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## FLORIDA STATE LAW



## A Fall of Bittersweet Memories and Inspiring Advances



#### **Steve Gey**

In the Spring of 2007, this magazine included a story about Steve Gey's many contributions to the law school and his affliction with ALS. The students on the *Law Review* ran a special tribute to his work, alums have participated in triathlons in his honor, and students, faculty and alums rallied to his side. After a

phenomenal life, Steve passed on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Early this fall, the academic year began with a memorial here at the law school in honor of Steve. Our entire community and Steve's family got to share recollections about Steve and how much he has done for the school and for everyone around him. This issue of *Florida State Law* includes photographic images of that ceremony.

#### **Bill VanDercreek**

Alums closest to our Moot Court Team know that Bill VanDercreek has recently been told he has only a short time remaining with us. Since he got the news, Bill has been nothing short of inspirational. He states repeatedly that he is lucky that his form of cancer leaves him in no pain. He is free to spend his remaining days with people he loves and reflecting with them on the times they have shared together in a life he has loved. Many alums and former faculty, especially Moot Court alums, have rallied around him to make his final time with us a period of celebration of a life well-led. I am sure he would love to hear from you if he hasn't already.

#### **Advocacy and Negotiation Successes**

It is fitting that, this fall, the Moot Court Team, which Bill founded, has hit another all-time high and has taken the seeds Bill planted and cultivated them to full bloom. As our cover story reveals, our Moot Court students this year first won the North American Space Law Competition, in Washington, D.C., and went on to win the world title in Cape Town, South

Africa, in October.

In early November, our Mock Trial students won first place in the Florida Justice Association's E. Earle Zehmer Mock Trial Competition, in Tampa. This is the second year in a row our students have taken this first-place title.

In mid-November, a team fielded by our Dispute Resolution Society won first place at the Southeastern Regional Negotiation Competition, sponsored by the American Bar Association. The winning team will now advance to the National Competition, which will be held in New Orleans in February.

#### **Just Plain Fun**

The student successes are a result of their vision and hard work. Make no mistake about it, though, our students still know how to have fun. My favorite piece of fun is taking place as I write this column, immediately prior to Homecoming. The students call it "Rivalry Week" because it celebrates the rivalry between our students who were undergraduates at Florida State and our students who were undergraduates at the University of Florida. Garnet and Gold bunting has been hung on one side of our atrium and Orange and Blue bunting on the other. Signs abound celebrating allegiance to the athletic team of one school or the other. Earlier this week, our male FSU alums claimed victory at dodge ball over our male UF alums. This afternoon, our female students who were Florida State undergraduates are playing "powder-puff football" against our female students who were undergraduates at UF. The Village Green is lined with cheering students from a huge range of undergraduate institutions.

Another thing that has been fun for me this week is inspecting the interior of the vacated First District Court of Appeal as our complete remodel of it nears completion. The new courtrooms are especially beautiful and will stand as a lasting tribute to our advocacy teams. Suffice it to say that the photos of the addition in this issue fail to do justice to how nice it will be. I promise you that you will like it!

Sincerely,

Don Weidner

Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor

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## MOOT COURT TEAM

# **Brings Home International Championship!**

By Christi N. Morgan



n October, the Florida State University College of Law Moot Court Team accomplished an unprecedented feat. It was victorious in an international advocacy competition – the World Finals of the 2011 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition.

Team members Tanya Cronau, a 3L from Port St. John and Cape Canaveral, Florida, Lynn Guery, a 3L from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Anne Marie Rossi ('11), from Tampa, Florida, traveled to South Africa for the competition. They ultimately ended up arguing in the finals before three justices of the International Court of Justice at the High Court of Cape Town, South Africa. No one took for granted that Florida State would win, although the team's impressive record in national competitions gave grounds for hope. When the College of Law was announced the winning team, the students were overcome with emotion.

"I cried," said Cronau. "It was extremely overwhelming. We put in so much work for this, more work than I've put into a lot of things, to be honest. So it was like a weight was being lifted off my shoulders. It finally paid off."

When news of the team's victory made it back to Tallahassee, the law school community was elated. "We were all thrilled when Florida State won the right to represent North America," said Dean Don Weidner. "To be the global winner has us all walking on cloud nine."

To fully appreciate this accomplishment, one should know about the students' hard work leading up to the October 6 finals.

The team was assembled by Moot Court advisor Nat Stern, the John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor of Law, during the summer of 2010. Stern also assigned the trio to the space law competition, which is based on a hypothetical space law dispute before the International Court of Justice

teams that he coaches," said Professor Stern. "His deep insight into legal issues generated in practice arguments and endless patience for critique ensure that his teams will be thoroughly prepared for competition."

In advance of the North American Regional competition, held in Wash-



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and sponsored annually by the International Institute of Space Law. He then matched them with proven coach Arthur Stern (no relation to Professor Stern), a Tallahassee attorney who had coached Florida State students to multiple national victories.

"Arthur brings extraordinary legal intellect and total commitment to the

ington, D.C., in April, the team wrote and submitted two briefs – one for each side of the issue. To obtain critiques and perfect the arguments, the trio also practiced before nine separate panels comprised of professors, students and practitioners.

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who were extremely helpful and candid with their feedback as to the quality of our arguments," said Guery. "They provided ample suggestions as to how to frame our arguments better so that they were more persuasive."

The team, accompanied by Professor Stern, competed in three rounds at the regionals. They bested Georgetown in the finals for the right to represent North America in the international competition.

"It was a big hill to climb," said Coach Stern. "You are talking about competing against some very high caliber teams – schools the likes of Georgetown, UVA, George Washington and teams with space law programs. To be number one out of this group is always an uphill climb."

"Our team members not only performed superbly at the competition, but also represented the school in an utterly professional manner," said Professor Stern. "I never enter a competition predicting that our team will win; competition is stiff at the national level, and judging is personal. After the team's terrific performance in the final round, though, I was guardedly optimistic that the judges would give FSU an edge, even over the truly impressive team from Georgetown."

With the North American title in hand, the trio turned to preparing for the international competition.

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As required, they refined their briefs and resubmitted them. Then, during August and September, the team held seven panel practices to get additional feedback from students and faculty members. On September 29, they boarded a plane for South Africa.

"The competition is part of a big international conference that brings in the top people in the world in the fields of aeronautics and space," said Coach Stern, who accompanied the team to South Africa. "They make a big deal out of it."

Since there were three teams competing for the world title, Florida State had to compete twice to win the competition. After defeating Saint Petersburg State University (Russia), the winner of the European regional, in the semi-finals, the team outscored the National University of Singapore, the winner of the Asia Pacific regional, in the final round.

"I think our defining edge in that competition was our overall knowledge of international law, not just space law," said Rossi, who argued with Cronau in

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"Cape Town is a beautiful city, the coastline is gorgeous," said Rossi. "There is so much there in the way of cultures and food and people. We went to a safari one day and we were seeing lions, elephants and rhinoceroses. Two days later, we were at the coast seeing whales, seals and penguins. There is such a mix of stuff to do down there."

the finals. "We noted that FSU was the only team to cite cases from the ICJ in oral arguments. When they were announcing the decision, the judges said that they were very impressed with the knowledge of jurisprudence of the court."

The thrill of winning the competition was only one highlight of the trip to South Africa. The team made the most of its time in the country. Members went on a safari, where they were chased by an elephant, they touched a lion and they visited Cape Point, the southern-most point on the west coast of South Africa.

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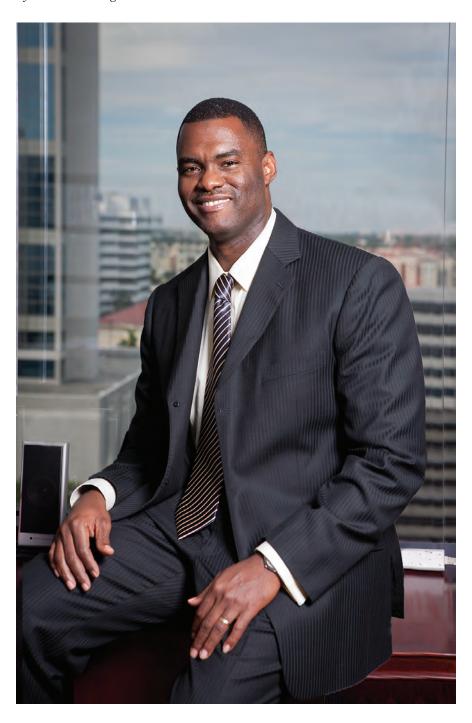
In addition to winning Florida State's first international moot court competition and experiencing once-ina-lifetime sightseeing opportunities, team members also made valuable contacts in South Africa.

"We were approached by many advocates, prominent scholars as well as recruiters who wanted to recruit us for LL.M. programs," said Guery. "It was definitely a wonderful opportunity to get exposure in the international law field. And to comingle and network with some of the most prolific individuals in that field."

Even though the students won't have an opportunity to repeat their feat, the Moot Court Team, as well as Professor Stern and Coach Stern, already has their sights set on the 2012 international competition. Team members Ashley Hoffman and Kendra McCan, who will compete in the 2012 competition, have already begun preparing. Next year's international finals will take place in Milan, Italy.

## Markenzy Lapointe: Living the American Dream

By Christi N. Morgan



is resume includes bachelor's and law degrees from Florida State University, service in the United States Marine Corps - including a tour in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm and earning the National Defense Service Medal – a clerkship at the Florida Supreme Court and service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Markenzy Lapointe also was recently named partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP in Miami, where he specializes in commercial and federal criminal litigation and high-risk product liability. On paper, Lapointe sounds like many other hard-working law partners at firms around the nation, but his background is probably very different.

Coming to America from Haiti at age 16 and not speaking English when he arrived, achieving such a high level of success is remarkable. Through hard work and determination, Lapointe's is a story of overcoming obstacles and living the American Dream.

"My story is no different from many others," said a modest Lapointe, whose family settled in Liberty City, a major inner-city area in Miami, upon arriving in the United States. "My mother had a second grade education and my father wasn't around. I guess going to law school was an extension of the belief instilled in me as a very young boy that education was the only good card for people like me from very humble circumstances. You weren't guaranteed

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to succeed with an education, but you likely would not succeed without one. So, while going to law school came out of my appreciation for the law and its rich history in this country, it was also motivated by my desire to change the socioeconomic dynamics from which I came."

One of Lapointe's most cherished academic accomplishments is an article he published in a Rutgers law journal during his 3L year. While that article was the impetus for his clerkship with Florida Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead, it also meant a great deal to Lapointe because not many years earlier, he had been teaching himself English by reading the *Miami Herald* and using homemade flashcards taped to his refrigerator.

"It was a big deal for me to have that sort of validation from editors who had no idea who I was, given that not long ago I could barely speak English," said the 1999 College of Law graduate. "But it turned out an even bigger deal for the faculty and Dean Weidner, who told me he knew a judge who could use someone with good research and writing skills and would forward my resume and article to him. The rest is history, as I ended up with the experience and training of a lifetime working for Justice Anstead."

When his clerkship ended, Lapointe worked for a year in private practice before becoming an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. The work was especially gratifying because it allowed him to help the community his family had settled in when it came to America.

"Working for the Department of



Justice is the greatest job one can have. It was a special job for me, because I lived in Liberty City for many years and watched how the drug trade kept a community in total decay," said Lapointe. "I watched people I grew up with, and was very close to, get entangled in its tentacles. I also remember the guns and the violence that came with that. Yet, lots of good people in the neighborhood just wanted to have a decent place for their children. So being part of the solution both in prosecuting the bad elements and reaching out was personally meaningful to me."

Lapointe also was recently able to help a family from his homeland. Even though his workload at Boies, Schiller & Flexner is demanding, Lapointe took a pro bono case representing a baby girl from Haiti after the country's January 2010 earthquake. The child – "Baby Jenny" – was discovered among the ruins in Port-au-Prince and transported

to Miami for emergency care.

"What had the potential to be a nagging, international custody dispute with claims from parents in Haiti and officials stateside ended up with the reunification of baby and parents in Miami, after hundreds of hours of dealing with state, federal and international authorities," said the South Floridian. "It was very satisfying."

Family is very important to Lapointe. He is the oldest of five siblings and watched his mother work extremely hard to provide a better life for her children.

"I've watched her make lemonade out of lemons literally and figuratively for years," said Lapointe of his single mother. "She always remained positive and could come up with a joke in the hardest of times."

Now that he has a family of his own, Lapointe strives to be the father he never

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# Family Lawyer Kim Picazio Makes an Impact in the Courtroom, at Home and on the Airwaves By Christi N. Morgan



hen University of Miami graduate Kim Picazio arrived on Florida State Law's campus in 1992, she did not look like the other students, much less the lawyers and legislators she was surrounded by in downtown Tallahassee. She quickly realized that her look – which included neon stretch pants and a blonde ponytail

perched high upon her head – was not appropriate.

"That was fine at University of Miami, but that was not fine at Florida State," said the Ft. Lauderdale native. "It was time to throw off the ponytail and stretch pants and to be a lawyer."

Picazio ('95) no longer needs to wear neon to garner attention. As one of the top family lawyers in South Florida, her reputation precedes her. And these days, Picazio is known for a different look.

"My firm is kind of known for pink legal pads," said Picazio, who uses the pads as an intimidation tool. "We don't write on them – we know our cases that well; we just come into a deposition with a pink pad and stilettos. I teach my attorneys and staff not to rely on a script; to question people as they would their boyfriend or mother. You have to listen and you'll catch things."

Picazio, who was named a 2012 "Top Lawyer" in field of family law by the *South Florida Legal Guide*, learned to litigate from people she considers some of the best legal minds in the state. Before opening Kim L. Picazio, P.A. in 2002, she was an associate at Heinrich Gordon Hargrove Weihe & James, P.A. for a year and then spent six years at the Law Office of Robert D. Hertzberg fine-tuning her robust in-court litigation skills.

"I knew I wanted to litigate," said Picazio, who did not even take Family Law at Florida State. "I love to change people's minds, I love to talk, I love to debate, I like to give people different perspectives and to turn their thinking around. And I can do that in a courtroom and in depositions. I was a very good writer, but I wanted to use my mouth to change things."

At Heinrich, she was involved in

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many high-profile cases, including those for Big Tobacco, CSX and Bell South. As she was the "littlest man on the totem pole," she was primarily responsible for writing legal briefs and motions.

"That first year I was writing a lot, trying to impress the associates who were above me. I knew that I was not going to be getting into court anytime soon," said Picazio. "The senior partner in that firm, Richard Gordon, had a reputation as being mean as a snake. However, I believed then, and believe now, that he was one of the best at what he did. Although I had respect for him and a healthy amount of intimidation, I kept on bebopping my way into the senior partner's office, saying, 'When can I get into court?' One time, with a smirk on his face, he just said, 'Come with me.' He took me to a room and there was a deponent waiting and a court reporter."

Gordon gave Picazio the basics of the case and looked at her and said, "Go ahead. Question the witness." She found the holes in the deponent's case and impressed Gordon enough to be given opportunities to work on some of the largest cases in the office.

When Picazio moved to the smaller Hertzberg firm, she finally got a taste of the courtroom.

One of her first trials was representing the restaurant Joe's Stone Crab against a class of women represented by the EEOC. The federal case involved allegations of discriminatory hiring practices toward women. Ironically, during her three weeks in the courtroom, Picazio was about eight months pregnant.

"The case involved complex con-

stitutional arguments about equal rights, the 14th amendment, and about discrimination in the workplace," said Picazio. "I really got my feet wet, and conducted over 50 depositions of potential class members. I spent night after night speaking with constitutional law professors, soaking up their intrinsic understanding and love for constitutional analysis. I listened and learned the intricacies of constitutional law to be ready and able to argue any position that was thrown my way. There is no one who, in my opinion, would be a better lawyer in the courtroom than a professor. I was very pregnant, but I put my heart and my soul into that case and was inspired by the highly publicized lawsuit that required a high level of skill, strategy and deep understanding of constitutional law."

Knowledge learned from great litigators and law professors, along with a self-professed drive that earned her a spot in the top 10 percent of her 1995 graduating class, catapulted Picazio into position to open her family and matrimonial law firm in 2002. Picazio thrives on the competitive nature of her practice, because she loves to win.

"I am one of the most aggressive child custody lawyers in town," said Picazio. "I love doing domestic violence cases because it's fast, highly strategic and requires quick-to-the-draw litigation skills. It's a fast-paced, mudslinging environment that I love to be able to calm down, control and to guide. I love to take a case where it looks like my client is about to lose custody because maybe their spouse is setting up an environment for them to fail, and to bring the light to the truth and to turn

it around. There is nothing better than to empower your client with knowledge, and good lawyering."

The aggressive, yet respectful way Picazio conducts business has made her a natural fit for media commentary. She started appearing on television news programs a few years ago when she represented the biological mother of a missing child on a pro bono basis.

"I was on the news a lot," said Picazio.
"I did local news and national news – did the Nancy Grace show nearly every night. After that case they continued to ask me back on whenever they needed a commentator about high-profile crimes. I was able to entertain and argue with other commentators without being insulting. I continue to be asked back to commentate for CNN Headline News and other media networks – commentating on the Casey Anthony trial recently, as well as an appearance on the Dr. Drew Show about the investigation into missing baby Lisa."

Picazio's children TiVo their mother's television appearances and are proud of her accomplishments. Even with her 60-hour work weeks, Picazio makes her three children a top priority. Picazio and her husband of 16 years, Michael, are parents to 14-year old son Sonny, 11-year-old daughter Stella and 5-yearold daughter Sloan. Nightly family dinner discussions about friends, teachers and "playground happenings" allow Picazio to stay involved with her kids, and to guide and direct them. Enjoying throwing a Frisbee in the yard, and attending her children's extracurricular events, keeps her life balanced.

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## Phil Blank: Leading a Law Firm and a Family into Law

By Christi N. Morgan



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F. Philip "Phil" Blank's spacious downtown Tallahassee law office tells many stories. The signed baseballs and bats speak to his support of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. The autographed photograph of a young Lawton Chiles taken during his first U.S. Senate campaign signals a passion for state politics and a longstanding relationship between Blank and the former governor. The prominently displayed images of Blank, wife Rita and their children are an indication of Blank's dedication to family. The cigars and blue mug filled with dirt from Cuba are a reminder of Blank's past.

"Growing up in Cuba, for a while, was great," said the La Habana native. "Castro took over in January of 1959. About 3 or 6 months after that, you would turn on the TV and you got to see public trials of people who worked for the Batista regime, followed by the public executions. The trials were very vivid – the way the witnesses recounted torture experiences they had been subjected to or seen.

"Then you come to this country. I remember during the Gore/Bush recount, I woke up and came downtown to work and saw news trucks along the street. I was used to getting up in the morning in Cuba and going to school and seeing tanks. It makes you appreciate what you've got."

Blank's family fled to Florida when he was 10 years old. After settling in Tampa, Blank's father, William, bought a 20-bed hospital in Ybor City. There, Blank first learned the importance of hard work.

"I did everything. I was an orderly, I worked in the lab, in the x-ray depart-

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ment and the business office for a while. I never worked in the OR; they wouldn't let me."

When Blank started law school in 1972, his work ethic followed him. He started working as a janitor at the Florida House of Representatives during his 1L year. Blank then held several staff positions and eventually became general counsel after graduating from law school.

Blank had no idea he was starting a family tradition when he graduated from the College of Law in 1975. Since then, four additional members of the Blank family have studied law in Tallahassee. Among them are Blank's daughter, Robyn Blank Jackson ('06), who is an assistant general counsel at Florida State; niece Belinda Caspi Wiseman ('88), who is managing director for Laffey Fine Homes in Syosset, New York; niece Alissa Blank Meyers ('03), an assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and nephew Michael Blank, who is a 1L.

The elder Blank counseled each about the opportunities law school affords. He feels a great sense of indebtedness to Florida State for "giving me a chance" and therefore stays very involved. He especially enjoys talking with students.

"If it wasn't for the law school, I wouldn't have any of this," said Blank. "I've got to pay my debt. If I don't help those kids, they don't get a chance. That's what this country is about."

Blank took a chance and entered private practice in 1975. When he realized no one would hire him, he opened his own firm. Blank spent most of his "If it wasn't for the law school, I wouldn't have any of this," said Blank. "I've got to pay my debt. If I don't help those kids, they don't get a chance. That's what this country is about."

time traveling around town, talking to people to try to obtain work.

"When I left the House of Representatives, my first client was a guy named William Hill — a janitor in the House," said Blank. "He paid \$100 to get a divorce."

Since the early days when he would consider any case, his practice has evolved into the more specialized areas of health law and computer litigation. Blank's health law practice benefits from his experience working at his father's hospital. "I was able to learn what hospitals were about, so the legal concepts of regulatory law involving hospitals meshed together with the substantive commerce concepts," said Blank. "I tell students to try to find an area of commerce that you like and that will lead you to the area of law that you will enjoy practicing."

The Blank & Meenan, P.A. founding shareholder enjoys talking business and legal strategy with the health providers that comprise a large portion of his current clientele and his other clients.

"The most fun part is understanding what they want to do and trying to figure out the puzzle," said Blank. "That's what this is — it's all puzzles. Often there is no right or wrong answer; it's just puzzles or mazes. You've got to weave your way through things. If you are good at playing Frogger, you'll be a good lawyer."

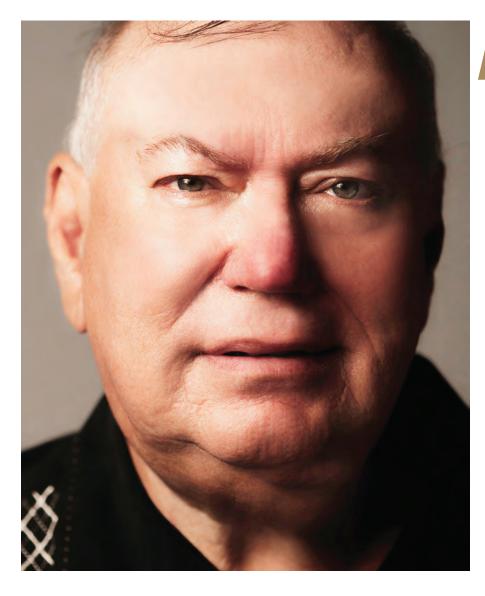
Blank met his wife Rita on a blind

date when they were both undergraduates at the University of South Florida. Ironically, Blank was working in Tallahassee at the time and drove to Tampa for the double date. They married a month before Blank entered law school. In addition to their daughter, Robyn, they have a son, Bryan, who is the director of information security for Sony On Line in San Diego.

It is easy to imagine that one of Robyn or Bryan's future children will carry on the family tradition and graduate from the College of Law in a generation.

## Rick Rumrell Faithfully Practices Law

By Christi N. Morgan



bout 25 years ago, Richard "Rick" Rumrell re-evaluated his value system. Since that time, he has tried to devote much of his attention to spiritual matters. In turn, his law practice has changed. Rumrell would argue that is how it should be.

"I've had the opportunity to talk about the relationship between what lawyers used to be, which were also the priests in the church," said the Rumrell Law shareholder, who spoke about Christian ethics in Ukraine after the fall of Communism. "The church and the law were the same. So there is the uniqueness about law because it is spiritually based and it has the difference between the ethical obligation of right and wrong. If you've done a wrong — negligence — you are liable for the damages of that wrong. If you've done something wrong on the criminal side, you are subject to criminal penalties for committing that wrong. Either way the basis for reaching that result comes from a single source. Our purpose as lawyers is more than just representing clients to get a win; it is to uphold the relationship between the purpose of the law and the giver of the law."

When Rumrell began practicing law in the early 1970s, the bulk of his practice was maritime law and other civil law cases. Over time, his practice has evolved to include a significant amount of commercial litigation and complex civil litigation work.

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"I always believed that I would do civil trial work rather than criminal work," said Rumrell. "I did a few criminal cases after leaving the State Attorney's office. One case involved a teenager I represented who had never had a criminal offense, but who was given a substantial sentence, even though it was his first offense, due to the randomness of having a particular judge. I was offended by the injustice. Because of sentences like this, the Florida Legislature some years later created uniform sentencing guidelines."

His first civil jury trial — a malicious prosecution case — went all the way to the Florida Supreme Court. The case established a still standing precedent for the difference between a general and special verdict. Rumrell argued and won the case at the trial court level and eventually that verdict was upheld at the state's highest court. Since then, Rumrell has been instrumental in several other precedent-setting cases. He was involved in the Casa Clara case, which established the economic law doctrine for Florida. His firm also represented the state's insured interests in the Skyway Bridge disaster.

Rumrell's practice has taken him across the country and around the world. He has a significant amount of work in London, which was initiated when he practiced at the law firm of Smathers & Thompson.

"Smathers & Thompson had a very significant practice of representing insurance companies in the New York City area," said Rumrell, who eventually left Smathers & Thompson to form Smathers & Rumrell. "I was representing some clients who had a

London-based operation. While I was over there representing my international client who had a London base, I started meeting with various London insurers and that led to the rest of my practice there. I became very good friends with solicitors and then ended up getting an LL.M. in Advanced Litigation from Nottingham Law School of Nottingham-Trent University."

An assignment for his LL.M. program allowed Rumrell to test his belief that people should move outside of their comfort zones.

"The past chairman of IBM said that, the only thing he regretted was not failing more," recounted Rumrell. "What he meant was, if you get out of your comfort zone and try things that may result in failure, you're going to learn how to succeed better than just staying in your comfort zone. I felt the same way in my law practice, but you can't really take a risk with a client's work. But in law school, or in any university — especially post graduate — that is a place where you can take a risk that could result in failure and not have consequences that are going to injure anyone other than yourself."

As the only U.S. student in his LL.M. class, Rumrell was assigned to serve as a one-person team for a mock trial exercise. He relished the challenge and took the opportunity to put into practice that philosophy. Rumrell memorized all of the pages and lines of statements he would be using to prove his case so he could recite them – as required in an English trial – without referencing notes.

"I sent back all of my papers to my office in Florida two days before the trial so I could not depend on them either in my room or at the trial," recalled Rumrell. "When I got up to do my presentation, I moved the podium aside and just started talking. I pretty well pulled it off."

When Rumrell was a law student, he accomplished something even more successful - meeting his future wife, Jo. They met when Jo also was a law student at Florida State. Because Rumrell took a year-long break from law school to help Lawton Chiles get elected to the U.S. Senate, Rumrell graduated a year after the rest of his Class of 1970 cohorts. His professional ambition did not delay his personal aspirations, though. He proposed to Jo in 1969, on the day Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. They were married in December of the same year.

"I always told her I'd marry her if they landed a man on the moon," joked Rumrell. Their younger son, Dylan, lobbies in St. Augustine and their elder son, Jason, works in golf course management and maintenance in Palatka.

The couple resides in St. Augustine, where their primary home is located, and Key West. Rumrell has offices and clients in both locations.

Rumrell strives to let his spiritual values guide all aspects of his life. He wants to deal with his clients, opposing counsel and others the way he would want to be treated: with fairness and respect. "The real goal is to seek justice."

## REMEMBERING PROFESSOR GEY

Close to 200 alumni, students and friends attended the memorial, along with Gey's wife and other family members. Dean Don Weidner spoke about Gey's instrumental contributions to the law school's scholarly atmosphere. Kristina Klein ('06), speaking on behalf of Gey's students, shared her memories of the beloved professor including his perfectly tailored grey suits and his entertaining lectures. Gey's best friend from Columbia Law School, John Danforth, talked about Gey's days as a law student and practicing law in New York City. Faculty speakers were Lesley Wexler, a former professor at Florida State, and Rob Atkinson, a longtime friend and colleague of Gey's. Wexler recalled two lessons Gey taught her: 1) You are what you do, and 2) Expression matters. Atkinson brought some levity to the service with a hypothetical story about Gey's final judgment. Marsha Gey Shaw, Gey's cousin, and Irene Trakas, Gey's wife, were the final speakers. Both ladies shared memories of Gey and thanked the law school family for its support. Weidner also presented Trakas with the Class of '66 Award.

Following the service, there was a reception in the Rotunda. Attendees had an opportunity to view a slideshow with photos of Gey and to share more memories about the iconic professor.

To read a full article about Professor Gey's contributions and struggles (as published in the spring 2007 issue of this magazine), visit http://www.law.fsu.edu/events/gey\_magazine\_article.html.





Memorial speaker and alumna Kristina Klein ('06) (center) mingles with former law students at the reception.



Gey's wife Irene Trakas (left) speaks with one of Gey's former students.

A memorial service honoring the life and career of Steven G. Gey was held Sunday, September 18, 2011, at the law school. Gey, a longtime faculty member and friend of the law school, lost his battle with ALS on June 9, 2011.



Alumni, students and friends gather in the Rotunda for a reception honoring Professor Steve Gey.







TOP LEFT Professor Rob Atkinson speaks at the memorial service.

TOP RIGHT Marsha Gey Shaw, Gey's cousin, addresses memorial service attendees.

ABOVE Reception attendees watch a slide show with photos of Gey.

# Tallahassee Attorney Phil Blank Gives to Law School



**Phil Blank** 

Tallahassee attorney F. Philip Blank, a 1974 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, has made an additional \$250,000 pledge to the law school. Eighty percent of the gift will be used to bolster the existing Alumni Centennial Chair and 20 percent will be expended annually to fund the Blank-Miller Scholarship, which supports students who have financial need. In

recognition of the gift, the main conference room in the law school's new Advocacy Center will be named the Phil and Rita Blank Conference Room.

"Florida State gave me a chance and provided me the opportunity to be a lawyer," said Blank, who also is a member of the law school's Board of Visitors. "I am very thankful to the law school for putting me in the position to be able to give back."

"Everyone at the law school is extremely grateful for this generous gift," said Dean Don Weidner. "This is but the latest in a series of gifts by Phil and his wife, Rita, to the law school. They have previously donated scholarships to support our students in financial need and for our students who are direct descendants of Holocaust survivors. Phil also made an earlier gift of \$50,000 to the Alumni Centennial Chair. In addition, Phil gives generously of his time to meet with our students."

Blank is the founding shareholder of Blank & Meenan, P.A. in Tallahassee, Florida. He focuses his practice on health care, administrative law, lobbying and litigation.

## Weidner Named a Transformative Law Dean



Donald J. Weidner

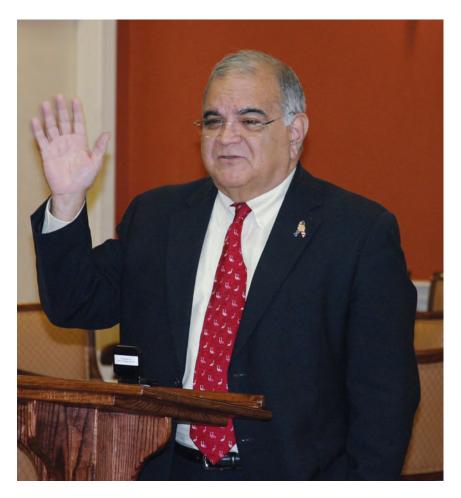
Florida State University College of Law Dean Donald J. Weidner is one of the last decade's nine transformative law school deans, according to influential legal blogger and University of Chicago Law School Professor Brian Leiter. The criterion for inclusion on Leiter's list is changing an institution, especially its intellectual identity and scholarly profile.

Leiter states that Weidner "has been a successful fundraiser and skilled navigator of Florida's choppy political waters, at the same time presiding over some of the best faculty hiring by any regional law school in the country, as reflected in periodic raids of FSU by top 10 law schools. Yet even with occasional losses, Dean Weidner has sustained the scholarly momentum of the law school."

"I am delighted that the intellectual strength and productivity of our faculty have again been recognized as both nationally significant and durable," said Weidner.

The eight other deans deemed transformative by Leiter are: Michael Fitts (University of Pennsylvania), Heidi Hurd (University of Illinois), Elena Kagan (Harvard University), Kenneth Randall (University of Alabama), Daniel Rodriguez (University of San Diego), Kent Syverud (Vanderbilt University), David Van Zandt (Northwestern University) and Patricia White (Arizona State University).

For more information, visit *Brian Leiter's Law School Reports* at http://leiterlawschool.typepad.com/leiter/2011/07/ ten-transformative-deans-in-the-last-decade.html.



## Judge Jose Martinez Visits Law School

The Honorable Jose Martinez of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, was a jurist-in-residence at the College of Law on November 2. He also guest lectured in Professor Wayne Logan's Capital Punishment Seminar, where he gave insight into his ruling in *Evans v. McNeil*, a recent landmark case that has implications for future capital cases. Judge Martinez ruled in *Evans* that Florida's capital sentencing statute violates the requirements the U.S. Supreme Court set out in *Ring v. Arizona* in 2002. He also met with faculty members and talked to students about opportunities for them within the legal profession.

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## Ray Named to First District Court of Appeal



Stephanie Williams Ray ('95) was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the First District Court of Appeal in June. She had been chair of the Florida Public Employees

Relations Commission (PERC) since 2008. Prior to her appointment to PERC, she was assistant dean for development at the College of Law. Her long tenure at the law school includes having served as director of the Placement office from 1999 to 2000 and as assistant/associate dean for administration from 2000-2008.

## **Advocacy Center Construction Nearing**



Members of the law school staff and administration travel across Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard several times per week to follow the progress of construction at the college's new Advocacy Center. The law school took over the building, formerly the Florida First District Court of Appeal, in November 2010 and immediately began renovation to transform it from a one-courtroom judicial facility into the finest advocacy training center in the country.

The new Advocacy Center will feature five courtrooms – the historic appellate courtroom and four

new courtrooms with jury boxes. One of the new courtrooms also includes an adjoining jury room. In addition, the Advocacy Center will include:

- a suite of offices for our Public Interest Law Center and its three clinics,
- a suite of faculty offices for our toprated Environmental Law Program,
- a suite of faculty offices for our burgeoning Business Law Program,
- offices and dedicated interview rooms for the Placement Office, and
- additional classrooms including a video-conference room – and study spaces.

The Advocacy Center is scheduled to be ready for occupancy before the spring semester begins. When students return to classes on January 9, the law school will encompass two city blocks and an additional 50,000 square feet.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard was closed for several weeks for crews to install traffic-slowing devices to better accommodate the increased student pedestrian traffic.

## **Completion**









For more information about naming opportunities, contact Dean Donald J. Weidner at dweidner@law.fsu.edu or 850.644.3071 or Associate Dean for Development Mark Pankey at mpankey@law.fsu.edu, 850.644.5160 or 850.294.1193.

### **Naming Opportunities**

The law school welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge gifts for any purpose by naming rooms in the new Advocacy Center. Because the building is fully funded, donations need not be used for bricks and mortar, but can be directed as the donor wishes. For example, a gift of \$250,000 can be earmarked to endow a professorship and be recognized with a named classroom.

Building	\$5,000,000
Public Interest Law Center (10-room suite)	\$2,000,000
Historic Appellate Courtroom	\$1,500,000
First-Floor Courtroom (7-seat jury box & jury room)	\$750,000
First-Floor Courtroom (6-seat jury box)	\$750,000
Ground-Floor Courtroom (13-seat jury box)	\$600,000
Ground-Floor Video Conference Room	\$500,000
Ground-Floor Courtroom (7-seat jury box)	\$500,000
Dean's Suite	\$500,000
Environmental Program Suite	\$500,000
First-Floor Reading Room	\$500,000
Phil and Rita Blank Conference Room	\$250,000
Second-Floor Classroom	\$250,000
Dean's Boardroom	\$150,000
Third-Floor Reading Room	\$150,000
Admissions Office	\$100,000
Placement Office	\$100,000
Student Affairs Suite	\$100,000
Karlinsky Family Student Lounge	\$100,000
Conference Rooms (3)	each \$50,000
Interview Rooms (6)	each \$50,000
Faculty Offices (13 remaining)	each \$25,000
O'Shea Family Faculty Office	\$25,000
Jim and Anne Corrigan Faculty Office	\$25,000
Journal Offices (2)	each \$25,000

## ALUMNI NOTES

#### 1969

JONATHAN D. KANEY, JR. was presented the James C. Adkins/Sunshine Litigation Award from the First Amendment Foundation. His nomation was based on his leadership role with *The Bert Fish Foundation Inc. v.*Southeast Volusia Hospital District suit that overturned a merger between Bert Fish Medical Center and Adventist Health System.

#### 1970

RICHARD HENRICHSEN SOLLNER was named to the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of real estate law. He also was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of real estate transactions. He is a shareholder at Trenam Kemker in Tampa.

GEORGE L. WAAS is retired from the state of Florida after more than 32 years, the last 23 with the Office of the Attorney General. He also spent almost eight years in the private sector.

#### 1971

GREGOR MORRIS GAEBE, founding partner of Gaebe Mullen Antonelli & DiMatteo in Coral Gables, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

ROBERT G. KERRIGAN was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial. He is a partner with Kerrigan, Estess, Rankin, McLeod & Thompson, LLP in Pensacola.

CYNTHIA S. TUNNICLIFF, a shareholder at Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of government and administrative.

#### 1972



PETER M. DUNBAR, a shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend*'s Legal Elite list in the area of government and

administrative. He is now in the Legal Elite Hall of Fame for being named to the list for eight consecutive years. He also edited a book by Carl O. Dunbar, Before They Were the Black Sheep: Marine Fighting Squadron VMF-214 and the Battle for the Solomon Islands. The family history book also is part of national history.



J. WAYNE HOGAN has been named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite Hall of Fame in the area of civil trial. He is a partner with the Jacksonville firm of Terrell Hogan.



THE HONORABLE JOHN
MARSHALL KEST recently
received the James G.
Glazebrook Memorial
Outstanding Member
Award from the George C.
Young First Central
Florida America Inn of

Court. The award recognizes the commitment as a member of the Inn to fostering excellence in professionalism, ethics and civility in the practice of law. He also received the Outstanding Jurist for 2011 award from The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Section.

STEVEN ALAN RISSMAN was named to Best Lawyers in America, Florida Super Lawyers and as a Fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers. He is a partner in the firm of Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue & McLain, P.A. in Orlando.



EUGENE E. STEARNS was recognized by in the 2011 edition of Chambers USA:
America's Leading
Business Lawyers in the area of litigation. He is chairman of the board of

directors and chairman of the litigation department of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

#### 1973

DONALD D. CONN was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of government and administration. He is a shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. in Tampa.

WILLIAM W. CORRY, of The Corry Law Firm in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

W. CHRISTOPHER HART has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of real estate transactions. He is a shareholder with the Destin office of Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse.

THOMAS F. ICARD, JR., a shareholder with the Sarasota firm of Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A., has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction law.

#### 1974

JAMES DAWSON BEASLEY was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in public utilities. He is a shareholder with the Tallahassee firm of Ausley & McMullen, P.A.



STANN W. GIVENS was recently named to the 2011 Legal Elite list by Florida Trend magazine in the area of adoption, marital and family law. He is founder of Givens Law Group and a past-

president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Florida chapter. He also is listed in *Super Lawyers* 2011 and *Best Lawyers in America* 2012.

NANCY G. LINNAN has been named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite Hall of Fame in the area of environmental and land use law. She is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Carlton Fields.

BRUCE M. STONE has been named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite Hall of Fame in the area of wills, trusts and estates. He is a shareholder at Goldman Felcoski & Stone P.A. in Coral Gables.

RAYFORD HUXFORD TAYLOR has joined
Casey Gilson P.C. in Atlanta as of counsel.
He will focus on defense-based workers'
compensation and appellate law, representing
employers, insureds, self-insureds and
servicing agents in Georgia. His practice also
will continue to include administrative and
governmental law, legislation consultation and
corporate law.

#### 1975

BRUCE B. BLACKWELL was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He was named to the Hall of Fame for being on the list eight years in a row. He is a shareholder with King, Blackwell, Downs & Zehnder, P.A. in Orlando.

THOMAS MARTIN GONZALEZ was named to the Legal Elite list by *Florida Trend* magazine in the area of labor and employment law. He is a partner with Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A.

**KENNETH R. HART**, a shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial. After his eighth consecutive time on the list, he is now a member of the Hall of Fame.



THE HONORABLE
CLAUDIA R. ISOM, of the
Thirteenth Judicial
Circuit, received the
Hillsborough County Bar
Association's Robert W.
Patton Outstanding Jurist
Award at the

association's annual Law Day Luncheon.

BETTY JOLENE STEFFENS was named a Florida Trend Legal Elite top government and non-profit attorney. She is currently general counsel at Florida State University, but plans to retire in December.

#### 1976

JOSEPH "J.E." ISAAC, III has ended his tenure as senior vice president for business affairs for the Portland Trail Blazers. However, he will continue to serve the NBA team as a consultant.

THEODORE L. TRIPP, JR. has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a partner in the Fort Myers office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP.

#### 1977

WILLIAM EMILE BOND, JR. was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse in Pensacola.

MICHAEL FRANK COPPINS was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with the Tallahassee firm of Coppins Monroe Adkins & Dincman, P.A.

RICHARD BRYCE HADLOW, a partner with the Tampa office of Holland & Knight LLP, has been named to the Legal Elite list by *Florida Trend* magazine in the area of business law.

MARY F. SMALLWOOD has been named to Florida Super Lawyers in the area of environmental law. She also was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of environmental and land use. She is a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of GrayRobinson, P.A.

#### 1978

F. SCOTT BOYD was appointed as an administrative law judge for the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.



ANTHONY "TONY" LA RUSSA, a three-time World Series winning professional baseball manager who is the third most winning coach in major league baseball history, announced his

retirement days after winning his second world title with the St. Louis Cardinals.



VICTORIA L. WEBER has been named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite Hall of Fame in the area of tax. She practices at Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee.

#### 1979

PETER V. ANTONACCI, an attorney in the Tallahassee office of GrayRobinson, P.A., was named to *Florida Super Lawyers* in the areas of criminal defense and white collar.

DAVID SCOTT DEE has joined the law office of Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. as a shareholder. He also has been named "Tallahassee Best Lawyers Litigation – Environmental Lawyer of the Year" for 2012 by Best Lawyers. He can be reached at 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308, 850.385.0070 or ddee@gbwlegal.com.



CHRISTOPHER LEE
GRIFFIN, a partner in the
Tampa office of Foley &
Lardner LLP, has been
appointed to the National
Collegiate Athletic
Association (NCAA)
Division I Committee on

Infractions. The appointment is for a threeyear term. He previously served as a member of the Infractions Appeals Committee for eight years, five of which as committee chair. MELANIE ANN HINES was named to the Legal Elite list in *Florida Trend* magazine in the area of criminal law. She is a shareholder with the Tallahassee office of Berger Singerman.

TERRY E. LEWIS, a shareholder with Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been selected a 2011 Florida Super Lawyer in the area of environmental law.



ANNE LONGMAN, a shareholder with Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has been selected a 2011 Florida Super Lawyer in the area of environmental law.



DOUGLAS LEE
MANNHEIMER was
appointed to the Florida
Federal Judicial
Nominating Commission
by U.S. Senators Bill
Nelson and Marco Rubio.
He is a partner in the

Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel and is chair of the firm's governmental relations practice group and a member of the health law practice group.



GEORGE HENRY
SHELDON is acting
assistant secretary for
the Administration for
Children and Families
under the U.S.
Department of Health
and Human Services. He

can be reached at 901 D St., SW, 6th Floor W., Washington, D.C. 20024, 202.401.5383 or george.sheldon@acf.hhs.gov.

ALAINE S. WILLIAMS was named a 2011 Super Lawyer by *Philadelphia* magazine. She focuses her practice on public employee labor law and has been a partner with Willig, Williams & Davidson since 1986. She can be reached at 1845 Walnut St., 24th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, awilliams@wwdlaw.com or 215.656.3630.

#### 1980



DONALD HINKLE has again been named to Florida Super Lawyers for 2011. He is a founding partner in the firm of Hinkle & Foran in Tallahassee. His practice is limited to catastrophic

injury and death cases and he is a member of The Million Dollar Advocates Forum.



MICHAEL D. HOOK was one of two speakers to address the orientation program for the law school on August 25. He spoke about highlights of his career to approximately 200 students who are now 1Ls at the Florida State University College of Law.

BRUCE D. LAMB, a shareholder with Ruden McClosky in Tampa, has been named to the Legal Elite list for *Florida Trend* magazine in the area of health law.

DAVID HYWEL LEONARD, a shareholder with Carlton Fields in Tampa, has been named to the *Florida Trend* Legal Elite list in the area of bankruptcy and workout.



STEFAN V. STEIN was named to Florida Super Lawyers in the area of intellectual property litigation. He also was named the 2011 Tampa Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year by

Best Lawyers. He is a shareholder in the Tampa office of GrayRobinson, P.A.



DAVID A. YON, a shareholder with Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, P.A., has been listed in the 2011 edition of Chambers USA for his work in insurance regulation.

#### 1981

ROBERT B. BEITLER is general counsel to the inspector general of Palm Beach County. He can be reached at 561.233.2350.

STEPHEN G. CHARPENTIER, founder of Charpentier Law Firm, P.A. in Melbourne, was named to the *Florida Trend* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

E. GARY EARLY was appointed as an administrative law judge for the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings. He was previously a shareholder at Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A.

WAYNE LAWRENCE HELSBY was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment. He is a partner with Allen Norton & Blue, P.A. in Winter Park.

DEBORAH K. "DEBBY" KEARNEY is the new general counsel for the Florida Department of Community Affairs. She can be reached at 850.414.0482 or Debby.Kearney@dca.state. flus.

JAMES P. KELAHER, of Kelaher Law Offices, P.A. in Orlando, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.



LAWRENCE A. KELLOGG,

a founding partner of Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider & Grossman LLP in Miami, has been named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation.

DEAN ROBERT LEBOEUF has been named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial. He is managing partner of Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney, P.A. in Tallahassee.

THE HONORABLE JOE ALLEN WILD now is a member of the board of trustees for Harding University. He is a county judge for Indian River County, Florida. He is chairman of Character

Counts! Coalition of Indian River County and on the board of directors for Christian Home and Bible School in Mount Dora, Florida.

#### 1982

KENNETH BRADLEY BELL was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in appellate practice. He is a shareholder with Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse in Pensacola.

ANTHONY E. DIRESTA is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Winston & Strawn LLP. His practice focuses on governmental investigations, commercial litigation and business counseling.



KELLY OVERSTREET
JOHNSON, a partner in
the Tallahassee office of
Broad and Cassel, has
been inducted into the
Legal Elite Hall of Fame
in the eighth annual
edition of Florida Trend's

Legal Elite 2011. The special section

highlights only 10 Florida Bar members inducted into the Hall of Fame. She is a past president of The Florida Bar, a certified circuit civil mediator and handles commercial and employment litigation matters.

JOHN W. LITTLE, III has joined Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.'s West Palm Beach office as a shareholder. He practices environmental and land use and business litigation, focusing on eminent domain, property rights and complex commercial litigation. He was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite Hall of Fame in the area of eminent domain.

STEPHEN R. MACNAMARA was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list as a top government official. He is chief of staff to Florida Governor Rick Scott.

#### 1983

MARK PATRICK BARNEBEY was named to Super Lawyers 2011 and to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in environmental and land use law. He also received the Manatee County Bar Association 2011 Community Service Award. He is a shareholder at Kirk Pinkerton and is city attorney for the City of Palmetto and general counsel for several special districts, community development districts and a governmental authority. He also is special counsel to the School Board of Manatee County and various local governments.

B.B. BOLES, III has been promoted to partner at Young, Bill, Roumbos & Boles, P.A. He can be reached at 226 S. Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32501 or 850.432.2222.

NEAL ALLEN SIVYER, a co-founder of Sivyer, Barlow & Watson, P.A. in Tampa, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of construction.

#### 1984

CODY FOWLER DAVIS was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in civil trial. He recently opened Cody Fowler Davis Trial Attorneys, P.A. in Tampa.

## Send Us Your News

The most avidly read section of *Florida State Law* is "Class Action." The law school's more than 7,800 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing — awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken and more.

Just as important: Did you get married? Have a baby?

Write a novel? Run a marathon? Perform in a band?

If you have anything that you would like to include in Class Action, please send information to rshepher@ law.fsu.edu or mail this form to:

The Florida State University College of Law,
Office of Development and Alumni Affairs,
Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601

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### We Need Your Help

Please take a moment to log in to the law school Alumni Directory Web site, **www.law.fsu.edu/alumni/alumnidir.html**, and update your personal information. This is a great reference tool for classmates to get in touch with one another, to network and to refer business to fellow alumni.



MARK S. ELLIS recently received his Ph.D. in law from King's College London. He is the executive director of the International Bar Association in London and is co-teaching a

class at Florida State Law with Professor Sandy D'Alemberte during the fall 2011 semester.

DAVID D. FUSSELL was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of criminal law. He practices at Fussell Law Firm, P.A., in Orlando.

VALERIA HENDRICKS, an appellate specialist and shareholder at Harmon, Woods, Parker, Hendricks & Abrunzo, P.A., spoke about preserving error for appeal at the 2011 Winter Conference of the Florida Chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association in Orlando. She may be reached at 110 N. 11th St., Second Floor, Tampa, FL 33602, 813.222.3605 or vh@harmonwoodslaw.com.

CALVIN LYNN JOHNSON, an attorney with the Florida Department of Transportation, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list of top government attorneys for 2011.

R. STEVEN LEWIS has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite 2011 list. He is a shareholder with Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. in Tallahassee.

CANDANCE M. SABELLA was appointed vicechair of The Florida Bar Criminal Procedure Rules Committee and was recognized in the 2011 edition of *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list for top government/non-profit attorneys. She is chief assistant attorney general in charge of the Capital Appeals Bureau.



RUSSELL P. SCHROPP
was recognized by Florida
Super Lawyers in the
area of land use and
zoning. He is a
stockholder with
Henderson, Franklin,
Starnes & Holt, P.A.

NICOLAS JOHN WATKINS has been recognized in *Florida Super Lawyers* in the area of immigration law. He is an attorney in the Miami office of GrayRobinson, P.A.

#### 1985



JOHN ARMANDO
BOUDET, a partner in the
Orlando office of Roetzel
& Andress LPA, has been
named to Florida Super
Lawyers.

LOULA FULLER and DANIEL E. MYERS have opened Fuller & Myers. The firm is located at 106 E. College Ave., Ste. 1400, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Fuller can be reached at 850.556.9800 or Ifuller@fuller-myers.com. Myers can be reached at 850.556.9795 or dmyers@fuller-myers.com.

THE HONORABLE JUDITH WARREN HAWKINS was named the winner of the Thurgood Marshall Judicial Excellence Award for 2011. She is a county judge in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida.



SAMUEL P. KING, of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna, Ruffier & Sos, LLP in Orlando, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

DAVID SCOTT OLIVER, an attorney with Morgan & Morgan, PA in Orlando, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation.

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VIVIAN ARENAS-BATTLES was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of eminent domain. She is a shareholderwith de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A. in Tampa.

ROBERT NEIL CLARKE, JR. was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee.



MANUEL FARACH was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is of counsel with Richman Greer, PA in West Palm Beach.

RICHARD ALAN LOTSPEICH was named a Florida Trend Legal Elite top government and non-profit attorney. He is general counsel at Tampa Bay Water.

**GEORGE VAUGHN MATLOCK** is an attorney with Gulf Atlantic Insurance Services, Inc. in Tallahassee. He was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of insurance law.

MARY ANN MORGAN was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial. She is managing partner of Billings, Morgan & Boatwright, LLC in Winter Park.



ROBERT C. SHEARMAN has been certified as a civil mediator. He is a stockholder in the Fort Myers office of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., practicing in the tort and

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## **2010-2011 Donor Recognition**

Gifts to the Florida State University College of Law provide critical support for students, faculty and academic programs. This Annual Report gratefully acknowledges all gifts received between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Gifts received between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 will be recognized in the fall 2012 issue of *Florida State Law*.

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



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

Becky B. Shepherd, Director of Alumni Affairs & Annual Fund The Florida State University College of Law Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601 850.644.0231 / 800.788.7097 rshepher@law.fsu.edu

## **Dean's Annual Fundraising Report**



#### **DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:**

This was a year of great success for the law school. The reputation of our outstanding students, faculty and alumni continues to blossom. The highlight of recent external recognition was when *U.S. News & World Report* rated our law school among the nation's Top 50 law schools.

Private fundraising made a critical difference at the law school, helping us to attract and to retain the best students and faculty. Our Annual Fund has been an unprecedented success, and our new major gifts are already making a difference.

#### ANNUAL GIVING FROM STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

This past year, 75.78% of our students contributed to our Annual Fund. Our student enthusiasm and generosity bodes well for the future. They are blazing the trail for us all!

An all-time high of 27.96% of our alumni made cash gifts to the law school! Based on current American Bar Association data, this level of participation should keep us within the nation's top 10 law schools in terms of alumni giving rate. This level of alumni support sends a powerful signal about the enthusiasm our alumni have for the school.

#### **MAJOR GIFTS**

This past year, we received Major Gifts totaling \$834,566 in cash and \$1,075,000 in additional pledges, for a grand total of \$1,909,566. The "Cash Gifts By Level" portion of this report includes only cash payments made during the fiscal year, even if they were but a portion of a larger gift. Under the heading of "Recent Larger Gifts," we outline the larger gift commitments that we received in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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

Sincerely,

Don Weidner, Dean

## **Endowed Gift Opportunities**

#### **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

The minimum gift needed to endow a scholarship at the Florida State University College of Law is \$25,000.

## ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND CHAIRS

University of Chicago law school professor Brian Leiter rated our faculty 23rd best in the country in terms of per faculty scholarly impact. We would not have this extraordinary faculty without private giving. Professorships and chairs give us the merit money we need to attract and to retain this top faculty. As they get better and better, we need to do more and more.

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

The minimum gift needed to endow a professorship at the Florida State University College of Law is \$200,000. The minimum gift needed to endow a chair at the Florida State University College of Law is \$1,000,000.



## ENDOWMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE

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

The minimum gift needed to create an Endowment for Excellence at the Florida State University College of Law is \$25,000.

#### **DONOR RECOGNITION**

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

The new Advocacy Center, which is scheduled to come online by December 2011, gives us a series of supplemental donor recognition possibilities for gifts ranging from \$25,000 to \$5 million. See the separate Advocacy Center article in this magazine.

For more information, please contact either Dean Don Weidner at 850.644.3071 or dweidner@law.fsu. edu or Mark Pankey, Associate Dean for Development, at 850.644.5160 or mpankey@law.fsu.edu.

## **Recent Larger Gifts**

We would like to specially thank those of you who made a larger gift commitment between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. These gifts make it possible to continue the dynamic advance of the academic programs and reputation of the law school.

#### \$600,000 OR MORE

Ocala attorney Garry D. Adel ('82) has made a \$600,000 testamentary gift that will create the Garry D. Adel Endowed Scholarship. The annual distribution from the endowment will be used to award at least one full scholarship each year to recruit a top student to the law school. Any remaining funds distributed by the endowment shall be used to award additional scholarships to recruit top students to the law school. Gary specializes in civil and criminal trial work and is a partner with Blanchard, Merriam, Adel & Kirkland, P.A.

#### \$100,000 TO \$599,999

Under the direction of the Attorney General for the state of Florida, the law school has received a directed settlement of \$200,000 to supplement the existing Richard W. Ervin Eminent Scholar Chair. The income from the Chair provides funding for a visiting professor who also serves as the Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General.

Through a charitable gift annuity, Yvonne T. Brown and her husband The Honorable Stephen T. Brown have agreed to give \$100,000 to the law school to create the Yvonne and Steve Brown Public Interest Service Award. The

annual income from the endowment will be used to make at least one award each year to a student for his or her work in public interest law. Yvonne is retired from Colliers Abood Wood-Fay Real Estate Group in Coral Gables, and Judge Brown is the Chief United States Magistrate Judge, 11th Circuit, Southern District of Florida.

Tallahassee attorney Sean Pittman ('94) has made a commitment of **\$100,000** over time to endow the Sean Pittman Scholarship. The annual distribution from the endowment shall be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a student who also will be provided the opportunity to intern with the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators as a law clerk and policy advisor. The Sean Pittman Scholar must also be interested in pursuing a career in public service. Sean founded the Pittman Law Group, P.L., a corporate law and governmental consulting firm with offices in Tallahassee and Riviera Beach, Florida.

#### \$25,000 TO \$99,999

Professor Emeritus Charles W. Ehrhardt has made an additional gift of \$75,000 to bring his total gift to the Ehrhardt Endowment for Excellence to \$100,000. The income distributed from the endowment will be used at the discretion of the law

school to enhance excellence. Chuck retired from full-time teaching in 2007 after 40 years of service. He continues to teach Evidence at least once a year at the law school.

Richard D. Dixon ('74) has made a gift of \$50,020 to establish the Richard Dixon Family Endowed **Scholarship**. The annual distribution from the endowment will be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a law student enrolled in the joint-degree program in Law and Business (J.D./M.B.A.). If no students are enrolled in that program in a particular year, then the scholarship shall be awarded to a law student who has demonstrated a special interest in or commitment to intellectual property law. Rich is retired from Ford Motor Company and lives in Melbourne, Florida.

Mark S. Ellis ('84) has made a specific bequest in his will of \$50,000 to create an endowment to be named the **Dr. Mark S. Ellis Scholarship**. The annual distribution from the endowment shall be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a law school student who is studying or interning in a developing country. Mark is the executive director of the International Bar Association in London, England.

#### **RECENT LARGER GIFTS**

Thomas ('75) and Robin Gonzalez have pledged to give an additional \$50,000 to bring their total gift to endowment to the Tom and Robin Gonzalez Scholarship to \$150,000. The annual distribution from the endowment will provide scholarships for law school students. Tom is a partner in the Tampa firm of Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing and practices labor and employment law.

Tampa attorney John "Jed" Thomas ('96) has pledged \$50,000 to create the John W. and Judith C. Thomas Endowment for Excellence in honor of his parents. The annual distribution from the endowment shall be used at the discretion of the law school for purposes such as student scholarships, faculty incentives, general discretionary dollars and funding for co-curricular activities such as Law Review, Mock Trial and Moot Court. Jed is a partner with Marshall Thomas Burnett and practices sinkhole litigation.

William W. Montjoy ('75), who is president of Global Education and Tuition, has agreed to endow the Montjoy Diversity Enhancement Scholarship by pledging \$45,000 over time. The income from this endowment shall be used to provide scholarship support to College of Law students who are from groups that are historically under-represented in the legal profession. Global Education and Tuition sells prepaid tuition plans to families in Latin America.

Robert ('70) and Cynthia Trescott have made specific bequests in their wills of \$35,000 to be used at the law school's discretion. Bob is a partner in Trescott & Drucker, P.L. in Coral

Gables. His firm focuses on tax and estate planning strategies and estate and trust administration.

F. Philip Blank ('74) and his wife, Rita, have made an additional outright gift of \$26,500 to the law school. From this gift, \$10,000 will be used to support the Alumni Centennial Chair in honor of Dean Don Weidner, and \$15,500 will be used to fund the Blank-Miller Scholarship. Phil is the founding shareholder in the Tallahassee firm of Blank & Meenan, P.A. and focuses his practice on heath care, administrative law, lobbying and litigation.

Orlando alumnus Joseph R. Flood ('82) and his wife, Paula, have agreed to give an additional \$25,000 to supplement the existing Joe and Paula Flood Oxford Studies Scholarship endowment. The income from this endowment shall be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a student who is of modest means to study abroad with the law school's Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England. Joe is a partner with Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton, P.A. Joe specializes in civil rights law, governmental liability, products liability and has lectured in the area of governmental civil rights, state tort liability and insurance bad faith.

Julio C. Martinez, Jr. ('86) and his wife, Rene, have pledged to give an additional \$25,000 over time to bring their total gift to the Julio and Rene Martinez Diversity Enhancement Scholarship endowment to \$50,000. The annual distribution from the endowment shall be used to attract students to the law school who are

from groups that are historically under-represented in the legal profession, especially Hispanic students, and who have financial need. Julio is a partner in the Kissimmee office of Martinez Manglardi, P.A., which is a statewide litigation firm. Julio handles a wide variety of cases including motor vehicle collisions, wrongful death, workers' compensation, product liability and insurance contract disputes.

Tallahassee couple Cari Roth ('83) and Wellington Meffert ('88) have agreed to establish the Cari Roth and Wellington Meffert Endowment for Excellence by pledging \$25,000 over time. The income from the endowment shall be used at the discretion of the law school for any academic purpose including student scholarships, faculty incentives and funding for cocurricular activities such as the Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law, Mock Trial and Moot Court. Cari is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Bryant Miller Olive, where she chairs the firm's Land Use and Governmental Consulting practices. Wellington is general counsel for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, which helps Floridians obtain affordable housing.

Nancy Mason Wallace ('95) has agreed to endow the Nancy Wallace Endowed Scholarship for Summer Program Alumni by pledging \$25,000 over time. The income from this endowment will be used to award at least one scholarship each year to recruit a graduate of the law school's Summer for Undergraduates Program. Nancy is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Akerman Senterfitt, where she is part of the Appellate, Real Estate and Healthcare practices.

## **Summary of Named Funds** (as of June 30, 2011)

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#### **CHAIRS & PROFESSORSHIPS**

Alumni Centennial Chair' Elizabeth C. and Clyde W Atkinson Endowed Professorship Attorneys' Title Insurance **Fund Endowed** Professorship in Real Estate Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Chair in International Law Larry and Joyce Beltz **Endowed Professorship** in Torts Lance and Carol Block Children's Advocacy

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#### **DEFERRED GIFTS**

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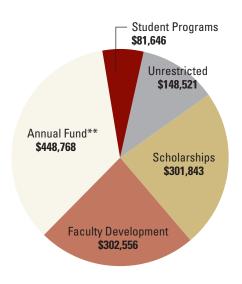
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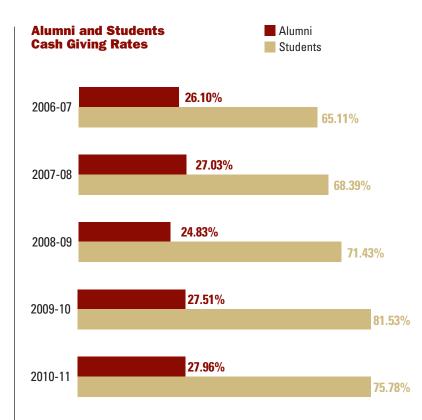
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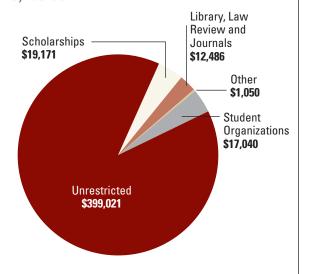


- \* There were no state matching dollars this fiscal year.
- \*\* All cash gifts of \$10,000 or less made by alumni and friends that are that not earmarked for endowment or part of a larger pledge other than a Book Award.

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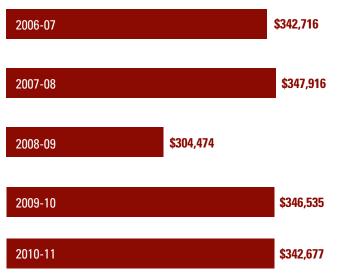


#### CHART 2 2010-2011 Total Annual Fund Giving \$448,768.00\*



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



\*Includes Book Awards

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Alumni: 124 Number of Donors: 42 Participation: 33.87% William E. Atwater, III

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## **CLASS OF 1977**

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insurance litigation division. He also has been elected to serve a three-year term on the firm's executive committee.

MICHAEL ALAN SHORSTEIN has been board certified in adoption law. He also is chairing the inaugural Adoption Law Certification Committee. He can be reached at 3821 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207, 904.348.6400 or MShorstein@shorsteinkelly.com.

## 1987

M. KRISTEN ALLMAN is of counsel in the Tampa office of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP. She practices employment law, focusing on wage and hour compliance and litigation, litigation prevention and defense and occupational safety and health.



DAVID M. CALDEVILLA, a shareholder with de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A. in Tampa, was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of appellate practice.



DAVID L. POWELL, of Hopping Green & Sams in Tallahassee, has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of environmental and land use law.



LANSING CHARLES
SCRIVEN is now a partner in the Tampa office of Quarles & Brady LLP. He practices in the commercial litigation group. He also was named to Florida Trend's

Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation.

J. LAYNE SMITH is general counsel for the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

#### 1988



KRISTIN KAE ADAMSON
has been elected
president of the Florida
Chapter of the American
Academy of Matrimonial
Lawyers for 2011-2012.
She also has been
named to Best Lawyers

in America and Florida Super Lawyers in the area of marital and family law.

LOUIS ROBERT BOURGEOIS was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of admiralty and maritime law. He is a shareholder with the Tampa firm of Banker Lopez Gassler P.A.

JASON BOYD BURNETT, an attorney with the Jacksonville office of GrayRobinson, P.A., was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of bankruptcy and workout.

DAVID MOORE LINDSEY'S firm, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, has moved. He can now be reached at 505 Fifth Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10017, 212.257.6966 or david.lindsey@ chaffertzlindsey.com.

CATHY MILLER SELLERS was appointed as an administrative law judge for the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

EDUARDO ANTONIO SUAREZ, of the Law Offices of Ed Suarez, P.A. in Tampa, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of criminal law.

## 1989

MARIANNE AHO was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in civil trial. She is a shareholder with the Jacksonville law firm of Marks Gray, P.A.

PALMER L. BOYETTE is an Elbert County, Colorado, judge. He can be reached at 751 Ute St., Kiowa, CO 80117, 720.337.0532 or palmer.boyette@judicial.state.co.us.

LEONARD J. DIETZEN, III was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in labor and employment law. He is a partner with the Tallahassee office of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell.

GREGORY A. HEARING has been named to the Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment by *Florida Trend* magazine. He is managing partner of Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A. in Tampa.

STEPHEN R. SENN was named to Florida

Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of appellate practice. He practices at Peterson & Myers,
P.A. in Lakeland.

DOUGLAS EDWIN STARCHER has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of business law. He is a partner at the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel.

## 1990

JORGE MARIANO CESTERO, an attorney with the West Palm Beach firm of Sasser Cestero & Sasser, P.A., was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of adoption and marital and family law.

JONATHAN ERIC GOPMAN, managing shareholder of the Naples office of Akerman Senterfitt, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of wills, trusts and estates.

JOHN THOMAS "JAY" LAVIA, III has joined the law office of Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. as a shareholder. He practices administrative law, environmental law and public utilities law and can be reached at 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308, 850.385.0070 or jlavia@gbwlegal.com.

TRACY ANN MARSHALL has been named to Florida Super Lawyers and Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of eminent domain. She practices in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A.

BRUCE DOUGLAS PARTINGTON was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction law. He is a shareholder with Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse in Pensacola.

ROBIN JOY SCHER has been appointed as cochair of The Florida Bar Family Law Section's Domestic Violence Committee and once again as a member of the section's Legislative Committee for 2011-2012. She continues to serve on the section's Executive Council. In addition, she has once again been appointed by the chief judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit to serve as a traffic hearing officer. She recently reopened her own firm in Palm Beach Gardens, where she concentrates her practice in the area of marital and family law, handling cases in Palm Beach and Broward counties as well as along the Treasure Coast. She can be reached at 561.626.5640 or rjs1990esq@ bellsouth.net.

## 1991

DAVID WHITNEY ADAMS was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment. He is a partner with Sponsler, Bennett, Jacobs & Adams, P.A. in Tampa.

KATHLEEN MARIE CALCUTT is general counsel and owner of AmericanKidz Adoption Services, Inc. and AmericanKidz of Georgia, Inc. She also practices with her husband, Patrick B. Calcutt ('90) at Calcutt & Calcutt, PA, with offices in St. Petersburg, and Americus, Ga.

RAMON DE LA CABADA was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in criminal law. He practices at the Law Office of Ramon de la Cabada, P.A. in Miami.

GORDON A. DIETERLE, of the Boca Raton law firm of McClosky, D'Anna & Dieterle, LLP, was selected to serve on the board of directors of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. He specializes in complex commercial and business litigation and is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a state circuit court mediator.

WILLIAM LUTHER GRANT has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction law. He is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP.

KENNETH ERIC LAWSON has been named secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

ALLEN HOWARD LIBOW is a shareholder and member of Udolf Libow's transaction team in Boca Raton.

CRAIG ALLEN MUNDY was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of wills, trusts and estates. He has his own firm, Craig A. Mundy, P.A., in Lakeland.

ROBERT E. PINDER is vice president and senior litigation counsel for Lender Processing Services, Inc. He can be reached at 601 Riverside Ave., T-2, Jacksonville, FL 32204, 904.854.5974 or Robert.Pinder@lpsvcs.com.

MICHAEL PATRICK SPELLMAN, a shareholder at Sniffen & Spellman, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment.

SHAW PHILIP STILLER was named a Florida Trend Legal Elite top government and nonprofit attorney. He practices in Tallahassee and is a former general counsel for the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

JOHN JEFFRY WAHLEN, who is a shareholder at Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of public utilities.

## 1992

PEDRO FRANCIS BAJO, JR. was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in commercial litigation. He is an attorney with the Tampa firm of Bajo Cuva Cohen & Turkel P.A.



DONNA ELIZABETH
BLANTON, a shareholder
at Radey Thomas Yon &
Clark, has been listed in
Florida Super Lawyers for
2011 in the area of
administrative law.

RICHARD EARL COATES, of Coates Law Firm, P.L. in Tallahassee, was named to the 2011 Legal Elite list by *Florida Trend* in the area of government and administration.

MARIA TERESA FABRE has been named to the Statewide Nominating Commission for Judges of Compensation Claims, representing the Fifth State Appellate District for a four year term. She is an attorney with The Law Offices of Charles H. Leo, P.A.

KATHERINE E. GIDDINGS, a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of Akerman Senterfitt, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of appellate law.

MARK DON HOBSON, who is of counsel with Devine Goodman Rasco & Wells, P.A. in Miami, has been named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of business law. MARK ERIC KAPLAN has been named vice president of public affairs for The Mosaic Company — one of the world's leading producers and marketers of concentrated phosphate and potash crop nutrients.



FRED KARLINSKY, a shareholder at Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale, was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of the Senior Courts of England and

Wales on June 1. His admission as a Solicitor will enable him to provide more direct and immediate service to United Kingdom and other foreign clients. He also has been named to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Seventeenth Circuit for Broward County and he was named to the Florida State University Foundation Board of Trustees.



AVERY D. MCKNIGHT was again named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite list as a top government attorney. He is general counsel for Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

GUSTAVO VARGAS, who practices at the Immigration Law Center in Orlando, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of immigration and naturalization.

R. SCHEFFEL WRIGHT has joined the law firm of Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. as a shareholder. His practice focuses on energy and public utilities law, including renewable energy, sustainability, utility rates and service and franchise issues.

## 1993



LAVERNE LEWIS GASKINS (left) has been admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

ANN THERES MARSHALL is a shareholder with Bishop, White, Marshall & Weibel, P.S. She represents lenders in matters involving loan origination and servicing. She can be reached at 720 Olive Way, Ste. 1201, Seattle, WA 98101, 206.622.5306 ext. 5915 or AMarshall@bwmlegal.com.

BRIAN A. NEWMAN, a shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of government and administrative law.

ALAN SCOTT WACHS has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a shareholder in the Jacksonville office of Volpe, Bajalia, Wickes, Rogerson & Wachs.

## 1994

REBECCAH LEE BELLER was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in adoption, marital and family law. She is an attorney with Beller & Bustamante, PL in Jacksonville.

MELVIN BURRUSS has been appointed to the Westchester Children's Association Advisory Council in White Plains, N.Y. The agency identifies children's unmet needs and works to make sure those needs are met with change in policy. He is also president of the African American Men of Westchester and a member of the Board of City of Peekskill Industrial Development Agency, acting treasurer of Beta Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a member of the board of directors of the Westchester Black Bar and a producer of the Neighborhood Law Center, a weekly cable television show discussing the legal

issues of concern to viewers. He is a corporate attorney with the New York Liquidation Bureau.

ERYN JANYCE DAWKINS has been appointed interim director of the University of Georgia Equal Opportunity Office.

KIMBERLY ANN DRIGGERS, a partner with Brooks, LeBoeuf, Bennett, Foster & Gwartney in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of insurance.

DAVID M. FRANK was named to Florida

Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

He practices at David Frank Injury Law, P.A. in
Tallahassee.

MARK ALAN GLASSMAN was named to the Legal Elite list by *Florida Trend* magazine in the area of civil trial. He is a founding partner of Levine & Glassman P.A.

JAMES WILLIAM GUSTAFSON, JR., a shareholder with Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

TRACEY J. HYDE recently was named chair of the Workers' Compensation Certification Committee of The Florida Bar for 2011-2012. She is a partner with McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. in Panama City.

CHRISTOPHER JOHN KARPINSKI has formed his own firm, The Law Office of Christopher Karpinski. He can be reached at 2910 Kerry Forest Pkwy., D4-112, Tallahassee, FL 32309, 850.251.9891 or cjklawfirm@comcast.net.

RUSSELL SCOTT KENT was listed in Florida
Trend's Legal Elite list for his government
work. He is special counsel for litigation for the
Florida attorney general's office.



TRAVIS L. MILLER, a shareholder of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, has been listed for his work in insurance regulation in the 2011 edition of Chambers USA.

JUAN CARLOS MARTINEZ was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is an attorney with GrayRobinson, P.A.

KELLY ANN O'KEEFE was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list for commercial litigation. She is a shareholder with Berger Singerman in Tallahassee.

## 1995

DAVID S. BRECHER, a partner in the Jacksonville office of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, was listed in *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial law.



MARLON A. HILL was recently a recipient of the inaugural Thurgood Marshall College Fund "Distinguished Young Leader" Award in Miami. Honorees were chosen based on their proven

leadership, community involvement, professional and civic excellence, as well as their contributions to education and diversity. He is a partner and corporate attorney with the law firm of delancyhill, P.A. The firm also was featured in the June issue of *Black Enterprise Magazine* for its innovative use of technology in firm operations.

WAYNE D. KNIGHT has merged his firm with another to become Swaby Knight Law Group, P.L. The full-service firm has offices in Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Sandestin and Tallahassee.

CHRISTOPHER L. SMITH has been tapped as the next leader of the Florida Senate Democratic caucus. He represents District 29.

JULIE SIMONE SNEED was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. She is a shareholder at Fowler White Boggs P.A. in Tampa.

JESSICA M. VARN was appointed as an administrative law judge for the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

## 1996

ERIC SCOTT ADAMS was named to Florida
Trend's Legal Elite list in commercial litigation.
He is a partner with Shutts & Bowen LLP's
Tampa office.

RONALD A. CHRISTALDI has been recognized by Super Lawyers as one of the top 100 lawyers in Florida. He also was listed in Florida Trend's Legal Elite for 2011 in the health law section. He is a partner at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP in Tampa, where he is chair of the health care practice group.



CHARLES ROBERT
FLETCHER has joined
GrayRobinson P.A.'s
Tampa office as of
counsel. His practice
focuses on government,
civil litigation and
regulatory and

administrative law. He also was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of government and administrative.

EDMOND E. KOESTER, a shareholder with Coleman, Yovanovich & Koester in Naples, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation.

RUSSEL MARTIN LAZEGA, of the Law Office of Russel Lazega, P.A. in North Miami, was named to the *Florida Trend* Legal Elite list in the area of insurance law.

SUSAN NICOLE MARKS is a partner with the Pensacola office of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. She practices in the area of workers' compensation defense and employment related matters. She can be reached at 316 S. Baylen St., Ste. 500, Pensacola, FL 32502, 850.434.7122 or smarks@mcconnaughhay.com.

DOUGLAS JOHN MCCARRON was named to the *Florida Trend* Legal Elite list in civil trial. He is a partner with The Haggard Law Firm, P.A. in Coral Gables.



JASON ANDEW MCGRATH and a partner have opened McGrath & Spielberger, PLLC. The firm practices in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and federal courts. He has

had an article published by the North Carolina Bar Journal, "Did Atticus Finch Commit Malpractice?" about the attorney in the esteemed novel To Kill a Mockingbird.

McGrath also has been elected to the city of Charlotte's Civil Service Board, which assists in the regulation of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the Charlotte Fire Department.

JORGE LUIS PIEDRA was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with Piedra & Associates, P.A. in Miami.

JOHN E. "JED" THOMAS was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of insurance. He is a managing member of Marshall Thomas Burnett in Tampa.

## 1997



conal Doyle's verdict in Castaneda v. State of California was recognized by The Daily Journal as one of California's Top Ten Verdicts by Impact for 2010. The San Francisco Trial Lawyer's

Association has honored Doyle with the 2011 Civil Justice Award, given annually to the California attorney who has made the most significant contribution to the civil justice system.

ALEJANDRO ESPINO was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction law. He is a partner with the Miami firm of Peterson & Espino, P.A.

ROGER JAMES "R.J." HAUGHEY, II, a shareholder with Sivyer Barlow & Watson, P.A. in Tampa, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation.

CHARLES P. YOUNG was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction. He practices at Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon in Pensacola.

## 1998

SCOTT M. COFFEY has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of banking and financial law. He is a partner in the Miami office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey.

JARET JOSEPH FUENTE, a shareholder with Carlton Fields in Tampa, was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation.



ERIC S. GOLDEN has been named a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers in the area of bankruptcy and creditor/ debtor rights. He is a partner at Burr & Forman, LLP.

KELLY R. HIGH, a shareholder with Bush Ross, P.A. in Tampa, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial.

LANNIE D. HOUGH, JR. has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction law. He is a shareholder in Carlton Fields' Tampa office.

ELIZABETH P. PEREZ is of counsel in the Fort Lauderdale office of Broad and Cassel. She practices commercial litigation, health law and white collar criminal and civil fraud defense.

DANIEL RODRIGO VEGA was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of construction. He is a shareholder at Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A. in Coral Gables.



MATTHEW R. WILLARD
was appointed to serve
on the board of directors
for the Florida
Association of Criminal
Defense Lawyers,
Tallahassee chapter. His
firm also volunteered to

serve as general counsel for Vet Inc., which produces the Animal Veterans Day Parade in Tallahassee. He can be reached at Willard/Hurley, LLC, 517 E. College Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301 or 850.224.2001.

## 1999



earnest Deloach, Jr.
was named one of the
2011 Nation's Best
Advocates: 40 Lawyers
Under 40 by the National
Bar Association and
IMPACT. He also was
named to the Orange

County Charter Review Commission and as chairman of the Orange County School Board Reapportionment Advisory Committee. He also was appointed to the City of Orlando Nominating Board. He served as a member of the inaugural Disney MEAC/SWAC Challenge Football Game Advisory Committee and was invited to serve as a panel participant in a Propel Your Business, Empower Your Employees business panel. He has opened a new law firm, Young DeLoach PLLC, serving the Orlando and Daytona Beach areas, and was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. DeLoach can be reached at 407.422.4000.

AARON R. HOLLOWAY has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of wills, trusts and estates. He is a shareholder with Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee.

LERON EDWARD ROGERS now is a partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Atlanta. He practices commercial litigation and can be reached at 1180 Peachtree St., Ste. 2900, Atlanta, GA 30309 or 404.418.7166.

MICHAEL WILLIAM SCHMID was named a Florida Trend Legal Elite top government and non-profit attorney. He is an attorney with the Office of Statewide Prosecution in Tampa.

**GERALD COOPER THOMAS**, a shareholder at Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of real estate transactions.

## 2000

ROSALYN SIA BAKER-BARNES was named in the National Bar Association and IMPACT's 2011 class of Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40. She is an attorney at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley PA.

SEAN TIMOTHY DESMOND was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in government. He practices with the State Attorney's Office in the Second Judicial Circuit. He also has been sworn in as the president of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division.

LOURDES BERNAL-DIXON has been named a Rising Star by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine for the third year in a row. She is a partner at Daniels, Kashtan, Downs, Robertson + McGirney, P.A. in Tampa.

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ROCHELLE BIRNBAUM CHIOCCA and her husband and law partner, John A. Chiocca, were admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court on May 16, 2011. The Chioccas were sworn in in the presence of seven Supreme Court justices in Washington, D.C. They were accompanied by their eldest child, 11-year-old Julia, and Rochelle's father, Elliot Birnbaum.

JENNIFER FORSHEY HINSON was named to Florida Trend magazine's Up & Comers list in the area of government and administrative law. She is an associate with Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee.

ERIN G. JACKSON, a partner with Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing, P.A. in Tampa, was named to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment law.

J. BART MCNIEL has joined Carr Allison's Pensacola and Mobile offices. His practice areas include general liability, complex litigation, construction litigation, products liability, medical liability/malpractice, nursing home and long-term care, appellate advocacy, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy rule and the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.

## 2001

JEFF BANKOWITZ is senior legal counsel for Signature Flight Support, a worldwide leader in fixed base operations at private airports, at its U.S. headquarters in Orlando. His wife, ALLISON ELIZABETH TURNBULL ('01), is a partner at the Orlando office of Baker Hostetler, practicing land use and zoning law, and has been named a top lawyer by Orlando Magazine (2009, 2010). They have two children, Benjamin (4) and Nathaniel (2).

JOHN ROCCO CAFARO was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa.



CARLOS JUAN CANINO
has been named to
Florida Trend's Legal Elite
list in the area of
commercial litigation for
2011. He is a
shareholder at Stearns
Weaver Miller Weissler

Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

JENNIFER MARCELLE HECKMAN has been named a *Florida Trend* Up & Comer in the area of commercial litigation. She is a partner at Thrasher & Heckman, P.A.

JEZABEL LLORENTE is of counsel to Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman LLP. She focuses her practice on labor and employment, complex commercial litigation and civil appellate litigation.

BRITTANY ADAMS LONG is an assistant general counsel at the Florida Department of Management Services.

## 2002



MEGHAN BOUDREAU

DAIGLE has been named president-elect of
Tallahassee Women
Lawyers for 2011-2012.
She is the founder of the Daigle Law Firm, P.A. and practices family law,

guardianship and probate. She can be reached at 3689 Coolidge Ct., Ste. 8, Tallahassee, FL 32311, 850.201.8845 or www.daiglelawfirm. com.

JAMES D. GORDON, III focuses on personal injury matters, including automobile negligence, premises liability, and general negligence claims at Wilkins Frohlich, P.A., in Port Charlotte. He also volunteers in a variety of capacities with the Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity.



MARC A. HULING has been promoted to partner at Roetzel & Andress in its Naples office. His practice focuses on business litigation, representing clients in matters

involving business tort, contract, real estate,

finance and construction litigation. He also has been named to the 2011 edition of Super Lawyers as a Rising Star.



DANIEL WILLIAM

LANGLEY has received

AV-Preeminent Peer

Review Rated status by

Martindale-Hubbell. He is
board certified by The

Florida Bar in City, County
and Local Government

Law and is a partner at Fishback, Dominick, Bennett, Stepter, Ardaman, Ahlers & Langley LLP in Winter Park

RICHARD HENRY MARTIN was named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of banking and financial law. He is a shareholder with the Tampa office of Akerman Senterfitt LLP.

ELIANE IVY PROBASCO, a partner and founder of Probasco Law, P.A. in Tampa, has been selected for *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite list in the area of marital and family law.

BRANDON ROBERT SCHEELE has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite list in the area of civil trial. He is an attorney with Banker Lopez Gassler P.A. in Tampa.

THOMAS RICHARD SULLIVAN was honored as a *Florida Trend* Legal Elite Up & Comer in the area of environmental and land use. He is a partner at the Orlando office of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.

ELIZABETH VAN DEN BERG has been admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She is an attorney at Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A.

MELISSA N. VANSICKLE, a shareholder at Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse in Tallahassee, was named to Florida Trend magazine's Up & Comers list in the area of real estate transactions.

#### 2003



QUINN ALAN
HENDERSON received
the 2010-2011 "Boss of
the Year" award from the
St. Petersburg
Association of Legal
Support Specialists, Inc.
He is an associate in the

special business services practice group of Adams and Reese LLP. His practice focuses on construction, commercial, banking and administrative litigation. He also is involved in the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and is on the chamber's Public Policy Committee. He was a member of the Leadership St. Petersburg Class of 2009 and is active in the Leadership Alumni Association.

PETER ANTHONY LAGONOWICZ has been named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite Up & Comers list in the area of tax. He is an associate with Shutts & Bowen LLP in Miami.

TEQUISHA YVETTE MYLES was honored with the 2011 Women of Excellence Award for Social Action by the West Palm Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She also has been elected president of the board of directors for Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring families in crisis to stability and self-sufficiency. She is supervising attorney for Fair Housing and Elder Law Projects for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

ETHEN R. SHAPIRO was honored as a Florida Trend Legal Elite Up & Comer in the area of health law. He is a shareholder at Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa.

## 2004



BRANDON CATHEY
recently became a
shareholder of Swope,
Rodante P.A. He
practices insurance bad
faith, personal injury,
products liability and
wrongful death law. He

can be reached at 1234 Fifth Ave. E., Tampa, FL 33605 or 813.273.0017.



MIN K. CHO, an associate in Holland & Knight's Orlando office, has been appointed to the American Bar Association House of Delegates as The Florida Bar's "Under 35 Years of Age"

Delegate. He concentrates in the areas of complex civil litigation and white collar criminal defense.

ROBERT L. "BOB" EHRHARDT now is a special assistant statewide prosecutor in the Office of Statewide Prosecution, Tampa.

SARAH REES HAMILTON has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as an associate in the firm's Indianapolis office. She is a member in the Business & Finance Practice Group.

DANICA L. LITTLE chaired the first "Spring Wish Drive" benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western North Carolina. The event raised more than \$60,000 for local Make-A-Wish Foundation children. Her daughter, Madison, was the recipient of a Make-A-Wish trip to Costa Rica last year after undergoing treatment for AML leukemia. Little is an attorney with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman in Charlotte.



LUKE NEWMAN earned state board certification in criminal appellate law. He is one of only 59 board certified criminal appellate law specialists in Florida. He practices criminal law at his solo

firm in Tallahassee and can be reached at 908 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303, 850.224.4444 or www.lukenewmanlaw.com.

#### 2005

**HEATHER L. BECERRA** recently was admitted to the Washington State Bar and is practicing in the greater Seattle area.



WRISTOPHER JOHN KEST was named to Florida
Trend's Legal Elite Up &
Comers list in the area of commercial litigation. He is a senior associate with Lowndes, Drosdick,
Doster, Kantor & Reed,
P.A. in Orlando.



AMANDA L. BROCK was named a 2011 Florida Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers magazine in the area of land use and zoning. She is an associate with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.

ROBERT ANDREW GEORGE is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group of Shutts & Bowen LLP in Tampa. He has been named a Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star for three consecutive years, including 2011.

CHRISTOPHER MARK HAMILTON has joined Clark & Albaugh, LLP. He practices real estate law and can be reached at 655 W. Morse Blvd., Ste. 212, Winter Park, FL 32789, 407.647.7600 or chamilton@clarkandalbaugh.com.



JARROD G. KING obtained a \$26.4 million verdict for a minor client in a Levy County negligent supervision sexual molestation case on April 6, 2011. King practices personal injury

and wrongful death law with his father at the King Law Firm in Ocala.

BEDERIA JANATA MOORE is a columnist for politic365.com, a Web platform that is a "digital destination for politics and policy related to communities of color." She practices with Lawrence & Parker, P.A. in Jacksonville.



ANTHONY B. RICKMAN
has been named a
partner at the law firm of
Taracks Gomez &
Rickman. He practices
criminal defense,
personal injury,
entertainment and sports

law. He and his wife, Natalie, were married October 27, 2007, and have a son, Anthony Robert, born November 16, 2009, and a daughter, Gabriella Nicole, born June 9, 2011.



LISA CAROLINE SCOLES, a shareholder with Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, has been listed in *Florida* Super Lawyers for 2011 as a Rising Star in the areas of utilities, employment and

litigation, employment and labor and business litigation.

## 2006

ADAM L. BANTNER, II has opened Adam L. Bantner, P.A., focusing on state and federal criminal defense in Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas and Pasco counties. He can be contacted at 330 Pauls Dr., Ste. 100-3, Brandon, FL 33511, 813.416.7965 or AdamBantner@gmail.com.

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SAQIB ISHAQ has been named a Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star in the area of health care. He is an associate in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A.

ROBYN BLANK JACKSON recently joined Florida State University as associate general counsel. She can be reached at 424 Westcott Bldg., 222 S. Copeland St., Tallahassee, FL 32306, 850.644.4440 or rbjackson@fsu.edu.

JOHN M. LOCKWOOD was named to the Florida Trend Legal Elite Up & Comers list in government and administrative law. He practices at John M. Lockwood & Associates in Tallahassee.

SHACHI K. MANKODI is an associate in the Fort Lauderdale office of Broad and Cassel. She practices in the health law practice group.

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MAJOR TODD MESSINGER is an associate professor at the U.S. Army JAG School. In preparation for implementing the repeal of the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, Messinger created a teaching package and narrated a 45-minute video to educate every lawyer and paralegal in the Army about the changes. Messinger lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.

JAMES R. "RUSTY" SPOOR has opened his own firm, Spoor Law, P.A. He can be reached at 111 Second Ave. NE, Ste. 1600, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, 727.343.7166, ext. 223 or rspoor@spoorlaw.com.

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FRANK JOSEPH ULLO has been named a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers in the area of environmental law. He is an attorney at Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. in Jacksonville.

## 2007

RICHARD A.C. ALTON and JASON REED STRUBLE will publish a paper, "The Legacy of Operation Allied Force" in the *Michigan State University Journal of International Law*, Issue 20.2, due out in January/February 2012. This is their second work published jointly, and Struble's third publication all together. Alton is an associate with Nogueira Morton, PL and can be reached at richard@nogueiramorton. com. Struble is an associate with Tripp Scott and can be reached at jrs@TrippScott.com.

KESHARA DARCEL DAVIS was named in the National Bar Association and IMPACT's 2011 class of Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40. She is bar counsel for The Florida Bar in Orlando.



MELANIE SHOEMAKER
GRIFFIN is president of
the 2011-2012 board of
directors for the Central
Florida Association for
Women Lawyers (CFAWL).
She also was named an
Up & Comer by Florida

Trend magazine for 2011 in the area of commercial litigation. She is an associate at the law firm of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando. She focuses her practice on business and complex commercial litigation.

FRANCIS M.S. ROBERTS, formerly known as Mohammed C. Haidara, spoke to the Summer 2011 Oxford Summer Program in Law about "Balancing the Principle of State Sovereignty and the Responsibility to Protect." He is completing his LL.M. at Essex University in England.

CARLOS TRUJILLO was named one of the top "25 Under 30" rising political or government stars by the News Service of Florida. In addition to being a Florida state representative for District 116, he is an assistant state attorney in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit as well as a member of the board of directors of the Belen Jesuit Alumni Association.

## 2008

GARY ANDREW BOKAS is now an attorney for the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, based in Port St. Lucie, Florida

**GERALD D. BRYANT** was honored as a *Florida Trend* Legal Elite Up & Comer in the area of health law. He is an attorney with the firm of Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. in Tallahassee.



THOMAS L DICKENS, III, United States Army Reserves, recently returned to north Florida after completing a deployment to Iraq. There, Dickens was assigned as a rule of law attorney in Diyala Province, an area about 30 miles north of Baghdad. Diyala is one of the most contentious regions in Iraq and possibly one of the most difficult places to implement the rule of law. As part of his job, Dickens entered Iraqi prisons on a weekly basis to root out any possible human rights violations. His efforts directly led to a decrease in the prison population and afforded inmates greater access to defense attorneys and the judiciary. Prior to his return, Dickens wrote an article which was published on the front page of the Florida Bar News. Dickens has returned to civilian practice in Tallahassee and regularly engages in public speaking engagements.



BENJAMIN J. GIBSON has begun a speaker's series and Web site sharing tips for achieving success in law school. He is an attorney for the Florida House of Representatives. His Web site is www.ilovelawschool.com.

MICHAEL G. GREEN, II has joined Lehr Middlebrooks & Vreeland, P.C. as an associate. He represents employers in a range of employment litigation, including harassment and discrimination claims. He can be reached at 2021 Third Ave. N., Birmingham, AL 35203, 205.323.9277 or mgreen@ lehrmiddlebrooks.com.

MICHAEL H. MOODY completed a clerkship with the chief judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida and is an associate with Berger Singerman, P.A. His practice focuses on representation of debtors, unsecured creditors' committees, and secured creditors in complex chapter 11 cases and in insolvency matters.

WILLIAM R. "BUDDY" MUSGROVE is an associate at Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, LLP in Atlanta. He specializes in toxic tort and environmental litigation, construction litigation and business litigation. He can be reached at 4000 SunTrust Plaza, 303 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308-3243, 404.614.7455 or bmusgrove@hptylaw.com.

MATTHEW JOHN MITCHELL has legally changed his name from Matthew John Pienciak. He is an associate at Kaufman, Englett & Lynd, PLLC, practicing commercial litigation. He can be reached at 111 N. Magnolia Ave., Ste. 1600, Orlando, FL 32801, 407.513.1900 or mmitchell@kelattorneys.com.



BENJAMIN G. SMITH is an associate at Drescher Heller Pieper Martin, P.C., in Nashville. His civil litigation practice focuses on personal injury, family law, probate and estate planning,

commercial litigation and general litigation. He also serves as legal counsel for the Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce. He married Maria R. Allen on July 29 at a ceremony in Charleston, S.C. He can be reached at 1720 West End Ave., Ste. 300, Nashville, TN 37203, 615.425.7111 or bsmith@dhpmlaw.com.

## 2009

JESSICA DENISE GOODWIN is an associate at Ogden, Sullivan and O'Connor, P.A. She practices insurance defense, commercial litigation, transportation litigation, insurance litigation and personal injury/wrongful death litigation. She is a member of the Diversity Committee of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division.

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JOSEPH M. PERCOPO completed an LL.M. in taxation at the University of Florida in 2010 and has opened his own firm, Joseph M. Percopo, Attorney and Counselor at Law. He can be reached at 2270 Alafaya Trail, Oviedo, FL 32765, 407.536.9529 or joe@percopolaw. com.



ROBERT JAMES POWELL argued Beach
Community Bank vs. St.
Paul Mercury Insurance
Company before the
Eleventh Circuit Court of
Appeal in December
2010. The court ruled in

his firm's favor in the case in March. Powell is an associate at Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse in Pensacola. He and his wife, ALEXANDRA "ALEX" NORTON POWELL ('09) also had a son, Luke Houston Powell, on August 18 at 3:59 p.m. Luke weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

TREVOR A. THOMPSON is an associate with the firm of Clark Partington Hart Larry Bond & Stackhouse in Pensacola. He clerked for the Honorable Robert L. Hinkle of the Northern District of Florida for two years before joining the firm. He practices commercial litigation, creditor's rights, appeals and trial support and employment law.

MATTHEW R. UMBARGER is an intelligence agent for the Defense Intelligence Agency at the United States Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.

DAVID JOSEPH WEISS, an associate at Ausley & McMullen, P.A. in Tallahassee, was named to *Florida Trend* magazine's Up & Comers list in the area of commercial litigation.

## 2010

SUSAN K. BODNER is of counsel at the new law firm of Restivo & Reilly LLC. The firm has offices in Orlando, Lake Mary and Key Largo. She can be reached at 407.558.1283.



TERIN M. BARBAS
CREMER has been
named to the Hispanic
Alumni of Notre Dame
Board as well as the
board of directors for
Second Harvest of the
Big Bend in Tallahassee.

She is an associate in the Tallahassee office of Allen Norton & Blue, P.A.



JACOB T. CREMER was named to the 2011 class of Connect Florida, Leadership Florida's program for young professionals. He also was elected to the executive board of the

Rhodes College Alumni Association. He practices at the Tallahassee office of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

& McMullen, P.A. His practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation, class action defense, state taxation and public school law. He can be reached at 123 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850.425.5344 or shogan@ausley.com.

JUSTIN R. INFURNA has completed an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Miami and has joined The Louis Law Firm, PLLC as a partner. He can be reached at 7635 Ashley Park Ct., Ste. 503P, Orlando, FL 32835, 321.293.4238 or jinfurna@thelouisfirm.com.



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CHRISTON R. "CHRIS"

TANNER is senior cabinet aide to the Florida Chief Financial Officer.

## 2011

MATTHEW ALLMAN is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also was a finalist in the competitive Presidential Management Fellows Program. He can be reached at 451 Seventh St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20410 or 202.708.1112.

SCOTT BODDERY won second place in the 2011 ABA Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Student Writing Contest. He received a \$1,500 check and membership in the section for one year. His essay also has the opportunity to be published in the Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Journal.

RYAN HOYLE is an associate in the Tampa office of Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue & McLaine, P.A.

ZACH KOBRIN won honorable mention at the 28th Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition with his paper "Sustainable Procurement is Smart **Paul N. Rendleman ('10)** won the inaugural statewide Animal Law Legal Writing Competition for his article, "Solutions to the Endangered Species Black Market: Preservationism, Conservationism, and Incentive-Based Strategies," sponsored by Pets Ad Litem, Inc. (PAL) and the Florida State Law Chapter of the Student American Legal Defense Fund. The goal of the competition is to foster legal scholarship in the area of animals and the law. The competition was open to all law students and recent graduates from law schools in Florida, and carried a cash prize of \$500.

PAL was formed in Tallahassee in early 2009 as a non-profit organization to foster humane education and provide a legal voice for animals. The organization's first president was a Florida State Law grad, **Ralph A. DeMeo ('85)**, and four Florida State Law graduates currently serve on PAL's board.

Shortly after its formation, PAL helped facilitate the formation of the first student Animal Law Society, which has become the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at the College of Law. The two organizations have partnered together on numerous projects, but two are especially noteworthy. First, Florida State Law students can, and have, satisfied their probono requirement by doing research on legal issues involving animals and assisting on actual cases. Second, the two organizations jointly sponsored the first Animal Legal Writing Competition.

Procurement: A Primer for Local Governments to Successfully Implement Sustainable Procurement Policies." He received a \$250 prize.



JAMIE KOZISEK is interning at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in the Hague this fall.



SALOMON LAGUERRE is an associate at Sterns Weaver Miller in Tampa. He will begin a two-year clerkship with Judge MARY S. SCRIVEN ('87), of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of

Florida, Orlando Division, in January.



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AUDREY K. RIERSON is an associate in Carlton Fields' Tampa office in the business litigation and trade regulation practice group. She was a 2010 Carlton Fields summer associate.

**COURTNEY RICHARDSON-JONES** is an assistant state attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orlando.

JESSICA SALTZ is an assistant public defender for the Orange/Osceola Office of the Public Defender.

ALAN SOMERSTEIN is an associate in the transactional real estate department of Ruden McClosky. He can be reached at 200 E.

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LAUREN VICKROY has been offered a clerkship with Chief Judge Joel Dubina of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals after her current clerkship for Chief Judge Robert Hinkle of the U.S.

District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee Division.

## In Memoriam

MILTON ALVIN GALBRAITH, JR. ('72) died on May 31, 2011. He was a City of St. Petersburg attorney and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

JUSTIN HOWARD, who would have graduated in the spring of 2011, passed away unexpectedly March 23, 2011. His degree was conferred posthumously.

RHODA K. JOHNSON ('05) died June 12, 2011, in Tallahassee. She was a senior attorney for the state of Florida.

EDWIN "THOM" RUMBERGER, a former member of the Florida State University College of Law Board of Visitors, passed away September 7, 2011, in Tallahassee. He was long-time attorney, Republican advocate and champion of the Everglades and a founding partner in the firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell.

DOUGLAS L. STOWELL ('69), president of the charter class of Florida State University College of Law, died June 19, 2011.

After holding several positions in Florida government, he opened a law firm with offices in Tallahassee and Destin. During 30 years in private practice, he represented the Florida Funeral Directors and wrote the Pre-Need Law that became the standard for most of the nation. He also represented the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

## "Lapointe," continued from page 7

had to his three kids. He and his wife, Andrise, married while Lapointe was in law school and had their first child, 11-year-old Eric, shortly after Lapointe graduated. Together with 8-year-old Alan and 4-year-old Nia, they live in Miramar.

In an effort to keep family ties strong, the Lapointes spend weekends visiting extended family whenever possible. Lapointe also coaches little league soccer every other season.

"My kids play and I get more excited than they do," said Lapointe. "I played in Haiti. It's a poor man's sport – all you need is a ball and rocks for your goal posts. Nia is showing more enthusiasm, though."

Lapointe also aspires to make a difference in the lives of other people's children. One of his many community service activities is volunteering at the Miami-Dade Juvenile Detention Center through Legal Up! – an organization that provides civic and life skills education to underprivileged juveniles and young adults in Miami-Dade County. Lapointe talks to the young people about moving their lives in the right direction and about dealing with law enforcement.

"I want to be a resource for the community," said Lapointe. "It's hard to be a practicing, productive lawyer and also be engaged with the community because each time you engage in something non-business, there is a cost. My goal is to get to a point where I'm able to do that in a seamless way."

## "Picazio," continued from page 9

family makes her a more passionate advocate for her clients. "As a lawyer, there are awesome responsibilities and obligations because you've got other people's lives in your hands. Lawyers have a lot of clients, but you must not forget how important you are to each client - they are sitting at home wondering about their case. They are talking to their neighbors and family members about what their lawyer is doing in their case. That is the topic of their conversation when they are in litigation, especially with family law.

"You have to continue to trudge on in your work life, and devote quality time to yourself and family. There are 24 hours in each day — eight for sleep, eight for work, and eight for yourself and family. That's the goal — that's balance. If you just manage your time and your life, it'll all work out just fine. But, never forget your importance to your kids or your clients."

# **Law School Adds New Faculty Members**

Six new tenure-track faculty members have joined the faculty of the College of Law this academic year.



University Professor **Steve Johnson** is a recognized national scholar on tax litigation and procedure, including legislative and administrative law topics in tax. He joined the law school from University of Nevada, Las Vegas Boyd School of Law, where he was a founding faculty member and the 2008 Outstanding Faculty Member. Prior to

entering law teaching, Johnson practiced tax law at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City, after which he served as a senior attorney with the IRS Chief Counsel's Office and a special assistant United States attorney in Jacksonville. He also has taught at Indiana University School of Law and visited at Chicago-Kent College of Law and University of California Hastings College of Law. He earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law and teaches Income Taxation, Partnership Taxation and Administrative Law.



Larson Professor **Jeffrey Kahn** focuses his scholarship on the federal tax area. He teaches primarily in the area of federal taxation, including personal income tax, corporate tax, partnership tax and international tax courses. He also has taught a seminar on tax policy. After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, Kahn worked

for three years as a tax associate in the Chicago office of McDermott, Will & Emery. He has served on the faculties of Washington & Lee School of Law, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law and Santa Clara University School of Law. He has also been a visiting professor at Vanderbilt University Law School, Stanford Law School, University of California Hastings College of Law and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law.



Jay Kesten, an assistant professor, received his LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 2002 and an LL.M. from Harvard Law in 2009. After graduating from law school, he clerked for the British Columbia Supreme Court. He also practiced for several years in Boston, most recently at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, where

he focused primarily on corporate and securities litigation. Professor Kesten has been a visiting assistant professor at the Wake Forest University School of Law, and also has guest lectured at Wake Forest's School of Business. His research concentrates on theoretical and empirical aspects of corporate governance. He teaches Corporate Finance, Corporations and Corporate Governance.



After graduating first in his class from Northwestern University School of Law in 2007, Assistant Professor **Mark Spottswood** clerked for both the Honorable Jeffrey S. Sutton, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

He is an emerging civil procedure and evidence scholar who focuses his research on the design of fact-finding environments, investigating how we can make legal and private dispute resolution processes more accurate, more acceptable and more cost-effective. He teaches Evidence and Federal Jurisdiction, as well as a first-year required course on Legislation and Regulation.

## "New Faculty Members" continued from page 36



Assistant Professor **Hannah Wiseman** will join the faculty in January. Her research explores the role of regulation in protecting the character of living spaces and environmental quality, from the sublocal to the national level. After graduating from Yale Law School in 2007, Wiseman clerked for the

Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She currently teaches at the University of Tulsa College of Law and is a fellow at the National Energy Policy Institute. She has taught a short course at Lewis and Clark Law School and has been a visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law. She will teach Energy Law, Environmental Law and Land Use Regulation.



Assistant Professor **Samuel R. Wiseman** also will join the faculty in January from the University of Tulsa College of Law. His research focuses on pre- and post-trial issues in criminal procedure, including the use of DNA evidence, post-conviction litigation, and the Eighth Amendment's prohibition

against excessive bail. After graduating from Yale Law School in 2007, he served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson of the Supreme Court of Texas and to Judge Fortunato P. Benavides of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Between 2009 and 2010, he served as a fellow in the Texas Solicitor General's Office, focusing on post-conviction litigation before the Fifth Circuit. He will teach Constitutional Law II, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure: Police.

# Faculty Articles Recognized For Excellence







**Robin Kundis Craig** 

Joseph Dodge

Mark Seidenfeld

Three Florida State Law faculty members — Robin Kundis Craig, Joseph Dodge and Mark Seidenfeld — have garnered national praise for their scholarship.

Craig's article, "Stationarity is dead' — long live transformation: Five principles for climate change adaption law," was ranked one of the top 10 environmental law articles of 2010 by the *Land Use and Environmental Law Review*. The article was originally published in the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*.

An article Dodge published in 2010 in the *Virginia Tax Review* was featured in *Jotwell*, a resource discussing the best new legal scholarship. No more than 10 articles each year about trusts and estates or tax are selected by *Jotwell* for review. Wendy Gerzog of the University of Baltimore School of Law wrote that Dodge "exhaustively covers this central question left unanswered by the Supreme Court in its 1984 *Dickman* decision" in "Revisiting *Dickman*: Are Loans of Tangible Property Gifts?"

Jotwell also featured a critique of Seidnefeld's forthcoming Texas Law Review article, "Substituting Substantive for Procedural Review of Guidance Documents." David L. Franklin of DePaul College of Law writes that Seidenfeld "seems ... to come the closest to hitting the mark" regarding policing "the line between those rules requiring notice and comment and those that do not."

# Professor's Report has International Impact



**David Landau** 

Assistant Professor David Landau, in collaboration with two colleagues from Harvard University and an attorney in Honduras, compiled a report for the

Commission on Truth and Reconciliation of Honduras. The group was asked to compile the report by the commission once a new president was elected and installed in the volatile country in 2009.

Landau and his colleagues focused on the constitutional issues surrounding the ouster of former President Manuel Zelaya Rosales, the actions leading up to his removal, and the court's lack of ability to act as impartial arbiters throughout the process. They went to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in January to conduct interviews and returned to Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala, in March to present their report to the commission.

"It was exciting to work on a project that had such important and direct practical implications," Landau said. "The report was a fascinating opportunity to apply constitutional theory to a severe political crisis that affected the lives of millions of people."

Landau — along with Harvard law professor Noah Feldman; Brian Sheppard, a Harvard Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) candidate and associate professor at Seton Hall University School of Law; and Leonidas Rosa Suazo, an attorney in Honduras — recommended reforms that became part of the commission's final report released in July. They also met with Lisa Kubiske, the U.S. ambassador to Honduras, shortly after she was confirmed by the

human rights are protected; and

3) Protecting processes of the constitutional reform from abuses by overreaching chief executives.

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Senate, to discuss the implications of the report on U.S. policy and the direction constitutional reforms might take.

"We are hopeful that our reform proposals will play some role in guiding Hondurans toward a more stable democracy and a brighter future," Landau said. "The report highlighted two dangers that have been endemic to Latin American politics: Military intervention in politics and the risk of a strong chief executive aggrandizing power to stay in office."

The report focused on several areas moving forward:

- 1) Clarifying the text of the constitution so institutional roles are clearer during a crisis;
- Improving the quality of the justice system so that the courts and not the military arbitrate crises and ensure

during the constitution-drafting process and will help to improve the quality of democracy in Honduras."

Read the final Report to the Commission on Truth and Reconciliation of Honduras: Constitutional Issues and a Los Angeles Times op-ed by Feldman, Landau and Sheppard at www.law.fsu. edu/faculty/dlandau.html.

## **Faculty Media Hits**

Fred Abbott was featured in a September 23 story on *Pharmalot.com*, "Essential Meds, Patents & NCDs: Abbott Explains." He also was quoted in a *Bloomberg* article, "Nestle, Glaxo Lobby UN Over 'Epidemic' Battle" on September 16.

Wendi Adelson and students in the law school's Medical Legal Partnership were featured in an article, "FSU program forges medical, legal partnership" in the *Florida Bar News* on October 1.

Paolo Annino was quoted in an October 6 St. Petersburg Times article, "Man who served 11 years fails to persuade Hillsborough judge to set him free." He and Public Interest Law Center students were featured in a Florida Bar Foundation story, "How Ashlyn got her sparkle back," in August. A St. Augustine Record article, "Teen sentences pose challenge," also quoted him on August 1.

**Shawn Bayern** was credited in *The New York Times* with the "historical game data" for a game to illustrate the use of artificial intelligence. It is based on data he gathered before attending law school.

Sandy D'Alemberte was mentioned in an editorial in the Pensacola News Journal on August 20, "Ruling is in: Florida's Constitution still matters." He also was quoted in a St. Petersburg Times article, "Blind woman invokes Monty Python in lawsuit against Rick Scott," on June 20 and was mentioned in a Tallahassee Democrat article, "Faculty panel at FSU to review Koch gift to university," on May 30. On January 27, he was quoted in a Pensacola News Journal article, "Kerrigan to be honored for good deeds."

Marshall Kapp was quoted in an ABC News Medical Unit blog, "Health Issue a Crutch for White Collar Crook?" on October 13. On August 18, he was quoted in International Business Times, in an article, "Elderly Couple Who Refused Nourishment Evicted From Retirement Home," and in an ABC News article, "Doctors Face High Risk of Malpractice Claims."

Larry Krieger was mentioned in a May 4 article in the State Bar of Wisconsin publication Weekly CaseLaw Express, "WisLAP seeks participation in an attorney research project targeting multiple factors affecting lawyers."

**David Landau** co-wrote an opinion piece, "Fixing Honduras," published in the *Los Angeles Times* on June 7.

Wayne Logan was quoted in a June 30 *Chicago Tribune* article, "Registry of freed killers proposed for Illinois: Legislation to list murderers for 10 years after their release goes to Quinn." He also was quoted in a June 7 *Miami Herald* column, "Florida 'justice' confounds Brits."

**Dan Markel** was a source for *Chicago Tribune* package of stories about fugitives fleeing the country to avoid justice on November 1.

Jim Rossi was quoted in a September 28 Stateline article, "Feds try fast-tracking energy transmission approvals — again." He was quoted on Florida Public Radio in an article, "Oral arguments over health care law start this week," on June 6.

Don Weidner and the Moot Court Team that captured a world title in South Africa on October 6 were featured in a Tallahassee Democrat article as well as a Miami Herald brief on October 10. On September 15, he was featured in a Florida Bar News story, "Weidner named one of nine transformative law deans." He appeared on WCTV TV's weekly Law Call program on August 21 and again on News13's August 14 program in a segment, "Careers in Law."

# FACULTY NOTES

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

#### Frederick M. Abbott

**EDWARD BALL EMINENT SCHOLAR** 

**Chapter:** *Emerging Market Pharmaceu*tical Supply: A Prescription for Sharing the Benefits of Global Information Flow, in THE GLOBAL FLOW OF INFORMATION 175 (R. Subramanian & E. Katz, editors) (New York University Press 2011). **Articles**: Trading's End: Is ACTA the Leading Edge of a Protectionist Wave? INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WATCH (May 6, 2011); Ninth Report of the Committee on International Trade Law (Abbott et al.), International Law Association, Report of the 74th Conference, The Hague (2010). **Presentations**: Cybersquatting v. Trademark Infringement – Reflections on Scope of the UDRP (Geneva, Switzerland, Annual Meeting of Domain Name Panelists at the World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Center, October 2011); Defending the Channels of Essential Goods: IP, Trade and Public Welfare, Panel on IP as an obstacle to (legitimate) trade – Basic policies, customs regulations & goods in transit (Singapore, 30th Annual ATRIP (International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property) Congress, July 2011); Report on Developments in the

Field of Trade and Intellectual Property (Geneva, Switzerland, Committee on International Trade Law, International Law Association, WTO Headquarters, July 2011); Elements for a Future International IP System (Munich, Germany, Max Planck Institute Workshop on Economic Partnership Agreements of the EU: A Step Ahead in Reforming International IP Law?, June 2011); IP and Innovation Policy: Paradigms for Development, Conference on Rethinking Intellectual Property and Development after 15 Years of the WTO TRIPS Agreement (New Delhi, India, Centre for WTO Studies, April 2011).

#### Tamara G. Blenkhorn

LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR

**Presentation**: Legal Research and Citation (Denver, Colorado, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants, October 2011).

#### **Curtis Bridgeman**

JAMES EDMUND & MARGARET ELIZABETH HENNESSEY CORRY PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presentations: Bots, Airline Miles, and the DMCA: Tortious Interference With Contractual Relations in a World of Standard-Form, End-User Consumer Contracts (Georgetown Law School Conference on Contract and Promise, September 2011); Are Mortgage Contracts Promises? (Sheffield University Transatlantic Perspectives on Contract Law Conference, September 2011)

#### **Donna R. Christie**

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

Article: Sea Level Rise and Gulf Beaches: The Specter of Judicial Takings, 26 J. LAND USE & ENVIL. L. 313 (2011).

#### **Robin Kundis Craig**

ATTORNEYS' TITLE PROFESSOR AND
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMS

Chapters: Standing and Procedural Due Process, in HANDBOOK OF Contemporary Environmental Constitutional Law 195-216, 277-302 (Jim May, editor) (American Bar Association 2011); The Atmosphere, the Oceans, Climate, and Ecosystem Services, in Climate Change: A Reader 261-273 (William H. Rodgers, Jr., Michael Robinson-Dorn, Jennifer K. Barcelos, & Anna T. Moritz, editors) (Carolina Academic Press 2011). Articles: Public Trust and Public Necessity Defenses to Taking Liability for Sea-Level Rise Responses on the Gulf Coast, 26 J. LAND USE & Envtl. L. 395 (2011) (symposium); Avoiding the Jellyfish Sea, or, What Do We Mean by Sustainable Oceans, Anyway?, 31 UTAH ENVTL. L. REV. 17 (2011) (symposium). Presentations: Public Health and Private Land (Vermont Law School, Second Annual Fall Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, September 2011); Ocean Governance for the 21st Century: Making Marine Zoning Climate Change Adaptable (University of Colo-

rado Law School & Duke University School of Law Climate Change Law & Policy Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 2011); The BP Oil Spill and Damages to Natural Resources: The Great Mystery (Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Panel Presentation: The Aftermath of the BP Oil Spill, July 2011); Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution in the U.S.: Progress, but Slow, on a Difficult Water Quality Problem (Victoria, Australia, Melbourne Water, May 2011) (Melbourne, Victoria Department of Sustainability and Environment, May 2011) (Brisbane, Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management, May 2011) (Melbourne, Victoria, Australian Agricultural Resource Economics Society, May 2011) (Melbourne, Victoria Department of Primary Industries, May 2011) (Melbourne, Victoria, Dairy Australia, May 2011); An Overview of the Clean Water Act and Nonpoint Source Pollution Controls (Victoria, Australia, University of Melbourne School of Law Special Summer, May 2011); Ocean Resilience, Place-Based Marine Management, and Climate Change (Northwestern Law School, Searle Research Roundtable on Climate Change Adaptation and Environmental Law, April 2011). **Recognitions:** The Maine Supreme Judicial Court and the Texas Supreme Court cited articles written by Craig in August and May respectively.

#### Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte

PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND PROFESSOR

Presentations: Lessons Learned? Media and the State Courts (Florida Supreme Court, 2011 Reporter's Workshop,

October 2011); Florida's Impact on Legal Services (Lakeland, Keynote Speaker at Florida Legal Services Conference, September 2011); Pathways to Abolition: Domestic and International (Orlando, Keynote Speaker at Life Over Death Conference, September 2011); Moderator: Federal Judicial Roundtable (Florida Bar Conference, June 2011). Recognition: Received the 2011 LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award from Leadership Florida.

#### Joseph M. Dodge

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER
ALHADEFF & SITTERSON PROFESSOR

Articles: Passing Estate Tax Values Through the Eye of the Needle (with Calvin Johnson), 132 Tax Notes 939 (2011); Retained Interest Transfers under the Estate and Gift Tax, 133 Tax Notes 235 (October 10, 2011).

#### **Charles W. Ehrhardt**

**EMERITUS PROFESSOR** 

**Book:** FLORIDA EVIDENCE (2011 ed., Thomson-West). **Recognition:** Appointed in June to serve as an impartial appeals judge for the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

#### Adam J. Hirsch

WILLIAM & CATHERINE VANDERCREEK PROFESSOR

Article: Freedom of Testation / Freedom of Contract, 95 Minn. L. Rev. 2180 (2011).

#### Steve R. Johnson

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

Article: Mayo and the Future of Tax Regulations, 130 Tax Notes 1547 (2011); Taxes, Free Expression, and Adult Entertainment, 62 State Tax Notes 103 (October 10, 2011); New Light on Auer/Seminole Rock Deference, 61 STATE TAX NOTES 441 (August 15, 2011); Cohen: Hard Case Makes (Semi) Bad Law, 31 ABA Section of Taxa-TION NEWSQUARTERLY 12 (Fall 2011); Deference to Tax Agencies' Interpretation of Their Regulations, 60 State Tax Notes 665 (May 30, 2011); Conditional Deference to Tax Authorities, 60 STATE TAX NOTES 269 (April 25, 2011). **Presentations:** *Keynote Speech* (University of Alabama Tax LL.M. Program Graduation Ceremony, August 2011); Spreading the Mayo over the Tax Laws (Houston, Texas, Texas Bar CLE, 29th Annual Advanced Tax Law Course, August 2011).

#### Jeffrey H. Kahn

LARSON PROFESSOR

**Book:** Federal Income Tax (with Douglas Kahn) (6th ed., Thomson/West 2011).

#### Marshall B. Kapp

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE
COLLABORATION IN MEDICINE & LAW AND
COURTESY PROFESSOR OF LAW

Chapter: Legal Aspects of Geriatric Surgery, in Cardiothoracic Surgery in the Elderly 79-87 (Mark R. Katlic, editor) (New York: Springer 2011). Articles: What Do Medical Students Think About the Law? Report of a Focus Group, 21 Legal Med. Perspectives 62 (July/ August 2011) (with Baker & Turner); Conscripted Physician Services and the Public's Health, 39 J. L. Med. & Ethics 414 (2011). Presentations: The Future of Cardiovascular Medicine: Selected Legal Issues (Dayton, Ohio, The Health Institute of Dayton, Conference on The

Future of CV Medicine: A Sociological Perspective, October 2011); A Legal Approach to the Use of Human Biological Materials for Research Purposes (Creighton University, Conference on The Use of Human Tissue and Public Trust: The Chasm Between Science and Ethics, September 2011); Beyond Advance Directives: Implementing the POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Paradigm in Florida (St. Petersburg Beach, Florida Conference on Aging sponsored by Florida Council on Aging, Panelist, August 2011); Elder Law and Health Care Reform (Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Panelist, July 2011); Humanizing the Legal Risk Management Education of Medical Students (Chicago, Annual Health Law Professors Conference sponsored by American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, June 2011); Let There Be Law: Empowering Aging Families (Brandeis University, Keynote Address at Spring Conference of the Massachusetts Gerontology Association, May 2011).

#### **David E. Landau**

#### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Report: Report to the Commission on Truth and Reconciliation of Honduras: Constitutional Issues, Commission on Truth and Reconciliation of Honduras (in English and Spanish) (2011) (with Noah Feldman & Brian Sheppard). Presentations: The Reality of Social Rights Enforcement (Bogota, Colombia, Pontifica Universidad Javeriana, August 2011) (San Francisco, Law & Society Annual Meeting, June 2011); The Reality of Social Rights Enforcement in Colombia

(Bogota, Colombia, Harvard-MIT Club of Bogota, June 2011); Final Report to the Commission of Truth and Reconciliation of Honduras: Constitutional Issues (Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala, with Noah Feldman & Brian Sheppard, March 2011).

#### **Tahirih V. Lee**

#### ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Article: Media Products as Law: The Mass Media as Enforcers and Sources of Law in China, 30 Denv. J. Int'l L. & Pol'y 437 (2011). Presentations: The Quality of Lawyering Before the International Tribunals of China in the 1920s and 1930s (University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Symposium in honor of Hungdah Chiu, October, 2011); The Risk of Tort Liability to Chinese Businesses in the United States (Atlanta, Georgia, Conference on US-China Legal Exchange, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, October 2011).

#### **Jake Linford**

#### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Article: A Second Look at the Right of First Publication, 58 J. COPYRIGHT Soc'y U.S.A. 101 (2011). Presentations: Controlled Transformation and the Alchemy of Trademark Protection (DePaul University College of Law, 11th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, August 2011) (San Francisco, Second Annual International Trademark Symposium, May 2011).

#### Wayne A. Logan

#### GARY & SALLYN PAJCIC PROFESSOR

Articles: Police Mistakes of Law, 61 EMORY L.J. 69 (2011); "Mosaic Theory"

and Megan's Laws, 2011 CARDOZO L. REV. DE NOVO 95. **Presentation:** Megan's Law as a Case Study in Political Stasis (Boston, Massachusetts, Annual Meeting of American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, October 2011).

#### Dan Markel

#### D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR

Articles: Beyond Experience: Getting Retributive Justice Right (with Chad Flanders & David Gray), 99 CAL. L. Rev. 605 (2011) (essay); A Judge for Justice (Tribute for Senior Judge Michael Daly Hawkins), 42 Ariz. St. L.J. 57 (2011); Revisiting the Taxation of Punitive Damages (with Gregg Polsky), 97 Va. L. Rev. In Brief 73 (2011). **Presentations:** What Don't We Know About Family Ties and Criminal Justice? Notes for a Research Agenda (New York University School of Law, October 2011); Making Punishment Safe for Democracy: A Reply to Professors Bowers, Cahill & Duff (New York University School of Law Criminal Law Theory Colloquium, September 2011); Moderator/Discussant for Vice and the Volenti Maxim (Rutgers-Newark Conference on Vice and Crime, September 2011); Retributive Justice and the Demands of Democratic Citizenship (Suffolk Law School, September 2011) (University of Iowa College of Law, August 2011) (San Francisco, Law and Society, June 2011); (How) Can Blogs Build a Better Academic Legal Community? (Hilton Head, South Carolina, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2011).

#### Jim Rossi

HARRY M. WALBORSKY PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH

Article: Assessing the State of State Constitutionalism, 109 MICH. L. REV. 1145 (2011) (book review). **Presentations**: Smart Meters With Dumb Prices? (Quebec, Canada, NSF Interdisciplinary Workshop on Future of Smart Grids, Organized by Carleton University/ University of Minnesota, October 2011); Federal Preemption Themes in FERC Order No. 1000 (Nashville, Tennessee, Harvard Electricity Policy Group, September 2011); Clean Energy and the *Price Preemption Ceiling* (University of Minnesota Law School Faculty Workshop, September 2011); Revisiting the Institutional Ways Law Schools Promote Scholarship in Light of the Economy and Other Fundamental Challenges Facing Legal Education (Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools, July 2011); Collaborative Governance in the Regulation of Smart Vehicles (Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Institute Discussion Workshop on Smart Vehicle Standards, June 2011); Agency Coordination in Shared Regulatory Space (University of Minnesota Law School Faculty Workshop, May 2011).

#### **Mark Spottswood**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Article**: *Live Hearings and Paper Trials*, 38 Fla. St. U. L. Rev. 827 (2011).

#### Nat S. Stern

JOHN W. & ASHLEY E. FROST PROFESSOR

**Article:** The Subordinate Status of Negative Speech Rights, 59 Buff. L. Rev. 847 (2011).

#### Ruth E. Stone

**CLINICAL PROFESSOR** 

Presentation: Domestic and Other Violence in the Practice of Family Law (Tallahassee, North Florida Legal Services Office Lunch and Learn, July 2011).

#### Fernando Tesón

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR

Articles: Enabling Monsters: A Reply to Professor Miller, 25 ETHICS & INT'L AFF. 165 (2011); Humanitarian Intervention: Loose Ends, 10 J. MIL. ETHICS 192 (2011). Presentation: Keynote Speech (Nova University of Lisbon, Portugal, Conference on Global Justice, July 2011).

#### Manuel A. Utset, Jr.

CHARLES W. EHRHARDT PROFESSOR

Article: Complex Financial Institutions and Systemic Risk, 45 GA. L. Rev. 779 (2011).

#### **Donald J. Weidner**

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL

**PROFESSOR** 

Book: The Revised Uniform Part-Nership Act (with Robert W. Hillman and Allan W. Vestal) (West 2011) (successor to 1998-2010 editions). Recognition: Appointed in June to serve as an impartial appeals judge for the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

#### **Hannah Wiseman**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2012)

Articles: Expanding Regional Renewable Governance (with Garrick Pursley), 35 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 477 (2011); Local Energy, 60 EMORY L.J. 877 (2011); Formulating a Law of Sustainable Energy: The Renewables Component (with Lindsay Grisamer & E. Nichole Saunders), 28 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 827 (2011) (invited contribution); Trade Secrets, Disclosure, and Dissent in a Fracturing Energy Revolution, 111 COLUM. L. Rev. Sidebar 1 (2011). Presentations: Expanding Regional Renewable Energy Governance (Stevenson, Washington, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2011 Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, Panelist, May 2011); Hydraulic Fracturing and Water Quality Regulations: A Brief Description (Tulsa, Oklahoma, CLE International, Oklahoma Water Law, Panelist, May 2011); Public Communities, Private Rules (Boston, Massachusetts, American Planning Association, National Planning Conference, Panelist, April 2011).

#### Samuel Wiseman

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2012)

Article: McDonald's Other Right, 97 VA. L. Rev. In Brief 23 (2011).

# **Record Four Law Students Selected as Gubernatorial Fellows**

Nicole Blanton (3L), Judson Searcy (3L), James VanLandingham (2L) and Lorraine Young (3L) are members of the newest class of Florida Gubernatorial Fellows. This is the Gubernatorial Fellows' seventh class since the program's inception and the largest representation Florida State University College of Law has had in any one class. A total of nine Florida State law students have obtained highly competitive Gubernatorial Fellowships during the past three years.

Students who are named Gubernatorial Fellows are matched by the Fellowship director and agency heads for positions and projects that suit their interests and expertise. They work a minimum of 20 hours per week and are paid. To broaden their exposure to state government and enhance their experience, they also meet weekly as a group to participate in educational activities such as presentations, news conferences, budget briefings and policy briefings.

Blanton is working in the Department of Juvenile Justice on identifying, analyzing and recommending the implementation of evidence-based or best practices for juvenile justice reform as supported by scientific studies. She also is working on reducing the unnecessary use of secure detention and residential commitment while ensuring public safety and assisting with legislative initiatives.

"I hope to gain first hand insight into how a state agency runs on a day-to-day basis," Blanton said. "I want to learn how executive branch agencies interact with the Legislature during session and how juvenile justice reforms can positively impact our state, communities and kids."

Searcy is working for the general counsel of the Department of Elder Affairs. He is conducting legal research and drafting various legal documents.

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"The elderly are the largest and the most quickly growing population in Florida and one of the most vulnerable," Searcy said. "I hope to gain a better understanding of how the state interacts with the elderly community, and how it serves the plethora of needs that are unique to their group."

At the Department of Economic Opportunity's general counsel's office, VanLandingham is performing legal research and writing on Florida constitutional, statutory and administrative questions. He also is assisting with communications and legislative affairs.

"I am looking forward to learning more about Florida constitutional law and how legal issues affect the management of a large, dynamic and important state agency engaged in the effort to reduce joblessness and put Floridians back to work," VanLandingham said.

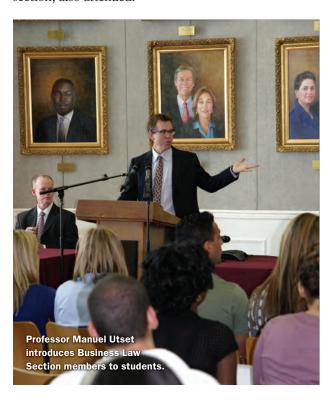
Young is working for the general counsel of the Department of Management Services (DMS), providing legal clerking services.

"More than anything, I want to leave the Department of Management Services and this fellowship being equipped with knowledge and confidence necessary to effect change in my own community," Young said.

Young has been featured in a "Fellow Spotlight" on the Gubernatorial Fellows Web site. According to the article, she assists the Office of Supplier Diversity in reaching out to minority businesses, helps the Division of State Group Insurance and Division of Retirement ensure public employees receive accurate, well-earned benefits, and helps DMS create legally sound, cost-efficient procedures for state procurements and acquisitions in the future.

## Florida Bar Business Law Section Hosts Meet and Greet

The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar and the Business Law Society of Florida State University College of Law hosted a meet and greet at the law school on October 5. Alan Howard Aronson, a shareholder with Akerman Senterfitt LLP in Miami and a member of the membership committee of the section, led the discussion, during which he and other members of the Business Law Section informed students of the various ways a student can become involved with the section. They also spoke about many benefits that would come from being a student member, such as more networking opportunities and career opportunities. Approximately 90 students attended the session. Jodi Daniel Cooke, an associate at Beggs & Lane in Pensacola, and William B. Wiley ('74), a Tallahassee attorney who lobbies for the section, also attended.



## Law School Ranked Third Best in Nation for Hispanic Students



Nancy Benavides

Hispanic Business magazine has named Florida State University College of Law the third best law school in the nation for Hispanic students in its September 2011 issue. This is the eighth year in a row that the College of Law has been named one of the top 10 law schools for Hispanic students.

The magazine based its ranking on the following criteria: Hispanic student

enrollment, Hispanic faculty members, degrees conferred to Hispanics, progressive programs aimed at increasing enrollment of Hispanic students and school reputation as reflected in *U.S. News & World Report*.

"Many law schools view Hispanic students as a statistic, a raw number used to send a message, make a statement," said Manuel Utset, the law school's Charles W. Ehrhardt Professor and a Cuban-American, raised in Miami. "What is unique about the College of Law is that everyone, from the administration on down, treats each and every student as individuals. If you are Hispanic, you are embraced as part of the College of Law family, because of who YOU are — a student, who is Hispanic, and who is special many other ways. I cannot think of a better way to create a truly diverse law school."

"We are all thrilled to be named the nation's number three law school for Hispanic students," said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Nancy Benavides. "It is our mission every day to make sure all of our students feel welcomed, supported and have everything they need to succeed in law school and beyond."

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jonathan Baker (3L) won this year's Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar and Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company's essay contest for Florida law students. As a result, Baker's article, "Flying in the Clouds: Practicing Law by Cloud Computing," was published in the November issue of the Florida Bar Journal.



Amanda Blair was named to the 2012-2013 board of directors for the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students as the Southeastern Regional Chair.

**Nicole Blanton (3L)** is an American Bar Association Law Student Division liaison for the State and Local Government Law Section of the ABA.



Molly Drake (3L) will clerk for Chief Judge Shraon L. Blackburn of the Northern District of Alabama in 2012-13. She already had secured a clerkship

with Judge William Pryor of the Eleventh Circuit for 2013-14.



**Samuel Farkas** (3L) was a summer associate with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. in 2011.

Amanda Gibson (3L) was a summer law clerk at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Melbourne. She was among only 12 summer associates in the firm's 2011 Summer Law Clerk program.



Alex Haddad (3L), the Student Bar Association president, was named to the 2011 Florida State University Homecoming Court.



Daniela Hogue (3L) received a Florida Bar Foundation Summer Fellowship. She was the Rebecca Knox Summer Fellow at Coast-to-Coast Legal Aid.



Sarah Huff (3L) was a summer law clerk at GrayRobinson, P.A. in Orlando. She was among only 12 summer associates in the firm's 2011 Summer Law Clerk program.



Logan McEwan (3L) received an Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences Mark Beaumont Scholarship totalling \$2,500 to help pursue his career in interactive entertainment.



**G.C. Murray (3L)** was appointed chief justice by the Student Government Association president of Florida State University. The position is the highest ranking

member of the judicial branch and the Student Supreme Court. The appointee must go through an interview process with both the Student Bar Association and SGA president. He or she is then screened by the Judiciary Committee of the SGA before being brought before the SGA Senators for confirmation. The chief justice appoints the general counsel, university defender, clerk of court and election commission. He also authors opinions on cases brought before the court, offers advisory opinions and more. Murray was also named to the 2012-2013 board of directors for the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students as the national director of social justice.

**Tara Klimek Price (3L)** will clerk for The Honorable Robert Hinkle of the United States District Court Northern District of Florida after she graduates in 2012.

**Lauren Ryan (3L)** was elected president of the Law Students Division of The Florida Bar.

Trevor Smith (2L) received a \$2,500 scholarship from The Animal Legal Defense Fund. He was one of seven students to receive an Advancement of Animal Law Scholarship. He also spent last summer as a legal intern for the Animal Welfare Institute, tackling federal regulatory issues affecting wildlife and animals in agriculture. He will spend the summer of 2012 as a clerk for the nationally renowned, D.C.-based public interest law firm of Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal.



Haley Van Erem (2L) received a Florida Bar Foundation Summer Fellowship and was the Terry Russell Summer Fellow, working at Legal Services of North Florida this summer.

## Networking Nosh with Secretary Lawson



On October 25, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Ken Lawson ('91) met with a small group of students for lunch at the law school. The topic of his Networking Nosh session was, "Legal Career as a Federal Government Attorney." Secretary Lawson was appointed to his current position in March of 2011. With experience that includes having served as an assistant U.S. attorney, as assistant secretary of enforcement for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and as assistant chief counsel for field operations with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration, he shared insight on being a federal government attorney.

# **Bacchus Visits the Law School**

James L. Bacchus ('79) spoke about "America's Leadership in a Globalized World" at the law school on November 14. He is a chair of the Global Practice Group at Greenberg-Traurig, LLP in Washington, D.C., and has served the country in a variety of ways throughout his career. Previously a widely praised member of the United States House of Representatives who accomplished many bi-partisan legislative efforts, he then became a founding member of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization.



He served two eight-year terms, twice serving as chairman.

Bacchus opened his lunchtime talk to about 100 students by offering his impressions of America as other countries see this nation. After a lifetime of traveling the globe, he is more uniquely qualified than many to express these thoughts. Over the course of the previous five weeks alone, he had been on four continents and in half a dozen countries. He described the divisive nature of politics in Washington currently and reiterated that we are "one nation, one world — we cannot escape that." Bacchus also reminded students that this country was founded on compromises, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

"As a judge on the international court, I've decided more cases than anyone else on the planet ... not one of those decisions was unanimous," Bacchus said. "This political paralysis is holding us back."

Bacchus also spoke to students in Professor Fred Abbott's International Trade Law course immediately after the luncheon.

# **Mock Trial Team Wins FJA Competition Again**



For a second year in a row, the Florida State University College of Law Mock Trial Team won first place in the E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition. The 2011 competition, hosted by the Florida Justice Association Young Lawyers Section, was held in Tampa on November 5-6.

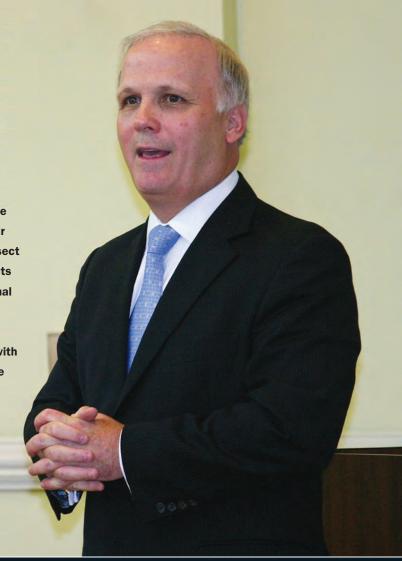
Winning team members are third-year students Raul Arispe, of Los Angeles, California, and Marshawn Griffin, of Pensacola, Florida, and second-year students Joey Chindamo, of Longwood, Florida, and Jennito Simon, of Pompano Beach, Florida. They were coached by Tallahassee attorneys Dana Brooks ('07), who is a shareholder at Eubanks, Barrett, Fasig & Brooks, and Matt Liebenhaut ('05), who practices at the Law Office of Matt Liebenhaut.

"We are all so proud of our Mock Trial Team for winning this important statewide competition for a second year in a row," said Dean Don Weidner. "Special thanks go to the student competitors and to their coaches."

Other law schools competing in the event were University of Miami, Stetson University, Florida Coastal School of Law, Florida International University and Nova Southeastern University. Each school sent two teams to the competition.

Dr. Mark S. Ellis ('84), executive director of the International Bar Association in London, spoke at a luncheon meeting of the International Law Students Association (ILSA) on October 11. He encouraged the approximately 70 students who attended in their interest in international law and said the areas of law that intersect with international law are almost limitless. Ellis engaged students by discussing a recent legal and ethical question the International Bar has dealt with.

This semester, Ellis is co-teaching International Human Rights with Professor Sandy D'Alemberte, who was also in attendance at the ILSA meeting.



### CLOSING NOTES...

The 2011 entering class has a median LSAT of 162 and a median GPA of 3.47.

Students and faculty at the law and medical schools work together through the Medical-Legal Partnership — a new clinic within the Public Interest Law Center.

Within nine months of graduation, approximately 91% of Class of 2010 graduates were employed, with an additional 2% pursuing further graduate studies.

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