opportunities, and this position gives me an opportunity to make a real difference in that area," says Owens, a 1976 College of Law graduate.

In Mississippi, Owens says, "diversity is an important goal not only in the historically white schools, but also in the state's three historically black universities. These are major challenges that will take time to achieve."

Known as one of Mississippi's "winningest" attorneys, Owens specializes in personal injury cases, including motor vehicle accidents, at his Jackson, Mississippi, law firm. In a case involving an

Since, he has collected more than \$12 million on behalf of babies injured during birth.


He also continues his tradition of assisting the helpless and vulnerable by successfully pursuing neglect and abuse claims against nursing homes.

Committed from the first to serving the poor and under-represented, Owens began his legal career with Central Mississippi Legal Services. During his five years there, he distinguished himself as a litigator in a class action suit on behalf of inmates at three of the region's correctional institutions. The verdict marked the first time that inmates received monetary damages for being housed in unconstitutional jail conditions, Owens says. It also earned him the Jack Young Litigation Award from the local NAACP, which went to the lawyer contributing the most to the profession through civil rights litigation in 1981.

Active in his community and in local politics, Owens has managed a successful school board campaign for one brother-in-law and successful judicial campaigns for

the Year" when their children were in elementary school. It is an award of which he is particularly proud. He is equally proud of the fact that he never missed a basketball game, football game or cheerleading performance in which his children participated.

"My career has allowed me to spend more time with the family and enjoy them more," says Owens, who has taken his family on a 21-day camping trip from Jackson to the Grand Canyon, as well as on trips to Europe, the Caribbean, Africa, China, and South America.

"I measure my success by how much vacation time I have to spend with my family and how much time I can devote to community service," says Owens, who credits the "well-rounded" education he received in law school for being instrumental in his personal and professional achievements. "I started out with one week of family vacation and now it is up to one month. My goal has always been to do well—and to do good at the same time." 

# College of Law Grads Among *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite



**M**arc Dunbar says he was “flooded” when he learned that he was one of 42 best Up-and-Coming attorneys listed in *Florida Trend* magazine’s premier edition of Florida Legal

Elites, published in July.

Dunbar, a 1994 College of Law graduate and a shareholder in the Tallahassee firm of Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar, shared the Up-and-Coming honor with three other Florida State alumni: Wiley Horton (1995), also of Pennington

Moore; J. Robert Boyd Jr. (1995) of Boyd Lindsey & Sliger; and Charles “Chip” Fletcher (1996) of de La Parte & Gilbert. The Up-and-Coming Legal Elite list includes attorneys admitted to The Florida Bar between 1989 and 2003.

The four young attorneys are in good

Florida State University College of Law alumni are represented in 16 of 24 practice areas on *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite list.

**ARBITRATION & MEDIATION**

- Dominic M. Caparello**, Messer Caparello, & Self, Tallahassee, 1975
- A.J. (Jim) Spalla**, Young van Assenderp, Tallahassee, 1970

**BANKING & FINANCIAL**

- Michael Basile**, Stroock & Stroock, Miami, 1975
- Amelia Rea Maguire**, Steel, Hector & Davis, Miami, 1987

**BUSINESS LITIGATION & BUSINESS LAW**

- Bruce B. Blackwell**, King Blackwell & Downs, Orlando, 1975
- William George Cooper**, Cooper Ridge & Lantinberg, Jacksonville, 1973
- Miguel M. de la O**, de la O & Marko, Miami, 1989
- Kelly Overstreet Johnson**, Broad and Cassel, Tallahassee, 1982
- Lester James Kaney**, Cobb & Cole, Daytona Beach, 1973
- John Wesley Little III**, Steel Hector & Davis, West Palm Beach, 1982

**Sheila M. McDevitt**, TECO Energy, Tampa, 1978

- David Scott Oliver**, Greenberg Traurig, Orlando, 1985
- Robert W. Pass**, Carlton Fields, Tallahassee, 1974
- Douglas E. Starcher**, Broad and Cassel, Orlando, 1989
- Theodore L. Tripp Jr.**, Garvin & Tripp, Fort Myers, 1976

**CIVIL TRIAL**

- Lance J. Block**, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, Tallahassee, 1984
- Louis Robert Bourgeois**, Fowler White Boggs Banker, Tampa, 1988
- Kenneth L. Connor**, Wilkes & McHugh, Tampa, 1972
- Cody Fowler Davis**, Davis & Harmon, Tampa, 1984
- Kenneth R. Hart**, Ausley & McMullen, Tallahassee, 1975
- Wayne Hogan**, Brown Terrell Hogan, Jacksonville, 1972

**Dean R. LeBoeuf**, Brooks LeBoeuf Bennett Foster & Gwartney, Tallahassee, 1981

- Brett Quincy Lucas**, Saalfeld Coulson Shad & Jay, Jacksonville, 1989
- Robert I. Scanlan**, Florida Attorney General’s Office, Tallahassee, 1974
- Eugene E. Stearns**, Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, Miami, 1972

**CRIMINAL LAW**

- Gerald (Jerry) Berry**, Berry Day McFee & Martin, 1979
- Nancy A. Daniels**, Florida Public Defender 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Tallahassee, 1977
- Stephen S. Dobson III**, Stephen S. Dobson III, P.A., Tallahassee, 1988
- Todd A. Foster**, Cohen, Jayson & Foster, Tampa, 1981
- Ronald Patrick Hanes**, Trombley & Hanes, Tampa, 1983

**Peter Duncan Ringsmuth**, The Law Office of Peter D. Ringsmuth, Fort Myers, 1975

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

- Silvia Morell Alderman**, Akermann Senterfitt, Tallahassee, 1977
- Terry P. Cole**, Oertel Fernandez Cole & Bryant, Tallahassee, 1970
- Miranda F. Fitzgerald**, Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed, Orlando, 1979
- Steve R. Lewis**, Lewis Longman & Walker, Tallahassee, 1984
- Terry E. Lewis**, Lewis Longman & Walker, West Palm Beach, 1979
- Douglas Paul Manson**, Carey O’Malley Shitaker & Manson, Tampa, 1985
- Thomas G. Pelham**, Fowler White Boggs Banker, Tallahassee, 1971
- David L. Powell**, Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee, 1987
- William Douglas Preston**, Preston Law Firm, Tallahassee, 1976

company. In all, nearly 75 other FSU Alumni made the Florida Legal Elite list. The magazine had asked lawyers to name peers for whom they hold the highest regard—lawyers with whom they have worked or would recommend to others. For attorneys to be voted on by other attorneys, says Dunbar, makes inclusion on the list particularly gratifying.

“I’m honored to be in the same article with two lawyers at my firm who are my mentors and for whom I have the utmost regard, Cynthia Tunicliff and my father (Peter Dunbar),” says Dunbar, who practices governmental and administrative law. “When I travel around the state and tell people where I work, it immediately validates me because people know and respect them. They are lawyers’ lawyers. I certainly wasn’t expecting this.”



Upper left: Chip Fletcher;  
At right: J. Wiley Horton,  
Marc Dunbar and  
J. Robert Boyd Jr.

Tunicliff, a 1971 graduate, and Peter Dunbar, who graduated in 1972, are among 846 top lawyers named as Florida Legal Elite. The individuals, voted on by peers for inclusion on the list, represent the top 1.6 percent of the 54,135 Florida Bar members who practice in the state, according to *Florida Trend*. Honorees include attorneys in private practice as well as those who prac-

tice as prosecutors, in-house counsel and public service attorneys.

“It’s intimidating to be named an up-and-coming attorney, particularly when the Legal Elite list includes so many lawyers I grew up knowing and admire so much,” says Boyd. “I’m honored to know that others find me worthy to be on the list. I look forward to being on the 1.6 list some day.”



**Mary F. Smallwood**, Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, Tallahassee, 1977

**Daniel H. Thompson**, Berger Singerman, Tallahassee, Class of 1975

GOVERNMENT

**Peter M. Dunbar**, Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar, Tallahassee, 1972

**Randall W. Hanna**, Bryant Miller & Olive, Tallahassee, 1984

**Mark Herron**, Messer Capareello & Self, Tallahassee, 1975

**Nancy G. Linnan**, Carlton Fields, Tallahassee, 1974

**Betty J. Steffens**, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 1975

**Cynthia S. Tunicliff**, Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar, Tallahassee, 1971

HEALTH

**Fishel Philip Blank**, Blank Meenan & Smith, Tallahassee, 1975

**Michael James Cherniga**, Greenberg Traurig, Tallahassee, 1981  
**Bruce Douglas Lamb**, Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, Tampa, 1980

INSURANCE

**Jeannette Marie Andrews**, Andrews Crabtree Knox Andrews, Tallahassee, 1982

**Russel M. Lazega**, Law Office of Russel Lazega, Miami, 1996

**Thomas J. Maida**, Foley & Lardner, Tallahassee, 1979

INTERNATIONAL

**Marlon Andrew Hill**, DelancyHill, P.A., Miami, 1995

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

**Thomas Martin**, Gonzalez, Thompson Sizemore & Gonzalez, 1975

**Cynthia L. May**, Znober & McCrea, Tampa, 1994

**Susan Potter Norton**, Allen Norton & Blue, Coral Gables, 1975

MARITAL & FAMILY LAW

**Jerome M. Novey**, Novey Mendelson & Adamson, Tallahassee, 1970

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS & EMINENT DOMAIN

**Cecelia Bonifay**, Akerman Senterfitt, Tavares, 1984

**Joseph Robert Boyd**, Boyd Lindsey & Sliiger, Tallahassee, 1974

**Orlando Luis Evora**, Greenberg Traurig, Orlando, 1989

**Peter Jon Fides II**, Greenberg Traurig, Orlando, 1976

**Stanley William Moore**, Brigham Moore, Sarasota, 1973

**Richard H. Sollner**, Trenam Kemker Scharf Barkin Frye O’Neill & Mullis, Tampa, 1970

TAX

**Robert A. Pierce**, Ausley & McMullen, Tallahassee, 1974

**Victoria Lynn Weber**, Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee, 1978

WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES

**Robert W. Goldman**, Goldman Felcoski & Stone, Naples, 1982

**Jonathan D. Kaney Jr.**, Cobb & Cole, Daytona Beach, 1969

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

**James N. McConaughay**, McConaughay Duffy Coonrod Pope & Weaver, Tallahassee, 1969

UP-AND-COMING

**J. Robert Boyd Jr.**, Boyd Lindsey & Sliiger, Tallahassee, 2003

**Marc W. Dunbar**, Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar, Tallahassee, 1994

**Chalres “Chip” Fletcher**, de la Parte, & Gilbert, Tampa, 1996

**J. Wiley Horton**, Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar, Tallahassee, 1995

# Faculty in the News

## Journalists Rely on Professors' Legal Expertise, Quotable Quotes



Professor Steven Gey is interviewed by a local TV reporter.

**W**hen journalists packed up their notebooks and cameras and cleared out of Tallahassee in the wake of the 2000 presidential election ballot recount, they took with them phone numbers of some of the country's top legal minds—professors at Florida State University College of Law.

During the five-week post-election drama that unfolded in Florida's capital, many of the school's professors were thrust

into the national spotlight and asked to put election-related legal issues into context for reporters. Four years later, regardless of the story they're chasing, many reporters continue to rely on College of Law contacts when they're on deadline and need a source to quickly and succinctly analyze and explain the implications of a complex issue.

With allegations of disenfranchisement and faulty voting systems, and legal challenges surfacing weeks before the 2004 election, Professors Nat Stern and Chuck Ehrhardt were taking calls from media in South Florida, Brazil and New Zealand who

wanted a legal expert to comment on a possible remake of the 2000 fiasco.

But elections are not the only topics or times when faculty members are called upon for their informed opinions by national and international media. In recent months, faculty have been interviewed on issues as far-ranging as humanitarian intervention in Somalia, Rwanda and the Balkans; the Endangered Species Act; defense tactics in criminal court cases; and the rights of Jehovah's Witnesses to refuse medical treatment for their children. They've been interviewed on National Public Radio,

appeared on prime-time newscasts on major networks, and have been quoted in print media from *The New York Times*, *USA TODAY* and *Newsweek* to the *London Free Press* and the international news agencies *Zenit* and *Reuters*.

Over the years, constitutional law professor Steve Gey, considered one of the country's leading scholars on religious liberties and free speech, has become an expert on fielding media calls, at times as many as three or four in one day. He is a favorite among reporters, editors and producers who appreciate his laidback demeanor as much as his legal expertise—and skill with a 30-second sound bite.

“He speaks in plain English, as opposed to legalese,” says Ricki Goldberg, special events producer at ABC News, which hired Gey as a legal consultant in 2000. Gey made dozens of appearances on the network, often in conversation with news anchor Peter Jennings. Goldberg says the network appreciated Gey's “fabulous flexibility” and willingness to remain on call between classes.

Gey was in particular demand over the summer and early fall, responding to journalists' questions on the Terry Schiavo right-to-die case, public-school prayer, the constitutionality of Ten Commandments displays in Texas and Kentucky, the Ohio State Board of Education's adoption of an intelligent design lesson plan, the anniversary of *Brown v. the Board of Education*, the state court of appeal decision declaring Florida's original voucher law unconstitutional, and the constitutionality of Florida's recount process.

Though interviews are time-consuming Gey says he doesn't mind the intrusion because he can use news events in the classroom. “They focus students' attention to discuss legal background of cases they read about in the morning newspaper so that the cases no longer are abstractions and the students can see firsthand the concrete real-life consequences of the law.”

Gey also views the faculty's presence in the media as a service to the public and to the law school.

“It increases the school's profile because it illustrates our faculty's expertise and it is a public service because reporters generally are not legal experts, but they want to report legal affairs accurately,” he says. “Law professors are the only source of objective information about on-going cases.”

## Here are some of the Florida State College of Law faculty and topics in the news since January 2004:

On October 2, 2004, **Professor Fernando Teson's** ground breaking scholarship on humanitarian intervention was discussed in *Zenit* (The World Seen from Rome), an international news agency focused on issues of relevance to the Catholic Church.

On September 30, 2004, a *Reuters* story on legal issues in the election appeared throughout the U.S. and Europe, quoting **Professor Charles Ehrhardt** on the role of courts in reconciling technological change with existing statutes and regulations.

On September 25, 2004, **Professor J.B. Ruhl** was quoted in the *Houston Chronicle* on a circuit split in federal courts, appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, regarding U.S. jurisdiction over disability regulation on foreign-registered cruise ships.

On August 31, 2004, **Professor Steven Gey** was quoted in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *Kansas City Star* and *Newsweek* on the constitutional challenge to “Terry's Law” before the Florida Supreme Court.

On June 28, 2004, **Professor J.B. Ruhl** was quoted in an article in the *Argus Leader* (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) that discussed a judicial ruling giving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the upper hand in management of the Missouri River.

On June 18, 2004, **Professor B.J. Priester** commented on jurors taking an active role in questioning witnesses during the trial process in an article in the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

On June 14, 2004, Professor **Lois Shepherd** was a legal expert panelist on Florida News Channel's “American Medicine Today.” She discussed a proposed amendment to the Florida constitution limiting attorneys' fees in medical malpractice liability cases.

In the May/June 2004 issue of *Legal Affairs* magazine, **Professor J.B. Ruhl's** research on science and the endangered species act was discussed.

On May 19, 2004, **Clinical Professor Paolo Annino** was interviewed on the Fox News Network's “The O'Reilly Factor.” Professor Annino discussed recent Florida judicial rulings that resulted in light sentences for an adult convicted of sexual abuse and for another person convicted of beating an infant to death.

On March 24, 2004, **Professor David Markell** appeared as a guest on KQED, the National Public Radio affiliate serving San Francisco and Sacramento, speaking on NAFTA and the environment.

On February 26, 2004, **Professor Steven Gey** commented on the constitutionality of an Ohio school lesson plan in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Professor Gey's comments on the lesson plan also were featured in the *Dayton Daily Times*, *Toledo Blade*, *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*, *The Marion Star*, and *Mansfield News Journal*.

A regularly updated index of all faculty media appearances, with links to the stories or interviews, where available, can be found on the College of Law web site, at [http://www.law.fsu.edu/events/faculty\\_news.php](http://www.law.fsu.edu/events/faculty_news.php).

# What I Did on My Summer 'Vacation'

*Students gain frontline experience on the job as law clerks, externs*

**W**hile law school provides students with a solid foundation on how the legal system works, few experiences can compare with helping to shape a million-dollar contract or participating in a courtroom trial.

"Going out and practicing this summer really brought together the whole law school experience for me," says College of Law student Ron Smith, who worked at the Leon County State Attorney's Office from mid-May to mid-August. "They break you in gradually, but by the end of the summer,

you are handling the same case load as a full-time prosecutor."

Smith was one of dozens of College of Law students who spent their summer "vacation" working as law clerks in private firms or as externs in the public sector. They had opportunities to attend depositions, labor arbitrations, administrative proceedings and closings. They researched case law and helped draft briefs and write memoranda of law. Some, like Smith, negotiated with opposing attorneys, helped pick juries and prosecute high-profile cases.

For many students, their summer posi-

tion was a turning point that helped them chart a course for their future. It gave them not only hands-on experience, but also a clearer understanding of what type of law they want to practice and in what setting they are most comfortable. Many of them also came away with a job offer, says Brittany Adams Long, the law school's director of Career Planning and Placement, which helps students find summer positions.

"We are thrilled to offer students the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge regarding the operation and behind-the-scenes work environment of a large law

## **Sharal Henderson**, Summer Associate, Alston & Bird, Atlanta

When Sharal Henderson was deciding where to work as a summer associate, two criteria drove her decision. She wanted to try her hand at employee benefits law and federal income tax law and she needed a flexible schedule that would accommodate her family obligations.

Alston & Bird in Atlanta accommodated her requests, and Henderson, a certified public accountant, spent six weeks honing her legal skills in the firm's federal income tax and employee benefits departments.

"It made sense to look into the legal side of what I had done while in accounting," she says.

Among her assigned cases was one in which she helped to determine how federal regulations applied to a U.S. parent and international subsidiary. For another, she researched whether a federal employee benefit regulation applied to a particular organization's health care plan.

"Researching for the federal income tax case was eye-opening and I knew what I was doing would be used by the client to make decisions that would have tax ramifications," says Henderson. "But it didn't hold the appeal of employee benefits."

Henderson, a third-year student, says she was grateful for the feedback she received on her work.

"My mentor reviewed everything I did and the partners were always available to answer questions in a timely manner," says Henderson, who is considering a job offer by the firm.

"I'm honored that they offered me the position," she says. "The staff is comprised of very bright individuals who are tops in their field and who generally went out of their way to make me feel comfortable. I've made some friends that I hope I will keep in contact with no matter what the future holds."







## **Ron Smith**, Certified Legal Extern, State Attorney's Office, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Tallahassee

For third-year law student Ron Smith, working in the Office of the State Attorney in Tallahassee over the summer has been a highlight of his legal education to date.

Smith estimates that he handled at least 120 cases during the three months he spent as a legal extern certified by the Florida Supreme Court. The certification allowed him to take on the duties of an assistant state attorney.

"In a given day, you might work on a dozen cases," he says. "You don't necessarily resolve them, but you are involved in some aspect of each of those cases."

Under supervision by staff attorneys, Smith prosecuted crimes that ranged from prostitution and gambling to simple battery and shoplifting. One of his cases, involving a voyeur convicted of invasive activity with a concealed camera, made headlines in the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

In his role as a prosecutor, Smith attended case management conferences with public defenders and private attorneys, interviewed victims, answered motions, negotiated plea bargains and had authority to settle cases and handle sentencing hearings.

"I was impressed at the level of responsibility they gave us, as well as the respect and the trust they placed in us," says Smith. "They give you the opportunity to fly and get better at what you're doing."

He says the "real treat" of the summer was having the opportunity to become comfortable in the courtroom, where he was responsible for selecting juries, examining and cross examining witnesses, and presenting opening and closing arguments during courtroom trials.

"I can't imagine a better summer job to prepare you for a courtroom career. It builds your competence and confidence," he says.

Smith says he also appreciated the feedback he received on courtroom performance from supervisors and judges, particularly from County Judge James Shelfer who heard a shoplifting case that Smith prosecuted. "He spent an hour and a half giving me feedback on my opening and closing arguments and cross-examination skill," says Smith. "It was a one-of-a-kind opportunity for me and a tremendously generous expression on his part to a student."

firm," says Kelly Searcy, recruitment coordinator in the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler, one of the nation's largest firms. "At the same time, we gain the benefit of closely observing the work habits, skills and personalities of the talented young men and women with whom we hope to foster a permanent working relationship."

## Private Firms

Students who want to work for a private firm after graduation can test the waters as paid clerks or summer associates in a wide variety of firms, from those employing a thousand lawyers and practicing in dozens of different fields to smaller boutique firms that specialize in a particular area.

While the large firms, like Baker & Hostetler, typically have structured summer associate programs, smaller firms often hire law clerks on an as-needed basis. In either case, students gain experience in a broad range of practice areas under the mentorship of highly skilled attorneys who monitor their assignments and give valu-

able feedback.

"The work is very similar in both large and small firms," Long says. "One big difference may be the social and professional development opportunities that large firms can offer their associates and that may be attractive to some students. Other people feel that they can thrive better in a smaller setting. It really depends on their personalities and future goals.

Summer associates typically work in the size firm and in the geographic location where they think they would like to settle down, Long says, adding that while most students work in all the major cities in Florida, many others take summer jobs in cities outside of the state including Atlanta, Raleigh, New York and Washington, D.C.

## Public Sector

Some students prefer gaining their experience in the public sector, which includes state and federal trial courts, civil agencies, legal services offices and the criminal justice arena of state attorney and public

defender offices, among other places.

Students can be hired as law clerks or can participate in fellowship programs, such as one offered by The Florida Bar Foundation. Other students, particularly first-year students, gain experience by volunteering in public sector offices.

Students who participate in the law school's Clinical Externship Program earn academic credit as they learn to assume the role of attorney or judicial clerk in the litigation and adjudication of real cases. Students in the program can be certified by the Florida Supreme Court and can act as attorney of record for their cases. Many students, like Smith, jump at the opportunity to extern because of the invaluable experience they can derive from such work.

"An externship such as the one I had at the State Attorney's Office is not a consolation prize for someone who can't find a summer research job at a big firm," Smith says. "This is something I chose to do because it is the only opportunity to work in a courtroom, pick juries and try real cases while still in law school."

**Douglas Helling**, Law Clerk, Office of the Attorney General, Economic Crimes Unit, Tallahassee

One of the things that impressed Douglas Helling most about his summer job as a law clerk in the Attorney General's Office was the dedication of the lawyers to the citizens of Florida and to the law clerks.

"The attorneys served as mentors and understood that law students are there to help them in their work and to learn from them," says Helling, a second-year law student. "The attorneys took that seriously and went out of their way to teach not only the law, but how to effectively apply the law in written work and in the courtroom."

During the four months he spent in the unit, Helling had the opportunity to work with all of the attorneys in the Economic Crimes Unit on a wide range of cases. He researched legal issues surrounding jurisdiction and trade secrets and helped prepare the trial brief in a case in which the attorney general asked for an injunction against AT&T for allegedly billing non-AT&T customers. He also compiled data that helped the state settle a civil rights action, assisted in the drafting of a settlement agreement with a major HMO, and took some of the thousands of hotline calls from Floridians complaining of price-gouging during "a declared state of emergency" after the four hurricanes that hit the state.

"Attending court hearings on these cases was a lesson in itself and the debriefing by the attorneys afterward helped to crystallize for me the concepts I was learning in law school. The experience reaffirmed my interest in litigation and working in some area of commercial law. Being a summer law clerk was an invaluable experience in practical skills training."



**Christine DeMaere**, Summer Associate, Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Poyner & Spruill, Raleigh, North Carolina

Even before she entered law school, Christine DeMaere had set her sights on practicing transactional law at a large firm in her home state of North Carolina. Her position as a summer associate gave her a glimpse of what life is like at two of the state's largest and most respected firms. The third-year law student divided her time between Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, LLP and Poyner & Spruill.

She spent the first half of her summer at Kennedy Covington, where she worked primarily with the firm's business law and financial services sections, drafting documents for mergers and acquisitions and researching general corporate governance matters.

During the seven weeks she was at Poyner & Spruill, she worked exclusively with their Financial Services practice group. She helped the group advise in-house counsel at large lending institutions on banking and mortgage law.

"I was amazed that even as a summer associate I was assigned projects that were of prime importance to the firm," says DeMaere. "It is humbling to know that I played a part in helping a client solve a problem or buy a business. Both firms encouraged me to participate in client meetings and conferences and made a real point of including me in follow-up matters."

DeMaere credits personal determination, hard work, and the law school's reputation as key to obtaining the highly sought after summer associate positions and praises the faculty and staff for helping and encouraging her as she searched for a job outside of Florida.

"Working at Kennedy Covington and Poyner & Spruill was an honor," she says. "Both firms reflected prime examples of highly ethical and talented attorneys. I could not have asked for a better summer experience."

In fall 2005, after she passes the North Carolina Bar, she will join Kennedy Covington as an associate.



## Leslie Porter, Summer Associate, Baker & Hostetler, Orlando

Leslie Porter was almost certain that she wanted to start off her law career at a large firm after graduation, but to be sure that would be a good fit, she took a summer position with Baker & Hostetler, one of the nation's largest firms.

During the twelve weeks she was there, Porter worked in the firm's business and litigation practice groups and dealt with issues pertaining to real estate, corporations, employment and health care. She drafted pleadings, helped to review and revise contracts, and wrote memoranda of law. One particularly challenging case on which she worked involved advising three clients on the feasibility of forming a new business, even though each of the individuals was restricted by already existing employment contracts.

"Working on that case was humbling and helped me to realize that sometimes there is no clear cut or set answer to a problem," says Porter, who is a third-year student. "The law is unique, and even the best attorneys don't know all the answers. That was an important eye-opener for me."

Porter says she was impressed not only by the quality of the attorneys at the firm, but also by their willingness to share their professional experiences and give her a realistic look at what working at a large firm entails, as well as tips on how to maneuver through the system.



Says Long: "If you want to be a criminal attorney or a trial lawyer, there is no better experience, and State Attorney and Public Defenders offices typically will consider only people who have had that kind of experience for permanent jobs."

Lawyers who have this kind of experience, she says, also are attractive to private firms that practice litigation and criminal law.

## Value of a Summer Job

For students who think they know what type of law they want to practice or in what type of firm they want to end up, clerking in the summer is a good way to solidify their decision. At the same time, summer jobs help students who are unsure of their direction to determine where their interests may lie.

"Law school is very theoretical," says Carrie Weintraub, director of professional recruiting and development at Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa. "It gives everybody the foundation and knowledge base that they need, but the summer jobs really enhance their education by showing them the practice of law."

Long says that summer jobs are like extended interviews, and that at the end, many walk away with offers of permanent positions after they graduate.

"The time they spend together gives both the employers and the students an opportunity to make sure it's a good match. Employers have a chance to see if the student's personality and work ethic meet their expectations and it gives the student a chance to make sure that the particular employer meets their expectations in regard


"The attorneys at Baker Hostetler work hard and love what they do, but they also stress the importance of being well-balanced, having a family life and giving back to the community," says Porter. "That was important for me to hear, because I want to work in a culture that values quality of life as well as one that sets high professional standards."

Her success at managing the pressure and workload equivalent to that of a first-year associate confirmed Porter's decision to work at a large firm. It also earned her a job offer from Baker Hostetler. She'll be practicing transaction law there in the spring.

to size, culture, geographic location and practice area."

Regardless of whether the summer jobs lead to permanent positions, Long says they provide students with practical experience and, equally important, countless opportunities to network with influential lawyers and potential employers.

"We recommend that second-year students work in a city where they would like to live after graduation so they can take the summer to meet professionals in that area, either through the local bar association or through our alumni placement mentoring program."

Weintraub agrees, saying that established and well-connected attorneys are crucial to providing references and opening doors within "relatively tight-knit legal communities." 

*If your firm or agency would like more information about recruiting Florida State College of Law students, please contact the Office of Career Placement and Planning at (850) 644-4495 or e-mail: [jsaifull@law.fsu.edu](mailto:jsaifull@law.fsu.edu).*

# Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Create Professorship

**F**lorida State University Professor Debra Lyn Bassett was appointed the Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Professor of Law in early fall.

The professorship was

donated to the law school by Tallahassee law partners and husband and wife Loula Fuller and Dan Myers, both 1985 graduates of the College of Law. They created the professorship in January with a \$150,000 gift to enable the law school to recruit or retain an “exceptionally productive” legal scholar.

Bassett joined the College of Law this fall. She received her law degree in 1987 from the University of California, Davis, where she was senior articles editor of the *U.C. Davis Law Review*. In addition to her frequent law journal publications, Bassett is co-author of two popular professional responsibility casebooks, *Problems in Legal Ethics* (6th ed., West Group 2003) and *California Legal Ethics* (4th ed., West Group 2003). She taught previously at Michigan State University College of Law and at the University of California, Davis, School of Law and was a visiting professor of law at

the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. She teaches Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Professional Responsibility, and Complex Civil Litigation.

“We are happy to have the opportunity to help Florida State College of Law attract and retain professors of Ms. Bassett’s quality,” Fuller said.

The Myers & Fuller law firm is a nationally known boutique that represents car and truck dealers in more than 40 states in litigation against auto manufacturers in state and federal courts and in administrative proceedings. The firm has played a major role in representing state motor vehicle dealer associations before state legislatures and has drafted numerous statutes regulating the franchise relationship between manufacturers and dealers. The firm also represents clients in commercial litigation, environmental regulation, and in appeals before both state and federal courts.



## Pennington Law Firm Leads Way to Endow Professorship

**T**he law firm of Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar has taken the lead in funding the William and Catherine VanDercreek Professorship at Florida State University College of Law.

The professorship is a collaborative effort of all the lawyers at Pennington Moore, the VanDercreeks and select alumni, and will allow the law school to recruit or retain an exceptionally productive legal scholar.

The VanDercreeks and alumni John W. Frost II, Kenneth L. Connor and James M. Corrigan also made generous contributions to the \$170,000 endowment. Additional alumni have indicated they also will support the professorship.

In a letter accompanying a \$50,000 check to the endowment, Cynthia Tunicliff, president of the Pennington Moore law firm, said: “This amount represents a commitment of over \$1,500 from each of the Pennington lawyers, many of whom are not FSU law school graduates. It is given by each of us in

appreciation for the law school and in recognition of what it means to Florida’s legal community.”

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

Frost, a graduate of the College of Law’s 1969 charter class, is a partner in the Bartow firm of Frost Tamayo Sessums & Aranda, P.A. In 1993, Frost was the first graduate to endow a professorship, and since has been generous in his support of the law school, establishing a scholarship, creating the Frost Moot Court Endowment and enhancing the John W. and Ashley E. Frost Endowed Professorship.

Connor is a 1972 graduate and former president of the Family Research Council. He practices at Wilkes & McHugh in Leesburg, Virginia. And Corrigan, who graduated in 1973, practices law in Pensacola at his law firm of James M. Corrigan, P.A.

“We are extremely grateful for this generous support of our faculty productivity,” says Dean Don Weidner.



**From left:**  
**John Alfino,**  
**Carrie McMullen,**  
**David Fonvielle,**  
**Nancy Daniels,**  
**Deborah Fonvielle,**  
**John Kelly and**  
**Warren 'Drew'**  
**Crawford**

# David and Deborah Fonvielle

## PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE AWARD A BOOST FOR COLLEGE OF LAW GRADS

**T**allahassee attorney David Fonvielle and wife Deborah have established the David and Deborah Fonvielle Public Defender Service Award. The gift is to be given over a period of four consecutive years to College of Law graduates who have worked in the Office of the Public Defender for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida for at least one year and no more than three years.

“Deborah and I wanted to encourage good lawyers to go to work in the Office of the Public Defender and then stay there. Our gift is simply a way to help lawyers help people,” said David Fonvielle, a 1972 College of Law graduate. “That’s what lawyers do, after all—we help people.”

Public Defender Nancy Daniels was enthusiastic about the gift, which was presented over the summer.

“We obviously get a lot of unusual calls in our office, so getting this one was a breath of fresh air,” says Daniels, a 1977 College of Law graduate. “First of all, the idea behind

the gift is such a genuine, humanitarian expression. Second, and from a very practical position, graduates who come to work in our office carry with them a huge financial debt from school, knowing that their salaries will be limited when they come into this office. This monetary award is greatly appreciated.”

The 2004 recipients all work in the Leon County Office of the Public Defender. They are: John Alfino (2001), Appeals Staff; and Warren “Drew” Crawford (2002); John Kelly (2002); and Carrie McMullen (2001), all of whom are on the Office’s felony staff. Each received a gift of \$1,500.

“This award says a lot about an exceptional school and the great environment that exists in the Office of the Public Defender,” Alfino said.

“There are tiers of support available to you as a new lawyer in the Public Defender’s office. People here like what they do,” McMullen says.

Fonvielle worked as a public defender for the Second Judicial Circuit immediately after graduating from law school in 1972. He has been in private practice since 1974. His firm,

Fonvielle Lewis Foote & Messer, handles cases involving significant personal injury and wrongful death claims.

“We appreciate the foundation for the practice of law that is provided through Dean Don Weidner’s initiatives at the College of Law,” Fonvielle said. “I appreciate what the Office of the Public Defender does on a day-to-day basis. That environment is where I learned to listen, be organized, carry huge work loads and to work with a staff of people. Working as a public defender gave me a sense of how a real law practice needs to work, and our gift is a way for us to say thank you for that.”

Weidner said that, as part of its public service mission, the law school encourages students to pursue public interest law.

“We try to look at the broader functions of a law school, all the way from who we admit, the range of courses we offer, to where our graduates end up after school,” Weidner said. “We’re concerned about serving the public, and that is why David’s gift is so important.”

# Schef Wright

## RELEASES CD OF HIS ORIGINAL 'FLORIDA LOVE SONGS'

BY PHILLIP M. POLLOCK

**A**s a teenager in the 1960s, Schef Wright enjoyed hanging out at coffeehouses in Miami and Coconut Grove and listening to the acoustic folk-style music of Vince Martin, Fred Neil, and Jerry Jeff Walker.

"I started going to coffeehouses when I was 16, loved the music, and it stuck," says Wright, a 1992 College of Law graduate and AV-rated attorney who heads the utility practice at the Tallahassee firm of Landers & Parsons.

Fast forward 40 years, and Wright has taken to the stage himself. In early November, he was the featured performer at John Martin's Pub in Coral Gables. He played and sang original songs that are included on his recently released first CD, "Florida Love Songs."

Wright, who got his first guitar when he was 14 and taught himself to play, says his CD is "about artistic fulfillment and is an outgrowth of my musical past." As a college student, he performed at campus coffeehouses at the University of Florida and Duke. Although he played a few other gigs now and then, he says he "regrettably" laid his guitar down for almost 25 years as he pursued his other professional career.

In 1999, however, he picked up his guitar again and has been playing and composing regularly ever since. He has written about 18 songs and launched "Florida Love Songs" on June 19, 2004, at a CD release party at the Warehouse in Tallahassee. He says he is working on "about 35" more songs, and is planning to record and release at least three more CDs of his original music over the next three to four years.

Besides Martin, Neil, and Walker, Wright counts among his main musical influences Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell, and Bob Dylan. He also says he has been influenced by Alan



Schef Wright



Gerber, whom he met "through several miracles of serendipity" and whom he describes as a "superb and extraordinarily versatile" blues musician from Chicago. Gerber co-arranged and produced the "Florida Love Songs" project, and accompanies Wright on most of the CD's tracks.

"'Florida Love Song' is a simple love song, couched and crafted in the natural beauty of a number of different places I've experienced in Florida," says Wright. Another track on the CD, "Little Boy's Lullaby," has a special meaning for him, he says, because he wrote it for his sons and sang it to them at bedtime.

Wright says he is grateful for the opportunity to play his Martin D-42 and "Oak Tree" guitar, which he describes as "blessings every time I get to play them," and to have his son, Chris, accompany him on two of the tracks on the CD.

# Litigator Finds Purity in the Sport of Boxing—and Writes About It

BY PHILLIP M. POLLOCK

**W**hen Ken Knox isn't litigating in the courtroom or writing legal briefs, there's a good chance that he's reporting for one of the popular national boxing publications, such as *Boxing Update*, *Boxing Digest* and *The Ring*.

"The reports don't allow much room for showy journalism—they are tight pieces that require close attention to facts like weights, records, times, but I have a lot of freedom in what I do," says Knox, a 1989 College of Law graduate. "It's certainly a more relaxed style of writing than what I'm used to on a day-to-day basis."

Day-to-day, Knox is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale law firm of Fisher & Phillips, one of the nation's largest firms in the practice of labor and employment law.

Knox readily draws a good-natured parallel between litigation and boxing. "A fighter goes into the ring and he wants to win," he says. "He has only his shorts, shoes and gloves. I go into the courtroom, and I want to win, too, only I wear a suit and tie. A fighter goes in with a game plan and so do I. He may have to change his plan of attack or his defense, just as I have to, depending on what the opponent throws at me. In some ways, I see myself as a boxer, just more fully clothed."

Knox says that as a boy he was fascinated with the Gillette-sponsored "Friday Night Fights" he watched with his father, who boxed as an amateur when he served in the army during World War II.

"My father wasn't a big man, but he



Ken Knox

had very good technical skills," Knox says. "His abilities didn't rub off on me. While I did some amateur boxing at the age of 13 and really loved the sport, I was bad enough at it to realize that that wasn't where my best interests lay."

Knox honed his writing skills at small newspapers in Ohio and Florida before entering law school. He also worked as a mediator in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program in the State Attorney's Office in Polk County.

"Interestingly, one of the hearings I participated in involved a young fighter from Winter Haven," he says.

**"In some ways, I see myself as a boxer, just more fully clothed."**

A couple years later, when he was interning in the State Attorneys Office, Knox saw the fighter again, this time as the headliner at the Orange Dome in Winter Haven. He had devised a plan to interview the boxer and write a piece for *The Ring*, which he read consistently.

"Armed with a notepad and a mild fabrication—I told (the boxer) I was with a boxing magazine—I went into the locker room and interviewed the guy after the fight. At the time, *The Ring* didn't cover events in my area, so I wrote up a short feature and asked them if they'd like to run it. They agreed. That was about 1988, and

I've been doing it ever since."

Knox says boxing appeals to him because, "There is a certain purity in the sport, with two warriors trying to impose their will on each other. They each have coaching, but ultimately it is all up to the individual."

And Knox admits that writing about the sport feeds his ego. "I'm not a writer in the same class as Bernard Fernandez with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* or Phil Berger with *The New York Times*, but they know me and I travel in those circles," he says.

Though Knox usually writes short boxing reports, he has written full-length feature articles, as well. He is particularly proud of a piece he did on Randy "Tex"

Cobb who was boxing in one of the main events in Fort Lauderdale.

"I wrote it for *The Ring*, and they titled it 'Anatomy of a Promotion.' The whole event was fraught with trouble," he says. "What was cool about it for me was that *Sports Illustrated* picked up on it later, covering it in more depth and pointing an accusatory finger at the promoter, saying that the fights were fixed. Since I had originally observed what happened and had written about it, *Sports Illustrated* called me several times for specific information. It was exciting to be involved in an event that got that kind of national coverage."

# Two Alumni Take Eventful—and Perilous—Journey to the Judiciary

RICHARD 'R.B.' DAVIS AND DICK GORDON

**O**n the morning of March 27, 2003, Operation Iraqi Freedom was less than a week old and U.S. forces were on the move in southern Iraq. U.S. Army colonels Richard "R.B." Davis and Dick Gordon had been at Camp Doha, Kuwait, about five months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and were attending the U.S. Central Command's morning Video Tele-Conference. Suddenly, the morning air was interrupted by a loud wailing from "Deep Voice," the camp's early-warning missile alarm system. Davis and Gordon quickly donned their chemical protective masks and clothing.

Iraqi Forces had been launching SCUD missiles into Kuwait from launchers in Southern Iraq for a week. Just seconds after the warning began, two explosions shook the air. A Patriot anti-Theater Ballistic Missile battery located just outside Camp Doha had spotted the incoming SCUD missile loaded with several hundred pounds of explosives on its radar and had instantly fired off two Patriot Missiles.

"I knew from my experience with the Patriot System that we had just a few seconds for the missiles to intercept the incoming SCUD or we were going to have a very bad day," said Davis, then legal advisor to the Army's 32nd Air Defense Artillery Command.

Fortunately, the SCUD was destroyed about one mile from its destination—the aluminum and brick command headquarters where Davis and Gordon, staff judge advocate for Coalition Forces Land Component Command, had been working since October.

As College of Law alumni—Davis (1972) and Gordon (1979)—had become fast friends in Kuwait and collaborated on a number of sensitive and high-profile investigations, including the shoot down by

two Patriot Missile batteries of a British Tornado aircraft and a U.S. Navy F-18 and the investigation of the 507th Maintenance Company ambush during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It was great working with Col. Davis," Gordon said. "He is an experienced soldier who wore the Combat Infantry Badge on his chest, which is very unusual for a judge advocate. He also was a great sounding board for many issues that we faced from targeting to the application of the Geneva Conventions, and it was great to have another colonel who was actually older than me."

Since returning to the United States, Davis has been appointed a county judge and Gordon, a military judge. For the two, it was an eventful—and, often, perilous route to the judiciary.

## Judge Davis

When Davis returned home in April 2004, he was named state judge advocate for the Florida National Guard and worked in that capacity until August, when Gov. Jeb Bush appointed him Hamilton County court judge. He previously had served as a judge advocate with the Florida National Guard until he was called to active duty in 2001 following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

In the course of his mobilization, Davis handled international air defense information exchanges with various Persian Gulf and Middle Eastern countries; was the senior legal adviser to Operation Clear Skies, the Defense of the National Capital Region in September 2002; participated in exercises in Korea in 2002; and deployed to Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Davis was not unfamiliar with combat



'R.B.' Davis and Dick Gordon

when he was called up to active duty. In 1967, after receiving his undergraduate degree, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, was commissioned a second lieutenant and served as a platoon leader in the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta Region of South Vietnam. He earned a Silver Star for bravery and a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal, both with "V" (Valor) Device. He also was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat and the Combat Infantry Badge. Following his early military service, he entered law school at Florida State. Before going on active duty, Davis was in private practice in Gainesville and



Hamilton County, where he also had been an assistant state attorney in the 3rd Judicial Circuit.

### Col. Gordon

Gordon returned to the United States after the capture of Baghdad in May 2003 and remained in the U.S. for several months before returning to Kuwait in January 2004. He was appointed legal advisor to Maj. Gen. Anthony Taguba, who was investigating reports of abuse of Iraqi detainees by U.S. soldiers at the Abu Ghraib Prison Complex outside Baghdad. Gordon was instrumental in preparing the "Taguba Report," which described in detail the causes and effects of the abuse of Iraqi detainees. In April 2004, Gordon returned to the U.S. with Taguba and testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee and the House Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the findings and recommendations of the Taguba Investigation.

In August, he was appointed a military judge at Fort Benning, Ga., by the Judge Advocate General of the Army.

After graduating from the College of Law in 1979 and before joining the Army in 1981, Gordon spent two years in private practice in his hometown of Melbourne, Fla., and had a variety of high-level positions during 23 years of active duty in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He served in Southern Turkey, Northern Iraq, Somalia and Haiti, among other places.

In 1995, Gen. Wesley Clark selected Gordon as his principal legal advisor during the U.S.-sponsored peace negotiations between the warring factions in the former Yugoslavia. Gordon drafted the Military Annexes to the Peace Accords and accompanied Clark during negotiations that culminated in the signing of a peace agreement in Dayton, Ohio. He later returned to the Balkans to assist Serbia, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina with negotiations designed to reduce military armaments in the region.

"Someone once called me the Forrest Gump of the Army," Gordon said with a laugh. "Every time I showed up, the unit would be deployed someplace. I always was at the right place at the right time, like the Taguba Investigation and the assignment with Gen. Clark."

## Two Alumni Tie As Favorites in Judicial Polling

**W**hen the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers took its annual judicial poll this summer, two College of Law alumni topped the list of favorites.

Circuit judges C. Alan Lawson and John Kest tied for the highest judicial rating of the 14 judges handling major criminal and juvenile cases. Both serve on the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

The poll includes input from criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors and covers state and federal judges in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Attorneys are asked about a judge's legal knowledge, impartiality, freedom from bias, demeanor and diligence. Each judge is graded on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent. Lawson and Kest each received an overall rating of 4.39. The next highest rating a judge received was 4.34.

Both Lawson and Kest credit their education at the College of Law for helping them succeed in their legal careers.

"I will always be profoundly grateful for the legal education and practical training in law and professionalism that I received from Florida State University College of Law," said Lawson, a 1987 graduate. "It has been the firm foundation on which I have built my legal and judicial career, and I truly believe that there is no finer legal education available in the State of Florida."

Kest, who graduated in 1972 and is serving his second term on the bench, said, "I have attempted to bring the educational training and the practical experience that I learned at the law school and my 30 years of practice as a trial lawyer to the bench."



Circuit Judge C. Alan Lawson



Circuit Judge John Kest

# Classmates and Friends Create Scholarship to Honor Suzy Rossomondo

**C**ollege of Law graduates of the class of 1990 and other friends of Suzy Rossomondo, who died in Tampa on February 14 at the age of 38, are establishing a scholarship in her honor.

The scholarship will go to College of Law students who desire to pursue a career in the criminal justice system. Preference will be given to students who participate and excel in the criminal justice area of the College of Law's Externship Program and to those who are involved in Moot Court or are taking courses in trial practice or Florida criminal practice. Students involved in other law school-sponsored activities focusing on litigation skills also will be considered.

"We are hopeful that the scholarship will encourage and reward lawyers who choose to pursue a career in public service where the work, rather than the financial reward, is the motivating benefit," says Ron Hanes of Trombley & Hanes, a 1983 College of Law graduate who is helping to coordinate the scholarship effort. He was a friend and former supervisor of Ms. Rossomondo at the State Attorney's Office in Hillsborough County, where she was an extern through the College of Law, and, later, an assistant state attorney.

"Suzy was held in the highest regard by those she worked with in the criminal justice system, including those who worked on the opposite side in the courtroom," says Hanes.

During her time at the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office, Ms. Rossomondo served as chief of the narcotics, arson and economic crimes units, as a felony division chief and as a deputy chief in sex crimes.

Ms. Rossomondo is survived by her husband Mike Kreis, their two daughters, Jordan and Lauren, and by her father and a sister. Ms. Rossomondo's mother died in August.

"I know her family and all her friends will treasure the existence of this endowed scholarship in Suzy's memory and we hope others will participate in doing something that is so right for so many reasons," Hanes says.



For further information about the Suzy Rossomondo Kreis Scholarship, please contact Assistant Dean for Development Mark Pankey by phone at 850-644-5160, or by e-mail at [mpankey@law.fsu.edu](mailto:mpankey@law.fsu.edu).

## Ed Walborsky Encourages Alumni to Stay 'Plugged Into' College of Law

**E**d Walborsky has been an ardent supporter of the College of Law since he graduated in 1979, taking active roles in activities ranging from judging mock trial competitions and lecturing in the classroom to helping spearhead the Annual Fund Phonathon and serving as a placement mentor.

Now, as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, he is even more committed to making sure that alumni are "plugged into" the College of Law.

"As our alumni base grows, I want

to encourage graduates to be involved," he says. "The law school's reputation continues to grow nationally and there are many challenges ahead. Anyone who visits can feel the positive energy. You can see how bright and motivated the students are and that the faculty is the best we've ever had. It's a positive, healthy and exciting place."

Walborsky, a partner in the law firm of Kinsey, Troxel, Johnson & Walborsky, P.A., in Panama City and Pensacola, says he is hopeful that alumni will consider filling a number

of important roles as placement mentors, lecturers, judges for team competitions—and as contributors to the Annual Fund.

"The Annual Fund is the lifeblood of the law school because it provides scholarships and supports many of the organizations and outreach activities that are so vital to the school's future and to its academic excellence," he says. "I can't think of anything that more directly impacts the school's day-to-day operation. These are very exciting times for the law school and I want



everyone to be hitched to the wagon and pulling in the same direction."

# Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law Among Top in the Field

The *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, edited by students at the Florida State University College of Law, was recognized for the citation impact of articles it publishes. According to Washington & Lee University's law journal ranking web site, FSU's environmental law journal ranks among the Top 10 specialty journals in environmental law in the United States based on the "impact factor."

The impact citation measure includes only articles published during the past eight years, eliminating any citation bias in favor of long-published journals. In rankings among the top environmental law journals, the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* performed at or above par with well-regarded specialty journals such as *UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy*, *Tulane Environmental Law Journal*, *Pace Environmental Law Review*, *Natural Resources Journal*, and *Natural Resources and the Environment*.

Published twice annually, the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* is the only journal of its kind in Florida. It features groundbreaking work in the environmental law field by leading scholars and practitioners, as well as law students. Students are selected for participation in the journal based on grades or the quality of their writing.

The study is available by visiting the journal ranking web site at <http://law.wlu.edu/library/research/lawrevs/mostcited.asp> and checking the "impact results," "rank" and "specialty" boxes, and clicking on the environmental law category. The *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law's* website is at <http://www.law.fsu.edu/journals/landuse/index.phl>.

## Fall 2004 Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law Lecture Covers International Marine Biodiversity

**"Protecting International Marine Biodiversity: International Treaties and National Systems" was the topic of the fall 2004 Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law lecture held on October 28.**

**Robin Craig, both an associate professor of law and Dean's Fellow at the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, addressed how science and law align and do not align in the area of protecting biodiversity, with an emphasis on what international treaties exist to protect biodiversity.**



# Laura Atlee

2003 GRAD LAUNCHES HER LEGAL CAREER IN BELGIUM

Laura Atlee recalls sitting in Professor Fred Abbott's office at the College of Law one fall afternoon in 2003, discussing her paper on indigenous peoples' intellectual property rights over their traditional knowledge. She was graduating that December and knew one thing for sure: She did not want to be a "normal" attorney. She asked Abbott if she could pick his brain about her future.

"He paused, leaned back in his chair, put his hands behind his head, and changed my future," says Atlee.

One of Abbott's colleagues had founded the World Trade Institute in Berne, Switzerland, and Abbott suggested that Atlee consider enrolling there and working toward a master's degree. She followed his advice and hasn't looked back.

In August, she received her master's in international law and economics from the three Swiss universities that participated in the program—the University of Bern, the University of Neuchatel, and the University of Fribourg. And this fall, she joined the law firm of Vermulst Waer & Verhaeghe in Brussels, Belgium, as an associate. The firm focuses on international trade remedies and issues of importance to the European Union and the World Trade Organization.

Atlee deals with clients from major multicultural corporations, international business organizations and governments. Within the first two weeks on the job, she helped to represent the European

Union's biggest importer of Vietnamese bicycles in a hearing before the International Trade Commission and she reviewed a major paper that her firm was to submit to the WTO advisory center in its efforts to help Thailand win a dispute against the EU. The job already has taken her to Frankfurt, Germany, on behalf of a client and to London to lobby. Fortunately, her firm conducts its business in English, she says, though she is preparing to study French.

"When I talk about what I do and where I am going to some of my former American classmates at FSU, I suppose it sounds a little pretentious," says Atlee. "But in my eyes, my job is not that much different from what they are doing. We all put in long hours and try to provide our clients with the best legal advice and services we can. It just so happens that my clients may be Korean, German, and Argentinean."



# ALUMNI

## Recognitions

### 1967

**William J. "Bill" Sheppard** was awarded the 2004 Medal of Honor Award from The Florida Bar Foundation in June. He was recognized for his legal advocacy of the underprivileged and oppressed as a civil rights and criminal defense attorney.

### 1968

**H. Lawrence "Larry" Hardy** is Of Counsel to George, Hartz, Lundeen, Fulmer, Johnstone, King & Stevens in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 863 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-224-5252; e-mail, HLawrenceHardy@georgehartz.com.

**Terrence J. Russell** of Fort Lauderdale took office in July as president of The Florida Bar Foundation. He is a partner in the law firm of Ruden McClosky, where he specializes in complex commercial litigation.

### 1970

**Marsha L. Lyons** of Lyons & Farrar, P.A., in Tallahassee was elected the national board representative for the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**George L. Waas** has been named special counsel to the Florida Attorney General. During his 17 years with the Attorney General's Office, he was a senior assistant attorney general and assistant attorney general. He has been a government lawyer for 26 years.

### 1972

**Kenneth L. Connor** has joined the law firm of Wilkes & McHugh in Leesburg, Va. He can be reached at 50 Catocline Circle N.E., Suite 203, Leesburg, Va. 20176; Tel., 703-669-3377.

**Richard B. Davis Jr.** of Gainesville was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to the Hamilton County Court in July. Before his appointment, he served as state judge advocate for the Florida National Guard.

### 1973



**William W. Corry** was elected president of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates for 2004. He also received the 2004 Gold Eagle Award and the Staff Appreciation Award from the Academy of Trial Lawyers at its annual convention and was appointed to the Academy's Board of Directors for 2004-2005.

**Emerson R. Thompson Jr.**, a Florida 5th District Court of Appeal judge, was reappointed to a two-year term on the Voluntary Board of Directors of the Florida Bar Foundation beginning in July.

**Wayne "Spider" Webb Jr.** received the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce July 2004 Small Business Giant Award on behalf of Office Systems Consultants. OSC serves North Florida and South Georgia in record storage and retrieval solutions.

### 1975

**Bruce B. Blackwell** was elected treasurer of The Florida Bar Foundation in July. He is a partner in the Orlando law firm of King, Blackwell & Downs, where he specializes in complex commercial litigation and civil and trial practice.

**Dominic M. Caparello** of the Tallahassee firm of Messer Caparello & Self, P.A., was elected to the American College of Mediators, which designates mediators who have achieved a commendable level of success and accomplishment in civil trial mediation.

**Sidney L. Matthew** of Gorman & Matthew, P.A., in Tallahassee was elected vice president/chapter historian of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Paul H. Zacks**, chief assistant state attorney in Palm Beach County, has been elected chair of the Criminal Law Section Executive Council of The Florida Bar. He can be reached at 401 N. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; Tel., 561-355-7396.

### 1976

**Larry Curtin**, a partner in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight, has been named a leading business attorney by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers 2004-2005*. His practice is centered on environmental and administrative law.

### 1977

**Silvia M. Alderman** of Akerman Senterfitt in Tallahassee was presented with a Joint Proclamation of the City and County Commissions recognizing more than 14 years of outstanding service to the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission.



**Nikki Ann Clark**, Florida 2nd Judicial Circuit judge, was reappointed to a two-year term on the Voluntary Board of Directors of The Florida Bar Foundation. She sits on the civil docket in Tallahassee and serves as an adjunct professor of trial practice at the College of Law.



**William H. Davis** took office in July as president-elect of The Florida Bar Foundation. He is a trial and appellate lawyer with Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A., in Tallahassee.

**Nancy Daniels** has been re-elected Public Defender for the 2nd Judicial District, which encompasses Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties. She was first elected to the post in 1990.

**Charles W. Dodson** of Dodson & Boge, LLP, in Tallahassee is president-elect of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Tom Powell** of the Tallahassee office of Powell & Mack, P.A., has been elected president of the Legal Aid Foundation 2004-2005 board.

## 1978

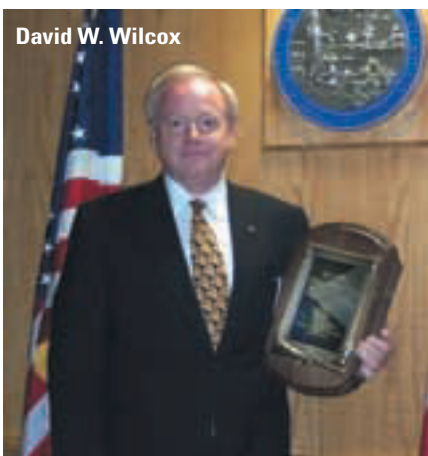
**Paul H. Amundsen** was elected to the Board of Visitors of Elon University, Elon, N.C. His four-year term began in January. He is a shareholder of Amundsen & Gilroy in Tallahassee, where he practices administrative, environmental and health care law.

**Vicki Weber**, a shareholder in the firm of Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee, has been cited in the *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2004-2005* as a leading individual lawyer. *Chambers* ranked the firm as Florida's top environmental law firm for the second consecutive year and as a leading firm in zoning/land-use law and tax law.

## 1979

**Patricia Grinstead** was appointed to the County Court Bench for Okaloosa County in the 1st Judicial Circuit of Florida by Gov. Jeb Bush. She is the first woman to hold the position.

**Melanie Ann Hines** of Berger Singerman presided over a meeting of The Florida Bar's Criminal Law Section Executive Council and led a panel discussion on mediation in criminal cases. This was the last meeting at which she presided as chair of the section.



David W. Wilcox

**David W. Wilcox** received the Lifetime Achievement Award in June from the Manatee County Bar Association for his leadership roles in local charitable and civic organizations. He is a solo practitioner in the areas of real estate, business, contracts, entertainment and the arts.

## 1980

**Charlotte H. Danciu** of Boca Raton recently presented "Reproductive Law: Surrogacy, Embryo Donation and Other Fertility Options" at the annual meeting of the Florida Society for Reproduc-

tive Endocrinology and Infertility in Orlando. Her presentation was an in-depth analysis of Florida's surrogacy, pre-planned adoption, embryo donation laws and their application to the process of third party assisted reproduction.

**Don Hinkle** of the Tallahassee law firm of Hinkle & Foran is president-elect of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

**Solomon B. Zoberman** was elected shareholder at Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, in Boca Raton. He is a member of the firm's business law, entertainment and sports law and intellectual property practice groups. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of Florence Fuller Child Development Center. He and his wife Wendy live in Delray Beach, Fla.

## 1981

**Howard E. "Gene" Adams** has joined the firm of Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar, P.A. He can be reached at 215 South Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-3533; e-mail, gene@penningtonlaw.com.

## 1982

**Kelly Overstreet Johnson**, a partner in Broad and Cassel's Tallahassee office and president of The Florida Bar, was recognized by Tallahassee Community College as one of 10 Outstanding Community Women during the college's Women's History Month celebration. She also serves on The Florida Bar Foundation board of directors. Her legal practice centers on complex commercial litigation and labor and employment.

**John W. Little III** has joined the law firm of Brigham Moore as a partner and is establishing the firm's new Palm Beach office. He specializes in civil litigation, eminent domain and real property. He can be reached at 250 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 1601, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401.

**D. Lloyd Monroe IV** of the Tallahassee firm of Coppins & Monroe was elected secretary/treasurer of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

## 1983

**Mark P. Barnebey** has received The Florida Bar's Paul S. Buchman Award. The award is presented to an attorney exhibiting outstanding service and dignity in the scope of his legal practice. He practices administrative, land use and government law at the firm of Kirk-Pinkerton.

**Edwin L. Davis** is the assistant state attorney in charge of homicides for Volusia County, 7th Judicial Circuit.

**Edward W. Horan** opened his law office in Tallahassee in September. His new address is 111 South Monroe Street, Suite 3000, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel. 850-222-7559.

**Cari Roth** is a shareholder in the law firm of Bryant, Miller & Olive, P.A., 201 South Monroe Street, Suite 500, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-8611; e-mail, croth@bmlolaw.com.

**Jesse F. Suber** of the Tallahassee firm of Henry, Buchanan, Hudson, Suber & Carter, P.A., was elected the membership committee chair for the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Joshua A. Whitman** is a partner and shareholder in the Jacksonville firm of Milton, Leach, Whitman, D'Andrea, Charek & Milton, P.A., where he practices civil trial law. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and recently completed his term as president of the Jacksonville Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He and his wife Elyse live in Jacksonville with their sons, Alex, Ben and Sam. He can be reached at 815 S. Main Street, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Fla. 32207; Tel., 904-346-3800; e-mail, jwhitman@miltonleach.com.

## 1984

**Scott Ballard** was elected district attorney for the Griffin Judicial Circuit. The circuit covers Fayette, Spalding, Upson and Pike counties in Georgia.

**Barbara Curtis Davis** was named "Woman of the Year" by the Volusia/Flagler Women Lawyers Association and honored at a luncheon held in May in Daytona Beach. She has been AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. She is assistant attorney general, Capital Litigation, in Daytona Beach.

**John F. Gilroy** is a partner in the firm of Amundsen & Gilroy, P.A., in Tallahassee. He is former chief attorney and senior counsel in the area of health care facility regulation for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

**Francis H. Sheppard** was named managing partner in the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell in Orlando. He also is the firm's chief financial officer. He practices general civil litigation with an emphasis in professional liability, employment and commercial litigation.

**Jeffrey Stoops**, president and CEO of SBA Communications Corp., spoke at the Raymond James 25th Annual Institutional Investors Conference in Orlando, Fla., in March.

## 1985

**Martin R. Dix**, a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Akerman Senterfitt, has been appointed a member and vice chair of Chinese Children Adoption International's Florida Advisory Council. He also serves as president of Legal Services of North Florida.

**Sam King** has been elected to the Executive Council of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar. The Trial Lawyers Section includes both plaintiff and defense attorneys. He is with the firm of Dellecker, Wilson & King, P.A., a referral-based personal injury law firm located in Orlando.

**Ralph DeMeo**, a shareholder in the firm of Hopping, Green & Sams in Tallahassee, has been cited in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers 2004-2005* as a leading individual lawyer. *Chambers* ranked the firm as Florida's top environmental law firm for the second consecutive year and as a leading firm in zoning/land-use law and tax law.

**Mark Holcomb**, a partner in Broad and Cassel's Tallahassee office, has been named a leading business attorney by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers 2004-2005*. His practice centers on state and local taxation law.

## 1986

**Vivian Arenas** has been named a partner in the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A. She practices in the areas of administrative law, eminent domain and environmental law, representing public and private clients. She can be reached at de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., P.O. Box 2350, Tampa, Fla. 33601.

**Robert N. Clarke Jr.** was appointed chair of the Civil Procedures Rule Committee of The Florida Bar. He also is an adjunct professor at Florida State University.



**Paul A. Damico** was re-elected as county circuit judge for the 15th Circuit in Palm Beach County. He was appointed to the post by Gov. Jeb Bush in 2001. He can be reached at 205 N. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; Tel., 561-355-6892; e-mail, pad1@adelphi.net.

**Anthony DiFilippo** has opened The DiFilippo Law Firm in Jacksonville, Fla. He can be reached at 4114

Sunbeam Road, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Fla. 32257-8870

## 1987

**Gina G. Smith**, a senior associate in the Tallahassee office of Butler, Pappas, Weimuller, Katz, Craig, LLP, was elected president of the Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention for the 2004 term. She can be reached at Butler, Pappas, Weimuller, Katz, Craig, LLP, 3600 Maclay Blvd., Suite 101, Tallahassee, Fla. 32312; Tel., 850-894-4111, ext. 637; e-mail, gsmith@butlerpappas.com.

## 1988

**Cynthia G. Imperato**, a judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida, has been selected as vice chair of the Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee of The Florida Bar. She also was appointed as an honorary board member for PACE School for Girls in Broward County and the Broward County Crime Commission.



**Wellington H. Meffert II** graduated from Leadership Florida Class XXII in May and was elected to the Leadership Florida Board of Regents. He is general counsel for Florida Housing Finance Corporation, a public/private entity that provides financing for affordable housing projects throughout the state. He can be reached at 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

**Scott R. Rost** was elected to a three-year term on the Voluntary Board of Directors of The Florida Bar Foundation. He is a partner in the Daytona Beach law firm of Doran, Wolfe, Rost & Ansay, P.A., and specializes in commercial real estate and construction litigation, corporate and real estate transactions, civil rights and constitutional law.

**Cathy Sellers** has joined the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel as Of Counsel and practices land use and environmental law.

**Susan Welch** has joined the Bank of America. Her new address is 1605 Main Street, Suite 800, Sarasota, Fla. 34236; Tel., 941-952-2715; e-mail, Susan.S.Welch@bankofamerica.com.

## 1989

**Maria Gonzalez** has been appointed a judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit in Fort Myers by Gov. Jeb Bush. She had served as an assistant state attorney since 1990.

**Greg Lang** has joined Lockheed Martin Corp. as

associate general counsel. He can be reached at 12506 Lake Underhill Road, MP 840, Orlando, Fla. 32825; Tel., 407-306-1000.

## 1990

**David M. Corry** heads the legal department in the Tampa offices of Jim Walter Homes, Inc. He oversees litigation by outside counsel, tracks legislation impacting the building and lending/financing industries, advises management on legal issues and supervises a small legal staff. He can be reached at Jim Walter Homes, Inc., Legal Department, 10th Floor, 4211 W. Boy Scout Blvd., Tampa, Fla. 33607; Tel., 813-871-4811; e-mail, dcorry@walterind.com.

**Rafael Gonzalez**, partner at Barrs, Williamson, Stolberg, Townsend and Gonzalez, P.A., in Tampa, was awarded membership in the prestigious National Academy of Social Insurance. NASI is made up of the nation's leading experts on social insurance such as Social Security, Medicare and workers' compensation. Membership in NASI is extended only to individuals who have shown through their professional work a commitment to promote informed policymaking on social insurance issues through research, public education, and training. He also recently published "Reasonable Consideration of Medicare's Interest in Workers' Compensation Settlements" in *The Florida Bar Journal and News* and *440 Report* and made presentations at the Florida Workers' Advocates Educational Conference in June at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Annual Convention in July and at the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute Educational Conference in August.

**John F. Pauly, Jr.** is with the Office of the Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County. He can be reached at 421 3rd Street, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; Tel., 561-355-7500.

**John S. Sommer** has opened a law firm at 7024 Montroff Circle, Indianapolis, Ind. 46256.

**Sylvia A. Thompson** has opened her own law firm at 1699 Coral Way, Suite 315, Miami, Fla. 33145.

## 1991

**Nina Ashenafi** has been elected president of the board of the Tallahassee Bar Association for 2004-2005. She is in-house counsel for the Florida Education Association in Tallahassee.

**Barbara Auger** has joined Bryant, Miller and Olive, P.A., as a shareholder in its Tallahassee office. She focuses on state and local government matters.

**Kathleen L. Brennan** was re-elected to the affiliate board of directors of the Florida/Puerto Rico American Heart Association for 2004-2005.

**Tammy de Soto Cicchetti** of the Cicchetti Law Firm in Tallahassee was appointed to the United States Presidential Business Commission. The commission advises the Republican leadership.

**Michael P. Spellman** has become a shareholder in the law office of Coppins Monroe Adkins Dincman & Spellman, P.A. He practices in the areas of employment law, civil rights and law enforcement defense. He is an officer in the William H. Stafford Inn of Court and serves on the executive council of the Labor and Employment Section of The Florida Bar.

**Electra Theodorides-Bustle** has been appointed director of governmental relations with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Tallahassee. Prior to joining FDLE, she was with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office as general counsel, captain of the Human Resources Bureau and major of the Courts, Corrections, and Human Services Division. She was the first woman to serve on the command.

## 1992

**Laverne Lewis Gaskins**, university attorney for Valdosta State University, has published her first book, "Child Support and Other Guarantees," a novel of romance, mystery and spiritual growth. The book is available at [www.xlibris.com/bookstore](http://www.xlibris.com/bookstore), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). She also was nominated for Woman of Achievement by the Valdosta Chapter of Business and Professional Women. She can be reached at [www.lavernlewisgaskins.com](http://www.lavernlewisgaskins.com).

**Camille Godwin** has joined the firm of Wilkes & McHugh, P.A., One North Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 800, Tampa, Fla. 33609; Tel., 813-873-0026.

## 1993

**Dawn Kimmel Roberts** has joined the Florida Department of State as general counsel. She had served as staff director for the Senate Committee On Judiciary. She can be reached at 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399; Tel., 850-245-6536; e-mail, [dkroberts@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:dkroberts@dos.state.fl.us).

**George Sarduy** has joined the law firm of Kelley, Kronenberg, Gilmartin, Fichtel, Wander, P.A. He can be reached at 2655 Le Jeune Road, Suite C PH 1, Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Tel., 305-774-7058.

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## 1995

**Benjamin L. Crump** has been elected president of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association.

**David S. Brecher** has been elected a partner in the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. He handles litigation relating to liability, toxic torts, insurance, personal injury and wrongful death, contract disputes and other commercial matters in the firm's Jacksonville, Fla., office.

**Luis J. Perdomo** is with the law firm of Lane, Reese, Aulick, Summers & Field, P.A. He can be reached at 2600 Douglas Road, Suite 304, Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Tel., 305-444-4418; e-mail, [LPerdomo@LRASF-Law.Com](mailto:LPerdomo@LRASF-Law.Com).

**Marlene Sallo** is with the law firm of Peterson, P.A., 170 N. Florida Avenue, Bartow, Fla. 33830; Tel., 863-519-9300; e-mail, [msalloesq@msn.com](mailto:msalloesq@msn.com).

**Meredith Trammell** of the Florida Department of Insurance has been elected secretary of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

**Stephanie Williams** has been appointed chair of the Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee for The Florida Bar for the 2004-2005 year. She is the associate dean for administration at the College of Law.

## 1996

**Ronald A. Christaldi** is a shareholder at the firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., and has been selected to serve on the board of directors of the Tampa Bay Business Committee for the Arts. The committee is dedicated to developing positive and mutually beneficial connections between business and cultural institutions in the bay area.

**Rob Faigin** has written *Hormonally Intelligent Exercise*, published by Extique Publishing. The book asserts that hormones hold the key to effective training and proposes a training program that claims to deliver three times the results from exercise in half the time. He also wrote *Natural Hormonal Enhancement*.

**Charles "Chip" R. Fletcher** has been named a partner in the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A. He practices legislative, regulatory and environmental law. He can be reached at P.O. Box 2350, Tampa, Fla. 33601.

**Teresa M. Frazier** has signed on as a placement mentor at the College of Law. She practices international law in the Office of Regulations and Rulings, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. She can be reached at 202-572-8821.

**Ian J. Goldstein** has joined the law firm of Goldstein & Jette, P.A., Northbridge Centre, 515 North Flagler Drive, Suite 910, West Palm Beach Fla. 33401; Tel., 561-659-0202; e-mail, [ijg@goldsteinjette.com](mailto:ijg@goldsteinjette.com).

**Jeremy Jungreis**, Maj., JAG, USMC, graduated in August with highest honors from George Washington University Law School with an LL.M. in environmental law. He was the only Marine judge advocate in the country to obtain a funded LL.M. in 2003-2004. He also is one of four Marines with cognizance over environmental law compliance for the entire Western United States. In October, he accepted an offer to publish his LL.M. thesis in the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. The article will be published in the summer.

**Laudelina F. McDonald** has moved to Miami and is with the Department of Financial Services. She can be reached at P.O. Box 0817, Miami, Fla. 33152-0817.

**Russel Lazega** has published the 2003-2004 edition of *West's Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law*, a nationally distributed treatise on Florida automobile insurance law. He also presented "2003 P.I.P. Legislative Case Law Review" to attorneys and insurance adjusters in Fort Lauderdale and "Litigating Under the New No-Fault Law" in August.

**Patrick McGinley** of Patrick McGinley, P.A., in Winter Park and Miami, and Of Counsel to the law office of Russel Lazega, P.A., has published "West's Florida Worker's Compensation Practice" a nationally distributed treatise on workers' compensation insurance law.

## 1997

**Tiffany Lorry Bryan** has joined the legal team at Brent Adams and Associates in Sanford, N.C., where she concentrates on workers' compensation and employment law.

**Jason H. Coffman** has opened the Law Office of Jason H. Coffman, 170 Mitchell Street S.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303-3424; Tel., 404-581-3834; e-mail, [jcoffman@atlflaw.com](mailto:jcoffman@atlflaw.com).

**Amie M. Remington** is a shareholder in the law firm of Bozeman, Jenkins & Matthews, P.A. She focuses her practice on employment litigation, representing management and employers, and counsels corporate clients on current employment laws. She can be reached at 114 E. Gregory Street, Pensacola, Fla. 32502; Tel., 850-434-6223.

**Liz Williamson** is an associate attorney with Kilpatrick Stockton in Raleigh, N.C. She represents industry clients on air quality issues. She also serves as in-house environmental counsel for Progress Energy.

## 1998

**Kurtis T. Bauerle**, founding partner in the Orlando law firm of Harris, Harris, Bauerle & Sharma, has been admitted to the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, which is made up of trial lawyers who have achieved a verdict or settlement of one million dollars or more.

**Alberto L. Dominguez** is general counsel at the Florida Department of Management Services, 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 260, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399; Tel., 850-487-1082; e-mail, dominga@dms.state.fl.us.

**Carolyn A. Eagan** practices civil trial, local government and personal injury law at Johnson, Anselmo, Muroch, Burke, Piper & McDuff in Fort Lauderdale. She recently married Alex Ghio. They live in Hollywood, Fla.

**Alex Ghio** has joined First Eastside Savings Bank in Sunrise, Fla., as vice president and Florida Counsel. He represents the bank in all matters and specializes in complex commercial development loans. He recently married Carolyn Eagan. They live in Hollywood, Fla.

**Robert A. Morris**, who practices in the area of criminal defense, has relocated the Law Offices of Banks & Morris to 810 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Fla. 32303. The firm specializes in marital and family law, criminal defense, civil litigation, immigration, wills probate and appeal.

**Colby Peel** is a Washington County (Florida) judge and the circuit representative for the county judges of the 14th Judicial Circuit and rules in five Panhandle counties.

**Elizabeth P. Perez** has joined the law firm of Wilson, Suarez, Lopez & Gennett as an associate. She can be reached at 2151 LeJeune Road, Mezzanine, Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Tel., 305-446-7300; e-mail, eperez@wslglaw.com.

**James P. Waczewski** has joined the law firm of Butler Pappas as an associate. He is active in the firm's bad faith and first and third party insurance coverage practice. He can be reached at 3600 Maclay Blvd., Suite 101, Tallahassee, Fla. 32312; Tel., 850-894-4111; e-mail, jwaczewski@butlerpappas.com.

## 1999

**John L. Bischof** has started his own firm. He can be reached at P.O. Box 23237, Tallahassee, Fla. 32317; Tel., 850-894-2900; e-mail, johnbischof@yahoo.com.

**Virginia C. Dailey** has joined the Washington D.C. law offices of Hunton & Williams as an associate. She can be reached at Hunton & Williams, LLP, 1900 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-1109 Tel., 202-955-1500.

**Alton E. Drew** was elected to Maryland's Board of Master Electricians for a term expiring in June 2007. He was nominated by Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich. He can be reached at County of Fairfax, Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 433, Fairfax, Va. 22035-0048; e-mail, Alton.Drew@fairfaxcounty.gov.



**Kenneth D. Pratt**, is a founding partner in the newly opened Orlando firm of Halim & Pratt, L.L.C. He practices criminal and real estate law. He can be reached at 207 East Hillcrest Street, Orlando, Fla. 32771; Tel., 407-650-9044; e-mail, kpratt1906@aol.com.

**Adam Ruiz** handles a broad range of immigration cases, including complex international custody cases in most Latin American countries for the Law Offices of Banks & Morris. The office recently relocated to 810 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Fla. 32303.

**Amy Skelton** practices criminal and family law and personal injury litigation at her own firm in Lake Hamilton, Fla. She can be reached at P.O. Box 812, Lake Hamilton, Fla. 33851; Tel., 863-438-0280; e-mail, amin@amyskelton.com.

**Scott South** has been elected a senior associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., in Orlando. He practices general litigation.

**Gerald C. Thomas** has joined the Tampa law firm of Trenam Kemker as an associate in the Real Estate Department.

## 2000



**Joan Humphrey Anderson** of the Tallahassee office of Pennington Moore Wilkinson Bell & Dunbar is president-elect of the Legal Aid Foundation board.

**Ginger L. Barry** has joined the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel as an associate practicing commercial litigation.

**Laureen Galeoto** of the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel has been elected treasurer of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

**Bedouin Joseph** is an associate in the Litigation Practice Group of Adams and Reese in New Orleans, La. He represents clients in the defense of complex litigation involving property contamination, environmental pollution, and personal injury resulting from air pollution and/or contamination.

**Matthew Lines** has joined the law firm of Isicoff, Ragatz & Koenigsberg, P.A., in Miami. The firm specializes in complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, and insurance coverage litigation. He can be reached at 1101 Brickell Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, Fla. 33131.

**John A. Moore** is an associate in the Atlanta law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy LLP. He practices in the areas of bankruptcy law, bankruptcy litigation and commercial litigation.

**Rachel Mayer Port** is an attorney in the Atlanta office of King & Spalding, LLP, and a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions Practice Group. She serves on the firm's Diversity Committee and is involved in two pro bono projects, the Eviction Defense Project and Habitat for Humanity Wills Project. She can be reached at rport@kslaw.com.

**Jason G. Williams** has rejoined the Orlando Office of Foley & Lardner as an associate in the firm's business law department, where he focuses on real estate law and the resort development industry.



**Capt. Nicole P. Wishart**, Patrick Air Force Base (Florida) Area Defense Counsel, USAF JAG Corps, married 1st Lt. Sky T. Lloyd, USMC, at McGuire AFB, N.J., in July. He is a Weapons Platoon Commander deployed to Camp Hansen, Okinawa. She can be reached at 1201 Edward H. White II St., Suite N-115, Patrick AFB, Fla. 32925; Tel., 321-494-4423; e-mail, Nicole.Wishart@patrick.af.mil.



## 2001

**Sarah S. Butters** has transferred her practice to the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight. She formerly was at the firm's West Palm Beach location. She serves as an associate in the firm's private-wealth services section.

**Davisson F. Dunlap** of the Tallahassee firm of Dunlap & Toole was elected the FLABOTA president for the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Robert Elson** has joined the Tallahassee firm of Jolly, Peterson & Cherr, P.A. His address is P.O. Box 37400, Tallahassee, Fla. 32315; Tel., 850-422-0282; e-mail, rpe@jollylaw.com.



**Cindy H. Ford** has joined the firm of Kirk-Pinkerton as an associate in the Sarasota office. She practices commercial litigation.

**Jenny S. Higginbotham** is with the Law Offices of David B. Sacks, P.A. She can be reached at 1824

Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207; Tel., 904-634-1122; e-mail, jenny@sackslegal.com.

**Jesse H. Little** has joined the law firm of Steel Hector & Davis in West Palm Beach as an associate. He practices tax law in the areas of charitable giving and estate and trust planning. He can be reached at 1900 Phillips Point W., 777 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; e-mail, jhlittle@steelhector.com.



**Michael J. Poche** has been named managing attorney for the Tallahassee office of Allen, Kopet & Associates, PLLC. He focuses his practice on workers' compensation and general litigation defense.

**Angela Price** is with the U.S. Department of Education in the Office of the Secretary's Regional Representative. She can be reached at 61 Forsyth Street S.W., Suite 19T40, Atlanta, Ga. 30303; Tel., 404-562-6223.

**Matt Rearden** has been promoted to associate general counsel of International Speedway Corporation. His address is 1801 W. International Speed-

way Blvd., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32119; e-mail, mrearden@iscmotorsports.com.

**Natalie Futch Smith** has joined Florida Power & Light as a staff attorney. She can be reached at 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Fla. 33408; Tel., 561-691-7207.

**C. Erica White** has opened the law office of C. Erica White, P.A. She can be reached at 290 W. Washington Street, Monticello, Fla. 32344; Tel., 850-997-8433; e-mail, cewhitelaw@earthlink.net.

## 2002



**Jeanne Curtin** has been accepted as a member of Class XXII of Leadership Tallahassee. She focuses on governmental affairs at the Tallahassee law firm of Ard, Shirley & Hartman, P.A. She can be reached at 820 E. Park Avenue, F 200, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-577-6500; e-mail, jcurtin@ashlawfirm.com.

# FSU Law Alumni Want to Know

From all surveys, the most avidly read section of the *FSU LAW* magazine is "Class Action." The Law School's more than 6,000 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, births, marriage announcements and more.

It's easy to get your news into the communications network. Just fill out the form at right and send it (along with a photograph of yourself, if you like) to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Florida State University College of Law, 425 W. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER/FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

PRACTICE AREA: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FSU College of Law Alumni Association Awards Program

# NOMINATION FORM

The FSU College of Law Alumni Association Awards Committee is requesting nominations for the 2005 College of Law Alumni Awards. These awards were established to honor outstanding alumni and community leaders who have made a significant contribution to the FSU College of Law and their respective communities.

The awards will be announced during the FSU College of Law Alumni Association meeting at the Florida Bar Meeting in June.

Check one box below to indicate which award category is appropriate. Please make additional copies of this form if you wish to submit more than one award nomination.

**Distinguished Alumnus Award:** The FSU College of Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes an alumnus who has distinguished himself/herself professionally and who has rendered outstanding service to the community as well as the Florida State University College of Law. Good citizenship, significant contributions benefiting community, state and nation, and humanitarian services and contributions to society will be considered in selecting a recipient. Eligibility is limited to living FSU College of Law graduates.

**Distinguished Service Award:** The FSU College of Law Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award recognizes an alumnus who has rendered distinguished service to the Florida State University College of Law. The recipient should have distinguished volunteer service to the FSU College of Law over an extended period of time. Eligibility is limited to living FSU College of Law graduates. Full-time College of Law employees (faculty or staff) can be considered provided there is a distinction made between the duties that lie within the employee's job description and service that is above and beyond the employee's job description.

**Class of '66 Award:** The Class of '66 Award recognizes a non-FSU College of Law graduate who has rendered distinguished service to the FSU College of Law and the community. Political success and/or philanthropic support is not to be considered sole justification for selection. Each recipient is inducted into the Class of '66 to commemorate the year the Florida State University College of Law was founded. Full-time College of Law employees (faculty or staff) are not eligible until after the employee's retirement or resignation.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination (Please provide a description of the candidate's accomplishments on a separate page)

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please attach any articles, publications or other information that may be useful to the Awards Committee.

To nominate someone for an award, please complete this form and return it to the address below. Include with your nomination form a description of the candidate's accomplishments along with supporting materials such as newspaper clippings, articles or other publications. For further information, please call (800) 788-7097 or write to the following address:

The Alumni Association Awards Committee  
c/o Kelly Wardrop

Florida State University College of Law  
425 W. Jefferson Street

Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2005

**Christine R. Dean** has joined Carlton Field's Tallahassee office as an associate in the appellate practice and trial-support group.

**Michael Gray** is an attorney in the Appellate Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division in Washington, D.C.

**Frank P. Mayernick Jr.** has joined Tidewater Consulting Inc. at 200 W. College Avenue, Suite 308, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-681-6400; e-mail, fmayernick@tidewaterinc.com.

**Carlos Moore** has opened a satellite law office in Jackson County, Miss., for the Grenada-based Harlow Law Firm.

**Matt Schultz** has joined the Pensacola law firm of Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Echsner. He can be reached at 1197 N. 10th Ave., Pensacola, Fla. 32503; Tel., 850-438-8623. He recently traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to attend an international strategic planning meeting in connection with the case of Khulumani vs. Barclays et al. He and other counsel in the United States and South Africa represent apartheid victims seeking relief from numerous multinational corporations for aiding and abetting South Africa's apartheid regime.

**Melissa Zelnicker** received the President's Award of Merit during The Florida Bar Convention in Boca Raton in June. She is a second-year Equal Justice Fellow at Legal Aid Services in Broward County.

## 2003

**Laura Atlee** has joined the law firm of Vermulst Waer & Verhaeghe in Brussels, Belgium, as an associate and is practicing international trade law. She can be reached at laura\_atlee@yahoo.com

**Lenorae C. Atter** has joined the law firm of Wood, Atter & Associates, P.A. She can be reached at 333-1 East Monroe Street, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202; Tel., 904-355-8888.

**Diane M. Barnes** has joined the law firm of Myers & Fuller, P.A. She can be reached at 402 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-878-6404; e-mail, www.dealerlawyer.com.

**Ryan M. Barnett** has joined the Pensacola law firm of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A., as an associate. He can be reached at 316 South Baylen Street, Suite 500, Pensacola, Fla. 32502; Tel., 850-434-7122; e-mail, rbarnett@mcconnaughay.com.

**Anthony G. Davis** is at the Law Office of Anthony G. Davis, P.C., 6022 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 103,

Newport News, Va. 23605; Tel., 757-380-0600; e-mail, agdavislaw@hotmail.com.

**Jeff Goodman** has joined the Birmingham office of Balch & Bingham as an associate. He is a member of the firm's litigation section and focuses on complex commercial litigation. He also is a member of the firm's Sports Agency and Regulation practice area and serves as a professional contract negotiator for players and coaches of several sports.

**Sarah Hamilton** has joined the law firm of Pleat & Perry in Destin, Fla. She can be reached at 4477 Legendary Drive, Suite 202, Destin, Fla. 32541; Tel., 850-650-0599; e-mail, SarahRHHamilton@cox.net.

**Jon J. Hernan** is with the law firm of Cabaniss, Smith, Toole, & Wiggins, PL, where he practices in the areas of litigation and products liability. He can be reached at P.O. Box 945401, Maitland, Fla. 32794-5401; Tel., 407-246-1895; e-mail, jhernan@cabaniss.net.

**Brooke Lewis** has joined the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel as an associate practicing commercial litigation.

**Jennifer B. Levine** is with the law firm of Lott & Friedland, P.A. She can be reached at 355 Alhambra Circle, Suite 1100, Coral Gables, Fla. 32134.

**Noelle M. Melanson** has joined the firm of Phoenix Law Partners, P.A., as an associate and is concentrating on real estate, commercial and corporate transactions and general practice law. She can be reached at 12800 University Drive, Suite 260, Fort Myers, Fla. 33907; Tel., 239-461-0024; e-mail, Noelle.Melanson@lawpartners.us.

**Jennifer Sweeting** practices marital and family law at the Law Offices of Banks & Morris. The firm recently relocated to 810 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Fla. 32303.

**Jeffrey H. Wood** has joined the Birmingham, Ala., law firm of Balch & Bingham's Environmental and Natural Resources Section, where his practice encompasses a wide range of general, federal and state environmental matters. He also recently published two articles in the ABA's *Natural Resources & Environment* magazine. He co-authored "No Comparison: Barring Citizen Suits in Dual Enforcement Actions" and authored "Protecting Native Coastal Ecosystems: CZMA and Alaska's Coastal Plain." He can be reached at 1901 6th Avenue North, Suite 2600, Birmingham, Ala. 35203; Tel., 205-226-3405; e-mail, jhwood@balch.com.

## 2004

**Cristina I. Acosta** has joined the firm of McCumber Inclan, P.A., in Jacksonville. The firm

specializes in nursing home defense. She can be reached at One Independent Drive, Suite 1800, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202; Tel., 904-355-5515.

**A. Mireille Fall** has joined the Office of the Attorney General as an assistant attorney general in Tallahassee. She can be reached at 107 West Gaines Street, Room 343D, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399; Tel., 850-414.3567; e-mail Mireille\_Fall@oag.state.fl.us.

**Bridget Y. Kellogg** has joined the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., in Tallahassee. She can be reached at 101 East College Avenue, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Tel., 850-222-6891.

**Kimberly Killian** has joined the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP, in Jacksonville. She can be reached at 50 North Laura Street, Suite 2800, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202; Tel., 904-354-8000; e-mail, kkillian@11gm.com.

**Mike Prohidney** has taken a position as a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. He can be reached at 56 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303; Tel., 404-335-6102.

## In Memoriam

**Earl Gallop, '74**, an environmental and municipal attorney who represented the city of South Miami for more than a decade, died June 18 at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami. He was 57. Mr. Gallop was with the law firm of Nagin Gallop & Figueredo.

**John Conan Harrison, '74**, of the law firm of John C. Harrison, P.A., in Shalimar, died January 5 in Baton Rouge, La. He was 54. Before establishing his private practice, Mr. Harrison was Chief Assistant State Attorney for the 14th Judicial Circuit in Florida.

**Andrew Wesley Lindsey, '72**, of Ridge Manor died on January 30. He was 60. Mr. Lindsey was a Public Defender for the 6th District in Dade City, a U.S. Army veteran and a partner in the law firm of Daniel, Woodward & Lindsey in Bradenton.

**J. Steven Reynolds, '82**, of the Law Offices of J. Steven Reynolds in West Palm Beach, died March 3. He was 47.

**Jason Michael Savitz, '99**, a Tallahassee attorney, died in February. He was 30.

**Leo Michael Wachtel III, '71**, Capt., USNR (Ret.) of McLean, Va., died May 9 in Jacksonville, Fla. He was 63. Mr. Wachtel also was retired from the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service.

# FACULTY

## News, Publications & Activities

### Steel Hector & Davis Gift Endows Professorship

LOIS SHEPHERD NAMED D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

**C**ollege of Law Professor Lois Shepherd was named the D'Alemberte Professor.

The professorship was donated to the law school by the Miami-based law firm of Steel Hector & Davis and was named for Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, a former partner in the law firm. D'Alemberte served as dean of the law school from 1984-1989, and as president of the university from 1993-2003.

"Steel Hector & Davis is committed to the Florida State University College of Law and the success of its outstanding students," said Joseph Klock, the firm's managing partner. "Several of the firm's partners and associates are graduates. We are delighted that this endowment was awarded to Lois."

Shepherd teaches Contracts, Professional Responsibility and Bioethics and the Law. Her upcoming text, *The Bioethics and Law Casebook*, is being published by the Aspen Press. She received her law degree in 1987 from Yale University, where she was a senior editor of the *Yale Law Review*. Before coming to Florida State, she was with the Charlotte, N.C., firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson.



Lois Shepherd

"I feel honored to receive this recognition and am grateful to the university, to Dean Don Weidner, and to the friends and supporters of Sandy D'Alemberte who made this possible," says Shepherd. "I believe the FSU College of Law is an exciting place to be at this time. It has an unmistakable energy devoted to the pursuit of ideas."

Says Weidner, "Lois is an important asset to our law school and because of the generous gift from Steel Hector & Davis, we

are able to honor her for her outstanding scholarship."

Steel Hector & Davis is a full-service international law firm with offices in Florida, Latin America, and London.

### Stone Wins 2004 Faculty Award

**P**rofessor Ruth Stone won the 2004 Faculty Award on Professionalism at The Florida Bar meeting in Boca Raton in June. Throughout her career, Stone has served as both a prosecutor and a private practitioner. She is a clinical legal education teacher and co-director of the law school's Children's Advocacy Center. She developed her own program for the center's

domestic violence section and law office management, ethics and professionalism. In addition, Stone has revised the chapter, "The History and Philosophy of the Juvenile Court" for the last three editions of the book *Florida Juvenile Law and Practice*. She also is the faculty advisor and head coach for the Mock Trial Team and president of Tallahassee Women Lawyers.

The award honors a faculty member of one of Florida's law schools, who, through teaching, scholarship and service, best supports or exemplifies the mission of the bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism, which presented the award.



Ruth Stone

## Faculty News

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### FREDERICK M. ABBOTT

EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR  
IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

**Report:** UNCTAD/ICTSD RESOURCE BOOK ON TRIPS AND DEVELOPMENT: AN AUTHORITATIVE AND PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE TRIPS AGREEMENT (Principal Consultant, with Carlos Correa) (2004). **Presentations:** *Intellectual Property Rights: How They Affect Procurement and What Steps Can Be Taken* (Bangkok, XV Annual International AIDS Conference, Satellite Session Showcasing World Bank Publication, *Battling HIV/AIDS*, July 2004); *Rapporteur* (Berlin, ILA Trade Law Committee, August 2004); *Toward a New Era of Objective Assessment in the Field of TRIPS and Variable Geometry for the Preservation of Multilateralism* (Berne, Switzerland, World Trade Institute World Trade Forum, June 2004); *Intellectual Property Rights and Development 10 Years After Marrakech "Where Are We? Where Are We Heading?"* (Geneva, UNCTAD/ICTSD Policy Dialogue, May 2004).

### PAOLO ANNINO

CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW

**Presentation:** *The Role of a Legal Aid Clinic in Legal Education* (University of Guyana University-wide Lecture, May 2004).

### ROB ATKINSON

RUDEN, MCCLOSKEY, SMITH, SCHUSTER &  
RUSSELL PROFESSOR

**Articles and Reviews:** *Connecting Legal Ethics and Business Ethics for the Common Good: Come, Let Us Reason Together*, 29 J. CORP. L. 469 (2004); Book Review: *Property Tax-Exemption for Charities: Mapping the Battlefield* (Urban Institute Press 2002) (Evelyn Brody, ed.), 33 NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY SECTOR Q. 161 (2004). **Presentations:** *Connecting Legal Ethics and Business Ethics for the Common Good: Come, Let Us Reason Together* (Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2004); *Testimony to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee's Roundtable on Nonprofit Reforms* (Washington, D.C., July 2004); *How to Feel Better, Write Better, and Be Better: Aristotle's Rhetoric, Plato's Gorgias, and Your Mama* (Ft. Lauderdale, Ruden McClosky Associates' Seminar, July 2004); *How to Enhance Your Writing Skills and Stay Within Professional and Ethical Guide-*

*lines* (Boca Raton, Florida Bar Annual Meeting Panel on Writing Tips for the 21st Century—How to Stay Out of the Professional and Ethical Minefield, June 2004); *Lawyers' Ethics in the Movies: What We Can Learn; What We Can Teach* (Palm Beach County Bar Association 13th Annual Professionalism Seminar, April 2004); *Growing Greener Grass: Looking from Legal Ethics to Business Ethics, and Back* (St. Paul, MN, University of St. Thomas Law Journal Symposium, "Understanding the Intersection of Business and Legal Ethics," March 2004).

### AMITAI AVIRAM

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *Network Responses to Network Threats: The Evolution Into Private Cyber-security Associations* (Arlington, Virginia, George Mason University Conference on the Law and Economics of Cyber-security, June 2004)—see <http://www.law.gmu.edu/events/cybersecurity.html>.

### MARGARET BALDWIN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Chapters and Article:** *Legal Interventions on the Demand for Prostitution and Sex Trafficking*, published as a chapter in the conference report, DEMAND DYNAMICS: THE FORCES OF DEMAND IN GLOBAL SEX TRAFFICKING 105-115 (Morrison Torrey & Sara Dubin, eds.) (DePaul University International Human Rights Institute 2004); *Living in Longing: Prostitution, Trauma Recovery, and Public Assistance*, 2 J. TRAUMA PRAC. 267 (2003), also published as a chapter in PROSTITUTION, TRAFFICKING AND TRAUMATIC STRESS (Melissa Farley, editor) (Haworth Press 2003). **Appointment:** appointed to the Advisory Board for the Human Trafficking Project of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

### DEBRA LYN BASSETT

LOULA FULLER AND DAN MYERS PROFESSOR

**Article:** *When Reform is Not Enough: Assuring More Than Merely 'Adequate' Representation in Class Actions*, 38 GA. L. REV. 927 (2004).

### NANCY BENAVIDES

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

**Presentation:** *Diversity Initiatives in 2004: Increasing Law School Enrollments* (Denver, Colorado, ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Conference for Associate Deans, June 2004).

### CURTIS BRIDGEMAN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Review:** *Liberalism and Freedom from the Promise Theory of Contract*, 67 MOD. L. REV. 684 (2004).

### DONNA CHRISTIE

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

**Articles:** *Marine Resources Management: A Proposal for Integration of United States' Management Regimes*, 34 ENVTL. L. 107 (2004); *Marine Reserves, the Public Trust Doctrine and Intergenerational Equity*, 19 J. LAND USE & ENVTL. L. 427 (2004). **Presentations:** *A Gulf of Mexico Perspective on the National Ocean Commission Preliminary Report* (Newport, Rhode Island, Annual International Meeting of The Coastal Society, May 2004); *The Role of Marine Reserves for Ocean Management* (Gainesville, University of Florida—Levin College of Law Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, February 2004).

### MARY A. CROSSLEY

THE FLORIDA BAR HEALTH LAW SECTION  
PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Reasonable Accommodation as Part and Parcel of the Antidiscrimination Project*, 35 RUTGERS L.J. 861 (2004). **Presentations:** *Discrimination Against the Unhealthy in Health Insurance* (Newark, N.J., American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics annual Health Law Teachers Conference, June 2004); *Panel on The Lawrence Decision* (Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2004); *The Law's Treatment of Genetic Discrimination in Health Insurance: Exceptional or Exemplary?* (Miami, Florida, Critical Issues Workshop on The Impact of Genetic Testing: Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues, sponsored by the Alpha-1 Foundation, October 2003).

### JOSEPH DODGE

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER  
ALHADEFF & SITTERSON PROFESSOR

**Book:** FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION: DOCTRINE, STRUCTURE AND POLICY (Lexis-Michie, 3rd edition, 2004) (with J. Clifton Fleming, Jr. & Deborah A. Geier). **Presentation:** *Debunking the Basis Myth under the Income Tax* (Rutgers University Law School Critical Tax Conference, April 2004) (with Jay Soled). **Service:** appointed Chair (2004-2007), Transfer Tax Study Committee, American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC); contributed to TASK FORCE ON FEDERAL WEALTH TRANSFER TAXES, REPORT ON REFORM OF FEDERAL WEALTH TRANSFER TAXES (American Bar Association 2004) (lead author of the Appendix, pp. 171-20).

### CHARLES EHRHARDT

MASON LADD PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *How Crawford v. Washington is Changing Hearsay Rules* (St. Augustine, Florida Academy of Criminal Defense Lawyers, June

2004); *For Your Eyes Only* (Naples, Florida, Collier County Media Law Conference on the Patriot Act, May 2004); *Cutting Edge Evidence Issues* (St. Petersburg, Fla., Gray Robinson law firm retreat, May 2004); *Evidence Update* (Jacksonville Bar Association Year 1 Annual Raymond Ehrlich Seminar, April 2004).

## STEVEN G. GEY

DAVID AND DEBORAH FONVIELLE & DONALD AND JANET HINKLE PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *The First Amendment and Science Education* (Berkeley, California, National Center for Science Education, September 2004); *Supreme Court and Legislative Preview* (Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2004); *Science and the Constitution* (Seattle, Washington, American Academy for the Advancement of Science, June 2004); *Science and the Constitution* (Case Western Reserve University Department of Philosophy/Institute for Policy Studies—faculty presentation, Feb. 2004); *The Challenge of Intelligent Design* (Seattle, Washington, American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Feb. 2004); *Church Autonomy and the Establishment Clause* (Brigham Young University J. Ruben Clark Law School—Conference on Church Autonomy, Feb. 2004); *A Few Questions About Cross Burning, Intimidation, and the First Amendment* (Duke Law School Faculty Workshop, January 2004).

## STEPHANIE GORE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article:** "A Rose by Any Other Name:" Judicial Use of Metaphors for New Technologies, 2003 U. ILL. J.L. TECH. & POL'Y 403.

## ADAM J. HIRSCH

DAVID M. HOFFMAN PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Perfecting Disclaimer Reform: Suggestions for a Revised Uniform Act*, 31 EST. PLAN. 185 (2004) (with Richard Gans). **Presentations:** *New Uniform Disclaimer Law* (San Antonio, Texas, ACTEC Annual Meeting, March 2004); *New Uniform Disclaimer Law* (Washington University—St. Louis School of Law Faculty Colloquium, February 2004); *Default Rules in Inheritance Law* (Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law Faculty Colloquium, January 2004).

## JONATHAN KLICK

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Econometric Analyses of U.S. Abortion Policy: A Critical Review*, 31 FORDHAM URBAN. L.J. 751 (2004); *Functional Law and Economics: The Search for Value Neutral Principles of Law Making*, 79 CHI-KENT L. REV. 431 (2004) (with

Francesco Parisi). **Presentations:** *What Do We Know About Contingency Fees* (Washington, D.C., American Enterprise Institute, September 2004)—see [http://www.aei.org/docLib/20040901\\_922graphics.pdf](http://www.aei.org/docLib/20040901_922graphics.pdf); *Using Terror Alerts to Estimate the Effect of Police on Crime* (Chicago, Illinois, American Law and Economics Association's Conference, Northwestern University School of Law, May 2004)—see [https://wx5.registeredsite.com/user835589/meeting/2004\\_program.pdf](https://wx5.registeredsite.com/user835589/meeting/2004_program.pdf); *Intergovernmental Political Competition in American Federalism* (discussant, Washington, D.C., jointly sponsored by Boston College and American Enterprise Institute, May 2004); *Did Workers Pay for the Expansion of Products Liability Law?* (moderator, Washington, D.C., American Enterprise Institute, May 2004)—see [http://www.aei.org/events/eventID.824\\_filter.economic.type.past/event\\_detail.asp](http://www.aei.org/events/eventID.824_filter.economic.type.past/event_detail.asp).

## LARRY KRIEGER

CLINICAL PROFESSOR & DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

**Article:** *Does Legal Education Have Undermining Effects on Law Students?: Evaluating Changes in Values, Motivation and Well Being*, 22 BEHAV. SCI. & L. 1 (2004) (with Kennon Sheldon). **Presentations:** *An Empirical Foundation for Teaching Professionalism and Career Satisfaction to Law Students* (Spokane, Washington, Institute for Law School Teaching, July 2004); *Quality of Life and Career in the 21st Century: The Emerging Paradigm* (Boca Raton, Florida Bar Annual Meeting, June 2004).

## TAHIRIH V. LEE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Democracy and Federalism in Greater China*, 48 ORBIS 275 (2004). **Presentations:** *The Mass Media and China's Legal System* (University of Maryland, Freeman Lecture series, sponsored by the Department of History, the Department of Government and Politics, and the Committee for East Asian Studies, February 2004).

## CHARLENE LUKE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *The Use of Variable Insurance Products as Tax-Avoidance Devices* (Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Young Scholars Workshop, August 2004).

## JON LUTZ

LAW LIBRARY, COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

**Presentation:** *Google Special Syntax Searches and Google Search Forms* (Boston, American Association of Law Libraries, July 2004).

## Benavides Promoted



Nancy Benavides was promoted in April to associate dean for student affairs. Benavides came to work at the law school in 2000 as director of Career Planning and Placement and was appointed assistant dean for student affairs in 2002. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1992 and practiced law with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Patrick J. Christmas & Associates before becoming the firm administrator at Feldsman, Tucker, Leifer, Fidell & Bank, also in Washington.

Benavides has been instrumental in strengthening student services at the law school and expanding its Summer for Undergraduates Program.

"Nancy Benavides is a deeply committed and dynamic young lawyer whose energies and dedication have helped make the law school a better place for all our students," said Dean Don Weidner in announcing the promotion.

## DAVID MARKELL

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Enhancing Citizen Involvement in Environmental Governance*, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT, Spring 2004, at 49. **Recognition:** *Improving State Environmental Performance Through Enhanced Governmental Accountability and Other Strategies* (with Clifford Rechtschaffen), 33 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10559 (2003) has been selected by a group of peers as one of the top eleven environmental and land use articles published in 2003; it will be republished in Volume 35 of the LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW. **Appointment:** appointed to Advisory Committee for the 2006 IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium on Implementation, Enforcement and Compliance.

## GREGORY MITCHELL

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Case Studies, Counterfactuals and Causal Explanations*, 152 U. PA. L. REV. 1517 (2004); *Mapping Evidence Law*, 2003 MICH. ST. DCL L. REV. 1065; *Tendencies Versus Boundaries: Lev-*

*els of Generality in Behavioral Law and Economics*, 56 VAND. L. REV. 1781 (2003).

## B.J. PRIESTER

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Structuring Sentencing: Apprendi, the Offense of Conviction, and the Limited Role of Constitutional Law*, 79 IND. L.J. 863 (2004).

## JIM ROSSI

HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND  
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

**Articles:** *Lowering the Filed Tariff Shield: Judicial Enforcement for a Deregulatory Era*, 56 VAND. L. REV. 1591 (2003); *Final, But Often Infallible: Addressing the Problems with ALJ Finality*, 56 ADMIN. L. REV. 52 (2004); *Beyond Goldwasser: Ex Post Enforcement in Deregulated Markets*, 2003 L. REV. M.S.U. 717 (symposium). **Presentations:** *Final, But Not Infallible: Candidly Confronting the Implications of ALJ Finality for Accountability in Administrative Procedure* (Atlanta, Judicial Division Program on ALJ Finality at the Georgia Office of Administrative Hearing, ABA Annual Meeting, August 2004); *The Promises and Limits of State-Regulated Monopoly* (George Mason University School of Law Faculty Workshop, April 2004); *Cooperative Federalism and Infrastructure Regulation* (University of Houston Law Center "Re-envisioning Law" Colloquium, April 2004); *Transmission Investment, Grid Management and the Role of RTOs* (University of Richmond School of Law Symposium, The Blackout of 2003: What's Next?, April 2004); *Limits to State-Assisted Monopoly* (University of Florida Levin College of Law, March 2004); *Judicially-Imposed Cooperative Federalism* (University of Indiana-Indianapolis School of Law faculty workshop series, February 2004).

## J.B. RUHL

MATTHEWS & HAWKINS PROFESSOR OF  
PROPERTY & ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Article:** *The Battle Over Endangered Species Act Methodology*, 34 ENVTL. L. 555 (2004). **Chapters:** *Regulatory Context: The Endangered Species Act*, chapter in NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES, ENDANGERED AND THREATENED FISHES IN THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN: CAUSES OF DECLINE AND STRATEGIES FOR RECOVERY (National Academies Press 2004); *Is the Endangered Species Act Ecopragmatic?*, chapter in THE JURISDYNAMICS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: CHANGE AND THE PRAGMATIC VOICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Jim Chen, editor) (Environmental Law Institute 2003). **Presentations:** *Writing and Publishing Law Review Articles: A Survey of Judgment Calls for the Untenured Law Professor* (Kiawah Island, South Carolina, Southeastern

Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2004); *Waters Wars, Eastern Style: Divvying Up the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin* (Portland, Oregon, Allocating Water: Economics and the Environment: Annual Conference of the Universities Council on Water Resources, July 2004); *Current Research in Complex Systems and the Law*, Squaw Valley, California, Panel at Gruter Institute Annual Meeting, June 2004); *Bottled Water and the Environment* (Miami, Panel at ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources Conference on Eastern Water Law, May 2004); *NEPA Nuts and Bolts* (Austin, Texas, CLE International Conference on NEPA, April 2004); *Taking Adaptive Management Seriously Under the Endangered Species Act—Lots of Talk, Little Action* (University of Kansas Law School Symposium on Reforming Environmental Law: Can Regulation Be More Adaptive?, March 2004); *Prescribing the Right Dose of Peer Review for the Endangered Species Act* (University of Nebraska Law School Symposium on Finding Solutions to Multi-Jurisdictional Water Conflicts, March 2004); *Thinking of Law as a Complex Adaptive System* (University College Cork, Ireland, Department of Government and Faculty of Law Conference on Ethically Evolving Political Systems: Science, Complexity, and Ethical Global Governance, February 2004).

## MARK SEIDENFELD

PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

**Article:** *Pyrrhic Political Penalties: Why the Public Would Lose Under the "Penalty Default Canon"*, 72 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 724 (2004).

## LOIS SHEPHERD

D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

**Article:** *The 'Starvation and Dehydration' Bill: Changing the Rules on Withdrawing Nutrition and Hydration*, XI(3) FLORIDA PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SECTION REPORTER 1 (Spring 2004). **Presentations:** *The Case of Terri Schiavo: Decision-makers and Decision-making* (Seton Hall University, American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Annual Health Law Teachers Conference, June 2004); *Hand Feeding and Tube Feeding* (Wake Forest University School of Law Faculty Talk, April 2004); *The Schiavo Case: Nutrition and Hydration* (University of Houston Law Center Faculty Workshop, February 2004).

## NAT STERN

JOHN W. AND ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Toward a Coherent Approach To Tort Immunity in Judicially Mandated Family Court Services* 92 KY. L.J. 373 (2003-2004) (with Karen Oehme).

## FERNANDO TESÓN

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR

**Article:** *Self-Defense in International Law and Rights of Persons*, 18 ETHICS & INT'L AFF. 87 (2004).

**Presentations:** *Liberal Security* (University of Connecticut Human Rights Institute Inaugural Conference, Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism, September 2004)—see <http://www.humanrights.uconn.edu/>; *Humanitarian Intervention* (Arizona State University Conference on War, Law & Morality, February 2004)—see <http://www.law.asu.edu/?id=8711>.

## DONALD J. WEIDNER

DEAN AND PROFESSOR

**Chapter:** *Pitfalls in Partnership Law Reform: Some U.S. Experience*, chapter 13 in THE GOVERNANCE OF CLOSE CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES (Oxford Univ. Press 2004) (Joseph A. McCahery, Theo Raaijmakers & Eric P.M. Vermeulen, eds.). **Article:** *The Common Quest for Professionalism*, 78-3 FLA. B. J. 18 (2004). **Presentations:** *Bar Examinations and Accreditation* (Denver, Colorado, ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Conference for Associate Deans, June 2004).

## STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ADMINISTRATION

**Appointment:** Chair of the Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee for the Florida Bar for 2004-2005.

## JACK VAN DOREN

PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *The Role of Jurisprudence in the United States* (University of Toulouse, France, March 2004).

## ELLEN YEE

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *Evidentiary Issues for the Trial Lawyer* (Orlando, Florida Liability Claims Institute/Florida Defense Lawyers Association Annual Florida Liability Claims Conference, June 2004).

## JOHN YETTER

ROBERTS PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *The Crawford v. Washington Decisional Tree and Other Current Evidence Problems* (Sarasota, Florida, 2004 Annual Education Conference of the District Court of Appeal Judges, September 2004); *Evidence Law Update* (Tampa, Florida Bar Criminal Law Certification Review, April 2004).

# AROUND THE

## Moot Court Team Wins First Place in Two Major Competitions

**T**he College of Law Moot Court Team came away with top honors at both the Twenty-Ninth Annual Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Moot Court Competition and the 2004 Robert Orseck Memorial Competition.

The national Kaufman competition was held March 5-8 at Fordham Law School in New York City. The winning team of Keisha Rice and Christian Turner was coached by Professor Barbara Banoff. Rice also won the Best Oralist competition. The College of Law also fielded a second team of Jeff Berman, Nathan Chapman and Daniel Norris, which was coached by Professor Nat Stern. That team reached the semi-finals.

**Keisha Rice,  
Professor Barbara  
Banoff and  
Christian Turner**



**Tiffany Burton, Professor B.J. Priester and Haether Becerra**

The Robert Orseck Memorial Competition, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar, was held in Boca Raton during the June 23-26 Florida Bar Convention.

Third-year law students Tiffany Burton and Heather Becerra beat out competitors from eight other Florida law schools. Burton also won Best Oralist in the final round and Becerra took the title of Best Oralist in the preliminary round.

"This is one of our most significant victories because the competition among Florida law schools is tough and there is a lot of intra-state rivalry," said Professor B.J. Priester, who coached the team. "I was impressed at how quickly and how hard our team worked to pull this together."

Burton said: "This was a great Moot Court Team win, not only because of all the Florida law schools that were competing against us, but also because the final round was argued before five members of the Florida Supreme Court. We received invaluable feedback from the justices and judges in both the preliminary and final rounds."



# LAW SCHOOL

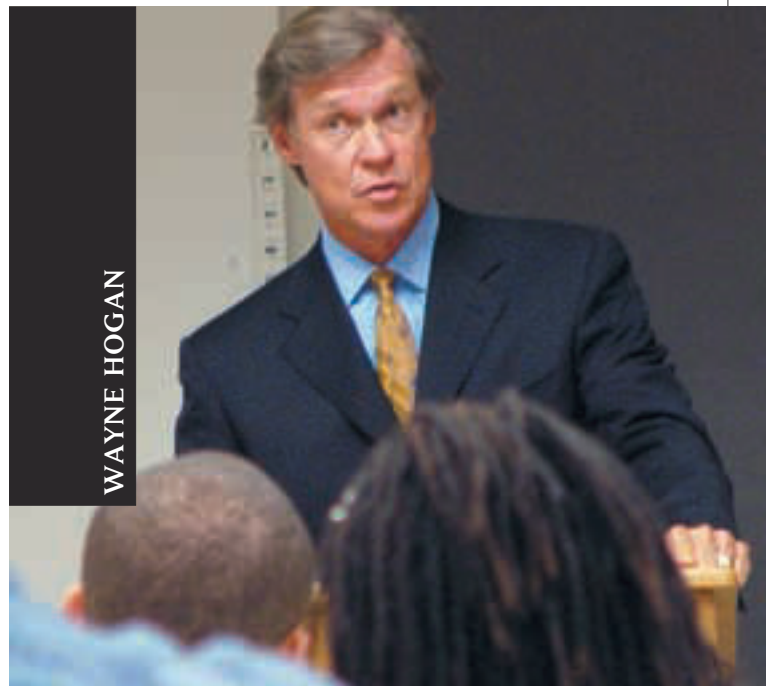
## Summer for Undergraduates Program

Jacksonville attorney and 1972 alumnus Wayne Hogan was a guest speaker at the Summer for Undergraduates Program held May 24-June 18 at the College of Law.

The program, in its 13th year, is made possible by generous gifts from the Wayne and Pat Hogan Family Foundation and a grant by the Law School Admissions Council. The admissions process for 2004 was more competitive than in the past, with 339 applicants for 60 seats. Students came from 14 states and one foreign country (Bulgaria).

They represented 34 undergraduate institutions. Their majors ranged from accounting, French and religion to industrial engineering, philosophy and urban & regional planning.

The four-week Summer for Undergraduates Program is designed to acquaint students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession with the study of law. The program is structured around daily law and legal writing classes taught by FSU law professors. Other activities include visits to the Florida Supreme Court and area law



firms, presentations by prominent guest lecturers and an off-campus retreat featuring diversity and team-building activities.

Students enrolled at two- and four-year institutions, in all majors and from all backgrounds are invited to apply for admission.



## JANET RENO VISITS LAW SCHOOL

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno spoke to guests, students and faculty on October 14 at the College of Law. She recounted her White House days in an animated presentation that stimulated numerous questions from the audience. Reno was in Tallahassee as part of the Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education's Stryker Lecture Series, serving as guest lecturer.

## College of Law is One of the Top 10 Law Schools for Hispanics

**H**ispanic Business magazine has ranked the College of Law among the Top 10 law schools in the nation for Hispanics. An article about the rankings appeared in the September 2004 issue. For the academic year 2003-2004, Hispanics made up over 10 percent of the school's 742-member student body and received 11 percent of the 253 law degrees awarded to the class of 2004.

The magazine surveyed 174 American Bar Association accredited law schools and ranked them based on the percentage of Hispanic students enrolled, the percentage of full-time Hispanic faculty, services for Hispanic students, Hispanic student recruitment efforts and retention rates, quality of education, and reputation. Reputation was based on the *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of the institutions' programs in the magazine's *Best Graduate Schools, 2003 Edition*.

FSU's law school was ranked 10th by the magazine, with the University of Texas at Austin ranked first, the University of Miami ranked second and the University of Florida ranked third.

*Hispanic Business* magazine says the Top 10 ranking reflects a "strengthening commitment to diversity at institutions that are playing an increasingly critical role in advancing the U.S. Hispanic economy."

"The commitment on our part is a shared commitment of students, faculty and alumni," says law school Dean Don Weidner.

Weidner credits 1990 graduate Rafael Gonzalez, partner in the law firm of Barrs, Williamson, Stolberg, Townsend & Gonzalez in Tampa, and 2000 graduate Lourdes Bernal-Dixon for helping to bring the school's efforts to recruit and retain Hispanic students to the attention of the magazine.

Bernal-Dixon, an associate with the Tampa law firm of Kubicki Draper, P.A., says that Florida State's Top 10 ranking is well-deserved. "Throughout the time I was in law school at Florida State, it was clear that everyone from peer advisors to professors was committed to our success," says Bernal-Dixon, a Cuban-American, who received her undergraduate degree from Florida International University in Miami.

She says she chose to attend Florida State over the other four Florida law schools that accepted her because of its "we're-all-in-this-together mentality" and welcoming atmosphere, in which other students embraced her Hispanic heritage. "Those qualities especially impressed me in light of the law school's reputation for having an excellent law program and alumni who are respected as exceptionally well-qualified attorneys."

Others who have stepped forward to help create a sense of com-

munity at the law school are U.S. Senator-elect Mel Martinez, Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero, and Jacksonville attorney Wayne Hogan.

Martinez, a 1973 graduate, the law school's first U.S. senator and a former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, made a recruitment video aimed at attracting a diverse student population to the College of Law.

Cantero, who received his undergraduate degree from Florida State, holds monthly brown-bag lunch meetings at the College and encourages students to discuss problems, successes and career goals.

Hogan permanently endowed the College of Law's Summer for Undergraduates Program, which was developed to provide an introduction to the study of law to students from groups historically under represented in the legal profession. The program helps students acquire skills that will benefit them as undergraduates and in law school and to encourage them to pursue careers in the legal profession. In its 13th year, the program serves as a model for law schools across the country.

In addition to hosting a number of programs and events geared toward recruiting talented Hispanic students, the College of Law also strives to provide a supportive environment for its students, many of whom work closely with the Admissions Office in the Pre-Law Ambassadors Program. Student organizations such as the Spanish-American Law Students Association, Latino Graduate Student Association, Cuban-American Student Association, Puerto Rican Student Association, and Colombian Student Association provide cultural outlets, mentoring opportunities and peer support for Hispanic/Latino students.

Other law schools in the Top 10 include: St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas; Stanford University, Stanford, California; Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles; University of Arizona, Tucson; Southwestern University, Los Angeles; and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



# Spring 2005 Symposium Set for March

**L**egal experts from around the country will participate in "Default Rules in Private and Public Law: A Symposium" on March 25-26, 2005, at the College of Law.

Eric Maskin, the Albert O. Hirschman Professor of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, will be the keynote speaker. He is one of the leading economists studying the implications of incomplete contracts and has made important innovations in "implementation" theory.

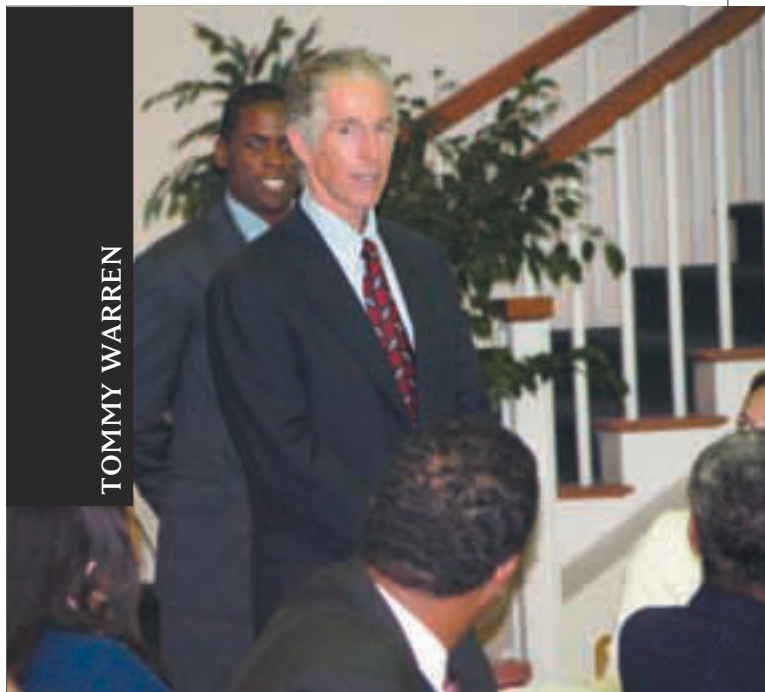
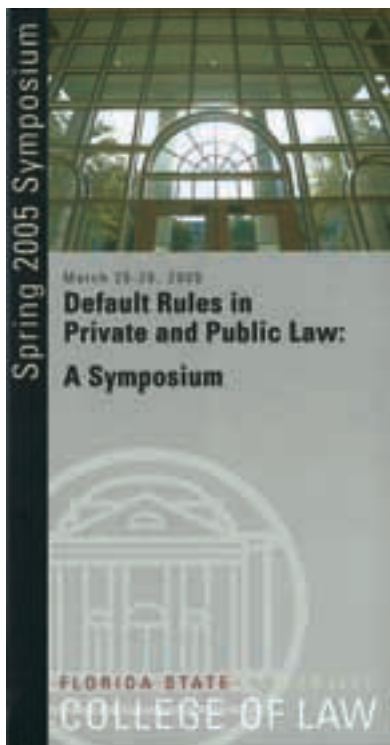
Papers will be presented on "Theories of Default Rules," "Default Rules in Private Transactions," "Default Rules in Corporate Law," and "Default Rules in Public Law."

The symposium continues the College of Law's commitment to

furthering scholarly debate on important legal issues. Proceedings from other recent symposia may be found in the *Florida State University Law Review*.

For registration and CLE information about the upcoming symposium, visit [www.law.fsu.edu](http://www.law.fsu.edu), or e-mail Stephanie Williams, Associate Dean for Administration, at [swilliam@law.fsu.edu](mailto:swilliam@law.fsu.edu).

For information on the law school's faculty workshops, please visit <http://www.law.fsu.edu/faculty/speakers.php>.



**BLSA INDUCTION CEREMONY** Tallahassee civil rights attorney Tommy Warren, a 1974 College of Law graduate, introduces himself at the Black Law Student Association Induction Ceremony held September 22 in the D'Alemberte Rotunda at the law school. Earlier in the year, Warren and his wife, Kathy Villacorta (1977), established the Calvin Patterson Civil Rights Endowed Scholarship at the law school. Patterson was the first African-American football player at Florida State University.

Other members of the legal community who attended the induction ceremony include: the Honorable Augustus Aikens (1974), administrative judge; the Honorable Judith Hawkins (1985), Leon County court judge; State Representative Curtis Richardson, 8th District; Nina Ashenafi (1991) president, Tallahassee Bar Association; Kathryn Price (1988), president, Tallahassee Barristers Association; Thornton Williams (1981), Williams, Wilson and Sexton; and the Honorable Joseph Lewis Jr. (1977), 1st District Court of Appeal, who was the guest speaker.

# Law Review Recognized Nationally for Citation Impact

**F**lorida State University Law Review, the flagship journal edited by students at the College of Law, recently was recognized for the citation impact of the articles it publishes. According to Washington & Lee University's law journal ranking web site, *FSU Law Review* ranks 36th among student-edited general journals in law in the U.S. based on "impact factor." More than 800 journals are published by law schools, and *FSU Law Review* is the highest ranked journal published by a Florida law school, based on this measure. "The *Law Review's* success has been realized partly because we are committed to selecting provocative articles for publication, maintaining the strictest quality control in the editing process, and most importantly, our policy of deference to the author," says Jason Feder, editor-in-chief and a third-year student.

The impact citation measure includes only articles published during the past eight years, eliminating any citation bias in favor of long-published journals. Each piece published by *FSU Law Review* during this period is cited 5.2 times, on average. In ranking among the top 50 journals, *FSU Law Review* performed at or above par with prestigious student-edited law journals such as *Wisconsin Law Review*, *Washington University Law Quarterly*, *Fordham Law Review*, and *Boston College Law Review*.

"Leading national law schools aspire to have a journal that ranks among the top 50," says Jim Rossi, Harry M. Walborsky Professor and Associate Dean for Research. "This is a measure of relevance, as scholars who care about the impact of their work consider such rankings in deciding where to submit and publish."

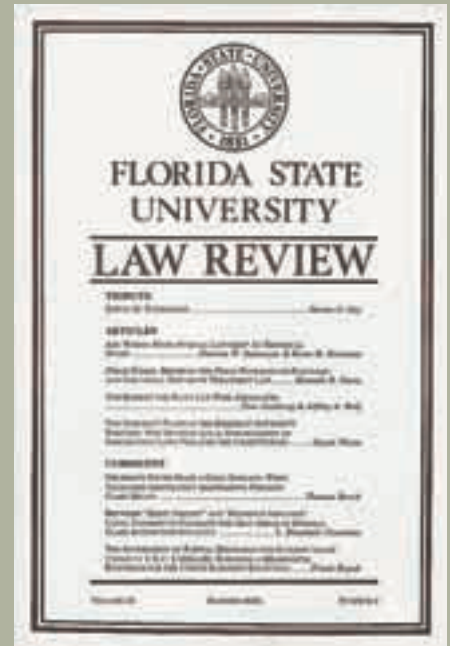
*FSU Law Review*, regarded by legal employers as one of

the most prestigious co-curricular activities, is a student-edited journal that publishes leading scholarship on law. Students are selected for participation on the journal based on grades or the quality of their writing. In recent years, *FSU Law Review* has published work by leading scholars and practitioners, including professors from top law schools such as Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Stanford, Michigan, and Virginia and leading judges, such as the Honorable Richard Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The journal regularly publishes symposia issues, focused on themes of major jurisprudential importance.

Upcoming symposia issues include

"Empirical Measures of Judicial Performance" and "Behavioral Analysis of the Law." A distinguished scholar series, featuring the most promising scholars in the nation, will begin with the current volume.

The impact study is available by visiting the journal ranking website at <http://law.wlu.edu/library/research/lawrevs/mostcited.asp> and checking the "impact results," "rank," and "general" boxes. *FSU Law Review's* website is at <http://www.law.fsu.edu/journals/lawreview/index.php>.



# Fall Environmental Forum Covers Florida's Springs

**E**nvironmental experts gathered at the College of Law in early November for a forum titled "Florida's Springs: Legal and Policy Issues." The forum was presented by the law school and the Environmental and Land Use Section of The Florida Bar.

Participants discussed the spring's implications for Florida's economy because of their potential impact on local property values and development. They also covered the importance of the springs to Florida, challenges the state faces in protecting the springs, strategies used to protect the springs, and opportunities to improve on existing approaches.

Panelists included: Janet Bowman, le-

gal director, 1000 Friends of Florida; Angela Chelette, chief, Bureau of Ground Water Regulation, Northwest Florida Water Management District; Charles Gautier, chief, Florida Department of Community Affairs' Bureau of Local Planning; Nancy Linnan, partner, Carlton Fields; and Jim Stevenson, former DEP official and former chair, Florida Springs Task Force. Professor David Markell was the moderator.

The FSU College of Law Environmental Forum series is intended to help educate the public about timely environmental issues by providing a neutral platform for discussion.

Topics of other recent Environmental Forums include: "The Future of the Florida Panhandle," "The Future of Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River System: Legal,



**Professor David Markell at forum**

Policy and Scientific Issues," and "The Evolving Legal Status of the Florida Manatee: Options and Issues for Federal and State Protection."



**GENE STEARNS SPEAKS AT SPRING GRADUATION** Alumnus Gene Stearns (1972) was the keynote speaker at the Spring 2004 graduation ceremony on May 1. Stearns told the 152 law graduates that they are "soldiers in the war to perpetuate the American Dream" and that they have "inherited an obligation to carry the legacy of the legal profession forward." Stearns is partner with the Miami law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

**FLORIDA SUPREME COURT DAY** Florida Supreme Court justices drew a standing-room-only crowd in March when they met with students and faculty for an hour-long question and answer session at the College of Law.



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*The Johnson-Caldwell House is a wonderful example of Greek Revival architecture. It is one of four wood-frame structures on the law school's Village Green. Purchsed in 1941 by Millard F. Caldwell, who served as Florida governor from 1945-49, the house was later donated to the College of Law by Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCord in 1986. The house now is home to the Children's Advocacy Center.*



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