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What a Fall World Series!

If you build it, they will come. That was the idea behind our new Advocacy Center. It was wonderful inheriting and refurbishing the historic First District Court of Appeal courtroom. That impressive appellate courtroom seemed to be the very least we could do for our own historic Moot Court program, which has been award-winning for decades. Founded under the guidance of Bill VanDercreek and guided so ably for many years now by Nat Stern, the John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor of Law, the Moot Court Team is a source of pride for every one of us. The special addition, our new “signature,” if you will, and the reason the building merits the name “Advocacy Center,” was four trial court rooms we built custom-made to our specifications. Each is equipped with a jury box and one is also equipped with a jury deliberation room. These court rooms are of course useful for our Moot Court Team, but they are uniquely useful for Mock Trial. With such a facility, how could people not come—come to see us as a law school especially committed to Trial Advocacy as well as Appellate Advocacy.

Trial teams have started to come from around the nation to compete in our Advocacy Center. This year, Ruth Stone, the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice and the longstanding Faculty Advisor to the Mock Trial Team, has for the fourth year in a row planned a competition that will draw Mock Trial competitors from law schools across the country to our Advocacy Center to compete over a problem she designed. Our Mock Trial students will once again serve as the proud hosts.

Now our Mock Trial students have taken the game to a whole new level! They have just pulled off the Mock Trial equivalent of two grand-slam home runs! in the final round of competition. Other schools competing included Fordham, The University of Alabama, UGA and Richmond. And, our winning competitors were all second-year students! Little more than a week later, a different Mock Trial Team won first place in the National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored by the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and University of California Hastings College of the Law. The competition was held October 15-18 in San Francisco. Once again, the other competitors included some of the nation’s top law schools. In the final round, we beat a team from host school University of California Hastings. We beat a team from Northwestern in the round before that. Other top schools competing included University of California – Berkeley, University of California – Davis, Fordham, and Pepperdine.

This issue includes more details of our wonderful student advocates and their coaches. What the article doesn’t say is that our trial courses supporting our students are stronger than ever, and now include offerings such as Depositions and Jury Selection. Finally, the article doesn’t mention that Joe Bodiford, new to Tallahassee and formerly a Stetson coach, has joined Ruth Stone as Co-Faculty Advisor to the Mock Trial Team. Congratulations to all, with a special thanks to the alumni whose generosity has enabled us to send these wonderful students and their coaches to national competitions.

Last, and by no means least, this issue features stories on some of our terrific alumni leaders as well as a snapshot of some of the young lawyers from other nations who have come to Florida State for an LL.M.

What an honor it is to be a part of this law school—of this wonderful and loving community of students, faculty, staff and alumni! Thank you.

Don Weidner
Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor
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Dean Don Weidner: Friend, Colleague, Innovator, Leader and Cheerleader-in-Chief

By Christi N. Morgan

When Dean Don Weidner steps down as dean in June 2016, it will be the end of a wildly successful era. It is almost impossible to succinctly state everything that he has accomplished since becoming dean in 1991. Recognized in 2011 as one of the most transformative law school deans of the past decade, perhaps Weidner’s most obvious accomplishment is leading the Florida State University College of Law into the top tier of American law schools.

“I am, of course, pleased that we’ve moved into the top tier,” said Weidner. “And I was deliriously happy when last year we, for the first time, beat University of Florida in the U.S. News rankings.”

Weidner’s countless other accomplishments have propelled Florida State to be ranked among the nation’s best law schools.

“Don has led the College of Law to remarkable heights in every meaningful way: faculty scholarship and teaching, student body profile, placement of graduates, alumni involvement and contributions, and national standing,” said John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor Nat S. Stern, who considered Weidner his mentor and close friend well before Weidner became dean. “Even the physical facilities have undergone dramatic improvement and expansion under Don. His unflagging dedication and superb leadership have enabled the law school to make those strides.”

“Part of Don’s greatness as a leader is that he would never take credit for all of these successes,” said First District Court of Appeal Judge Stephanie W. Ray (’95), who is an alum and who also worked with Weidner at the law school for many years. “He’s masterful at assembling resources, sharpening ideas, and inspiring others. But we all know where the credit lies.”

Under his leadership, the law school’s annual giving rate has increased by approximately 500 percent – FSU has the nation’s 10th best alumni giving rate – and its endowment has grown to more than six times what it was.

“People who only know Don by reputation will think of him as a con-
summate fundraiser, and they’d be right. But they would never guess that he didn’t come to it naturally,” said alum Wayne Hogan (’72), president at Terrell Hogan and Summer for Undergraduates Program benefactor. “He knew partnership law like nobody else, but he didn’t know fundraising. He had to train himself into it. He worked hard at it. And, before we knew it, he was transformed into our version of Bobby Bowden in the family kitchen.”

Utilizing the funds he helped raise, Weidner created a system of merit that brought top scholars to Florida State and has kept them in Tallahassee when higher ranked law schools tried to recruit them.

“Putting merit into the salary determinations for both faculty and staff is really important. At the faculty level, we had two chairs when I started and no endowed professorships,” recalled Weidner. “And we now have 21 endowed professorships and they are awarded purely on the basis of merit. We do it a little bit differently than most schools – we appoint people to professorships for five-year terms with renewal contingent on the recipient’s continued scholarly productivity. Also, we’ve been very aggressive in our counter-offer policy. Thanks to alumni who have endowed the professorships, we’ve been able to retain many of our best faculty against all but the most heavily endowed private and public law schools.”

Stearns Weaver Miller Professor Mary Ziegler appreciates Weidner’s enthusiastic leadership of the faculty. “Don goes out of his way to make me feel supported in both tangible and intangible ways. He has steadfastly supported my research and given me every opportunity to pursue important projects and present my research to national audiences. More than many deans, he deeply values good teaching and exchanges ideas with faculty about how each of us can improve in the classroom. He celebrates faculty achievements and makes each of us feel that he is proud of what we have done. It is hard to imagine a dean making faculty feel more valued.”

“At one point we had a faculty that did not get along with each other very well, but that is no longer the case at all,” said Professor Emeritus Chuck Ehrhardt, who has been on the faculty since before Weidner became an FSU professor in 1976. “The ship is running smoothly. Students and faculty are very happy with his leadership. I think he is going to be a very difficult person to replace.”

Always an innovator, Weidner continually adapted and expanded the school’s academic offerings in response to changes in the legal marketplace. “The curriculum is much stronger than it’s ever been,” said Weidner. “On the litigation side we have new courses such as Depositions and Jury Selection. And on the business side we have a Business Law Clinic and courses on the Dodd-Frank Act and Game Theory for Business Lawyers. We’re in a position to be institutionally nimble with our new 3+3 programs, expanded LL.M. programs and our new Juris Master program. And we’ve been pushing the cutting-edge, but not the bleeding-edge, of technology by using various distance learning technologies, including asynchronous technologies.”

Weidner embraces technology and in recent years has sought to bring state-of-the-art software and equipment into all of the law school’s classrooms. Earlier in his tenure, Weidner addressed a need for more clinical offerings. “We now have live-client clinics in addition to externships and the externship program is much more organized and has expanded greatly,” said Ruth Stone, who is the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice and leads the Family Law Clinic. “Don seems to understand that you need both theory and practice to turn out good lawyers and he has embraced the clinics. He has always been open to suggestions and ideas that are novel.”

During the last decade, Weidner garnered support for a facilities expansion that resulted in the school’s 50,000-square-foot Advocacy Center. The building includes five courtrooms – four with jury boxes and one with a jury deliberation room. It is part of Weidner’s larger vision to have an immaculate, sophisticated physical plant in which students can prepare for their careers.

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Weidner’s favorite memory from his time as dean is when students presented him with a giant, Styrofoam ‘50’ that they signed when Florida State broke into the U.S. News & World Report top 50 law schools.
have done it without the alumni who helped us behind the scenes to champion our cause with the Legislature.”

Throughout his tenure as dean, Weidner has fostered a collegial community where students come first. Like a proud father, he is the first to spread the word about a national award or advocacy victory. While most U.S. law deans do not teach regularly, Weidner enjoys interacting with students so much that he has continued to teach a class every year while he has been dean.

Alum Peggy Rolando (’78) took Real Estate Finance and Business Associations from Weidner before he became dean. Now a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen and a national expert in condominium and real estate finance, Rolando uses daily the concepts she learned in Weidner’s classes. More importantly, she has been friends with Weidner since she graduated.

“What I find remarkable about Don is his abiding interest in his students and in the alums,” said Rolando. “He is so good at reaching out and talking to people – finding out what their practices are like, what they’re interested in. He has this effortless interest. Not so long after I graduated he would give me a call, maybe once or twice a year, just to touch base and see how I was doing. And this was long before he was dean. He was staying in contact to see what his students were doing and how they were succeeding. He was already building relationships and trying to contribute to the success of his students.”

“When I leave the deanship, I look forward to working more with the students on a substantive level,” said Weidner. “I don’t do that enough, but the best three-and-a-half hours I had last year was working with three of the Business Review students, editing an article I wrote for them on capital accounts.”

Weidner’s commitment to the student body includes connecting students with alums. This has been a key component of Weidner’s mission to prepare students for professional success. He is quick to point out that without such an engaged alumni base, Florida State students would not be as successful as they are.

“We have a wonderful staff in the placement office and wonderfully supportive alumni who bring jobs to Florida State to thank for our job placement rates. Generous alumni have also helped us support student activities, whether it’s a co-curricular organization like Law Review or Moot Court, or other organizations such as BLSA or the SBA.”

Weidner counts many Florida State law alums among his closest friends. He admits he will miss getting to visit with alumni as often after his retirement. When Weidner announced in August that he planned to step down as dean, alums from around the world sent their well wishes. Many graduates have expressed how much they will miss Weidner and how hard it will be to replace him.

“It is going to be a huge loss for the law school,” said alum John W. Frost, II (’69), who is the founding partner of Frost Van den Boom, P.A. and for whom the historic courtroom is named. “I think he has brought the law school such a long way. He’s done a tremendous job of elevating the notoriety of the law school and the quality of the students.”

Rolando admits she was disappointed when she heard of Weidner’s plan to step down. “I was really sad because he’s been so unique. It’s very, very unusual for the dean of a law school to be dean for more than a few years. Our law school has had tremendous stability and tremendous growth and
tremendous increase in our academic stature, in large part because of Don's tenure. So I'm sad, but change can be really good, too. He has established a strong base for a new dean to build on.”

Upon retiring as dean, Weidner plans to take a two-semester sabbatical. He will devote more time to consulting and to writing, including pieces like the guest column he wrote for Power & Motoryacht in 2014. Weidner will return to the full-time faculty when his sabbatical ends.

Judge Ray had mixed feelings when she heard that Weidner would be retiring as dean. “Of course, I was immediately disappointed to learn that the law school would be losing Don as its dean. He’s been a transformative leader, who has strengthened the law school immeasurably. But having witnessed firsthand his tireless commitment to the school, I’m happy that he’s at a place where he can step away and return to his love of full-time teaching and scholarship.”

“What I’m looking forward to is being able to sit down in the mornings and drink a cup of coffee with Don and either talk about his boat or the law or politics. We used to do that before he became dean,” said Ehrhardt.

“I’ve definitely improved the coffee service at the law school,” joked Weidner, who is known around the law school for brewing strong coffee. “We probably have more coffee pots here and going than any other law school I can think of.”

The coffee might not be as free-flowing had Florida State’s 1990-91 dean search produced different candidates.

“I really only threw my hat in the ring when we had a dean search and I was not very impressed with the outside candidates for dean,” said Weidner.

Despite the law school’s many rankings and accolades during his deanships, Weidner is most proud of the collegial team he has assembled at the College of Law. He cherishes the accomplishments of his colleagues.

“I enjoy other people’s successes – whether it’s faculty, staff or students – I really enjoy seeing people blossom. I enjoy seeing faculty and staff promoted. I enjoy seeing students get jobs. I enjoy seeing the good in people. I feel the same about alumni – visiting alumni in their offices and seeing them for lunch. I enjoy their successes.”

As many good leaders do, Weidner gives credit to faculty and staff members for the law school’s achievements.

“As dean, you don’t really accomplish things by yourself,” said Weidner. “You can only accomplish with and through others. So much of it is assembling great teams of people – particularly helping to assemble a great and very productive faculty and a great professional staff. I think the faculty today is much stronger than it was when I started as dean and the staff is also much stronger than it was. In both cases, a large part of the effort in getting us from here to there is rewarding merit.”

Frost believes Weidner’s team-building ability is extraordinary. “Because of the way he communicates with everybody, I think he is a tremendous builder of teams – getting the alumni to interact with the students and getting the alumni to care about the law school even though they are out and doing other things. He is a great motivator for getting team spirit. He makes everybody feel like they are still part of the law school.”

“He’s the best boss I’ve ever had,” said Stone. “He’s perceptive. If you have an issue, he immediately seems to understand it. He is empathetic and he tries to help find the best resolution to whatever the issue is. I also think he lets people do their jobs. If he knows that you are doing a good job, he is not going to interfere. I also think he’s a very kind person.”

Weidner’s aim has been to create an uplifting environment for his team. “I hope I’ve added a culture of decency. I hope that when people have difficult family issues, they find the law school is at least accommodating and perhaps even highly supportive and encouraging. I hope it is a family-friendly place where people feel good about the jobs they are doing and are proud to work here and students are proud to be here.”

In addition, Weidner has created a law school that is institutionally nimble, with new courses, programs and delivery systems. He also created a law school where everyone is committed to innovation and success.

“I’ll miss being the law school’s cheerleader-in-chief, but I’m proud to leave the dean’s office knowing that the school is going to get along just fine without me,” remarked Weidner, who looks forward to having more discretionary time and to being able to visit his son in London and daughter in Nashville more often. “It’s like being a parent when you see your kids out the door – you know they don’t need you anymore, but hope they keep you close to their hearts.”

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Five-year-old Kimberly Holladay was going to be a veterinarian. That was her heart’s desire and she carried it with her into early adulthood. It was not until her second year of studies at the University of West Florida that Holladay reluctantly let go of her childhood plan.

“We had to watch surgery and I realized very quickly that I don’t do well with blood,” recalled Holladay. “My professor said, ‘Maybe you want to go outside, Kim,’ and I was sitting in the hallway with my head between my legs, not sure what was happening or why it was getting really hot and I was seeing stars.”

Holladay fortuitously switched her major to Legal Administration. Although she initially thought she would become a paralegal, that switch ultimately set her on the path to her true calling: practicing law.

Since graduating from the College of Law in December 1992, Holladay has primarily practiced transactional law. Holladay spent several years getting experience at firms in Tampa and Atlanta, before she was ready to move in-house in 2000.

“I knew I eventually wanted to go in-house and I knew Atlanta would give me more opportunities for that,” said Holladay. “I enjoy doing deals, but you never really got to know the business. I decided I wanted to be part
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of a company, it was appealing to me. I wanted to understand how a business operated and how I could fit into that and help the company prosper.”

Holladay has been with the same company, in various iterations, since she left private practice. Through a July 2014 merger, she became Senior Counsel—Corporate for Veritiv Corporation, a leading business-to-business distributor of print, publishing, packaging, facility and logistics solutions.

“Our company is only a year old, so there have been so many firsts and so many new things that I have worked on in the past year,” said Holladay, who was at the New York Stock Exchange when Veritiv went public in July 2014. “I worked very heavily on the due diligence for the merger and I was also selected to be on the integration team to work with our consultant and folks from the other company to manage the integration for the two companies prior to closing. It was a great experience. I had never worked on a deal of this size.”

Many of Holladay’s responsibilities still center around transactional law — she provides legal support for real estate, the logistics solutions business unit as well as various corporate matters, including public filings and certain international matters.

“My work has great variety, which is what I like about it,” said Holladay. She also likes collaborating with the business people and the Veritiv legal team, which consists of eight lawyers and three paralegals.

Holladay also enjoys the city in which she works and lives. She is constantly sampling Atlanta’s cultural offerings — including its theater productions and concerts. Holladay also is a member of an Atlanta women’s tennis team.

“I picked up tennis when I moved here and I have really loved it,” said Holladay. “I’m a member of the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association (ALTA) and have been with the same women’s team for 10 years. Tennis has provided me with the opportunity to meet great friends whom I never would have met in my normal day-to-day of being a lawyer. It’s great to get outside after you’re in the office all day long.”

Spending time outdoors — especially with her golden retriever Phyllis — is important to the Pensacola, Florida native. She misses being near the beach, but loves Atlanta’s mild change of seasons. Being outdoors is also important to Holladay when she travels.

“Over the past couple years I have been focusing on getting outdoors for an active vacation to get some fresh air and exercise — I wanted to be tired from physical activity instead of thinking,” said Holladay, who counts studying abroad in Barbados during law school as one of her favorite travel experiences. “I also participated in a beginner surf camp in Costa Rica and have lately been enjoying some of the U.S. national parks — last year was Zion and this Labor Day was Acadia.”

One recent trip that Holladay especially treasures was one she took to Boston with her younger brother, sister-in-law and 13-year-old nephew, Cody. “It was their first visit and it was amazing. My brother said it was his best vacation ever; it was a proud moment for me.”

Holladay has a very special bond with her nephew. During the summers, Cody stays with his aunt in Atlanta for two weeks. “It’s a great job, this aunt thing,” joked Holladay. “This relationship has also been great for my relationship with my brother — we’ve become even closer now that we have that to share.”

Her family is extremely important to Holladay. Family is one reason why she stayed in Pensacola and attended UWF and it is also the primary reason why she chose FSU for law school — to be relatively close to home. She eventually moved farther away, and even though Holladay is busy, she never goes more than a few months without a visit home.
Bruce Blackwell: Leading The Florida Bar Foundation in a New Direction

A fter a successful career in complex civil litigation, it would have made sense for Bruce Blackwell to switch his focus from trials to travel when he retired from private practice. Instead, he took the helm of The Florida Bar Foundation.

“It was hard to leave my law firm because I love it and I love the lawyers I worked with – they are brilliant,” said Blackwell, who became the Foundation’s second only CEO/executive director in 2014 after retiring from the Orlando firm he helped found 30 years prior. He had been serving as interim director of the Foundation for several months while he was still practicing law at King, Blackwell, Zehnder & Wermuth, P.A.

Because his firm was committed to serving the profession, Blackwell has a long history of service to the Orange County Bar Association and to The Florida Bar. When his term on The Florida Bar Board of Governors ended in 1998, he joined The Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors, serving as president in 2007-2008. In his current leadership role at the Foundation, Blackwell owns the challenging task of helping the organization fund and facilitate a new vision for Florida’s legal aid delivery system in a rapidly changing legal marketplace.

“In this new job, I’m able to be involved with a group of people, on our staff, within the Bar as a whole, with the Vision 2016 group, with the leadership of The Florida Bar, and with the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice, where, hopefully within the near term, we really can make change – positive change that will help the profession and the public we serve,” said Blackwell. “I’ve been having a ball. I want to believe that I can make some small difference.”

Blackwell is proud of the difference the Foundation has been making since its inception in 1956.
“Since the Foundation came into existence, through the Interest on Trust Accounts from Florida lawyers, more than $450 million has been funneled into representing the most needy people in Florida – the people who would have otherwise been denied services,” said Blackwell. “Regardless of the nature of your practice, you should do pro bono work. If you do it, you’ll actually get more out of it than you’re putting in. You have the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives. Isn’t that part of why you became a lawyer, because you thought you wanted to help people?

“The Foundation is the statewide organization that helps make access to justice and to our courts real and we can use your support monetarily, particularly in these times when interest rates are almost zero, but also by contributing to your local legal aid programs. We are working really hard to make significant change in how Florida delivers services and access to the courts, to provide justice.”

Through his own portfolio of pro bono work, Blackwell has been helping Floridians obtain access to the legal system since long before he joined the board of the Foundation. He has earned numerous pro bono-related awards, including the American Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Award in 2013.

“Once I became a lawyer, I realized that there were a lot of people that didn’t have access to lawyers and to the system,” said Blackwell. “I really believe that justice works well when it works for everyone, and it doesn’t work at all if it doesn’t work for everyone. That’s why I have handled a number of hard pro bono cases over the years.”

Blackwell left an excellent job as an officer in the U.S. Air Force to pursue the law degree that has allowed him to give back. Perhaps Blackwell is drawn to helping those less fortunate than him because he can relate. By age 11, Blackwell had lost both of his parents. He and his brother were then raised by their aunt in a rural town of 400 people.

“I grew up very poor, with very limited means,” recalled Blackwell. “The first lawyer I ever met was the one that did our adoption.”

Blackwell credits his aunt with teaching him the value of hard work, which has served him well throughout his career.

When the demands of his job as CEO/Executive Director of the Foundation do not require him to be in Florida, Blackwell sometimes works from his home in Asheville, North Carolina. From his yard, where he is often joined by bears and wild turkeys, he can see 16 mountain tops. He and his wife, Julie McMillan Blackwell, discovered Asheville when Blackwell was an attorney for Southern Bell 40 years ago and traveled to the area.

Blackwell and his wife have been together since before he graduated from the College of Law in December 1974. They met as undergraduates at Florida State University and have been married for more than 46 years.

“I married really well,” said Blackwell. “The key thing for us in raising a family was to raise children that would make a difference and hopefully leave this world a better place. I think we have succeeded with our two children in that regard.”

The Blackwells are understandably proud of their two daughters: Blair Allison Blackwell, who runs Chevron’s national STEM program, and Brooke Blackwell Castino, who is a stay-at-home-mom to 8-year-old Emma Kate and 5-year-old Allison. Because his grand-daughters live five minutes away, Blackwell spends plenty of quality time with them. The girls often have sleepovers with their grandparents and even spent two weeks this summer with their grandmother in North Carolina.

Blackwell took Emma Kate to her first FSU football game last fall.

Although Blackwell has numerous professional accolades to speak of – he was named one of Florida’s top 100 lawyers toward the end of his law career – he seems to prefer talking about the many accomplishments of his daughters and about their relationship.

“When Blair did her thesis at Princeton, the front of her thesis said, ‘To my sister Brooke, from whom I’m always learning’ As a father, it doesn’t get any better. You’ve done something right.”
To say that Tallahassee attorney Benjamin Crump is busy would be an understatement. When your practice involves high-profile civil rights and personal injury cases all over the country and the national news media contacts you on a regular basis, your schedule is full. Since his installation as president of the National Bar Association (NBA) on July 23, Crump's calendar has only become more chaotic. The day he was interviewed for this article, Crump also had interviews scheduled with national media outlets to talk about the results of an NBA survey to be released that same morning. His phone was buzzing relentlessly, but Crump, as usual, made time for his alma mater.

Crump and his law partner Daryl Parks, who founded Parks & Crump shortly after they graduated from the College of Law in 1995, have been involved with the NBA since before they took their attorney’s oaths.

“We went to our first convention even before we became lawyers,” said Crump, who has not missed an annual convention since. “We took the bar exam and Daryl was clerking for Willie Gary, who was a huge advocate for the National Bar Association and he would take his whole firm to the convention every year. We went to Willie Gary and told him we wanted to go to the convention, but we had no money. So, he sponsored us going to our first convention in Baltimore, Maryland in 1995, and we were hooked. We met so many amazing people and great lawyers.

“Much of our success as lawyers and knowing what to do in the realistic sense of law – not the theoretical sense – we learned from the National Bar Association and other lawyers, especially black lawyers, around the country.”

Crump’s installation as the NBA’s 73rd president was held during the organization’s 90th convention in Los Angeles. It marked the 20th consecutive year in which Crump attended the annual meeting.
The theme of Crump’s presidency is, “One NBA united: to preserve our legacy and protect our future.” It is important to Crump that he addresses the issues and opportunities that impact all segments of the NBA membership. During the year, the NBA will host many important events. In September, the organization participated in its annual lobbying effort with the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, D.C. The NBA held a panel discussion and press conference with two senators who are proposing legislation for a $500 million allocation to purchase body cameras for law enforcement officers across the United States.

“The National Bar Association was the first to endorse this legislation and to partner with these senators to make sure this important initiative became a reality,” said Crump. “Since the tragedies that we’ve seen play out during the past year with police involvement with minorities in cities all over America, we wanted to try to present solutions rather than just continue to talk about the matters that continue to happen over and over again. We think the preventative measure is these body cameras.” As the lead attorney for the family of Michael Brown, Crump believes much of the turmoil in Ferguson, Missouri could have been avoided had there been video footage of what transpired.

In October, the NBA held the annual Wiley Branton Symposium at North Carolina Central Law School to discuss the Voting Rights Act. “The issue I chose is, 50 years after the Voting Rights Act, how far have we come and how much farther do we have to go to the 2016 presidential election to make every vote count.”

In December, the NBA is partnering with the City of Montgomery and the Tuskegee Human and Civil Rights Multicultural Center to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus. The event will focus on the role lawyers played in the civil rights movement.

Part of what motivates Crump is a desire to improve the reputation of attorneys. “I find myself going around the country giving speeches just as much as, if not more than, I’m in courtrooms these days. That’s important because we, as lawyers, have to show that our profession tries to help present solutions for our society to make it a better place. We have to be ambassadors for the profession. When we try to provide a voice for the voiceless and we try to make sure that everybody is given equal justice under the law, it helps our profession to be viewed as a noble profession. We should all strive to make sure people understand that our calling is a noble one. We have to live up to that oath that we swore to when we first became lawyers.”

While he is not in the courtroom as often as he used to be, in September Crump traveled to Houston for a civil trial that ended in a settlement minutes before jury selection was to begin. The trial was scheduled after a groundbreaking, unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision in favor of Crump’s client that affects hundreds of cases around America. “It was the first time in almost 20 years that the Supreme Court ruled against a police officer,” said Crump about Tolan v. Cotton.

The Houston case is one of the many instances where people have contacted Crump and urged him to take their cases. It is also one of the cases that Crump has accepted because he sees injustice resulting from the color of a person’s skin.

“As lawyers, we see such arbitrary prosecution on matters,” said Crump, who also represented the families of Trayvon Martin and Martin Lee Anderson. “We’re going around the country trying to do a lot of work to say, ‘The law should be fair to everybody.’ We’re not asking for anything special, we’re just asking that it be fair.”

On July 23, Crump was sworn in as president of the National Bar Association by the Honorable Donald L. Graham, of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.
On June 26, 2015, Gordon Glover took the oath to become the 67th president of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD). In doing so, Glover became the third FSU College of Law alumnus to hold the post in the past five years.

As the leader of the Bar’s largest division, Glover has been traveling the state representing the YLD and speaking with other young lawyers about how the YLD can assist them. He is passionate about helping new attorneys successfully transition into the practice of law and develop a book of business. The way Glover practices law today is vastly different from before he became president-elect and then president of the YLD.

“In the past two years, since I’ve had to travel almost every week with Bar activities, I’m doing a lot virtually on the computer at night, on the weekends, and in between meetings,” said Glover, who founded The Glover Law Firm in 2012. He has been practicing plaintiff’s personal injury law in Ocala since graduating from the FSU College of Law in 2005.

“I opened my own firm while my wife was pregnant with twins,” recalled Glover, who resides with his family in Ocala. “I have an office in The Villages and one in Ocala and I share office space with other attorneys in both locations. I do not know if you’ve ever been to The Villages, but you can’t appreciate it until you see it. There are 100,000-plus retirees that live there. It’s a great market. There were not a lot of law firms there when I went out on my own, so I saw an opportunity and I have attempted to capitalize on it. The majority of my case load is in The Villages at this point.

“In The Villages, I have quite a few golf cart accident cases since that is what most people drive to get around town. In fact, some golf carts are considered low-speed vehicles, which means they can travel up to 25 miles-per-hour and can be driven on the highways. The Villages really is a place like no other.”

Glover’s decision to hang his own shingle was based, in part, on his belief that he could harness technology to run a firm with relatively low overhead costs and, therefore, make more money. Embracing technology has also helped him succeed as YLD president.

Not surprisingly, much of Glover’s
Florida Bar service revolves around technology. His YLD initiatives include training young lawyers on how to start and operate a virtual law firm, hosting webinars that highlight technological tools lawyers can employ, and collaborating with web-based legal service providers to connect young lawyers with work opportunities. In addition, Glover serves on the technology subcommittee of the Bar’s Vision 2016 Commission.

“One of the main reasons for the Commission is that there is a huge justice gap in America and Florida,” said Glover. “In Florida, it is estimated that 80% of low to moderate income individuals have unmet legal needs. My focus this year is to look at what we can do to help reduce the justice gap, while at the same time help young lawyers get training and work. The 80% unserved market is estimated to be valued at $45 billion, so there is a huge opportunity for young lawyers to get a piece of that pie, while at the same time gaining great experience. And it’s not complex work.

“One of the things we’re working on is revamping The Florida Bar’s referral service by partnering with an online legal service provider that has the technology to connect the unserved segment of the population with lawyers that need work. There are companies out there that do it now and it’s a booming market. I recently learned that last year, investors pumped more than $1 billion into legal technology companies. It is our hope to partner with one of the top legal technology companies in order to make it easy for Florida lawyers to connect with those in need of legal services. I truly believe that a robust online platform will not only help to fill the justice gap, but also help lawyers tap into a new market of potential clients.”

Glover’s priorities also include statewide initiatives to encourage more diversity on the judiciary and to support young women lawyers in their professional and personal growth. Prompted by 2014 survey results showing that the most important issue for young lawyers is quality of life, Glover is also focused on how the YLD can help members in terms of health and wellness.

Glover urges all young lawyers to get involved in The Florida Bar. “It’s important, in particular, for young lawyers to get engaged and stay in tune with what’s going on in the rapidly changing legal marketplace. The decisions made today will impact young lawyers more so than any other segment of the profession. They need to stay informed and really voice their opinion because their opinion matters and people are listening, especially the decision makers within the Bar.”

Although he is passionate about his Florida Bar service, Glover is looking forward to growing his practice after his presidential term ends next summer. For now, Glover attends to his non-Bar work after the sun has set.

“I work when I can,” joked Glover. “It is usually at night after my kids go to bed. It’s a balancing act, but I’ve been able to pull it off so far.”

Now three-and-a-half, Glover’s twins, Elsa and Bennett, and his wife, Ashley, often join him as he travels around the state for the Bar.

The Glovers met when they were freshmen at the University of Florida. “She joined a sorority and I joined a fraternity. Two weeks into my freshman year, my fraternity had a social function with her sorority. We met that evening through a mutual friend that I have known since preschool.”

The two took different paths upon graduating from UF, but started dating after they were paired to walk down the aisle together at a wedding shortly after Glover graduated from law school. They married two years later in New Orleans and have lived in Ocala since. Their close proximity to Glover’s hometown of Gainesville is convenient, as the Glovers enjoy attending Gator football games. The twins attended their first game in “The Swamp” in 2014.

“They’re cute, but they are wild,” joked Glover about his kids.

Glover credits his wife, who works from home as a recruiter, with being a wonderful mother. He is thankful that she allows him plenty of time to run, which Glover says is his “release.” Glover has already run one marathon and looks forward to a time when he can run another. Perhaps that time will come after his YLD presidency ends next summer. ■
Florida State’s LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers program has seen tremendous growth in recent years. What was once a program that brought one or two students to Tallahassee each year has become a program that draws 10-plus students from around the world annually. In 2015, a record 18 students graduated from Florida State’s LL.M. in American Law degree program.

The 2015-16 class of international LL.M. students is slightly smaller than the previous year – it includes 11 students who traveled from as far away as Saudi Arabia to attend classes at the College of Law. All of the students earned law degrees in their home countries before enrolling in the LL.M. program. Many of them have practiced law and bring that valuable experience with them into the classroom.

“I worked for many years in one of the most prestigious tax law firms in Rio, Brazil, handling tax cases for notorious Brazilian companies,” said Renan Santos, whose specialization is taxation. “Subsequent to this experience, I moved to Sao Paulo to be the tax leader of a well-known American company. After some time working for that multinational company, I received an irresistible offer to take over the tax area of a solid law firm in Rio. In all of these positions, I was responsible for all tax related issues, including consultant and litigation, tax planning for foreign companies, initiatives to reduce tax costs, legal assistant for federal, state and local taxes, as well as transfer pricing compliance.”

Joanne Pereira finished her law studies in Venezuela shortly before beginning Florida State’s LL.M. program. Like many of her classmates, Pereira plans to practice in the United States.
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Earning an LL.M. degree may allow students to take bar exams in some jurisdictions, particularly New York, the District of Columbia, California, Washington, and Wisconsin. In addition, students who attend FSU may transfer from the LL.M. program to the J.D. program if they meet certain requirements. The fact that Pereira can take courses this year that may be counted toward her juris doctor degree is one reason Pereira chose Florida State.

“My dad is from Miami and I really want to work in South Florida – all my family lives in Miami,” said Pereira, who has dual citizenship in the United States and Venezuela. “I really want to transfer to the Juris Doctor program at Florida State. If I’m able to transfer and earn my J.D. from Florida State, I want to take the Florida bar examination and practice law in Miami. It is well known that Miami has a lot of Latin Americans and South American people and there is a growing community of Venezuelans right now. I want to pursue corporate law and there are many big corporations from Venezuela that are either changing their residence to South Florida or expanding their needs to South Florida. My main focus would be to work within that Venezuelan community and within those corporations.”

During the 24-credit program, LL.M. students immerse themselves in learning about our country’s legal system. Required courses for the degree are Legal Research & Writing and Introduction to American Law. Students can tailor their remaining courses to their particular interests and career aspirations by choosing courses from among those offered in the J.D. program. Santos, for example, is taking advantage of Florida State’s strong program in business and tax law. One of his elective classes this semester is Taxation.

Students from Latin American and Caribbean nations have another incentive to attend Florida State: under Florida law, they qualify for in-state tuition with a small scholarship.

Pereira and Santos have both been enjoying their experiences at Florida State.

“I love the university,” said Pereira. “The school is completely different from what I’m used to. I come from a civil law country, so everything is new even though I’m a lawyer. I couldn’t imagine how different two legal systems could be.

“I’ve never been to a small town in the United States where everything is regarding the university – we don’t have college towns in my country – but so far it has been a great experience. I’ve been enjoying it a lot.”

Even before she arrived on campus, Pereira felt welcomed by members of the College of Law community. “Since I sent the first e-mail to the university, even before starting the application process, I felt Florida State University wanted me to apply. My communications were wonderful.”

Santos has been especially pleased with the law faculty. “I was impressed with the facilities and satisfied with the technical ability of Florida State professors and the easy access to them. We can see that professors here have a foundation, can express themselves.”

To learn more about the LL.M. degree program that is attracting students from around the world, visit law.fsu.edu/internationalLLM.

The 2015-16 LL.M. in American Law class includes foreign attorneys from:
- Brazil
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Israel
- Mexico
- Peru
- Saudi Arabia
- Venezuela

Our 18 students who earned their LL.M. in American Law degree in 2015 hailed from:
- Argentina
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Colombia
- China
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Germany
- India
- Nigeria
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Ukraine
- Venezuela
On August 27, historic civil rights attorney and author Fred Gray gave a public lecture to a packed lecture hall at the College of Law. Gray’s remarks were the first part of a Civil Rights Litigation class he is co-teaching at the law school during the fall 2015 semester with alumnus Dan Soloway ('85). In addition to students and faculty members in attendance, many distinguished members of the community came to the College of Law to hear Gray speak.

“It was an honor to have Attorney Gray at our law school to speak to our students and to the community,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “His work is truly groundbreaking.”

Gray practices law in Alabama and has litigated some of the nation’s most transformative civil rights cases. During his 60-year legal career, Gray represented Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Montgomery Bus Boycott participants, students who fought segregation in Alabama’s educational system, and marchers in the Selma-to-Montgomery March preceding the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Gray was the first African American president of the Alabama State Bar.

During his lively and inspiring remarks, Gray asked his students questions and addressed many of the distinguished guests who were in attendance. He spoke about race relations in the United States, recalled highlights of his career and discussed the role that he and other lawyers played in the civil rights movement.

“I’ve devoted most of my 60 years primarily to protecting the rights of African Americans,” said Gray. “The rights that
we have been able to obtain have expanded across the nation and around the world. As a result of those early activities, we now are able to reap the benefits and I think that’s great.”

Gray, who was one of the first African Americans to be elected to and serve in the Alabama Legislature since Reconstruction, also stressed the importance of making every vote count in 2016. “Next year is an election year; we’re going to be electing people all over this country. This, in my opinion, will probably be the most important election year during my 60 years of law practice. We have gained a great deal – we’ve made a tremendous amount of progress – but we are at a point in this country and in the fight for equal rights for all Americans, including women and minorities, if we don’t elect the right persons to office next year, we could see some of the gains that we have made erode.”

Toward the end of his remarks, Gray said, “I say to you students, don’t be afraid and don’t be too concerned about how many people are going to follow you or about what one person can do. If you are able to inspire people, if you see a wrong, do what you can toward helping it.”

Immediately following the lecture, the law school hosted a reception to honor Gray, where he signed copies of his book, *Bus Ride to Justice*, and took photos with attendees.

To view Gray’s lecture on the College of Law website, visit law.fsu.edu/fred-gray-lecture.
Students Land Prestigious Clerkships

Several Florida State law students and 2015 graduates recently have been offered judicial clerkships. They did so after impressing judges during the very competitive judicial clerkship application process. Our law students have a strong record when it comes to obtaining these prestigious positions—according to ABA data, Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida in terms of the percentage of class of 2014 graduates employed in full-time, long-term judicial clerkships.

The following current students and recent graduates have obtained coveted judicial clerkships:

- Allie Akre ('16) will clerk for Judge Joel F. Dubina, a senior judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit,
- Sarah Logan Beasley ('16) will clerk for Judge Mark E. Walker, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida,
- Kristen Bond ('15) will clerk for Judge Robert M. Gross, of the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal,
- Kamryn Deegan ('16) will clerk for Judge Carlos E. Mendoza, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida,
- Lauren Gentry ('15) will clerk for Magistrate Judge Patricia D. Barksdale, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida,
- Edward Grodin ('15) will clerk for the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review-Office of the Chief Immigration Judge at the Immigration Court in Orlando,
- Andrea Guzman ('15) will clerk for Justice James E.C. Perry, of the Florida Supreme Court,
- Joseph Hart ('16) will clerk for Judge James Randal Hall, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia,
- Sarah Haston ('15) will clerk for Judge Robert Lewis Hinkle, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida,
- Kaitlin Holmes ('15) will clerk for the Florida Second Judicial Circuit,
- Andrew Missel ('15) will clerk for Judge Mark E. Walker, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and then for Judge Susan Graber, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit,
- Joshua Pratt ('15) will clerk for Justice Charles T. Canady, of the Florida Supreme Court,
- William Jay Repko ('15) will clerk for Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr., of United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia,
- Christopher Roberts ('15) will clerk for Magistrate Judge James R. Klindt, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida,
- Carrie Rosato ('15) will clerk for Judge Robert M. Gross, of the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal,
- Erica Steinmiller-Perdomo ('15) will clerk for Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, of the Florida Supreme Court, and
- Francisco Zornosa ('15) will clerk for Judge Madeline Haikala, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

In addition, more class of 2016 members are likely to obtain clerkships in the future.

From writing letters of recommendation to advising students on the application process, many College of Law faculty and staff members make themselves available to help students who want to obtain clerkships.

"The law school faculty and staff were essential resources throughout the clerkship application process," said 3L Allie Akre. "Initially, a number of faculty members encouraged me to apply, and offered guidance about how to make my application stand out. I had help from several professors who answered all of my questions, and of course wrote my letters of recommendation. Florida State's staff also provided invaluable administrative support, from helping me print out the hundreds of applications to mailing them out across the country.

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“I think I was successful in obtaining a federal clerkship because of the support I received from the FSU faculty, staff, and law students. I think most students applying for clerkships have similar grades and extracurricular activities, but what set me apart was having the FSU law school community behind me.”

The College of Law constantly seeks ways to increase judicial clerkship opportunities for graduates. Each year, members of the faculty and administration invite judges to campus. The law school’s ‘Jurist in Residence Program’ has brought federal judges from around the nation to the College of Law to meet with top students. In addition to introducing our students to these high-level judges, the program also exposes the judges to our talented students and faculty, bolstering our national reputation.

“We are invested in the professional futures of our students and understand that judicial clerkships can provide excellent training grounds for newly-minted lawyers,” said Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Janeia Daniels Ingram, who began her career as a clerk for the Florida First District Court of Appeal after graduating from the College of Law in 2003. “The fact that more and more federal judges, on both regional and national levels, are taking notice of Florida State is a testament to the high caliber of students and faculty that make up our law school community.”

FSU Law Faculty Ranked #1 in Florida and Among the Nation’s Best

According to a 2015 study of law faculty scholarly impact, the Florida State University College of Law faculty is #1 in Florida and #39 nationally. Florida State is the only Florida law school ranked in the top 50.

The study ranked the scholarly impact of law faculties at schools in the top third of all ABA-accredited law schools. Originally developed by Professor Brian Leiter of the University of Chicago Law School, the “scholarly impact score” for a law faculty is calculated utilizing the mean and the median of total law journal citations over the past five years for tenured faculty members.

“Our faculty scholarship enhances the visibility of our school and the marketability of our students,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “I am especially grateful to the alumni who have contributed to professorships and chairs that help us retain and recruit top scholars.”

The nation’s top three schools were Yale, Harvard and the University of Chicago.
Mock Trial Teams Win Two National Competitions in Two Weeks

On October 11, the Florida State University College of Law Mock Trial Team won first place in the National Trial Advocacy Tournament sponsored by the University of Florida. The competition, which was held October 9-11 in Gainesville, involved a criminal trial.

A total of 13 teams participated in the tournament, including a team from the University of California – Los Angeles School of Law, which Florida State beat in the final round of competition. Other law schools competing included Fordham University, The University of Alabama, University of Georgia and University of Richmond.

Winning team members are second-year students Lauryn Collier, from Charlotte, North Carolina, Lolia Y. Fernandez, from Pembroke Pines, Charles LeCocq, from Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Rico Lively, from Naples. College of Law alumnus Adrian Mood (’13), who is an assistant state attorney in Tallahassee, and Patrick Kinni, who practices with the Leon County Attorney’s Office in Tallahassee, coached the team to victory.

“We really didn’t think we were going to win at the start of the competition, but once you’re in the moment, in the trial, all of the training and preparation comes to you, almost unconsciously,” said Collier. “We had some very tough opponents, especially in the semifinals and final round, but
through it all we performed well and advocated to the best of our ability. The best part, other than the win, was getting to know each other and help each other reach our full potential as trial advocates.”

The Mock Trial Team also won first place in the National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored by the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and UC Hastings College of the Law. The competition was held October 15-18 in San Francisco.

A total of 25 teams participated in the competition, including a team from host school University of California Hastings College of the Law, which Florida State beat in the final round. Florida State also beat a team from Northwestern University School of Law in the semi-finals. Other law schools competing included University of California – Berkeley, University of California – Davis, Fordham University and Pepperdine University.

Winning team members are third-year students Louis Baptiste, from Palm Beach, MaryCatherine Crock, from Daytona Beach, Samuel Gilot, from Miami, and Lexie Miller, from Gainesville. College of Law alumni Eric Abrahamsen ('07), a partner at the Law Offices of Friedman, Frank and Abrahamsen in Tallahassee, and Georgia Cappleman ('02), a deputy assistant state attorney in Tallahassee, coached the first-place team.

“The members of our team spent countless hours preparing for competition both in and out of the courtroom,” said Crock. “The team’s win in Gainesville gave us all a bit of momentum and when it was finally time to compete in San Francisco, we were ready to put our preparation to the test. Thankfully, we were able to bring another win to Tallahassee. Go ‘Noles!”

“Congratulations to our wonderful student advocates and to their coaches,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “These first-place wins in national competitions are a testament to the excellence of our students, who are lovely people, and our advocacy program.”
On Sunday, May 3, 2015, approximately 250 graduates gathered for the law school’s 2015 commencement ceremony at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center. The group included 13 LL.M. in American Law graduates from around the world. Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga gave the commencement speech before professors hooded the new graduates. Immediately following the ceremony, graduates and their guests enjoyed a reception on the law school green.
(L-R) LL.M. graduates Prince Iheme (Nigeria), Andrea Doering-Massimani (Germany), Suhail Chhabra (India), Diana Aguilar (Colombia), Tillany Parre Fontalve (Colombia), Gustavo Guerrero (Venezuela), Joao Menezes (Brazil), Alfonso Trujillo (Ecuador) and Maria Reartes (Argentina).

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga gave the commencement address.

FAR LEFT: Class of 2015 members enter the Civic Center.

LEFT: Graduates Simone Savino and Keith Savino with family and friends.

FAR LEFT: Dean Don Weidner welcomes the class of 2015 and their guests to the ceremony.

LEFT: Shana-Kay Gibbs, Blanca Gonzalez and Celeste Gaines prepare to enter the Civic Center.
1970

WILLIAM L. COLBERT, who is managing partner at Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert & Whigham, P.A., was presented with the Claude L. Mullis Lifetime Distinguished Service Award by the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association on July 10, 2015, in Palm Beach. The award recognizes an outstanding municipal lawyer who has demonstrated integrity and honesty throughout his career, who has achieved significant career success, and who has reflected the basic values of those who have excelled in the practice of municipal law.

TERRY P. COLE has been recognized as one of Chambers USA’s Leaders in their Field. He is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Gunster, practicing in the area of environmental and land use law, including air, solid waste, and water quality issues.

MARSHA L. LYONS, a partner at Lyons & Farrar, P.A. in Tallahassee, was selected president of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a national association of experienced trial lawyers and judges dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the civil jury trial right provided by the Seventh Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Membership in ABOTA is strictly limited to experienced trial attorneys and is by invitation only to those who have demonstrated standards of integrity, honor, ethics, civility, and courtesy in the legal profession. Lyons has practiced in Miami and Tallahassee and has been trying cases for clients for years.

A. WAYNE RICH, who is of counsel in the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel, was named to Best Lawyers in America (2016).

GEORGE L. WAAS published his fifth book titled, “On Third Thought: Further Reflections on Retirement and Other Things – A Mini-Memoir.” The book focuses on reflections of the past, and making the most of the present and future. Waas is retired, living in Tallahassee. He also was appointed vice chair of the Florida Bar Journal/News Editorial board.

1971

J. MICHAEL HUEY, a shareholder at GrayRobinson in Tallahassee, has been named to the 2016 Best Lawyers in America list in the government relations practice area.

CARL P. MCDONALD was recognized as a senior counselor by the Tennessee Bar Association during its annual convention in Memphis. “Senior Counselor” is a designation given to active Tennessee Bar Association members who complete 50 years of law practice or attain the age of 75. McDonald practices with Goddard & Gamble in Maryville, Tennessee.

1972

WAYNE HOGAN, president at Terrell Hogan in Jacksonville, has been inducted into the St. Augustine/Ketterlinus High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Inductees are chosen for their contributions to the local community and representation of their high school’s traditions.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM A. PARSONS, who is a circuit judge on the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court, is resigning at the end of the year. He will join Cobb Cole in Daytona Beach as of counsel.

1973

DENNIS E. LAROSA, a healthcare policy advisor with Roig Lawyers in Tallahassee, co-presented a program covering regulatory compliance as it relates to insurance defense on August 11 to a national insurance carrier’s special investigations unit in Orlando. LaRosa also spoke at the 23rd Annual Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee Conference in June.

THE HONORABLE EMERSON R. THOMPSON JR. took office July 1 as immediate past president of The Florida Bar Foundation. Thompson has served on the Foundation board since 1995 and previously served from 1991 to 1993.
JOHN THRASHER, who is president of Florida State University, has been appointed to the College Football Playoff Board of Managers, the governing board of the CFP Administration, LLC, which manages the administrative operations of the College Football Playoff.

1974

STANN W. GIVENS, the founding partner of Givens Givens Sparks, PLLC, was named the Best Lawyers 2015 Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Tampa.

1975

CHARLES L. SIEMON has been named to the 2016 Best Lawyers in America list in the practice areas of environmental law, land use and zoning law, litigation - land use and zoning, and real estate law. Siemon is a director at GrayRobinson in the firm’s Boca Raton office.

DANIEL H. THOMPSON, a partner at Berger Singerman in Tallahassee, has been selected for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

1976

DOMINIC M. CAPARELLO, a shareholder at Messer Caparrello, P.A. in Tallahassee, is one of only five certified mediators in Florida selected for Whos’ Who Legal: Mediation. He has also been elected president of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators, a selective national organization for mediators at the highest level of achievement and recognition.

1977

SILVIA M. ALDERMAN has been honored by Chambers USA as a leading environmental lawyer in Florida. She is a partner and chair of the Water Task Force at Akerman LLP in Tallahassee.

NANCY A. DANIELS, who is the Leon County public defender, was honored for her trailblazing career with the Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award during The Florida Bar’s 65th annual convention. Daniels was the first woman to be elected public defender anywhere in Florida.

1979

PETER V. ANTONACCI is now the executive director of the South Florida Water Management District in West Palm Beach. He also was appointed by Senator Marco Rubio to the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission.

THOMAS A. CLOUD, a shareholder in GrayRobinson’s Orlando office, was unanimously selected to be president-elect of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association for a term beginning in summer 2016. Cloud is the head of GrayRobinson’s Public Law Department.

MELANIE A. HINES, a partner at Berger Singerman in Tallahassee, has been selected for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

1980

STEVEN C. HARTSELL has been named chair of the Urban Land Institute Southwest Florida District Council. He is a partner at Pavese Law Firm in Fort Myers, where he concentrates his practice in zoning, land use and development law as well as local government administrative law matters.

NICK JOVANOVICH, a partner at Berger Singerman in Fort Lauderdale, has been selected for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America.
DAVID A. YON, a shareholder of the Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, has been recognized in the 2015 edition of Chambers USA for his work in the insurance field. The publication noted that he is “as comfortable in the courtroom as in arbitration proceedings.” He was also named in the 2015 edition of the Florida Super Lawyers magazine in the area of insurance coverage.

1981

MICHAEL J. CHERNIGA, a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP in Tallahassee, was recognized in the 2015 U.S. edition of The Legal 500. He was selected for his work in the areas of “Industry Focus – Healthcare – Health Insurers” and “Industry Focus – Healthcare – Service Providers.”

CLARK R. JENNINGS, an assistant attorney general in Florida’s Department of Legal Affairs, was awarded the Claude Pepper Outstanding Government Lawyer Award at The Florida Bar’s 65th Annual Convention in June. The award recognizes an “outstanding Florida lawyer who has made exemplary contributions” as a practicing government lawyer.

1982

J. THOMPSON THORNTON, a senior partner with Thornton, Davis & Fein, P.A. in Miami, has been named to the 2015 Florida Super Lawyers list. He has been named to the list eight times. Thornton has been a practicing trial lawyer for 33 years and has acted as lead counsel in numerous complex civil litigation matters including aircraft accidents, aviation mass disasters, products liability cases, environmental claims, professional malpractice, fraud, insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.

1983

J. CHRISTOPHER LOMBARDO, a partner at Woodward, Pires & Lombardo, P.A. in Naples, has been selected as a 2015 Florida Super Lawyer. He focuses his practice on complex and high-end divorce, handling difficult issues of business validation, child custody, equitable distribution, pre- and post-nuptial agreements and more.

NEAL A. SIVYER received the great news that his daughter Nicole was admitted to the College of Law for the fall 2015 entering class. Sivyer practices construction law with the firm of Sivyer, Barlow & Watson in Tampa.

1984

ROBERT NEAL WESLEY, public defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, has taken office as president of the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has practiced criminal defense law in Central Florida for more than 30 years.

1985

J. CHRISTOPHER KEIRS, PH.D. has joined the Florida Bar’s Intellectual Property and Technology Section of The Florida Bar.

MARK E. HOLCOMB, a partner with Madsen Goldman & Holcomb, LLP in Tallahassee, has been named the Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year for 2014-15 by the Tax Section of The Florida Bar.

CHRISTOPHER D. KEIRS, PH.D. has joined Blank Rome LLP as a partner in the firm’s intellectual property and technology group in Houston, where his practice focuses on chemical and computer arts matters and their applications in the energy industry.
Thanks to Our 2014-2015 Donors

Gifts to Florida State University College of Law provide critical support for students, faculty and academic programs. This Annual Report is one way of expressing our appreciation for all gifts received between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Gifts received between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 will be recognized in the fall 2016 issue of Florida State Law.

Thank you so much! We hope that our progress over the years has shown that we are putting your contributed dollars to good use.

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

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Dean’s Annual Fundraising Report

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. Most importantly, we have the best job placement rate in Florida and one of the best in the region.

Private fundraising makes a critical difference at the law school, helping us to attract and to support the best students and faculty.

TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES

Putting annual giving and larger gifts together, we raised a cash total of $1,143,849 and unamortized pledges in the amount of $3,254,000, for a grand total of $4,397,849.

ANNUAL GIVING FROM ALUMNI

This past year, 30.03% of our alumni made cash gifts to the law school. Based on the latest American Bar Association data, this level of participation should keep us within the nation’s top 10 law schools in terms of alumni giving rate. This level of alumni contributions enriches the life of the school and sends a powerful signal about the enthusiasm our alumni have for the school.

ANNUAL GIVING FROM STUDENTS

This past year, 86.65% of our students contributed to our Annual Fund. Our student enthusiasm and generosity bodes well for the future. They are blazing the trail for us all!

LARGER GIFTS

This past year, we received cash payments on Larger Gifts totaling $56,000 and unamortized pledges on Larger Gifts in the amount of $3,254,000, for a grand total of $3,310,000. The “Cash Gifts By Level” portion of this report includes only cash payments made during the fiscal year, even if they were but a portion of a larger gift. Under the heading of “Recent Larger Gifts,” we outline the larger gift commitments that we received in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed to our many successes. We shall continue to do our best to pay great dividends on the dollars you have invested in our school.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner, Dean
**Endowed Gift Opportunities**

**ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Our single greatest need from private giving is endowed scholarships. To continue to serve our mission of providing access to all, including those from families of modest means, we need significantly more scholarships. Scholarships are awarded according to the intent of the donor and may be based on merit, need or other factors.

The minimum gift needed to endow a scholarship is $25,000. This $25,000 may be paid $5,000 per year for five years.

**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND CHAIRS**

Our faculty members are being recruited by some of the nation’s most prominent law schools. Endowed professorships and chairs give us the merit money we need to retain our top faculty.

Endowed professorships and chairs provide salary supplements based on merit. Faculty members are appointed for five-year terms, with renewal contingent on continued scholarly productivity. The appointee bears the name of the donor or the donor’s designee.

The minimum gift needed to endow a professorship at Florida State University College of Law is $200,000. The minimum gift needed to endow a chair at Florida State Law is $1,000,000. These gifts may be paid over a five-year period.

**ENDOWMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Endowments for Excellence are used, at the discretion of the law school, for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives, general discretionary dollars and funding for co-curricular activities such as *Law Review*, Mock Trial, and Moot Court.

The minimum gift needed to create an Endowment for Excellence is $25,000. This $25,000 may be paid $5,000 per year for five years.

**ENDOWMENTS FOR PARTICULAR PROGRAMS**

An important goal of the law school is to raise substantial endowments to support special programs and co-curricular organizations.

Private philanthropy has helped us take existing programs to new levels of excellence. Our award-winning Moot Court and Mock Trial Teams cannot travel to competitions without private contributions. Our Public Interest Law Center, which includes the Children’s Advocacy Clinic and the Family Law Clinic, relies on private contributions to help pay to train students to provide effective legal services to the under-represented.

Some programs, for example, our Summer for Undergraduates Program, simply would not exist at the law school but for the generous support of our alumni.

The minimum gift needed to create an endowment for a particular program is $25,000. This $25,000 may be paid $5,000 per year for five years.

**DONOR RECOGNITION**

We are delighted to recognize scholarships, professorships and other targeted gifts by naming them in honor of the donor or the donor’s designee. In addition, we are pleased to acknowledge inter vivos gifts of $200,000 or more with an oil portrait of the donor or the donor’s designee that will be displayed in a prominent place at the law school.

The Advocacy Center and the renovated spaces in Roberts Hall give us many new spaces to name to thank donors for gifts starting at $25,000.

For more information, please contact either Dean Don Weidner at 850.644.3071 or dweidner@law.fsu.edu or Jeanne Curtin, Assistant Dean for Development, at 850.644.6357 or jcurtin@law.fsu.edu.
Recent Larger Gift Commitments

We would like to specially thank those of you who made a larger gift commitment between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. These gifts make it possible to continue the dynamic advancement of the academic programs and reputation of the law school.

$1,000,000 AND LARGER

Sheila M. McDevitt (’78) has made a deferred gift of $1,000,000 to supplement the Sheila M. McDevitt Endowment for Excellence she previously established with a cash gift of $100,000. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used, at the discretion of the dean, for purposes including but not limited to faculty support and student scholarships. Sheila also previously gave $50,000 to the Alumni Centennial Endowed Dean’s Chair, $25,000 to the Sheila M. McDevitt Term Professorship, and $25,000 to the Sheila M. McDevitt Fund. Sheila lives in St. Petersburg.

An anonymous donor has made a $1,000,000 deferred gift to supplement an endowment previously created by someone else.

$100,000 TO $999,999

William J. (Bill) Cohen (’79) has increased his deferred gift to the law school to $750,000. Bill previously made a $600,000 deferred gift to the law school to create the William J. and Susan P. Cohen Professorship in Environmental Law. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used as a financial incentive to a productive member of the faculty in the area of environmental law. Bill is a principal with Oakbridge Partners, Ltd., a wealth management firm located in Atlanta. Bill has experience in the areas of taxation, estate planning, corporate finance and executive compensation.

Thomas W. (Tom) Conroy (’74) has made a deferred gift of $250,000 to establish the Thomas W. Conroy Endowment for Excellence. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used, at the discretion of the law school, for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives, general discretionary dollars, and funding for co-curricular activities including Law Review, Mock Trial, and Moot Court. Tom previously gave $150,000 to endow the Thomas W. Conroy Scholarship, which is used to attract top students to the law school. Tom lives in Henderson, Nevada.

Terry Cole (’70) and Linda Cole have created a $200,000 endowment for the Terry and Linda Cole Environmental Law Scholarship. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used, at the discretion of the law school, for scholarships to students in the LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy program, scholarships to students pursuing a Certificate in Environmental, Energy and Land Use Law, and scholarships to students who are members of the Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law. Terry previously established the Gunster Environmental Law Scholarship with gifts totaling $50,000; the scholarship is awarded each year to a second-year law student who has demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in environmental law and who has an outstanding academic record. In recognition of their latest gift, the law school has named the second-floor classroom in the Advocacy Center the Terry and Linda Cole Classroom. Terry and Linda live in Tallahassee, and he is a shareholder in Gunster. Terry focuses his practice on environmental law, governmental administrative law and litigation.
$25,000 TO $49,999

John P. Welch (’74), who passed away on March 22, 2013, made a gift of $32,515 to establish the John Welch Endowment. Upon graduation from law school, John joined Colonel J. McHenry Jones to form Jones and Welch, P.A. in Pensacola. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used, at the discretion of the law school, to provide services and support to law students with physical and non-physical disabilities, and for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives, general discretionary dollars, and funding for co-curricular activities including Law Review, Mock Trial, and Moot Court.

Henry, Buchanan, Hudson, Suber & Carter, P.A. has made a pledge of $30,000 to be used where the need is greatest at the College of Law. Located in Tallahassee, the firm has a diversified general civil practice and represents clients from Pensacola to Jacksonville and as far south as Ocala. In recognition of this commitment, the law school has named a faculty office the Henry Buchanan Law Firm Faculty Office.

Orlando attorney John A. Boudet (’85) and Devon Cook Boudet have made a pledge of $25,000 to create the John Boudet and Devon Cook Endowment for Excellence. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used, at the discretion of the law school, for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives, general discretionary dollars, and funding for co-curricular activities including Law Review, Mock Trial, and Moot Court. In recognition of John and Devon’s commitment, the law school has named a faculty office the John Boudet and Devon Cook Faculty Office. John is a shareholder in GrayRobinson. He has a diverse national practice focusing on complex litigation, including class actions, product liability, securities litigation, intellectual property, and environmental and commercial litigation.

Pensacola attorney Larry Hill (’74) and Diane Hill have made a pledge of $25,000 to create the Diane and Larry Hill Family Scholarship. The income distributed from the endowment shall be used to recruit a top student each year to the law school. In recognition of the family’s commitment, the law school has named a faculty office the Diane and Larry Hill Family Faculty Office. Larry is a shareholder in Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, P.A. Larry is a board certified civil trial lawyer and in recent years his practice has focused on mass tort litigation and defense of class actions.
Summary of Named Funds (as of June 30, 2015)

**Endowed Professorship**
- Allen, Norton & Blue Endowed Professorship in Real Estate
- Bedell Standley Endowed Professorship
- Carol Z. Bellamy Memorial Endowed Professorship
- Jennifer Beltz Scholarship
- Blank-Miller Scholarship
- Joan and Garrett Briggs Endowed Scholarship
- Broad and Cassel Scholarship
- Raoul G. Cantero, III, Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
- Wayne and Patricia Hogan Endowed Scholarship
- Beverly S. McLean Memorial Endowed Scholarship

**Endowed Scholarship**
- Howard L. Nations Endowed Fund
- Falk Family Endowed Scholarship
- Robert W. and Patricia R. Finley Endowed Scholarship
- Daniel & Natalie Soloway Diversity Enhancement Endowed Scholarship
- B. K. and Mary N. Roberts Endowed Scholarship
- Cheryl E. Alhadeff Endowed Scholarship
- David and Deborah Fonvielle Public Service Fellowship
- Friends of the Frank P. Gorrie Scholarship Endowment
- Robert J. and Patricia M. Riggs Endowed Scholarship
- Steven M. Goldstein Memorial Scholarship
- Anna and Charles J. Brinton Endowed Scholarship
- Betty & John Schieffer Endowed Scholarship

**Endowment for Excellence**
- Janet and Alan B. Goldstein Endowed Scholarship
- Ernie and Pat Square Endowed Scholarship
- Richard & Cynthia Hadlow Endowment Fund
- The Elizabeth Daniels Fund
- The Armand H. Picard Endowed Scholarship
- The James E. Noone Endowed Scholarship

**Endowment for Children's Defenders**
- Friends of the Florida Bar Children's Defender Endowment
- The Robert J. and Patricia M. Riggs Endowed Scholarship
- The Robert L. and Mary E. Toepfer Endowed Scholarship

**Specific Program Gifts**
- Cecelia Bonifay Moot Court Endowed Scholarship
- Mary and Michael Atter Endowment for Excellence
- John W. Frost, II Memorial Scholarship
- Howard L. Nations Endowed Fund

**Unrestricted**
- Allen, Norton & Blue Endowed Scholarship
- Endowment for Excellence
- Catherine Pierce Brindell Endowment for Excellence
- Richard & Cynthia Hadlow Endowment for Excellence
- Tracy and Biff Marshall Endowment for Excellence
- Henry Buchanan Law Firm Fund for Excellence
- McConnaughhay and Rissman Endowed Scholarship
- D. David Sessions and Leslie Cari Roth & Wellington Meffert Endowment for Excellence
- A. Wayne and Gven Rich Endowment for Excellence
- Peggy Rolando Endowment for Excellence
- Cari Roth & Wellington Meffert Endowment for Excellence
- D. David Sessions and Leslie P. Kitching Endowment for Excellence
- Gina Guter Smith Endowment for Excellence
- John W. & Judith C. Thomas Endowment for Excellence
- Cynthia and Charles Tunniff Endowment for Excellence
- Edwin W. Walborsky Endowment for Excellence
- Kevin Wood & Mary Jo Peed Endowment for Excellence

**Chairs & Professorships**
- Alumni Centennial Chair
- Elizabeth C. and Clyde W. Atkinson Endowed Professorship
- Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund
- Howard L. Nations Endowed Fund
- John C. and C. Jeannette Webb Memorial Endowed Fund

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
- L. Max and Julia L. McRae College of Law Endowed Scholarship
- Sandra Anderson Single Parent Scholarship
- Anonon Dynasty Endowed Scholarship
- Attorney General Endowed Scholarship
- Doubt Austin Endowed Scholarship
- Sandra Barr Memorial Endowed Scholarship

**Deferral Gifts**
- Gary D. Alcali Endowed Scholarship
- Yvonne and Steve Brown Public Interest Service Award
- Stephen C. Cheeseman Endowed Scholarship
- William J. and Susan P. Cohen Professorship in Environmental Law*
- The William W. Jordan Endowment for Excellence*
- Elizabeth Daniels Fund for Excellence
- Dr. Mark S. Ellis Scholarship
- David P. and Deborah Fonvielle Public Defender Service Award
- Kelly Overstreet Johnson and Hal Johnson Endowment for Excellence
- Steve and Bland Koeger Professorship in Business Law
- Maury and Diana Kolchakian Gift to benefit the Sandra M. Anderson Single-Parent Endowed Scholarship
- Howard L. Nations Endowed Fund
- John C. and C. Jeannette Webb Memorial Endowed Fund

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*Denotes new gift or increased commitment for fiscal year 2014-2015
**Financials**

2014-2015 Total Cash and New Pledges Received: $4,397,849*

- **Cash**: $1,143,849
- **Endowments**:
  - Unrestricted: $2,354,000**
  - Scholarships: $825,000
  - Faculty Development: $150,000
- **Unamortized New Pledges**: $3,254,000**

*There were no state matching dollars this fiscal year.**

**Total new pledges received of $3,310,000 minus $56,000 paid on these new pledges.

2014-2015 Cash Received: Endowed versus Expendable

- **Annual Fund**: $493,522
- **Endowments**:
  - For Scholarships: $820,121
  - For Student Programs: $131,250
  - For Unrestricted: $155,409
- **Endowments for Faculty Development**: $162,547

*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 Annual Fund chart for purposes.

2014-2015 New Pledges by Purpose: $3,310,000

- **Unrestricted**: $2,335,000
- **Scholarships**: $825,000
- **Faculty Development**: $150,000
- **Library, Law Review and Journals**: $13,174

*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.

Alumni and Students Cash Giving Rates

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Total Alumni Cash Gifts to the Annual Fund*

- **2010-11**: $342,677
- **2011-12**: $358,178
- **2012-13**: $394,165
- **2013-14**: $497,996
- **2014-15**: $440,001

*Includes Book Awards
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CLASS OF 1976
Alumni: 120
Number of Donors: 39
Participation: 32.5%
William E. Atwater, III
Carole J. Barice
S. James Brainard
John Dixon Bridgers, III
Dominic M. Caparello
Phil P. Claypool
F. Alan Cummings
Lawrence N. Curtin*
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The Honorable
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Patricia R. Gleason
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The Honorable
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Angela L. Hughes
Jennifer Hurst
The Honorable
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Bob Owens
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Michael B. Twomey
Theodore L. Tripp, Jr.
Eric B. Tilton
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James M. Schiff
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Patricia V. Thomas
Eric B. Tilton
Theodore L. Tripp, Jr.
Michael B. Twomey
Robert A. Weiss
Jo-Len Rawls Wolf

CLASS OF 1977
Alumni: 142
Number of Donors: 56
Participation: 36.43%
Silvia M. Alderman
Melissa F. Allaman
Elaine K. Ashley
Dominic J. Baccarella
Joan H. Bickerstaff
Michael W. Bond, Jr.
Douglas Brown
Guy E. Burnette, Jr.
Mary S. Carroll
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M. Catherine Lannon
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Sheldon M. McDevitt
John H. Mueller
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Lonniell Olds
Jeffery M. Pfister
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Daphne Boswell Putnam
Thomas B. Putnam, Jr.
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Patrick A. Raley
Margaret A. Rolando*
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Sandra N. Shaw
William B. Smith
Robert S. Smith
Christopher J. Smith
Harri K. Solomon
Terresa J. Sopp
The Honorable
Karen Specie
Ana E. Tangel-Rodriguez*
Scott K. Tozian
Anita F. Trotter
J. Gary Walker
Ronald B. Warren
Victoria L. Weber
Craig B. Willis

CLASS OF 1978
Alumni: 150
Number of Donors: 47
Participation: 29.56%
Howard M. Acosta
Thomas L. Barnhart
Katharine S. Barry
Charles E. Bunker, III
William G. Capko
Barney J. Chislon, Jr.
Michael J. Conigliio
Robert C. Crabtree
Elizabeth J. Daniels
David S. Dee
Michael E. Duclos
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James C. Hankinson
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Jennie H. Jerome
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J. Craig Knox
Kenneth L. Kuerzi
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D. Christine Lindamood
Domenick R. Lioce
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Errol H. Powell
James A. Scott, Jr.
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Charles A. Sullivan, Jr.
Mary L. Sweet
Richard R. Vickers
Edwin Walborsky*
Alaine S. Williams
The Honorable
William L. Wright

CLASS OF 1980
Alumni: 168
Number of Donors: 41
Participation: 24.40%
Randel V. Allen
Arthur C. Beal, Jr.
Robert F. Bethea
Lawrence P. Bush
Sonia R. Crockett
Charlotte H. Danciu
Helio P. De La Torre
Stephen A. Ecenia
Mary A. Edenden
William T. Edwards, Jr.
Thomas K. Equels
David J. Glathorn
Thomas L. Barnhart
Katharine S. Barry
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Colonel Charles L. Early, Jr.
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Lawrence S. Gendzier
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T. Michael Johnson
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William R. Mayer
Marty E. Moore
William F. Murphy, III
Ralph A. Peterson
Leanne J. Pflaum
Nancy C. Postill-Hurst
Stephen P. Preissner
Vicky A. Savage
Dennis S. Silverman
Lawrence W. Smith
Linda J. Stalvey
Glenda F. Swearingen
William F. Tarr
Robert D. Vanderbrug
John J. Waltz
Louis H. Warren
Nancy E. Wright
James D. Wright
David A. Yo

CLASS OF 1981
Alumni: 177
Number of Donors: 43
Participation: 24.29%
The Honorable
Michael G. Allen
W. Riley Allen
Anonymous
Randall B. Atkinson
Steven D. Beres
Stephen F. Bolton
Edward M. Booth, Jr.
William B. Brannon, Jr.
The Honorable
Cory J. Ciklin
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The Honorable
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Patricia M. Hart
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Walter B. Parramore
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Debra L. Rancamol
Linda C. Schmidt
Diane A. Scott
Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti
Stephen D. Swartz*
Charles R. Talley
John J. Teihune
Julie S. J. Thornton
President H. James Towey
Jeffrey P. Whiston
The Honorable
Joe A. Wild
Andrea G. Wilson

CLASS OF 1982
Alumni: 153
Number of Donors: 45
Participation: 29.41%
Robert B. Abel, Jr.
Jay Adams
Garry D. Adel
C. Christopher
Anderson, III
Karen L. Asher-Cohen
Calvin L. Bender

*Class Agent for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
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ALL ALUMNI AND STUDENT DONORS BY CLASS

CLASS OF 1996
Alumni: 181
Number of Donors: 36
Participation: 19.89%
Terrance L. Ashanta-Barker
Charles J. Bauder, III
Jennifer R. Beltz
Brett J. Berlin
Charles J. Bauder, III
Terrance L. Ashanta-Barker
Participation: 19.89%
Number of Donors: 41
CLASS OF 1997
Alumni: 191
Number of Donors: 41
Participation: 21.47%
Francis J. Allman, Jr.
Eric R. Birge
James A. Boatman, Jr.
Jason E. Campbell*
Diane G. Cassaro
Nondas M. Davis
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CLASS OF 1998
Alumni: 219
Number of Donors: 37
Participation: 16.89%
Shirley B. Barnes
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Lilia R. Bell
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Joseph J. Ward
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CLASS OF 1999
Alumni: 197
Number of Donors: 45
Participation: 22.84%
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Garnett W. Chishenhall, Jr.
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CLASS OF 2000
Alumni: 214
Number of Donors: 57
Participation: 26.64%
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CLASS OF 2001
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Number of Donors: 35
Participation: 15.84%
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Graham H. Todd
Joshua M. Toman
Allison E. Turnbull
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Number of Donors: 49
Participation: 22.17%
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Number of Donors: 72
Participation: 28.57%
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Lieutenant Colonel
Thomas C. Adam
Participation: 28.57%
Number of Donors: 72
Alumni: 252
CLASS OF 2004
Alumni: 204
Number of Donors: 59
Participation: 28.92%
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Alumni: 243
Number of Donors: 80
Participation: 32.92%

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Alumni: 228
Number of Donors: 83
Participation: 36.40%

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Number of Donors: 108
Participation: 34.73%

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Alumni: 260
Number of Donors: 93
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CLASS OF 2014
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Participation: 91.49%

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Laverne Lewis Gaskins ('93)
Gordon Glover ('05)
Marcos Gonzalez ('98)
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Melanie Shoemaker Griffin ('06) & Michael Griffin
Terry Hill ('05)
Wayne Hogan ('72)
Fred E. Karlinsky ('92)
Julio C. Martinez, Jr. ('86)
Margaret “Peggy” Rolando ('78)
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LEONARD K. SAMUELS, a partner at Berger Singerman in Fort Lauderdale, has been selected for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

THE HONORABLE ELIJAH SMILEY has been unanimously selected to serve as chief judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, comprising Bay, Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Gulf and Washington counties. He has served on the trial court for twenty years and can be contacted at smiley@jud14.fl.courts.org.

1986

MANUEL FARACH, who is of counsel at the West Palm Beach office of Richman Greer, was selected as a finalist for the 2015 Leadership Excellence Award, which recognizes exceptional Leadership Palm Beach County graduates who engage to make a difference and improve local communities.

FLOYD R. SELF has joined the firm of Berger Singerman as a partner and member of the Government and Regulatory Team in the Tallahassee office. He has a diverse state and local government and regulatory practice in the utility, energy, telecommunications, water and technology sectors. He is also chair-elect of the Southern Chapter of the Energy Bar Association and is chair of the board of directors for the Challenger Learning Center in Tallahassee.

1987

DOMINIC C. “DONNY” MACKENZIE, a Jacksonville partner at Holland & Knight, took office on July 1 as president of The Florida Bar Foundation. He is a longtime Foundation board member and is also a member of the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice.

1988

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL W. JACKSON, who is district attorney of historic Selma, Alabama, has been featured in two books recently published nationwide, “The Selma Campaign: Martin Luther King Jr., Jimmie Lee Jackson, and the Defining Struggle of the Civil Rights Era,” by Craig Swanson and “Jimmie Lee & James: Two Lives, The most avidly read section of Florida State Law alumni magazine is “Class Action.” The law school’s more than 9,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing – awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken and more. Just as important: Did you get married? Have a baby? Write a novel? Run a marathon? Perform in a band?

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Two Deaths, and the Movement that Changed America,” by Steve Fiffer and Adar Cohen. He can be contacted at Michael.Jackson@alabamada.gov.

1989

ALEXANDER S. DOUGLAS, II, a partner with the law firm of SuffieldLowman in Orlando, has been selected as a 2015 Florida Super Lawyer. He practices in the area of fiduciary and commercial litigation, with extensive experience in trust, probate and guardianship litigation.

GREGORY A. HEARING has joined Florida Trend’s 2015 Legal Elite Hall of Fame. He is a shareholder at Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A. in Tampa.

STEPHEN R. SENN, a shareholder with Peterson & Myers, P.A. in Lakeland, has been reappointed to a three-year term on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation. His practice focuses on appeals and federal litigation, as well as employment and business disputes.

DOUGLAS E. STARCHER, a partner at Broad and Cassel in Orlando, was named to Best Lawyers in America (2016).

1991

SCOTT E. GWARTNEY, a partner at Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A., in Tallahassee, has been recognized by The National Trial Lawyers as among their Top 100 trial lawyers, and was also named a 2015 Super Lawyer. He litigates on behalf of plaintiffs throughout Florida and Georgia with a focus on medical litigation, nursing home abuse and neglect, and elder exploitation claims.

1992

MARIANNE R. HOWANITZ, of The Law Offices of Marianne R. Howanitz in Ocala, was a key speaker at the Florida Justice Association’s Workhorse Seminar 2015 on February 20. She spoke on “Ten Mistakes Lawyers Make When Treating Truck Crashes Like Car Crashes.” She serves on the national advisory board of the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America.

FRED E. KARLINSKY, a shareholder in the Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee offices of Greenberg Traurig, spoke at the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters Reinsurance Symposium on March 19 in Philadelphia. He presented “Regulatory Changes Impacting the Insurance and Reinsurance Marketplace.” He also spoke at the Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society’s career development seminar and regulatory skills workshop titled, “Looking to the Past for the Future of Market Regulation.” In addition, he co-chaired the American Conference Institute’s Ninth National Forum on Insurance Regulation in February in New York City.

1993

LAVERN LEWIS GASKINS began working as a senior legal advisor in the Legal Affairs Office at Georgia Regents University in July. She served as the 2015 commencement speaker for the Valdosta campuses of both Georgia Military College and Park University.

BRUCE D. PLATT, a partner with the Healthcare Practice Group at Akerman LLP, has assumed the role of managing partner in the Tallahassee office. He will help guide Akerman’s strategic growth in Tallahassee as well as advance the firm’s philanthropic initiatives locally.

1994

MATTHEW K. FOSTER has earned the AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell for the ninth year in a row. He is a personal injury attorney at Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A. in Tallahassee, where he focuses on helping injured victims in trucking and auto-related accidents, as well as victims of failed security or negligent security cases.
ROBERT F. KOHLMAN, a partner in the family law practice group of Buckner, Shifrin, Etter, Dugan, Bradfute & Kohlman, P.A., was named one of the “Top 100” lawyers in Miami in 2015 by Super Lawyers magazine. He was also recognized in 2015 by South Florida Legal Guide as a “top lawyer” and was included on the Florida Trend Legal Elite list. In 2015, his firm was named as one of the best law firms in Florida, Tier One, by U.S. News & World Report. The firm also has been recognized by LegalLeaders, Super Lawyers, South Florida Legal Guide, Fortune Magazine and Florida Trend.

TRAVIS L. MILLER, a shareholder and president of the Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee, once again received recognition as a leader in the insurance field by Chambers USA. It was noted in the 2015 edition that Miller is “a respected regulatory and transactional practitioner with a strong reputation in the state.” This spring, he joined a panel of insurance industry officials for “Executives in the Classroom Day” for the FSU College of Business’ Risk Management & Insurance Program.

KELLY O’KEEFE was elected president of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society. She is a partner at Berger Singerman in Tallahassee, where a large portion of her practice involves litigating property-related disputes.

SEAN PITTMAN, who is CEO of the Pittman Law Group in Tallahassee, was honored with the 2015 Leadership Florida Distinguished Member Award for his philanthropic efforts and his dedication to the Tallahassee community and to Florida. The award is presented to Leadership Florida members whose leadership activities and exemplary character illustrate the highest standards of the organization, and whose activities garner results and leave a lasting impact on the state.

THE HONORABLE SUZANNE S. VAN WYK, who is an administrative law judge with the Florida Division of Administration Hearings, has been reappointed to the board of The Florida Bar Foundation.

1995

MICHAEL W. CARLSON presented a webinar entitled “Administrative Advocacy in Agency Rulemaking” to the State Government Affairs Council, the premier national association for multi-state government affairs professionals of over 200 major U.S. corporations, trade associations and service providers. He is the executive director of the Personal Insurance Federation of Florida.

BENJAMIN L. CRUMP, who is a partner at Parks & Crump LLC in Tallahassee, was featured on the cover of Florida Super Lawyers magazine. Crump also was named the National Newspaper Publishers Association’s 2015 Newsmaker of the Year for the global attention he brought to legal issues.

THE HONORABLE JULIE S. SNEED, who was a partner at Akerman LLP’s Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance Practice Group in Tampa, has been appointed as a United States magistrate judge for the Middle District of Florida. Sneed focused her law practice on the representation of mortgage loan originators, servicers, and investors in class and individual lawsuits.

1996

TANYA L. BOWER, a director with Tripp Scott in Fort Lauderdale, has been elected chairwoman of Leadership Broward. She focuses her practice on corporate and tax matters, including estate planning, asset protection and wealth preservation.

SHANNON DEPUY BREAM, a Fox News correspondent, was a featured guest on Greta Van Susteren’s podcast, ‘Greta Talk.’


JORGE L. PIEDRA is a member of the Cuban American Bar Association board of directors. He is managing partner of Piedra & Associates, P.A., in Coral Gables, where he specializes in commercial litigation.

HEIDI L. KIMZEY SHORT has joined Lewis Roca Rothgerber as a partner in the firm’s Phoenix office. Her practice is focused primarily in the areas of land use regulation, zoning and real estate acquisition and disposition.

1997

MERCEDES M. BUNTZ opened her own firm, Mercedes Buntz Law, PLLC, serving clients in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Sarasota and Marion counties. She focuses her practice on wills and trusts, probate, bankruptcy and consumer issues.

MARLA R. BUTLER, a partner in Robins Kaplan LLP’s New York City office, has been selected as one of Savoy Magazine’s 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers. This list features the
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top partners from leading national law firms and corporate counsel from Fortune 1000 companies.

PETER PAPAGIANAKIS is the founding partner of the Peter Papagianakis Business Law Firm LLC, which has been selected by New York State Urban Development Corporation doing business as Empire State Development to serve as authorized legal counsel. The firm has offices in New York City and Mineola, NY.

MICHAIL R. UFFERMAN, became president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at their annual meeting in Key Biscayne in June. Ufferman, a Florida Bar board certified criminal appellate attorney, owns a private practice that concentrates on criminal appellate and post-conviction cases. He has been recognized in the area of appellate practice by Florida Trend Legal Elite, Florida Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America.

1998

LAURA J. DONALDSON presented “Florida Water Use & Hot Topics” on the New Developments in Groundwater Regulation panel at the American Bar Association 33rd Annual Water Law Conference in Denver in June. Donaldson is a shareholder at Manson Bolves Donaldson, PA in Tampa.

ERIC S. GOLDEN has joined Burr & Forman as managing partner of the firm’s Orlando office. He is charged with continuing the firm’s expansion in Central Florida, and overseeing the financial and operational functions of the 30-attorney office.

SCOTT B. SMITH, a partner with Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath, was elected to the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and was again selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America. He and his wife, Molly, have four children, Sandy, Tucker, Charlie, and Harrison. They live in Palm Beach Gardens with their dog, Chief.

1999

EARNST A. DELOACH, JR. has been named general counsel to the African-American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida. He is a shareholder and member of the business litigation practice in Gunster’s Orlando office.

JULIE E. NEVINS has joined Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP as special counsel in Miami. She focuses on complex commercial litigation.

2000

KEISHA A. BELL, an attorney with the Law Office of Travis J. McConnell in Saint Petersburg, has been appointed to serve on the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission. She represents clients in personal injury, workers’ compensation and family law cases.

GINGER L. BOYD has been named a 2015 Rising Star in Florida Super Lawyers. She is a partner in the Destin office of Broad and Cassel, where her primary focus is on business litigation.

2001

BRENDA M. FERNANDEZ, who is of counsel in the Miami Real Estate practice of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., has been named to the board of directors of The Tooth Healer for Children Around the World. The Tooth Healer for Children Around the World is an organization that provides free dental services to children in orphanages around the world.

THOMAS N. PALERMO, who is a federal prosecutor in Tampa, was presented several items on April 24, 2015, in recognition of the successful conclusion of a recent trial: 1) by NASA’s Office of the Inspector General, an American flag flown in space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor, STS-108, December 5-17, 2001; 2) by the Department of Defense’s Inspector General (DCIS) and Army CID, an American flag from over the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan on July 4, 2011; and 3) by the National Science Foundation’s Office of the Inspector General, a plaque. Palermo is an assistant United States attorney in the Middle District of Florida in the Economic Crimes Section.

MICHAIL A. SJUGGERUD has joined the Florida State University College of Law’s Alumni Association board of directors. He is an attorney with Cantwell & Goldman, PA in Cocoa, where he practices in the areas of business law, commercial real estate, international law and local and state government.
2002

MARC A. HULING, a partner at Roetzel in Naples, was recently installed as president of the Collier County Bar Foundation and president elect of the Collier County Bar Association. He previously served the association in the roles of treasurer and director.

MOLLY HARRIS LITZ has opened her own commercial and residential real estate business, Foreside Title Company in Portland, Maine.

MARY L. PANKOWSKI and her family were honored at the unveiling of Tallahassee Community College’s newly renamed Pankowski Honors Lounge, located inside the Fine and Performing Arts Center. She is retired and has a small law practice in Tallahassee.

2003

MARK E. ADAMCZYK has opened his own law firm, Adamczyk Law Firm, PLLC, in Naples. He is one of few attorneys in Southwest Florida who focuses on community association law. He also represents buyers and sellers in residential and commercial real estate, and he teaches law at Ave Maria University. He is located in the Strand at 5644 Tavilla Circle, Suite 207, Naples, Florida, 34110, and can be reached at 239.631.6199.

FREDERICK L. ASCHAUER, JR. is now director, Division of Water Resource Management at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

BENJAMIN B. BUSH has been appointed to the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board by Governor Rick Scott and confirmed by the Florida Senate. His term expires on October 31, 2015. He is a shareholder at Gardner, Bist, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. in Tallahassee, practicing in the areas of transactional real estate law; commercial and agricultural lending; and real property and land use law.

2004

MATTHEW Z. LEOPOLD, former general counsel of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and former attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, has joined the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields Jorden Burt, LLP as of counsel in the Government Law and Consulting practice group. In May, he was appointed by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio to the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the 114th Congressional Term.
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KARA DECKER ROGERS is now Human Resources Business Partner for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts. She lives in Orlando with her husband, ROBERT L. ROGERS (’03), and their three-year-old daughter, Claire.

2005

TODD D. ENGELHARDT is now the assistant director of career services at The University of Alabama School of Law, where he provides career counseling and development services to students and alumni.

DANIELLE F. PAYNE has joined the Charleston office of McAngus Goudelock & Courie as a litigation attorney. She focuses her practice on general litigation, construction, professional liability and coverage and bad faith.

MARY THOMAS, who is general counsel for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, has decided to run for U.S. Congress in November 2016. She has been a member of Governor Rick Scott’s administration since he was sworn into office in January 2011.

2006

ADAM L. BANTNER, II, a criminal defense attorney with Brandon Legal Group, PA in Tampa, was elected as president of Tampa Tiger Bay Club.

ANA ELIZA T. BAUERSACHS has been elevated to the position of shareholder at Capehart Scatchard in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. She represents insurance carriers and employers in defense of workers’ compensation claims at all stages of litigation.

ARIELLE H. DEMBY-BERGER is now special counsel with Vividus, LLC in Pompano Beach.

MELANIE SHOEMAKER GRIFFIN has been elected shareholder at Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando, where she practices in the litigation department. She primarily advises and represents businesses of all sizes and types in commercial disputes and litigation.

CHRISTOPHER IACOVELLA was invited to speak at the highly recognized think tank, American Enterprise Institute, in Washington, D.C., on July 5, in connection with the 5th anniversary of Dodd-Frank. Over the past five years, Iacovella has given speeches around the world on capital markets, regulation and international relations.

RENEE C. HARKINS is now assistant general counsel with the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee.

CHRISTINE K. LANE is now a tax associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Hogan Lovells, with a particular focus on the taxation of corporations and financial institutions and products.

LAURA R. PONTO is now litigation and legislative counsel for the United States Senate, on detail to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in Washington, D.C. She is also a senior attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel at the Federal Aviation Administration.

2007

ADAM A. LITWIN has joined Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP in Dallas, as an associate in the firm’s growing corporate practice. In addition to his legal practice, Litwin is an actor, producer and screenwriter. He is a member of the Entertainment and Sports Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and is the legal chair of the Texas Association of Motion Media Professionals.

ALLISON G. MAWHINNEY has joined GrayRobinson as a senior associate in the firm’s Tallahassee office. Her practice includes the defense of individuals, government entities, healthcare providers/facilities, and insurance companies in a broad range of complex civil litigation and consulting matters.

TANYA D. SIMPSON is now a partner with Botto Law Group LLP in San Francisco, where she advises clients in estate planning and administration.

D. B. WILDER has joined Broad and Cassel as an associate in the Real Estate Practice Group in the firm’s Tallahassee office. He is also a member of the firm’s Banking and Institutional Lending and Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights Practice Groups. He practices in the areas of transactional real estate law, commercial lending and banking finance.
2008

JEREMY K. CLOUD has joined Intown Suites in Atlanta as general counsel and director of human resources.

CAPTAIN STEVEN P. SZYMANSKI assumed command of The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School’s Student Detachment. He was hand-picked to serve in one of only five command positions in the Army’s JAG Corps. He is primarily responsible for leading, planning and executing the rigorous initial training/education course for all incoming Army judge advocates.

COLLEEN TUOHY-FLEMING is now a board certified specialist in Criminal Trial Law. She is an attorney in the Office of the Public Defender in Orlando.

2009

JESSICA G. COSTELLO has been named the 2015 Florida Gang Prosecutor of the Year. She received the award from the Florida Gang Investigators’ Association at its annual conference. The award is given annually in recognition of commitment to the strong enforcement and prosecution of gangs and a record of extraordinary efforts with regard to the prosecution of gang members. She works for the Attorney General’s Office of Statewide Prosecution in Tampa.

2010

CRYSTAL D. ANDERSON is now an attorney for the Florida House of Representatives Regulatory Affairs Committee in Tallahassee.

WILLIAM ROBERT BROWN, JR. has joined Foley & Lardner LLP as an associate in Tallahassee. He practices in the area of real estate business with a focus on retail, commercial and multi-family acquisitions and dispositions, development, leasing and finance.

JACOB T. CREMER has joined the Tampa office of Stearns Weaver Miller as an associate. He practices in the areas of property rights, environmental, land use and agricultural law.

TERIN M. BARBAS CREMER has been named the chief human resources officer of Bankers Financial Corporation in St. Petersburg.

GABRIEL M. HARTSELL has joined the Jacksonville office of McGuireWoods LLP, where he practices primarily in the areas of commercial litigation, financial services litigation and consumer financial services litigation.

STEVEN M. HOGAN’S book on drones, The Drone Revolution: How Robotic Aviation Will Change the World was published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. He is an associate with Ausley McMullen in Tallahassee, and practices in the areas of commercial litigation and state and federal tax law.

POONAM D. PATEL is now quality assurance and compliance manager at Passageway Residence of Dade County.

SCOTT T. SCHMIDT is now an associate practicing criminal defense at Turner O’Connor Kozlowski in Gainesville. He also recently authored an article regarding the Establishment Clause and judicial sentences involving mandatory attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous, which was published in the Winter 2014 issue of Florida Defender, a publication of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

ALAN F. SOMERSTEIN, an attorney at Greenspoon Marder Law in Fort Lauderdale, was nominated as a finalist for the South Florida Business and Wealth magazine “Leaders in Law Award” in the Rising Star category.

JUSTIN S. SWARTZ has joined Baker Donelson in the firm’s Orlando office. He focuses his practice on banking and real estate litigation.
**2012**

**CHRISTIAN J. BAX** has been named director of Florida’s Office of Compassionate Use, the agency charged with overseeing the state’s medical marijuana law.

**BRYAN L. BAYSINGER** has accepted a position with The Schoenthaler Law Group in Atlanta, to serve as an associate patent attorney, focusing on patent prosecution and litigation. He was also elected as the 2015-16 vice chair of the ABA Young Lawyers Division Intellectual Property Law Committee. He is a member of The Florida Bar, Georgia Bar and the USPTO Patent Bar.

**BRIAN P. BYRD** has opened his own firm, ByrdLaw, P.A. in Longwood. He focuses his practice on criminal defense and family law.

**NOEL J. DAVIES,** an attorney at Roetzel in Fort Myers, has been appointed to the Young Leaders Group and Sponsorship/Membership Committee of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). He was also appointed as the Southwest Florida Chapter liaison to the ULI Global Young Leaders Network, an international network of future industry leaders. He focuses his practice on zoning and land use matters as well as commercial litigation.

**JOHN P. GASET** has joined Broad and Cassel in the firm’s Tampa office as an associate and member of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He dedicates his practice to commercial, consumer, class action and complex civil litigation.

**ALEXANDRA “ALEX” HADDAD PALERMO** and Anthony J. Palermo were married on March 21, 2015, in Tampa. Alexandra is an associate at Burr & Forman LLP’s Tampa office, and Anthony is a Harvard law graduate and associate at Holland & Knight in Tampa. The groom’s brother, THOMAS N. PALERMO, is an assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida and a 2001 graduate of the College of Law. Wedding guests included fellow FSU law graduates WHITNEY BRUMMETT (’12), ELIZABETH DESLOGE (’12), CHELSEA ENGLAND (’12), JOURDAN NEAL (’12), WILL HALL (’09), ANDREW SMITH (’12), CADY HUSS (’10), LAUREN DAVIS DICKS (’11), MAX DAUERMAN (’12), ASHLEY HUGHES HAYES (’11) and DAVE HAYES (’11).

**JODI M. RUBERG** is now an in house litigation attorney with FCCI Insurance Group in Sarasota.

**2013**

**JESSICA L. BAKER** has joined governmental affairs firm Ballard Partners and will be working out of their Jacksonville and Tallahassee offices. Prior to joining Ballard, Baker was a lobbyist at Sachs Sax Caplan, P.L. in Tallahassee, specializing in education and transportation issues.

**PEDRO Z. LOPES** has been a staff attorney with Florida Rural Legal Services since 2013. He primarily assists clients with housing cases.

**KEVIN R. SCHNEIDER** is now a consulting attorney in New York City, where his practice focuses on eDiscovery consulting, startup and entrepreneur counseling, and corporate/investment counseling, among other areas.

**BRENDEN D. SOUCY** authored a chapter in the book Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: Purpose, Critique, Implementation Status and Policy Issues, which was published by World Scientific Publishing Company. The chapter, The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: The Solution or the Problem?, was originally published in the Florida State University Law Review. Soucy is an associate attorney at Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman LLP in Miami.

**CLAYTON THORNTON,** an associate with Thornton Davis Fein in Miami, has been selected as a trustee to the 2015 Board of Directors of the Dade County Defense Bar Association.

**PETER L. TRAGOS** is now a partner in the Law Offices of Tragos, Sartes & Tragos in Clearwater. He concentrates his practice in personal injury, employment law and criminal defense.

**IAN C. WALTERS** has joined McDonald Toole Wiggins, P.A. as an associate in Orlando, where he practices in the areas of products liability and commercial litigation.

**RITISHA CHHAGANLAL** has joined The Health Law Firm in Altamonte Springs. Her practice focuses on the representation of physicians and health professionals and licensed health facilities in litigation, licensing and disciplinary issues, appeals, administrative hearings, regulatory matters, Medicare and Medicaid defense, contracts and business matters.

**URIAH R. ELLIS** has joined Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi’s executive staff and works out of the Tallahassee and Tampa offices.

**BRITTANY L. FOX** is now an assistant state attorney for the State Attorney’s Office, Second Judicial Circuit.

**SHERRI-ANN GRANT-CLARKE** is now an associate at McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver, Stern & Thomas P.A. in Sarasota, where she focuses her practice on workers’ compensation.

**SARAH F. SPACHT** has joined the Special Education Law Firm in Cerritos, California, representing children with special needs against school districts.
MARGARET J. SPICER is an associate at the Law Offices of Peggy A. Clarke in Washington, D.C., where her practice focuses on international trade litigation.

MARK A. TEMPLETON is now assistant general counsel with the Florida Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee.

KATHERINE C. WALTON is now an analyst with Promontory Financial Group in Washington, D.C., where she advises clients on regulatory matters and risk management strategies.

RYAN M. WECHSLER is now an associate with Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. in West Palm Beach.

TAYLOR S. WOLFF is now assistant general counsel in the Florida Department of Education’s Vocational Rehabilitation/Blind Services Unit.

ALEXANDRA C. ELLISON is now an associate at Deutsche Bank in Jacksonville.

EDUARDO J. FARIA has accepted a position with the Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orlando.

SARAH A. FOSTER is now an associate at Quintairos, Prieto, Wood, & Boyer, P.A. in Jacksonville.

KAITLIN M. HOLMES has accepted a position with the Second Judicial Circuit Court.

CAPTAIN JASON T. JOHNSON is now an associate at Jones Gaglio & Dennis, P.A. in Panama City.

KATE A. D. KOVATS is now assistant district attorney at the Mecklenburg County District Attorney’s Office in Charlotte, North Carolina.

MEGAN S. LLOYD is now an assistant general counsel in the Compliance and Enforcement Division at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

ZACHARY W. LOMBARDI is now an associate with Bryant Miller Olive in Tallahassee.

RYAN W. MCCARVILLE is now an attorney in the Public Defender’s Office, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.

RUSTY F. MELGES has accepted a position with Jonathan Bernstein Consulting Corp. in West Palm Beach.

RYAN P. MOLAGHAN is now an associate with Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A. in Tallahassee.

SAMANTHA S. PARCHMENT is now an associate at Otto Law Group in Sunrise.

CHARLOTTE H. PASTERNAK is now an associate with Specialized Healthcare Partners in Delray Beach.

COREY J. PORTNOY is now an associate at Cole Scott Kissane in Miami.

CAITLIN M. POWELL has joined Laird A. Lile, P.A. as resident at law in Naples.

RACHEL I. PRINGLE has accepted a position with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Defense Division.

JOSEPH R. SALZVERG has joined Capitol Insight, the Tallahassee-based government relations and political consulting firm headed by former House Speakers Dean Cannon and Larry Cretul.

In Memoriam

JAMES G. “JIMMY” FEIBER, JR. (’69) passed away as a result of complications from a longstanding heart condition on August 1. Feiber took great pride in being a plaintiff’s attorney and representing clients who suffered injuries. When asked what type of law he practiced, he always replied, ‘I represent the injured.’ He was a gifted storyteller who entertained friends and family at every opportunity. He enjoyed entertaining, visiting with friends, playing golf, walking, reading, and riling up his four grandchildren.

CHRISTINE “CHRISSTY” JOHNSON (’07) passed away on May 2, in Tallahassee, of natural causes. She was a passionate fighter for child advocacy rights and the rights of all human beings. She was respected and admired by all who knew her and will be remembered by her family and friends as a bright and lively soul.

WILLIAM BRUCE MUECH (’70) passed away on June 16 in Jacksonville. He practiced law for 45 years, most recently as senior managing partner at Muench and Luca, PLLC. Muench is remembered for his kindness, his willingness to help others, and his hard work on many adoption and custody cases.

ERIC TILTON (’74) passed away on February 27 surrounded by his family. He was an attorney for 36 years and became board certified in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice by The Florida Bar in 2008. He was an avid foosball player and a Silver Life Master bridge player.

CHRISTINE CLOLINGER (’15) was presented with the Law Student Outstanding Service Award by The Florida Bar Animal Law Committee. RALPH DEMEO (’85), immediate past chair of The Florida Bar’s Animal Law Committee, presented her with a plaque in recognition of her many achievements while a student. DeMeo, a shareholder with Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. and founder of Pets Ad Litem, Inc., received the 2015 Florida Bar Animal Law Committee Outstanding Service Award.
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EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR
PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

**Chapters:** Re-thinking patents: From ‘intellectual property’ to ‘private taxation scheme,’ in Kritika: Essays on Intellectual Property (P. Drahos, G. Ghidini & H. Ullrich, editors) (Edward Elgar 2015); Trade in Medicines, in Trade and Health: Towards Building a National Strategy (R. Smith et al., editors) (World Health Organization 2015), at http://ssrn.com/abstract=2659277. **Presentations:** Presentation at Workshop on Enforcement of Competition Law in the Field of Public Health (Cape Town, South Africa, United Nations Development Program, October 2015); Presentation at International Workshop on the Impact of the TRIPS Agreement on key sectors and its continuing relevance in the context of Regional and Bilateral Trading Agreements (New Delhi, India, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute for International Trade, October 2015); The Undiscovered Country in Multilateral IP Regulation: evolving competition law doctrines for regulating patent abuse (University of California, Irvine School of Law, Conference on Patent Sovereignty and International Law, October 2015); Guarding Democracy (New Delhi, India, Centre for WTO Studies/World Trade Institute, Program on International Trade Law and Policy, Commencement Address, June 2015).

**Paolo Annino**
GLASS PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

**Presentation:** Congressional Panel on Juvenile Life Without Parole (Washington, D.C., Capitol Visitor Center, sponsored by Congressman Cardenas and the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth, July 2015).

**Robert E. Atkinson, Jr.**
GREENSPoon MARDER PROFESSOR

**Monograph:** The Limits of Military Officers’ Duty to Obey Civilian Orders: A Neo-classical Perspective (U.S. Army War College Press, Strategic Studies Institute Publication July, 2015). **Article:** The Limits of Economic Reasoning in Analyzing Duress, 99 MINN. L. REV. HEAD NOTES 141 (2015). **Presentations:** Contracts as Contracts (University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Festschrift Conference for Melvin A. Eisenberg, October 2015); The Analytical Failures of ‘Law and Economics’ in Contract Law (University of Turku, Finland, Legal Research Network Conference, September 2015); Commencement Address (University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Professional LL.M. Commencement Ceremony, July 2015); The Implications of Modern Business-Entity Law for the Legal Governance of Autonomous Systems (University of St.

**Shawn J. Bayern**
LARRY AND JOYCE BELTZ PROFESSOR OF TORTS

Tamara G. Blenkhorn
LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR
Presentation: Legal Research (Tampa, Certified Bankruptcy Assistant Program Seminar and Exam, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Conference, October 2015).

Elizabeth Farrell Clifford
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH CENTER
Presentation: Libraries Adding Value: The Potential of the 22nd Century Law Library (Boca Raton, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Panelist, August 2015).

Charles W. Ehrhardt
PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Avlana K. Eisenberg
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Sally C. Gertz
CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Shi-Ling Hsu
JOHN W. LARSON PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
Janeia Daniels Ingram  
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE SUMMER FOR UNDERGRADUATES PROGRAM  

Presentations:  
Nonprofit Law: What You Must Know (United Partners for Human Services and the City of Tallahassee, October 2015); Legal Primer for Nonprofit Directors (Tallahassee, Legal Services of North Florida, June 2015).

Steve R. Johnson  
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR  

Presentations: Tax Administration, Compliance, and Enforcement (University of Washington School of Law, October 2015); Procedural Developments in Transfer Pricing Litigation (Chicago, ABA Section of Taxation Conference, September 2015); United States Tax Court: A Constitutional and Administrative Conundrum (Boca Raton, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, July 2015); Workshop on Tax Law Discussion Group (Boca Raton, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, July 2015); Piercing the Veil of LLCs and Corporations (Amelia Island, Florida Bar Tax Section and Florida Association of Attorney-CPAs Meeting, July 2015); Tax Ethics and Regulation of Tax Professionals (New York University Seventh Annual Tax Controversy Forum, June 2015).

Jeffrey H. Kahn  
HARRY W. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR  


Marshall B. Kapp  
PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND LAW  

Presentations: Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) in Florida (Orlando, Lawyers at the Bedside: The Intersection of Legal and Medical Ethics, sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Health Law Section, September 2015); The Physician’s Responsibility Concerning Guns and Older Patients (Vienna, Austria, Sigmund Freud University, 34th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, sponsored by the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, July 2015); Resident Choices in Long Term Care Communities: Risk Management Challenges and Opportunities (St. Louis, Missouri, 38th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, June 2015).
Jay Kesten
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article:** Adjudicating Corporate Auctions, 32 Yale J. Reg. 45 (2015).

**Presentations:**
- Pathologies of the Modern Appraisal Remedy (Gainesville, University of Florida Law School Faculty Workshop Series, October 2015);
- Political Uncertainty and the Market for IPOs (Toronto, Canadian Law and Economics Association Conference, September 2015) (Newark, New Jersey, National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2015);
- Shareholder Political Primacy (Newark, New Jersey, National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2015).

Lawrence S. Krieger
CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

**Presentations:**
- A Data-Driven Prescription to Redefine Professional Success (AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education Distance Learning Topic Series, October 2015);
- Lawyer Ethics and Satisfaction: New Empirical Evidence and New Directions (Tallahassee, Florida Government Bar Association Meeting, September 2015);
- Public Policy Implications of Current Research on Professional Well-Being (Tallahassee, Florida State University Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, September 2015).

David E. Landau
MASON LADD PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Presentations:**
- Constitution-Making Processes and Processes of Constitutional Reform (Santiago, Chile, Conference on Processes of Constitutional Construction in Latin America, October 2015);
- Social Rights (Juriquilla, Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico, Colloquium on Contemporary Constitutional Debate, October 2015);
- Transnational Constitutionalism and a Limited Doctrine of Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendment (San Francisco, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2015);
- Judicial Role and Enduring Divergence in Latin American Constitutional Law (Sydney, Australia, University of New South Wales, Gilbert & Tobin Centre of Public Law, Workshop on Comparative Constitutional Law in Latin America, August 2015);
- A Weak Vision of Structural Constitutional Law (New York City, NYU Law School, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) 2015 Conference, July 2015);
- Intertemporal Theories of Judicial Role (Johannesburg, South Africa, Roundtable of the International Association of Constitutional Law, The “New” Separation of Powers: Can the Doctrine Evolve to Meet the C21 Context?, May 2015);

Tahirih V. Lee
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Article:** Extraterritorial Courts in East Asia: Cross-Border Judicial Activity in the Crosshairs, 43 Reviews in Am. Hist. 268 (June 2015).

Jake Linford
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentations:**
- Trademark Forfeiture and Residual Goodwill (Chicago, Illinois, DePaul University College of Law, 15th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, August 2015);

Wayne A. Logan
GARY & SALLYN PAJCIC PROFESSOR

**Articles:**
- Database Infamia: Exit from the Sex Offender Registries, 2015 Wis. L. Rev. 219; Taz: The Legal Academy’s Happy (and Erudite) Warrior, 58 How. L.J. 577 (2015); Cutting Cops Too Much Slack, 104 Geo. L.J. Online 87 (October 2015);
- Mercenary Criminal Justice (with Ronald F. Wright), 2014 U. ILL. L. Rev. 1175.

**Presentations:**
- The Fourth Amendment and Non-Trespassory Tracking of Indi-

David L. Markell
STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR


Murat C. Mungan
D’ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR


Erin Ryan
PROFESSOR


Mark B. Seidenfeld
PATRICIA A. DORE PROFESSOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

**Articles:** Standing in the Wake of Statutes (with Allie Akre), 57 Ariz. L. Rev. 745 (2015); Duress as Rent Seeking (with Murat Mungan), 99 Minn. L. Rev. 1423 (2015).
Justin T. Sevier
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR


Nat S. Stern
JOHN W. & ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR


Fernando Tesón
TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR


Presentations: The Decline of Free Speech in International Law (Wellesley College, Conference on The Fate of Free Speech in Liberal Democracies, October 2015); Elements of Global Justice (University of New Orleans, October 2015); Anarchy and Legal Order (Indianapolis, Conference on Gary Chartier’s Book, Anarchy and Legal Order, Liberty Fund, Invited Participant, September 2015); Fake Custom (Universidad Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Conference on Constitutional Interpretation, May 2015).

Manuel A. Utset, Jr.
WILLIAM & CATHERINE VANDERCREEK PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presentation: Revealing Pay: The Expressive Function of Executive Compensation (Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Faculty Workshop, October 2015).

Donald J. Weidner
DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR


Kelli Alces Williams
LOULA FULLER AND DAN MYERS PROFESSOR


Hannah Wiseman
ATTORNEYS’ TITLE PROFESSOR


Presentations: Testimony (Washington, D.C., Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, Invited Provider of Written and Oral Testimony, July 2015); Informal Federalism (Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Law School, Faculty Works in Progress Workshop, April 2015). Recognitions: Remediying Regulatory Diseconomies of Scale selected as one of the strongest pieces of envi-
For the Record


**Samuel R. Wiseman**

**McConnaughhay and Rissman Professor**


**Mary Ziegler**

**Stearns Weaver Miller Professor**

**Book:** *After Roe: The Lost History of the Abortion Debate* (Harvard University Press 2015).

On September 10, the College of Law hosted two events with Saul Levmore, the William B. Graham Distinguished Service Professor of Law and former dean of The University of Chicago Law School.

Levmore addressed College of Law faculty at an enrichment lunch where he spoke about his scholarship on decriminalizing threats. He also spoke to the general law school community, including students, faculty and staff, in a presentation that was open to the public. In his talk titled, “Can Law Regulate Sex (on Campus)?,” Levmore discussed the unintended consequences that might follow new attempts to regulate sex, specifically on university campuses.

Levmore joined the University of Chicago Law School faculty in 1998 and served as dean from 2001-2009. He has been a visiting professor at Yale, Harvard, Michigan and Northwestern. He has taught and written about torts, corporations, copyright, non-profit organizations, comparative law, public choice, corporate tax, commercial law, insurance, and contracts. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a past president of the American Law Deans Association, and a past trustee of the Law School Admissions Council and of the Skadden Foundation.
Faculty Media Hits

Frederick Abbott was consulted for his expertise on intellectual property law in the June 10 SCRIP Intelligence article, “Prof Abbott on Lilly’s ‘borderline absurd’ ISDS plaint and the TPP.” Abbott was also heavily quoted in a June 15 DNA India article about India’s balanced pharmaceutical patent regime. Abbott was also quoted in the July 9 Bloomberg article, “Obama is in a Bind on Drugs That Could Cost Consumers Billions of Dollars,” reprinted July 10 in the Washington Post.

Paolo Annino was quoted in the June 12 Miami Herald article, “Fred Grimm: Florida still sticks juvenile inmates in the box.” Annino was mentioned and quoted in several articles regarding his work on the 1999 case about two Florida children who were convicted of murder and charged as adults. These include the July 16 Florida Today article, “Brevard’s Youngest Murderer Will Soon Be Free,” the July 17 Miami New Times article, “After 17 Years, Florida’s Youngest Murderer Will Be Released From Prison This Month,” the July 26 Florida Today article, “Young Killer Has Lots to Learn Upon Release from Prison,” and the August 1 Florida Today article, “Documents Unveil History of Abuse for Young Brevard Killers.” Annino was also mentioned in the August 25 Sayfie Review article, “Judge to decide dispute about special-needs children.”

Shi-Ling Hsu was listed as a subject matter expert and policy contributor for the Climate Change National Forum in the July 8 PR Web article, “Climate Change National Forum Now Expanding Dialogue and Negotiating with Partners, Sponsors to Educate Millions Before COP21.”

Jeffrey Kahn was quoted in the July 23 Inside Northwestern article, “Explaining the multi-million dollar loans that Northwestern paid Pat Fitzgerald, Jim Phillips.”

Marshall Kapp was quoted in the May 7 WCTV article, “Florida Suing Feds for Withholding Funding,” about a lawsuit filed by the state that alleged the federal government was using unconstitutional tactics to force the state to expand Medicaid. On September 8, Kapp authored the CNN opinion article, “Guns key to senior suicide problem.”

Jay Kesten’s Yale Journal on Regulation article was the topic of a July 28 ColumbiaLaw School Blue Sky Blogpost, “Adjudicating Corporate Auctions.”

Larry Krieger was cited in several media outlets for his research on lawyer satisfaction. These include quotes in the May 12 New York Times article, “Lawyers with Lowest Pay Report More Happiness,” and the May 13 American Bar Association Journal article, “High Earnings Post-Law School Don’t Guarantee Satisfaction, Says Lawyer Happiness Study,” as well as a May 20 interview with the Daily Business Review. Krieger was also a guest on the May 28 Michael Smerconish Show on SiriusXM POTUS to discuss his research.

“Law students are famous for busting their buns to make high grades, sometimes at the expense of health and relationships, thinking, ‘Later I’ll be happy, because the American dream will be mine.’ Nice, except it doesn’t work.”

— Professor Larry Krieger quoted in a New York Times article about his study on what makes lawyers happy.


Wayne Logan co-authored a May 20 Huffington Post column, “Piling on Criminal Fees,” where he discussed fees in the criminal justice system. Logan was consulted for his expertise on sex-offender registries in the July 1 American Bar Association Journal article, “Courts are reconsidering residency restrictions for sex offenders,” and in the July 20 Courthouse News Service article, “Bronx Dad’s Case Tests Restrictions on Sex Offenders.” On August 12, Logan’s research regarding fees in the criminal justice system was cited in the JOTWELL article, “Making People Pay – and Pay, and Pay.”
Erin Ryan was quoted in the June 22 Foreign Policy article, “Green Star Over China: Can the country’s unorthodox environmental minister tackle its massive pollution problems?”

Franita Tolson authored the August 14 American Constitution Society blog post, “How Should We Celebrate 50 Years of Voting Rights? By Anticipating and Preempting Future Challenges.” Tolson was quoted in the August 21 Tampa Tribune article, “Lawmakers’ stalemate means court may draw House districts.”

Hannah Wiseman was mentioned in the May 4 Penn Program on Regulation REGBLOG post, “How Can Regulation Reduce the Risks of Fracking?” regarding a panel on which she participated about the risks and regulatory strategies related to fracking. On May 27, Wiseman was a panelist on The Diane Rehm Show to discuss the laws passed in Texas and Oklahoma that prevent local governments from banning hydraulic fracturing. Wiseman was quoted for her expertise on fracking and environmental law in several articles, including the May 29 Inside Climate News article, “Free of Fanfare, Maryland Adopts Fracking Moratorium,” the June 5 TC Palm article, “More potentially hazardous gas could be rolling along FEC railroad line,” the June 6 The Hill article, “Fracking divides red, blue states,” the August 6 Morning Consult article, “Fight Over Solar Energy Shines on Florida,” the August 18 Environment & Energy Publishing article, “The fracking ‘loophole’ that just keeps growing,” and the September 23 Marketplace article, “Colorado court takes up local laws limiting fracking.” On September 4, the Miami Herald published Wiseman’s letter-to-the-editor titled, “Let Florida voters have say on solar amendment.”

“Any regulated actor will seek out the path of least resistance. Industry is arguing for state control, because so far it’s where industry has tended to find friendlier regulation.”

– Professor Hannah Wiseman in a Marketplace Sustainability article about a Colorado Supreme Court case on hydraulic fracturing.

Sam Wiseman was quoted in the September 21 International Business Times article, “Chain Gang 2.0: If You Can’t Afford This GPS Ankle Bracelet, You Get Thrown In Jail.”

Mary Ziegler’s new book After Roe: The Lost History of the Abortion Debate was the subject of a June 20 article, “Multiple Choice,” published in The Economist. On June 23, Ziegler was a guest on Texas Public Radio to discuss her new book. She also was quoted in the July 22 Toronto Star article, “Undercover video has abortion provider Planned Parenthood under attack again.”
Dynamic Student Ambassadors Help Recruit New Students

Through a special College of Law program, our current students play a vital role in recruiting new students. The student ambassador program has grown tremendously under Assistant Dean for Admissions Jennifer Kessinger. Before Kessinger arrived, a handful of students served as ambassadors each year. Today, more than 50 law students serve as ambassadors through the program, which is managed by Associate Director of Admissions & Recruitment Deborah Gautier.

“I think a lot of college graduates decide to attend law school without giving much thought to the commitment required to succeed,” said Stefan Barber, a third-year FSU law student. “Joining the student ambassador program has allowed me to impart upon prospective students some of the lessons I have learned about choosing the right law school and being a successful law student.”

Barber recognizes the importance of making the right decision about which law school to attend. “We’re not just trying to sell every single prospective student on the College of Law. We really take the time to get to know every prospective student and help them determine if this is the best fit for them.”

Students can become involved with the program in the spring semester of their 1L year, when they are able to share insights into academic and student life experiences at FSU Law. All ambassadors are required to work office hours in the admissions office, often meeting with prospective students to discuss their questions and concerns about law school. Other duties assigned to ambassadors include giving tours of the College of Law, researching for recruiting efforts, networking with prospective students, fielding questions from prospective and admitted students, and mentoring FSU’s Honors Legal Scholars program students.

Many of our ambassadors join the program in their first year of law school and participate until they graduate. Christina Colbert, a third-year law student, has been a student ambassador since her second semester at the College of Law.

“I decided to become an ambassador because I truly enjoy being a student at FSU College of Law and I wanted to share my experience. What I enjoy most about being an ambassador is the opportunity to be an additional resource for students,” said Colbert.

She also recognized the role alumni play in recruitment efforts. “Alums should know they are essential to our recruiting! We love to tell prospective students about our amazing alumni network and their continuous support of the students here at FSU College of Law.”
Florida State
Ranked Nation’s
13th Best Value
Law School

*The National Jurist* magazine has ranked Florida State University College of Law the 13th best value law school in the nation. The ranking, which is published in *The National Jurist’s ‘Back to School 2015’* issue, weighs important student outcomes – bar passage rate and employment rate – against tuition, cost of living and indebtedness. According to *The National Jurist*, the rankings are “designed to find the law schools where graduates have excellent chances of passing the bar and getting a legal job without taking on a ton of debt.” This is the seventh year in a row that *The National Jurist* has ranked Florida State one of the nation’s top 15 best value law schools.

The national ranking reflects the law school’s strong student outcomes. Florida State graduates passed the most recent administration of the Florida Bar Examination at a rate of 80.3%. By contrast, the overall passing rate for first-time test takers was 68.9%. Additionally, according to *U.S. News & World Report* (2015), Florida State is Florida’s #1 law school, and the nation’s 26th best, in terms of job placement.

“We are thrilled to be ranked once again as one of the nation’s best law schools in terms of value, especially because employment rate is the highest weighted factor in this ranking,” said Dean Donald J. Weidner. “Launching the careers of our students remains the most important thing we do.”

Thirty Percent of
Alumni Contribute to
the Law School

Thank you to the 30 percent of Florida State University College of Law alumni who made cash contributions to the law school during the 2014-15 fiscal year! This rate exceeds previous results that placed Florida State among the nation’s top 10 law schools in terms of alumni contribution rate, according to the most recently published American Bar Association data. Those data also showed that Florida State’s giving rate was more than triple the giving rate of any other Florida law school.

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Alumni continued to engage with students through Networking Noshes this year. During the fall 2015 semester, the Placement Office invited general counsel from state agencies and universities for Networking Nosh Panels. Alums and non-alumni participated in these unique sessions. During the spring 2015 and fall 2015 semesters, the following alumni generously shared their time and expertise with our students through the Networking Nosh program:

- Laura Atcheson ('11), United States Senator John Cornyn of Texas, Washington, D.C.
- Jason Breth ('07), Bryant Miller Olive, Tallahassee
- William J. Cohen ('79), Oakbridge Partners, Atlanta
- Earnest DeLoach, Jr. ('99), Gunster, Orlando
- Sean Desmond ('00), The Law Offices of Sean T. Desmond, P.I. & Florida Bar Executive Council, Tallahassee
- Ron DiGiacomo ('84), Wells Fargo, San Antonio, Texas
- Alberto L. “Al” Dominguez ('98), Wal-Mart, Bentonville, Arkansas
- Carolyn Egan ('98), Florida State University, Tallahassee
- Tyler Everett ('07), Morgan & Morgan, Tallahassee
- Vinette Godelia ('02), Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee
- Teeka Harrison ('05), Polsinelli, PC, Atlanta, Georgia
- Paul Hill ('71), The Florida Bar, Tallahassee
- Tom Kirwin ('79), Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee
- Melody Lankford ('04), The Lankford Law Firm, Daytona Beach
- Jon Harris Maurer ('12), Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee
- Avery McKnight ('92), Florida A&M University, Tallahassee
- Anthony Miller ('00), Florida Lottery, Tallahassee
- Ben Odom ('04), International Speedway Corporation, Daytona Beach
- Andrea Ortega ('11), Florida Rural Legal Services, Fort Myers
- M. Drew Parker ('03), Florida Department of Financial Services, Tallahassee
G. Russell Petersen ('74), G. Russel Petersen, P.A., Vero Beach
Mike Petrovich ('89), Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee
Kenneth Pratt ('99), Florida Bankers Association, Tallahassee
Colin Roopnarine ('95), Florida Office of Financial Regulation, Tallahassee
Vikki Shirley ('91), State University System of Florida, Board of Governors, Tallahassee
Susan L. Stephens ('93), Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee
Tom Thomas ('90), Department of Transportation, Tallahassee
Melissa VanSickle ('02), Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse & William H. Stafford Inn of Court, Tallahassee
Craig Varn ('96), Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee
Stuart F. Williams ('03), Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Tallahassee
Jeffrey H. Wood ('03), Balch & Bingham LLP, Washington, D.C.

Wells Fargo’s Ron DiGiacomo ('84) noshed with students virtually.
Host of the Popular Thomas Jefferson Hour Show Visits Law School

Clay Jenkinson, author, first-person-interpreter and host of the award-winning radio program The Thomas Jefferson Hour, visited the College of Law for a unique presentation on October 14. The event was well attended by students and faculty, as well as members of the community.

Stearns Weaver Miller shareholder Glenn Burhans introduced Jenkinson to the crowd. After a short video featuring Jenkinson “as” Thomas Jefferson, Jenkinson spoke extensively on Jefferson’s role in the formation of our country’s laws. He discussed topics ranging from the Constitution and Bill of Rights to Jefferson’s presidency and his views on the role of the Supreme Court. Jenkinson also touched on Jefferson’s relationships with other key figures in U.S. history, including U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall and President James Madison.

The event was sponsored by Stearns Weaver Miller, the Student Bar Association, The Federalist Society, the Democratic Law Students Association and the Office of Student Affairs.

Check Out Our New LAW.FSU.EDU Website!

This summer, the College of Law completed a 10-month web overhaul and launched the final phases of a brand new website. The project was initiated in fall 2014 in order to improve the usability of the site and to create a more modern design. Primary goals were to develop intuitive navigation, to provide visitors easy access to the content they need, and to make the site mobile-friendly. Although the site’s primary audience is prospective students, important information for current students, faculty, alums, and friends of the law school is still available. You can find news and information specifically for alumni in the “Alumni” section of the new site. Student and alumni profiles are featured on the homepage and in a special “Featured Profiles” section of the site.
Final Four Competition Showcases Talented Students

In this year’s Moot Court Final Four Competition, held on October 14, second-year law students Beatriz Benitez, Bailey Howard, Nora Porter and Steven Reardon argued at the Florida Supreme Court in front of justices and First District Court of Appeal judges. The students presented oral arguments on a fictitious case in which a church’s applications for a building permit were denied due to a county-imposed zoning regulation. The questions presented were whether the county’s denial of the church’s applications violated RLUIPA’s substantial burden provision and whether RLUIPA is a constitutional exercise of Congress’s power.

After the competition, a reception and awards ceremony were held in the rotunda, where Porter received the 2015 M. Stephen Turner Outstanding Appellate Advocate Award from Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Labarga for being the competition’s best oral advocate. The 2015 Final Four Competition and reception were sponsored by Stephen and Susan Turner.

FSU Law Students Attend Florida Bar Business Law Section Event

Four College of Law students were selected to attend the 20th Annual Florida Bar Business Law Section (BLS) Labor Day Retreat in Naples this year. Barron Dickinson (3L), Tabitha Herrera (2L), Chelsea Nelson (3L) and Yoe Lopez (2L) joined Florida lawyers for the September 4-7 event, where they were paired with mentors and attended various sessions and networking receptions. The BLS Membership Committee covered the cost of registration for the students and travel stipends were covered by an anonymously funded endowment.
Ray Abadin

Ray Abadin, president of The Florida Bar and a partner at Sedgwick LLP, visited the College of Law in October to speak with students about the future of the Florida Bar Exam and new lawyer competencies. The discussion was held over lunch in the rotunda, where students were encouraged to voice their questions and concerns about the bar exam, as well as other issues facing Florida law students and lawyers. The event was hosted by FSU’s Student Bar Association, Cuban American Bar Association and Young Lawyers Division.

FSU Law Hosts Advanced Legal Writing CLE

On, Thursday, October 15, hundreds of Florida attorneys gathered at the law school for a CLE, “Advanced Legal Writing and Editing: Beyond Logic to Coherence and Strength.” The day-long program, sponsored by the National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute and the Office of the Florida Attorney General, was presented by Professor Timothy P. Terrell, of the Emory University School of Law. Topics of instruction included editing, writing strong introductions, organizing information, and structuring sentences and paragraphs. The CLE was open to attorneys, paralegals and legal assistants for Florida government agencies. Many of the state’s high-level attorneys were on campus for the training. Tyler Cathey, who is the chief deputy attorney general for the Office of the Florida Attorney General, welcomed attendees to the CLE.
Current students represent **33 U.S. states and territories, 25 countries and 143 colleges and universities.**

According to *U.S. News & World Report* (2015), Florida State is **Florida’s #1 law school, and the nation’s 26th best,** in terms of the percentage of 2013 graduates employed nine months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required or J.D.-advantage jobs.

**Readers of the influential Brian Leiter’s Law School Reports blog voted our faculty the nation’s 35th best** in a 2014 survey on the nation’s top law faculties.
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