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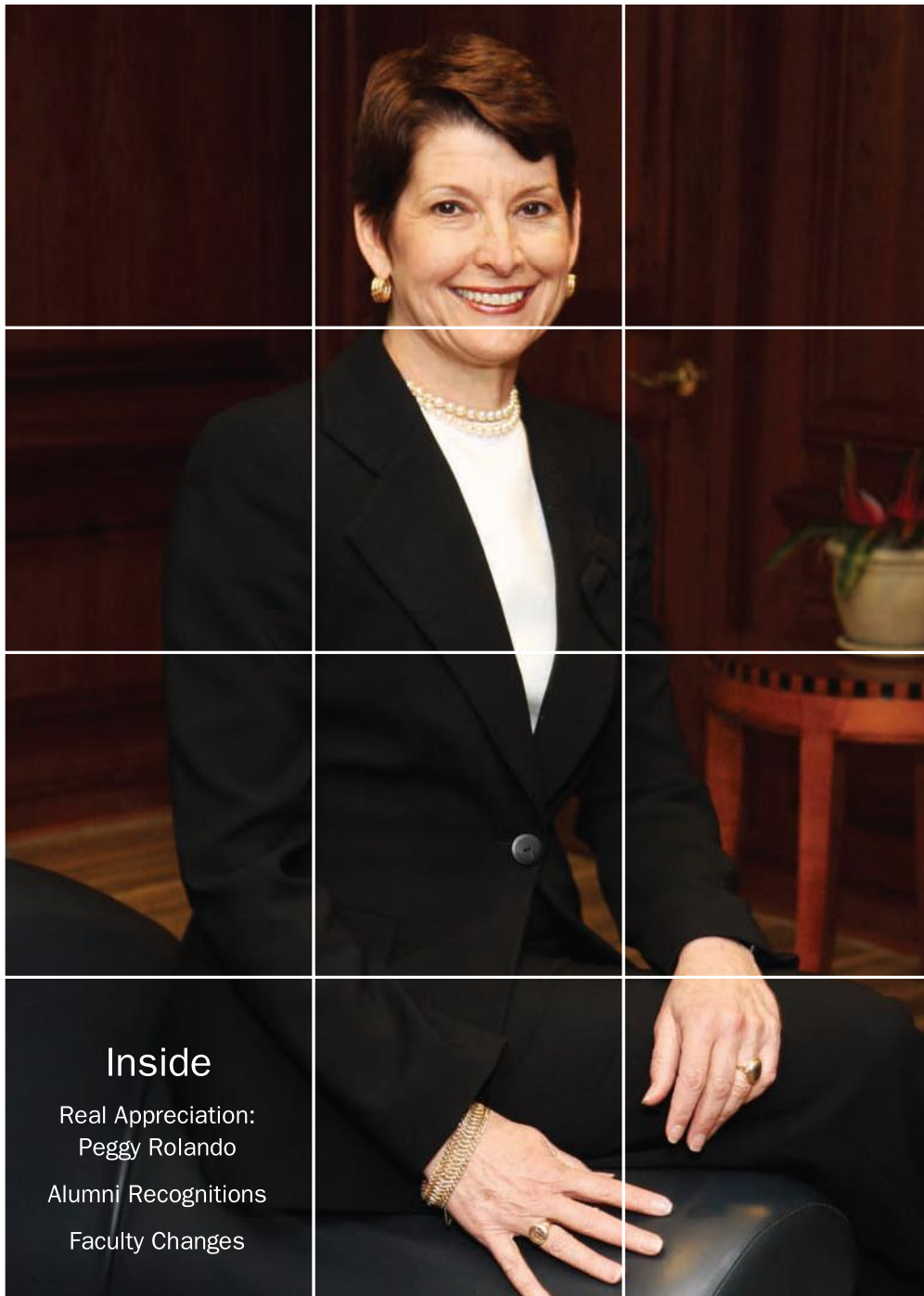
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# FLORIDA STATE LAW



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## Making Good Headway in Rough Seas



We continue to make good headway as an institution even though we are in an extremely challenging financial environment.

Most of you are aware of the difficult financial situation facing the state, its people and its universities. At the law school, much of the past year has been spent cutting student, faculty and staff budgets. Every institution can profit on occasion from belt-tightening. We started the process, however, pretty lean. Many other law schools are able to spend far more per student than we are. For example, the University of Connecticut is one of the state schools that spends twice as much per student as we do. The good news is that, if all goes well, the university will let us keep for the law school's use the proceeds of a tuition increase that should take effect this fall. Our resident tuition of approximately \$11,000 is a bargain by anyone's standards, although our nonresident tuition of \$31,000 is higher than the nonresident tuition at most state schools. I am grateful to President T. K. Wetherell and to Provost Larry Abele for their continued support of our

school. They very much value what we have accomplished and are protective of it.

Last year, we had a remarkable 99% job placement rate nine months after graduation (the national benchmark). I am nevertheless concerned about the job prospects for our current students. On a recent swing through Orlando, I heard more pessimism about the legal job market from our alumni than I recall hearing at any time in the past. Please make sure that you bring any potential job openings to our school. In this environment, it is critical that you call any hiring to the school's attention, either to me directly, [dweidner@law.fsu.edu](mailto:dweidner@law.fsu.edu), or to our Placement Director, Tinsley Furry, [tfurry@law.fsu.edu](mailto:tfurry@law.fsu.edu). Please know that we offer on-campus interviews and resume referral "on demand," 12 months a year.

We also continue to have stunning bar passage results. Our December 2007 graduates had the highest passing rate on the February 2008 administration of the Florida Bar Examination. That means that, in four out of the last five administrations of the Florida Bar Examination, our newest alums placed first among the state's 10 law schools.

Student and alumni satisfaction with the law school continues to be strong. This spring, 68% of our students made cash gifts to the law school. The alumni are beginning to follow their lead. According to data just released by the American Bar Association, Florida State Law has the 13th best alumni giving rate among the nation's law schools, at 26.1%, with only two state schools ahead of us, the University of Virginia and UCLA.

For the first time, our Environmental Law Program has been rated in the nation's top 10 in *U.S. News & World Report*. Although overall we fell two slots this year in *U.S. News*, to 55, we are still up a net of 12 spots in the last five years.

Our faculty continues to garner the attention of the nation's most prestigious law schools. This year and last, we had faculty members serving as visiting professors at Vanderbilt (Jim Rossi), Harvard (J.B. Ruhl), Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania (Jon Klick). Next year, faculty will be visiting professors at Harvard (Jim Rossi) and Georgetown (Brian Galle). Unfortunately, some of these very top schools are stealing some of our faculty members on a permanent basis. Jon Klick's visit at the University of Pennsylvania has turned into a permanent spot and Lois Shepherd has accepted a position at the University of Virginia. As discussed further in this issue, this is a year of big change on our faculty. Phil Southerland and Jack Van Doren have retired and Charlene Luke and B.J. Priester will be moving to UF and Florida Coastal, respectively. And, we have hired our first Florida State Law alum in a tenure-track faculty position: Beth Burch ('04) is joining our faculty starting in the fall.

Finally, I want to close with a note of pride in our Moot Court Team. This year, as discussed further in these pages, the Team won **five** best brief awards. The substantive areas included Religious Freedom, Tax (two different competitions), Civil Rights and Environmental Law. Go Team! Special thanks to the students and to their fabulous coaches!

Thanks to all!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Weidner".

**Don Weidner**

*Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor*

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# REAL APPRECIATION:

## Peggy Rolando Drives up the Value of Real Estate Law Profession



Peggy Rolando stands in front of her 1929 Mediterranean Revival home in Coral Gables.

Board certified real estate attorney Margaret A. “Peggy” Rolando (’78) believes she has a duty to give back after having enjoyed such a blessed life and rewarding career. Perhaps that is why each year the honors graduate takes a break from her thriving practice in Miami and travels to Tallahassee to talk with law students at her alma mater. This past February, she even served as a guest speaker in Dean Don Weidner’s real estate finance class. After 30 years practicing real estate law, she is an authority on the subject and has a wealth of information to share.



Rolando has her hard-working, supportive parents to thank for her earliest blessings. Great believers in education, Rolando's mother and father sacrificed to send her and her two siblings to private schools and college. "I went to a fabulous high school that was very rigorous academically, where the faculty had very high expectations," said Rolando, who developed her passion for learning as a child.

This passion helped Rolando earn a bachelor's degree in English and Education from Spring Hill College in 1972 and a master's degree in English from Florida State in 1974. Serving on Spring Hill College's board of trustees allows Rolando to give back to the institution where she learned excellent writing and critical thinking skills – keys to her success in law school and as a practicing attorney.

Rolando also has a passion for antiques and art and is very interested in historic preservation. She spent years carefully renovating the 1929 Mediterranean Revival home she bought in Coral Gables in 1991. "Frankly, to do all the work that needed to be done took a while," said the South Florida native. "I wanted to do it right and not take shortcuts."

There were no shortcuts in her journey from a student in Weidner's classroom to lecturing his current students. When asked how she became interested in real estate law, she mentioned Weidner. "Dean Weidner's class on real estate finance made me very, very curious about real estate," Rolando said. "Dean Weidner also taught business associations, so those two courses plus Professor Joe Jacobs' tax courses pointed me toward business and real estate."

Rolando searched for a job in either real estate or litigation during her third year at Florida State Law. "I noted on my resume that I liked real estate, evidence and anti-trust because I liked those courses, but I had no experience," said Rolando. "When Shutts & Bowen offered me a job, they said, 'You can try both real estate and litigation and see which one you like best.'"

Rolando accepted the ideal job offer and began her law career at the Miami

office of Shutts & Bowen upon graduation and completion of an internship at the Florida Senate. She has been a partner with the statewide firm since 1984. A year after joining Shutts & Bowen, Rolando realized that she preferred real estate over litigation.

During her decades of practice, she has broadened her knowledge of real estate law and worked on a wide variety of

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transactions. From representing investors in the buying and selling of real estate, to negotiating the resolution of disputes between developers and associations, to representing lenders on construction loans, to developing mixed-use projects and condominiums, Rolando's experience and expertise have earned her the important job of managing and cultivating other attorneys at Shutts & Bowen.

"To say that Peggy is versatile in her practice is an understatement. Her wealth of knowledge and vast experience in all aspects of condominiums, planned developments, resorts and interval ownership makes her a highly valued attorney," said Juli Simas James ('97), a partner in Shutts & Bowen's Orlando office, who has worked with Rolando since joining the firm in 2001. "Her commitment to excellence in her practice and dedication to her clients are traits to which every attorney should aspire."

When not assigning projects to the attorneys in her office and reviewing their work, Rolando stays busy answering the steady stream of e-mails and phone calls from clients and keeping them informed about developments in the law. With her current practice very much focused on development, helping both lenders and developers structure real estate projects for maximum flexibility allows Rolando to anticipate the needs of her various

clients.

"When you've worked on both sides, where you've seen a deal from the lender's perspective and from the borrower's perspective, you are more effective. You know what is reasonable to ask for," said AV-rated Rolando.

Although it is hard to find the uninterrupted time necessary for drafting complex documents for the mixed-use and

condominium projects that comprise the bulk of her practice, Rolando somehow steals that time for her clients. She draws on her experience as a graduate student teaching composition at Florida State and as a second-year law student teaching legal writing to first-year students.

"There were 12 of us who taught legal writing. We would review and correct assignments and give feedback to the students," said the Florida State Law board of visitors member. "When you teach writing, you learn a lot about composition and organization. It has helped me a lot in my practice – the experience of writing and teaching." In addition to drafting documents for work, Rolando writes for legal publications.

She also is very active in state and national real estate law groups and is a sought-after speaker and lecturer. Rolando has been a member of The Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) Section since 1980, when she attended her first meeting of the section's condominium committee. She also is active in the RPPTL's executive council.

Today, Rolando regularly speaks at RPPTL seminars and is admired as an expert by fellow section members. Her speaking credits include seminars sponsored by The Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, ALI-ABA and law

schools at the University of Miami and Georgetown University. Among the topics Rolando has spoken about is 2007 state legislation she helped draft while chairing a subcommittee of the RPPTL. Assisting her in the development of that legislation was 1999 Florida State Law graduate Christian F. O’Ryan.

Since accepting an invitation to join the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) in 2000, Rolando has had the opportunity to speak about condominium and planned development topics at the national level during the organization’s meetings. She is also a member of ACREL’s board of governors.

Inevitably, Rolando is often asked about Florida’s real estate market. Rolando’s assessment relies on a number of factors.

“It depends on what geographic area and segment of the market you’re looking at,” said the expert who stresses the market’s cyclical nature. “Residential real estate in some areas is distressed because of the convergence of several factors – significant overbuilding especially in resort or coastal areas, reduced demand, the disappearance of the amateur speculator and increased competition. The competition comes from projects coming on line as they are completed, excess unsold inventory and investor-buyers who are now offering their units for resale. Property values can also be driven down by lower demand, builder discounts and foreclosures.

“Of course, the collapse of the subprime mortgage market and a return to more stringent underwriting for end loans have also hurt residential real estate. You see discounting in the residential market in South Florida, Southwest Florida, Tampa, Orlando and the Panhandle. I don’t think we will see boom times in residential real estate for a while. When the market freezes, people who want to sell or refinance their homes have a tough time.

“In the commercial market, there has been less overbuilding and speculating. While commercial owners are encountering tougher underwriting for financing



**(L-R) Peggy Rolando with Shutts & Bowen colleagues Elizabeth P. Perez ('98), Mark D. Hobson ('92) and Sandra M. Upegui ('99).**

and some decline in property values, I don’t think there are as many issues as in the residential market because there weren’t the excesses.” Having weathered downturns in Florida real estate in the 1980s and 1990s, Rolando is prepared to help her clients deal with the consequences of the distressed real estate market. “The causes may differ from previous slumps, but many of the same issues have resurfaced.”

Although having more work than time can be stressful, Rolando cannot imagine retiring from her intellectually stimulating job anytime soon. “I really still love practicing,” said Rolando. “I want to keep doing challenging work and continue to build a national reputation.” Her interest should remain piqued since Rolando is constantly learning new things.

And even though Rolando’s practice is very specialized, she leads a full and varied life away from the office in the city she calls “a diverse and very vibrant community.” As a lover of classical music, she attends concerts regularly and served on the board of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra.

In her limited spare time, Rolando also

connects with law school classmates. Two fellow 1978 graduates she remains very close friends with are Victoria Weber and Sheila McDevitt. She met both on the first day of law school. When Tallahasseean Weber and Rolando visit each other, they enjoy catching up, watching foreign films and shopping.

“Peggy is a joy to spend time with because she is consistently happy. She is one of the most positive, fun people I know,” said Weber. “She also is an extremely loyal and caring person. She is a wonderful friend and has been very dedicated to her family, to her firm and to the law school.”

Rolando is also loyal to her friends. Although it has been more than 30 years since McDevitt met Rolando in a basement snack shop in the old Capitol, the two still get together when their schedules permit. “I enjoy visiting her because we go places with her friends, who are interesting people I would not necessarily meet otherwise,” said McDevitt. “I admire Peggy because she is a high-quality, good-values person who provides a lot of service to her community.”

Rolando’s labor of love – the Coral Gables home she meticulously renovated – provided the setting for the Florida State Law alumni reception she hosted in April. Inviting area graduates to her home was another way for Rolando to repay the debt she believes she owes for a lifetime of blessings.

As Rolando continues to practice, she plans to continue to enrich the communities in which she works and lives. “I’ve had a really rewarding career and I think that when you have enjoyed the benefits, you have a duty to give back. And that is very much a part of my philosophy,” said Rolando. “We need to emphasize that among our profession. There are a lot of lawyers who are extraordinarily generous and are contributing honestly to the enhancement of their communities and their areas of expertise, but there are plenty who could do much more than just bill hours.” ■

# Three Generations at Florida State Law

(L-R) Bob Olive, Will Hall,  
Martha Olive-Hall and  
Bill Hall



The Olive family can claim three generations of students at Florida State Law. Their diverse experiences at the law school are emblematic of the experiences of thousands of alumni.

## **The Patriarch**

When Bob Olive joined the charter class of a new law school in Tallahassee, he probably did not imagine he was starting a family tradition. Earning \$400 a month with a wife and three children to support, Olive began his law school career as a way to better provide for his young family. He attended Florida State Law as a part-time student while working for the Florida Treasurer's office and graduated in 1969. He took the bar exam 10 days later and has been practicing law ever since.

Graduating from law school and passing the bar exam while balancing the



demands of a full-time job and family were the initial steps in defining what has become a successful legal career for Olive. As the man who would eventually help grow Bryant Miller Olive into one of the state's top bond counsel firms, Olive began his law career as an assistant attorney general with significant focus on intervening on behalf of the state in utility rate cases. During this time, he had the pleasure of associating with United States Senator Mel Martinez ('73), who was Olive's research assistant. Though Olive was highly regarded in the field, he opted to leave the Attorney General's Office for private practice.

When Olive joined the firm in 1974 that would become Bryant Miller Olive, it was a small practice with one office in Tallahassee. Today, the firm employs approximately 40 attorneys and has additional offices in Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa and Washington, D.C. Olive began practicing public finance law immediately upon entering private practice and has been practicing exclusively in the area for more than 30 years.

Regularly serving as bond counsel for bond deals worth hundreds of millions of dollars, Olive earned a reputation as one of the best bond attorneys in the nation. Under his watch, for the last 10 years or more, Bryant Miller Olive has become the top bond counsel firm in Florida in terms of number of bond transactions; the number two firm in the Southeast in 2007 as bond counsel; the nation's sixth most active firm as disclosure counsel to issuers in terms of dollar value; and one of the nation's top 30 bond counsel firms in 2007. The firm also is expanding into many new areas of governmental practice.

Though odds are you are more likely to find Olive spending some much-deserved time on Tallahassee's sun-drenched golf courses than in the office, he and the other founding partners have left the firm in very capable hands. The long list of attorneys Olive impacted and helped mold includes Bryant Miller Olive's managing shareholder Randall W. Hanna ('84) and 15 other Florida State Law graduates including Elise Judelle ('75), the first attorney hired by the firm after its creation.

Daughter Martha Olive-Hall ('85) also spent some time working for her father at Bryant Miller Olive.

### **The Community Volunteer and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocate**

Martha Olive-Hall remembers very well sitting at the kitchen table with her father while he studied in the evenings; she was 10 when 32-year-old Bob Olive graduated from law school. At an early age, Olive-Hall witnessed the dedication and focus required to graduate from law school. When she made the decision to commit herself to the endeavor, she was working as a ballet and modern dancer in New York City.

"My father would pick me up in limousines and take me to bond closing dinners and say, 'Don't you want to go to law school, aren't you tired of waitressing?'" said the University of Utah dance major.

Once the 1985 law graduate committed to earning a law degree, the only school she wanted to attend was Florida State Law. "My family was here and my father went to FSU," said Olive-Hall.

The Tallahassee native is also connected to Florida State Law through her grandfather, Circuit Judge Hugh Taylor. An authority on constitutional law, Taylor served as chairman of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission's Drafting and Styles Committee – a group that played a major role in revising the Florida

Constitution in 1968. Olive-Hall's grandfather, who had a profound influence on her, was close with the law school's first dean, B.K. Roberts.

A dedicated law student, Olive-Hall graduated with enviable grades and landed a coveted job at the First District Court of Appeal. But it was at her next job with the Attorney General's Office that she quickly learned to try cases. She also met husband Bill Hall ('79). Together, the two assistant

attorneys general traveled the state trying cases and in the process, realized they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. Olive-Hall jokes that the reason they sponsor the Florida State Law book award in trial advocacy is because "they fell in love at trial."

Today, Olive-Hall puts her trial experience to use by practicing part time with Hall, but most of her time is spent on her true passion – volunteerism. The 2007 *Tallahassee Democrat* Volunteer of the Year serves on the boards of the Tallahassee Ballet Company, the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, the Refuge House and Leadership Tallahassee. Her past volunteer experience includes serving as president of Florida State's Friends of Dance – the board that raises money for scholarships and other faculty support for the dance department. She won the *Tallahassee Democrat* award for her work as president of the Tallahassee Ballet Company, where she doubled the non-profit dance company's budget and helped bring on board a new artistic director. The former ballerina also is involved in the very necessary fund-raising aspect of volunteering.

Why does she give so freely of her time?

"I serve in areas in which I have a passion," said Olive-Hall. "I was raised with the belief that to whom much is given, much is expected. So I love the opportu-

### **She won the Tallahassee Democrat award for her work as president of the Tallahassee Ballet Company, where she doubled the non-profit dance company's budget and helped bring on board a new artistic director.**

nity to help this community; it's exciting and it is rewarding."

While Olive-Hall uses the skills she learned in law school in a unique way, her husband has put his law degree to conventional use and developed into a gifted trial attorney. From his first day at Florida State Law, Hall knew he wanted to try cases for a living.

"I remember my first day of law school like it was yesterday," said Hall. "I went

through the first-year courses up until the afternoon and I was completely lost. And then I walked into Professor (Chuck) Ehrhardt's torts class and it made perfect sense to me, and I said, 'This is all I'm ever going to do,' and personal injury tort work is all I've ever done."

The 1979 graduate credits much of his success in trying cases to the education he received from Professor Ehrhardt in torts and in evidence. For the past 10 years, he has been trying cases as a sole practitioner at the Law Office of William D. Hall in Tallahassee. His success in the courtroom has earned him membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum and Million Dollar Advocates Forum. His highest jury award to date is an impressive \$4 million.

Such success is remarkable considering that no one in Hall's family had previously graduated from high school. He credits Florida State Law with providing him opportunities that no other law school provides. "I chose FSU because being in the capital, it gave me so many opportunities to work during school. I was part of the work study program – I got a job in the FSU attorney's office through financial aid; I got a job at one of the state agencies through financial aid. It really was just a great opportunity to work with lawyers while I was in school," said Hall.

The board certified trial lawyer's decision to stay in Tallahassee upon graduation has suited him well. Not only did he meet wife Martha in Florida's capital city, but he also enjoys the professional camaraderie in Tallahassee. "You can do things with phone calls or handshakes and you can normally work out something with the attorney on the other side informally," said Hall. "It's just not the scorched earth that you see in South Florida and other places."

While leading productive professional lives keeps the husband and wife team busy, Hall and Olive-Hall always make time for children William "Will" Hall, 25, a rising third-year Florida State Law student; Dan Hall, 22; Becky Hall, a 19-year-old sophomore at Florida State; and Carrah Olive-Hall, 16, a sophomore at Maclay. Travel is one way the couple

spends time with their children while showing them the world. For the past 10 years, the family has taken an annual trip to Europe and this past summer, Olive-Hall and the girls set out for Italy.

### The Future

With a long list of family members who have graduated from Florida State Law that includes father Bill Hall, mother Martha H. "Marti" Chumbler ('78), step-mother Martha Olive-Hall, step-grandfather Bob Olive and uncle Jim



Will Hall with  
Martha "Marti" Chumbler

McConnaughay ('69), it is not surprising that Will Hall chose Florida State when he decided to attend law school. What was surprising, however, was his decision to attend law school in the first place.

Surrounded by attorneys, Will Hall grew up wanting to be a journalist, not a lawyer. Upon graduation from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 2005, he went to Washington, D.C., to intern at United States Senator Bill Nelson's office. While living in the nation's bustling capital, Will realized he needed a graduate degree. "That is the first time I really appreciated the profession, looking back at what my parents are able to do with their degrees and the work they do," said Will.

When the life-long Seminole fan picked up the phone to inform his father and step-mother of his decision to attend law school, they were shocked but supportive and encouraging. Chumbler, a shareholder at Carlton Fields who specializes in administrative litigation, also was surprised by Will's decision to attend law school. Board certified Chumbler chose

Florida State Law because it is surrounded by state government and because the classes were smaller than at other Florida law schools.

"It was an experience you don't get at a lot of law schools," said Chumbler of the advantage of having smaller classes. "Even though classes are larger now, I think Will is experiencing the same things."

As he enters his third year, Will is making the most of his time in law school. He was recently elected president of the Student Bar Association – a position once held by his father; is a member of the moot court team; and works off stress by playing for the law school's intramural basketball team. His excellent public speaking skills earned him the opportunity to participate in the 2007 Moot Court Final Four competition and argue before Florida Supreme Court justices.

During the spring 2008 semester, Will also became one of many in his family to have worked at the law firm his step-grandfather helped build. Undecided about what he wants to do after law school, the 15-hour-a-week job at Bryant Miller Olive gave Will the opportunity to work on a wide variety of issues and learn about many different areas of the law. While conducting research for the firm in March, he even had the task of picking apart an attorney general's opinion that was written by his father in 1982. "I can't do basic research at the office without running into something that one of my family members did," jokes Will.

At first glance, it appears that Will Hall is following in the footsteps of the "incredible people" he calls his parents, but he is not interested in filling the big shoes worn by any of the attorneys in his family who preceded him at Florida State Law. "They've never put that pressure on me. It just wouldn't even be possible for me to try to fill their shoes; I only have two feet," said Will of the many Florida State Law graduates in his family. ■

# Recent Grads Thriving in South Florida



(L-R) Christina Diaz Gonzalez, Pablo Quesada and Emilia Quesada

Soaking up success in sunny South Florida is a dynamic trio of Florida State Law graduates operating their own firm, Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez & Quesada LLP. While attorneys Christina Diaz Gonzalez ('94) and husband and wife Pablo ('96) and Emilia Quesada ('96) practice in different areas, each contributes significantly to the success of the young but thriving firm.

When founding partner Pablo Quesada decided to open the firm in January 2007, he already knew he enjoyed working with his new partners, Roland Sanchez-Medina and Peter A. Gonzalez, as they had been sharing office space in Coral Gables.

The corporate attorney had opened the Law Offices of Pablo S. Quesada in June 2006 and was relishing being in private practice after approximately 10 years of working for someone else. While he always knew he wanted to "go out on his own," practicing at law firms and as assistant vice president and regional counsel for VISA gave him the experience necessary to open his own firm. Working on a wide variety of issues at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, where he was essentially outside counsel to the second largest Hispanic company in the nation, was especially valuable. "All that experience has enabled me to provide the high level of legal work that I am able to provide my clients today," said the *cum laude* law graduate. Also, serving as regional counsel for VISA made him appreciate what his clients expected from their outside corporate counsel.

An undergraduate degree in accounting made business law a natural choice for Quesada. His practice involves working on acquisitions and dispositions for businesses, serving as outside general counsel to a number of South Florida-based companies, assisting corporate clients with



the private placement of securities and representing businesses and individuals in the purchase and sale of commercial real estate.

Although his clients keep him extremely busy, it is the relationships he forms with them that Quesada enjoys most. "I really get to pick and choose who I work with and I have sophisticated clients, but at the same time they are entrepreneurial," said Quesada. "The clients who seek out smaller firms are looking for more of a relationship with their attorneys."

Owning his own firm is even more satisfying now that his partner in life, wife Emilia Quesada, is also his partner at work. She joined Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez & Quesada in 2007 after observing her husband's success and the flexibility he enjoyed as his own boss. At their new firm, the husband and wife team lead productive careers and have more time to spend with their two young daughters.

Meeting in Tallahassee as first-year law students during a night out at downtown hangout Clyde's and Costello's, "it was the only time I went out on a Saturday night and lo and behold I met Pablo," said Emilia Quesada of the couple's "love at first sight" encounter. They were married less than a year later on May 6, 1994.

Since graduating and leaving Florida's capital city, Emilia Quesada has practiced commercial litigation with several large national law firms. Now, she represents primarily Fortune 500 companies. Quesada loves the problem solving aspect of litigation and enjoys assisting in the resolution of adversarial issues. She prefers federal court litigation because she has the opportunity to draft.

"I really enjoy the process of fleshing out my argument on paper and having these wonderful federal court judges understand what your argument is and make a ruling without having to physically argue it in court," said the attorney who was named a "Mover and Shaker" by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association and is listed in *Florida Trend* as a top up-and-coming attorney.

Quesada has garnered the attention of her legal peers not only because of her practice, but because of her involvement

in legal organizations and her speaking activities. During her recently completed term on the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession, she addressed the lack of visibility of women of color in law firms and the importance of balancing work with other aspects of life. Another issue Quesada is motivated to speak about is women in the profession being penalized for having children.

Quesada has experienced this first hand. Seven-year-old Katherine Grace and five-year-old Kristen Paige were born while Quesada was climbing the law firm ladder. Being a mom and a driven young attorney is difficult, but she continues to make it work with a "tremendous support system" that includes her husband and extended family.

Now that she has more flexibility in her work schedule, Quesada takes full advantage of it by staying extremely organized and focused, while using the time her girls are in school to dive into her legal work uninterrupted. She shifts gears and focuses on her daughters as soon as she picks them up from school. "That is a very important time to communicate with teachers, so I really try not to schedule anything past 2:30," said Quesada.

Florida State Law *magna cum laude* graduate Christina Diaz Gonzalez, a self-described "soccer mom" and daughter of Cuban-American parents, also navigates the demands of raising two children while practicing law. She leaves the office by mid-afternoon and has the flexibility to work from home.

"My clients all know that as of about 2:30, I'm a full-time mom," said Gonzalez, who is married to law firm partner Peter A. Gonzalez (Florida State undergraduate, '90) and who has known Pablo Quesada since their undergraduate studies at the University of Miami. "I feel very blessed that I have the luxury of being with my kids when they are out of school and I can still practice law."

While Daniel, age six, and Peter, age nine, are at school, Gonzalez represents multinational companies that want to transfer employees from overseas offices to the United States. Specializing in cor-

porate immigration law, Gonzalez helps employees obtain visas and guides them through the residency process. She has more than a decade of experience in immigration law.

"For immigration, [South Florida] is an ideal place," said Gonzalez. "Miami is the gateway to Latin America; I have a lot of clients who have operations in Miami that also have businesses in Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela and elsewhere in Latin America and in Europe."

Gonzalez added to her already full schedule several years ago by pursuing a writing career at night. The avid reader discovered her true passion when her oldest son began reading at an early age. Noticing that Peter was running out of books to read, she wrote a story for him that he loved. With encouragement from her husband, she kept writing for their son and eventually joined a local writers group.

Her written works have been well received by people in the industry and she is in the process of expanding one of her pieces – a historical fiction book about a young girl who fled Cuba as part of Operation Pedro Pan – from a picture book into a full novel at the suggestion of an editor. Because both of Gonzalez's parents and her mother-in-law fled Cuba as unaccompanied children during the operation, the real-life event that inspired the novel is close to her heart.

"[The event] was the largest exodus of children in the Western hemisphere ever," said the author. "But there are very few books written that tell the tale and there aren't any for children."

Gonzalez hopes to have a publishing contract for this innovative book and another novel by the end of the year.

The three Florida State Law graduates practicing at Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez & Quesada say that for the most part, they are where they want to be in life. To be there so relatively early in their careers is the result of hard work and sound professional decisions. If South Florida law firms have not yet taken notice of their relatively new firm, they soon will. ■



# Chairman Matthew M. Carter, II: Florida's Top Utility Regulator



Matthew Carter in front of the Florida Public Service Commission building.

**F**rom Matthew M. Carter's corner office, one has a picturesque view of Southeast Tallahassee. But the chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission does not have much time to glance out his windows at the treetop-lined blue sky. The 1988 Florida State Law graduate is far too busy leading the state agency responsible for regulating Florida's electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater utilities.

A devoted husband and father of two, Chairman Carter began his appointed term as a Florida Public Service commissioner in January 2006 and was subsequently elected chairman by his colleagues for 2008-2009. As chairman, he attends back-to-back meetings with staff members, prepares for agenda meetings where the five-member commission votes on a wide variety of utility-related matters, reviews cutting edge ideas from utility companies and citizens and informs Floridians about the work of his agency – the most challenging part of the job, according to Carter. And because commissions from other states often look to Florida for best practices, the chairman and his fellow commissioners are also integral members of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

Carter's experience working for the state Legislature to protect Florida's critical infrastructure after 9/11 made him a natural fit for membership on NARUC's Committee on Critical Infrastructure.

Carter says serving on NARUC committees is a way for him and his colleagues to explore the areas of utility regulation that interest them. "My job as chairman is to empower my colleagues to more fully engage themselves in their areas of interest so they can be the best commissioners possible," the South Georgia native said.

Growing up amidst legalized seg-

regation in Georgia, Carter decided he wanted to be a lawyer at the age of four after accompanying his grandfather on a visit to an attorney's office. Carter, whose primary caregivers were his farming grandparents, recalls that this was the only place downtown where he was allowed to enter through the front door. "I asked my granddaddy once, 'Who is that guy?' I was so impressed by the fact that we could actually go someplace downtown in the front door. And he said, 'That's my lawyer,'" remembers the chairman.

"I didn't even know what a lawyer did back then, but I told my granddad I wanted to be a lawyer. That kind of created a spark in me to want to be a lawyer. And then after growing up and living through the civil rights movement and seeing how significant a difference a lawyer could make, it took on greater importance to me."

After graduating from high school, Carter entered the army, served in the Presidential Honor Guard in Washington, D.C., and was stationed in Germany. Following an honorable discharge and with his G.I. Bill in hand, he attended Tallahassee Community College and then Florida State University. While at Florida State, he was commissioned to serve in the Florida National Guard where he completed training at the Jungle School in Panama. If Carter's life had gone according to plan, his career would have been in the military, but his plans changed when he returned to Florida to take care of his very sick father.

In December 1978, just months after the passing of his father, Carter fulfilled a commitment he had made to his parents and grandparents and graduated from Florida State with a bachelor's degree in communications. Taking time off from school to work after he earned his undergraduate degree, Carter did not fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a lawyer until he was 36 years old.

During the years leading up to Carter's

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seat on the Public Service Commission, he gained valuable professional experience that he uses daily as a commissioner. As the owner of a public relations firm, he fought to elect African-American candidates to office. He concentrated his work on obtaining equal rights for minorities and combating racial profiling – priorities instilled in him by a father who was very active in the civil rights movement.

As a financial consultant and business lawyer, the chairman helped small businesses thrive and strove to introduce more people to the world of financial planning.

"In my opinion, poverty is a mindset, not a financial issue," said Carter to illustrate his belief that people need to be educated about financial planning. "I am convinced that we can eliminate poverty in my lifetime. My ambition is to spread the knowledge about how to get out of debt and to prosper and why it is important." Today, conducting the state's business of regulating utilities is a job made easier by Carter's vast business experience.

As a senior-level legislative staffer and a senior manager at state agencies, Carter accumulated a wealth of knowledge about the intricacies of the Legislature. He even served as a policy coordinator for the legislative committee with oversight for the Florida Public Service Commission, so his knowledge about the agency predates his time on the commission.

Perhaps most important to the rate-paying citizens of Florida would be the perspective Carter has gained during his

30 years of working with "the poorest of the poor."

"Having been out there working with people that are in dire need, I have a perspective that makes me ideally suited [for the Public Service Commission]," said the chairman. "Every case that comes before us, I look at it from the perspective of, how does it impact the individuals?"

Carter's involvement in the ministry has helped him serve Floridians on a more personal level.

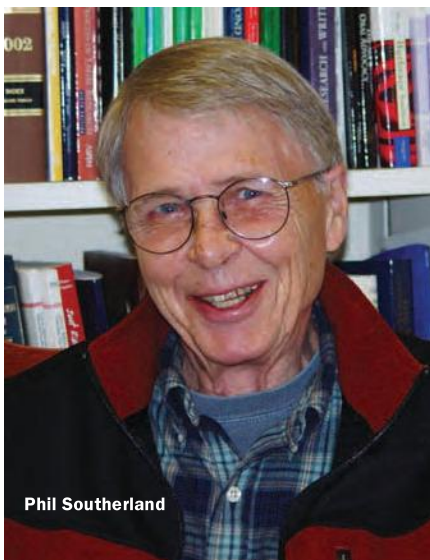
The six-year pastor of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Gretna (Florida) utilizes his ministry to improve the community. During his leadership of the church, Carter has instituted youth programs to improve grades, to increase reading and to encourage children to save money. His passion for improving the lives of young people comes from his childhood experiences and a keen sense of self-awareness.

"I didn't get here by myself; somebody gave me a break," said the chairman. "For all I know, some kid in Gadsden County can say, 'I want to be like Matt Carter.' If just one child can do that, then I feel like I've made a difference."

"If a poor black kid from South Georgia, born to illiterate parents with no electricity, can grow up to regulate the power companies, the phone companies, the gas companies, the water companies, the wastewater companies in the fourth largest state in the nation, then anything is possible." ■

# SOUTHERLAND AND VAN DOREN RETIRE

In December 2007, while law students were anticipating their break from classes and many Americans were decorating their homes for the holidays, two long-time Florida State Law faculty members packed up their offices and said good-bye. As a result, the law school lost a combined 73 years of service from Harold “Phil” Southerland and John W. “Jack” Van Doren.



Phil Southerland

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## Professor Phil Southerland

Those who know Southerland might have expected his quiet exit. The unassuming professor began his teaching career at Florida State – the first and last law school with which he interviewed – in 1972, after four years of practicing law in Milwaukee. During his studies at the University of Wisconsin School of Law, the West Point graduate served as editor of the *Wisconsin Law Review*. Because of that experience, Dean Joshua Morse hired him primarily to start a law review at the upstart Florida State Law.

After dedicating his first several years at Florida State to perfecting the *Law Review*, Southerland transitioned to a heavier teaching load. He taught Conflicts and Statutory Interpretation, among other courses. During his tenure, Southerland enjoyed freedom to create and teach intensive seminars such as Writing Skills and Law and Literature. When asked what advice he would give new law professors, Southerland offered, “Try to teach a seminar in the teaching load so students can have the advantage of small classes with a lot of interchange.”

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According to Southerland, the students have not changed during his more than 30 years in Tallahassee, but many other components of the law school have.

One building and a dirt parking lot. That is all Florida State Law consisted of when Southerland arrived in 1972. The young law school was not a member of the Association of American Law Schools, nor was it accredited by the American Bar Association. During the past few decades, the professor known for his casual style witnessed the addition of several buildings, an expansion of the Research Center and a substantial increase in the number of faculty and staff at the law school. He also watched Florida State Law’s reputation improve significantly.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my 36 years at Florida State,” said Southerland. “I’m very proud to have been a part of taking a brand new, underfunded law school to the eminence that it enjoys today.”

Clearly, Southerland was a valuable contributor to Florida State Law’s rapid rise in national rankings. After devoting more than three decades to teaching, he now has more time to pursue hobbies including birdwatching, playing bridge and practicing the clarinet.



## Professor Jack Van Doren

Harvard and Yale Law graduate Jack Van Doren arrived at Florida State Law in 1969, a few years prior to Southerland, after practicing law in California.

"I have theoretical interests and I thought it would be good to try something different," said Van Doren about his shift to academia. "I flew [to Tallahassee] and interviewed. I really liked the people I met; it was a small faculty."

With faculty members numbering fewer than 20 during Van Doren's initial years at Florida State, it was very common for the professors to socialize outside of work. That made adjusting to Tallahassee and the law school very pleasant for Van Doren.

During almost four decades at Florida State Law, he taught courses including Family Law, Property and Jurisprudence. The author of two books and numerous articles, Van Doren was one of the first law school professors to place great value on the production of scholarly works.

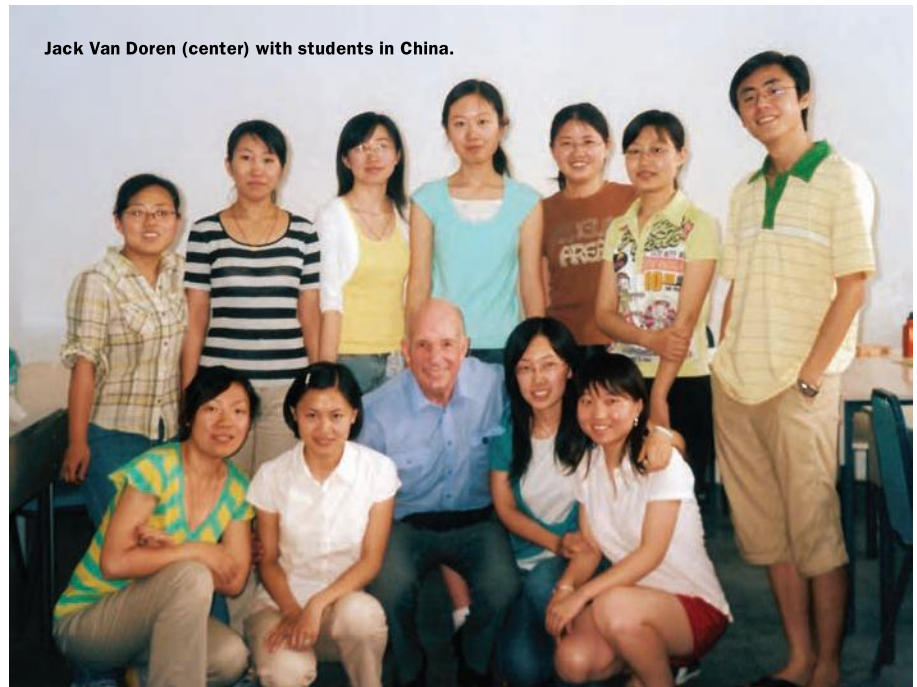
Though he enjoyed teaching at Florida State Law, his appetite for traveling abroad led Van Doren to numerous visiting professorships in foreign countries.

"About every third year, sometimes fourth, I have been fortunate enough to [take] leave and teach in an interesting place," said Van Doren. "I like the challenge of being in a new environment and seeing what I can learn from the students and what I can teach."

"Jack makes the rest of us look so terribly middle-class and suburban," said Dean Don Weidner. "His often adventurous travels leave him a true citizen of the world."

The enviable list of locations where Van Doren has been a visiting professor includes Barbados, China, the Czech Republic, France and South Africa. As a Fulbright Fellow, he taught in Cambodia, Moldova, Romania, Kenya and Syria. Equally enthusiastic about visiting stateside schools, Van Doren also was granted leave to teach at Florida A&M University's law school in Orlando and at Tulane Law School in New Orleans.

Even after such a well-traveled career, Van Doren plans to continue teaching



Jack Van Doren (center) with students in China.

around the world during retirement. His goal is to teach half of the year in the United States and the other half abroad. He spent his first months of retirement teaching at California Western School of Law in San Diego. Van Doren's wife, Sonia R. Crockett ('80), jokes that even though her husband has retired, he works just as hard.

"I feel very close to the students and that is something that I don't want to give up," said Van Doren. "The joy of it is I am an independent contractor."

Before Van Doren traveled across the country to San Diego, he celebrated his retirement with a small group of Florida State Law faculty and staff members at The Governors Club in Tallahassee. Since he did not want a big party, he said the intimate event was "one of the nicest things you can imagine."

"It's been a great experience and I'm very grateful for all my friends over the years," said Van Doren about his time at Florida State Law. "I appreciate everything that people did for me."

For more than three decades, Southerland and Van Doren dedicated themselves to Florida State Law and to preparing future lawyers. In return, Florida State granted both emeritus status soon after they retired. ■

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# Students Use Legislative Process to Help Children in Prison



Public Interest Law Center Co-director Paolo Annino (center) and students (L-R) Michelle Siegal, Theresa Prichard, Jami Coleman, Maria Castagliuolo, Chelsea Boehme and Marquita Green worked on the Children in Prison Rehabilitation Act of 2008.

Approximately 253 child offenders – 52 of them serving life sentences – could be impacted by the Children in Prison Rehabilitation Act of 2008. The legislation, which resulted from hundreds of hours of work by students at Florida State Law’s Public Interest Law Center (PILC, formerly the Children’s Advocacy Center), provides children who committed crimes at 15 years of age or younger the possibility of parole after serving eight years in prison.

Involvement in the PILC Children in Prison project has transformed Florida State Law students into advocates for the hundreds of childhood offenders serving sentences in Florida’s adult prisons. Although some of the inmates are said to be rehabilitated, they may never have the opportunity to contribute positively to the outside world. Student advocates at the PILC are using the legislative process to try to change that.

For legislators who question whether earning parole would be too easy under the act, there are stringent requirements youthful offenders must meet to be eligible. Inmates must be serving a sentence of at least 10 years without parole, cannot be violent career criminals or habitual felony offenders and must have a record of good behavior in prison. Additionally, they cannot have been previously adjudicated of a long list of crimes, including sexual battery and child abuse.

“This bill gives the opportunity for each person who is eligible to go before the parole commission for simply the opportunity – it’s not a guaranteed parole,” said Donna Duncan, the third-year law student leading the PILC initiative. She was a corrections officer in Wakulla County (Florida) before entering law school. “This is simply the opportunity for the parole board to look at them pe-

riodically and determine, based on their behavior, whether they have earned an opportunity to return to society. That burden is strictly on that individual trying to prove rehabilitation.”

“This legislation is important because it recognizes that just because these children have been legally adjudicated as adults, they are not adults,” continued Duncan. “Legally they may be, but physically, mentally, emotionally and in every other way, they are not.”

A central premise behind the legislation is that children are different from adults. PILC Co-director Paolo Annino and his students stress that a child’s brain continues to develop throughout adolescence. Scientific evidence supports the belief that biological differences from adults make children more amenable to rehabilitation.

“[Children] continue to develop their identity and the direction of their lives into their early 20s,” states the text of the legislation as it was originally written by Florida State Law students. “Recent findings in neuroscience show that brain maturation is a process that continues through adolescence and into early adulthood, and that impulse control, planning and thinking ahead are skills still in development well beyond age 18.”

From crafting the legislation’s language to visiting children inmates in adult prisons, PILC students have been working on

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the legislative project since the fall 2006 semester. They began by researching laws and proposals in other states and requesting public records information about Florida’s child offenders. House Bill 1137 and Senate Bill 2030, sponsored by Representative Will S. Kendrick (R-Carrabelle) and Senate Minority Leader Steven A. Geller (D-Hallandale Beach) respectively, were officially filed in February. A long-time supporter of measures to provide the possibility of parole for children, Geller (’82) had sponsored similar legislation in previous sessions.

Duncan and four other industrious law students devoted much of the 2008 legislative session to educating Florida legislators about the bill. Leading Florida attorneys including Florida State Law graduate Lawrence J. Block (’83), J. Allison DeFoor and Michael Olenick gave students pro bono guidance. According to Duncan, their mid-session strategy was to “talk to anyone who will listen about the bill, who will listen about our clients” and to “try to get people to embrace this message that children are different; they can be rehabilitated.”

“Students have been able to meet with a variety of Republican and Democratic legislators in the House and in the Senate,” Annino said a few weeks into the 2008 session. “[Lawmakers] have been so receptive and have been generous with their time. The center students are participating firsthand in the dynamic process of making laws. We are the only law school in Florida that provides students with such an opportunity.”

Informing reporters about the legislation and their advocacy on behalf of children inmates was a key component of the students’ efforts. Their media campaign resulted in coverage by the *Palm Beach Post*, the *St. Petersburg Times*, the

*Tallahassee Democrat* and the *Florida Public Radio Network*.

At the conclusion of the 2008 legislative session, Senate Bill 2030 died in the Criminal Justice Committee and House Bill 1137 died in the Juvenile Justice Committee.

Because it can take several sessions to educate lawmakers about new legislation and to fine-tune a bill, law students at the PILC will continue in 2009 to push for legal reform that provides children with a second chance. They will also continue their efforts to improve the conditions under which child offenders live in prison, a goal of the Children in Prison project since its inception in 1997.

Grants recently awarded by The Florida Bar Foundation and alumni gifts dedicated to the PILC will help Florida State Law students with their important work in the future.

“I encourage other law students or even attorneys in the community to get involved with the Public Interest Law Center,” said Duncan.

“As law student[s] we put in our personal statements how we want to help those who can’t help themselves; [to] be a voice for those who don’t have one or can’t use their own,” said third-year student Jami Coleman. She volunteered to work on the project even though she was not enrolled in the Public Interest Law Center course. “My interests and concentration in law school has been tax law. But being involved with the [Public Interest Law Center] has led me back to those words in my personal statement; I have an opportunity to be a voice for those who can’t use their own. As future attorneys, it is incumbent upon us to be social engineers or effectuate social change. The Children in Prison project is a step toward that direction.” ■



**Donna  
Duncan**



# NOTEWORTHY

## Carol L. Gregg and Ken Hart Create Endowment for Public Interest Law Center

With a commitment of \$100,000, law school graduates Carol L. Gregg ('74) and Ken Hart ('75) have created the Carol Gregg and Ken Hart Endowment for Excellence for the Public Interest Law Center.

The Tallahassee couple's gift to Florida State Law will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The \$50,000 state match will be added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$150,000. The income generated by the endowment will be used to provide financial support where it is needed most within the law school's Public Interest Law Center, with a preference for supporting litigation expenses.

"We are all very grateful for Carol

and Ken's generous financial support of the Public Interest Law Center, to which Carol also contributes her time on a pro bono basis," said Dean Don Weidner. "This endowment will help support the center in its mission to provide effective legal services to children and other under-represented clients."

"Though the Public Interest Law Center has outstanding faculty, excellent student participants and receives tremendous support from the legal community, funding for the center needs to be on a solid foundation, rather than depending on the whim of grants," Gregg said.

Gregg is assistant general counsel with the Florida Department of Health. Hart is a shareholder at the law firm of Ausley &

McMullen, P.A., and his practice focuses on administrative law, alternative dispute resolution, government and litigation.



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Carol L. Gregg and Ken Hart

## Florida State Law Parent James R. Douglass, Jr. Endows Scholarship



Jim Douglass

With a commitment of \$100,000, Florida State College of Business graduate James R. "Jim" Douglass, Jr., whose son is a student at Florida State Law, has endowed the Colonel James R. Douglass Veterans Scholarship. The scholarship is in the name of Douglass' father, who during his 33-year military career earned a bachelor's degree after more than 20 years of steady effort.

The Pennsylvania attorney's gift to Florida State Law will be eligible for a 50 percent match from the state of Florida. The \$50,000 state match will be added to the permanent endowment, creating a total endowment of \$150,000. The income generated by the endowed scholarship will be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a law student who is currently serving in the armed forces or who is a former member of armed forces.

"Jim has personal knowledge of the effort and dedication required to earn an advanced degree while serving in the armed forces," said Dean Don Weidner. "His generous financial support will help us recruit and support top students who have military ties and a goal of obtaining a law degree."

"I am proud to establish this scholarship in tribute to my father, his lifetime service to our country and his stubborn pursuit of a degree at night and on weekends," Douglass said. "If this scholarship fund can assist veterans on active duty or in transition to civilian life with their educational goals or quality of life, then my family's objectives will have been achieved."

Douglass was a corporate turnaround expert who specialized in energy companies before he retired. Coming out of retirement, he has settled in Pittsburgh and formed a private capital investment group, Douglass & Associates. Following his father's example, he earned an M.B.A. in 1970 by attending evening and weekend classes while serving in the military. He earned his law degree at night, with partial funding by the G.I. Bill.

# SENATOR MEL MARTINEZ VISITS FLORIDA STATE LAW

**D**uring a quick trip to Tallahassee in March, United States Senator Mel Martinez (R-Florida) met with Florida State Law students after addressing the state Legislature. At an event hosted by the law school's Student Bar Association (SBA), Martinez answered audience questions about topics ranging from the 2008 presidential election to the resignation of Cuba's Fidel Castro.

Students laughed when Martinez, who was a trial lawyer in Orlando for 25 years, began his visit with a question he said he had always wanted to ask audience member Professor Emeritus Chuck Ehrhardt. "Was Mrs. Palsgraf a foreseeable plaintiff?" asked the 1973 Florida State Law graduate of his former torts professor.

When asked about his transition from practicing law to public service, Martinez responded that the skills he learned as a lawyer, such as precise use of language, are very beneficial in the Senate. "Skills honed in the courtroom serve me well in debate on the Senate floor," Martinez said.

As law students listened intently, the former Florida State Law SBA junior vice president commented on a lack of state funding when urging them not to forget their law school. Martinez remarked that the SBA position was his first elected office.

"You are great people and you benefit from great education," said Florida State's first United States senator. "You can be a great service to your community. You've got a great contribution to make."



Senator Martinez addresses Florida State Law students.



Student Bar Association members with Senator Martinez.



# Bush Ross Sponsors *Law Review* Reception



L-R: Rachel Nordby, Celeste Perrino, Dean Don Weidner, Alicia Schumacher and Shane Ramsey

The *Florida State University Law Review* held its annual spring reception in Tallahassee on April 6. The event to honor new members and the incoming editorial board was sponsored by Tampa law firm Bush Ross, P.A. Firm attorneys Celeste N. Perrino ('07), Shane G. Ramsey ('06) and Alicia J. Schumacher ('90) attended the reception. Perrino and Ramsey were members of the *Florida State University Law Review* while law students.

A highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation of the Citation of Honor to outgoing editor-in-chief Rachel Nordby ('08). The optional award, the journal's highest honor, is voted on by the membership and is presented to the person who gave more to the *Florida State University Law Review* than one would think humanly possible.

## ALUMNI RETURN FOR NETWORKING NOSHES

Several graduates returned to Florida State Law to talk with students about practicing law during the law school's Networking Nosh luncheon series. The events are referred to as Networking Noshes because they allow small groups of students to lunch with distinguished alumni in a casual setting. Alumni featured during the 2007-2008 academic year were Guy E. "Sandy" Burnette, Jr. ('77), of the Law Firm of Guy E. Burnette, Jr. P.A.; David S. Dee ('79), of Young van Assenderp, P.A.; J. Christopher "Chris" Lombardo ('83), of Woodward, Pires & Lombardo, P.A.; Glen A. McClary ('92), of Boyd & Jenerette, P.A.; and S. Curtis "Curt" Kiser ('70), of Holland & Knight LLP. Other speakers included Mitchell Berger, of Berger Singerman; Representative Marti Coley (R-Marianna); and Scott Makar, Florida's Solicitor General and the Richard W. Ervin Visiting Professor. If you would like to participate in a Networking Nosh, contact Placement Director Tinsley Furry at 850.644.4495 or [tfurry@law.fsu.edu](mailto:tfurry@law.fsu.edu).



Glen McClary ('92) talks to students about practicing law during a November 2007 Networking Nosh.

## Students Gain Immigration Law Experience During Alternative Spring Break

In March, 18 Florida State Law students traveled to South Florida for spring break. They did not spend the week-long respite from classes sunning in South Beach; instead, these motivated students were in Miami and Fort Pierce for pro bono internships coordinated by Florida State's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.

Organizations providing immigration work to students as part of the alternative spring break were Catholic Charities Legal Services, the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center and the Human Rights Institute. Students interviewed clients, worked with immigration agencies and participated in various humanitarian projects. It was an outstanding opportunity for students interested in public interest work and immigration law to gain first-hand immigration experience.

Second-year law student Jasmine Rand's experience allowed her to connect law school coursework and current events to the practice of law. "Last fall, I was sitting in Professor Griffith's class learning about political asylum and well-founded fear; a few weeks ago I was reading an article about the volatile situation in Columbia and human rights violations; and during my spring break I [reviewed] a Columbian woman's application for political



L-R: Alternative Spring Break participants Caty Motolenich, Josh Lopez, Jimmy Luque and Kerven Montfort at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center in Fort Pierce.

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asylum to save the life of herself and her unborn child," Rand wrote.

Because of his fluency in Haitian Creole, first-year student Kerven Montfort was placed in the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center's Fort Pierce office, where many clients are Haitian. During the second day of his internship, he began working with a client to obtain funding to send her to Canada.

"So many law students and recent law school graduates can go years at large law firms and never see a client," commented Montfort. "Here I was, on the second day of the job, talking to someone who

was relying on me to help keep her family together."

Montfort and other participating students enjoyed their alternative spring break experiences so much that they are working to solidify additional funding to return to South Florida during next year's spring break. They hope to eventually expand the program beyond spring break to include pro bono immigration work locally and abroad.



## Homecoming 2008

Planning is under way for Homecoming Weekend 2008. Law school events will be held Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15. Friday night's all-alumni reception will be at the home of the Fred ('70) and Lyn Baggett and is sponsored by Fred's firm, Greenberg Traurig. More details will be available online at <http://www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/homecoming.html> as plans are finalized. We look forward to seeing you in November!

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1969

**ROBERT W. PERKINS** attended the ABA's 12th Annual National Institute on Negotiating Business Acquisitions in New Orleans, from November 1-2, 2007, on partial tuition scholarship. He provided input on how the specialty might better defend itself from burgeoning plaintiff claims of alleged failures of due diligence. His ideas stem from a long general counsel representation of the Florida Patient's Compensation Fund.

**THE HONORABLE SUSAN W. ROBERTS** has announced that she will retire. She has served as a judge in Polk County for 32 years and was the first woman elected as a Polk County judge in 1977. She plans to eventually return as a senior judge and work part time.

## 1970

**MARY E. DUGGAR** and her son, Thomas L. Duggar ('04), recently opened the firm of Duggar & Duggar, P.A. in Tallahassee.

## 1971



**WILLIAM W. GALLOGLY** has retired after 22 years as in-house counsel in the banking, title insurance, local government and chain supermarket sectors, preceded by 14 years in private practice in South

Florida. He also served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve, JAGC. He will continue to practice part time as a volunteer attorney with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid's Public Service Project.

**LEE L. WILLIS, II** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of energy law. He is a shareholder with the firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.9115.

## 1972

**C. GARY WILLIAMS** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of first amendment law. He is a shareholder with the firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.9115.

## 1973

**MARTIN R. SATAVA** has joined the Memphis, Tenn., office of Pacific Retirement Services, Inc. as executive vice president of development. He is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the development and acquisition of new continuing care retirement communities.

**CHARLES L. WOODY** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of labor & employment law. He practices in the Charleston, W.V., office of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC. He can be reached at 304.340.3862; E-mail: cwoody@spilmanlaw.com.

## 1974

**JAMES D. "JIM" BEASLEY** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of energy law. He is a shareholder with the firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.9115.



**STANN W. GIVENS** is president-elect of the Florida chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a founding partner of Knox & Givens, P.A. He can be reached at 607 W. Horatio St.,

Tampa, Fla. 33606; E-mail: givens@tampafamilylaw.com.

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. LEWIS** is running for resident judge in Franklin County, Ill. He is currently an associate judge in Illinois.

**FLOYD L. MATTHEWS, JR.** has opened Matthews & Guild, P.A. in Jacksonville. He can be reached at 2237 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32204.

**ROBERT A. "BOB" PIERCE** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in tax law. He is a shareholder with the firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.9115.

**THOMAS A. SANDERHOFF** has been appointed the chief operating officer of Workforce Alliance, Inc., a non-profit company chartered by the state of Florida to create and oversee a workforce system in Palm Beach County that is responsive to the employment and human resource needs of businesses. He can be reached at 326 Fern St., Ste. 301, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401.

**GEORGE E. TRAGOS** is listed in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a board certified trial attorney and partner with Tragos & Sartes, P.L. in Clearwater.

## 1975

**KELLY D. HANCOCK** has been included in the 2007 *Best Lawyers of America* and



named a 2007 "Super Lawyer" by *Florida Super Lawyer* magazine. He is a partner at Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Liberman & McKee in Fort Lauderdale.

**KENNETH R. HART** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the categories of commercial litigation and tax law. He is a shareholder with the firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.9115.

**THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA R. ISOM** was featured in the *Muscatine (Iowa) Journal* in January. She has been a circuit court judge in Tampa since 1990, where she co-chairs a juvenile diversionary program for first-time offenders and is president of the Tampa Bay Inn of Court.

**A. WOODSON ISOM, JR.** has joined the Merlin Law Group, P.A. He can be reached at 777 S. Harbour Island Blvd., Ste. 950, Tampa, Fla. 33602.

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## 1976

**LONNIE N. GROOT** has been appointed to the board of the Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc. and in January served as a judge and presented the keynote address at the state finals of the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" competition in Orlando.

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## 1978

**MARTHA H. "MARTI" CHUMBLER** was recently certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in state and federal government and administrative practice. She is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields.



**SHEILA M. MCDEVITT** is one of 20 women selected for the DirectWomen Board Institute Class of 2008.

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## 1979

**PETER V. ANTONACCI** has been appointed to the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. His term began February 5 and will end July 11, 2011. He works at the Tallahassee office of GrayRobinson, P.A., where he concentrates his practice in the areas of white collar defense, governmental lobbying, civil litigation and administrative law.

**JOHN L. DICKS** formally announced in October that he is running to represent Florida's 9th Congressional District. He is a former mayor and city commissioner of Plant City.

**THE HONORABLE ERNEST M. JONES** was elected as a circuit judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit in November 2006. He currently presides over dependency cases.

**DOUGLAS L. MANNHEIMER** has been appointed to the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida, which was created by the Florida Legislature to advise lawmakers on growth management and sustainability issues. He is a partner at Broad and Cassel in Tallahassee.



**DAVID W. WILCOX** has been elected to the board of directors for Manatee Glens, a not-for-profit behavioral health organization in Manatee County, Fla.

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## 1980

**SUZANNE SMITH BROWNLESS** received The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Second Judicial Circuit in January. During the past 12 years, she has provided more than 1,060 hours of pro bono service through the Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association. She

practices in all areas of regulatory and administrative law and has been in private practice in Tallahassee since 1993.

**JAMES W. "JIM" LINN**, a shareholder of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., presented "How to Contain Pension Costs in an Era of Restricted Revenues" at The Florida Bar 33rd Annual Public Employment Law Relations Forum in October at the JW Marriot Grande Lakes in Orlando.

**GEORGE J. LITTLE** has written "Internet Income" for SFI Marketing Group.

**STEPHEN A. MECK** is now working at the Public Employees Relations Commission in Tallahassee.

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## 1981

**GARY L. BROWN** is a partner at the firm of Eisinger, Brown, Lewis & Frankel, P.A. He can be reached at 4000 Hollywood Blvd., Ste. 265 South, Hollywood, Fla. 33021; Ph.: 954.894.8000.

**DEBORAH K. KEARNEY** is now general counsel of the Florida Department of Education. She can be reached at 325 W. Gaines St., Turlington Bldg., Ste. 1244, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399.

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## 1982



**CARRIE J. HIGHTMAN** has been named executive vice president and chief legal officer of NiSource Inc., a Fortune 500 energy firm.

**KELLY OVERSTREET JOHNSON** has been appointed to the Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission and will serve a four-year term. She is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel.

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**JOHN HENRY TRAPHOFNER** is working at the Florida Department of Children and Families. He can be reached at 1317 Winewood Blvd., Room 204K, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399.

## 1983

**MARK P. BARNEBEY** has been elected president of the Manatee County Historical Commission for 2008. He has served on the commission since 2006 and is a shareholder in the Bradenton office of Kirk-Pinkerton, P.A.

**ROBERT L. KILBRIDE** has opened Robert L. Kilbride, P.A. in Stuart, Fla. The firm represents private and public sector employers in labor, employment and human resources matters. He can be reached at 310 W. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Fla. 34994; Ph.: 772.286.5100.

## 1984



**CODY F. DAVIS** was listed in the 2007 edition of *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite for his work in the area of commercial litigation. He is a civil trial attorney and partner at Davis & Harmon, P.A. in Tampa, Fla.

**RANDALL W. "RANDY" HANNA** has joined the Hancock Bank of Florida board of directors. He is chairman and managing shareholder of Bryant Miller Olive in Tallahassee.

**THOMAS K. MARSHALL** was honored by the Venice Sertoma Club at its November 2007 meeting. He has been a teacher at Venice High School since 2000, where he has taught world history, honors American government and several levels of economics classes. He practiced law for 14 years before entering the teaching profession.

## 1985

**MARK E. HOLCOMB** has become a partner in the firm of Madsen Goldman & Holcomb, LLP. He can be reached at 1705 Metropolitan Blvd., Ste. 101, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308; Ph.: 850.523.0400; E-mail: mholcomb@mgh-law.com.



**SAMUEL P. KING'S** board certification in civil trial law has been renewed by The Florida Bar through 2012. He also served in December as a faculty presenter for a National Business Institute

continuing education seminar, "Plaintiff's Personal Injury: Practice Tips and Application." He is a partner in the Orlando firm of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, LLP.

**N. ADAM TEBRUGGE** has filed paperwork to run for public defender in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In February, he resigned his job as Sarasota County's assistant public defender to focus on his campaign. He had worked for the public defender's office for 23 years.

## 1986

**ROBERT N. CLARKE, JR.** has been named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the categories of commercial litigation and construction law. He is a shareholder with the firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.9115.

**REFIK W. ELER** has opened the Law Offices of Refik W. Eler, P.A. He can be reached at 233 E. Bay St., Ste. 1133, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202.

**THE HONORABLE JAMES R. "JIM" KLINDT** was sworn in as a U.S. District Court magistrate judge for the Middle District of Florida on October 31, 2007. He previously served 19 years as a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office.

**HENRY P. NOWAK** was recently appointed director of the Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Business at Colorado State University. He can be reached at MC 1275, 315 Rockwell Hall, Fort Collins, Colo. 80523-1275; Ph.: 970.491.6876; E-mail: henry.nowak@colostate.edu.

**FRANCISCO J. "FRANK" SANCHEZ, JR.** is now a consultant for VitalTrust Business Development Company. He is assisting the company in its efforts regarding the trade of renewable energy products internationally and crafting and implementing strategies designed to further enhance United States-based renewable resources utilization, sales and marketing.

## 1987

**DAVID L. SWANSON** can be reached at Stone Loughlin & Swanson, LLP, P.O. Box 30111, Austin, Texas 78755; Ph.: 512.343.1300; E-mail: dswanson@slsaustin.com.

## 1988



**MATTHEW M. CARTER, II** was unanimously elected chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission and began his two-year chairmanship in January. He was appointed to the

commission for a four-year term beginning January 2006.

**THE HONORABLE EMMET F. FERGUSON, III** and his wife Julie announce that their first child, Emma Ruth Ferguson, was born on July 19, 2007.



**JAMES R. KELLY** is Florida's new public counsel and will represent consumers in rate cases before the Florida Public Service Commission. Kelly was chosen for the post in November from a group of three finalists after votes by the 11-member Joint Legislative Committee on Public Service Commission Oversight.

**MICHAEL C. MARKHAM** has been named in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law. He is a partner at Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns, LLP in Clearwater.

## 1989

**ALAN ABRAMOWITZ** has been appointed the director of the newly created southern region of the Florida Department of Children and Families. He is responsible for Monroe and Miami-Dade counties.

**STEPHEN GEORGE COBB** has been recertified by The Florida Bar as a criminal trial law specialist. He is the founder of the Cobb Criminal Defense Law Firm in Northwest Florida, the Okaloosa-Walton Chapter of the Florida Association of

Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Florida Criminal Law newsletter and television program.



**ERIC R. MARTUZA** has joined Meckler Bulger & Tilson, LLP as a partner in the firm's Chicago office. He can be reached at 123 N. Wacker Dr., Ste. 1800, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

**SHELLEY G. REYNOLDS** was one of 22 women nominated for the 2008 *Pensacola Business Journal's* Outstanding Women in Business Awards. She practices criminal defense at her Pensacola firm, The Law Office of Shelley Guy Reynolds, P.A.

**THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH A. SENTERFITT** spoke in October to the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association about her experience as an attorney before becoming a judge.

She is a Duval County circuit court judge.

**ELIZABETH A. TEEGEN** recently became certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit civil mediator. She is an executive senior attorney with the Florida Department of Financial Services. She can be reached at 850.413.4104.

**1990**

**LISA REINHARDT ECHEVERRI** has been appointed executive director of the Florida Department of Revenue. She can be reached at 501 S. Calhoun St., Ste 104, Tallahassee, Fla. 32399; Ph.: 850.488.5050.

**RAFAEL GONZALEZ** received the 2006 U.S. President's Community Service Award, was named 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and was a finalist in the 2007 *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Minority Business Person of the Year Award competition.

**1991**

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL F. ANDREWS** has won The Florida Bar's Distinguished Judicial Service Award for his work organizing forums that bring together fellow African-American judges and at-risk youth and for mentoring at Pinellas County middle schools since 1992. He received the award on January 31 during a special ceremony at the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee. He was appointed to the bench in Pinellas County in 1997 and has served as a circuit judge since 2003.

**KATHLEEN L. BRENNAN** has been appointed secretary for Leadership Tallahassee, a division of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. She can be reached at 850.445.1131.

**REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE CASTOR** was elected to the United States Congress in 2006. She represents the Eleventh Congressional District of Florida, which covers parts of Hillsborough, Pinellas

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and Manatee counties. She serves on the Rules and the House Armed Services committees and holds a leadership position in the Steering and Policy Committee. She and husband **BILL LEWIS** ('91) have two daughters and live in Tampa. She can be reached in Washington, D.C., at 202.225.3376.

## 1992



**KATHERINE E. GIDDINGS**, a shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt's Tallahassee office and board certified in appellate practice, has been named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite for 2005,

2006 and 2007; ranked as one of Florida's Top 50 Women Lawyers by *Florida Super Lawyers* for 2006 and 2007; and has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2008 in the area of appellate practice. She also was appointed in February to the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for a term ending July 1, 2011.

**TONY L. HENDERSON** has prefiled to run for public defender in the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. He has served as an assistant public defender for 15 years.

**SALESIA V. SMITH-GORDON**, a personal injury attorney in West Palm Beach, has been honored by *Success Magazine* as one of South Florida's 25 Most Influential and Prominent Black Women of 2007. She can be reached at the Law Offices of Salesia V. Smith-Gordon, 922 Second St., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401.

**CARLOS O. "CHARLIE" TORAÑO** is working for his family's cigar business, Carlos Toraño Cigars, in Miami. The company manufactures and distributes handmade cigars.

## 1993

**JASON E. ASHFORD** has been appointed chief assistant district attorney for Houston County, Ga.

**WILLIAM K. BRYANT** is now a partner at Baker Hostetler in Los Angeles.



**VICTORIA E. HEULER** was inducted as president of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys (AFELA) on December 1, 2007. She practices with the firm of McConaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. and is board certified in elder law by The Florida Bar.

**THE HONORABLE GEORGE A. SARDUY** was elevated to circuit court judge by Governor Charlie Crist on January 8. He has been reassigned to the juvenile division and is presiding over dependency matters. He can be reached at 3300 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33142; E-mail: gsarduy@jud11.flcourts.org.

**JOSEPH B. SCHIMMEL** received the national Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award from the American Bar Association Section of Taxation in January. He is a partner in the Miami firm of Cohen, Chase, Hoffman & Schimmel.

## 1994



**KIMBERLY ANN DRIGGERS** has joined the firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, PA., where she continues to concentrate her practice in the areas of first party work including

insurance claims, personal injury protection (PIP) claims and wrongful death. Formerly the managing attorney of the Tallahassee office of an Orlando-based personal injury and insurance litigation law firm, Driggers brings more than 13 years of experience in both defense and plaintiff litigation in personal injury, PIP, class action and first party insurance disputes. A member of the Florida Justice Association subcommittee on automobile insurance, she was recently asked by the Florida Chiropractic Association to serve as assistant general counsel to its 4,000 members. In July, she begins her term as president of Tallahassee Women Lawyers. She can be reached at 909 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301; Ph.: 850.222.2000; E-mail: kdriggers@tallahasseeattorneys.com; Web site: www.TooMuchAtStake.com.



**MATTHEW KEVIN FOSTER** has attained a rating of AV through Martindale-Hubbell. He is a partner in the firm of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.222.2000; E-mail: matt@tallahasseeattorneys.com; Web site: www.TooMuchAtStake.com



**ROBERT F. KOHLMAN'S** firm, Kohlman Hernandez, P.A., has been acquired by Baker & McKenzie LLP. He has joined the firm as a partner and member of the dispute resolution practice group. He can be reached at Mellon Financial Center, 1111 Brickell Ave., Ste. 1700, Miami, Fla. 33131; Ph.: 305.789.8900.

## 1995

**L. ANTONIO "TONY" CABASSA**, as president of the Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association, led the effort to create the inaugural Central Florida Diversity Picnic. The event was held in February and provided an opportunity for the area legal community to sell itself to aspiring attorneys. He is with the firm of Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A., where he practices labor and employment law.



**DARYL D. PARKS** was the recipient of Leadership Tallahassee's 2007 Leadership Pacesetter Award. He is a founding partner of Parks and Crump, LLC.



**LUIS J. PERDOMO** is now a named partner at Lane Reese Summers Ennis & Perdomo, P.A. He is an experienced trial attorney and member of the Dade County Bar Association, the Coral Gables Bar Association and the Cuban American Bar Association. He resides in Palmetto Bay with

his wife, Julie, and four-year-old twins, Kaitlyn and Kelsey. He can be reached at 2600 Douglas Rd., Ste. 304, Coral Gables, Fla. 33134; Ph.: 305.444.4418.

## 1996

**SHANNON DEPUY BREAM** has become FOX News' Supreme Court correspondent in Washington, D.C.



**CHARLES R. "CHIP" FLETCHER** has joined the Tampa office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP as a partner. His practice includes governmental, regulatory, environmental and land

use law. He can be reached at 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Ste. 2800, Tampa, Fla. 33602; Ph.: 813.229.7600; E-mail: cfletcher@slk-law.com.

## 1997

**LEIGH BRASLOW ALTMAN** was featured as one of 15 young lawyers to watch in the August 27, 2007, issue of the *Fulton County Daily Report*.

**LISA BRAUTIGAM** is now working for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. She can be reached at 3009 Portland Ave., Tacoma, Wash. 98404; Ph.: 253.573.7877; E-mail: lisa.brautigam@puyalluptribe.com.

**CHARLES W. CRABTREE, JR.** is general counsel for Ocean State Job Lot in Rhode Island. He can be reached at 10 Downing St., East Greenwich, R.I. 02818.

## 1998



**SCOTT MONROE COFFEY** has been ranked in the top tier of project finance lawyers in Florida in the 2008 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Florida*. He is a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.

**CHANTA G. COMBS** has been named policy director for the Executive Office of Governor Charlie Crist.

**CAROLYN A. EGAN** has been appointed associate general counsel for the Florida State University General Counsel's Office. Her practice concentrates on labor and employment issues.

**ROBERT S. "ROBB" LAMONT, JR.** has returned to Florida and joined Transamerica Investment Management. He can be reached at 570 Carillon Pkwy., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33716; Ph.: 727.299.1814; E-mail: rlamont@aegonusa.com.



**TODD P. RESAVAGE**, a triathlon competitor and attorney with Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A. represented the firm, along with colleague Kimberly Ann Driggers ('94), on its winning

four-person cycling team during the "Stop DUI in 24 Hours BikeATHon" held in March at Florida State. In addition to taking part in cycling 156 miles over a 24-hour period, Resavage and other members of the firm also provided information to Florida State students, parents and staff about the legal consequences of impaired driving.



**HEATHER PINDER RODRIGUEZ** received the 2008 Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Pro Bono Service Award at a January 31 ceremony at the Florida Supreme Court. Since joining Holland & Knight in 1998, she has contributed approximately 100 hours each year to pro bono cases and in 2006 she donated 153 hours even though she was on maternity leave for three months. She also devotes more than 100 hours annually to the Guardian Ad Litem program of Orange County and is the senior counsel coordinating the pro bono services of more than 60 attorneys in Holland & Knight's Orlando office.

**PAULA A. SPARKMAN** is now working at Bird & Leinback, P.L. She can be reached at 165 E. Dogwood St., Monticello, Fla. 32344.

## 1999

**JASON A. BRADY** is a partner in the firm of Baker Hostetler in Orlando.



**ROBERT H. HOSAY** has been elected to partnership at the firm of Foley & Lardner LLP. He is a member of the public affairs and government procurement practice in Tallahassee.

## 2000

**HEATHER ANN WALLACE** married Jason Anthony Bridwell on November 4, 2007, at Frenchman's Reserve in Palm Beach Gardens. She is employed with the firm of Peterson & Bernard in Stuart.

## 2001

**CHRISTI R. ADAMS** has been promoted to senior counsel at Foley & Lardner LLP in the firm's Orlando office. She also received the firm's most prestigious award for commitment to community service.

**KRISTY K. BRANCH BANKS** has opened Kristy Branch Banks, P.A. in Apalachicola. She can be reached at P.O. Box 176, Apalachicola, Fla. 32329; Ph.: 850.653.1255.

**LAWRENCE J. HODZ** and Vivian Cortes Hodz ('02) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Eric Jackson Hodz. Born in Tampa on May 10, 2007, Eric was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 21 inches long.

**BRIAN C. USSERY** has joined Ford & Harrison LLP as an associate in the firm's Tampa office.

## 2002

**VIVIAN CORTES HODZ** and Lawrence Hodz ('01) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Eric Jackson Hodz. Born in Tampa on May 10, 2007, Eric was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 21 inches long. She can be reached at Sanchez & Associates, P.A., 1006 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33607; Ph.: 813.879.4600.



**FRANK P. MAYERNICK, JR.** has joined Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A. as a governmental consultant. Working statewide, he will be based in the firm's Tallahassee office.

**CARLOS E. MOORE** is the chair of the National Bar Association Young Lawyers Division board of directors. He is the principal of Moore Law Office, PLLC in Grenada, Miss.

## 2003

**AMY AVALOS** has joined the Boca Raton office of Blank Rome LLP as an associate in the general business practice group. She can be reached at 561.417.8100.

**J. JEFFERSON "JEFF" GOODMAN, JR.** has been named assistant general manager of the Denver Broncos. He previously served as a college scout for the organization. He can be reached at 13655 Broncos Pkwy., Englewood, Colo. 80112; Ph.: 303.649.9000; E-mail: jeff.goodman@broncos.nfl.net.

**DANIELLE J. KELLEY** has opened Erickson-McDaniel & Kelley, P.A. in Tallahassee. The firm's practice will concentrate on criminal defense, labor and employment, family, small business and administrative law. She can be reached at 850.907.8231; Web site: www.emklaw.net.

**KATHERINE A. SCOTT** married Thomas Collins Webb on November 10, 2007, and is now Katherine Scott Webb. She is an associate at the Tallahassee office of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A., where she is involved in lobbying and regulatory work.

**TRACY N. WEBSTER** is now a legal recruiter with Lucas Group. She can be reached at 1201 Brickell Ave., Ste. 630, Miami, Fla. 33131; Ph.: 305.960.1934 ext.206; E-mail: twebster@lucasgroup.com.

## 2004

**GLORIA V. BAEZ** has been appointed dean for administration at Miami Dade College. She can be reached at 11011 S.W. 104th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33176; Ph.: 305.237.2992; E-mail: gbaez@mdc.edu.

**THOMAS L. DUGGAR** and his mother, Mary E. Duggar ('70), recently opened the firm of Duggar & Duggar, P.A. in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 1300 Thomaswood Dr., Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

**GENIE JOSE-NGUYEN** has joined Pierce Law Group LLP. She can be reached at 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 225 East Tower, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212; Ph.: 310.274.9191 ext.228; E-mail: genie@piercelawgroupllp.com.

**DANA E. QUIGLEY** now works for Sheila Biehl, P.A. She can be reached at 406 S.W. Seventh St., Stuart, Fla. 34994; Ph.: 772.223.5353.

**KEISHA RICE** was appointed deputy director of the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development in 2007.

**PETER J. SWEENEY** is an associate at the civil litigation "boutique" firm of Vocelle & Berg, LLP. He can be reached at 3333 20th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

## 2005

**DUSTIN L. CLARK** is an associate at Fisher & Phillips LLP. He can be reached at Ste. 650, 3993 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Las Vegas, Nev. 89169; Ph.: 702.862.3809; E-mail: dclark@laborlawyers.com.

**JAMES M. GENTRY** has joined the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A. as an associate, where he practices civil trial law.

**JARRAD C. HOLST** is an associate at the firm of Reinert & Rourke, P.C. He can be reached at 812 N. Collins, St. Louis, Mo. 63102; Ph.: 314.621.5743; E-mail: jholst@reinertrourke.com.

**JAMIE M. ITO** is working at the North Florida Center for Equal Justice. She can be reached at 2121 Delta Blvd., Tallahassee, Fla. 32303; Ph.: 850.701.3980.



**ANNA G. SMALL** has joined the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel, where she is an associate with the firm's health law practice group. An advanced registered nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife, Small's expertise in health law comes from prior work experience in nursing and the health care industry. She

has authored numerous works on nursing law, health care legislation and lobbying, and has been invited to speak at several industry events by national organizations.

## 2006

**JILL E. CABAI** is currently employed as an assistant state attorney at the Office of the State Attorney, Twentieth Judicial Circuit. She can be reached at P.O. Box 387, LaBelle, Fla. 33975.

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**GUY HOLT AMASON, JR.**, '71, passed away on October 26, 2007. He was retired and living in Fort Myers.

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**LORI S. JORGENSON-GENSECKE**, '93, passed away on December 8, 2007. She was a resident of Hudson.

**LUCINDA MARIE LAGOMASINO**, '08, passed away on March 14. She was a resident of Tallahassee and a third-year student at Florida State Law.

**NANCY BURDETT LEWIS**, '77, died on November 25, 2007. She was a resident of Tallahassee.

**ROBERT WAYNE MILLER**, '76, passed away on November 26, 2007. He practiced law for 31 years in the Tampa area.

**JASON R. RODGERS**, '07, passed away on November 16, 2007. He had recently joined the law firm of Hoot Crawford in Panama City Beach.

**MATTHEW EVERETT SLATE**, '03, died on January 16. In his passing, Slate's organ donation sustained the lives of eight people.

**TIMOTHY L. WHALEN**, '83, died on November 5, 2007. He practiced law in West Palm Beach prior to his death.



# FACULTY NEWS

## Faculty Changes



Elizabeth Chamblee Burch

In the fall, Elizabeth “Beth” Chamblee Burch (’04) will be the first Florida State Law graduate to join the law school’s faculty in a tenure-track

position. Burch comes to Florida State from the Cumberland School of Law and has published widely on topics including non-class aggregation and class action procedure. She will teach Civil Procedure during the fall 2008 semester. Everyone at the law school is looking forward to Burch’s arrival.

Unfortunately, Florida State Law also is losing some exceptional faculty members to other schools. After serving as a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Jeffrey A. Stoops Professor Jon Klick has accepted a permanent position there. Resigning to accept a position at the University of Virginia is Lois L. Shepherd, The Florida Bar Health Law Section and D’Alemberte Professor. Also leaving are assistant professors Charlene D. Luke, for the University of Florida, and Benjamin J. Priestster, for Florida Coastal School of Law.

## Galle and Seidenfeld Headline Duke Symposium



Brian Galle

A paper written by two Florida State Law professors was the topic of an April 15 symposium at Duke University. Brian Galle and Mark Seidenfeld’s paper, *Admin Law’s Federalism: Preemption, Delegation, and Agencies at the Edge of Federal Power*, was chosen from many submitted proposals as the theme of *Duke Law Journal’s* annual administrative law symposium.



Mark B. Seidenfeld

Duke issued its call for proposed papers in September, asking for proposals about the current implications of influential cases decided in the 1980s. Galle and Seidenfeld’s scholarly product concentrates on the relationship between federalism and administrative law. They submitted the paper with the

understanding that Duke was going to choose and feature several submissions at the 2008 symposium.

“A month after we submitted our proposal, we got an e-mail saying that our paper had been accepted for the symposium,” said Galle. “They told us that all of the proposals were very different and ours was the most interesting, so they were going to make it the topic.” After receiving such diverse proposals, Duke decided to feature only one paper.

The paper proposes that matters involving the scope of the power of the federal government would be well served by greater involvement of administrative agencies under judicial doctrines that would promote more transparent and deliberative consideration of these matters. According to Seidenfeld, “The paper bucks the trend among legal scholars who call for special protections against the federal government encroaching on state regulatory prerogatives.”

Individuals in the administrative law field look forward to Duke’s annual symposium because it includes well-respected authorities on the subject. This year was no different. Among the panelists selected by Galle and Seidenfeld to comment on their paper were administrative law experts from the Columbia, Michigan and Duke law schools.

To download a copy of *Admin Law’s Federalism: Preemption, Delegation, and Agencies at the Edge of Federal Power*, visit [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1101141](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1101141).

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## Dodge Testifies Before United States Senate



Joseph Dodge, Florida State Law's Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor, testified before the United States Senate Finance Committee on March 12. Dodge

spoke about alternatives to the nation's current estate and gift tax laws, the status of which is uncertain after 2009.

"The gist of my testimony was that the estate and gift tax system, which is seriously flawed, should be replaced by a transferee tax – a tax on people who receive bequests and other gratuitous transfers," said Dodge. "It was interesting to see what the senators were interested in as opposed to the way academics view the issue."

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Dodge is a leading authority on tax issues, having authored numerous influential articles and several books. He is an academic fellow of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel, where he has chaired the Transfer Tax Study Committee, and he has been chair of both the Tax Section and the Donative Transfers Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

"Joseph Dodge is one of the nation's leading tax scholars," said Dean Don Weidner. "It is not at all surprising that the Senate Finance Committee would reach out for his opinion."

## Faculty Media Hits

**Fred Abbott** commented on controversial remarks made by a senior official of the World Intellectual Property Organization for an article in the January 23 issue of *ICTSD Bridges Weekly* (Geneva) and was quoted in the February 4 issue of *BusinessWorld* (India) about a high-profile patents lawsuit.

**Paolo Annino** and the Public Interest Law Center (PILC) were featured in a January 2 *St. Petersburg Times* article and in a January 6 *St. Petersburg Times* editorial about the Children in Prison Rehabilitation Act of 2008. Annino and the PILC were also featured in an April 1 *Miami Herald* article about a child they represent.

**Robin Craig** was quoted about water issues in the South in a February 4 *Christian Science Monitor* article. Craig also was quoted in a March 17 *USA Today* article about the Southeast's water problems.

**Joseph Dodge's** United States Senate testimony about alternatives to the nation's current estate and gift tax laws was covered in a March 12 *Associated Press* article published on *Forbes.com* and in *The Houston Chronicle*.

**Brian Galle** was interviewed about property tax reform on *Florida Public Radio* on February 1.

**Larry Krieger** was quoted and his scholarship about law school stress and work-life issues was featured in a March 13 *National Law Journal* article.

**Dan Markel** was interviewed on February 20 for a radio program about shaming punishments on *NPR's* Seattle-based *Weekday*. He also was quoted about the same topic in a December 3 article published in *The Arizona Republic*.

**J.B. Ruhl** was quoted about sustainability in a January 14 *National Law Journal* article.

**Don Weidner** was featured and quoted in a January 28 *National Law Journal* article about Florida public law school tuition increases.

# FACULTY NOTES

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

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EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR

**Chapter:** *China in the WTO 2006: "Law and Its Limitations" in the Context of TRIPS*, in *WTO LAW AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES* 59-81 (G. Bermann and P. Mavroidis eds.) (Cambridge Univ. Press 2007). **Articles:** *The Doha Round's Public Health Legacy: Strategies for the Production and Diffusion of Patented Medicines Under the Amended TRIPS Provisions*, 10 *J. INT'L ECON. L.* 921 (2007) (with Jerome H. Reichman); *Introductory Note to World Trade Organization Canada First Notice to Manufacturer Generic Drug for Export*, 46 *ILM* 1127 (2007). **Presentations:** *Current Issues in Trade Agreements, Access to Medicines and Implications for Primary Health Care* (Bangkok, Thailand, Prince Mahidol Award Conference, February 2008); *The Re-Emergence of the Brazilian Pharmaceutical Sector: Addressing the Global Challenges* (University of Miami Conference on Globalization and the Pharmaceutical Industry, Brazilian Intellectual Property Law and U.S. Policy Implications, February 2008); *Access to Affordable Medicines* (Miami Beach, 10th Annual International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance Panel Presentation, November 2007); *Project on Assessment of Impact of Intellectual Property and Regulatory Systems on Public Health Goods* (Geneva, Switzerland, World Health Organization Director General-Regional Directors Annual Meeting, November 2007); *WIPO in the 21st Century* (Geneva, Switzerland, Panel Presentation at Conference on "The Reform of WIPO: Implementing the Development Agenda," hosted by TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue, September 2007); *Intellectual Property Negotiations at the World Trade*

*Organization* (Beijing, China, Presentation to Officials of Government of China, Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, September 2007); *Assessment of Trade Impact of Intellectual Property Rules and Regulatory Systems on Public Health Goods* (Ottawa, Canada, World Health Organization Conference on Trade and Health: Scaling-up the Response, Development of Diagnostic Tool and Workbook, October 2007).

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**Article:** *Enforcing Corporate Fiduciary Duties in Bankruptcy*, 56 *U. KAN. L. REV.* 83 (2007). **Presentation:** *Strategic Governance* (Stetson Law School, Florida State-Miami-Stetson Junior Faculty Workshop, November 2007).

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**Article:** *Final Regulations on School Assessments: An Attempt to Align the NCBLA and the IDEIA*, 31 *MENTAL & PHYSICAL DISABILITY L. REP.* 830 (November/December 2007).

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**Presentation:** *Nonprofit and Philanthropy Scholarship* (New York, AALS Annual Meeting Roundtable, January 2008).

## **Tamara G. Blenkhorn**

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**Presentation:** *Legal Research and Citation* (Orlando, Florida, Certified Bankruptcy



Assistant Seminar and Exam, October 2007).

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**Presentation:** *Contracts as Plans* (Vanderbilt Law School faculty workshop, January 2008).

### Donna R. Christie

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

**Essay:** *From Stratton to US COP: Environmental Law Floundering at Sea*, 82 WASH. L. REV. 533 (2007).

### Robin Kundis Craig

ATTORNEYS' TITLE INSURANCE FUND PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Coral Reefs, Fishing, and Tourism: Tensions in U.S. Ocean Law & Policy Reform*, 27 STAN. ENVTL. L. J. 3 (2008); *Removing 'the Cloak of a Standing Inquiry': Pollution Regulation, Public Health, and Private Risk in the Injury-in-Fact Analysis*, 29 CARDOZO L. REV. 149 (2007). **Presentations:** *Current Issues in Ocean Resource Management and Governance: A Roundtable Discussion* (Pace Law School Tenth Annual Professors' Workshop, National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, February 2008); *Public Health and Sea-Level Rise* (University of Florida College of Law Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, February 2008); *Piracy on the High Seas* (New York, Panel Moderator at AALS Annual Meeting, January 2008); *Rising to the Challenge: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies to Combat the Impacts of Sea Level Rise* (Florida Coastal School of Law, Keynote Address at Northeast Florida Environmental Summit, November 2007).

### Joseph Dodge

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF & SITTERSON PROFESSOR

**Article:** *The Netting of Costs Against Income Receipts (Including Damage Recoveries) Produced By Such Costs, Without Barring Congress From Disallowing Such Costs*, 27 VA. TAX. REV. 297 (2007). **Presentation:** *Alternatives to the Estate and Gift Tax* (U.S. Senate Finance Committee Testimony, March 2008).

### Charles W. Ehrhardt

EMERITUS PROFESSOR

**Book:** FLORIDA TRIAL OBJECTIONS (Thomson-West, 4th edition 2008). **Presentations:** *Emerging Evidence Issues in Florida and Federal Court* (Tampa, Civil Trial Lawyers Certification Review Course, February 2008); *Recent Developments in Evidence* (Tallahassee Bar Association, February 2008); *Current Evidence Issues* (Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, December 2007).

### Dino Falaschetti

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW AND ECONOMICS

**Presentations:** *Insurance: Politically Risky Business* (Orlando, State of the Florida Insurance Market Summit, December 2007); *Auditor Independence and Earnings Quality: Evidence for Market Discipline vs. Sarbanes-Oxley Proscriptions* (NYU Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2007).

### Brian Galle

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Can Discriminatory State Taxation of Municipal Bonds be Justified?*, 46 STATE TAX NOTES 229 (Oct. 22, 2007) (with Ethan Yale). **Presentation:** *Tax Fairness* (NYU Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance, February 2008).

### Steven G. Gey

DAVID AND DEBORAH FONVIELLE AND DONALD AND JANET HINKLE PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Life After the Establishment Clause*, 110 W. VA. L. REV. 1 (2007) (sym-

posium); *School Vouchers and the Problem of the Recalcitrant Constitutional Text*, 37 J.L. & EDUC. 87 (2008). **Recognition:** One of five graduate faculty members to receive a 2007-08 University Teaching Award from Florida State.

### Elwin J. Griffith

TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Lenders and Consumers Continue the Search for the Truth in Lending Under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z*, 44 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 611 (2007)

### Adam J. Hirsch

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE VANDERCREEK PROFESSOR

**Articles:** *Law and Proximity*, 2008 ILL. L. REV. 557 (with Greg Mitchell); *The Uniform Acts' Loophole in Fraudulent Conveyance Law*, ESTATE PLANNING, Dec. 2007, at 20. **Presentations:** *Text and Time: A Theory of Testamentary Obsolescence* (UCLA Law School Conference on The Law of Succession in the 21st Century, February 2008); *Twists and Turns in the Law of Inheritance by Slayers* (White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, ACTEC Fall Meeting, October 2007). **Recognition:** Acknowledged in Brian Leiter's citation study as the most-cited among all wills and trusts scholars nationwide, with 210 citations in JLR since 2000.

### Jonathan Klick

JEFFREY A. STOOPS PROFESSOR

**Article:** *The Tradeoffs between Regulation and Litigation: Evidence from Insurance Class Actions*, 1 JOURNAL OF TORT LAW, issue 3 (2007), <http://www.bepress.com/jtl/vol1/iss3/art2> (with Eric Helland). **Presentations:** *The Effect of Contract Regulation: The Case of Franchising* (New Orleans, American Economic Association Annual Meeting, January 2008); *The Effect of Contractual Regulation: The Case of Franchising* (Michigan Law & Economics Workshop, February 2008); *A Simple, Nonparametric Approach to Asymptotically Valid Inference in*

*Single-Firm Event Studies with One Event Date* (Rand and Claremont McKenna College's Conference on The Future of Securities Fraud Regulation, February 2008); *The Effect of Contract Regulation: The Case of Franchising* (Columbia University School of Law Faculty Workshop, February 2008); *The Regulation of Contracts: The Case of Franchising* (Harvard Law School, Law and Economics Workshop, November 2007); *The Regulation of Contracts: The Case of Franchising* (NYU Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2007); *Cheap Donuts and Expensive Broccoli: The Effect of Relative Prices on Obesity* (Emory University School of Law, Faculty Colloquium, November 2007). **Encyclopedia Entries:** *Econometric Studies of Law, Functional Law and Economics, Multivariate Methods in Legal Studies and Formal Methods in Legal Scholarship*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND SOCIETY, David Clark, ed. (London: Sage Publications, 2007).

### Lawrence S. Krieger

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

**Presentations:** *Lawyering, Distress, and Dysfunction* (Touro College of Law, Conference on Law as a Healing Profession, November 2007); *Human Nature as a New Philosophy for Legal Education* (Washburn University, Symposium on Humanizing Legal Education, Keynote Address, October 2007).

### Jennifer Parker LaVia

LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *MPRE Bar Review* (Tallahassee, February 2008).

### Tahirih V. Lee

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *Extended Land Leasing, Foreign Enclaves, and the Rise of Federalism and Local Politics in Early Twentieth Century China* (Tempe, Arizona, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Legal History, October 2007).

### Wayne A. Logan

GARY & SALLYN PAJCIC PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Policy: Past, Present, and Future*, 34 NEW ENG. J. OF CRIM. & CIV. CONFINEMENT 3 (2008).

**Presentation:** *Confronting Evil: Victims' Rights in an Age of Terror* (Stanford Criminal Justice Center's Rights Needs, Power: The Victim in Criminal Justice Conference, January 2008).

### Dan Markel

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *Punishing Family Status* (Hofstra School of Law Faculty Workshop, March 2008); *Punishing Family Status* (University of Arizona School of Law Faculty Workshop, March 2008); *Criminal Justice and the Problem of Family Taxes* (Loyola-LA Law School Faculty Workshop, December 2007).

### David L. Markell

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Presentation:** *Using Empirical Research to Design Government Citizen Participation Processes: A Case Study of Citizens' Roles in Environmental Compliance and Enforcement* (with Tom Tyler) (NYU Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2007).

### Gregg D. Polsky

SHEILA M. MCDEVITT PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Controlling Executive Compensation Through the Tax Code*, 64 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 877-926 (2007). **Presentations:** *The 2007 Mortgage Mess and Tax Policy* (IRS Office of Chief Counsel Lecture Series, December 2007); *Private Equity Tax Issues* (Panel Presentation at Federal Bar Association Annual Tax Law Conference, March 2008).

### David F. Powell

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Blockbuster Guide To Drafting Florida Trusts*, 147 TRUSTS & ESTATES 47 (February 2008) (with Tye J. Klooster).

**Presentations:** *Drafting to Avoid, Minimize or Embrace Florida's Elective Share* (New York, Out of State Practitioners Division of The Florida Bar, February 2008); *Elective Share Revisited* (with Bruce Stone) (Palm Beach, 2007 Attorney/Trust Officer Liaison Conference, 2007); *The Florida Trust Code* (Palm Beach County Bar Association, May 2007); *Workshop on the New Florida Trust Code for Trust Officers* (Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Sponsored by Holland & Knight LLP, May 2007); *The Florida Trust Code* (Tampa Bay Estate Planning Council, April 2007); *Estate Planning Tax Considerations* (Orlando, 2007 Wills, Trusts and Estates Certification Review Course, April 2007); *The Florida Trust Code, What You Don't Know You Don't Know (and Why It Matters Now!)* (New York, Out of State Practitioners Division of The Florida Bar, February 2007); *The Florida Trust Code* (Tallahassee Regional Estate Planning Council, January 2007).

### Jim Rossi

HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

**Article:** *Antitrust Process and Vertical Deference: Judicial Review of State Regulatory Inaction*, 93 IOWA L. REV. 185 (2007).

**Presentation:** *The Associate Dean for Research: A Survey of Mechanisms for Aligning Self Interest and Institutional Interests in Scholarship Among Law Faculty* (University of Tulsa School of Law Workshop, November 2007).

### J.B. Ruhl

MATTHEWS & HAWKINS PROFESSOR OF PROPERTY

**Book:** THE PRACTICE AND POLICY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Foundation Press 2008) (with John Copeland Nagle & James Salzman). **Article:** *Reconstruct-*

*ing the Wall of Virtue: Maxims for the Co-evolution of Environmental Law and Environmental Science*, 37 ENVTL. L. 1063 (2007) (symposium). **Presentations:** *Law's Complexity* (Georgia State University Law School Symposium on Law as a Dynamical System, Keynote Speaker, February 2008); *Global Climate Change and the Endangered Species Act* (New York, AALS Annual Meeting Panelist, January 2008); *Agriculture and Environmental Policy Innovation* (New York, AALS Annual Meeting Panelist, January 2008); *Agriculture and Ecosystem Services* (NYU Environmental Law Seminar, November 2007); *Climate Change and the Endangered Species Act* (Georgetown Law School Seminar on Environmental Law, October 2007); *Climate Change and the Endangered Species Act* (United States Fish & Wildlife Service Director's Climate Change Task Force, October 2007); *Climate Change and the Endangered Species Act* (CLE International Annual Endangered Species Act Conference, November 2007); *Climate Change and the Endangered Species Act* (University of Virginia Law School Legal Studies Workshop, November 2007). **Recognition:** Acknowledged in Brian Leiter's citation study as the ninth most-cited among all environmental law scholars nationwide with 560 citations in JLR since 2000.

### Lois L. Shepherd

THE FLORIDA BAR HEALTH LAW SECTION AND D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

**Presentations:** *Directions in Bioethics and Law* (Gardner Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, March 2008); *Responsibility in Bioethics and Law* (University of Virginia Center for Biomedical Ethics and Humanities Faculty Workshop, February 2008).

### Nat S. Stern

JOHN W. AND ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR

**Article:** *The Looming Collapse of Restrictions on Judicial Campaign Speech*, 38 SETON HALL L. REV. 63 (2008). **Recognition:** One of five graduate faculty members to receive a 2007-08 University Teaching Award from Florida State.

### Fernando Tesón

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR

**Chapter:** *La Defensa Liberal del Derecho de Intervención con Especial Referencia al Continente Americano*, in A. Covarrubias Velasco and D. Ortega Nieto (ed.) *LA PROTECCIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS: UN RETO EN EL SIGLO XXI* (Colegio de Mexico, 2007). **Presentations:** *Are Philosophers Economically-Illiterate? The Case of Trade?* (Bowling

Green State University Social Philosophy and Policy Center Stranahan Lecture, September 2007); *Kantianism and Legislation* (University of Florida Philosophy Department, November 2007).

### Manuel A. Utset, Jr.

CHARLES W. EHRHARDT PROFESSOR

**Article:** *Hyperbolic Criminals and Repeated Time-Inconsistent Misconduct*, 44 Hous. L. Rev. 609 (2007). **Presentation:** *Recursive Governance: Time, Complexity and Corporate Law* (University of Connecticut School of Law Faculty Colloquium, February 2008).

### Donald J. Weidner

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *The Stages of Deaning* (Santa Monica, ABA Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Panel, February 2008).

### Lesley Wexler

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Presentation:** *Blood Diamonds* (University of Chicago School of Law, Legal Scholarship Workshop, November 2007).

## Three Law Faculty Publish New Books



Fred Abbott (right) and other professors congratulate J.B. Ruhl (left) on his two latest books.

Law school faculty members gathered on January 9 to celebrate book publications by Professors Frederick Abbott, Dino Falaschetti and J.B. Ruhl. Framed photos of book covers were presented to each professor by Dean Don Weidner, who praised them for their excellent scholarly output and contributions to Florida State Law.

Abbott's book, *International Intellectual Property in an Integrated World Economy* (written with Francis Gurry), was published by Aspen Publishers. Falaschetti, who began teaching at the law school during the spring 2008 semester, was recognized for his publication of *Money, Financial Intermediation and Governance* (Edward Elgar Publishing). Ruhl was honored for publishing two books: *The Law and Policy of Ecosystem Services* (Island Press) and *The Practice and Policy of Environmental Law* (Foundation Press).



# AROUND THE LAW

## Advocacy Teams Continue to Excel

Florida State Law's Moot Court and Mock Trial teams were successful in numerous statewide and national competitions during the 2007-2008 academic year. In addition to many impressive team finishes, Florida State Law students won individual awards. Evidence that Florida State Law students have superior writing skills are the five "best brief" awards earned by Moot Court teams during this year's competitions.



Moot Court Final Four competitors Hall, Powell, Rogers and Thomas

### Moot Court highlights include:

- Semifinalists in the George Washington National Religious Freedom Competition in Washington, D.C., in February. The brief written by team members Sarah Donini and Benjamin Greiving was selected as best in the competition and was published in the spring 2008 issue of the *Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion*. Team coach Brian D. Sites ('07) was a member of the 2007 competition's winning team.
- Semifinalists in The Florida Bar Tax Section's National Tax Competition in St. Petersburg in February. Team members Chris Bruce and Ashley Mayer won best brief and were coached by Professor Brian Galle.
- Semifinalists in the Craven Constitutional Law Competition in Chapel Hill, N.C., in February. The team of Erika Siu and Trevor Thompson was coached by Professor Nat Stern.

- Semifinalists in the Albert R. Mugel Tax Law Competition in Buffalo, N.Y., in March. Coached by Tallahassee attorney Arthur Stern, the team of Robert Powell and Christina Taylor won best brief. Taylor also was named best oralist and Powell was named second place oralist.
- Semifinalists in the Luke Charles Moore Civil Rights Invitational in Washington, D.C., in March. Shalisa Francis was named third place oralist and won best brief honors with teammate Marshall Hart. The team was coached by Tallahassee attorney Chet Kaufman ('89).
- Semifinalists in the Child Welfare & Adoption Law Competition in Columbus, Ohio, in March. Marina Burton, who was named second place oralist, and teammate Margo King were coached by Tallahassee attorney April L. Hammonds ('03).
- Quarterfinalists in the Pace Environmental Law Competition in White Plains, N.Y., in February. The team of Caroline Brady, Preston McLane and Ramona Thomas won best brief and Thomas was named best oralist in three preliminary rounds. They were coached by Tallahassee attorneys C. Anthony "Tony" Cleveland ('76) and Segundo Fernandez.
- Quarterfinalists in the Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Competition in New York City in March. Team members Bennett Acuff and Michael Dutko were coached by Judge Robert T. Benton, II of the First District Court of Appeal.
- The team of Spencer Bishins and Raju Vyas won the third place brief award in the National Criminal Procedure Tournament in San Diego, Calif., in October. They were coached by First District Court of Appeal Judge Bradford L. Thomas.
- In November, the top four competitors from Florida State Law's annual intramural moot court competition presented

arguments to Florida Supreme Court justices in the Broad & Cassel Final Four Competition. This year's participants were William "Will" Hall, Robert Powell, Phillip Rogers and Ramona Thomas, who was named outstanding appellate advocate.



L-R: Smith, Hance, Brooks, Powell and Smoker at the national ABA mock trial competition in Chicago

### Mock Trial accomplishments include:

- First place in the Miami region of the American Bar Association's 2007 Trial Advocacy Competition in November. The team of Jessica Bowen, Brandy Hance, Ben Smith and Liza Smoker was coached by Tallahassee alumni Thomas W. Brooks ('75) and Gary J. Anton ('81). Team members Hance, Smith and Smoker with Gennifer Bridges Powell placed fourth in the national ABA competition in Chicago in January.
- Second place in the Florida Association of Justice Competition in West Palm Beach in November. Team members Nick Banegas, Todd Kawecki, Scott Seagle and Mary Will were coached by Tallahassee attorney Maria Santoro.
- In February, students participated in the B. Richard Young Mock Trial Tryout Competition to earn a spot on Florida State Law's team. Seventeen outstanding students were selected for membership.

# SCHOOL

## ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND USE EXPERTS VISIT FLORIDA STATE LAW

Studying at the nation's 10th best law school for environmental law has many benefits. Florida State Law students had the opportunity to attend several superb events during the 2007-2008 academic year. The events allowed students to interact with and ask questions of statewide and national environmental experts.

In November, the law school presented its Fall 2007 Environmental Law Forum titled, "Cleaning It Up: TMDLs and Water Quality Trading in Florida." Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund Professor Robin Kundis Craig, who introduced the forum, planned and secured panelists for the event. The discussion focused on the state's progress in implementing Total Maximum Daily Loads and the potential for water quality trading to speed the state's progress in achieving its water quality goals. Forum speakers were Dr. J. Allison Defoor, II, state coordinator for EarthBalance®; William Green, co-founder of Hopping Green & Sams; Daryll E. Joyner, a program administrator in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Watershed Management; and

Rebecca O'Hara ('94), legislative director for the Florida League of Cities.

Steven M. Goldstein Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs David L. Markell brought climate change experts to the law school for the Spring 2008 En-

***The Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* presented two of the nation's foremost scholars in land use and environmental law as part of its Distinguished Lecturer Series.**

vironmental Law Forum. "Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Florida: The Role of Transportation and Land Use" speakers discussed the state of the science concerning climate change and the likely role of greenhouse gas emissions in contributing to climate change. Dr. Jeff Chanton,

the John Widmer Winchester Professor of Oceanography at Florida State; Charles Gauthier, director of the division of community planning for the Florida Department of Community Affairs; and Kathy Neill, the Florida Department of Transportation's director of the Office of Policy Planning, served as forum panelists.

In addition to the forums, the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law* presented two of the nation's foremost scholars in land use and environmental law as part of its Distinguished Lecturer Series. Georgia State University's Julian Juergensmeyer and the University of Toronto's Jutta Brunnee were fall 2007 and spring 2008 lecturers, respectively. Their scholarly papers also appeared in issues of the *Journal*, which is advised by Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property J.B. Ruhl.

### Florida State Law Grads Again Top Florida Bar Exam

Florida State Law graduates ranked first among the state's 10 law schools on the February 2008 administration of the Florida Bar Exam. Our graduates have ranked first in the state on four of the last five administrations of the exam.

Florida State grads taking the February 2008 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 93.6 percent, according to statistics released by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The overall passing rate of graduates taking the exam for the first time was 76.4 percent. The exam was administered February 26-27 in Tampa to 984 first-time takers, including 47 from Florida State.

"We are all thrilled that Florida State Law students continue to achieve outstanding results on the Florida Bar Exam," said Dean Don Weidner. "Special congratulations and thanks go to our recent graduates for their superb accomplishment."



## Team Gey Participates in Tri-for-Gey II

On April 5, Florida State Law students, graduates, professors and other members of Team Gey participated in Tri-for-Gey II. Building on the huge success of last year's Tri-for-Gey, Team Gey raised more than \$68,000 and nearly doubled in size in 2008.

To raise money for ALS research, team members swam one-third of a mile, biked 16 miles and ran 3.1 miles in the Red Hills Triathlon at Maclay Gardens in Tallahassee. Sixty-eight Team Gey members competed in the triathlon and many more members coordinated the fund-raising effort. Approximately 30 law students attended the triathlon to cheer on the team and to show their support for beloved Professor Steven G. Gey, who was diagnosed with ALS in 2006.

Team Gey is still accepting donations to benefit ALS research. You can donate online at <http://www.active.com/donate/tri-for-gey-ii>.

Legal Writing Professor Charlee Morgan Taylor begins the 16-mile trek over what have been called some of Tallahassee's most challenging hills.



Team Gey members gather for dinner the night before the triathlon.





Team Gey members gather before the 1/3-mile swim, the triathlon's first leg.



2006 graduate Kristina Klein (right) waits to start the triathlon.



Barbara Leach ('07) finishes the Red Hills Triathlon in April.



FAR LEFT: First-year student Kaitlyn Bagnato begins the final leg of the Red Hills triathlon.

LEFT: Second-year student Timothy Garding proudly displays his medal.





# Legendary Civil Rights Attorney Fred Gray Teaches at Florida State Law

During the spring 2008 semester, students enrolled in civil rights litigation were taught by one of the most successful, well-respected civil rights attorneys in the nation. Adjunct Professor Fred Gray, a civil rights attorney from the late Thurgood Marshall era, travelled from his home in Alabama to teach the course with Adjunct Professor Daniel M. Soloway ('85).

After serving as an attorney for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, the Montgomery Bus Boycott and hundreds of other major civil rights cases, Gray provided Florida State Law students with riveting accounts of his experiences. Gray's notable cases include *Browder v. Gayle*, *Gomillion v. Lightfoot*, *Dixon v. Alabama Board of Education* and *Pollard v. United States of America*. He also was the first African-American to serve as president of the Alabama State Bar Association.

"Fred Gray taught us more than the fundamentals of civil rights advocacy



and how to 'win a case,'" Kelli Murray ('09) said after taking Gray's course. "He taught us how to 'change the system by the system' – to use the system to be a voice for others – and that you can actually achieve desired change. He is living proof!"

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## STUDENTS AND FACULTY UNITE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

According to the results of a three-year study by Florida State Law Professor Lawrence S. Krieger and Kennon Sheldon, a psychology professor at the University of Missouri at Columbia, 20 to 40 percent of law students suffer from clinical depression by the time they graduate. Armed with this and other findings from the study, the American Bar Association's Law Student Division has launched a National Mental Health Initiative to increase awareness about the mental health issues affecting law students.

Among those leading the ABA's efforts is outgoing Florida State Law Student Bar Association (SBA) President Ben Gibson ('08), who also serves as the law

student division's SBA vice chair. Gibson has promoted the initiative to other SBA presidents around the country and to law school administrators. The law student division, in cooperation with Professor Krieger and mental health professionals, also produced a mental health tool kit and distributed it to law schools in March. It includes information about detecting and preventing mental health issues and resources for students suffering from depression.

On March 27, Florida State Law participated in the national ABA Law Student Mental Health Initiative Day. With more than 70 law students attending the events scheduled for Florida State's

Mental Health Initiative Day, it was extremely successful in raising awareness about law student mental health issues. Events coordinated by Gibson and other student leaders included:

- Free, healthy breakfast for all law students accompanied by information about the mental health resources available.
- Distribution of Krieger's "The Hidden Sources of Law School Stress" to students.
- A panel discussion about preventing stress from ruining one's law school and legal career. Panelists included Krieger and Gibson.

Florida State Law graduates (L-R) Warren H. Husband ('93), Fred E. Karlinsky ('92), Edwin Walborsky ('79), Loula M. Fuller ('85) and Victoria L. Weber ('78) with students during "Mach Speed Mock Interviews" as part of our Board of Visitors meeting in February.



## CLOSING NOTES...

**Our graduates have placed first in the state in four of the last five** administrations of the Florida Bar Exam.

**Our 2007-2008 Moot Court Team won five "best brief" awards** in national competitions in religious freedom, tax law (two competitions), civil rights and environmental law.

**Our faculty regularly ranks in the top 25 most downloaded law** faculty on the Social Science Research Network, with our tax faculty in the top 15.

**U.S. News & World Report (2008)** ranks our environmental law program 10th in the nation.





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