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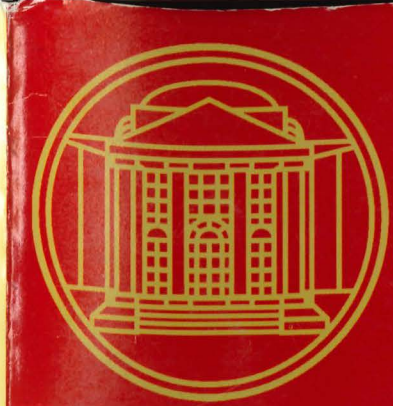


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PENSACOLA TRIAL JUDGE KENNETH BELL BECOMES THE FIRST FSU LAW GRAD TO SIT ON THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

**PLUS:
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Continued Successes in Tight Budget Times



Recent issues of *FSULaw* have been reporting many of the innumerable successes of our students, alumni and faculty. It is exciting to be in the midst of students who are highly sought after in the job market, alumni who have risen to the top of the profession, and faculty who have been receiving unprecedented national acclaim. Building a great law school is a team effort, and we have a great team in place.

Our goal some years ago was to become the best law school in Florida. I believe we have long since achieved that goal. Our next goal is to become one of the top 15 public law schools in the country. We are already well on our way. We are working our way into the top 15 one criterion at a time.

Interestingly, we have satisfied what is perhaps the most difficult criterion first. We have a phenomenally productive faculty. What is compelling is not simply that the faculty have become highly productive scholars. According to last year's *New Educational Quality Survey*, published out of the University of Texas, our faculty is 12th among the nation's public law schools in per capita productivity in top legal journals. That puts us in a category with such powerhouses as the University of Michigan, the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Texas. What is especially compelling is that the work of our faculty engages the profession. Because of this engagement, they are teaching at the cutting edge of legal developments, building an excellent professional reputation for the school and enhancing the marketability of our graduates.

I am delighted to report that we are almost in the top 15 in another important criterion—alumni contributions to our Annual Fund. As the Annual Report in this magazine explains in greater detail, over 20% of our alumni contributed to this past year's Annual Fund. This places us in the top 20 public law schools in the nation. Thank you all so much for these striking results, which are getting everyone's attention. And the future looks very bright. This year, 35% of our students contributed to the Annual Fund. This tells the world that they think they are attending a great law school. Jim Rossi, who resigned his position as a tenured full professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to return this fall to Florida State, challenged the students by offering to contribute \$1,000 for every class that had over a 30% contribution rate. There was double pleasure in receiving his check for \$3,000!

Basic student outcomes are also excellent. As you all know, our students are passing the bar and getting jobs upon graduation at outstanding rates. Because we are doing an excellent job helping students launch their careers, our reputation is spreading regionally and nationally. This year, fully half of our 3,500 applications were from non-residents, notwithstanding the fact that out-of-state tuition and fees now exceed \$23,500 a year!

The Annual Report later in this issue also details the generous major gifts made to the law school this year. I want to thank all of

you who have contributed, or who have directed settlements or the largess of others, to our law school. Private giving makes a huge difference. It is no coincidence that, approximately 10 years ago, we received our first endowed professorships to provide incentives to our faculty to be extremely productive. Now they are being recognized for that productivity. This past year, we received funding from the Law School Admissions Council to expand our Summer for Undergraduates Program as a model for the nation. That program would not have existed without the generosity of Wayne and Pat Hogan, who this year gave us an additional \$1,000,000 so the program could be expanded in perpetuity. The Annual Report also details new student scholarships, which are the faculty's top priority for our current Capital Campaign. In this regard, I want to particularly thank Attorney General Charlie Crist, who is not one of our alums, but who nevertheless directed \$570,000 in settlements to our law school—mostly for scholarships. Thank you, too, to everyone who has given the law school monies that we may use at our discretion to enhance our programs in a wide variety of ways.

This is the worst of times in terms of state funding. We have been subjected to significant budget cuts for two years in a row. Last year, our base budget was cut by approximately \$400,000 and this year the base budget has been cut further by approximately \$300,000. Despite the cuts, we are doing everything in our power to have the strongest possible program for our students. It is critical that you know how wonderful the faculty have been in these difficult economic times. Even though the faculty are once again asked to do more with less, and even though their own raises were revoked last year and limited to \$1,050 this year, they have remained steadfast in their dedication to the school.

We may have another very difficult year ahead of us in terms of state funding. In the longer run, our state budget is likely to provide us enough to have a very good law school. But private funding will be necessary to take us into the top 15. I thank again all of you who have given chairs or professorships that enable the school to give meaningful salary supplements to our faculty. I thank again all of you who have provided important scholarship money for our students, most of whom graduate deeply in debt. I also thank in advance all of you who will support us in the future.

Thank you.

DON WEIDNER, DEAN, COLLEGE OF LAW



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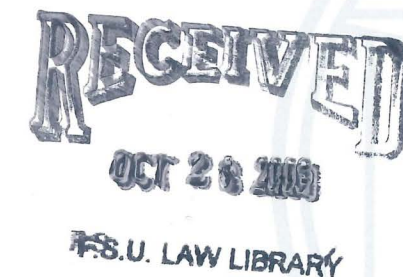
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Justice Kenneth Bell, a seventh-generation Floridian, brings a new perspective to the Florida Supreme Court



FEATURE

*Pensacola trial judge **Kenneth Bell** becomes the first College of Law graduate appointed to the Florida Supreme Court*

When dean Don Weidner introduced new Florida Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Bell at the law school's Board of Visitors meeting in February, he gave the Pensacola native a nickname: it was Ken "It's-About-Time" Bell. Most in the audience knew what the dean meant.

Although the College of Law is a relatively young institution within the community of American law schools, many have felt the time was long past due that one of its alumni be appointed to the state's high court. "Several of our graduates with distinguished careers and outstanding credentials have applied to the Supreme Court in recent years but none have been selected," the dean says. "We're not complaining, though. We're delighted with Judge Bell's selection and believe he is the beginning of a trend of our alums being named to the Supreme Court."

Bell, who served on the First Judicial Circuit for 12 years, was sworn in on January 7. He replaced retiring Supreme Court Justice Leander Shaw Jr.

In a brief statement after he was introduced by Governor Jeb Bush, Bell said he believes the judiciary must recognize its role as "the weakest branch of government, and pay due deference to the legislative and executive branches." In his application for the job, he explained that he favored the "courageous but restrained use of the court's constitutional responsibilities."

In announcing the nomination of Bell, who is the first Supreme Court Justice from northwest Florida since 1917, Bush praised Bell for his sense of judicial restraint. "We can be sure that Judge Bell will apply the law as he finds it, not as he would like it to be," Bush said.

According to Bell, the idea of sitting on the Supreme Court came to him as a result of a unique set of circumstances. "For me, several issues converged when I read in *(The Florida) Bar News*

that justice Major Harding was retiring last year. The first was the fact that the court was losing its only justice with trial court experience. I thought that perspective was important. The second issue was that no one from Escambia County and north-west Florida had served on the bench in almost a century. The constitution recognizes the importance of representing different geographical areas of the state on the Supreme Court. I thought it was important that there be a justice who represented the values of the people of north Florida."

Even after considering those issues, Bell was not sure he was the right person for the job. "I felt there might be other judges who were equally or better qualified than I was." He approached two First Circuit judges and tried to persuade them to apply. Both turned him down. He even enlisted the help of the court administrator to try to change their minds. The administrator's response: "Why don't you apply?"

Beyond the issue of qualification, Bell had other reservations. His roots in Pensacola run deep. His family came to the area in 1819 and many members of his extended family continue to live in the area. "It's a close-knit community and I have deep regrets leaving it, even for a few years," Bell says. "I went to high school with the guy who cuts my hair. The fellow who fixes my car is married to my cousin. My dad's brother is a prominent physician there. With all those connections, I know I'll be taken care of. I feel that it's the place I belong, so it's hard to leave."

Bell adds: "But I felt so strongly for the need for balance on

Moving On Up

the court I decided to put in my application."

In his first application to the high court, in early 2002, following Harding's retirement announcement, Bell was passed over for Miami judge, Raoul Cantero. A year later, when Shaw announced his retirement, Bell applied again and was selected.

During both selection processes Bell received unwanted media attention for his use of an Internet website that offered information about his background. Several newspapers reported the website and one dubbed him the "high tech judge."

According to Bell, the website, put together by his son, was simply an attempt to get information out to the selection committee without having to send a large number of documents through the mail. "I was late getting my name submitted and I needed a way to send out information about myself quickly and efficiently. I didn't advertise the fact I was doing it. It was meant strictly for the people involved in the selection process. The media, of course, had a field day with it."

Although Bell says his approach to law is based on a conservative reading of the constitution, he says he should not be taken for granted as a Supreme Court justice. "I'm a judge, not a politician."

"It is sometimes difficult to apply the law in specific cases," he explains. "Justice in the abstract is easy. But as a trial judge, I found that in the cases that come before you, it is often difficult to define the law. Often, there are no distinct guidelines. The same is true on the Supreme Court. The lines that define justice are rarely black. More often they are gray. Sometimes it is hard to find the lines at all. The question is always, how far to go to try

and maintain the original intent of the law."

After graduating from law school in 1982, Bell specialized in real estate and business law. He was elected judge in the First Judicial Circuit in

1990, and has earned the reputation as a highly effective trial judge. He has been involved in more than 27,500 cases during his 12 years on the bench, including the nation's first manslaughter conviction of a doctor in an Oxycontin case.

Many trial judges and lawyers share Bell's belief that trial bench experience should be represented on the state's high court. "A lot of us are very pleased that he's on the court," said First Circuit Chief Judge Kim Skievaski, a member of Bell's 1982 FSU law class. "I think there's the feeling among many of us that appellate judges often don't know what trial judges go through. We work under a great deal of pressure, often ruling by the seat of our pants. We don't have the staff support that appellate courts have. It's important that there is someone on the court who understands life in the trenches. Ken understands what we go through."

Skievaski says there are other reasons he is pleased with Bell's selection. "First of all, I can tell you that he's a good friend. I can also tell you that he's very intellectually honest and a very hard worker. I think he'll do an outstanding job."

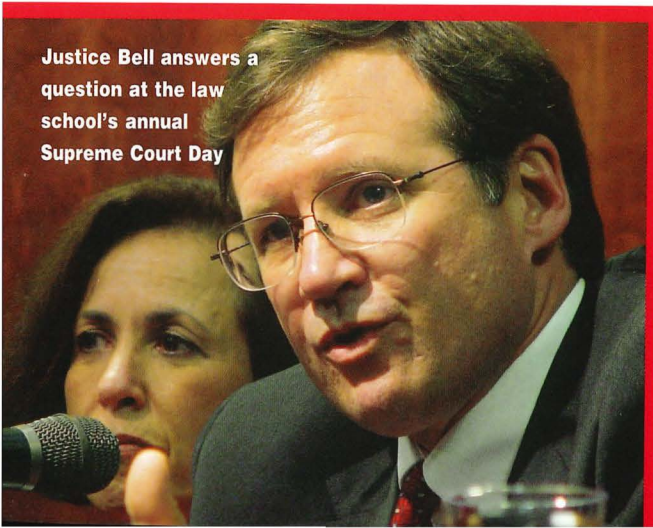
The trend that Weidner hoped for in the selection of Supreme Court justices with FSU ties may already have begun. Cantero received his undergraduate degree from FSU before going on to Harvard Law School.

Bell and Cantero have met with FSU law students jointly and independently on several occasions. In April, Bell was the featured speaker at the law school's annual Moot Court banquet.

"This is something I think we both love to do," said Bell. "It's fun for us. We learn what the next generation of lawyers is concerned about. Besides that, we're helping out the university that educated us."

Weidner says the interaction with the justices provides a great opportunity for students. "I'm thrilled that Justices Cantero and Bell have become so involved with our students. It's a relationship that adds value to a legal education at Florida State." ■

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Justice Bell answers a question at the law school's annual Supreme Court Day

The Skeptical Scholar

Law professor **Greg Mitchell** is building a reputation of questioning 'fashionable' legal scholarship



One of the law school's youngest faculty members, Greg Mitchell has already built a formidable scholarly reputation

Behavioral law and economics scholars and their more traditional law and economics colleagues have been trading punches in recent years, trying to come up with a model of behavior that typifies how people think about law and justice. Do people behave rationally or irrationally when they are confronted with legal or economic decisions?

One of the Florida State University College of Law's newest faculty members, Assistant Professor Greg Mitchell, says that behavioral models that attempt to predict behavior can often be misleading. "I argue for careful analysis of how people act under

real circumstances and argue against developing broad models of behavior. I am probably thought to be controversial on this issue because I'm suspicious of the fashionable behavioral law and economics thinking that says we're all equally incompetent, and the law should assume we make all these mistakes and allow for it," Mitchell said. "At the same time and meeting in the middle somewhere, the more traditional law and economics folks could benefit from really solid empirical research to refine their theories of rationality."

Psychology and law are subjects Mitchell knows well. He received both his B.A. (Arkansas, 1988) and Ph.D. (California-Berkeley, 1994) in psychology. "While I was working on my doctoral program, I decided that law studies would complement my psychological research, and so I entered law school at the same time. I took twenty-two semester hours of credit my first couple of semesters of law school. I

guess it was a bit overly ambitious," Mitchell commented. He served as executive editor of *California Law Review* while at University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law and completed his juris doctor degree there in 1993.

Mitchell's psychological research began with what he refers to as "lay conceptions of justice"—what people think is fair and just. He chose the Berkeley program to work with Philip Tetlock, whom many rate as one of the top psychologists in the country. Mitchell said, "Originally, I thought of law as a way to support my psychological research. Now, of course, as I pursue methods of legal scholarship—how we develop what we consider knowledge in the law—this has been reversed. The psychological research supplements my ideas of how people think about law and justice, the methods I employ, and how to answer questions that arise along the way."

The hubbub between law and econom-

ics academicians compared to BLE proponents hinges on rational or irrational legal phenomena. Law and economics followers assume that people act rationally to maximize their preferences. They will, for example, if left alone in a free-market setting, make rationally sound decisions

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that will yield the best outcome. BLE proponents, however, feel that people act irrationally, and they, therefore, require more rules and oversight to prevent human error. "It comes down to how predictably smart versus how predictably dumb

you think people are," Mitchell said. "Where I come down on this is that in any given situation, if you set it up properly, people can be made to look very rational, or, if you fuss with the setting just a bit, they can be made to look very irrational. It's all very context sensitive."

Mitchell's skepticism has come to the attention of other scholars. Steven Garmisa discussed Mitchell's ideas in a recent *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* article. Garmisa wrote, "Some BLE articles inflate the significance of the results reported by psychologists, Mitchell says. While scientists blandly reported test results as being statistically significant, some BLE scholars hyped the results as supposedly being very or highly statistically significant. With readers who aren't trained in statistics, these BLE articles can be misleading because a statistically significant result doesn't mean that the result has any practical, real-world significance."

"People use mental shortcuts when acting with incomplete data or an overwhelming amount of information. These shortcuts reportedly lead to irrational decision-making in a substantial number of cases."

Tort reform on the Supreme Court level is an excellent example of a current, real-world issue where the rationality versus irrationality debate plays out, according to Mitchell. There has been an effective move by businesses and tort reform advocates to curtail the power of juries in setting punitive damages in law suits. These interested parties side with BLE advocates saying that juries can't act rationally since they're more emotional and don't see punitive damage cases often enough to make informed decisions. Juries tend to be overly affected by

are overselling their model of behavior, saying it's the latest greatest thing. So, I guess what really troubles me here is that if the BLE scholars end up being wrong, then we could have a lot of laws rewritten based on incorrect assertions."

With such high stakes in the balance, Garmisa's article points out that both BLE and law and economics sides need to reflect solid scientific testing in their models. "Law review articles that rely on scientific studies have to accurately cite these reports and explain material qualifications and limitations when they use test results. Otherwise, legal scholarship that is dressed up with citations to scientific studies will become nothing more than propaganda for competing ideologies," Garmisa said.

Mitchell came to the FSU College of Law from Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law one year ago.

At MSU he was "Teacher of the Year" for each of his two years on the faculty. "Some students are intimidated coming into their first-year of law school. They're going to be called upon to answer tough questions in front of 80 peers. I try to be jovial in the classroom in a non-threatening way, and I tell bad jokes—it drops that threshold of anxiety. A little humor can cut through a lot of tension, allowing students to succeed," Mitchell said.

"I want to create a challenging atmosphere in the classroom. Students often enter law school with many preconceived ideas, so I make every attempt to foster open-mindedness, which starts with not having my own viewpoint dominate discussion," Mitchell said. He added that there is a social contract between the law school and the public. "As a member of the faculty, I need to make sure students learn the material."

According to Mitchell, coming to the College of Law from MSU was a great move. As one of the youngest faculty members at the College, he said he was flattered to be courted by colleagues he admired. "The law and behavioral science scholarship environment here is extremely well-respected. To have people like Professors Seidenfeld and Hirsch want me to join them was very important to me. They are part of a great support network for a young scholar like myself," he said. ■

Sandy D'Alemberte Earns the ABA's Highest Honor

Add another honor to Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte's lengthy resume.

The College of Law professor is former dean of the law school, president-emeritus of Florida State University and past president of the American Bar Association. Earlier, he had been a highly effective member of the Florida legislature and a private attorney with the state's largest law firm.

This summer he was awarded the ABA Medal in recognition of his exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence. The medal was presented in August, during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

"The ABA Medal has honored leaders in American jurisprudence since 1929," said ABA President Alfred P. Carlton Jr., in announcing the award. "But this year, our recipient offers inspiration on a grander scale. He is known worldwide as a visionary who has helped bring hope and security to people who had known only repression and totalitarianism, through introduction of the rule of law as a fundamental concept of government."

"Sandy had the wisdom and strength to recognize an opportunity created by the fall of the Iron Curtain, and the vacuum in government that was created, and to devise an initiative to fill that vacuum with governments restrained by law and answerable to the people they serve," Carlton said.

"In 1990 he used his credibility as president-elect of the ABA to help create a volunteer program that would export the rule of law to emerging new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe," Carlton added. "That program, now known as the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative, has spawned similar undertakings in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. At a news conference this Law Day, May 1, Sandy and I launched its newest progeny, the Iraq Initiative, to help that country establish a working, viable legal system to enforce the rule of law, and to develop an independent judiciary and re-establish a court system, law schools and libraries, and an independent legal profession."

"The beauty of these programs is that they have brought to millions of people across the world government by law, not by despot. The programs function through volunteer lawyers team-



Attorney General Crist brings a message—and funds—for more scholarships to the law school

At a reception in his honor, April 9, Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist urged Florida State law students not to forget the positive impact law can make in people's lives. "Too often, I think, lawyers forget what a powerful force for good the law can be," he said. "It is that possibility that makes my job so rewarding."

According to Dean Don Weidner, the law school hosted the reception to recognize and thank Crist and the Attorney General's office for providing funding for scholarships for FSU law students and for continued support of the Richard Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair. Established in 1998 through the help of former attorney general, Bob Butterworth, the Ervin Chair is currently occupied by Florida Solicitor General, Chris Kise, who, in addition to his duties at the Attorney General's office, serves as a visiting faculty member at the law school. Kise, a 1990 FSU law graduate, was appointed Solicitor General by Crist following the November election.

Crist, who earned his undergraduate degree from FSU, recently directed \$570,000 in corporate fines collected by the Attorney General's office to the College of Law. Most of the money goes to the Attorney General Scholarship Endowment, which provides support to financially disadvantaged law students. The rest of the money is directed to the Ervin Chair.

Besides the endowments, Weidner said the relationship with the Attorney General's office brings other benefits to the law school. "We are able to expand our externship placement in that office as well as expand part-time employment for second- and third-year students. It also expands the number of permanent employment opportunities open to our graduates."

According to Weidner, the law school hopes to reciprocate the Attorney General's support. "The law school faculty will be available to assist the Attorney General's office by offering its expertise through continuing education programs and consultation," he said. ■



Attorney General Charlie Crist during his April visit to the law school

Charles Ehrhardt, the College of Law's Mason Ladd Professor of Evidence, Receives Prestigious 2003 Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award

The College of Law's Mason Ladd Professor of Evidence, Charles Ehrhardt, was presented the prestigious Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award at the 2003 Florida Bar Annual Meeting, June 26, in Orlando.

By nominating Ehrhardt for the award, Judge Marvin Mounts and 1984 FSU law school alumnus George Tragos followed a tradition established in 1982 of recognizing a member of the Florida legal community who has made a substantial contribution to the criminal justice system.

The Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award honors the late Selig I. Goldin, a highly respected Gainesville criminal defense attorney. The award is presented each year by the Criminal Law Section of The Florida Bar to a legal professional who best represents Goldin's attributes of professional competence, service and compassion.

FSU law school alumnus Melanie Hines, chair of the Bar's Criminal Law Section and



Chuck Ehrhardt has been one of the law school's most popular professors for more than 30 years

herself a candidate for this year's award, said "Professor Ehrhardt was instrumental in the creation of the Florida Evidence Code, and I believe that, to this day, the Legislature makes few changes to the Code that are not vetted by him. He has taught thousands of students to appreciate both the letter and the spirit of the evidence code and has given us the foundation upon which all litigation relies. I was honored to present him with the award in June."

Past recipients of the Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award include two other FSU law

faculty members—Professors John Yetter and Steven Goldstein. Other notable recipients are former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justices James C. Adkins, Gerald Kogan, and Ben F. Overton.

FSU College of Law Dean Don Weidner said, "Chuck joins outstanding personalities in the legal profession in being presented this award. His service to the bench and bar is truly extraordinary—he's one of the most highly respected scholars in the state." ■

ing with citizens in countries where they are assigned to form new democracies that can nurture commerce, create economic growth and enable their people to move beyond survival to fulfilling their human potential," said Carlton.

D'Alemberte, president of FSU from 1994 until this January, has established an impressive record of public service in many other venues as well. He has been the lead counsel in four capital post-conviction appeals, one before the Supreme Court of the United States, and initiated a petition to the Florida Supreme Court for the Florida Comprehensive Pro Bono Plan. The plan requires all lawyers licensed in the state to report their pro bono, or volunteer, legal service activity.

D'Alemberte was a leader of efforts in the late 1960s and early 1970s to reform the Florida court system, instituting merit selection for judicial vacancies and for appellate court judges, consolidating trial courts, and introducing uniform rule-making procedures and jurisdiction in the state's courts.

As president of FSU, he helped create a Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. He is the principal investigator for a \$1.9 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development in a project on distance learning for legal education in Central and Eastern Europe, a three-year assignment that began in 2002.

D'Alemberte was dean of the FSU College of Law in 1984-89, and has taught courses in the law school covering U.S. and state constitutional law, First Amendment law and trial advocacy since 1984. As dean, he initiated and was president of the Caribbean Law Institute, a joint program of the law college, the university and the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, that was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. He also founded the Dispute Resolution Center, a joint project with the Florida Supreme Court to conduct research and training in dispute resolution techniques, and established the Capital Post-Conviction Resource Center, also in cooperation with the state Supreme Court, to recruit, train and support lawyers who volunteer to represent inmates appealing death sentences. ■

Law School Makes National Headlines With its Participation in Project to Free Death Row Inmates

It has been a summer like no other for a group of College of Law students, law professor Meg Baldwin and a cast of lawyers from around Florida. The group is wading through boxes of documents, studying trial evidence and conducting interviews in an effort to help wrongly convicted death-row prisoners gain their freedom.

According to New York attorney, DNA testing proponent, and co-director of the Cardoza Law School-based Innocence Project Barry Scheck, the researchers are the last hope for many of the prisoners.

Scheck, who gained national notice as a member of the O.J. Simpson defense team in 1995, announced the opening of a

Florida Innocence Project office to an over-flow crowd of law students, faculty and attorneys on April 10 in the the law school's D'Alemberte Rotunda.

The project set up shop in Tallahassee for two reasons, he said. "The first is that this state has the third largest inmate population in the country and we've identified more than 500 cases where

DNA evidence might affect a conviction. The second reason is that all the criminal appeals records are in Tallahassee and the law school provides us a great resource of research talent."

The Florida effort will be directed by Jenny Greenberg, a 1988 FSU law graduate and former director of the Battered Women's Clemency Project and the Vol-

Barry Scheck speaks to an over-flow audience in the law school's Rotunda in April



unteer Lawyers Resource Center. "I would say that her job is pretty overwhelming," Scheck said.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our law students to learn how wrongful convictions occur and be part of the solution for Florida inmates who are innocent of the crimes they were convicted of," Baldwin says. "It will be a real challenge." ■

Death Row Inmates Face Deadline: Scholars, FSU Law Students to Help Press DNA Claims of Innocence

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By Pat Dunningan

FORT LAUDERDALE—Meg Baldwin, professor of law at Florida State University in Tallahassee, doesn't know exactly how many Florida inmates are depending on her and her law students to press their claims of innocence in the courts before an Oct. 1 deadline.

"About 550," Baldwin said with a sigh. "It may be more like 700, but who's counting?"

There is no time for counting, as far as Baldwin and her team at the FSU law school are concerned. Baldwin, one colleague, a paralegal, and 24 law students are in a race against the calendar in a state with the nation's third-largest prison population and a record of flawed capital convictions.

In 2001, after the DNA exoneration of an inmate who died on death row, Florida legislators passed a law giving inmates the right to seek DNA testing if they could make the case that DNA was

likely to exonerate them. The right was available only to those who had pleaded not guilty — and only to those who could make their case within two years.

Anyone convicted before the law went into effect, including thousands of inmates convicted before DNA testing was available, has until October 1 to make their claim. Though Florida was not the only state to impose a deadline on post-conviction DNA requests, it was the only state with a sizable prison population to do so, according to Huy Dao, an Innocence Project lawyer dispatched to Florida in April to set up the Tallahassee effort.

The approaching deadline had left the Innocence Project, launched by lawyers Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York in 1992, swamped with more than 1,000 requests from Florida inmates and too few lawyers to handle them.



Professor Meg Baldwin

"It is an enormous effort," said Nina Morrison, executive director of the Innocence Project, of the Florida cases. "We have never faced such a crisis where we needed to do so much so quickly."

Now, along with an Innocence Project branch at the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Baldwin sifts through new requests every day, with help of FSU law students, as word of the deadline trickles through the state's prison population. ■

By Phillip M. Pollock

New Gift Ensures the Future of FSU's Summer for Undergraduates Program

The 2003 Summer for Undergraduates program got off the ground May 27 with the usual fanfare—a hearty welcome from Dean Don Weidner, a slide presentation by program director and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Nancy Benavides, staff introductions and an outline of what undergraduates would be doing for the following month.

Business as usual, right? Wrong! Sixty students were sitting in the classroom, as opposed to the usual thirty who have attended the program the past eleven years. The expansion was the result of a one-year American Association of Law Schools grant of \$67,000.

This is not just a one-year expansion, however. Thanks to a \$1 million gift from the Wayne and Pat Hogan Family Foundation, the Summer Law Program for Undergraduates will be able to remain at its expanded size on a permanent basis. The gift is the second made by the Hogans to the law school program that offers college undergraduates from groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession an opportunity to experience life as a law student. In 2000, the program received its initial \$2 million vote of confidence from the Hogans.

That gift endowed the Summer Program, other law school programs, and provided assistance to community college students. Hogan, a 1972 FSU law graduate, has taken an active role in the program over the years, presenting lectures and meeting individually with students. He spoke to the students in the program again this year.

According to Benavides, the program can now reach more students and provide them with an opportunity to get a realistic sense of what law school is like. In her introductory remarks to students, she said, "This is a way for you to come here, meet our faculty, as well as local attorneys, judges, and even Supreme Court justices, and be a part of an intensive, month-long law school training. Becoming a lawyer is a very demanding process, and, though we hope that you will decide to do it, this program will give each of you the necessary insights

so that you make the correct decision."

In addition to providing students with a taste of law school, the program attempts to reach these students early in their undergraduate education and prepare them to be attractive candidates for law school admission. Said Weidner, "This has become a signature program at the law school, and we're very proud of what it has accomplished."

Students attending the 2003 program come from all parts of the country. Seventeen states are represented this year.

Cassandra Onike Mark lived in Liberia, London and Switzerland before coming to the United States where she is now a communications junior at FSU. She speaks four languages and hopes one day to assist others in understanding the legal system. "When I first thought about attending the Summer for Undergraduates program I really just thought I'd like to know more about the law. Now, after four intensive weeks in the program, I would seriously consider law as a career," said Mark. She added, "This program is not easy—the workload is heavy, but I seemed to find a rhythm in the reading and study. Probably the most important thing I gained from this experience is realizing that law school is doable. Before this, I wasn't sure."

Another student participating in the program, Melonie Davila, grew up in the Bronx, New York, and she is the first member of her family to attend college. Though she said she was initially confused about what her future goals were, the program has brought things into focus for her. "I found out about areas of the law that I never realized were available, so my knowledge of the law, as a career, grew over the past four weeks," she said. Davila was impressed that many of the speakers, like local attorney Ben Crump, a 1995 FSU law alumnus, were very humble in their presentations. "He was so informative, such a real person when he related some of the struggles he's faced." She continued, "We also spent time with the Florida Supreme Court justices and they were equally personable and kind. It made me come away from all this and say, 'I could be that person.'" ■



Onike Mark (top), who grew up in Liberia, Britain and Switzerland, and Melonie Davila, the first in her family to attend college, participated in the 2003 Summer Program



The FSU College of Law's Environmental and Land Use Program Continues to Establish a Strong Reputation

The Florida State University College of Law's Environmental and Land Use Program has received considerable positive national recognition in recent years. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the program 3rd best in the South (behind Duke and Tulane) and 19th in the nation. This year, the highly regarded survey on educational quality of law school programs by University of Texas law Professor Brian Leiter ranked the FSU environmental law program 21st in the nation. Another independent study ranked the law school's *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* 14th among all such national journals.

Faculty member's credentials also have been bolstered by surveys that place them in the top in administrative law, a cornerstone to environmental and land use law.

These rankings bear out the significant steps the law school has taken to strengthen its environmental and land use program. In recent years, it has:

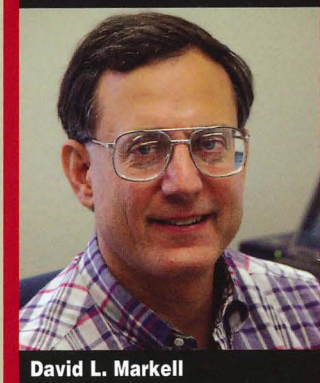
- Established a certificate program that recognizes students, who take the required number of courses and meet other requirements, for their work and accomplishments.

- Significantly strengthened the traditional curriculum so that it now offers more than a dozen courses, including basic environmental and land use law, Environmental Law in Business Transactions, Ocean and Coastal Law, Natural Resources Law, and Growth Management.

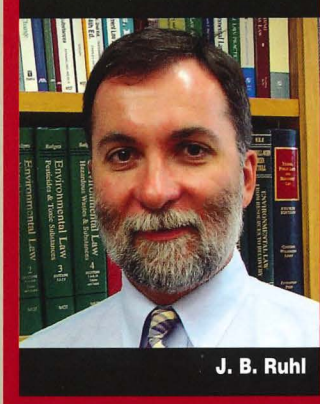
- Enhanced students' opportunities to develop real-world experience in the practice of environmental law and in the development of environmental policy by expanding the law school's externship program.



Donna Christie



David L. Markell



J. B. Ruhl

- Created an Environmental Alumni Group that will enable the school to do a better job of meeting the needs of its alumni, and provide existing students with networking and other opportunities. Leading environmental and land use lawyers Thomas Pelham (former secretary of the DCA), Mary Smallwood (former general counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection), and Vivian Garfein (regional director for the DEP) serve as co-chairs of this group.

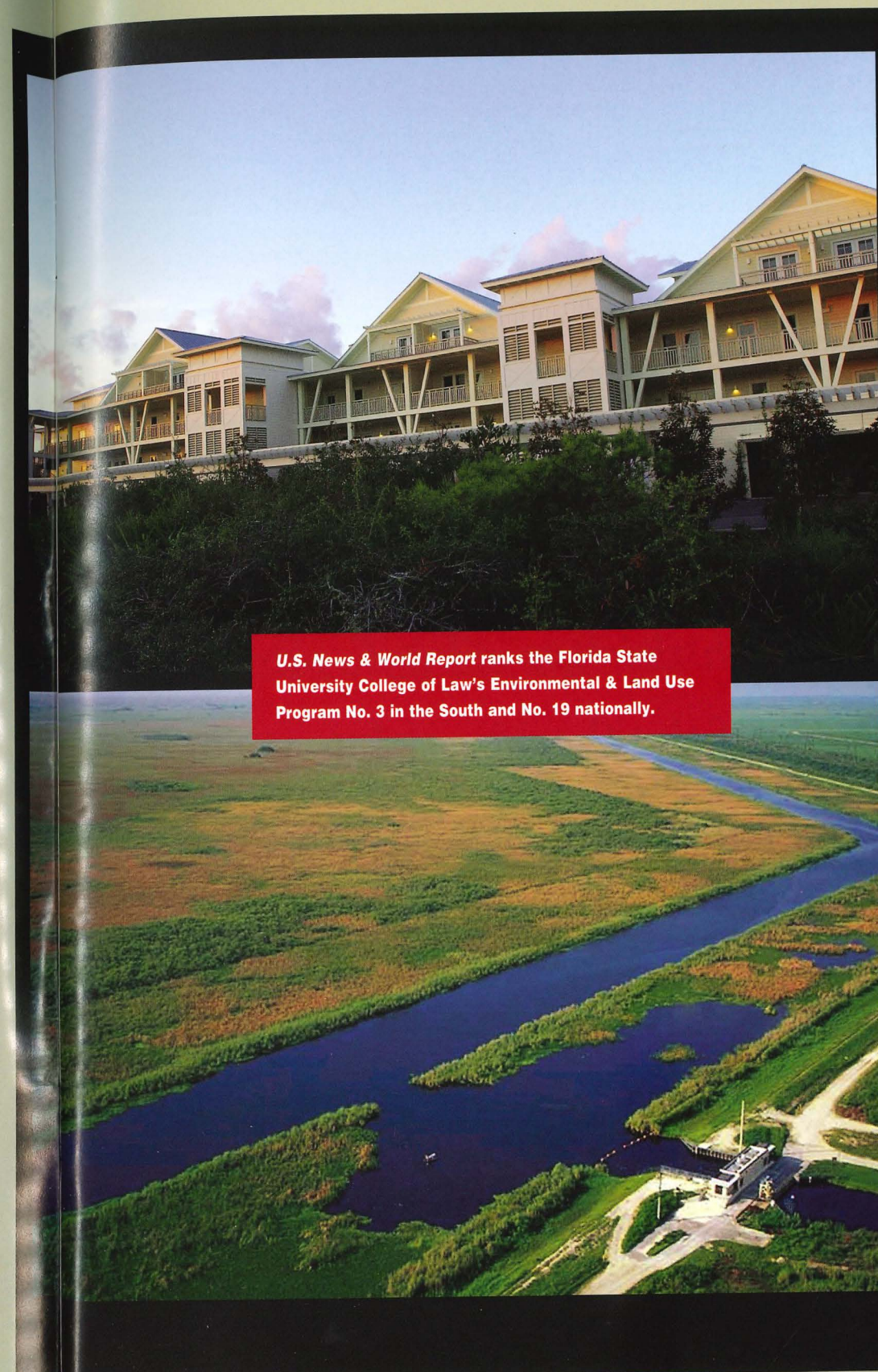
- Initiated an Environmental Forum Series intended to educate the public and improve public policy by providing a forum for discussion of timely environmental issues. For example, our inaugural forum, held in April 2003, focused on protection of the manatee and featured panelists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State's Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Save the Manatee Club, and the Marine Industries Association.

- Expanded the school's Distinguished Lecturer Series, which exemplifies the commitment to cutting-edge scholarship, by inviting leading scholars in environmental and land use issues to the law school to discuss their scholarship and interact with faculty and students.

The Law School's faculty remains on the cutting edge of legal scholarship in the environmental and land use field.

Donna Christie, the Elizabeth C. and Clyde W. Atkinsonis Professor of Law, is well-known for her work on ocean and coastal management. She is co-author of leading student books in the field such as *Ocean Law in a Nutshell* (West Pub., 2nd ed. 1999) and *Coastal and Ocean Law* (West Group 1998). She is also a member of the American Law Institute.

J.B. Ruhl, the Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property, is a leading scholar on endangered species law, and recently co-authored *The Law of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management* (Foundation Press). His law journal articles on environmental



U.S. News & World Report ranks the Florida State University College of Law's Environmental & Land Use Program No. 3 in the South and No. 19 nationally.



law issues are frequently cited as among the best in the country

David L. Markell, the Steven M. Goldstein Professor, has extensive experience as a federal lawyer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Justice, Natural Resources Division, and as a state environmental policy maker. He also has worked on international environmental law issues as part of the North American Free Trade Agreement's environmental commission. Markell is nationally known for his work on compliance and enforcement, and the relationship between the states and the federal government. He recently published *Reinventing Environmental Enforcement & the State/Federal Relationship*. He also is a co-author for an environmental law casebook, *Environmental Law and Policy* (4th ed., Aspen).

Jim Rossi, the Harry M. Walborsky Professor, who recently returned to FSU from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill School of Law, is an expert in regulatory and administrative law and author of *Energy, Economics and the Environment* (Foundation Press, 2000).

Mark Seidenfeld, the Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law, is recognized as one of the leading scholars of administrative law in the country, and is a board member of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulation Practice.

For more information about the faculty and the FSU environmental law program, visit the law school's website, www.law.fsu.edu, and click the environmental law program link. ■

By Tara Rosenblum

The College of Law has received national attention for the high quality of its faculty in recent years. A key component in attaining this recognition is its adjunct faculty — practicing lawyers and judges — who teach law courses at FSU. Says 2002 FSU law graduate and assistant state attorney, Mary L. Pankowski: “The law school is astute enough to hire both superb full-time faculty and superior practitioners. It provides law school students the best of both worlds.”

Students frequently praise adjuncts for helping them make sense of the theory and doctrine they learn from full-time faculty by providing examples from the world of legal practice. According to Assistant Dean Stephanie Williams, the law school’s loca-

tion in Tallahassee offers a rich source of teaching talent. “Our adjunct faculty is one of our strengths. Because we are the capital of a major state, we have a wealth of outstanding lawyers and judges to draw from and help educate our students.”

A prime example of that talent is Robert M. Clarke Jr., a 1986 FSU law alumnus and a partner in Tallahassee’s Ausley & McMullen law firm. Clarke specializes in complex civil litigation and his Florida Civil Practice course, which he has taught for the past four years, draws over 100 students each semester. Clarke, whose law firm also sponsors the book award in Florida Civil Practice, agreed to teach the subject because it was not offered in the law school’s traditional curriculum. “The Florida Rules of Civil Procedure are an integral part of daily law practice and tested on the Bar exam,” he says. “It’s something that law students need to know.”

As a member of The Florida Bar’s Civil Procedure Rules Committee and frequent lecturer on civil procedure issues, Clarke is ideally suited to the task.

Clarke credits the law school’s administration for supporting his teaching efforts. “It was important that Dean Weidner decided to offer the course,” Clarke says. He also praises former Associate Dean John Larson and Assistant Dean Williams for assisting with the day-to-day needs of the course. Clarke reserves a special compliment, however, for Professor Chuck Ehrhardt, who, Clarke says, prepared him to be a teacher. “He provided me guidance early on and greatly helped me understand what it means to be a law professor.”

Clarke says one of the most difficult things about teaching is “preparing lessons that will engage, challenge, and educate the students. The challenge is to continue to make the class interesting. I change the course based on trends in the law such as electronic discovery and online court filing, and based on the SIRS (student evaluation) input.”

As part of his class, Clarke requires students to draft pleadings, attend a hearing or deposition with an attorney, and

Legal practitioners enrich the law school’s educational program by helping students make practical sense of the theory and doctrine they learn from tenured faculty



Rob Clarke



Sharon Press

Adjunct Faculty

participate in a mock hearing. Such exercises help “bridge the gap between the confines of the classroom and the rigors of litigation.” He frequently invites judges, court reporters, and clerks of court to his class for question and answer sessions. For the past three years, Circuit Court Judge Terry P. Lewis has provided “practice tips for new lawyers” from a trial judge’s perspective. Clarke says he wants his students to know as much as possible about the rules and practical aspects of civil litigation before they file their first motion or attend their first hearing. “I enjoy equipping the students to make real-life lawyer decisions,” he says. “It is gratifying to watch them make the transition from being just bright students to being effective advocates.”

For Clarke, there are subjects that lend themselves to academic analysis, and subjects that are better suited to practice. His class, he says, not only involves learning the civil procedure rules, but also how to use the rules in daily practice in an effec-

tive and professional manner. Says Pankowski, “He was so terrific in giving us real-time examples, based on invaluable knowledge and experience, that when I went in to take the bar exam, I knew full well I’d hit a home run.” Especially gratifying, he says, is when he hears from former students who call asking for help with a problem or to share a success. As an adjunct, he says, his role as a mentor never ends.

Another adjunct who brings real world experience to the classroom is Sharon Press, Director of Florida’s Dispute Resolution Center. Although she had reservations about entering the classroom when she began teaching in 1989, she quickly grew to enjoy the experience.

“When I started, most of the students were older than I was,” says Press. It quickly became obvious, though, that students appreciated her inside knowledge of the mediation process. “Having a professor who is involved in her field is an advantage,” says

Press. “I’m able to discuss changes as they happen. This year the Supreme Court is considering a proposed rule that revises the use of mediation in domestic violence cases. I’m able to keep the course current.”

An added benefit for Press’s students is that they are able to complete the training requirements for Florida Supreme Court County Mediator certification. “Students have to complete a mentorship and a co-mediation before they can become certified.” She feels this knowledge makes students more marketable in today’s alternative dispute resolution (ADR) environment.

Many of her former students have been tapped to join the Mediator Qualifications Board, the grievance body for court-appointed and certified mediators. Nine board members must be attorneys who are neither mediators or judges but who are knowledgeable about ADR.

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—ROB CLARKE

book, *Mediation Theory and Practice*, Press recalls that, as a student, she responded best to real life experience. Although students can be trained as mediators in the classroom, she says, they have represent clients to fully understand the process. “Reading about the subject and sitting in a classroom just isn’t enough.”

Adds Press, “That’s why it’s important to have real practitioners involved in the law school. They add an important dimension.” ■

Law School Association Alumni President Robert Bass Believes Tapping the Talents of Other Attorneys is the Key to Success

Alumni Matters

Whether he's holding a telephone conference from an oyster bar or in the courtroom battling powerhouse law firm Kirkland & Ellis, FSU Law Alumni President Robert Bass is always ready to talk about his experience with an FSU College of Law student. He believes that the more successful alumni are, and the more they share their success with students, the more successful everyone associated with the College of Law will be in the long run. "It is about relationships."

An attorney at the small, but highly successful boutique firm, Myers & Fuller, Bass says "Sometimes it seems like we're fighting against an army when all we have is a squad." The firm represents car dealers in disputes with manufacturers and distributors in 47 of 50 states. Bass assists car dealers in the buying and selling of car franchises in a self-described "boutique within a boutique." From the growth of the firm's business—they will be moving to larger offices—they are prevailing in their fight.

Bass, who entered FSU as a transfer student, attributes much of his success to the people at the College of Law administration, and alumni, specifically Robert Clarke, a 1986 graduate, who helped him successfully enter the law community. "Rob always had time to talk with me when I first started. He is a mentor."

"Truthfully, I don't even remember if I originally applied to FSU," says Bass. Instead, after a successful career in sales and marketing, he attended Mississippi College of Law, living down the street from author Eudora Welty. "[Mississippi] was an old-time school, something out of 'The Paper Chase.'" Finishing in the top 10 percent of his class the first year, he transferred to FSU, where his future wife, Melease Jackson, a Tallahassee attorney, was a visiting student.

At FSU, "My experiences with the administration made me want to give back. Barbara Robinson, Marie Capshaw, Lynn Francis,

Steven Goldstein, and Dean Weidner were wonderful to me. They made me feel welcome."

Since graduation in 1995, Bass has served on alumni committees, because he himself gained so much from the presence and active involvement of alumni in the school. "It's about building relationships—law school is about the community, and graduating into a successful community. As an alumni, it is a symbiotic relationship. By helping students be successful, the community is more successful. By interacting with students, everyone benefits."

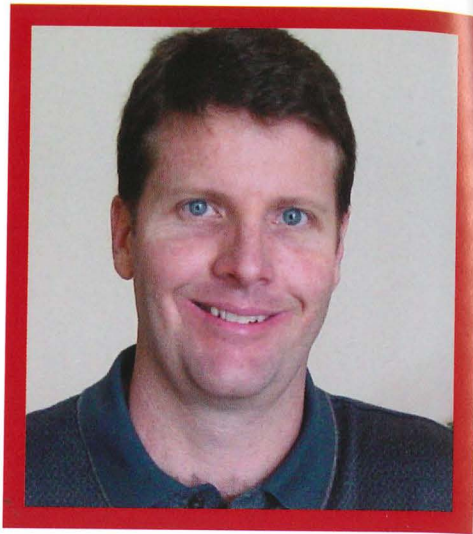
And there are many ways alumni give, in addition to making financial donations. They can help in a variety of ways, including serving on placement and practice panels, working with mock trial teams, and making phone calls to top prospective students. Some students say the phone call from an alumnus was the crucial factor in their decision to attend FSU.

The knowledge gained at the practice panels may be invaluable, now or later. In addition to helping students truly be prepared for interviews, it may help them understand dynamics later on in their careers. "I had a hiring partner once tell me he didn't hire people with droopy socks. I thought it was ridiculous, but now that I'm doing the hiring, and several people are qualified, sometimes it may come down to looking at socks."

Despite his busy practice, year-old son, Kelton, and habit of reading three or four nonfiction books at once, for Bass, helping students enter into a successful community remains a priority.

As part of this transition, he advises future students: "You are building a reputation in everything you do. There are people I sat in class with I would not have the confidence to call now and ask for help. Others, I don't hesitate to call. People notice. They will remember."

Bass also suggests taking part in the practice interview panels and getting to know an alumnus "They can help your transition into the law community be a successful one." ■



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CLASS NOTES

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James M. Barclay, chair of The Florida Bar Health Law Section, helped host an intermediate level course on Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act for practitioners July 25-Aug. 22.

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A. Wayne Rich has been named Orlando city attorney by Mayor Buddy Dyer. Rich is co-founder and president of Victoria Equities, Inc., a residential land development and management company.

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Cynthia S. Tunnicliff of Tallahassee was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Supreme Court of Florida Judicial Nominating Commission.

Zebedee W. Wright, Broward County's first African-American judge, retired June 30 from the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit bench. Appointed in 1983 by Governor Bob Graham, Wright is known for his flamboyant style, his booming voice and his work with disadvantaged youth.

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Fred H. Cumbie has been appointed to serve on the Kissimmee Utility Authority Board of Directors. Cumbie is president of the law firm of Overstreet Miles Ritch & Cumbie.

Judge Charles A. Francis of the Second Judicial Circuit has been named the 2003 Outstanding Jurist by The Florida Bar's Young Lawyers Division.

Roy M. Kinsey Jr. of Pensacola was nominated by The Florida Bar for the First Circuit Judi-

cial Nominating Commission.

John R. Marks III was elected mayor of Tallahassee earlier this year. He is a partner with Knowles & Randolph, P.A., in Tallahassee.

Michael A. Tartaglia of Tallahassee, director of the programs division of The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee, along with the Young Lawyers Division, are presenting "Practicing with Professionalism." The courses run from August 8 to December 10, 2003. For more information visit www.FLBAR.org, or call (850) 561-5831. He also hosted a course in trial advocacy August 11-15, 2003.

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Frank A. Kreidler has been awarded the Director's Award from the Director of Admissions of the United States Naval Academy for his outstanding service and support as a Navy Academy Information Officer. Kreidler serves as a JAG Commander in the Navy Reserves and has been a candidate guidance officer for the Naval Academy in Palm Beach County since 1983.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has been named one of three "Grads Made Good" for 2003 by the FSU Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa

Honor Society. Jim Towey, '81, director of the White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, was also recognized by Omicron Delta Kappa.

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Brian S. Duffy of Tallahassee was appointed to the Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Governor Jeb Bush.



Stann W. Givens has been recognized in the 2003 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a partner in Knox & Givens, P.A., in Tampa, where he concentrates in divorce litigation. He is a Board Certified Marital and Family Lawyer with The Florida Bar Board of Certification and Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

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James P. Knox has been recognized in the 2003 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a partner in Knox & Givens, P.A., in Tampa, where he concentrates in divorce litigation. He is a board certified marital and family lawyer with The Florida Bar Board of Certification and Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Douglas P. Lawless has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to the Florida Mediator Qualification Board. The board hears grievances that have been filed against certified and court-appointed mediators.

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Send or email your news to: Mickey Treadon, Office of Alumni Affairs, College of Law, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601; e-mail: alumni@law.fsu.edu.



George E. Tragos has been elected president of the Herbert G. Goldberg Inns of Court that represents the Tampa Bay area. The Herbert G. Goldberg Inns of Court was one of the first Inns of Court to specialize in criminal law and to limit its membership to lawyers, judges and law professors who specialize in the area. Tragos is a former chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office, past-chairman of the Criminal Law Section of The Florida Bar, past-president of the Florida Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is a board certified criminal trial lawyer.

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Bruce B. Blackwell has been awarded the Orange County Bar Association's annual Professionalism Award for 2003. A partner with King, Blackwell & Downs, P.A., in Orlando, Blackwell is past president of the Orange County Bar Association, chair of its first Gender Bias Committee, chair of the Ninth Circuit's Grievance Committee and a member of the Ninth Circuit's Fee Arbitration Committee. He is also a former member of The Florida Bar's Board of Governors.

Betty J. Steffens has been named general counsel of Florida State University by President T.K. Wetherell. From 1978 until 1983, she was assis-

tant general counsel to former Florida Governor Reubin Askew and general counsel to Governor Bob Graham. She also ran her own law firm and worked as a state legislative lobbyist.

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Lawrence Curtin, an attorney with Holland & Knight, LLP, in Tallahassee, has been listed as one of "America's Leading Business Lawyers" in the 2003-2004 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

Pat Gleason of Tallahassee is included in the revised second edition of *The Florida Public Record Handbook*. She wrote a summary of the Florida public record laws. Visit www.floridafaf.org, or call (800)337-3518 for more details.

Eleanor Hunter has been named executive director of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Fred Koberlein has been appointed Dixie County judge in the Third Judicial Circuit by Governor Jeb Bush. He was sworn in on May 30, 2003. In private practice for many years, he has served as Columbia County School Board attorney for the past 10 years.

Willie Meggs, state attorney for Florida's Second Judicial Circuit, began his second two-year term as president of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association in July.

Thomas L. Powell of Tallahassee was nominated for the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission by The Florida Bar.

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William E. Bond Jr. of Pace was nominated for the First Cir-

cuit Judicial Nominating Commission by The Florida Bar.

Michael F. Coppins of Tallahassee was nominated for the Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by The Florida Bar.



Nancy A. Daniels, Second Judicial Circuit public defender, received the second annual Richard W. Ervin Equal Justice Award by the Capital City Bar Presidents Council in May. The presentation was part of the 2003 Law Day Celebration held at FSU's University Center.

Scott Gwartney has joined the Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A., law firm as a partner. He will continue his practice of representing plaintiffs with claims against nursing homes and other long-term care facilities in Florida and Georgia. His office address is 909 E. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301; phone, (850) 222-2000.

Christopher J. Weiss presented a lecture entitled "Competing with Alternative Products" at the National Association of Surety Bond Producers Regional Meeting, July 26, in Orlando. He is a partner with Holland & Knight, LLP, in Orlando.

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Miranda Fitzgerald of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., in Orlando, has been named to the "Leading Business Lawyers in the USA" by *Chambers USA*. The London-based *Chambers* organization surveys top corporations throughout the world asking their experience with, and opinions of, the best lawyers in their jurisdictions.

Jeffrey M. Pfister of Tavares was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.

Randall O. Reder has been appointed to the The Florida Bar's Appellate Amicus Rules Subcommittee.

Jim Bacchus, chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization, will serve as a visiting professor in international law at Vanderbilt University Law School during the spring 2004 semester. Bacchus is also principal shareholder in the Orlando law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

David W. Wilcox has been elected chairman of the Board of Coast Holdings, Inc., a bank holding company in Bradenton. He was also re-elected chairman of the Board of Coast Bank of Florida.

Champion for the rights of the mentally ill, **OFELIA GALINDO**, '78, retires from Orange County Public Defender's office

When Ofelia Galindo, '78, retired from the Orange County Public Defender's Office this summer, her boss knew he had a problem.

"She'll be impossible to replace," said Bob Wesely, a 1982 FSU law graduate. "The mentally ill people of Florida are losing their greatest advocate."

Galindo, perhaps the state's top expert on the Baker Act, the law that deals with the rights of the mentally ill, had in recent years, concentrated on the murky legal issues that develop after an accused person is found innocent by reason of mental incompetence and assigned by the court to a care facility.

"After they are released they are often arrested when they don't show up before a judge at a hearing. They are treated as if they were found guilty when they were not. Someone has to make sure they are treated fairly."

Unfortunately, only Galindo's office, which serves Orange and Osceola counties, and the Public Defender's Office in Miami provide follow-through in these cases involving the mentally ill. "Most P.D. offices can't afford to follow the case after the judge's first ruling. It's a shame. A great injustice is being done."

Galindo's life story is as fascinating as her work. She was a law student in Havana, Cuba, when political upheaval of the Castro revolution set in and forced her to quit. She and her husband, a labor leader, who had been jailed for seven months, left Cuba for Miami in 1959.

Her family moved to Orlando in the mid-1960s and she worked in life insurance and real estate and began considering going back to college to earn a degree in public administration.

"About that time, in the early-1970s, The Florida Bar adopted a



rule that allowed Cuban immigrants to attend law school," Galindo says. "Well, that's when I thought I would be a lawyer and I applied to FSU."

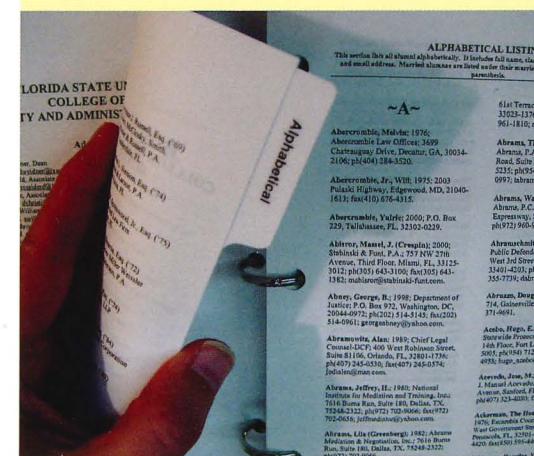
There were few Hispanic law students at the time and Galindo felt pressure to be accepted. "I give a lot of credit to Professor Chuck Ehrhardt for being accepted. He understood my situation and wanted me at FSU."

At FSU, Galindo worked for university attorney Bob Bickle, '69, and helped establish an externship through that office.

Although she's officially retired, Galindo doesn't plan to slow down. "I'll be involved in mediation and pro bono work on behalf of the mentally ill. They need someone to fight for their rights and that's what I do."

Besides worrying about the rights of the mentally ill, Galindo leaves her job with another major concern. "I think that too many of the young attorneys joining the Public Defender's Office these days don't have the dedication to representing their clients. Too many come here to get a little experience and then move on to what they think is a better job. We need to make them understand how important this work is."

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'80
Charlotte H. Danciu was awarded the Adoption Advocate Award by the Florida Adoption Council. The award was presented "in recognition of her compassion for the children and parents whose lives are touched by adoption, for her years of devotion to improving Florida's adoption laws, and for her exemplary legal and legislative work leading to the repeal of Florida's 'Scarlet Letter Law'." Her office is located at 370 W. Camino Gardens

Blvd. in Boca Raton.

David Yon is a partner in the new Tallahassee firm of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark.

'81
Dean R. LeBoeuf has been elected president of the Tallahassee Bar Association. He is president and managing partner of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A. As president of the Tallahassee Bar Association, he wants to improve communica-



LeBoeuf

tion regarding the free services the association offers to the community. "Our lawyers donate over \$1.4 million a year in free legal services," he says. "We are happy to be able to assist members of our community who need legal counsel."

Keith C. Tischler is now a partner with the Tallahassee office of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A.

Jim Towey, director of the White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, has been named one of three "Grads Made Good" for 2003 by the FSU Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. Mel Martinez '73, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was also recognized by Omicron Delta Kappa.

'82
Karen Asher-Cohen is a partner in the new Tallahassee firm of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark.

Timothy Collins has been appointed judge on the Fourth Judicial Circuit by Governor Jeb Bush. Prior to the appointment, he was director of the Clay County Division of the State Attorney's Office for 11 years. He chairs the Clay County Juvenile Justice Council and has been active in a number of community pro-

grams to promote anti-drug awareness among youth.

Robert M. Marasco opened his own firm, Robert M. Marasco Law Offices, 208 Hardee Lane, Rockledge, FL 32955-2122; phone, (321) 631-3476.

Elizabeth McArthur is a partner in the new Tallahassee firm of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark.

Lloyd Monroe of Coppins & Monroe, P.A., in Tallahassee, has been named chair of the Labor/Employment Committee of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association. He is a Florida Bar board-certified specialist in civil trial law.



Tom Scarritt participated in a panel discussion at the American Arbitration Association's Advanced Mediation Skills Seminar in Tampa entitled "What Trial Lawyers Hate about Mediators." He represented the perspective of the personal injury and commercial lawyer on the panel. Scarritt is president and senior trial attorney with the Scarritt Law Group in Tampa.

'83
Neal A. Sivyver of Tampa was nominated for the 13th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by The Florida Bar.

Former FSU legal writing instructor, CLAIRE MATTURO, pens award-winning novel

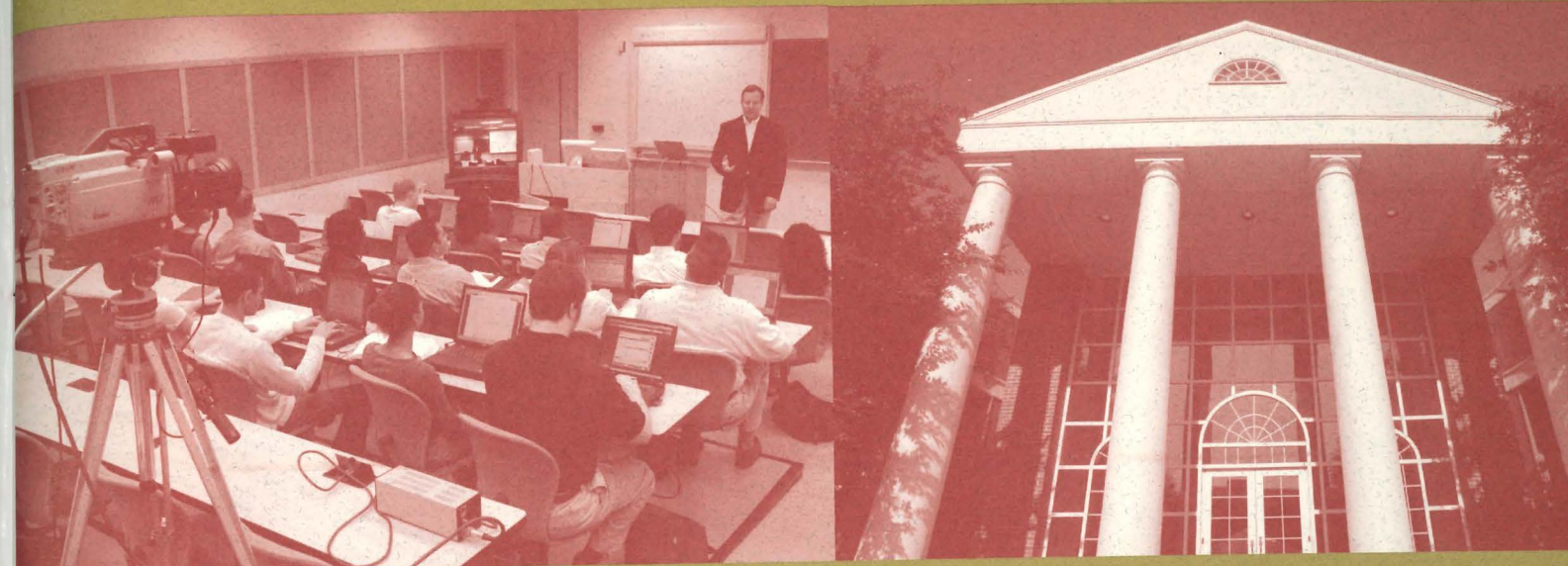


By Gail Diane Cox
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WHAT TO DO WITH A LAW DEGREE, PART II
 The heroine of the novel is a wacky, beautiful woman lawyer caught up in the case of a murdered doctor. "No, it's not biographical," says lawyer-turned-novelist Claire Hamner Matturo, laughing. "She's not like me—well, maybe a tiny bit."

Matturo was an appellate lawyer until a decade ago, when she left the Sarasota firm of Dickinson & Gibbons to teach legal writing at the College of Law. Currently she edits the Florida Lawyers Association's Trial Advocate Quarterly.

Matturo's novel, *Skinny Dipping Off the Sunshine Skyway*, has won the first National Legal Fiction Writing for Lawyers contest. "Her submission was head-and-shoulders above the competition. It's smart and funny and original," says Steven Babitsky, president of SEAK Inc., the Massachusetts-based company that sponsors the contest and offers a range of seminars and how-to books aimed at lawyers, doctors and engineers. He adds that 175 entrants competed for bragging rights, a \$1,000 gift certificate and a luncheon with Linda Scottoline and Stephen Horn—two lawyers whose legal thrillers have made *The New York Times* best-seller list.



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Gifts to the College of Law provide important support for students, faculty and academic programs. This report gratefully acknowledges all gifts received between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003. Gifts received between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004 will be recognized in the Fall 2004 *FSU Law*.

Your support makes an important difference—Thank you.

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

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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

This was a year of great success for the law school. For two of the last three administrations of the Florida Bar Examination, our students had the highest passing rate in the state. Our student job placement rate is once again one of the highest in Florida and our faculty is getting unprecedented national recognition for scholarly and professional excellence. Our alums are excelling and our reputation is on the rise!

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

ANNUAL FUND

Last year's Annual Fund was a huge success. This past year, 20% of our alumni made gifts to our Annual Fund. This is a 31% increase in the giving rate over the preceding fiscal year. This level of alumni support sends a powerful signal about the enthusiasm our alumni have for the school. This level of alumni participation places us in the top 20 state law schools in terms of giving rate. Our students' enthusiasm and generosity bodes well for the future. This year, 35% of our present students contributed to our Annual Fund. They are blazing the trail for us all!

Proceeds from our Annual Fund have increased with our giving rate. This money enriches our entire academic program. It helps sponsor everything from student scholarships to distinguished speakers to graduation receptions for our students and their families. Annual Fund dollars mean that student organizations seeking additional support are much more likely to get a positive response.

MAJOR GIFTS

This past year, we received Major Gifts totaling \$1,914,562 in cash and \$2,290,439 in additional pledges, for a grand total of \$4,205,001. This success is remarkable, especially in light of the fact that the depressed stock market dramatically shrunk the portfolios of many of our alumni and friends. The numbers in this report include only cash payments on Major Gifts, with total amounts pledged indicated only in text.

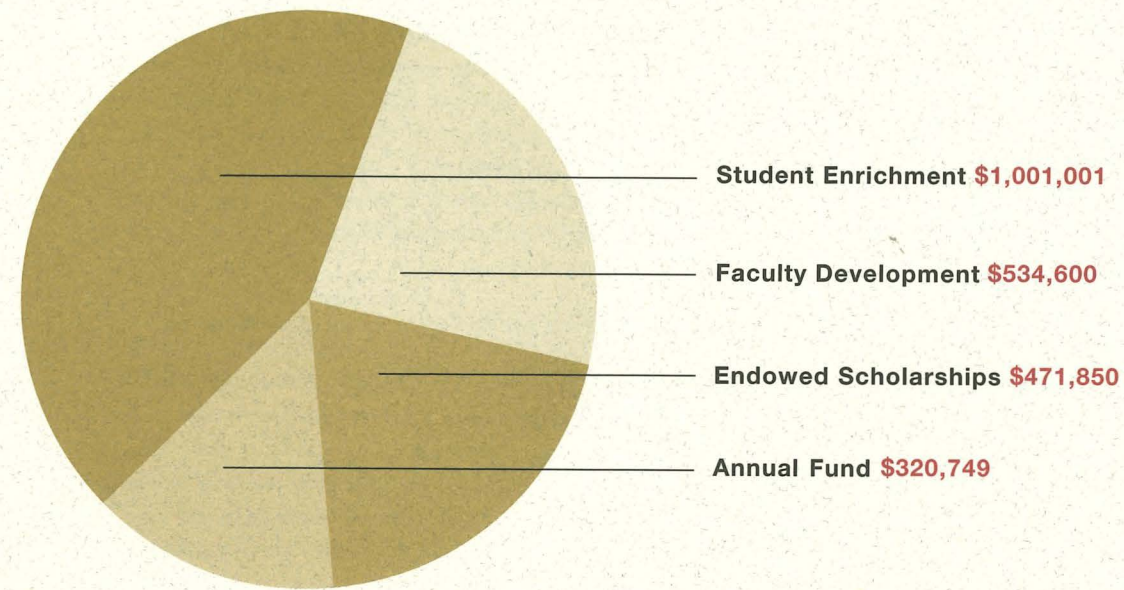
The future looks bright. With Mark Pankey settled in as our Assistant Dean for Development and Kelly Wardrop as our Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Relations, we are taking the law school show "on the road" in full force. We are hopeful that the improved economic climate will further enhance our efforts. Under the heading of "Recent Major Gifts," we outline the Major Gift commitments that we have received in the current fiscal year. All these gifts and pledges have provided important encouragement to all of us at the law school and are making a positive impact throughout our program.

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Don Weidner, *Dean*

2002-2003 TOTAL CASH RECEIVED: \$2,328,200*



* Includes \$151,561 in state match



We would like to thank those of you who made a major gift commitment between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003. These gifts will assist the College of Law in maintaining the dynamic advance of its academic programs.

\$1,000,000 OR MORE

The **Wayne and Patricia Hogan Family Foundation**, at the discretion of **Wayne** ('72) and **Pat Hogan**, made an outright gift of **\$1,000,001** to permanently double the size of the Summer for Undergraduates Program. This year's Program, which involved 59 students from 30 colleges and universities, is a critical component of the law school's efforts to maintain a diverse student body. This is the second major gift that Wayne and Pat have made to the Summer Program. They made a gift in 2000 that permanently endowed the Program. This most recent gift qualifies for a \$750,000 match from the State of Florida.

\$500,000 TO \$999,999

William "Bill" ('79) and **Susan Cohen** have made an estate gift of **\$600,000** for the purpose of establishing the **William J. and Susan P. Cohen Professorship in Environmental Law**. This gift will support a professor in the law school's highly ranked Environmental Law Program. Once this gift is realized, it will qualify for a State of Florida match of \$420,000. Bill, who serves on our Board of Visitors, lives and works in Atlanta, Georgia. Bill is the Chief Operating Officer of MAGNER.NETWORK and is responsible for corporate operations.

Under the direction of **Charlie Crist**, Attorney General for the State of Florida, the law school received directed settlements of **\$570,000**. Of this amount, **\$250,000** has been used to supplement the **Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair**. The Chair provides funding for a Visiting Professor who also serves as the Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General. Alumnus **Chris Kise** ('90) currently serves in this position. The remaining

\$320,000 has been used to create the **Attorney General Scholarship Endowment**. This endowment will provide financial support for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend law school. This gift qualifies for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

\$250,000 TO \$499,999

A College of Law graduate and named partner in **Matthews & Hawkins, P.A.**, **Dana C. Matthews** ('81) and his partner, **John Hawkins**, committed **\$300,000** to provide endowment and immediate support for the **Matthews & Hawkins Professorship in Property**. Property and environmental law professor **J.B. Ruhl**, one of our faculty's top scholars, has been appointed the first **Matthews & Hawkins Professor**. Dana and John practice property law, general business and commercial law in Destin, Florida. Dana is a member of our Board of Visitors. Their gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

Husband and wife and both 1985 graduates of the law school, **Kevin Wood** and **Mary Jo Peed** have made a **\$300,000** gift of life insurance to establish the **Kevin Wood & Mary Jo Peed Fund for Excellence**. The **Kevin Wood & Mary Jo Peed Fund for Excellence** will be used to provide resources to assist in the continuing growth in regional and national reputation by supporting the various needs of faculty and students related to research and instructional programs. Mary Jo and Kevin have also committed **\$15,000** over the next five years to support a **Book Award in Real Estate Development and Finance**. Kevin is a vice president with Stewart Title Guaranty Company and Mary Jo is Chief Counsel – Interconnection and Procurement for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and both serve on the law school's Board of Visitors. They live and work in Atlanta, Georgia.

\$100,000 TO \$249,999

Graduating 30 years ago, **John Marshall Kest** ('73) and **Sally D. M. Kest** ('73) made an outright gift of **\$100,000** to fund the **John Marshall Kest and Sally D. M. Kest Scholarship**. This

scholarship will support College of Law students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have a commitment to service. John, a former partner with Wooten, Honeywell and Kest and a former President of our Alumni Association, is on the bench. Sally has her own practice in Orlando and is currently the Secretary-Treasurer of our Alumni Board. Their son, Chris, is now a second-year law student at the law school. John and Sally's gift will qualify for a \$50,000 match under the State of Florida's matching gift program.

With a desire to help those students who are most in need, **Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles** ('85), made a **\$100,000** commitment over time to endow the **Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles Scholarship**. Carlos is a partner with Attorneys Trial Group in Orlando and is a Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer. Under the State of Florida matching gift program, this gift is eligible for a \$50,000 match.

David ('72) and **Deborah Fonvielle** made a **\$100,000** commitment to supplement the **David and Deborah Fonvielle Professorship in Law**. David is a named partner in the Tallahassee firm of Fonvielle, Lewis, Foote & Messer. David and Deborah's gift will be eligible for a 50% match from the State of Florida.

Through a **\$100,000** gift of life insurance, **Richard Hadlow** ('77) has established the **Richard B. Hadlow Fund for Excellence**. The future earnings from this gift will be used by the law school in continuing the growth in its reputation by supporting the various needs of faculty and students. Rich, a former President of our Alumni Association and a current member of our Board of Visitors, is a partner with Holland & Knight in its Tampa office where he practices in the areas of corporate law and corporate finance.

\$25,000 TO \$99,999

In addition to the annual scholarship gift of **\$10,000** for the **Blank-Miller Scholarship**, **Phil** ('74) and **Rita Blank** of Tal-

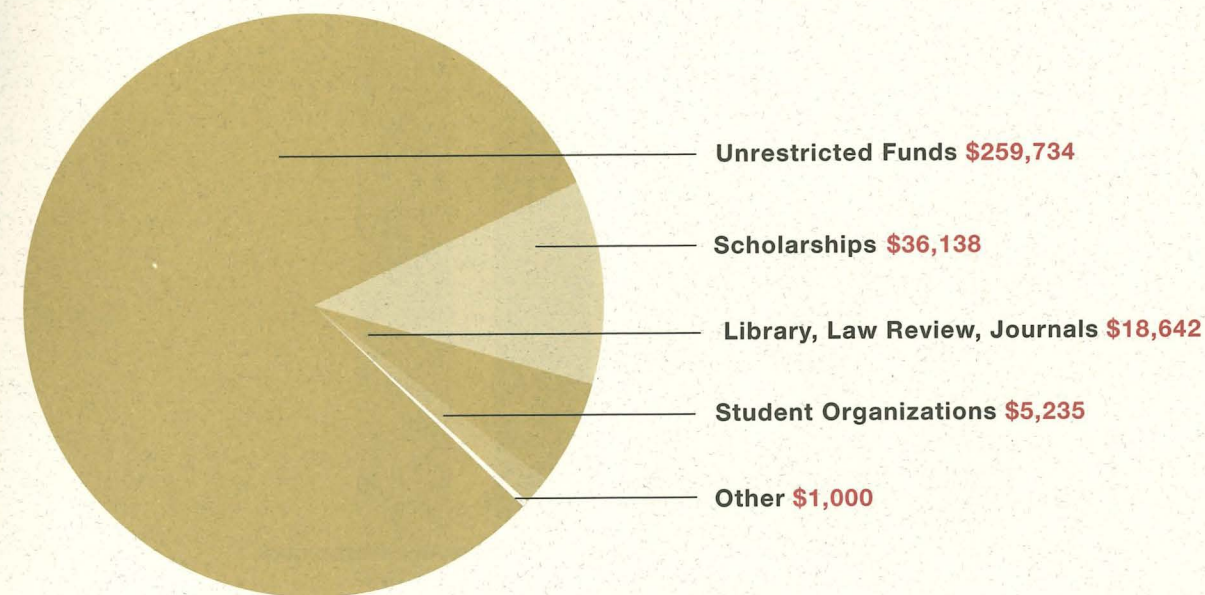
lahassee have created an annual **\$25,000** scholarship to support descendants of survivors of the Holocaust. The fund has been named the **David and Cela Miller Scholarship** in honor of Rita's parents who are survivors of the Holocaust. Phil is a named partner in Blank, Meenan & Smith, P.A. and a member of our Board of Visitors and the FSU Foundation's Board of Trustees.

A 1991 graduate of the law school, **Mark Williamson** and his wife **Ruthelen** have made a five-year commitment of **\$25,000** to create an annual scholarship. The **Mark and Ruthelen Williamson Scholarship** will be used to attract students who have outstanding academic credentials to law school. Mark is a partner with Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta.

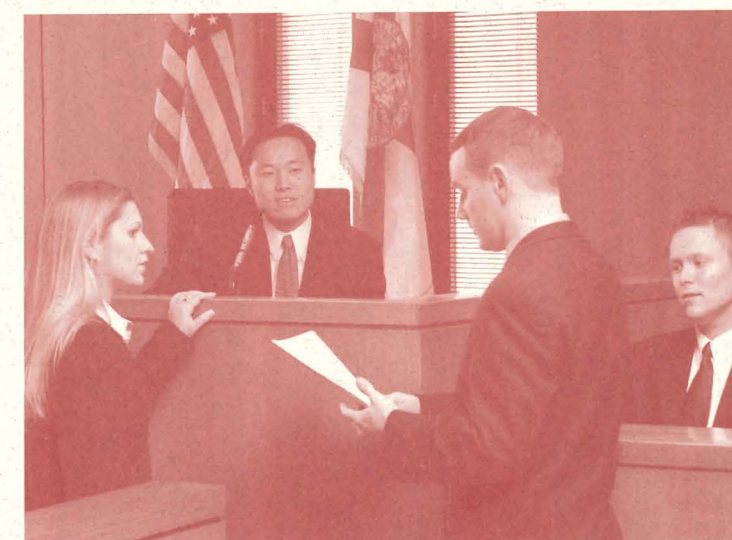
Sherri Denton Mallory ('87) made a **\$25,000** commitment over five years to create an annual scholarship in honor of her brother who passed away while she was attending undergraduate school. The **Chad Wayne Denton Memorial Scholarship** will be used to attract top students to the College of Law. Sherri is a named partner with Warner & Mallory, P.A. in Panama City and a member of the Alumni Board. Her husband Peter is a graduate of Loyola University law school.

Ben Crump ('95) and **Daryl Parks** ('95) of the Tallahassee firm of Parks & Crump, LLC have made a commitment to endow a **\$25,000** scholarship. The **Parks & Crump, LLC Endowed Scholarship** will be used by the law school to support students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession. It is Ben and Daryl's preference that the recipient is either a Florida resident or will make a commitment to remain in Florida to practice law for at least three years. Ben is the Chair of our Alumni Board's Development Committee.

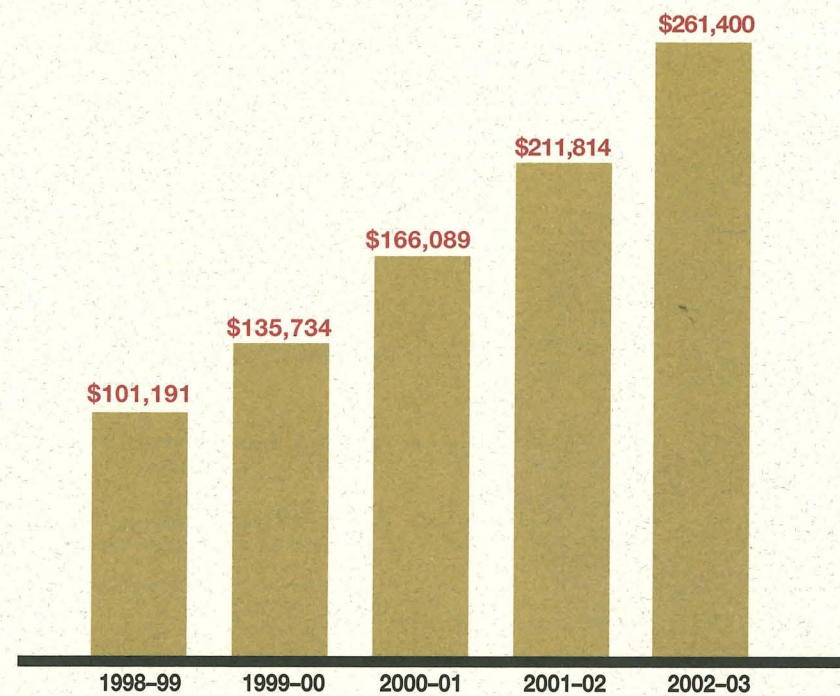
2002-2003 TOTAL ANNUAL FUND GIVING: **\$320,749***



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

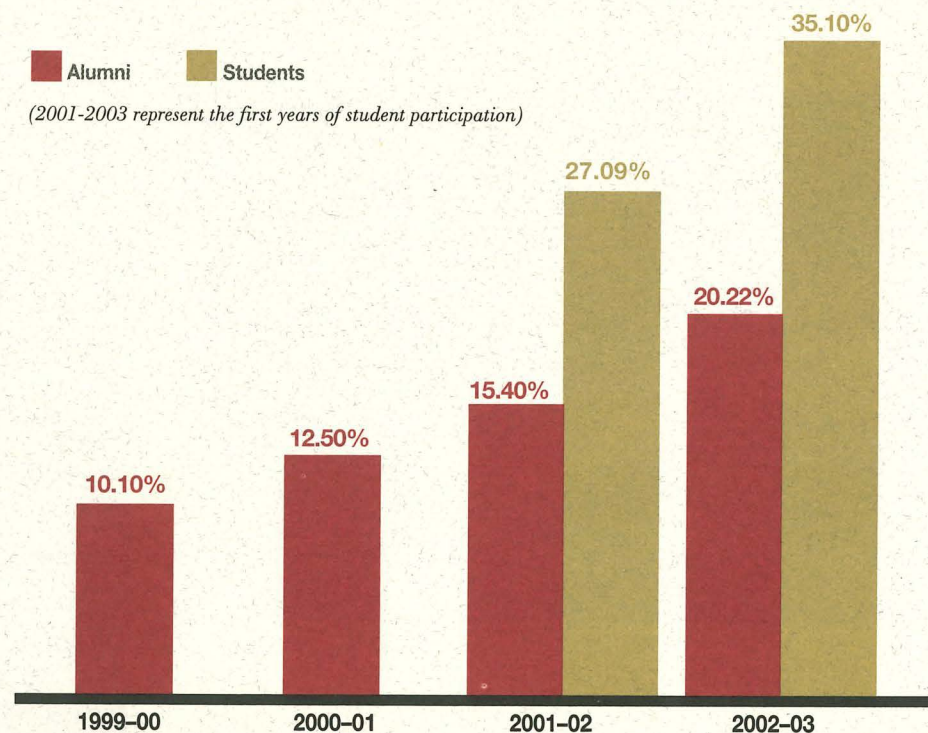


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(as of June 30, 2003)

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Holly A. Harman has joined the Naples law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, P.A., as senior counsel. Harman, who is a board certified real estate attorney, concentrates her practice in residential and commercial real estate law. She has practiced in Naples since 1987, and currently sits on the board of directors of the Naples Area Board of Realtors. In addition to its offices in Naples and Bonita Springs, the firm has affiliate offices with Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC in Albany, Buffalo, Oswego, Syracuse and Utica, New York, and in Overland Park, Kansas.

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Brian Pickett has been named a partner in the Jacksonville firm of Milam & Howard, P.A. He practices in the areas of commercial litigation, consumer and commercial finance, motor vehicle finance and leasing, equipment leasing and secured transactions. His office is located at 50 N. Laura St., Suite 2900, Jacksonville, FL 32202; phone, (904) 357-3660.

Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles announces that his Orlando/Kissimmee firm, Martinez, Manglardi, Diez-Arguelles & Tejedor, has changed its name to the Attorneys Trial Group. For more information about the firm and its practice, visit: <http://www.attorneytrialgroup.com/about.htm>.

Robert D. Fingar has joined the Tallahassee firm of Frank and Gramling. He serves as the secretary of the Environmental & Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar. His office address is 1424 Piedmont Drive, East, Tallahassee, FL 32308; phone, (850) 385-1212; e-mail figar@frankandgramling.com.

James T. Skuthan of Longwood was appointed to the 18th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Governor Jeb Bush.

Kevin Wood has been promoted to vice president and general counsel of Stewart Title Guaranty Company in Atlanta.

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Vivian Arenas, an associate with the Tampa firm of de la Parte and Gilbert, P.A., has been elected to the Board of Directors of Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. The group is responsible for Tampa's annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

David M Caldevilla, shareholder at the Tampa firm of de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., has been appointed by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners to serve as a hearing officer at administrative hearings concerning water and wastewater franchise matters.

Judge Cynthia L. Cox of Vero Beach recently visited students at the St. Edward's School to discuss judicial issues as part of the Florida Law Related Education Association's "Justice in the Classroom" program.

Gary Farmer of Freedland, Glassman, Farmer & Sheller, P.L., in Weston, was featured in a recent edition of the CBS television news program 60 Minutes II discussing the firm's

class action case against Eli Lilly. The case alleges the pharmaceutical company violated patients' privacy by purchasing confidential patient lists in order to direct market its antidepressant medication, Prozac

Weekly. In addition, Farmer and the firm represent all Florida consumers of light cigarettes dating back to 1971 in class action cases against Phillip Morris and R.J. Reynolds alleging fraud and deceptive trade practices.

KELLY WARDROP is named assistant director of Development and Alumni Affairs



The College of Law recently announced the appointment of Kelly L. Wardrop as assistant director of Development and Alumni Affairs. She replaces Tim Kelly, who left the law school to go into private business.

Wardrop comes to the law school having served as program coordinator at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for the past two years. Her work in Atlanta involved directing and implementing fundraising, developing and maintaining corporate sponsor relations, designing and coordinating communications programs and developing marketing strategies for the annual "Art of the Season" holiday fundraiser. Prior to her program coordinator work, Wardrop served as an office assistant/clerk in the Atlanta law firm of Cohen Pollock Merlin Axelrod & Small.

Wardrop will be heavily involved with alumni relations and managing the Annual Fund. She will also be working closely with the Assistant Dean for Development, Mark Pankey, to develop, implement and coordinate campaigns that promote public and private support and interest in the advancement of the College of Law.

"I'm really looking forward to being here at the law school," said Wardrop. "In Atlanta, I would work a full year in sole preparation for the 'Art of the Season' fundraiser, whereas with multiple events each year, I can be a part of a number of successes yearlong. Also, my work in Atlanta involved a lot of the same skills that will be required in the relationships I develop with alumni. I tend to be very outgoing and work well with lots of different personalities, so I'm looking forward to this challenge."

Wardrop's first day on the job was June 17.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

At the June meeting of the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association, which was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of The Florida Bar, the board of directors selected the 2003 winners of the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Alumni Association Service Award.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

This award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves professionally and who have rendered outstanding service to the community as well as to the FSU College of Law. Good citizenship; significant contributions benefiting the community, state and nation; and humanitarian services and contributions to society were considered in selecting this year's winner.

The winner of the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award is **The Honorable Mel Martinez ('73)** of Washington, D.C. Martinez was sworn in as secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on January 24, 2001. As secretary, he oversees the federal agency that creates opportunities for homeownership; helps create, rehabilitate and maintain the nation's affordable housing; provides housing assistance for low-income persons; helps the homeless; enables local communities to meet extraordinary development needs; provides incentives for economic growth in distressed neighborhoods; and enforces the nation's fair housing laws.

Prior to becoming a member of the cabinet, he served as the chairman of Orange County,

Florida. He spent 25 years in private law practice. He has also served as vice president of the Board of Catholic Charities of the Orlando Diocese.

Martinez is a former president of the law school's Alumni Association and has hosted College of Law alumni events at his home. He also appeared in a recruiting video for the law school. He has been selected as a 2003 FSU Omicron Delta Kappa "Grad Made Good," awarded each year at homecoming.

Alumni Association Service Award

This award recognizes alumni who have rendered distinguished service to the FSU College of Law over an extended period of time.

The 2003 Alumni Association Service Award was awarded to two distinguished alumni: **James "Jim" N. McConnaughay ('69)** of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. in Tallahassee, and **Steven "Steve" A. Rissman ('72)** of Rissman, Weisberg, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue & McLain, P.A. in Orlando.

As one nominator put it, "Jim and Steve have distinguished themselves in our profession by becoming the premier workers' compensation defense attorneys in the state of Florida. Their involvement in humanitarian services, local charities, and their contributions, both in time and in money, to their community, state and nation, make them unquestionable recipients of this Distinguished Alumnus Award."

ANSWER THE CALL

Starting *October 6* and running through Oct. 24, College of Law students will be calling to ask that you make a gift to the 2003-2004 Annual Fund. Please ANSWER THE CALL! Alumni participation in the Annual Fund provides the College of Law with vi-

tal resources and enhances the reputation of the school. Last year over 20 percent of our alumni and 35 percent of our current student body made a gift to the Annual Fund. Let's make the 2003-04 Annual Fund Campaign the most successful ever!

Manuel Farach of West Palm Beach was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Fourth Appellate District Nominating Commission.

Julio C. Martinez Jr. announces that his Orlando/Kissimmee firm, Martinez, Manglardi, Diez-Arguelles & Tejedor, has changed its name to the Attorneys Trial Group. For more information about the firm and its practice, visit the website: <http://www.attorneytrialgroup.com/about.htm>.

Willard Pope has been appointed circuit judge in the state's Fifth Judicial Circuit, which includes Lake, Sumter, Marion, Citrus and Hernando counties, by Governor Jeb Bush. Prior to the appointment, he was supervising attorney for the State Attorney's Office in Tavares.

Richard E. Whitaker recently performed with a musical band of practicing lawyers at The Florida Bar Board of Governors meeting in Orlando.

'87 **Steve T. Ball** of Longwood recently performed with a musical band of practicing lawyers at The Florida Bar Board of Governors meeting in Orlando.

Michael Manglardi announces that his Orlando firm, Martinez, Manglardi, Diez-Arguelles & Tejedor, has changed its name to the Attorneys Trial Group. For more information about the firm and its practice, visit the website: <http://www.attorneytrialgroup.com/about.htm>.

Timothy T. Ramsberger has been named general manager of the St. Petersburg Grand Prix. He specializes in sports law and sports management and served as deputy venue execu-



Judge Imperato

tive director for the 1994 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta and in event programming for Disney Sports Attractions.

Gina Smith helped coach the law school's Mock Trial Team in its Association of American Trial Lawyers Mock Trial Competition in March.

'88 **Diane W. Carr** has been named secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation by Governor Jeb Bush. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner with the Tallahassee firm of Hopping, Green & Sams. She has also been an attorney with the Florida House of Representatives Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce; an associate with Henry, Buchanan, Mick & English, P.A.; assistant general counsel and general counsel for Associated Industries of Florida and the Florida Retail Federation.

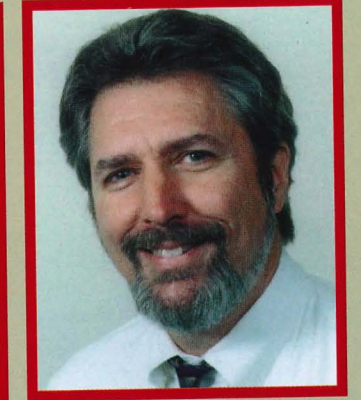
Cynthia G. Imperato has been appointed judge in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit by Governor Jeb Bush. She has been assigned to the circuit's criminal division.

Reginald Luster of the Jacksonville firm of Gibbs, Luster & Davis has been elected president-elect of the Jacksonville

Bar Association. He takes office in June 2004. In May he made headlines when he and fellow attorney Dexter Davis gained a "not guilty" verdict for Charles Arline, who had spent two-and-a-half years in the Duval County Jail on first-degree murder charges. Arline had been accused of shaking his girl friend's 1-year-old son, causing fatal injury. Luster and Davis presented evidence that the injury to the child was the result of an accidental fall. The jury agreed with them.



Ash



Morrill

BARBARA ASH appointed law school communications director

Dean Donald Weidner has appointed Barbara Ash Director of Communications at the FSU College of Law. She replaces David Morrill, who held the position since 1993. Most recently, Ash served as Director of Research Information and Publications in the Office of the Vice President for Research, and headed FSU's Ideas That Move national advertising campaign.

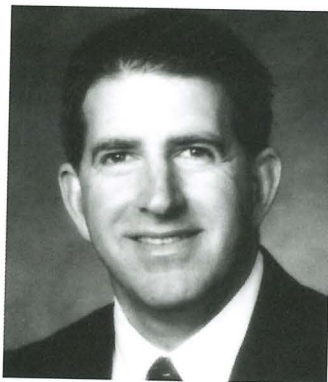
Before coming to FSU in 1996, Ash spent almost 17 years as a news reporter and editor with Gannett and Knight Ridder newspapers in Florida. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the faculty at the College of Law faculty," she said. "There are so many interesting stories to tell about our faculty and so many success stories to tell about our alumni. It will be fun to do that. It's important that people see the high caliber of our faculty, that they can stand shoulder to shoulder with colleagues at other great law schools."

Morrill leaves the law school after 10 years as communications director. He will continue to write his column, "Outsider's Notes," for newspapers in Oregon and Washington state, he says, but also plans to work part-time on freelance projects, climb the Ecuadorean volcano, Cotopaxi, and transport teenagers to gymnastics and tennis competitions.

State Representative Alex Villalobos, R-Miami, is chair of the Florida Senate's Judiciary Committee. He practices with the Villalobos Law Firm in Miami.

'89 Alan Abramowitz has been appointed deputy administrator for the Palm Beach County's Department of Children & Families by department Secretary Jerry Regier. Prior to joining the Palm Beach office of the agency, he was chief legal counsel for two DCF districts in Central Florida.

Leonard J. Dietzen III of the Faculty & Steering Committee of The Florida Bar assisted in hosting an intermediate level course for HIPAA for practitioners from July 25 to August 22, 2003. For more information, visit www.FLBAR.org or call (850) 561-5831. He is a partner with Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., in Tallahassee.



William "Scott" Patterson, formerly national coverage counsel for the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, is the founding member of a Washington, D.C.-based boutique law firm representing policyholders in liability insurance coverage disputes. The firm will also have an office in Miami. The firm website is www.ICLawGroup.com.

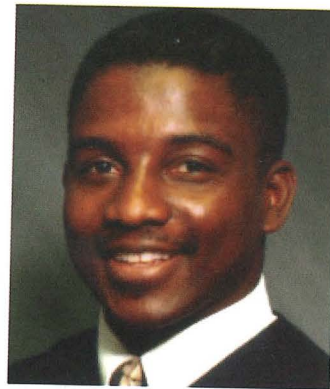
Miguel M. de la O, managing partner of the Miami firm of de la O & Marko, has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to membership on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Steven R. Senn of Lakeland was nominated by The Florida Bar for the 10th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.

'90 Barbara A. Petersen, president of the First Amendment Foundation in Tallahassee, assisted in the editing of the revised second edition of the Florida Public Record Handbook. Visit www.floridafaf.org, or call (800) 337-3518 for more details.

Roland W. Kiehn of Panama City was appointed to the 14th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Governor Jeb Bush.

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Michael Andrews has been appointed a Sixth Judicial Circuit judge in Pasco County by Governor Jeb Bush. Previously a Pinellas County judge, Andrews is the first African-American appointed to the circuit bench in Pasco County.

Alumni Reception Sponsors

The College of Law would like to thank the following sponsors who made our 2002-2003 Alumni Receptions a success. If you are interested in sponsoring a reception in your area, please contact Kelly Wardrop at (800) 788-7097, or by e-mail at kwardrop@law.fsu.edu

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Gordon A. Dieterle is a partner with McClosky, D'Anna, Ioannou & Dieterle in Boca Raton. He is an AV-rated litigation attorney with extensive experience in complex commercial litigation matters and appellate practice. His address is 2300 Glades Road, Suite 400 East, Boca Raton, FL 33431; phone (561) 395-7050; e-mail gadi@mdidattorneys.com.

Joann Barone Kotzen of West Palm Beach was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the 15th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.

Allen H. Libow announces that his firm, Libow & Muskat, LLP, has relocated in Boca Raton. His new address is 3351 N.W. Boca Raton Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Sally Still has been promoted to member of Christine D. Hanley & Associates, P.A., in West Palm Beach. She is board certified in labor and employment law by The Florida Bar and is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a civil circuit mediator.

Tony Turner is practicing law with classmate T. Lee Bodie at the St. Petersburg firm of Turner & Bodie, P.A. The two concentrate in workers' compensation law. The office address is P.O. Box 55548, St. Petersburg, FL 33732-5548; phone, (727) 522-8722.

'92 Donna Blanton is a partner in the new Tallahassee firm of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark.

George L. Fernandez has joined Wolpe, Leibowitz, Alvarez & Fernandez, L.L.P. His office address is 44 West Flagler Street, Penthouse Suite; phone, (305) 372-0060; e-mail

gfernandez@wlaflaw.com.

Shannon Hartsfield has been named partner in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight, LLP. She is a member of the litigation department and focuses on health law cases.

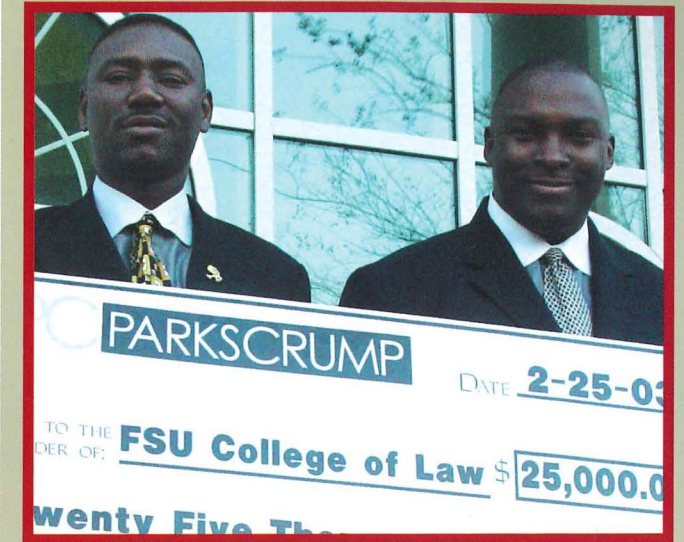
Marlon A. Hill has been appointed to serve on the board of the Miami Off-Street Parking Agency by the Miami City Commission. Hill practices with the Miami law firm of delancyhill. His new address is Wachovia Financial Center, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2680, Miami, FL 33131.

Mark Kaplan has opened Quorum Consulting in Tallahassee. Kaplan said he plans to help clients navigate the complexities of state government, especially in the executive branch. Formerly, he was the director of personnel who led Governor Jeb Bush's transition team's efforts to evaluate and re-staff the executive branch of government after Bush's re-election. As the former executive director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Kaplan led the successful turnaround of the state's troubled affordable housing agency.

Travis L. Miller is a partner in the new Tallahassee firm of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark.

Dario A. Perez has been named partner with the Miami-based firm of Shutts & Bowen, LLP. He is a member of the firm's litigation department and focuses his practice in real estate and commercial litigation.

Nancy R. Rossell of Key West was nominated for the Sixteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by The Florida Bar.



Daryl Parks and Ben Crump present a big check

PARKS & CRUMP law firm endows law school scholarship fund

The Tallahassee law firm of Parks & Crump has established a scholarship fund to help the Florida State University College of Law attract students from groups that are historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

Daryl Parks and Ben Crump, both 1995 FSU law graduates, announced they were creating the Parks & Crump Endowed Scholarship at a law school Diversity Week panel discussion in late February. Their \$25,000 scholarship requires that the recipient be a Florida resident or have the commitment to remain in Florida to practice law for at least three years after graduation.

Crump said the elimination of two state-supported minority scholarship programs, the Virgil Hawkins and the Minority Participation in Legal Education Scholarship Funds, has made private scholarships more important than ever.

"We hope that our financial gift will be a further inspiration to other African-American alumni to consider making similar gifts to the school in support of minority students and in support of the law school's efforts to attract qualified minority applicants," Crump said.

Law school Dean Don Weidner thanked Parks and Crump, saying he also hoped the gift would inspire others. "We are so proud of Daryl and Ben, and we are proud of the statement they make with this gift. As a part of the law school family, they have enthusiastically returned and stepped up to the plate to help us."

Meredith Trammell, formerly a member of the College of Law's Alumni Association Board of Directors, organized a speakers panel that discussed networking for FSU law students March 31 at the law school. She coordinated her efforts with the law school's director of Career Placement, Brittany Adams Long.

'93 **Alexander Caballero** is serving on The Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

'94 **Dione C. Carroll** has been named in-house general counsel of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. The tribe is involved in on-going legal battles to protect its ancestral homeland in the Everglades and has been a key player in efforts to stop pollution and improve water quality. Carroll's experience is in the areas of environmental law, commercial law, open government law, civil rights and litigation and appellate work. Her office address is P.O. Box 44021, Tamiami Station, Miami, FL 33144; phone (305) 223-8380.

Russell S. Kent is now an associate with Guy E. Burnette Jr., P.A., 3019 Shannon Lakes North, Suite 201, Tallahassee, FL 32312; phone, (850) 668-7900; e-mail: rsk@gburnette.com.

Mark Glassman, co-founding partner of Freedland & Glassman, P.L., announces the expansion of his firm, now known as Freedland, Glassman, Farmer & Sheller, P.L. The firm will concentrate in the field of complex tort litigation, medical malpractice and wrongful death, and remain at its present location: 2665 Executive Park Drive, Suite 3, Weston, FL 33331.

'95 **Edward L. Birk** has become a shareholder in the Jacksonville law firm of Marks Gray, P.A. His practice focuses on labor and employment litigation.

Linda G. Bond is now an associate with the Tallahassee office of Allen, Norton & Blue.

Erik E. Hawks has been named a shareholder in the Orlando-based firm of Akerman Senterfitt. Hawks, a member of Order of the Coif, concentrates on general and commercial litigation. He is admitted to practice before the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeal for the Middle District of Florida.

Danielle DeVito-Hurley has been named a shareholder in the West Palm Beach-based firm of Gunster Yoakley. DeVito-Hurley is a member of the firm's real estate department and focuses her practice in the areas of real estate transactions, sales and finance, real estate development, commercial leasing, hotels and resorts and lender law.



Jessica Varn was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush as a commissioner on the Public Employees Relations Commission.

Like father, like son? Not exactly, as **JOHN RENKE,** '95, takes the bench in Pasco County

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By CARY DAVIS

In Pasco County, people associate the name with bulldog politics. Conservative ideology. Power-brokering. The image may not bring to mind attributes like empathy and impartiality. Modesty and tranquility. Openness. Yet they also describe John Renke.

Not the John Renke best known as a three-term state representative who rose to become the Republican Party's minority leader in Tallahassee. The other John Renke. The politician's son.

Just 33 years old, he is the youngest circuit judge in Florida. Renke was elected last September in a bitterly contested race, his long-shot bid propelled by his father's deep connections and a clever campaign strategy.

He took the bench in January as an unknown commodity. In the first seven years of his legal career, he rarely ventured into the same New Port Richey courthouse where he now rules on family law cases, domestic violence injunctions and mortgage foreclosures.

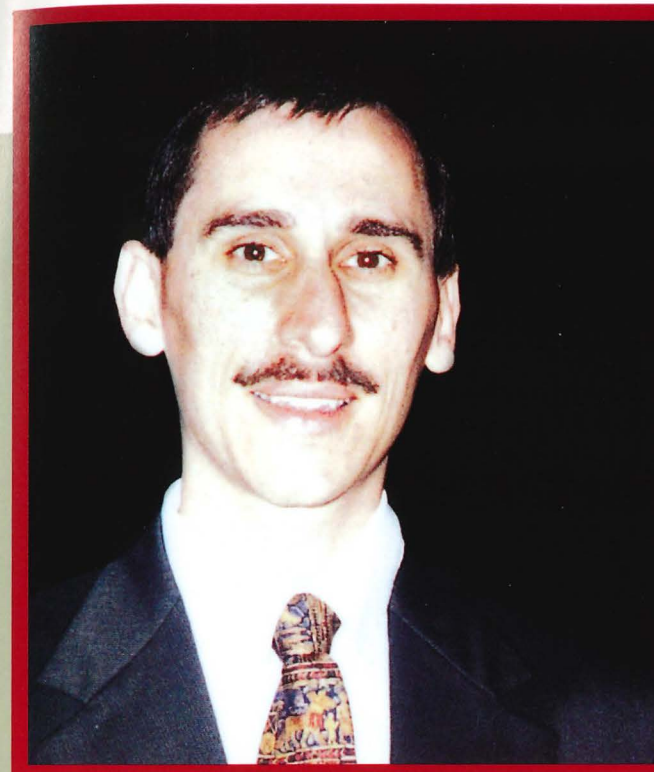
Instead, he was a behind-the-scenes attorney at his father's law office. He spent his time intoxicated by what he calls "theoretical enterprise," preparing complex cases on the cutting edge of property, contracts and constitutional law.

Now, newly entrusted with the responsibility of meting out justice, Renke finds himself squarely in the public spotlight. He knows the perception is out there: that he isn't ready for this, doesn't deserve it, and only got here because of his father. That he's probably just a chip off the old block.

But it would be wrong to assume Judge Renke is just a junior version of his 57-year-old father.

In fact, say those who know him best, if Renke takes after anybody, it is his mother, Margaret.

"The empathy comes from her," said his sister, Christina Mendoza, who's also a lawyer. "That's why he approaches



John Renke, 33, is Florida's youngest circuit judge

the world with such openness and curiosity. He has a real connection with people."

State Sen. Mike Fasano, a longtime friend of the Renke family, said: "John Jr. is not his father's son. He is much more like his mother, very laid back...He doesn't take things personally.

"He will make a great judge. He's a great listener who takes time to deliberate. He won't just react."

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The law brought the Renkes to Florida. John Renke III was just a fourth-grader when his father, then a lawyer in Detroit, came to Florida to take a deposition. He left an ice storm in Michigan and hours later stepped off the plane into the warm Florida sunshine. The Michigan winter couldn't compete with 78 degrees.

The family moved to New Port Richey. John Renke II built a successful civil practice in town and became active in local Republican circles. In 1984, he ran for the state House and won.

As the father moved quickly up through the Republican ranks in Tallahassee, the son was growing into a well-rounded teen at Ridgewood High School. He excelled in the classroom and on the athletic field, lettering in football, soccer and tennis. He once played a singles match against Jim Courier. He played guitar in a band. And he met a California girl named Michelle Paski, who would later become his wife.

He went on to the University of Florida, where he studied history, archaeology, French literature. These days, when he reads a French novel, he doesn't bother with the translation.

He reads it in the original French.

He and Michelle got married at Disney World. After graduation, they moved to Tallahassee, where Renke had been accepted to law school at Florida State University.

Most law students spend all their time studying. Renke did plenty of that, enough to graduate with honors. But he had another responsibility in law school: In his second year, he and Michelle had their first child, Ian. A daughter, Hannah, would follow three years later.

Renke said he never really considered joining a large firm, where young lawyers make big bucks but pay a heavy price. He didn't want to work 80 hours a week, researching cases in a library and competing against other ambitious lawyers to see who would make partner. The money wasn't that important.

So after he graduated from law school in 1995, he went to work for his father's small firm. There he'd work for days, even weeks, on a single brief, turning out 50 pages of complex legal arguments. He focused on the intellectual side of practicing law, not the art of courtroom rhetoric. He didn't fraternize with other lawyers at the courthouse. "I enjoyed the mental exercise," he said, "coming up with a cogent argument."

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Working for his father gave Renke the flexibility to spend time with his family. Donning the black robe of the judiciary hasn't changed that.

He still coaches his son's soccer team, still takes the family to Bob Evans for dinner after games, still gets out his boat on weekends and goes fishing with the kids in the gulf.

A recent night found Renke slouched on a couch in his living room, his wife beside him and the family's two black Labrador retrievers, Wyatt and Winnie, stretched out on the floor. Ian, 9, watched a European soccer match on television.

The smell of dinner - takeout from Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q - filled the house. Renke's acoustic guitar rested in a stand in the living room, next to a computer he built himself. A workbench in the garage was covered with parts for another computer.

Renke makes \$133,250 as a judge, more than twice the yearly salary he earned working for his father. But he still lives in the same three-bedroom house in River Ridge, still drives the same blue 1992 Lincoln Continental he inherited from a great aunt. He still wears the same wrinkled khaki pants to work. And he still eats whatever Michelle packs him for lunch; he gets the same thing as the kids, usually a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich, a piece of fruit and a mint.

"He's the same old guy," said Michelle, who still teaches at Genesis Preparatory School. ■

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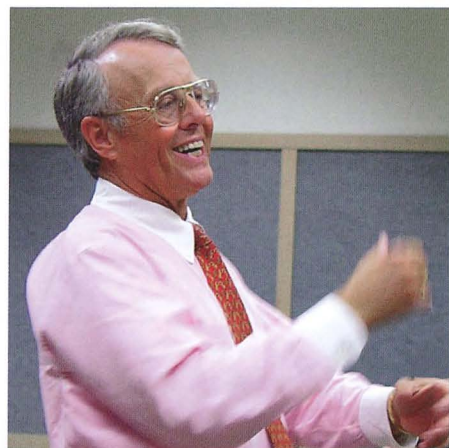
By Mark A. Riordan

Dean's Vision, Dedication Place Law School on Map

Aggressively raising private dollars has boosted the FSU College of Law's reputation to match its academic successes

Since retaking the helm of the Florida State University College of Law in 1998, Dean Don Weidner's goal has been clear: Make the college's reputation match the college's reality.

"In every major quantitative indicator of performance, FSU's College of Law ranks among the nation's best," Weidner says. "Our faculty produce more scholarly writings in major journals and



Under Dean Weidner's leadership, alumni participation in the law school's annual fund has almost doubled since 1999

have more contact hours with students. Our students score higher on the LSAT, the Florida Bar Exam and at many of the major law school competitions, such as moot court."

Last year, FSU's law school ranked among the nation's 14 most improved faculties in the country. "Ranked with us in the top 14 were University of California-Berkeley, the University of Pennsylva-

nia and NYU," Weidner said.

"If you take all the law schools in the country, our faculty is the 31st most productive in terms of scholarly output. We're 12th if you just look at state universities," Weidner said.

Even the national news magazines have begun to catch word of the law school's success. U.S. News & World Report recently ranked FSU's environmental law program in the nation's top 20.

Dean Weidner's plan has been simple and direct: Recruit the best professors and best students, give them the tools to succeed and success is sure to follow.

The hardest part of the Dean's plan and where he's had the most success, says Mark Pankey, assistant dean for development at the law school, is in raising the private dollars necessary to recruit and retain all this talent.

Since the FSU CONNECT Campaign began in September of 2000, the College of Law has raised \$7.2 million toward its \$17 million goal. Overall, the capital campaign for Florida State University will raise \$600 million to support students, faculty and academic programs.

"This past year has been a great year for the College of Law," states Pankey. The great year, he adds, happened because "people are really beginning to hear and respond to the Dean's message that this is

a great law school, but with the help of others, we can make it even better."

For all of the law school's success, Weidner said none of it would have occurred without outside funding.

"Private giving has made all the difference in the world," he said. "Endowing professorships has enabled us to attract top new faculty to the law school and allowed us to reward our most productive existing faculty. The two together have transformed the culture of scholarly production at the law school."

As proud as the Dean is of the faculty's scholarly reputation, he's even prouder of how they have guided the law school's fund raising efforts. "The faculty said that scholarships should be the law school's number one fundraising priority," he said. "I am extremely proud of their commitment to the students."



Phil and Rita Blank are shown here with Dean Weidner and FSU Law School scholarship recipients

"No matter how smart you are, you got here because someone along the way helped you. Remember that when you make it." Phil Blank

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Many law school alumni and friends have responded to the call as well. During the past year, the College of Law, through private donations, has funded scholarships for Holocaust descendants, groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, and students committed to public service and leadership development. Private donations also provided additional funding for the Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair and the creation of professorships in environmental and property law. Here are some samples of the many gifts that friends and alumni are donating to make the College of Law better and stronger.

SCHOLARSHIPS

• **The Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles Endowed Scholarship.** When Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles graduated in 1985 he knew he wanted to help poor kids and groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession get into law school. Since he was one of those kids who needed, and got, a chance, Diez-Arguelles thought the best way he could offer a "hand up" to someone was to endow a \$100,000 scholarship at his alma mater.

• **The David and Cela Miller Scholarship** was created by a \$25,000 donation from Phil and Rita Blank. This money provides scholarships for current FSU law students who are the descendants of Holocaust survivors. The scholarship is named in honor of Rita's parents who were Holocaust survivors. "It was very important to my wife and me that her parents be honored and remembered in this way," Blank said.

The Blanks also have made another \$10,000 donation to the law school's annual scholarship fund to help students who, as Blank puts it, "need it." Blank said that whenever he speaks to law students or young lawyers, he likes to remind them, "No matter how smart you are, you got here because someone along the way helped you. Remember that when you make it."

• **The Attorney General Scholarship Fund** was created by the Office of the Attorney General through a directed settlement of \$320,000. This fund allows qualified applicants, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, to attend law school at Florida State.

The scholarships, Pankey explains, allow the law school to attract and compete for the nation's top law students.

PROFESSORSHIPS

• **The William J. and Susan P. Cohen Professorship in Environmental Law.** Bill Cohen started his collegiate career as a marine biologist and ended it with a J.D. and LL.M. in tax. Now Cohen finds himself in the software business creating web-based software for financial institutions. He never gave up his love of the ocean or the environment. The \$600,000 testamentary gift he and his wife Suzy have made, Cohen said, allows him to pay back the law school for the "modicum of success it has allowed me in life."

• **The Matthews & Hawkins Professorship in Property.** Dana C. Matthews, JD '81, and his law partner John Hawkins's \$300,000 gift, which qualifies for state match, has allowed the law school to retain one of the nation's leading scholars and professors in land use, environmental and property law, Prof. J. B. Ruhl.

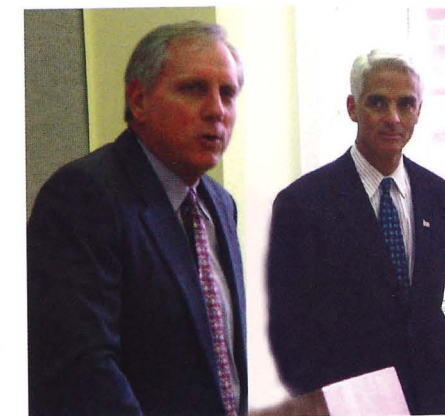
• **The Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair.** Under the direction of

Charlie Crist, Attorney General for the State of Florida, the law school received a directed settlement of \$250,000 to supplement the

Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair. The holder of the Ervin Chair also serves as the Solicitor General of the State of Florida. Law alum Christopher Kise, JD '90, is currently the Ervin Eminent Scholar having been jointly appointed by Attorney General Charlie Crist, who received his undergraduate degree from Florida State, and FSU President T.K. Wetherell. Simultaneously holding the Ervin Chair and



FSU Law School Ervin Chair holder and Solicitor General Chris Kise



Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist shown with FSU President T.K. Wetherell

serving as Solicitor General allows Kise to imbue his students with unique insights into appellate advocacy and procedure. As the chief lawyer for the Attorney General, Kise said, he's able to get involved in more than just appellate work and that's great exposure for the law students he teaches. "The students are getting substantive interaction with Supreme Court Justices, appellate judges, leading lawyers in the state and the Attorney General. They're able to see a lot from this vantage point." ♦

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A. Kimberly Rockwell Brosseit, an associate with Blank Rome Associates in Wilmington, Delaware, served on the faculty for a seminar entitled "Selected Topics in Land Use Law In Delaware." The seminar, held in Wilmington, addressed the state's land use problems and board of adjustment applications.

Bert Combs is a partner in the new Tallahassee firm of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark.

U.S. Marine Capt. Jeremy N. Jungreis has been chosen by the Marine Corps to enter the LL.M. program in environmental law at George Washington University. He is the only officer selected by the Corps this year to pursue the degree.

Keith R. Kyle has joined Cutright C. Truitt, P.A., in Fort Myers. His office address is 7780 Cambridge Manor Place, Suite B, Fort Myers, FL 33907; phone, (239) 277-5225.

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Erica D. Glover has been appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of Florida Legal Services, Inc. in Tallahassee.

Darshana H. Thakkar is now an assistant editor at the American Bar Association's Center for Professional Responsibility. Her office address is 541 N. Fairbanks Ct., Chicago, IL 60611; phone, (312) 988-5280.

Mark S. Thomas of the Faculty & Steering Committee of The Florida Bar assisted with hosting an intermediate level course for HIPAA for practitioners from July 25 to August 22.

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John Loring Bischof has joined the Tampa firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker. His office address is 501 East Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1700, Tampa, FL 33602-5239; phone, (813) 222-3334; e-mail, jbischof@fowlerwhite.com.

Dorothy (Dotti) M. Ridgway is now assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Corrections. Her office address is 2601 Blainstone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2500; phone (850) 488-2328; e-mail, ridgway.dorothy@mail.dc.state.fl.us.

Paul E. Bueker has joined the Jacksonville firm of Marks Gray, P.A. He will concentrate in the area of civil litigation, including medical malpractice. Prior to joining Marks Gray, Bueker was chief attorney for the felony division of the State Attorney's Office for Florida's Tenth Judicial Circuit.

A. Ryals McMullian has joined Flowers Foods Corporation in Thomasville, Georgia, as associate general counsel. Previously, he practiced merger, acquisition and corporate counseling law with Jones Day in Atlanta.

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Matthew Lines has joined Diaz, O'Naghten & Borgognoni, LLP, in Miami. He is specializing in insurance insolvency, commercial litigation and securities arbitration. He can be reached at mattlines2003@yahoo.com.

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Descera Daigle has joined the firm of Goldman, Gruder & Woods, LLC, in Norwalk, Connecticut. Her practice focuses on real estate and business in the firm's litigation department. Her office address is 200 Con-

necticut Avenue, Suite 2F, Norwalk, CT, 06854; phone, (203) 899-8900; her e-mail address is: ddaigle@goldmangruderwoods.com.

Jess H. Little has joined the Nashville, Tennessee, law firm of Stokes Bartholomew Evans & Petree, P.A. His office address is 424 Church Street, Suite 2800, Nashville, TN 37219.



Florida Department of Health. His e-mail address is Naji_Israoul@doh.state.fl.us.



Barbara O'Horo-Benton has joined the Orlando law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., as an associate. Her practice areas include real estate transactions, development and finance.

Nakia Purdie-Lawson has joined the Tallahassee office of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., as an associate. Her new address is 906 North Monroe Street, Suite 100, Tallahassee, FL 32303; phone, (850) 561-3503.

Thomas R. Sullivan has joined Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., in Orlando as an associate. He will practice real estate transactions, development and finance.



Jami M. Balkom has joined the Panama City firm of Manuel & Thompson, P.A. She will concentrate in the area of personal injury litigation. Her office ad-

Yvonne Sanford has joined the firm of Aylstock, Witkin & Sasser, PLC, in Gulf Breeze. Her office address is 55 Baybridge Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561; phone, (850) 916-7450.

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Irene Baker has joined the Securities Litigation division of Alston & Bird in Atlanta. Prior to joining the firm, she clerked with Chief Judge Orinda D. Evans, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta.

Harmony C. Conti has joined the Providence, Rhode Island, firm of Kiernan, Plunkett & Redihan as an associate. She is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association and New Lawyers Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Naji Israoul has been named assistant general counsel for the

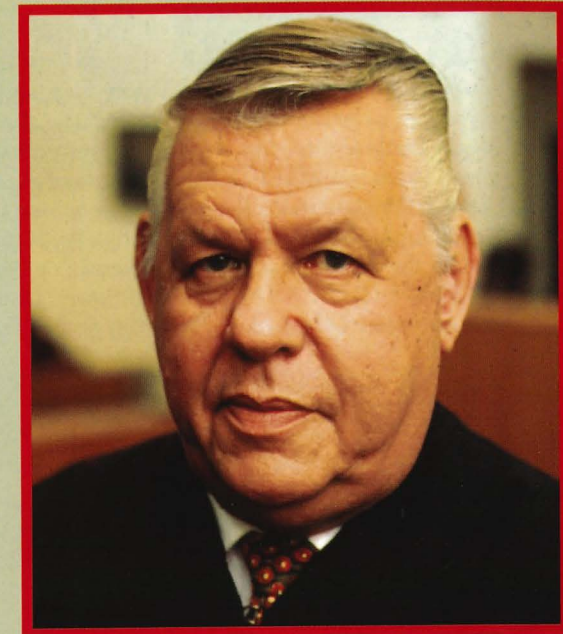
dress is 314 Magnolia Avenue, Panama City, FL 32402; phone, (850) 785-5555.

Toni Wortherly served as assistant coach for the Duncan U. Fletcher High School (Jacksonville) Mock Trial Team during the spring.

In Memoriam

James R. Stokes, 47, of Pensacola died June 11 when his ultralight aircraft crashed near Elsanor, Alabama, just north of the Florida-Alabama state line. His best friend, John Johnson, also died in the accident. In 2001, Mr. Stokes represented Alex King in a highly publicized trial in which the 13-year-old was convicted of killing his father. Mr. Stokes was U.S. Marine Corps Pilot before attending law school and served in the Pensacola Public Defender's Office before opening his own practice.

JUDGE JAMES JORGENSEN 1937 - 2003



The College of Law lost one of its most distinguished graduates on May 11, when Third District Court of Appeal Judge James R. Jorgenson died in Miami.

Judge Jorgenson, a member of the law school's 1969 charter class, was one its first graduates appointed to the the State Court of Appeal.

Following his graduation, Judge Jorgenson worked as an attorney for the Metro Dade Police Department from 1969 through 1976. He was in private practice with Kreeger & Kreeger between 1976 and 1977 and then joined the Office of the Dade County Attorney as an assistant county attorney.

From 1977 to 1981, he was a Dade county and circuit court judge before being appointed to the Third District Court of Appeal in 1981 by Governor Bob Graham.

Judge Jorgenson earned an LL.M. in 1984 from the University of Virginia School of Law, and was a member of the American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, and the American Bar Association.

Judge Jorgenson was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1937 and was a resident of Miami for over 40 years. He was married to Barbara Sue Wedell and has three sons, James, David, and Fred; one daughter, Leslie; and nine grandchildren.

He served with the United States Air Force between 1957 and 1960. While a police officer with the Metro Dade Police Department, he received his A.S. degree from Miami Dade Community College. Judge Jorgenson graduated from Florida State University with a B.S. in criminology in 1966. Following law school at FSU, he was a Ford Fellow at Northwestern University.

A master story teller, Judge Jorgenson enjoyed sharing his memories of the College of Law's first three years with fellow alumni. One of his favorites was his first meeting with founding dean, Mason Ladd.

Working as an FSU police officer to pay his way through criminology school, Jorgenson was directing traffic in front of the Westcott Building in the spring of 1966 when Ladd rolled into town. Ladd told him he had a meeting with the university president and asked where he could park.

After the young officer pointed to a space, the future dean asked him, "What are you doing?" Jorgenson replied, "Well sir, I'm directing traffic."

"No, no, no!" Ladd came back in his straight-to-the-point manner. "I mean what are you doing with your life?"

After collecting his wits, Jorgenson answered that he was finishing up his criminology degree.

Ladd gave Jorgenson a leveling look, then boomed, "You should go to law school."

As Judge Jorgenson told it, that was when he decided to go to law school.

FACULTY NOTES

Frederick Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar, made a presentation February 3 at the World Bank seminar on "Negotiations in the WTO TRIPS Council Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the Ministerial Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health." The program was recorded and is avail-

able for viewing on the World Bank's B-Span video network. On March 12, at New York University Law School's Engelberg Center on Innovation Law and Policy, he debated the director general of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations (IFPMA) on the subject of patents and access to essential medicines. Later in the week, he made a presentation at the Trade Law Center

for Southern Africa (TRALAC) in Stellenbosch, South Africa, and attended meetings in Pretoria regarding establishment of the Initiative on Pharmaceutical Technology Transfer. On March 26-27, he taught for two days at the MILE program of the World Trade Institute of the University of Berne on the subject of trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights. On April 3, he discussed access to essential medicines issues with students of the International Law Society at Duke University Law School. On April 4, he made a presentation "Managing the Hydra: Resolving Roadblocks to Ensuring Access to Essential Medicines" at the Meeting on International Public Goods, the Public Domain, and the Transfer of Technology after TRIPS, also at Duke. On April 7, again at the World Bank, he attended a meeting of a working group on production of generic medicines in developing countries. Also, in recent months, he has again served as panelist for the World Intellectual Property Organization in a number of Internet domain name disputes. On March 17, he gave a presentation at University of Stellenbosch near Cape Town, South Africa, as Rapporteur for the ILA Trade Law Committee to the South Africa ILA branch on the subject of trade and development in medicines. On March 19, he conducted a meeting in Pretoria with members of the South African Department of Trade and Industry on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) negotiations and on the Initiative for Pharmaceutical Technology Transfer.

Paolo Annino gave a presentation at the Children's Legal Services Conference 2003 in May in Orlando. The conference was sponsored by The

Florida Bar Foundation and Barry University and was intended to examine trial techniques in due process hearings in special education cases.

Rob Atkinson, Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell Professor of Law, has published the article "Reviving the Roman Republic: Remembering the Good Old Cause," in the 71 *Fordham Law Review* 1187.

Barbara Banoff was a panelist at the Securities Regulation and Corporate Responsibility Conference at American University, Washington, D.C., on January 31.



Mary Crossley, Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor of Law, has published an article in the *Villanova Law Review* entitled "Infected Judgment: Legal Responses to Physician Bias." She also published, with Professor Lois Shepherd, an introduction, entitled "Genes and Disability: Questions at the Crossroads," in the March 2002 "Genes & Disability" symposium issue of the *Florida State University Law Review* (Vol. 30, No. 2). The issue published papers delivered at the March 2002 symposium on "Genes & Disability," hosted by the College of Law. In February, she and Shepherd taught a class for second-year medical students at FSU's College of Medicine on medical malpractice law.

Sandy D'Alemberte spoke before three of the world's most influential leaders April 12 and expressed his personal opposition to the U.S. policy toward Iraq. His remarks were made at the Conference on Peace, Security and International Law at the St. Petersburg (Russia) State University Faculty of Law. Included in the audience were President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin; German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder; and French President Jacques Chirac. D'Alemberte said that a sizeable minority of Americans shared his feelings and oppose the "arrogance" exhibited in much of U.S. foreign policy. "I regret this because I believe that humility is a wise policy for powerful nations," he said. D'Alemberte suggested that better communication was essential in solving international problems, particularly those involving human rights. "There have been few times in history when it was more essential," he said.

Joseph Dodge, Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor, published the article, "Comparing a Reformed Estate Tax With an Accessions Tax and an Income-Inclusion System, and Abandoning the Generation-Skipping Tax," in 56 *SMU Law Review* 551.

Charles Ehrhardt, Mason Ladd Professor of Evidence, has published the 2003 edition of *Florida Evidence* (Westgroup). He has also published an article, "The Corpus Delicti Rule: Going, Going, Gone," in the summer 2003 issue of the *Florida Defender*. He gave a talk at the annual meeting of the Institute of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in May in Tampa. A two-day CLE session at the event drew 500-600

lawyers. Also, in June, he made a presentation, "Hearsay and Impeachment," for the Ninth Circuit Public Defenders Office in Orlando. In April, he presented a Criminal Certification Review Course titled "Evidence: State and Federal" for The Florida Bar in Tampa.

Sally Gertz made a presentation titled, "Does At-Will Employment Increase Productivity of Civil Servants?" to the Tallahassee Women Lawyers, February 27.

Adam Hirsch, David M. Hoffman Professor, has published the article, "Cognitive Jurisprudence" in 76 *Southern California Law Review* 599.

Larry Krieger attended an ABA Subcommittee on Law School Outreach meeting in San Diego, February 20-21. The subcommittee, primarily composed of law school deans and AALS officials, is forming an action plan to investigate substance abuse and depression issues at American law schools. In May, he spoke to a plenary session of the AALS Clinical Conference in Vancouver. The title of his talk was "The Intersection of Professionalism and Personal Satisfaction."

Paul A. LeBel has published the article, "Misdirecting Myths: The Legal and Cultural Significance of Distorted History in Popular Media" in 37 *Wake Forest Law Review* 1035-1072 (Winter 2002). He has also published the article, "The Stewardship of Lawyering: Lessons from a Visit to Wendell Berry's Port William," in 34 *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* 815-843 (2003).

Tahirih Lee serves as the law school's associate dean for Academic Affairs for the 2003-2004 academic year. She shared duties

over the summer with outgoing associate dean, Mark Seidenfeld, assuming full duties in August.

David Markell, Steven M. Goldstein Professor, has published the book *Reinventing Environmental Enforcement & the State/Federal Relationship* (Environmental Law Institute 2003 co-authored with Cliff Rechtschaffen). He also gave a

presentation at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on NAFTA in May. His *Environmental Law and Policy* (Aspen, 4th edition) was published in July. His book, *Greening NAFTA: The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation* (Stanford University Press) was published in August.

Jim Rossi returns to the faculty from UNC Law School as Harry Walborsky Professor of Law



Dean Don Weidner has named Jim Rossi the Harry M. Walborsky Professor of Law. Rossi, formerly a member of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill law faculty, rejoined the FSU College of Law in August, where he had served from 1995 until 2002.

Rossi is recognized for his scholarship in administrative energy law and state administrative procedure. Also an expert in regulated industries, he is co-author of *Energy, Economics and the Environment* (Foundation Press 2000). He teaches Torts, Administrative Procedure, Antitrust, and Energy Law and Policy, and is a frequent lecturer before university and bar groups.

According to Weidner, it is "a coup for Florida State to hire this dynamic young scholar away from Chapel Hill."

"It is also fitting that the professorship that helped to attract him back is named in honor of someone who was an outstanding faculty member at Florida State."

The Harry M. Walborsky Professorship was created by Pensacola attorney Edwin Walborsky, a 1979 graduate of the law school, to honor his late father, a former FSU chemistry professor. A native of Poland, Harry Walborsky joined the FSU chemistry department in 1950, teaching organic chemistry. A prolific writer and internationally respected researcher, he was named the 1980 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, the university's top teaching award. His success in attracting research grants is credited with helping the department upgrade its laboratories and recruit talented graduate students. After retiring in 1981, he continued to teach part-time until 1994.



Professor Jack Van Doren (second from left) and his students at the Faculty of Law and Economics program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Van Doren helps rebuild a legal system

College of Law Professor Jack Van Doren has made a career of teaching law to students in countries where the rule of law is often nonexistent.

During the past year he has taken on perhaps his most challenging assignment: training a new generation of Cambodians to practice law in a country where virtually all lawyers were murdered during the reign of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge in the late 1970s.

Although the Faculty of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, from which Van Doren recently returned, is operated by the French government, students are eager to learn English and American law. "They understand that this is the law of international law and commerce," says Van Doren. "We put up with some resistance from the administrators but our job is to train students."

Van Doren's Socratic method has been praised for its effectiveness by other members of the English law program. "These students are eager to learn," says Van Doren, whose service was financed by a Fulbright grant. "It's been a pleasure to teach them."

Gregory Mitchell's article "Why Law and Economics' Perfect Rationality Should Not Be Traded for Behavioral Law and Economics' Equal Incompetence," has been published in the 91 *Georgetown Law Journal* 1.

Jim Rossi, Harry M. Walborsky Professor of Law, has published a chapter, "Universal Service in Competitive Retail Electric Markets: Refin(anc)ing the Duty to Serve for a Post-Natural Monopoly Era," in the book, *The End of a Natural Monopoly: Deregulation and Competition in the Electric Power Industry* (Elsevier Science, JAI Press 2003), edited by Peter Z. Grossman and Daniel H. Cole. He has also published a review essay, "The Electric Deregulation Fisaco: Looking to Regulatory Federalism to Promote a Balance Between Markets and the Provision of Public Goods," in 100 *Michigan Law Review* 1768 (2002). He delivered the keynote speech, "On Institutional Design and State Administrative Procedure," at the Virginia Bar Association's Annual Administrative Law Conference in Richmond in April. He presented a conference paper, "Beyond Goldwasser: The Role of Ex Post Judicial Enforcement in Deregulated Telecommunications Markets," Annual Quello Center (Michigan State University) Telecommunications Conference, Washington, D.C., in March. He presented a forthcoming article, "Lowering the Filed Tariff Shield: Judicial Enforcement for a Deregulatory Era," to the weekly faculty workshops at the University of San Diego School of Law in September 2002 and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law, also in September 2002. He also presented this forthcoming article to the law and economics workshop

at the University of Southern California Law School in September 2002.

J.B. Ruhl, Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property, has published the article, "Is the Endangered Species Act Ecopragmatic?" in the 87 *Minnesota Law Review* 850. He made a presentation at the ABA 21st Annual Water Law Conference on "The Endangered Species Act Meets the Battle over Methodology." He also made a presentation at the University of Florida's 9th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference on "Key Issues for Endangered Species Act Listing and Recovery." He is listed among a group of the nation's leading environmental scholars in a new book, *Risk Regulation at Risk: Restoring a Pragmatic Approach* by Sidney Shapiro and Robert Glicksman (Stanford University Press, 2003).



Ed Schroeder taught at FSU's 2003 Summer Program in Law at Oxford. Oxford faculty members Jeffrey Hackney, Peter Birks and Peter Mirfield, on the law faculty from Oxford University, also taught in the program. This was FSU's 31st annual Oxford summer program and the 30th year that Hackney has served on the faculty.

Mark Seidenfeld, Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law, is listed among a group of the nation's leading environmental scholars in a new book, *Risk Regulation at Risk: Restoring a Pragmatic Approach* by Sidney Shapiro and Robert Glicksman (Stanford University Press, 2003).



Lois Shepherd has published, with Mary Crossley, an introduction, titled "Genes and Disability: Questions at the Crossroads," in the March 2002 "Genes & Disability" symposium issue of the *FSU Law Review* (Vol. 30, No. 2). The issue published papers delivered at the March 2002 symposium on "Genes & Disability," hosted by the College of Law. In February, she and Crossley taught a class for second-year medical students at FSU's College of Medicine on medical malpractice law.

Phil Southerland's article, "A Plea for the Proper Use of the Second Restatement of Conflict Laws," has been published in the 27 *Vermont Law Review* 1.

Fernando Tesón, Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar, participated in the panel "Why Obey International Law?" at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law, Washington, D.C., April 3. The title of his presentation was "Jurisprudence and



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the War in Iraq." The presentation was attended by over 300 people. He published a chapter titled "The Liberal Case for Humanitarian Intervention" in *Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical, Legal and Political Dilemmas*, (J.L. Holzgrefe & R. O. Keohane, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2003, pp. 93-129). On February 26, he presented a lecture at the San Diego State University Institute of Ethics and Public Policy on "The War against Terrorism and the Problem of Just Cause." He spent the winter working on a book with Guido Picione of the Universidad Di Tella in Buenos Aires, titled *Discourse Failure: A Philosophical Essay on Democracy, Consent and, Political Deliberation*. In July and August, he served on the faculty of the FSU Summer Program in Law at Oxford.

Dean Don Weidner made a presentation, "The University of Michigan Affirmative Action Cases," at a meeting of the American Corporate Counsel Association in Fort Lauderdale in February.



The Full Yetter Club: You have to earn your spot the old fashioned way in this club

Belonging to the Full Yetter Club isn't for sissies! It requires hard work.

To be a member of the club requires students to take all four of Professor John Yetter's courses — Criminal Law, Evidence, Constitutional Criminal Procedure and Florida Criminal Practice — during their tenure at the law school.

For third-year law students Karma Dickens, Roy Hale, Jason Jones, Bill Sansone and Jeanine Womble, who have spearheaded the Full Yetter Club movement, Professor Yetter's "pearls of wisdom are priceless," and belonging to the club is a true honor.

"Taking Professor Yetter is an experience, not just another class. He teaches legal thinking in its basic and acute forms. When you take any of his classes, you come away with a better legal mind—you can think, reason and analyze," said Sansone. "Enlightened students realize that after each session with Professor Yetter, they are making progress toward becoming great lawyers, and that is why students want to take all of his classes."

A group of nearly 20 students came to Yetter's office in June to officially present him with the T-shirt that signifies club membership.

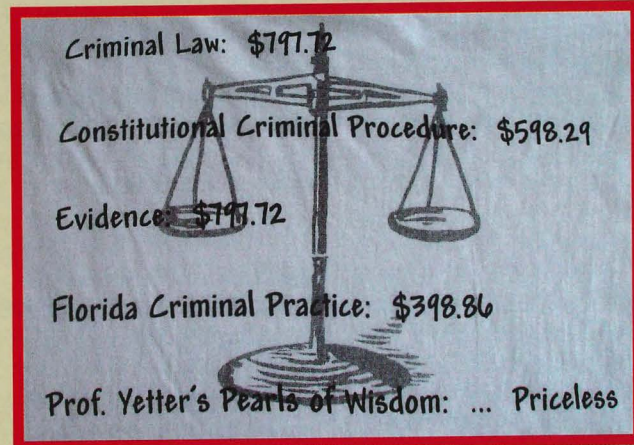
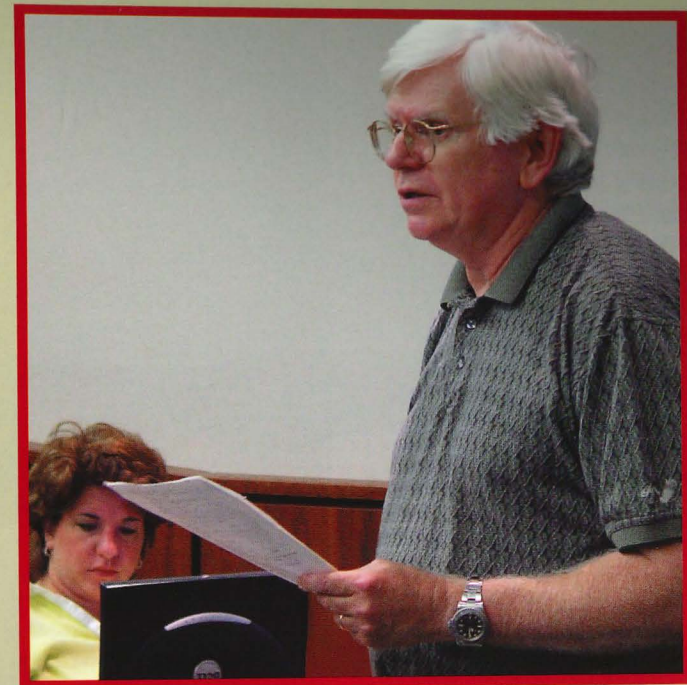
"Originally one student made an appointment with me to ask a whole series of questions about a legal issue, but when he arrived, he was joined by this entire group wearing the Full Yetter Club shirts. I'll have to say that I was very moved by the sincerity behind the presentation," said Yetter. "The students that I teach are pretty much committed to performing criminal litigation later down the road. I see them over and over again during their time in law school. We share a mutual respect for one another, and I'm lucky to have them in my classes."

On the back of the T-shirt, each of the four courses that Yetter teaches is listed, along with the dollar amount students are responsible for upon class registration. The fifth entry on the back says, "Prof. Yetter's Pearls of Wisdom: Priceless," borrowing from a credit card television ad.

Yetter said that those pearls of wisdom had been fondly dubbed "Yetterisms." "I have these expressions that I use in class that have become rather well-known among my students, and in some cases, I actually have props that reinforce them. I have a colorful take-apart Russian doll that has a small plastic toilet inside that signifies a witness who has a story to tell. Another Yetterism is this stuffed prairie dog that I refer to when I talk about prairie dog cases, which are cases that begin a chain reaction of carnage in law. Yetterisms keep things interesting," he said.

Sansone added another word to the Yetter list, saying that "Yevidence" is a big part of criminal litigation.

Sansone said that the T-shirts are a way for students to show how deeply they had been affected by Yetter's teaching, both



personally and professionally. "We wanted to do something special for him, because, throughout our careers ahead, we will all be reflecting on the way he touched us. We don't intend the Full Yetter Club to be exclusive or closed—anyone who has experienced a Yetter pearl is a de facto member!"

—Phillip M. Pollock

FSU'S SUPREME COURT DAY IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

FSU College of Law students and justices of the Florida Supreme Court agreed, the 2003 Supreme Court Day was a rousing success.

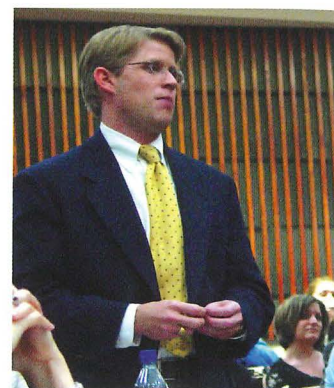
The justices remarked favorably about the large turnout of students that nearly filled the law school's largest lecture hall. Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead said, "We have not spoken before a law school audience of this size in recent years, so this is very satisfying."

Students appreciated the sense of humor and candor exhibited by the members of the Florida Supreme Court. Though the justices answered students' questions with directness and clarity, they layered their remarks with humorous asides directed toward fellow justices and students alike.

When Hunter Pfeiffer asked the justices how they would advise him, as a first-year student preparing for upcoming Moot Court oral arguments and brief writing, the justices were virtually unanimous in their responses. Justice Cantero said, "You don't want to put a judge to sleep when you write or when you present. Educate us on an issue and persuade us at the same time. A certain element of entertainment is not a bad thing."

Chief Justice Anstead added that students needed to "be clear, concise and direct. Judges have limited time to read."

Finally, Justices Wells and Cantero both agreed that students had to ask themselves hard questions the days and weeks before their presentations. Justice Wells said, "The



(Left) Justice Wells makes a point during Supreme Court Day as Justice Cantero listens. (Above) Law student William Sansone asks a question.

night before, come up with the hardest question that you feel needs answering regarding the case before you. I can tell you that if you don't ask it of yourself, the court will certainly pursue it when you are advocating."

Professor Mark Seidenfeld served as moderator. A reception in the D'Alemberte Rotunda followed the program.

JUDGE SENTELLE, OF THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DISCUSSES HIS EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Considered by many to be a possible future U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Judge David Sentelle of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, shared observations on law and politics with law school students and faculty, March 27-28.

When asked by a student during a question and answer session about his nomination to the District of Columbia Federal Circuit Court in 1987, Sentelle described receiving the

call from President Ronald Reagan. "Clerks, secretaries and everyone in the office were otherwise occupied and after the phone rang several times, I picked up. A woman on the other end said, 'Judge Sentelle, can you take a call from the President?' Well, that's hardly the time to say, 'Well, no, I'm pretty busy right now,' so I said, 'Certainly.' President Reagan came on the line and said that he was taking my name forward to Congress for approval to fill the circuit court seat and would I accept that challenge. I told him that if he and others had faith in my ability to do this, I would certainly be willing to take on that responsibility." In a faculty workshop on Fri-



Federal Judge David Sentelle

day, March 28, Sentelle, who was a visiting professor at the law school in 1993, discussed the President's constitutional right to wage war.

BLSA SPONSORS PRESENTATION BY STANFORD LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR G. MARCUS COLE

G. Marcus Cole, associate professor of law at the Stanford Law School, presented "Nextwave v. FCC: What Can A Bankruptcy Case Tell Us About Affirmative Action, Intellectual Property, and Regulatory Innovation?" at a reception in the D'Alemberte Rotunda April 8. The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) sponsored the event.

Cole received his B.S. degree from Cornell in 1989 and his J.D. degree from Northwestern in 1993. He was clerk to Judge Morris Sheppard Arnold, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, from 1993-94, and he worked as an attorney for Mayer, Brown & Platt in Chicago from 1994-97. A member of the Stanford faculty since 1997, he was a visiting professor at Northwestern from 2001-02. He teaches bankruptcy and contracts.

LAW SCHOOL HOSTS SOUTHEAST REGIONAL JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Southeast Regional Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition was held at the College of Law and the Florida Supreme Court, March 1-2. The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest and most prestigious international law moot court competition. Preliminary rounds of competition took place in the law school with the finals held at the Florida Supreme Court.

Although College of Law Moot Court members did not compete, they, along with faculty members headed by Professor Donna Christie, spent long hours preparing for and hosting the competition. It was a huge success, with Emory University School of Law defeating Wake Forest University School of Law for the prestigious first-place prize.

The law school was honored by having an outstanding panel of judges who assisted during the competition. Judges for the final round included Justices Raoul Cantero and Kenneth Bell of the Florida Supreme Court. The justices were joined by Professor Jordan Paust of the Houston Law Center, one of the country's most recognized and prolific scholars in the areas of international criminal law and crimes against humanity, and Professor Meg Baldwin of FSU's law faculty, who is internationally recognized for her work on violence against women and prostitution.

Special thanks go to the following sponsors for their contributions in support of the competition: Carlton Fields; Hopping, Green & Sams; Katz,

Kutter, Alderman, Bryant & Yon; and Steel Hector & Davis.

MOOT COURT TEAMS EXCEL DURING SPRING SEMESTER

The College of Law's Moot Court Team enjoyed an active and successful competitive season during the 2002-2003 academic year. Below is a listing of competitions the team participated in and the results.

Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Competition—Ben Bush and Christian Caballero won the second best brief out of 33 teams. Though they would have advanced to the championship rounds, bad weather halted the competition.

American Bar Association National Competition—Keisha Rice, Stuart Williams and Jeff Wood advanced to the quarter-finals in the competition before being eliminated by Ohio State University.

Wagner Employment Law Competition—Fred Aschauer and Chasity O'Steen had great performances at this prestigious competition, but did not advance.

Mardi Gras Sports Law Competition—Don Freeman and Meghan Barry advanced to the quarterfinals.

Kaufman Securities Law Competition—Jeff Berman and Dan Norris advanced to the semi-finals. Norris won Best Oralists for the entire competition.

Pace Environmental Law Competition—John Cardillo and Beth Chamblee advanced to the semi-finals, with 73 teams in attendance. Chamblee won Best Oralists in preliminary rounds.

Frederick Douglas BLSA Competition—Through a joint effort between the Moot Court Team and BLSA, Janeia Daniels (Moot Court) and



Saul Levmore examined the responsibilities of government to citizens at the 2003 Mason Ladd Lecture in February

McKeesha Tann (BLSA) won the regional competition in Nashville, taking first place in all categories. Daniels was declared the Best Oralists of the competition. Daniels and Tann then traveled to the Frederick Douglas national competition in Los Angeles, where they performed very well, but did not advance.

Vanderbilt First Amendment Competition—April Hammonds and Jennifer Levine advanced to the quarterfinals before being eliminated.

Craven Constitutional Law Competition—Sarah Ball Proctor and Clay Deatherage advanced to the quarter-finals, with Deatherage winning Best Oralists award.

SAUL LEVMORE DELIVERS THE 2003 MASON LADD LECTURE

Turning John F. Kennedy's famous inaugural remark on its head, Saul Levmore, Dean of the University of Chicago Law School, asked, "What Can Your Country Do for You?" in the College of Law's 2003 Mason Ladd Lecture, February 20.

Levmore's lecture, titled "Citizen Warranties," examined the question of whether government failure should lead

to some sort of recovery by underserved constituents. If this were to happen, he asked, "Would all citizens be better off?" He also examined such topics as inner-city crime with an eye toward understanding the role of liability systems and contractual remedies in our legal system.

Levmore, who is the William B. Graham Professor as well as dean at Chicago Law School, has taught at a number of law schools, including the Universities of Virginia, Yale, Harvard, Chicago, Michigan, and Northwestern University. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is known for his teaching and lectures in a variety of fields. His research focuses on the behavioral effects of legal rules. He has written on such topics as the law's ability to control strategic delay by litigants, the variety and uniformity found in law of different cultures, the evolution of voting and parliamentary rules in meeting halls, legislatures, and public elections, and the social norm associated with anonymous communications. Apart from law, Levmore has written a book on games and puzzles. Some of his current work is on voting plurality and supermajority voting.

COLLEGE OF LAW OFFERS GRADUATE LAW DEGREE PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS

The American Bar Association gave the green light to create a new LL.M. program for foreign lawyers at the College of Law. The program offers FSU's first post-graduate level law degree, beginning this fall.

The one-year program admits up to seven foreign students with legal degrees from countries other than the United States. The students will take courses from the law school's curriculum to gain a better understanding of the U.S. legal system.

Donna Christie, Associate Dean for International Programs says, "The LL.M. program recognizes the importance of the U.S. legal system in the era of globalization. U.S. constitutional and administrative law have served as models for many emerging nations. U.S. commercial and transactional law and documentation are used in many commercial centers of the world."

Each LL.M. candidate will work with a faculty advisor to design a program of courses tailored to his or her personal and professional interests. LL.M. students will be encouraged to develop relationships with the faculty and J.D. students at the law school. According to Christie, such interaction will enrich the learning environment of the law school, particularly for students with an interest in international law.

The foreign students who complete the program requirements will be awarded a Master of Law degree (LL.M.) in American Law for Foreign Lawyers.

The LL.M. program is the College of Law's second major venture into international law in two years. The law school

launched its Certificate Program in International Law in the fall 2002.

MOCK TRIAL TEAMS CELEBRATE VICTORIES AND NEAR-VICTORIES

The College of Law's Mock Trial Team sent two teams to the Texas Young Lawyers Annual Mock Trial Competition in Atlanta, February 8-9. The first team was comprised of Steve Rapp 3L, Jeff Goodman 3L, Kelly Parsons 2L and Bill Sansone 2L. The second team included Masheika Allen 3L, Andrew Mikos 2L, Luis Menendez 2L and Edward Lopez 2L.

Both teams advanced to the semi-finals round with the first team advancing to the finals. This was the first time that 2Ls advocated in a competition.

LAW SCHOOL'S ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY IS, ONCE AGAIN, A SUCCESS

Over one hundred newly admitted students and their guests attended the event to learn more about the College of Law. In addition to Florida residents, students traveled from as far away as Massachusetts, Virginia, Indiana, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, and from all over the southeast. Admitted student Wesley Hill from New Mexico said, "I've been accepted to several schools and so attending an event like this is very helpful for me. I'm coming from such a long distance, and I need to weigh many factors personally and where my family is concerned."

The special day served as a welcome to newly admitted students, but also provided an opportunity for them to meet faculty, administration, staff, and



The FSU College of Law and the Environmental Law Society presented 'The Evolving Legal Status of the Florida Manatee—Options and Issues for Federal and State Protection.' The event, put together by faculty members J.B. Ruhl, above, and Dave Markell, was held in the D'Alemberte Rotunda April 2.

students. The attendees commented on the excellent Faculty Panel, which included Professors Charles Ehrhardt, Gregory Mitchell, and Lois Shepherd; the encouraging Mock Class taught by Professor Steve Gey; and the welcoming atmosphere provided by current students.

Highlights of the program included panels presented on Business Law by Dean Donald J. Weidner and Professor Barbara Banoff, the Environmental Certificate Program by Professor David Markell, and the International Certificate Program by Professor Tahirih Lee.

JOSH ZELMAN PUTS TRANSNATIONAL JOURNAL BACK ON TRACK

When Joshua Zelman took over the reins as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* in the spring of 2002, the journal was a full year behind its publication schedule. Zelman, who graduated in spring 2003, accomplished the impossible, according to Edwin



Josh Zelman

Shroeder, the law school's library director and one of three faculty advisors for the journal. Zelman spearheaded the production of the two late issues of the journal, along with the two issues scheduled for his tenure as editor-in-chief.

Schroeder said, "Josh did an outstanding job of correcting the publication cycle on the *Transnational Journal*. When you consider that a couple years ago, not one *Journal* was published—creating the problem to begin with—compared with his four, that's quite an accomplishment. It shows great commitment."