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Unprecedented National Recognition and Student Outcomes

Unlike many law schools around the state and nation, we continue to have some wonderful news to report. Several important rating agencies and student outcomes rank us higher than ever before. This year’s overall ranking of 52nd by U.S. News & World Report is an all-time high for us. Also this fall, Hispanic Business magazine gave us their highest ranking ever when they rated us the nation’s 3rd best law school for Hispanic students. Now that the results of this summer’s Florida bar exam are under our belt, we can proudly say that we have been #1 on that exam for five of the last eight times it has been administered. Given that there have been 10 accredited law schools in Florida whose students have been taking the test (an eleventh — Ave Maria — has just come on line), this is a feat of which we are quite proud. And we are all thrilled that the American Bar Association Law Student Division in August rated our Student Bar Association the “SBA of the Year” for the second year in a row.

Please Help with Our Placement Effort

Last year’s greatest success was in placing our 2008 graduates. Despite the declining economy, 98 percent of the Class of 2008 was placed within nine months after graduation. We were all thrilled and relieved and grateful for all the alumni support that made the wonderful outcome possible. However, the market has continued to decline in an historic way. We have now turned our attention to the Class of 2009 and to our 3Ls and 2Ls. We still need to place many of our 2009 graduates and our 3Ls and 2Ls are also sailing into rough seas.

I ask that you do three things to help our new graduates and students. First, please bring to our school any job openings or internship possibilities you learn of. You can call them to my attention, dweidner@law.fsu.edu, or to the attention of Elmer Ignacio, our Placement Director, eignacio@law.fsu.edu. Second, please take the call of any student who calls you asking for placement advice. In these difficult times, it can be extremely encouraging for a student simply to get a few words of friendly advice from an alum in a community or specialty to which the student aspires. This is especially true of our students who have out-of-Florida destinations in mind. The number of these students has increased as our reputation has grown. Finally, please volunteer to be a Placement Mentor, that is, someone who volunteers simply to take a few calls to help counsel students on their job hunts. To volunteer, please contact Elmer or me or sign up on our Placement Office Web page, www.law.fsu.edu/placement.

Please Help Reclaim Our Enviable Alumni Giving Rate

The year before this past one, we had an alumni giving rate of 27 percent, which placed us the nation’s 11th best law school in terms of alumni giving rate. A rate as high as that sends a signal around the nation that is loud and clear: our alums are extremely proud of the school’s extraordinary accomplishments. This past year, our rate fell to 25 percent, which is still very respectable but does not send as strong a signal. As you receive this issue of the magazine, our fall phonathon will be behind us. If you have not given to this year’s annual fund, please do so now. This is the time for you to vote with your feet on the quality of education you feel is being delivered at Florida State Law. Please know that we very much appreciate a gift in any amount, even if it is only $5. An annual fund gift is the easiest way for you to demonstrate how highly you think our school should be ranked. If we ourselves don’t express pride in our school, no one else will. I know we can do it.

It continues to be a wonderful honor to serve as your dean.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner
Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor
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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION NAMED NATION’S BEST – AGAIN!

By Christi N. Morgan

Past SBA presidents Ben Gibson ('08) (left) and Will Hall ('09) hold the awards they helped win.
Thousands of attorneys from around the nation descended on the Windy City this summer for the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting. Also in Chicago for the event was a small group of Florida State University law students. They were there to network and to attend the ABA Law Student Division meeting on August 1. When the meeting was over, Florida State University College of Law's Student Bar Association (SBA) had been honored as "SBA of the Year" for the second year in a row.

When considering the criteria evaluated by ABA Law Student Division leaders – programs and events, communication with the student body, improvements to the school, leadership and interaction with school administrators and faculty members – it should come as no surprise that Florida State Law was selected the nation's best SBA in 2008 and 2009.

During the past two years, the student-led association has sponsored a diverse slate of events. From social and networking activities to philanthropic events to sessions focused on reducing law student stress, all SBA-sponsored events are planned with a wide variety of students in mind. SBA also sponsored and helped organize events to raise money for children in Sierra Leone and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research.

The organization created an innovative Web site in 2007 to communicate with students and has been instrumental in improving law school facilities. SBA students helped design the recently renovated student lounge and improved outdoor study areas. SBA leaders also meet weekly with Dean Don Weidner on behalf of the student body to discuss methods to improve the law school.

"Not every SBA could win the award – there is no way you can become the best in the nation without having a supportive administration behind you," said Ben Gibson ('08). His 1L year, Gibson was well prepared to earn national recognition for Florida State. He credits his predecessors – Matt Aguero ('08) and Kareem Spratling ('06) – with putting the organization in the position to excel.

"Matt really had a desire to transform SBA and to make it not just an organization that planned socials, but make it an organization that serves students," said Gibson, who works for the Republican Party of Florida. "He deserves a ton of credit and Kareem does, too. I learned a great deal from Kareem."

Based on work started when Aguero was president, Gibson began his presidency with a list of seven priorities reflecting what students wanted from SBA. Those seven issues were the focus of his entire term.

"We had an overall goal to be the best SBA in the country – from day one," said Gibson. "Our theme was, we want to take SBA from good to great."

By the end of Gibson's term, SBA had sponsored a Homelessness Awareness Week, established a speakers bureau and hosted speakers including state lawmakers and U.S. Senator Mel Martinez ('73), and helped the law school achieve an unprecedented student giving rate – which was surpassed the following year with SBA's assistance. Gibson also served as Vice Chair of Student Bar Associations.
Marcos Gonzalez was 12 years old when he came to the United States from Cuba during the Mariel Boatlift. Traveling with his parents and sister, Gonzalez was one of 125,000 Cuban refuges who fled to Florida by sea between April and October of 1980.

The relocation was difficult because Gonzalez did not speak English when his family settled in West Palm Beach. He credits his school’s bilingual program with helping him learn the language in just a few years.

“Once I got into college six years later, I was still learning the language,” said Gonzalez, who attended Palm Beach Community College and Florida Atlantic University before graduating from Florida State Law in 1998. His wife Ileana was one of the bilingual students at his middle school who helped translate for Gonzalez and approximately 30 other boatlift refugees in his class.

Mastering English relatively late in life did not prevent Gonzalez from becoming successful in a profession that relies heavily on the spoken and written word. Gonzalez is one of his community’s most prominent attorneys, having built Gonzalez & Garcia from the ground up into a 12-attorney firm. The personal injury, workers’ compensation and criminal defense firm has grown so much since Gonzalez struck out on his own in 2000 that it recently purchased and moved into a 16,000 square-foot building in West Palm Beach.

Gonzalez’s commitment to the community in which he grew up is steadfast. He returned to West Palm Beach immediately after earning his law degree so he could give Hispanics in his community greater access to legal representation.

Although his first job was with a workers’ compensation and personal injury firm that specialized in defense work, Gonzalez also represented plaintiffs as long as there were no conflicts of interest. Within six months of passing the bar, Gonzalez had a client list of about 100. “And that was turning away about 50 percent because of conflicts,” said Gonzalez.
A year after earning his law degree, Gonzalez opened his own firm so he would not have to turn away so many clients. To date, his firm has handled more than 8,000 cases. Although he has obtained millions of dollars for his clients, quality is more important to Gonzalez than quantity.

“I’m very proud of the fact that the majority of our clients are referrals from former clients and from family friends I’ve helped in the past,” said Gonzalez. “We tend to not just focus on the big money personal injury cases because I get a lot of gratification out of getting someone who has a small case some money in his pockets.”

Gonzalez’s primary focus at his firm had been on marketing and administrative matters, but he recently has taken on more cases due to the recent semi-retirement of his friend and law partner, Randall Porcher. Gonzalez believes his most important function is meeting with all prospective clients the same day they call if at all possible. His days also involve attending hearings, conducting depositions and fielding numerous phone calls from clients and adjusters.

Although he has plenty of work to keep him busy at the office, his time spent there is not all law-related. Gonzalez begins each day with a 7 a.m. boxing workout at his firm. The same trainer he worked with when he was an amateur boxer puts him through the paces every morning to help Gonzalez stay in shape and relieve stress. He practices the same skills he learned as a young man; skills that Gonzalez believes help him as an attorney.

“Those experiences that I gained in the boxing ring help me out in my professional life today, especially when dealing with opposing attorneys and insurance companies,” said the former golden glove boxer, whose last amateur match was a charity event he participated in as a law student.

Like many people who grew up in Cuba, boxing and baseball are passions for Gonzalez. Being a Florida Marlins season ticket holder is one way Gonzalez is passing on his love of baseball to his son Marcos, Jr. The seven-year-old attends every game with his father and knows all the players’ numbers. Gonzalez and his wife also are the proud parents of a daughter, three-year-old Isabella.

The father of two credits his parents with making him the man he is today. His father, Marcos, worked for 20 years as a custodian for Palm Beach County Schools and his mother, Caridad, worked at an electronics assembly factory.

“I was aware of the effort my parents made, leaving their entire family in Cuba so they could give their children a better life,” said Gonzalez of what motivated him growing up. “I certainly did not want their efforts to go to waste. I had problems learning the language and there were times when I became discouraged. It would have been somewhat easy for me to stop getting a formal education, but I would always remind myself of the sacrifices my parents made and that kept me striving for the B.A. and the law degree.”

When Gonzalez returned to Cuba last year for the first time in 29 years, it reminded him how life-altering it was for his family to move to the United States.

“I saw some of my very bright childhood friends,” said Gonzalez. “Because of the political system, they really have no future. It made me really grateful for the decision my parents made. And I appreciate the opportunities that the greatest country in the world offers.”

Additionally, Gonzalez is thankful that he attended law school and encourages others to earn a law degree.

“Do not let the cost of legal education get in the way,” recommends Gonzalez, who recently increased to $100,000 a gift he had made to the law school to benefit financially needy students. “I didn't think I had the means, but Florida State is a great school and bargain. It is important for those who have the means to give to the law school — to help those who don't. It changes a person's life to go to Florida State law school.”

Gonzalez dons his boxing gloves.
Mallory Works and Plays Hard

By Christi N. Morgan

Although Sherri Denton Mallory used to be a Gator – she majored in computer science at the University of Florida – she now dons garnet and gold when attending Florida State University football games in Tallahassee. Mallory was accepted to the law schools at Florida State and the University of Florida, but chose to study law in Tallahassee because it was closer to her hometown – Panama City – and because she received a university fellowship from Florida State University.

Mallory’s conversion to Seminole was solidified after she married husband and law partner Peter “Pete” Mallory in 1996.

“I used to pull for the Gators,” said the 1987 Florida State Law graduate. “Before I married Pete I had orange tennis shoes. At our first FSU-Florida game, I wore my orange tennis shoes and Seminole shirt, but I’ve since given that up. I’m a Seminole diehard now after going to all the home games.”

Mallory met her husband when she was a senior attorney for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services – now the Department of Children & Families. She was prosecuting a case in which Pete represented the parents. As they worked on more cases together, they became good friends.

“That was the most difficult job that I’ve ever had,” recalled Mallory about handling child abuse and neglect cases. “In my mind, there is not a more important matter than dealing with the life of a child. You are taking children away from parents or you are inserting services in the home. It was a very demanding job.”

With the exception of the state job and working briefly at a law office in Jacksonville,
Mallory has always practiced at Panama City firms. The Mallory & Mallory partner considers herself fortunate to have worked with some of the city’s most well-respected lawyers since accepting her first legal job at Urquhart & Pittman in 1987.

Early in her career, Mallory worked primarily on personal injury and medical malpractice cases. Through the years, her areas of specialization have grown to include general civil litigation, real estate law and banking. Mallory’s current caseload is focused on transactional work, including a tremendous amount of pleading work. Although she no longer takes personal injury cases, her experience in the area helped her develop strong litigation skills. Mallory credits working for Marvin “Whitey” Urquhart in Panama City and Kitty Phillips and W.C. Gentry in Jacksonville with developing her pleading litigation skills.

“And you can’t have any other job where you get more litigation experience in the courtroom than working for the state,” remarked Mallory. “When I was at HRS, I would go to court practically every day.”

The real estate side of her practice has been impacted by the recent economic downturn, especially because lending has contracted. Mallory stays very busy with foreclosure work and handling commercial transactions for a bank holding company she has represented for more than 14 years.

After successfully practicing law for twenty-two years, Mallory is able to look back and laugh at the stress she experienced as a 1L in Dean Don Weidner’s Real Property class.

“He used to have seating charts with your pictures and walk down the desks and quiz people,” said Mallory. “I started developing high blood pressure. I went to the infirmary and they pinned it down to probably being stressed over his class – I was young and slightly intimidated.”

Even though his class caused her stress, Mallory still keeps in contact with Weidner. It was a visit by the dean that prompted Mallory to establish a law school scholarship for academically talented students in memory of her brother, Chad Denton.

“I had received $5,000 a year as a fellowship for three years, so I felt like it was time for me to pay back and provide an opportunity for someone else,” said Mallory.

**Family Focus**

Even though Mallory and her husband are partners in the same office, they don’t work together often because they specialize in different areas of law. However, they do spend most of their time away from the office together, along with their 11-year-old daughter, Mimi. Mallory has a thriving law practice, but her number one priority is family.

“There is always going to be work to do – I’m fortunate in that regard – so I have to prioritize and at the end of the day walk away from the rest of it and leave it at the office,” said Mallory, who spends most evenings eating dinner with her family at their home on Saint Andrew Bay. “Pete and I try to spend all of our spare time doing activities with our daughter.”

When she is not accompanying her daughter to dance, tennis or horseback riding lessons, Mallory spends her personal time traveling with Pete and Mimi and learning to maneuver a recently purchased family boat. She especially enjoys taking the boat to Shell Island on the weekends.

For now, Mallory’s primary focus is raising her daughter. She rarely contemplates plans for the future, but would eventually like to retire so she can spend more time with her family and travel.

“I don’t live to work; I won’t be one of those lawyers working into their 90s,” Mallory said. “But for now, to quote Larry Bird, it’s work hard, play hard!”
Blazing a New Path in Colombia

By Christi N. Morgan

Growing up in Greenwood, Mississippi, Bill Montjoy never would have imagined he might move to Colombia at the age of 56 to manage a multinational corporation specializing in prepaid tuition. Although it may seem like an unlikely position for the 1975 Florida State Law graduate, it is a great fit when you consider his background.

Montjoy’s great uncle was dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law and the first person to codify the statutory laws of the state of Mississippi. His father, uncle and older brother also are attorneys, so going to law school after earning a bachelor’s degree in finance was a natural choice for Montjoy. What led Montjoy to Florida State University was a friendship with fraternity brother Josh Morse, whose father was the law dean at Florida State University. When Montjoy visited Tallahassee as a prospective student, he liked the town and the atmosphere of the law school.

Although Montjoy practiced law with the Florida House of Representatives and at firms in Florida and Mississippi for several years after earning his law degree, he quickly realized he would rather use his education in a management role.

“Private practice was not my calling; I found that managing an organization was more in tune with my skills,” said Montjoy, whose first taste of running an organization came when one of his legal clients, the Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, recruited him to serve as its executive director in 1985. When he went to work for the upstart Florida Prepaid College Board and Florida Prepaid College Foundation in 1988, Montjoy began a string of education-related jobs that continues today.

“There were two aspects to this new challenge that were very intriguing,” said Montjoy of becoming executive director of Florida Prepaid. “First of all it was an administrative and organizational chal-
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to start something — we didn’t even have so much as a paperclip — and build it up. And being involved in the investment side was very intriguing because that was my interest when I was in undergraduate school.”

Under Montjoy’s leadership, Florida Prepaid accomplished everything it set out to achieve. During his tenure, Montjoy was instrumental in lobbying for passage of tax-exempt status for qualified state tuition and savings plans. When he stepped down in 1996 to take a job lobbying for a student loan company in Jacksonville, the state’s prepaid tuition plan was the nation’s largest with more than 500,000 contracts and $2 billion in managed funds.

Not long after leaving Florida Prepaid, Montjoy was recruited by a group of former diplomatst to help start Global Education Group, a company that offers private, prepaid tuition plans to foreign nationals. In 1998, he was hired as chief operating officer and general counsel and he has served as president and chief executive officer since 2002. He spends his days managing employees, of which the company has approximately 300, setting the strategic course for the company and handling large transactions with other companies that have a significant impact on the organization. The company, which has almost reached the $500 million mark, also is involved in insurance and annuities.

With corporate offices in Bogota, Miami and Holetown, Barbados, Montjoy does his fair share of traveling. He spends about 75 percent of his time in Bogota, which is home to the company’s operational headquarters. The rest of his time is spent managing off-shore activities in the Miami office and meeting with clients and consultants around the world. He also visits the Barbados office about three times a year.

“It’s a cliché, but I always say you have to be present to win,” said Montjoy about his personal philosophy on management. “You can’t just say, ‘We have an office in Medellín,’ and never go there. Even if you have a vice president that goes there once a month, you as president have the obligation to go to where you are doing business, so I travel extensively as a result.”

When Montjoy made Colombia his primary place of residence in 2006, the transition was difficult because he did not speak Spanish, nor did he fully understand the culture.

“We have a certain way in America of managing processes and projects and subordinates and in Latin America, it is a different culture. It is a different process and it’s a different rhythm to doing business. Understanding that and not reacting as you might if you were managing a company in the United States is a challenge.”

Now that he has learned the fundamentals of the language and has become more accustomed to the Colombian culture, he loves living there. One factor in his love of the country is its “generous and hospitable” people — one of whom is his wife Adrianna.

The couple celebrated their nuptials in Amelia Island this past June along with friends and family, including their children. Montjoy has two adult daughters — Ashley, 29, and Rebecca, 26 — as does Adrianna — Juliana, 28, and Alejandra, 19.

In addition to embracing the way of life and people, Montjoy enjoys working in Colombia.

“The best part of my job is the fact that, even though we have a variety of products, our core business is still prepaid tuition,” said Montjoy, who has been in the business of helping send people to college for more than 20 years. “When you talk to a client that has the plan for their kids and you see how much it means to the family to have secured a college education financially for their children, I think that is the best part of what we do. And that is what drives you day in and day out — helping people.”
Tara Leigh Grove: Short Career, Long List of Achievements

By Sally Bowman

Not many people can say they fine-tuned their career choice before they turned 20. Not many lawyers can say they have achieved their primary career goals within seven years of earning a J.D., either. But Florida State University College of Law Assistant Professor Tara Leigh Grove has done just that.

“When I was 19, I decided I wanted to be not only a law professor but a constitutional law professor. I've always wanted to teach, so I feel very fortunate to finally have this opportunity,” Grove said. “Now my goal is to do as good of a job as possible.”

This fall, Grove is teaching Federal Jurisdiction, and during the spring semester she will teach Constitutional Law and Statutory Interpretation. She will also have the opportunity to teach Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure in the future.

The path to Grove’s goal began as an undergraduate at Duke University, in her first constitutional law class. After graduating summa cum laude in 1998, she taught English at a Japanese junior high school for a year. Grove then enrolled at Harvard Law School, where she graduated magna cum laude in 2002. Following a federal appellate court clerkship, Grove worked for four years as an attorney in the Appellate Staff of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Having argued cases in federal courts
in Philadelphia, Richmond, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Chicago, Denver, Atlanta and the District of Columbia, Grove brings a wealth of experience to her classes. "There is no better place to work than the Department of Justice if you have academic aspirations," Grove said, because one spends most of his or her time writing briefs and memos. "My knowledge of the law expanded significantly."

In teaching Federal Jurisdiction, Grove encourages students to think not only about legal rules but also about broader issues — ranging from difficult constitutional questions to the ways in which the law impacts real people. She asks the students to prepare two hypothetical problems each week. Typically, the problems are based on cases that were recently litigated in the federal courts. Grove explained that this approach is designed to show students that federal jurisdiction is "not just about procedural rules" but can have a significant impact on the lives of individuals.

Teaching a course like Federal Jurisdiction requires a professor to "rev up the energy level" because it is not a class that students tend to find interesting. Grove said: "It is not hard for me to get excited about the subject matter, but it can be hard for others — at least at first. My goal — even if I can't get students to love this stuff — is to at least get them to like it more than they thought they would."

She is pleased that, so far, her methods seem to be working. Her students approach the class from a variety of angles; some are interested in military JAG service, some judicial clerking and some local government law. Others are interested in becoming U.S. attorneys, judges or environmental lawyers. Regardless of their aspirations, Grove said her students ask insightful questions that "show they are engaged with — and thinking hard about — the material; that is the greatest reward."

Dean Don Weidner agrees that her teaching style works. After sitting in on one of her classes this fall, he called her a "dyna mo" and said she had a natural talent for teaching. "She makes the subject matter interesting in a way that suggests she has theatrical training," he said. "A musical lift to her voice keeps students interested."

To hone her teaching skills, Grove completed a two-year fellowship at Harvard during which she taught first-year legal writing before joining the Florida State Law faculty. "The fellowship helped me transition from law practice to academia," she said. She described writing briefs for appellate judges as trying to get the judge from point A to point B as quickly as possible without thinking of the other options. The attorney, of course, must think of other angles but hopes to convince a judge that the case is really quite simple. An academic, she explained, not only wants to think about the elephant in the corner but also write about all the idio-syncrasies surrounding the elephant.

Grove spends the bulk of her time away from the classroom reading and writing about constitutional law. Her scholarship focuses generally on separation of powers and federalism issues, and she writes extensively about judicial hierarchy: the Supreme Court's relationship with the lower federal and state courts. She argues that the Court should decide cases broadly to provide guidance to lower courts, which contradicts the way Chief Justice John Roberts encourages the Supreme Court to function. She has a strong interest in bankruptcy courts because they add a fourth dimension to the federal judicial system.

When she is not working, Grove enjoys singing soprano in the choir at Tallahassee’s Grace Lutheran Church and visiting Walt Disney World with her husband, David Davies. Living in Florida is conducive to Grove’s other pastimes: running, walking and hiking. She also loves the warmth of the South, along with the abundance of Chick-fil-A restaurants.
Alumni Give Back

Gonzalez Increases Gift

West Palm Beach attorney Marcos R. Gonzalez ('98) recently increased to $100,000 his gift to the Florida State University College of Law. Gonzalez pledged to increase his established endowment by $75,000. The gift to the Marcos R. Gonzalez Endowed Scholarship will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The $50,000 state match will be added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of $150,000.

The income generated by the endowment will provide scholarships to students who are from groups that are historically underrepresented in the legal profession. Scholarship recipients also will have financial need and will have overcome significant obstacles.

“We are all very appreciative of Marcos’ generous financial support of the law school,” said Dean Don Weidner. “In this down economy, we must count on private support more than ever. This endowment will help us further the education of students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to earn law degrees.”

“It is important to give back so others can benefit from a Florida State legal education as I have,” said Gonzalez. “I especially want to help students who have financial need and who have beat odds that would have made it easy for them to give up on higher education.”

Gonzalez is a partner in the West Palm Beach firm of Gonzalez & Garcia. He practices primarily in the areas of personal injury and workers’ compensation.

Christaldis Create Endowment

Tampa attorney Ronald A. “Ron” Christaldis ('96) and wife Shannon Christaldis have pledged $25,000 to the law school. The gift establishes the Ronald and Shannon Christaldis Endowment for Excellence.

The income generated by the endowment may be used at the discretion of the law school for any academic purpose.

“We are all very grateful for Ron and Shannon’s generous financial support of the law school, especially during a down economy,” said Dean Don Weidner. “This endowment will strengthen our academic program and help us meet critical needs.”

“Shannon and I are proud to make this modest contribution to the Florida State College of Law,” Ron Christaldis said. “My personal experiences at Florida State were extraordinary and we feel blessed to be able to give something back to the people and the institution that enabled me to excel in my law practice. Knowledge of the law is a powerful tool that comes with responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to aid others. Through this gift we hope to both assist others in their education and to help impart, through Florida State, knowledge of the law.”

Ron Christaldis is a partner in the Tampa office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP. He practices primarily in the area of health care law and chairs the office’s health care practice group.

Dogali Couple Establishes Endowment

Tampa attorneys Andy and Hope Dogali, both 1986 Florida State University College of Law graduates, have pledged $25,000 to the law school. The couple’s gift establishes the Andy and Hope Dogali Endowment for Excellence. The income generated by the endowment may be used at the discre-
tion of the law school for any academic purpose.

“We are very appreciative of Andy and Hope’s generous financial support of the law school, especially during this down economy,” said Dean Don Weidner. “Their endowment will help us sustain and build upon the academic programs we provide our superb students.”

“Florida State University College of Law demonstrated a terrific level of support for us while we were students and I’ve personally witnessed the immeasurable support the law school provides its graduates,” said Andy Dogali. “Hope and I are very proud of our ability to give back after coming to enjoy a level of success which began with our Florida State experience.”

Andy co-founded the law firm of Foriz & Dogali in Tampa and practices primarily in the areas of insurance defense, insurance coverage, construction law and economic fraud litigation. He also is a member of the law school’s Board of Visitors. Hope practices at Foriz & Dogali and focuses on residential real estate closings, contracts and foreclosures.

Gross Establishes Scholarship

Pensacola attorney Terence A. “Terry” Gross (‘79) has pledged $25,000 to Florida State University College of Law. The gift establishes the Terence A. Gross Diversity Enhancement Scholarship.

The income generated by the endowment will be used to support law school students who are from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

“We are all very grateful for Terry’s generous financial support of the law school,” said Dean Don Weidner. “This scholarship will help us support top students and keep legal education open to those who have not always had access to the profession.”

Gross is partner with the Pensacola firm of Gross & Schuster, P.A. and practices in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death litigation.

Hadlow Gives To Law School

Tampa attorney Richard B. “Rich” Hadlow (’77) has pledged $25,000 to Florida State University College of Law. The gift establishes the Richard and Cynthia Hadlow Endowment for Excellence.

The income generated by the endowment may be used at the discretion of the law school for any academic purpose.

“We are all very grateful for Rich’s generous financial support of the law school,” said Dean Don Weidner. “With state funding declining, we must count on private support more than ever. This endowment will help us continue to advance our excellent academic program.”

“Cindy and I are eternally grateful for the excellent legal education I received at the College of Law,” Hadlow said. “The members of the faculty, even back in the Stone Age when I attended, were excellent and dedicated to the students. I have especially fond memories of Professor Chuck Ehrhardt and the outstanding tax faculty, in particular Professors Jacobs, Powell and Weidner.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my three years at Florida State and attribute much of the success I have achieved to the College of Law. I am also extremely proud of all the strides that the school has made since then, particularly under the superior leadership of Dean Donald Weidner. This gift is only a small token of our gratitude to the school.”

Hadlow is a partner in the Tampa office of Holland & Knight. He practices primarily in the areas of securities law, corporate law, partnership law, corporate finance and mergers, acquisitions and divestitures.
Rodriguez Installed as First Minority President of OCBA

Diego “Woody” Rodriguez has been involved in many important “firsts” during his life. He was the first American-born, English speaker in his family after his parents emigrated to Miami from Cuba — by way of Spain — and he now is the first minority president of the Orange County Bar Association, one of the largest open bar organizations in the state.

Rodriguez, a 1995 graduate of Florida State University College of Law and a partner at Marchena & Graham, P.A., was installed in June at an emotional ceremony. While about five women have served as president of the organization, there previously had been no Hispanics or African-Americans.

“It was reaching an achievement I had never thought of or aspired to when I joined the Bar but it does make an impact on our younger lawyers, on law students,” Rodriguez said. “It was very similar, I think, to the way Justice (Raoul) Cantero had a very positive influence on my career when I saw he became a Supreme Court justice.”

The Orange County Bar Association is a very diverse organization, Rodriguez said. “The lack of a Hispanic leader, I would not say, is attributable to any policies or anything within the Bar. It is just one of those things that as the times change, there are new opportunities for the face of the Bar leadership to change as well.”

Rodriguez grew up speaking Spanish at home. In fact, his father, now deceased, never learned English. His mother, who moved to Orlando to be near her grandchildren, attended his installation dinner and helps ensure that the second generation of American-born Rodriguez children grows up bilingual.

Rodriguez, a past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida and the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar, also is an elected member of the board of Florida Citrus Sports, which coordinates the Capital One and the Champs Sports bowls. He also serves as legal counsel to the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando, which provides up to $100,000 to Hispanic students, including a $5,000 law scholarship.

“It keeps me grounded to know that there are those in need and that I’ve got an obligation to serve and give back,” he said of his service to community organizations.

Rodriguez is actually only half of a powerful legal couple. He married college sweetheart and fellow double Florida State alumnus Heather Pinder Rodriguez (’98) shortly after he completed law school.

“No matter what we do with the Bar, our first priority is always with our kids,” Rodriguez said about his children, Ella Grace, 7, and Gabriel Keyes, 3.

Some of the best advice he received in law school came from Professor David Powell. “He took some of the pressure off by reminding us that no matter what, if you worked hard, you were going to graduate and you were going to find a job,” said the board certified attorney in city, county and local government.

Not only has Rodriguez found a job, he’s become a leader whom young rising lawyers, especially Hispanics, can look up to.
2009-10 Alumni Board Focuses on Placement and Giving

The Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors is hard at work to accomplish two primary goals this year. Placement of recent graduates and current students is a considerable hurdle, considering the economic climate. The law school hopes to maintain or improve its 98 percent placement rate. A secondary priority, spearheaded by board president Ben Crump (’95), is to increase alumni participation in the annual fund drive after the participation rate dropped from 27 percent to 25 percent last year. Crump is joined in that effort to gain donors, large and small, by executive board members Linda G. Bond (’95), president-elect; Raymer F. Maguire, III (’79), past-president; and Jami M. Balkom (’03), secretary/treasurer.

Crump believes in giving back to the communities that have helped establish him professionally and personally. The two-time graduate of Florida State University also is president of the Florida State University National Black Alumni Association. And, as president of that organization, he is an ex officio member of the Florida State Alumni Association.

As a member of all three organizations, Crump said it is beneficial to “be able to take successes that are working in one part of the university system and apply them to other parts that I’m pleased to be associated with. The law school is the most well-run, efficient and productive of associations I’ve ever had the pleasure to serve.”

“I’ve become a true supporter of Dean Don Weidner,” the partner at Parks & Crump, LLC, said. “His vision is always expanding and his passion is infectious. It is not enough to be in the top 50 law schools in the country. We cannot rest on our laurels.”

Faculty members that Weidner has assembled are top-notch and many are just launching their careers, Crump believes. His thought is backed up by the fact that top law schools are looking to take them. “We’ve got to raise funds to supplement the state budget, to fill gaps left by deficit, to be able to keep them,” he reiterated.

Crump also looks across the street from the law school to the First District Court of Appeal for guidance as to the direction the school is headed. “Adding that structure to the physical plant will leave an indelible mark and change the footprint of the law school for the future,” Crump said. “It will be part of a learning laboratory for students.”

The alumni board welcomes all graduates to share their thoughts about planning for the law school’s use of the First DCA. There are a variety of opportunities, including naming options, that will develop once the law school takes ownership of the facility, Crump explained.

To help the board with its primary goal, placing recent graduates and students, contact the Placement Office at 850.644.4495 or placement@law.fsu.edu.
Forty-five College of Law Graduates Featured in New Book


“These individuals not only became successful attorneys, but they are community advocates and leaders for future generations to look up to,” Daniels added.

The first of those is Zebedee Wright, who graduated in the class of 1971. Not only was Wright the first black law student at Florida State Law, but he also was secretary of the Student Bar Association. After being in private practice for 11 years, he was appointed county court judge in 1982. The book details the paths taken by Wright and other African-American trailblazers in Florida.

*Florida’s First* was coordinated by the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association. Janeia Daniels, Florida State Law assistant dean for student affairs, served as research chair and editor-in-chief of the publication.

“It was fascinating to research these pioneers,” Daniels (’03) said. “Learning their stories and realizing their struggles would make anyone appreciate the steps they took to pave the way for those of us who followed.”

Daniels found it noteworthy that so many of the profiled Florida State Law alumni became members of the judiciary. At least 10 took that route; another alumnus — Henry L. Kirby (’78) — is now dean of students at Florida A&M University and graduate John Marks (’72) is serving his second term as mayor of Tallahassee.

**Florida State University Graduates Profiled**

- Zebedee W. Wright .................. 1971
- Harry L. Lamb ...................... 1972
- Jerome L. David ..................... 1972
- John R. Marks, III ................... 1972
- Robert E. Snow ...................... 1972
- Samuel A. Price ...................... 1972
- Thomas Montgomery ................ 1972
- Arthur Erle Teele, Jr............... 1973
- Layon F. Robinson, II .............. 1973
- Luther C. Smith ..................... 1973
- Matthew Clifford Russell .......... 1973
- Chris Walker ....................... 1974
- Emerson Thompson, Jr ............. 1974
- Harold M. Knowles .................. 1974
- Jack Linden McLean, Jr ............. 1974
- Joseph Lang Kershaw, Jr .......... 1974
- Nathaniel W. Tindall ............... 1974
- Ralph Armstead ..................... 1974
- Roosevelt Randolph ............... 1974
- Samuel A. Thomas .................. 1974
- Walter Kelly ....................... 1974
- Alfred Washington .................. 1975
- Algia R. Cooper ..................... 1975
- Augustus Davis Aikens, Jr ........ 1975
- Catherine M.W. Brunson .......... 1975
- James Aaron Cassidy ............. 1975
- Larry K. White ..................... 1975
- Theophilus James Rose ........... 1975
- Will Abercrombie, Jr ............. 1975
- Eleanor Mitchell Hunter .......... 1976
- Henry “Skip” Hunter ............... 1976
- Henry Elisha Davis ................ 1976
- Melvin Abercrombie ............... 1976
- Anna Bryant Motter ................ 1977
- Marva Alexis Davis ............... 1977
- Joseph Lewis, Jr ................... 1978
- Lonnield Olds ...................... 1978
- Nikki A. Clark ..................... 1978
- Vance Mallard Gragg .............. 1978
- Wilbert Matthew Stevenson ........ 1978
- William Penrod Murphy ............ 1978
- Errol Hamilton Powell ............. 1979
- Henry L. Kirby ..................... 1979
- Paulette Vemia Armstead .......... 1979
- Timothy Coon ....................... 1979
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which essentially made him president of all SBA presidents nationally. In that position, he helped spread the word about Florida State Law and about law student mental health issues.

Helping Gibson implement his law school priorities was a 16-member executive board, including then-Vice President Will Hall (’09). Like Gibson, Hall was involved in SBA throughout his entire law school career.

“I learned a ton working with Ben,” said Hall, an associate at the Tallahassee office of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. “Everyone calls him Benergy because he has so much energy and he is always optimistic. He would come into meetings and was always so excited about everything we were doing. Just seeing that and seeing the passion he had for SBA made me realize that if being president was something I wanted to do, I needed to make sure I brought that same passion to the position.”

Hall went on to serve as SBA president for 2008-09. Building on what Gibson had accomplished, Hall expanded Mental Health Day into Mental Health Week so SBA could better help students cope with law school stress. And he involved the organization more in efforts to raise money for ALS on behalf of Professor Steve Gey, who was diagnosed with the disease in 2006. Last year, SBA helped organize a 5K that raised more than $4,000 for ALS research.

Hall’s primary goal was more abstract than raising money or putting on events.

“What I sought out to do was to do things that created a sense of community and family in the law school,” Hall said. “I really feel like last year’s 1L class and 2L class feel invested in the school and invested in each other as a family. That is my proudest achievement, although it really goes back to the past leader and Will was, too. Seeing them as presidents really encouraged me to continue a high standard.”

As everyone at the law school roots for another award, Gibson believes SBA is in good hands.

“Andrew was a 1L representative when I was SBA president, so he has now been part of two SBA boards that have been really good,” remarked Gibson. “I think he has the exact same mindset that Florida State’s SBA needs to be number one in the country.”

Like Hall and Gibson, Fay knows he cannot be content with what SBA did in the past. It is that way of thinking that earned SBA awards in 2008 and 2009 and that will hopefully propel Florida State to be recognized as the nation’s best in 2010. ■
1969

JAMES N. MCCONNAUGHAY of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. in Tallahassee has been selected as a Florida Super Lawyer in workers’ compensation defense for the fourth consecutive year.

1972

THE HONORABLE JOHN R. MARKS, III, Tallahassee mayor, was honored at the Florida Public Relations Association’s 12th Annual Roast and Toast on July 23.

1973

SENATOR MEL MARTINEZ has retired from the United States Senate. He is now a partner in DLA Piper’s government affairs practice group. He also was named Republican Bill McCollum’s statewide leadership team for McCollum’s bid for governor in 2010.

CHARLES L. WOODY was named a Super Lawyer in West Virginia in employment and labor, business litigation and appellate law. He practices at Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC in Charleston, West Virginia.

1974

CLARK J. COCHRAN, JR. is a partner at Biling, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, PA. He can be reached at Sun Trust Center, 6th Floor, 515 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301, 954.764.7150 or www.billingcochran.com.

1975

THOMAS W. CONROY, a partner at Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A., retired at the end of 2008 and moved to the Las Vegas area. He can be reached at 1728 Cypress Manor Dr., Henderson, NV 89012 or topcat1122@live.com.

BRIAN S. DUFFY of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. in Tallahassee has been selected as a 2009 Florida Super Lawyer for his practice in civil litigation defense. He has twice before received the honor.

STANN W. GIVENS recently completed his term as president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Florida Chapter. The organization sought to find additional ways to improve the practice of family law and protect the welfare of the family and set the framework for arguing a Florida Supreme Court case involving the rights of children in foster care.

DENNIS E. LYLES is a partner at Biling, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, PA. He can be reached at Sun Trust Center, 6th Floor, 515 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301, 954.764.7150 or www.billingcochran.com.

1976

LONNIE N. GROOT of the Lake Mary law firm of Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert, Whigham & Partlow, P.A. has been appointed to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The appointment was made by Governor Charlie Crist for a term ending Oct. 1, 2011.

1977

CAPTAIN CAROL J. COOPER will be honored by the Florida State circle of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Alumni Association during Homecoming 2009 festivities as a recipient of the Grads Made Good award.

THE HONORABLE LINDA A. WELLS is the chief judge-elect of Florida’s Third District Court of Appeal. She is expected to begin her two-year term as chief judge in July 2011.

1979

MIRANDA F. FITZGERALD has been selected Orlando’s Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for 2009 by Best Lawyers magazine. She also was named as one of the top 50 women lawyers in Florida by Super Lawyers in both 2008 and 2009. The partner in the law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. also moderated and participated as a speaker and panel leader at the Florida Chamber’s Growth Management Short Course and served as a guest lecturer for a Rollins College M.B.A. class on real estate.
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Gifts to Florida State University College of Law provide critical support for students, faculty and academic programs. This Annual Report gratefully acknowledges all gifts received between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Gifts received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 will be recognized in the fall 2010 issue of Florida State Law.

We hope that our progress over the years has shown that we are putting your contributed dollars to good use. Thank you so much!
DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:
This was a year of great success for the law school. The reputation of our outstanding students, faculty and alumni continues to blossom. The highlight of recent external recognition was when U.S. News & World Report rated our school 52nd in the nation and our environmental law program 11th (tied with Stanford and Tulane).

Private fund-raising has made an important difference at the law school, especially in these times of dramatically reduced state budgets. This year, our Annual Fund was still quite strong, although not as strong as last year. Our major gifts were down significantly.

ANNUAL FUND
In recent years, we have garnered significant Florida and national attention with our extremely high alumni contribution rate. In 07-08, our 27 percent alumni giving rate ranked us 11th among all the nation’s law schools. This year our alumni giving rate fell to 25 percent, still a competitive number. I hope that this coming year we can recapture lost giving. Our students are showing us the way. This past year, 71 percent of our students contributed to our Annual Fund. They are blazing the trail for us all!

Gifts to the Annual Fund enrich our entire academic program. The Annual Fund supports everything from student scholarships to distinguished speakers to graduation receptions for our students and their families to lunch at the Florida Bar exam.

MAJOR GIFTS
This past year, we received Major Gifts totaling $1,031,831.67 in cash and $394,391.00 in additional pledges, for a grand total of $1,426,222.67. The “Cash Gifts By Level” portion of this report includes only payments made during the fiscal year, even if they are but a portion of a larger gift. We want our reporting to you to be as conservative as possible. Under the heading of “Recent Larger Gifts,” we outline the larger gift commitments that we received in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed in these difficult times. The dollars invested in our school are paying great dividends.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner, Dean
Endowed Gift Opportunities

Endowed Scholarships
Our single greatest need from private giving is endowed scholarships. Our tuition has steadily increased and will continue to do so as our law school continues down what seems to be the inevitable road to privatization. To continue to serve our mission of providing access to all, including those from families of modest means, we will need significantly more scholarships. Scholarships are awarded according to the intent of the donor and can be based on merit, need or other factors.

The minimum gift needed to endow a scholarship at Florida State Law is $25,000.

Endowed Professorships
Our faculty members have distinguished themselves both nationally and internationally as leaders in their fields. Their scholarship is both visible and influential and is helping to enhance the value of a degree from Florida State. They use their professional expertise and contacts to help our students get jobs.

It is critical to retain these extraordinary faculty members at Florida State. Many of them have been pursued by other top schools, both public and private. Just as in the private sector, productivity bonuses make an important difference. Endowed professorships provide salary supplements based on merit. They are not sinecures. Faculty members are appointed to endowed professorships for five-year terms, with renewal contingent on continued scholarly productivity. The appointee to the professorship bears the name of the donor or the donor’s designee.

The minimum gift needed to endow a professorship at Florida State Law is $200,000.

Endowments for Excellence
Endowments for Excellence leave it to the discretion of the school how to spend income earned on endowment.

The minimum gift needed to create an Endowment for Excellence is $25,000.

State Match and Recognition
Gifts to endowment are almost invariably made over time, usually over a five-year period. The state of Florida matches gifts to endowment at incremental ratios, starting with 50 percent for gifts of at least $100,000 and increasing to 100 percent for gifts of $2,000,001 and larger. Inter vivos gifts at $200,000 or more are currently being acknowledged with an oil portrait displayed in a prominent place at the law school.

For more information, please contact either Dean Don Weidner or Ryan Little, Assistant Dean for Development, at 850.644.5160 or rlittle@law.fsu.edu.
Recent Larger Gifts

We would like to specially thank those of you who made a larger gift commitment between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. These gifts make it possible to continue the dynamic advance of the academic programs and reputation of the law school.

$100,000 to $299,999
An anonymous donor has contributed a cash gift of $275,000 to the law school to supplement the endowment for the Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair. Earnings that are distributed from this endowment are used to sponsor research fellowships and public law programs associated with a visiting professor in the law school who will also serve as the Solicitor General in the Florida Office of the Attorney General. This gift will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida.

$50,000 to $99,999
Margaret A. Rolando ('78) has agreed to establish the Peggy Rolando Endowment for Excellence by pledging an additional $72,500 to a fund she previously created. The $100,000 gift to endowment will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The $50,000 state match will also be put into the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of $150,000. Peggy has been a partner since 1984 with the law firm of Shutts & Bowen in Miami and practices in the areas of real estate, construction and community associations. She is also a current member of the law school’s Board of Visitors.

Lawrence A. Kellogg ('81) has agreed to increase his gift to the Kellogg Family Scholarship Endowment to $150,000 by pledging an additional $50,000. The scholarship is awarded to students who have worked their way through undergraduate college or who are supporting children while attending law school, have excelled academically and who have demonstrated financial need. The $150,000 gift to endowment will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The $75,000 state match will also be put into the permanent endow-
ment, creating a total endowment of $225,000. Larry is a partner with the law firm of Tew-Cardenas in Miami and practices in the areas of bankruptcy and receivership, business litigation, class action litigation, insurance, labor and employment and professional malpractice. He is the current chairman of the Board of Visitors.

$25,000 to $49,999

Miami attorney Alan M. Grunspan ('84) and his wife Helaine have made a commitment of $25,000 over time to establish the Alan and Helaine Grunspan Endowment for Children’s Programs in the Public Interest Law Center. The income distributed from this endowment will be used to provide financial support where it is needed most for children’s programs within the Public Interest Law Center. Alan is a shareholder with Carlton Fields in Miami and practices in the areas of banking law, complex commercial and real estate workouts, litigation, securities and antitrust.

J. Michael Coleman ('86) has agreed to establish the Mike and Peggy Coleman Moot Court Endowment by pledging $25,000. The endowment will be used to benefit the Moot Court Team. Mike is a partner with the law firm of Coleman, Hazzard & Taylor in Naples and practices in the areas of civil and commercial litigation; especially construction and probate litigation.

Ronald A. Christaldi ('96) and his wife, Shannon, have agreed to establish the Ronald and Shannon Christaldi Endowment for Excellence by pledging $25,000. Income from this endowment may be used at the discretion of the law school for any academic purpose.

Terry A. Gross ('79) has agreed to establish the Terence A. Gross Diversity Enhancement Scholarship by pledging $25,000 to endowment. The income generated from this endowment will be used to support law school students who are from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession. Terry is a partner with the Pensacola firm of Gross & Schuster and practices in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death litigation.

Tampa alumnus Richard B. Hadlow ('77) has agreed to establish the Richard and Cynthia Hadlow Endowment for Excellence by pledging $25,000. The income from this endowment may be used at the discretion of the law school for any academic purpose. Richard is a partner in the Tampa office of Holland & Knight and practices in the areas of securities law, corporate law, partnership law, corporate finance and mergers, acquisitions and divestitures.
UNRESTRICTED
Allen, Norton & Blue Endowed Book Award in Labor and Employment Law
Anonymous Endowment for Excellence
Attorney General Endowment for Excellence
Ronald & Shannon Christaldi Endowment for Excellence
Ehrhardt Endowment for Excellence
Equitable-Fahm Endowment for Social Justice
Steve Gay Fund for Excellence
Tracy and Bill Marshall Endowment for Excellence
McCombs-Davis and Ritterman Endowment for Excellence
Sheila M. McDevitt Endowment for Excellence
Harry Guilday and Simpson Endowment for Excellence
Richard & Cynthia Hadley Endowment for Excellence
Lawrence Family Endowment for Freedom
A. Wayne and Gwen Rich Endowment for Excellence
Kevin Wood & Mary Jo Pezi Endowment for Excellence
Peggy Rolando Endowment for Excellence

SCHOLARSHIPS
Amelia White Rowell Endowed Scholarship
American Academy of Matrimonial Law Endowed Scholarship
Sandra Anderson Single Parent Scholarship
Arter Family Mentoring Endowed Scholarship
Attorney General Endowed Scholarship
Dubose Aylesworth Endowed Scholarship
Gregory S. Bellamy Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Jennifer Betz Scholarship
Blank-Miller Scholarship
Joan and Garrett Briggs Endowed Scholarship
Justice Raul G. Castro, III, Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
Bryan & Camel Scholarship
Thomas W. Gurney Endowed Scholarship
Leroy and Jeanne Curran Endowed Scholarship
Bud Daley Memorial Fund
Cody T. Davis Scholarship
Colonel James R. Douglas Veterans Endowed Scholarship
Richard M. Davis Endowed Scholarship
David Warren Detroit Endowment Endowed Scholarship
Claud Wayne Denton Memorial Scholarship
Denise Dizik Memorial Scholarship
Carlos R. Diet-Anguelles Endowed Scholarship
David F. Dickson Scholarship
Patricia A. Dore Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Stephen & Susan Eversion Scholarship
Joe and Paula Ford Oxford Studies Endowed Scholarship
Steven M. Goldstein Memorial Endowed Fund
Tom and Robin Gonzalez Endowed Scholarship
Marcos G. Gonzalez Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
Terence A. Grant Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
Randy and Jerrin Hanna Endowed Scholarship
Wayne and Patricia Hogan Endowed Scholarship
James Richard Hopson Scholarship Fund
Claudia R. & A. Woodson Irwin, Jr. Scholarship
Kathryn T. Johnson Endowed Scholarship
Katherine Simon Endowed Scholarship
Kelling Family Endowed Scholarship
John Marshall Kest and Sally D. M. Kest Endowed Scholarship
Knowles & Randolph Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
Steven and Blanche Koger Scholarship
Mason Ladd Merit Endowed Scholarship
Julio and Rene Martinez Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
B. K. and Mary N. Roberts Endowed Scholarship
Susan Rosendahl Keen Memorial Scholarship
Gayle P. McCord Endowed Scholarship
Minta, Husband & Daughter Endowed Scholarship
David B. McGuire Endowed Scholarship
Beverly S. McCown Endowed Scholarship
David and Cita Miller Scholarship
National Nativity Foundation Scholarship
Oertel, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant Endowed Scholarship
Calvin Patterson Civil Rights Endowed Scholarship
Park & Cramp Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
John S. Rawls and Samuel Wolf Endowed Scholarship
Rick Rumble Public Interest Scholarship
Tim & Linda Scovil Oxford Endowed Scholarship
WP & Elin Skelly Endowed Scholarship
Daniel & Natalie Solday Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
Doug and Judy Spears Endowed Scholarship
Tulbro Memorial Endowed Fund
Bob & Betty Wedler and Helen Powell Endowed Oxford Studies Scholarship
Thomston J. and Harriett W. Williams Scholarship
Mark and Ruthellen Williamson Scholarship
Bruce A. Wiegner Memorial Scholarship
Young Family Endowment
Rabin Lynn Young Memorial Scholarship

SPECIFIC PROGRAM GIFTS
Mike and Peggy Coleman Memo Court Endowment
Janes and Anne Ceppos Endowment for Most Courteous
David and Deborah Fournival Public Defender Service Award
John W. Frost, II Most Courteous Endowment
Alan and Helene Gutman Endowment for Children's Programs
Carol Gregg and Ken Hart Endowment for Excellence for the Public Interest Law Center
Wayne Hogan Endowment in Civil Trial Practice
Wayne and Patricia Hogan Endowment
Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law Endowment
Amelia Rae Maguire Endowment for Business Law Lecturer
Public Service Fellowship
James Harold Thompson Endowment Fund
Summer Program for Undergraduates
Transnational Law Journal Endowment
Wells Family Endowment for Minor Court

DEFERRED GIFTS
Anonymous Endowment for Excellence in Elder Law
Michael and Helen Atter Endowment for Excellence
Corinna Blumenthal Endowed Scholarship
Stephen C. Chessman Endowment
William J. and Susan P. Cohen Professorship in Environmental Law
Elizabeth Daniels Fund for Excellence
David and Deborah Fournival Public Defender Service Award
Howard L. Nations Endowed Fund
Kelly Overstreet Johnson and Hal Johnson Endowment for Excellence
John C. and Jeanette Webb Memorial Endowed Fund

*Denotes new gift or increased commitment for fiscal year 2008-2009*
Financials

**CHART 1**
2008-2009
Total Cash Received $1,378,082.07*

- Student Enrichment $68,030.00
- Annual Fund** $346,250.40
- Scholarships $245,121.66
- Faculty Development $384,625.00
- Unrestricted $334,055.01

* There were no state matching dollars this fiscal year.
** All cash gifts of $10,000 or less made by alumni and friends that are not earmarked for endowment or part of a larger pledge. See CHART 1E.

**CHART 2**
2008-2009
Total Annual Fund Giving $346,250.40*

- Unrestricted $299,311.39
- Scholarships $2,682.00
- Library, Law Review and Journals $20,067.50
- Student Organizations $23,164.51
- Other $1,025.00

**Alumni and Students Cash Giving Rates**

- 2004-05: Alumni 25.44%, Students 52.58%
- 2005-06: Alumni 26.32%, Students 58.67%
- 2006-07: Alumni 26.10%, Students 65.11%
- 2007-08: Alumni 27.03%, Students 68.39%
- 2008-09: Alumni 24.83%, Students 71.43%

**Total Alumni Cash Gifts to the Annual Fund**

- 2004-05: $332,119
- 2005-06: $361,545
- 2006-07: $342,716
- 2007-08: $347,916
- 2008-09: $304,474

*All cash gifts of $10,000 or less made by alumni and friends that are not earmarked for endowment or part of a larger pledge.

*Includes Book Awards
All Alumni and Student Donors by Class

CLASS OF 1969
Alumni: 77
Number of Donors: 11
Participation: 14.29%
James M. Barclay
Stephen W. Buckley
The Honorable Nicholas P. Geker
H. Lawrence Hardy
A. Leo Jackson
J. Eugene Kelley, Jr.
Thomas L. LaSalle
William R. Lyle, Jr.
The Honorable Donald S. Modesitt
Douglas H. Morford
Terence J. Russell

CLASS OF 1970
Alumni: 85
Number of Donors: 23
Participation: 27.06%
Larry D. Belz
John C. Betcher
E. Bruce Bucklely
Terry R. Cole
Colonel Raymond K. Costello
The Honorable Ella Jane P. Davis
Rodney G. Fair
Paul R. Green
Matthew M. Johnson
E. Burke Jolly
Gerald W. Jones, Jr.
Richard J. Mechan
James R. Meyer, Sr.
J. Jerome Miller
The Honorable Peter T. Miller
A. Wayne Rich
J. Phillip Short
Richard H. Solter
A. James Spalla
George L. Wäs
Anley Waston, Jr.
Kent R. Weible
Enoch J. Whitney

CLASS OF 1971
Alumni: 70
Number of Donors: 19
Participation: 27.14%
Frank C. Amatea
The Honorable John Antoon, II
Don A. Boggs
Michael M. Corin
William W. Gallogly
J. Michael Huey
J. Michael Hughes
Jerry M. Johns
Wendall J. Kiser
The Honorable Harlow H. Land, Jr.
Carl P. McDonald
William B. Miliken
Samuel R. Noel, III
Brian D. O’Neill
The Honorable Richard G. Payne
Thomas G. Pelham
Michael S. Stoddard
Charles S. Williams, Jr.
Lee L. Willis, Jr.

CLASS OF 1972
Alumni: 132
Number of Donors: 32
Participation: 24.24%
Jerry F. Carter
Peter M. Dunbar
William B. Eppley
C. David Fovnivdell, III
The Honorable Charles A. Francis
Lester A. Garringer, Jr.
Steve Ginesta
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1981

JOHN S. DERR is now managing partner of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 215 S. Monroe St., Ste. 510, Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.412.1042 or jder@qpwlaw.com.

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1982

ANTHONY E. Diresta has joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP as chair of the consumer protection practice group. He is an authority on regulatory and privacy issues affecting advertising, health care, financial services and retail industries.

1983

B.B. BOLES, III married Susan Michelle Kovacs on October 10, 2009, in Milton. He is a partner with the law firm of Young, Bill, Fugett & Roumbos in Pensacola.

1984

CRAIG GLIDDEN has been named executive vice president and chief legal officer of LyondellBasell Industries.

DOUGLAS C. SPEARS recently completed a three-week Southeastern U.S. tour promoting a new album: Welcome Home. The album was released in September.

1985

BARBARA CURTIS DAVIS was elected vice mayor of the town of Ponce Inlet and will serve a two-year term.

ANNE L. MCGIHON has rejoined Akerman Senterfitt, LLP as special counsel. She is splitting time between Florida, Denver and Washington, D.C.

1986

FRANCISCO J. “FRANK” SANCHEZ, JR. was appointed to a position in President Barack Obama’s administration. As undersecretary of commerce for international trade, Sanchez oversees four divisions and more than 1,000 employees in trade offices in 85 countries.

FLOYD R. SELF of Messer Caparello & Self, P.A. is board certified in state and federal government and administrative practice.

1987

KENNETH E. KEECH joined the Fort Lauderdale office of The Kopelkowitz Ostrow Firm, P.A., as a partner. His practice will focus on business and commercial litigation. He also is Broward County vice-mayor and vice-chair of the Broward County Public Safety Coordinating Council Advisory Board, and a member of the Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Authority Board, the Broward Alliance, the City/County Liaison Group and the Intergovernmental Relations Group.

1988

NELSON G. WILLIAMS is a director and secretary of the board for the Floral City Water Association. A retired attorney, he collects, displays and writes about electric toy trains as a hobby.
MICHAEL W. JACKSON was featured in an Alabama anti-meth campaign video “The Harsh Realities of Meth,” with Governor Bob Riley. Jackson is the district attorney for Dallas, Perry, Hale, Wilcox and Bibb counties.

RICHARD C. POWERS, JR. has been named special agent in charge of the FBI’s Houston Division. Most recently, the 19-year veteran of the FBI served as assistant director of the Office of Congressional Affairs. He has been the recipient of the Director’s Award for Distinguished Service to the Law Enforcement Community, completed advanced negotiation training and is a graduate of the National Negotiators Course at Scotland Yard, London.

1989

MARIANNE LLOYD AHO was named a Florida Super Lawyer for 2009. She is a shareholder for Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville.

GLENDA L. THORNTON is of counsel with Bateman Harden P.A. She can be reached at 401 E. Virginia St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.222.1020 or gthornton@batemanharden.com.

1990

RAFAEL GONZALEZ is chief executive officer of The Center for Medicare Set Aside Administration in Clearwater. He oversees the center’s nationwide Medicare Set Aside allocations, approval and administrative business.

1991

DAVID WHITNEY ADAMS, of Sponsler, Bennett, Jacobs & Adams, P.A., has been certified by The Florida Bar in labor and employment law.

TAMMY DE SOTO CICCHETTI received the National Republican Congressional Committee’s highest honor, the NRCC 2008 Presidential Commission. She is president of The Cicchetti Law Firm in Tallahassee.

1992

DONNA E. BLANTON, a shareholder at Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, P.A., has been listed in Florida Super Lawyers for 2009 in administrative law. She can be reached at 301 S. Bronough St., Ste. 200, Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.425.6654 or dblanton@radeylaw.com.

MICHAEL P. BRUYERE is a partner at Fields, Howell, Athans & McLaughlin, LLP. He can be reached at 191 Peachtree St. NE, Ste. 4600, Atlanta, GA 30303-1740, 404.214.1736 or mbruyere@fieldshowell.com.

MARIANNE R. HOWANITZ heads the litigation department at Daniel L. Hightower, P.A. and specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and products liability cases.

FRED E. KARLINSKY presented a seminar on Florida property and casualty insurance issues at the Gulf States Chapter 2009 Education Day, presented by the Association of Insurance Compliance Professionals in July. He is a shareholder with Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale.

avery d. mcknight was selected for the 2009 edition of Florida Trend’s Legal Elite as a top government attorney. He also was the featured guest speaker at the Annual Induction Ceremony of the Delores Pointdexter Auzenne Chapter of the Black Law Student’s Association.

1993

ZINA CRUSE was appointed as an Illinois Twentieth Circuit Court judge in February. The resident of Belleville, Illinois, is married with three children.

ROBERT L. PETERS, JR., an Air Force veteran, has established a non-profit program called Warrior Vacations. The program offers free stays of up to seven days at vacation destinations to combat veterans and their families. More details are available at www.warriorvacations.org.

1994

ALEJANDRO P. JOYA was promoted to managing director of Alvarez & Marsal Taxand, LLC last year. He is married to Synthia Joya and has two sons, Alejandro Jr., 6, and Adrian, 3.

CHRISTOPHER J. KARPINSKI has joined the Tallahassee office of Banker Lopez Gassler. He can be reached at 101 N. Monroe St., Ste. 725, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1500, 850.412.2240 or ckarpinski@bankerlopez.com.

TRAVIS L. MILLER, of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, P.A., has become board certified in state and federal government and administrative practice by The Florida Bar. The firm shareholders also have elected Miller president of the firm.

SEAN A. PITTMAN is the 2009-2011 chairman of the North Central Division of the Children’s Home Society (CHS). Pittman, president of The Pittman Law Group, also is co-chair of CHS’ annual Chef Sampler and his law office sponsors the event annually.

JULIE SNEED, a shareholder with the firm of Fowler White Boggs, has been appointed co-chair of the ABA Section of Litigation Minority Trial Lawyer Committee for the 2009-2010 term.

TRICIA A. SPIVEY has been elected vice-chairperson of The Collaborative Professionals of Southwest Florida. She is a board certified marital and family lawyer, a certified family law mediator and a stockholder at Henderson Franklin.

SHIRA R. THOMAS is deputy general counsel in the office of the general counsel at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She has served in that capacity since July 2008.
1995

**JACQUELINE L. BLANTON** was named to the 2009 Florida Rising Stars list in *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine.

**WENDY D. BREWER** has recently been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010* in the area of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law. She is a partner in Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Indianapolis office, in the litigation, finance, insolvency and restructuring, and real estate departments as well as the financial institutions practice group.

**BENJAMIN L. CRUMP** has been named to the national board of the Florida State University Alumni Association. As president of the Florida State University Black Alumni Association, he is an ex-officio member with full voting rights.

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**ADAM M. HASNER**, Florida House of Representatives Majority Leader from Palm Beach County, has been named to Republican Bill McCollum’s statewide leadership structure for McCollum’s bid for governor in 2010.

**MARLON A. HILL** recently was elected to the Orange Bowl Committee. His appointment begins with the 2009-2010 year. The managing partner of delancyhill, P.A. also is civically involved with the Caribbean Bar Association, Miami Parking Authority, The Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas, Inc. and Miami Light Project.

**WILHELMINA F. KIGHTLINGER** has joined Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as commercial underwriting counsel for its Florida operations, based in Tampa. She is a member of several committees of The Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section and is vice chair of the Land Trust Committee of the ABA Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section.

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1996

REGINALD D. DIXON is now general counsel at the Florida Department of Business and Profession Regulation. He can be reached at 850.488.0063.

JEREMY N. JUNGREIS has joined the San Diego California Water Authority Board representing Camp Pendleton. As a member of the board, he also serves on the authority’s Engineering and Operations Committee and the Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee. He also is a major in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and serves as the regulatory and legislative affairs officer for California relations on behalf of Marine Corps Installation West.

RUSSEL M. LAZEGA has opened a Tampa-area office, in addition to offices in North Miami, Dania Beach, Winter Park and Tallahassee. His firm handles plaintiffs’ personal injury protection, homeowners’ and other insurance disputes. He also co-authored the 2009 edition of West’s Florida Insurance Law & Practice. Additionally, he and wife Leslie Lazega are the proud parents of two adopted children, Kassie and Ethan Lazega.

1997

CONAL F. DOYLE successfully argued Castaneda v. U.S., 546 F. 3d 682 (Ninth Circuit 2008), a groundbreaking civil rights case involving the penile amputation of an immigration detainee that has received extensive international media coverage, including a feature on 60 Minutes. He is a partner in Willoughby Doyle LLP and can be reached at 1814 Franklin St., Ste. 800, Oakland, CA 94612, 510.451.2777 or conal@willoughbydoyle.com.

ROGER J. “R.J.” HAUGHEY, II is president of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. He is a member of Sivyer Barlow & Watson, P.A.

ELIZABETH C. WILLIAMSON is now of counsel in the environmental section of Winston & Strawn LLP. She can be reached at 1700 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 or 202.282.5747.

1998

RACHEL E. FUGATE, an attorney at Thomas, LoCicero & Bralow PL in Tampa, represented 26 media outlets in Florida in their lawsuit against Florida State University and the NCAA. The case involved the state’s sunshine laws and sanctions against the university.

THOMAS O. INGRAM can be reached at 207 N. Laura St., Ste. 260, Jacksonville, FL 32202, 904.353.1030 or toi@ Ingram-law.net.

1999

HEATHER PINDER RODRIGUEZ was the 2009 recipient of the Lawrence G. Mathews, Jr. Young Lawyers Professionalism Award from the Orange County Bar Association. As a result, she was one of three women attorneys featured on the cover of the association’s magazine, The Briefs.

JESSICA K. ALLEY recently was named partner in Phelps Dunbar LLP’s Tampa office. She practices in the Regional Commercial Litigation Practice Group, focusing on professional liability defense.

GLADYS L. AYALA, along with husband Jabari Prempeh, II (’00), has formed the civil litigation law firm of Ayala Prempeh, LLP. She can be reached at 1500 NE 162nd St., North Miami Beach, FL 33162, 305.816.6642 or GAP@AyalaPrempeh.com.

PAUL E. BUEKER was named a Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star for 2009. He is a shareholder at Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEFFREY A. FERGUSON, of the United States Air Force, has been appointed a military judge and moved to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada to assume his new duties.

WILLIAM D. HORGAN, III has joined the Tallahassee office of Banker Lopez Gassler.

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He can be reached at 101 N. Monroe St., Ste. 725, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1500, 850.412.2240 or whorgan@bankerlopez.com.

**MATTHEW L. WAX** can be reached at the Law Offices of Linda S. Bittner, Staff Counsel Office, CNA Insurance Companies, 2405 Lucien Way, Maitland, FL 32751, 407.919.3504 or matthew.wax@cnaint.com.

**IAN THOMAS WELDON**, an assistant public defender for the Fourth Circuit, now is qualified to defend against death penalty cases after successfully arguing against the death penalty in the case of State of Florida vs. Steve Anderson.

**2000**

**SEAN T. DESMOND** is a member of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division and the Committee on Professionalism. He can be reached at State Attorney's Office 2nd Judicial Circuit, 3056 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 32327 or 850.926.0914.

**DARLENE F. Dickey** was promoted to colonel of the Escambia County Sheriff's Office in May. She has served as the sheriff's office legal advisor since 2006.

**GREGORY A. JACKSON, JR.** is senior associate attorney at McIntosh, Sawran, Peltz & Cartaya, P.A. He can be reached at South Hall Center, 101 South Hall Lane, Ste. 190, Maitland, FL 32751, 407.875.0261 or gjackson@mspecsq.com.

**JABARI V. PREMPH, II** and wife Gladys Ayala ('99) have formed the civil litigation law firm of Ayala Premph, LLP. He also has been honored by the James E. Scott Community Association for outstanding service on its board of directors. The organization awarded him the Georgia Nelson Award during its 84th anniversary gala. He can be reached at 1500 NE 162nd St., North Miami Beach, FL 33162, 305.816.6642 or JP@AyalaPremph.com.

**WILLIAM A. "BILL" STETSON, IV** has joined Gunster, Attorneys at Law, as an associate in its West Palm Beach office. His practice is focused on complex estate planning, probate and trust administration and litigation, tax controversies and tax-exempt organizations.

**2001**

**CHAD D. HECKMAN** is a shareholder at Williams, Gautier, Gwynn, DeLoach & Sorenson, P.A. He can be reached at checkman@wgdlaw.com.

**JESSE H. LITTLE** is an attorney at Morris Law Group. He can be reached at Bank of America Building, 7000 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Ste. 205, Boca Raton, FL 33433 or 561.750.3850.

**MARCELO LLORENTE**, a state representative from Miami, has been named to the governor Bill McCollum's statewide leadership structure for McCollum's 2010 bid for governor.

**BRITTANY ADAMS LONG** is assistant general counsel for the Florida Department of Health, Prosecution Services Unit. She can be reached at 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3265, 850.922.2267 or Brittany_long@doh.state.fl.us.

**KEVIN M. O'BRIEN** recently was named equity partner in Phelps Dunbar LLP's Tampa office. His practice is in the firm's regional insurance and reinsurance practice group. He specializes in handling complex first- and third-party coverage matters.

**C. ERIKA WHITE** has joined Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. as an associate in the Tallahassee office. She focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense, employment-related claims, automobile negligence and construction litigation.

**2002**

**MICHAEL JOHN BARRY** recently joined the Office of Governor Charlie Crist as assistant general counsel to the governor. He can be reached at 850.488.3494 or mike.barry@eog.myflorida.com.

**DANIELLE L. ECKELT** is senior regional director of the Mid-Atlantic region for Kaplan PMBR. She can be reached at 704.689.7376 or danielle.eckelt@kaplanpmbr.com.

**2003**

**AMANDA KEENER BARRITT** has been appointed to the board of directors of Brightest Horizons Child Development Center. She is an associate in Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.'s real estate division.

**JOHN T. CARDILLO, JR.** has been elected to the board of directors of the Collier County Bar Association. He is an associate at Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist in East Naples.

**CHRISTIAN M. GIVENS** was recently voted onto the executive counsel of the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Family Law Section. He also co-authored two chapters in Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education publications.

**CHASITY H. O'STEEN**, an associate with Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP, in Tallahassee was selected as a Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2009. Her practice areas are water and wastewater utilities, government and administrative law.

**KATHERINE A. SCOTT-WEBB** has been named a partner at Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A. in Tallahassee. Her practice focuses on lobbying and regulatory work.

**GIGI ROLLINI THOMAS** has been elected to serve terms as president of the Tallahassee Women Lawyers (2009-10) and president of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (2010-11). She practices Florida administrative and appellate law in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight LLP.

**2004**

**DR. D'LORAH A. BUTTS-LUCAS** is a recruitment and teacher intern specialist for the Volusia County School District. For more information, visit www.volusia.k12.fl.us/recruitment.

**THERESA B. "CISSY" PROCTOR** has been elected president of the Tallahassee Bar Association Young Lawyer Section.
KAREN N. RESCHLY is an associate with Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP. She can be reached at 1600 Atlanta Financial Center, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.233.7000 or kreschly@mmmlaw.com.


JEFFREY A. TIMMERMAN is an associate at Littler Mendelson, P.C., where he focuses on employment law. He was named a 2008 Rising Star by Minnesota Law & Politics magazine. He can be reached at 80 S. 8th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402-2136, 612.630.1000 or jtimmerman@littler.com.

2006

TOOD M. FELDMAN has joined Conroy, Simons, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A., as an associate. He can be reached at 3440 Hollywood Blvd., Fl. 2, Hollywood, FL 33021-6927, 954.961.1400 or tfeldman@conroysimberg.com.

KRISTEN GUTTMANN is moving to Boston and can be reached at 407.362.8500.

KELLIE SYMONS HALL, a ShuffieldLowman estate planning and probate attorney, joined her firm in helping the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers support Rock Lake Elementary School in its Angel Tree Project.

ROBYN BLANK JACKSON has been named Sunshine Attorney for the Florida Department of Financial Service’s Legal Division. She is assistant general counsel.

WILLIAM G. “GILL” LAZENBY is a trial attorney at Englander and Fischer P.A. He can be reached at 721 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701 or 727.898.7210

2007

JOE D. BRIGGS, manager of Financial Programs and Advisor Administration for the NFL Players Association, is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. He is teaching Sports Business and Finance in the Sports Industry Management program. Briggs’ non-profit organization recently was featured in a Congressional Quarterly blog for its efforts to improve diversity on Capitol Hill.

JEFFREY L. BURNS is an associate at the law firm of Anchors Smith Grimsley, where he practices commercial litigation. He recently became engaged to Lindsey Watson and was admitted to the Alabama Bar. He can be reached at 909 Mor Walt Dr., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547, 850.863.4064 or jburns@asglegal.com.

ANDREW L. CHIERA is an associate at Herssein & Herssein, PA. He can be reached at Andrew@hersseinlaw.com.

AUDREY HENDRICK can be reached at Maddox Home PLLC, P.O. Box 10768, Tallahassee, FL 32302-2768 or 850.222.6020.

MELANIE SHOWMAKER GRIFFIN, an associate in the Orlando office of Dean Mead, was named the 2009 “Most Productive Young Lawyer” by the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar Board of Governors. She also is a member of the Young Lawyers Division. She practices in the areas of commercial litigation, employment discrimination and sexual harassment law.

ALAN C. NASH is a state and federal trial associate with Purdy, Jolly, Giuffreda & Barranco, P.A. He practices constitutional law. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation and a career mentor at Rainbow Park Elementary, Stranahan and Hallandale high schools. He can be reached at 2455 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ste. 1216, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304, 954.462.3200 or alan@purdylaw.com.

2008

JULIE ANGEVINI is an associate at Foley & Lardner LLP in Orlando. She can be reached at P.O. Box 2193, Orlando, FL 32802-2193, 407.244.3266 or jangevin@foley.com.

JOSHUA D. AUBUCHON has joined Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. He works in the firm’s Tallahassee governmental and legislative affairs practice, focusing on gaming and
pari-mutuel law, alcoholic beverage law and real property and housing law.

SPENCER S. BISHINS and his new wife Allison moved to Washington, D.C., last year. He can be reached at soishins@gmail.com.

BRANDON R. BURG has been named an associate at Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen, P.A. in Clearwater. His practice focuses on commercial real estate acquisition, sales and finance and related corporate matters.

MARK GORDON is an honors attorney for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C. He can be reached at mgordon@fdic.gov.

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ROBIN H. LEVY works for the United States Social Security Administration, Office of Disabilities Adjudication and Review. She can be reached at 2315 Rogene Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209.

NOAH H. NADLER is an associate in the Dallas office of Haynes and Boone, LLP. He concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis in the areas of insurance coverage litigation, insurance consultation and construction disputes.

RACHEL E. VANHORN joined Stackhouse, Nixsen and Turrietta, PLLC as an associate. Her practice focuses on criminal defense, plaintiff personal injury law and estate planning. She can be reached at 4505 Colley Ave., Norfolk, VA 23508 or 757.623.3555.

RYAN B. WITTE married Michellea Messina on July 4, 2009. He received his LL.M. from Columbia Law School in May. In September, he joined the Miami office of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP as an associate and practices in the areas of products liability and class action litigation.

2009

ANDREA L. BOSE is an assistant public defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

LISA HUTCHESON is a staff attorney for the Tallahassee office of Children’s Legal Services with the Florida Department of Children and Families.

ASHLEY P. MAYER’S article, Secure Detention: The Plight of Juveniles in Florida Who Are Incompetent to Stand Trial, was published in UC Davis’ Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy.

GENNIFER BRIDGES POWELL gave birth to twins on August 19, Caleb Edwin Bridges Powell weighed five pounds, five ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Joshua Matthew Bridges Powell weighed four pounds, two ounces and was 17.5 inches long.

ANDREW J. “A.J.” RICHMAN is working for the DeKalb County (Georgia) District Attorney’s office.

MATTHEW ZOLNOR had an article published in the Journal of Investment Compliance. He wrote the article as a student before graduating in May. The article, “Internal Control Reporting Regulation: A Law and Economics Perspective,” has been much downloaded from the Social Science Research Network.

IN MEMORIAM

K. DIAN FEDAK (’81) died May 9, 2009, at Flagler Hospital after a battle with ovarian cancer. She was an AV-rated attorney in private practice in St. Augustine.


SIEGFRIED F. KESSLER (’70) passed away July 12, 2009, in Fort Walton Beach after an extended illness. He practiced law in Germany for five years and Fort Walton Beach for 40 years.

LOUIS L. LONG, JR. (’79) died May 22, 2009. A resident of Freeport, he had been an Air Force sergeant and a published photographer. He had been an assistant to the federal bankruptcy court and a private practitioner in Tallahassee. Most recently, Long was a partner in the firm of Chesser and Barr, P.A. in Shalimar.

MICHAEL O. MATHIS (’79) passed away unexpectedly July 28, 2009. He practiced at the Law Office of Michael Mathis in Tallahassee, where he had been a resident for more than 34 years.

BONNIE KAY ROBERTS (’79) died May 22, 2009, after a long battle with cancer.

GARY L. STUMP (’69) passed away June 28, 2009.

COURTNEY SEAWARD SUMMERSUN (’00) died April 7, 2009. She was a tenured professor of legal studies at Florida Community College of Jacksonville. She was married to John Lee Summersun, II, and had two daughters, Caroline Brantley, 6, and Kathleen Constance, 3.

CHARLES M. “CHUCK” WISHNA (’86) of Fort Lauderdale lost his battle with Multiple Sclerosis on June 16, 2009. After traveling the world as a musician, he served as an assistant attorney general for Florida and an assistant federal public defender before entering private practice.

STEPHANIE J. YOUNG (’91) died March 20, 2009, at Flagler Hospital. As a special agent supervisor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, she was the first female to graduate from the FBI National Academy for law enforcement administrators at Quantico, Virginia. She worked at Sheppard & Sheppard, P.A., in St. Augustine.

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Four Faculty Members Publish Books

The Florida State University College of Law faculty is widely known for its scholarly productivity. In addition to publishing articles in top journals, professors also publish textbooks used by law schools around the nation and books based on cutting-edge research. In 2009, professors Frederick M. Abbott, Dino Falaschetti, Wayne A. Logan and Dan Markel each published new books.

Abbott, the Edward Ball Eminent Scholar, coauthored Global Pharmaceutical Policy: Ensuring Medicines for Tomorrow’s World (Edward Elgar Publishing 2009) with the University of Oslo’s Graham Dukes. The book examines the global system for the development, production, distribution and use of medicines. It also considers the pressure being placed on healthcare budgets by the global economic crisis and policies to ensure access to medicines.

Abbott is highly regarded for his scholarship and professional activities in international intellectual property and global economic issues.

Associate Professor of Law and Economics Falaschetti has published a new book about the economic implications of democratic governance. Democratic Governance and Economic Performance: How Accountability Can Go Too Far in Politics, Law, and Business (Springer 2009) provides statistical evidence and case study illustrations to show how demands for increased accountability from our politicians and business managers are going too far — catering to powerful electoral, consumer and shareholder interests while weakening economic performance. The book suggests balancing concerns about political and business agents padding their own pockets with strategies that protect against populist principals doing the same.

Falaschetti is an empirical economist whose scholarship has concentrated on corporate governance, with special emphasis on executive compensation and the relationship between auditor independence and earnings quality.

Logan, the Gary & Sallyn Pajic Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, published a new book on the registration of sex offenders. Knowledge as Power: Criminal Registration and Community Notification Laws in America (Stanford University Press 2009) traces the evolution of criminal registration laws. It provides an in-depth analysis of criminal registration and community notification laws, exploring the forces driving their rapid nationwide proliferation in the 1990s through today.

One of the nation’s preeminent legal scholars on registration and community notification laws, Logan teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, sentencing and torts.

D’Alemberte Professor Markel has published a new criminal justice book reflecting research that could impact criminal cases around the nation. Privilege or Punish: Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties (Oxford University Press 2009) (with Jennifer M. Collins and Ethan J. Lieb) offers a synthetic view of the intersection between crime, punishment and the family. It answers two basic questions: How does the American criminal justice system address a defendant’s family status and how should a defendant’s family status be recognized, if at all, in the criminal justice system? The book will be featured at an upcoming Yale Law Journal symposium.

Markel is a prolific scholar in the area of criminal law whose work has been published in leading law reviews.
Faculty Media Hits

Fred Abbott was featured in a Q&A about the study of international law in the fall issue of PreLaw magazine. He also was quoted in an August 6 Wall Street Journal article, “India Prepares EU Trade Complaint.”

Paolo Annino and a study he published were mentioned in an October 14 Palm Beach Post article. The Palm Beach Post also quoted Annino in an October 13 article, “Will judge impose life in Dunbar rape case? National experts watching.” He was quoted in The Ledger on September 6 in an article about parole-ban reconsideration for juvenile offenders. On August 9, Annino also was quoted in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune about the topic. The Florida Bar News published a story about him and the Public Interest Law Center’s Second Chance for Children in Prison Act on June 15. He also was quoted in The Miami Herald on July 28 in an article, “In death, Broward father may become dad again.”

Shawn Bayern was the guest writer of a Washington Post column on June 29 about making financial regulation work.

Beth Burch was quoted in a Philadelphia Inquirer article, “First Paxil lawsuit in plaintiff’s favor.” She also was featured in an ABA Journal article on September 15 for her recent essay, “There’s a Pennoyer in My Foyer: Civil Procedure According to Dr. Seuss.” She was quoted in Lawyers USA about settlements in prescription drug cases on July 6.

Sandy D’Alemberte was quoted in an editorial piece about the death penalty in the Tallahassee Democrat on September 18. Stories in the Orlando Sentinel (July 8), The Miami Herald (July 2 and May 21), the Florida Bar News (June 1) and the St. Petersburg Times (May 21) discussed D’Alemberte and a case he presented to the Florida Supreme Court.

Dino Falascetti was quoted in a May 6 Bradenton Herald article, “Consumer group urges insurance bill veto.”

Wayne Logan was featured in a WCTV news story about the history of sex offender registration on September 24. On September 9, he wrote a guest blog about 18-year kidnapping victim Jaycee Dugard for the Washington Post online. On August 3, he was quoted on WFSU Radio in a story about the possibility of strengthening legislation against hate crimes. Logan also was quoted in a June 19 Miami Herald editorial column, “Donte’ Stallworth settlement sets the value of victim’s life.” A May 6 Tampa Tribune article discussed Logan’s view of alleged criminals who slip through the system.

Dan Markel wrote guest blogs for the New York Times about sentencing and family considerations on July 9, 13 and 15. He also was quoted in the New York Times on July 2 in an article about longer-than-life sentences and a June 12 Wall Street Journal law blog about a judge’s unconventional sentence.

Jim Rossi was quoted in a June 14 St. Petersburg Times article about a federal administrative law case.

Nat Stem was quoted on May 28 in a Tallahassee Democrat article about the president’s pick for the United States Supreme Court.

Don Weidner appeared on the October 18 episode of WCTV’s LawCall program. He was quoted in a Tallahassee Democrat article on September 7 about the law school’s Student Bar Association receiving top honors, for the second year in a row, at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in Chicago. He also was quoted in a September 1 Florida Bar News article about the Student Bar’s recognition.
Law School Welcomes New Faculty Members

Florida State University College of Law is proud to announce the addition of three energetic and prolific scholars to its nationally recognized and highly engaged community of scholars. Shawn J. Bayern, Tara Leigh Grove and Franita Tolson joined the faculty during the summer semester.

Professor Bayern’s research focuses on common-law issues, primarily in contracts, torts and corporate law. He has recently written articles criticizing formalism and economic simplifications of the law. He teaches Torts, Contracts, Business Associations and other related courses.

Before arriving at Florida State Law, Bayern was a visiting assistant professor at Duke Law School. He has also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Harris Hartz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, for the Office of the Solicitor General, and at the appellate staff of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. As a law student at the University of California, Berkeley, he was editor-in-chief of the California Law Review and a recipient of the Thelen Marrin Prize for Academic Achievement, given annually at graduation to the student with the strongest academic record. He received his J.D. in 2006.

Professor Grove graduated from Harvard Law School, magna cum laude, in 2002. Her scholarly work focuses on federal courts and structural constitutional law, with a related interest in the structure of the bankruptcy court system. She explores the ways in which federal institutions may delegate duties imposed by the constitutional structure. Grove teaches Federal Jurisdiction, Constitutional Law I and Statutory Interpretation.

Before joining the law school faculty, Grove was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. She also clerked for the Honorable Emilio Garza of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and worked for four years as an appellate attorney for the United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, where she presented 15 oral arguments in the courts of appeals. She is a member of the Virginia Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States Courts of Appeals for several circuits. As a student at Harvard Law School, she served as the Supreme Court Chair of the Harvard Law Review and was a teaching assistant in Constitutional Law.

Professor Tolson’s scholarship focuses on the areas of constitutional law, election law, legal history and employment discrimination. Recently, she has focused on partisan gerrymandering and the First Amendment rights of political parties. She teaches courses in constitutional law and election law.

Prior to joining the Florida State Law faculty, Tolson was a visiting assistant professor at Northwestern University School of Law. Before entering academia, she clerked for the Honorable Ann Claire Williams of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Honorable Ruben Castillo of the Northern District of Illinois. As a law student, Tolson was a member of the University of Chicago Law Review and won the Thomas Mulroy Prize for Oral Advocacy in the Hinton Moot Court Competition. She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 2005.
FACULTY NOTES

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

Frederick M. Abbott
EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR


Kelli A. Alces
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Presentations: Debunking the Corporate Fiduciary Myth (University of Iowa College of Law, October 2009); Debunking the Corporate Fiduciary Myth (University of Illinois College of Law, Illinois Program on Business Law and Policy
Corporate Colloquium, September 2009; Debuting the Corporate Fiduciary Myth (William & Mary Law School Summer Workshop Series, July 2009); Debunking the Corporate Fiduciary Myth (Denver, Law and Society Annual Meeting, May 2009).

**Rob E. Atkinson, Jr.**
RUDEN, MCCLOSKY, SMITH, SCHUCHER & RUSSELL PROFESSOR
**Article:** Obedience as the Foundation of Fiduciary Duty, 34 J. Corp. L. 43 (2008).

**Shawn J. Bayern**
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Nancy Benavides**
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
**Presentation:** Promoting Diversity (Palm Beach, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting Panel, July 2009).

**Tamara G. Blenkhorn**
LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR
**Presentation:** Legal Research and Citation (Baltimore, Maryland, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Seminar and Exam, October 2009).

**Curtis Bridgeman**
JAMES EDMUND & MARGARET ELIZABETH HENNESSEY CORRY PROFESSOR

**Elizabeth Chamblee Burch**
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
**Article:** A New Way Forward: A Response to Judge Weinstein, 2009 Cardozo L. Rev. De Novo 168. **Presentations:** Litigating Together: Social, Moral, and Legal Obligations (University of Florida Faculty Workshop, September 2009); Litigating Together: Social, Moral, and Legal Obligations (Palm Beach, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2009); Litigating Groups (Denver, Law and Society Annual Meeting Panel "What is Access to Justice?" May 2009); On Law and Society from a Literary Perspective (Denver, Law and Society Annual Meeting Panel, May 2009); It Ain’t Over Till it’s Over: Litigating Class Actions After Certification and Before Trial (American Bar Association Center for CLE Webcast/Teleconference Panel, May 2009); Litigating Class Actions Between Class Certification and Trial: Effectively Pursuing and Defending Pretrial Motions and Discovery Requests (Straford CLE Teleconference Panel, August 2009).

**Donna R. Christie**
ELIZABETH C. & CLYDE W. ATKINSON PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
**Presentation:** Stop the Beach Renourishment and the Public Trust Doctrine (28th International Submerged Lands Management Conference, September 2009).

**Robin Kundis Craig**
ATTORNEYS’ TITLE PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte
President Emeritus and Professor
Recognitions: Selected as one of seven recipients of the Legal Legends Award by the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society; Received Leadership Tallahassee’s Lifetime Leadership Award in September.

Joseph M. Dodge
Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor

Dino Falaschetti
Associate Professor of Law and Economics

Brian Galle
Assistant Professor

Sally Gertz
Clinical Professor
Tara Leigh Grove  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

**Presentations:** The Structural Safeguards of Federal Jurisdiction (Michigan State University College of Law, Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, October 2009); The Structural Case for Vertical Maximalism (University of Virginia School of Law, May Gathering, May 2009).

Faye Jones  
**DIRECTOR & PROFESSOR**

**Presentations:** Web 2.0 @ Your Library (American Association of Law Libraries CS-SIS Web 2.0 Challenge, August 2009); Teaching Cost-Effective Supreme Court Research (American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, July 2009).

Jennifer Parker LaVia  
**LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR**

**Presentations:** Barbri Essay Review for the Florida Bar Exam (Stetson Law School, July 2009); Barbri Essay Review for the Florida Bar Exam (University of Florida, July 2009); Barbri Essay Review for the Florida Bar Exam (Florida Coastal School of Law, February 2009); Barbri Review for the MPRE (Tallahassee, July 2009).

Wayne A. Logan  
**GARY & SALLYN PACIC PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**


Dan Markel  
**D’ALEMBERT’S PROFESSOR**


David L. Markell  
**STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR**

**Presentations:** Revisiting the Role of Citizen Participation in Regional Environmental Agreements (Wake Forest Law School Panel, October 2009); Revisiting the Role of Citizen Participation in Regional Environmental Agreements (Widener University School of Law Environmental Law Center, October 2009).

Gregg D. Polsky  
**SHEILA M. MCDevitt PROFESSOR**

**Article:** Close the Yield Exemption Loophole Created by Childs, 123 Tax Notes 1141 (June 1, 2009) (with Brant J. Hellwig). **Presentations:** Taxing Punitive Damages (University of Florida Levin College of Law’s Tax Faculty Workshop, September 2009); Ruminations on the Substantiability Test (Topeka, Kansas, Washburn University School of Law’s 2009 Tax Law Colloquium, March 2009).

Jim Rossi  
**HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH**


J.B. Ruhl  
**MATTHEWS & HAWKINS PROFESSOR OF PROPERTY**

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Grads Earn Top Passing Rate on Florida Bar Exam

Florida State University College of Law graduates ranked first among the state’s 10 law schools on the July 2009 administration of the Florida Bar Examination. The most recent results mean our graduates have ranked first in the state on five of the last eight administrations of the exam.

Florida State University graduates taking the July 2009 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 91.4 percent, according to statistics released by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The overall passing rate of all law school graduates taking the exam for the first time was 80 percent. The exam was administered July 28-29 in Tampa to 2,503 first-time takers, including 175 from Florida State.

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

2010 Summer for Undergraduates Program

Do you know any undergraduate students considering law school? Encourage them to apply today for the 2010 Summer for Undergraduates Program — the law school’s intensive, four-week program that provides select students, particularly those from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, with an inside look at law school and the legal profession.

The 2010 program will run from May 17-June 11 and applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 26, 2010. For more information, visit www.law.fsu.edu/sfp or e-mail sfa@law.fsu.edu.

Florida State Ranked Nation’s 10th Best Value Law School

The National Jurist magazine has ranked Florida State University College of Law the 10th “best value” law school in the nation. The ranking, published in the magazine’s September 2009 issue, considers tuition, employment rate and bar passage rate.

The national ranking reflects Florida State Law’s strong student outcomes. Even in a down economy, 98 percent of the class of 2008 was placed within nine months of graduation. Florida State students also have had the best passage rate on the Florida Bar Exam for the majority of times the test was administered in recent years.

“It is exciting to be able to deliver academic excellence at relatively low cost,” said Dean Don Weidner.
Florida State Law Ranked Third Best in Nation for Hispanics

Hispanic Business magazine named Florida State University College of Law the third best law school in the nation for Hispanics in its September 2009 issue. This is the sixth year in a row that Florida State Law has been named one of the top 10 law schools for Hispanic students.

The magazine based its ranking on a variety of factors, including the percentage of full-time Hispanic faculty, services for Hispanic students, Hispanic recruitment efforts and retention rates, the percentage of Hispanic students enrolled, and the school’s reputation as reflected in U.S. News & World Report. Florida State also has a significant network of highly successful Hispanic alumni.

“Although we have fewer Hispanic students than some other schools, a significant presence of Hispanics in the faculty and administration has helped us continue to climb in the Hispanic Business rankings,” said Dean Don Weidner. “We are thrilled that our superb academic reputation and our dedication to the success of students from all backgrounds have earned us the number three spot.”

Law Students Serve as Gubernatorial Fellows

Three Florida State University College of Law students were named to the fifth class of Gubernatorial Fellows in August. Terin Barbas (‘10), Thomas Philpot (‘11) and Chris Tanner (‘10) are three of the fourteen Fellows selected to work in Tallahassee in key areas of state government. Fellows participate in leadership development activities and are expected to find solutions to issues facing Floridians today and in the future. Based on their interests and expertise, participants are placed in a state agency, where they perform duties similar to high-level staff members. Barbas is working at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Philpot is placed in the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget and Tanner is based in the Florida Office of Economic Recovery. For more information about the program, visit www.floridafellows.com.

PHONATHON

From October 5-23, students were busy calling alumni as part of the law school’s annual Phonathon. In part because of the efforts of students during last year’s Phonathon, 25 percent of Florida State University College of Law alumni made cash contributions to the law school’s annual fund during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Thank you to everyone who answered the call and pledged their support as we try to surpass last year’s accomplishment.
Federal Judges Share Wealth of Knowledge with Students, Faculty

The law school hosted two federal appellate judges during the fall semester. The Honorable Harris L. Hartz of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Honorable Susan H. Black of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals served as jurists-in-residence and spent two days each meeting students and faculty members.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Wayne Logan coordinated the gatherings and said they provided a wonderful opportunity for students and professors alike. “Students are always interested in learning more about federal clerkships, but don’t often have the opportunity to learn about them first-hand,” he said.

Hartz presented “Some Thoughts on the Role of Judges as Lawmakers” to faculty, a timely presentation given the approval of the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court and news media coverage of that process.

Black met with the Judicial Clerkship Committee of the Florida State University College of Law faculty and visited several faculty members’ classes.

Our graduates have ranked 1st in the state in five of the last eight administrations of the Florida Bar Exam. Graduates taking the July 2009 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 91.4 percent.

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

Our faculty regularly ranks in the top 30 most downloaded law faculty on the Social Science Research Network, with our tax faculty in the top 15.