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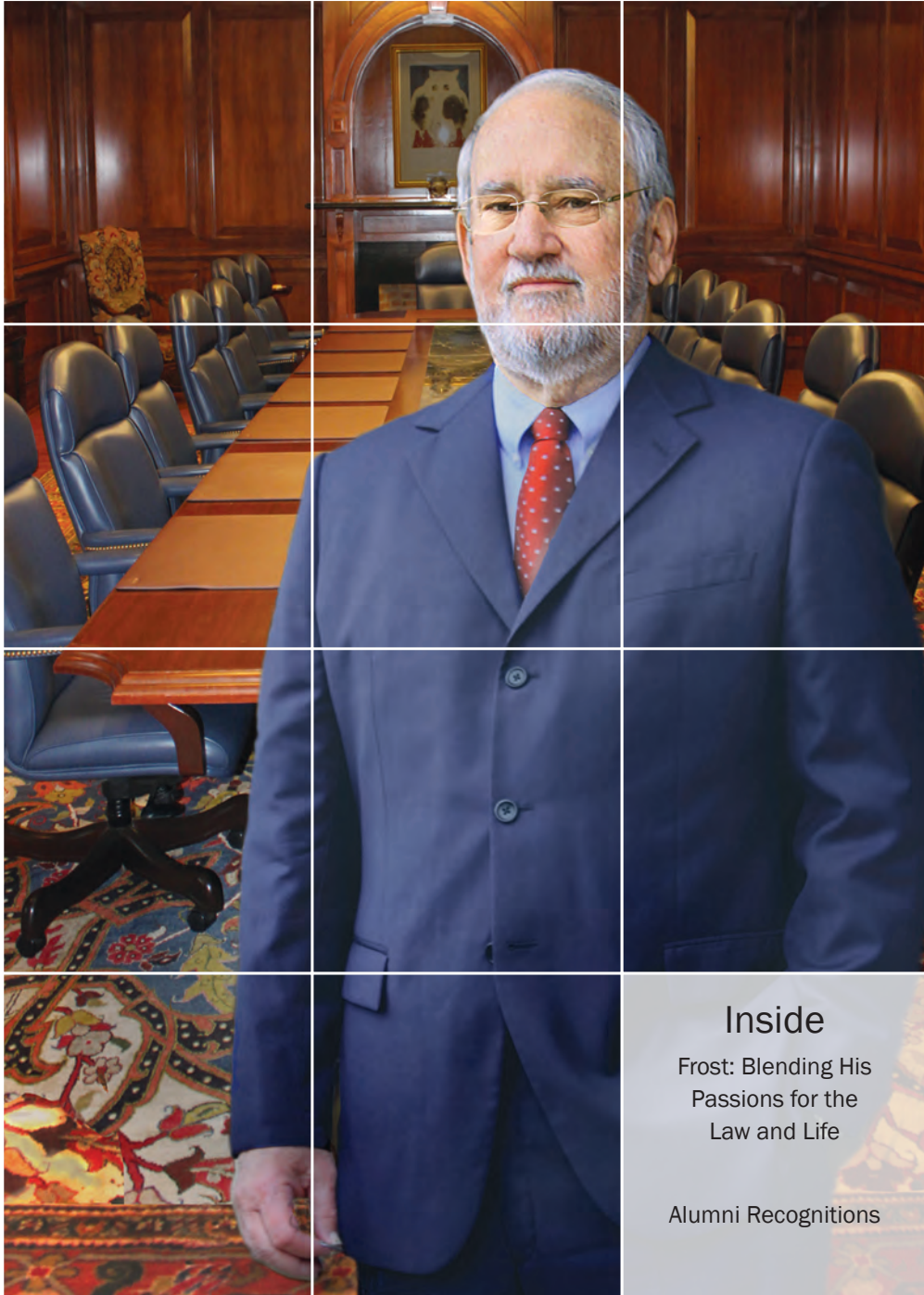
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# FLORIDA STATE LAW



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## A Great Spring



This has been a busy and successful spring for us here at the law school.

### Basic Student Outcomes

We all take great pride in the 96% passing rate our December graduates racked up on this February's administration of the Florida Bar Exam. That left us with the highest bar passage rate in the State on the February exam. Although only a relatively small number of candidates takes the February exam, the combined success of the Florida State first-time test takers in July and February also left us first in Florida on an annual basis.

We are also proud of the successes our students are having landing jobs. In March, *U.S. News & World Report* rated us the nation's 23<sup>rd</sup> best, and Florida's best, in terms of the percentage of 2011 graduates employed within 9 months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar admission-required or J.D.-preferred jobs. In part as a result of this success on the job placement front, we received our highest-ever overall ranking in *U.S. News*: 48<sup>th</sup> best in the nation. I relay this both with enthusiasm and with the cautionary word that *U.S. News* and other rankings are often volatile.

### Taking Professional Engagement To A New Level

We are continually increasing the professional engagement of students and faculty. A few examples from this spring semester alone indicate our new reality.

In January, Professor Sam Wiseman moderated an American Bar Association Roundtable here at the law school. The program was entitled: Pre-Trial Risk Assessment and Community Supervision: Tools to Advance Public Safety. The variety of people participating is indicated by the range of co-sponsors: the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida State University Project on Accountable Justice and, of course, the College of Law.

In February, we co-hosted a law and medicine conference with the College of Medicine. Professor Marshall Kapp, who has a joint appointment at the College of Law and the College of Medicine, organized the conference on Health Care Reform, which focused on the United States Supreme Court's decision on the Affordable Health Care Act. Several law faculty members addressed the conference of health care professionals: Paolo Annino, Jeff Kahn and Mark Seidenfeld.

The co-sponsored conference was part of our broader attempt to engage medical students and faculty with law students and faculty.

Thanks to the efforts of our federal income tax professors Joseph Dodge, Jeff Kahn and Steve Johnson, in March we produced and hosted a national conference on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federal income tax. Tax scholars came from all across the country to present papers. Tax lawyers and analysts from throughout Florida were invited to attend. The students on our *Florida State University Law Review* will be publishing a symposium issue with eight major articles presented at the conference as well as at least three responsive articles.

Also in March, thanks to the efforts of Professor Ruth Stone, Faculty Advisor to the Mock Trial Team, and to an endowment from Wayne and Pat Hogan, we hosted our first national Mock Trial Invitational Competition. Mock Trial Teams from across the nation came to compete in the five new courtrooms in our Advocacy Center. The student competitors and their coaches all raved about the impressiveness of our new facilities and about the graciousness and efficiency with which the competition was run. Ruth and the Mock Trial students made us all proud! Many Florida judges and lawyers, both alums and non-alums, gave generously of their time to serve as judges in the two-day competition. We are all in their debt.

As a new experiment in engagement, we conducted our first-ever spring break course. The course was designed with a special emphasis on bringing into the classroom some of the key players in the area, from lawyers to business people to government officials. The course, Law and Risk Management, was taught by alum and insurance expert Fred Karlinsky. The course focused on the law and economics of the assignment of risk in the insurance and reinsurance markets.

Finally, I want to thank John Frost and all the other donors and friends highlighted in this issue who have put the icing on our spring cake. Without you, we are nothing. With you, the sky's the limit!

Thank you all!

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

**Don Weidner**

*Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor*

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**Correction:** In the annual report portion of the fall 2012 issue of *Florida State Law*, Peter Papagianakis should have been listed in the 'Barrister's Council: \$1,000 - \$1,999' category. He was incorrectly listed in the 'Counselor's Club: \$500 - \$999' category.





# John W. Frost, II: Blending His Passions for the Law and Life

By Christi N. Morgan

**A**lumnus John W. Frost, II represents many firsts for the Florida State University College of Law. He was a member of the school's first Moot Court Team, graduated as part of the school's charter class, was the first alumnus to be a major donor and was the first donor to name a courtroom in the Advocacy Center. Perhaps most notable is the fact that Frost, who is a former president of the law school's student body, was the first Florida State law graduate to serve as president of The Florida Bar. He served in the top post from 1996-97.

Frost's path to the presidency started early in his legal career. As a young associate in the Bartow office of Holland & Knight, Chesterfield Smith impressed upon Frost the importance of being involved in and bettering the organized Bar. In his groundbreaking fashion, Frost quickly took that advice to heart and started serving on the Board of Governors for the Bar's Young Lawyers Section just two years out of law school. He became president of that board in 1978.

"I've always felt that Bar work is important," said Frost, who has been a leader in the attorney professionalism movement. "It gives you the opportunity to meet and be involved with what I consider a group of wonderful lawyers who are really dedicated and care about making this profession better, and care

about individuals and care about their clients. It's been a rewarding experience for me to be involved with those types of individuals."

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Before the former Florida Supreme Court chief justice was elevated to the bench, Grimes was a partner in Holland & Knight's litigation department in Bartow.

"I graduated and went to work mainly doing insurance defense work – carried Steve's briefcase," said Frost, who has remained in Bartow for his entire legal career. "Justice Grimes was a real treat to work for. I had the opportunity to work with him for about five years before he went on the Second District Court of Appeal. Steve taught me, 'don't leave any rock unturned' and 'do your own legal research.' I remember after he was on the Supreme Court and I was up there for an oral argument, I went in the law library and here was Steve doing his own research. He taught me the right way to practice law."

Grimes also served as an excellent

example of how to balance family and law practice. And it is very obvious from just one conversation with Frost that his wife, children and grandkids mean the world to him.

Frost's wife, Terry, has been supportively by his side since before he entered law school. The Frosts were living and

working in South Florida – Terry was an editor at a *Miami Herald* bureau and John was in the management program at City Service Oil Company – when Frost decided to go to law school. As fate would have it, Terry's company had recently acquired the *Tallahassee Democrat* and agreed to transfer her to the capital city so Frost could attend Florida State.

The Frosts have two daughters – Ashley Frost Bedell and Kerry Frost Callahan – and five grandchildren ranging from age 2 to 10. Following in her father's footsteps, Bedell graduated from Florida State Law in 1994. Bedell readily admits that she "thought a lot of him as an attorney and that definitely had a lot to do with her going to law school." Following in their mother's footsteps, both daughters currently are full-time moms.

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“Ashley lives in Orlando and Kerry lives in Tampa, so they are about an hour and 15 minutes away from us either way. We see them two or three times a month. If I knew that grandchildren were going to be this great, I’d have had them first,” joked Frost. “Terry and I are taking four of them – all but the two-year-old – on a Disney cruise in June. As a family we also spend a week in Cape Cod in July. The boys are involved in baseball, football and basketball, so we go over and see that. The girls are more involved in dance and art and we go over and see that. On 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day weekends, we have a place up at Amelia Island and all eleven of us (plus two large Labrador Retrievers) go up there!”

“He gives us all great opportunities to travel because he loves to do that,” said Callahan. “And it’s fun to go with him because he likes it so much. My girls get to go to a lot of cool places that they wouldn’t otherwise get to see. And they did that for Ashley and me when we were growing up. We went somewhere every summer – and usually somewhere different so we had new experiences and new things to learn. We would get up and start first thing in the morning and go all day long.”

It is fitting that the Frosts met in a Journalism class at the University of Florida and that their first date was to a Gator basketball game. In addition to supporting the law school, Frost also is very engaged with his undergraduate alma mater. The Frosts hold season tickets for a variety of UF sports – including football, baseball and basketball. Frost is a Legacy Director and past president of Gator Boosters, Inc., and serves on the

University of Florida Foundation Board of Directors. And while Terry is now an enthusiastic fan of the Gator sports teams, that wasn’t always the case.

“I think she had to learn just to be able to survive because she was not a big sports fan,” said Frost. “She is a huge

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sports fan now. I think we were tied in our bracket picks for March Madness. We have a family bracket and last year our oldest grandson won it.”

Terry Frost recalled that her husband’s passion for sports was contagious – impacting their daughters from very young ages. “They grew up playing at the softball field while their daddy played ball,” said Terry Frost. “The first time we ever went to a play and it got to be intermission, one of them turned to us and said, ‘Is it halftime?’ They were very much turned into sports fans before they were turned into fans of the law, which they both are.”

“I tell people that I was the only son my dad ever had,” joked Bedell about the man that her sons call Frosty. “In first grade I could name all the Dodgers and their starting positions; he bribed me, though, with a promise to buy me a Dodger uniform if I did that and I am still waiting for that uniform. And we’ve gone to Gator games since I was 4.”

When Frost isn’t traveling to watch his Gators compete in college towns throughout the southeastern United States, he is likely boarding a plane for Las Vegas.

“I play some blackjack tournaments out there – I love to play blackjack,”

said Frost. “For me, it’s a total escape. When I play blackjack, I don’t think about anything else but the cards. So it gives me time to just get away and escape and not think about the office, clients or anything.”

The art and theater connoisseur also enjoys escaping to New York City and in recent years he has visited Australia, New Zealand and the Galapagos Islands. But he doesn’t have to venture far to indulge his love of art, as the Polk Museum of Art is “excellent” for a city the size of Lakeland.

“I love art – especially glass,” said Frost, whose law office showcases many works of art. “Chihuly is one of my favorite glass blowers. They have a Chihuly exhibit in St. Pete and a great exhibit of his in the Orlando museum. Whenever we have an opportunity, wherever we go, we try to check out the art.”

Frost’s passions also include his work. He discovered his love of trial law when



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he was a member of the Moot Court Team during his 3L year.

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Since founding Frost Van den Boom & Smith in 1981, Frost has exclusively been involved in trial work. The statewide civil trial firm concentrates on personal injury, medical malpractice, commercial litigation and family law issues.

“I love it, and there is nothing else I can figure out I would do. And my wife says I cannot retire to just come home,” joked Frost. “I love the opportunity to help people. Most of the issues we deal with – people are coming to you to try and get help. It’s going to affect the rest of their lives and so you get the opportunity to deal with these problems and to try and make things better for them.”

“He is really compassionate,” said Callahan. “So the people that come into his office who are hurting and need help – who have lost loved ones or have been wronged – he really, really, really wants to help them. He wants to be their saving grace. And he is very much about fairness. He wants people to be held accountable.”

“When he champions a cause, there is absolutely nothing that is going to stop him from giving 110% to making sure he prevails,” said Bedell. “He takes on a case and his clients so personally,

but yet so professionally in the law, that when he blends those two things, he is going to win at the end of the day. I wouldn’t want to go up against him.”

Former Chief Justice Grimes remembers what a strong advocate Frost was at Holland & Knight:

“I think I can fairly say, he was the finest young lawyer I ever worked with, particularly in litigation,” recalled Grimes. “To be an effective trial lawyer, you have to have courage to take positions in the court and to be aggressive at times and to know when not to be aggressive. He had all of the characteristics, I thought, to be a great trial lawyer.”

“I admire the way he takes his clients’ issues seriously; I admire his courteous treatment of them,” added Terry Frost. “It’s exciting to me to see him excited about what he is doing. I think we are very blessed to have him be in a situation where he still loves his work. If I were going to hire a lawyer, I’d certainly want to hire someone with his passion.”

During the past two decades, Frost Van den Boom & Smith has flourished through word of mouth and referrals, as Frost chooses to not advertise. The 10-attorney firm is still growing, and will soon open an office in Gainesville.

Because he feels indebted to the law school for his success, Frost has chosen to generously support the College of Law. He has given four major gifts during the past two decades, the most recent of which was a \$1 million gift to supplement two existing endowments – the “John W. Frost II Moot Court Endowment” and the “John W. and Ashley E. Frost Endowed Professorship.” As a result of his most recent

gift, the former First District Court of Appeal courtroom in the Advocacy Center is named in Frost’s honor. The trial courtroom in Frost’s office served as a model for the new trial courtrooms in the Advocacy Center.

“I don’t know what I would be doing if it weren’t for FSU Law School. They gave me the opportunity to be involved and work in an area that I just love. I love the practice of law. I am a firm believer in giving back and I owe my success to those individuals who gave me the opportunity and taught me well and allowed me to do this.” ■



# Craig Glidden: Tremendous Turnaround

By Christi N. Morgan



**W**hen Craig Glidden joined LyondellBasell in 2009, the international petrochemical company was in dire need of a turnaround.

“The company was in bankruptcy after a merger that took place in late 2007 was followed by the precipitous decline in the economy in 2008,” said Glidden, who serves as executive vice president and chief legal officer out of LyondellBasell’s Houston office. “What has been an amazing journey for me has been to be part of the transition of a bankrupt company in approximately three years to an investment-grade company that is a member of the S&P 500 Index and that is very close in market cap to The Dow Chemical Company. Last year alone, we generated an 89% rate-of-return for our shareholders.”

One of the world’s largest plastics, chemical

and refining companies, LyondellBasell has 58 manufacturing facilities in 18 countries. With operations in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States, Glidden is bombarded daily by information from all over the world. The company’s corporate seat is in the Netherlands, so Glidden has an office in Rotterdam and travels there frequently.

Growing up in Venice, Florida, Glidden knew he wanted to be a lawyer but never envisioned practicing anywhere other than his hometown.

“I had grown up in this small community and I really admired the local lawyers,” said the 1983 College of Law graduate. “I was very fortunate to meet some of the lawyers in the community who had kids that were my age and got to know them and it was at that point I decided I wanted

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to be a lawyer. I also had some of the skills that seemed to translate well in law and I could visualize a career as a lawyer in my town.”

Everything changed when he took a job at Shackelford, Farrior, Stallings & Evans after earning his J.D. degree. The very prestigious Tampa firm opened up a new world to Glidden.

As a young associate in Shackelford’s commercial litigation section, Glidden was a member of the team that successfully defended the constitutionality of the Interest on Trust Accounts (IOTA) program of The Florida Bar. “That was a great case because of the constitutional issues, the public service component and being able to preserve IOTA was significant in providing legal services to the poor nationwide.”

Glidden ventured further away from his small-town roots when he moved to Houston in 1988 to work at Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, LLP. The Fulbright & Jaworski-spinoff firm had retained Shackelford as local counsel on a significant land fraud case and they liked Glidden’s work.

“It was very enticing to come to Houston. It’s a terrific law town as the energy capital of the world and, at that time, it was arguably the plaintiff’s lawyers’ capital of the world. A great spot for either side of the docket.”

In 1996, Glidden opened his own firm in Houston. “It was an interesting firm – a bunch of young lawyers and we decided that we were going to try and do things differently. We had a very lean permanent staff and we used a lot of contract lawyers to bolster our ability to handle larger cases.”

Glidden Partners’ unique way of

operating resulted in news coverage by *The Wall Street Journal* and *Nightline*. Although he loved his practice, Glidden noticed a shift in the legal marketplace several years after he opened the firm.

“Corporate legal departments were becoming much more powerful in terms of their ability to decide where work went,” recalled Glidden. “So I became very fascinated with corporate legal departments. It was my job because they were likely going to be my clients. As it turned out, one of my clients was Phillips Petroleum Company. I met an executive there and when that executive had an opportunity to become CEO of a petrochemical company, he asked me to leave private practice and start the legal department from scratch.”

Forgoing private practice for Chevron Phillips Chemical in 2000 was a challenge.

“I was used to being in a business where the law was the reason why everyone went to work and when you move into a corporate environment, the law is certainly supportive of the company’s mission, but the company is not about the law,” said Glidden. “Learning to add value in a business environment was something that I had to master.”

For alumni who are thinking about making the move to in-house positions, Glidden has some sage advice.

“It is important to have good experience before making the transition,” said Glidden. “Having that good experience level is an important first step. Also, understand what the requirements are of corporate legal departments. If you want to make the transition, it is beneficial to do your homework. It is very critical that the company have the right

tone at the top from a business ethics standpoint and I’ve been very fortunate in that regard.”

Foreshadowing his professional contribution to the rescue of a bankrupt company, Glidden also bought his current home out of a bankruptcy. He and his wife, Penny, have lovingly restored the 100% redwood house during the past decade. They also own two homes in Florida – Glidden’s childhood abode and another dwelling in Englewood, which is on the water.

“When we get down there, launching the fleet – the jet skis and the boat – and getting out and playing on the water is a blast,” said Glidden.

Raised in Florida by a single mother, Charlotte Glidden was an influential force on her son throughout her life. She instilled in him that anything is possible and worked many jobs to support Glidden – even during college and law school. A strong bond with his mother taught Glidden the value of family – making his relationships with his three adult children and wife very important to him. His eldest daughter, Kristen, is a nutritionist in Houston, son Sam is a consultant in London, and daughter Emily is a student at Rollins College.

“My greatest accomplishment is my kids and the fine individuals they have grown up to be. And I think having a strong marriage is important and I am blessed in that regard.”

Glidden also is thankful for the many strong relationships he has built professionally. “It always takes a village and I’ve had terrific support and mentors throughout my career. I hope I am doing the same for those coming up.” ■

# Alumni Are Leaders in Mental Health Advocacy

By Christi N. Morgan



(L-R) D. Michael Mathes and the Honorable Steven Leifman

**A**fter struggling daily to raise a child with early-onset bipolar disorder, D. Michael Mathes knows that mental health care training can be life-altering. The December 1975 College of Law graduate credits a mental illness course with saving his child's life and his marriage.

"There was a lot of turmoil in our house. We were at wits end and we saw an advertisement in the local Middlebury, Vermont newspaper that said, 'Do you have a loved one with a mental illness? Would you like to understand what's going on? Would you like help with it?'" said Mathes about the 12-week

course offered in the early 1990s by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). "We jumped at the chance."

After seeing such positive results from the training, Mathes and his wife, Marcia, became certified to teach the family-to-family education course so they could help other families caring for loved ones with an illness. Over time, Mathes has become an ardent advocate for mental health patients. Since moving back to Florida in 1996, he has served on the boards of NAMI-Florida and the Florida Council for Community Mental Health and often lobbies in Tallahassee.

One important component of

Mathes' advocacy is educating people who work in the justice system about mental illness. To that end, he is a founding member of Florida Partners in Crisis – a group started in Central Florida by Chief Judge Belvin Perry, Jr. The now-statewide organization advocates for community-based treatment services for those with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance abuse disorders, especially people in the justice system. According to Mathes, expanding Partners statewide made sense.

"All of the counties were dealing with the same issues. The sheriffs had their jails overloaded with people with mental illnesses, the emergency rooms were being used as dumping points for the police, and the court clerks, state attorneys and public defenders were seeing this is not the way we need to help people with these issues – they need treatment, they don't need to go through the court system."

Through Partners in Crisis, Mathes works with another alum – Miami-Dade County Judge Steven Leifman ('87) – who chairs the organization. Because of his location, it was almost out of necessity that Judge Leifman became involved.

"One of the biggest surprises when I became a criminal judge was how much time is spent dealing with people with mental illnesses. I had no idea. And like doctors, we should have a motto of, 'do no harm.' If you don't know what you are doing with these cases, you could



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really hurt people,” said Judge Leifman. “Dade County has the largest percentage of people with mental illnesses of any urban area in the United States. So, Dade-County Jail is the largest psychiatric facility in Florida.”

Florida is the nation’s 49<sup>th</sup> worst state in terms of per-capita funding for mental illness treatment. The resulting criminal justice issues are so problematic that the Florida Supreme Court several years ago asked Judge Leifman to work full-time to determine ways the state can more effectively serve people with mental illnesses. What was supposed to be a one-year project turned into a three-year endeavor.

“We came up with a whole series of ideas and proposals to fix the system and a lot of those have been implemented, but not enough,” said Judge Leifman, who speaks around the world as an expert on improving criminal justice outcomes for those with mental illnesses. “One of the main areas that we talked about was judicial education, so Partners has been able to help us fulfill that part of the Supreme Court’s recommendations.”

Through its Justice Institute, Partners in Crisis teaches judges about dealing with people who are in the court system and who have mental illnesses.

“We wanted to give them the tools to deal with this, not just in the criminal justice area, but in all areas,” said Mathes. “So what we decided to do – and we got funding from The Florida Bar Foundation – was to develop a bench book for judges so they would have that on the bench with them as they needed it.” Partners in Crisis conducts day-long trainings to introduce judges

to the resource.

Another Partners success story is its work with law enforcement officers. “We work closely with law enforcement on trying to establish crisis intervention team policing, which is a wonderfully successful program where we teach law enforcement officers how to identify someone who may have a serious mental illness, how to de-escalate the situation and where to take them as opposed to arresting them,” said Judge Leifman.

Partners also helped write and obtain approval for a grant that funds community programs that help people with mental illnesses avoid arrest. “In Miami, we have one of the most sophisticated criminal justice mental health programs in the U.S. We have trained almost 3,900 police officers in Miami-Dade on how to handle cases with mental illnesses,” said Judge Leifman. “To give you an idea of its success, last year the City of Miami Police and Miami-Dade County Police handled 10,000 mental health calls and they only made 45 arrests. The jail audit in Miami-Dade County dropped from 7,800 to 5,000 – the largest percentage drop for a jail audit in the United States. We actually closed one of our jails a few weeks ago. It is pretty amazing.”

Because spreading the word about mental health issues to more lawyers and judges is important, Partners is expanding its training menu to include continuing legal education courses for attorneys.

“If I would have known back when I was actively practicing law, what I know now, I would have been a 10-times better lawyer,” said Mathes, who had a general civil litigation law practice in Vermont

for 20 years before leaving to work full-time at his family business, Mathes Management Enterprises, Inc. “I think back to some of my clients and they needed help that I was not equipped to give them. I was empathetic back then, but I didn’t get it.”

Mathes also points out that mental illness affects more than clients.

“When you consider that one in four families is affected by mental illness, there are a lot of lawyers with family members or maybe their own substance-use disorder or depression,” said Mathes.

“There is a huge misunderstanding — what people think about people with mental illnesses — so the stigma makes it difficult for people to recover,” said Judge Leifman. “What people should know is recovery rates for people with mental illnesses are actually better than people with diabetes. While there is no cure, there are certainly good recovery models and people can go back to work and have fulfilling lives. Ten years ago we knew very little about these diseases and we are starting to learn a lot more about them today. The more we learn, we have to start to re-evaluate how we are doing things and take a good hard look at some of our laws to make sure they are current and appropriate and relevant today.

“If they are interested in becoming more involved in this arena, we are always looking for lawyers and other stakeholders to get involved in Partners in Crisis.”

Interested attorneys and judges can call Florida Partners in Crisis Executive Director Gail Cordial directly at 321.453.8825. For more information about the organization and its work, visit [www.flpic.org](http://www.flpic.org). ■



# Betsy Wood Chambers: Committed to Her Family and Her Community

By Elizabeth Bettendorf



**B**etsy Wood Chambers never was inhibited by convention.

Spend a few minutes chatting with Chambers – a Florida native with a no-nonsense Southern drawl – and she’ll redefine any notions about how things are supposed to be:

“I was the first woman in my family to go to law school and it was a real shock to everyone that I chose FSU over the University of Florida – but it was a definite choice,” recalls Chambers, a 1984 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law.

She bucked tradition, she says, because of Florida State’s proximity to state government and because she wanted to live near family in Quincy.

Chambers – then known as Betsy Wood – nurtured a long-held family passion for politics: Her grandfather, the late G. Pierce Wood Sr., was the speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

“I was really drawn to the capital,” recalls Chambers, who grew up in Tampa and is a sixth-generation Floridian. “I felt that there was much greater opportunity there for me than in Gainesville.”

Chambers worked her way through law school as a professional model, which, her mother liked to point out, allowed her to graduate with a portfolio of CDs “rather than debt.” Chambers found her niche during an externship with the Hillsborough County State Attorney’s Office.

“I knew then that I wanted to be a trial lawyer,” Chambers says. “It was a remarkable summer. It was an election year and it was perceived that the incumbent would not be re-elected. Attorneys were leaving left and right. We interns were run-

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ning the misdemeanor division. We were training new people. We were working in juvenile and felony (divisions). It was amazing.”

The externship not only opened her eyes; it opened doors. Chambers landed her first job out of law school in the juvenile division of the State Attorney’s Office, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Very soon after, she was transferred to the Sex Crimes Unit, where her specialty was her work with sexually abused children.

“About 90 percent of my cases involved children and I was a tremendous advocate for them. I worked hard to make it comfortable for them – my office was filled with toys and I always let children know I was there for them. I took them around to meet judges and made the courtroom a place they wouldn’t be scared of when testifying.”

Around the same time, she met Stephen Frank Chambers, a second-generation physician from Plant City, Florida. The couple fell in love, married and knew immediately they wanted to start a family.

“We were both older, well into our 30s, and we knew we were ready to have children,” she explains.

But Chambers soon realized she would need to re-examine the excessive demands of her career.

“The hours were unbelievable,” she recalls. “It was a real passion for me and I knew there would always be a place in my heart for it, but family came first.”

Chambers left her job and had her first child, Rip, in July 1992. Two more sons, Crews and Christian, followed within five years. But while Chambers was home tending to her family’s needs, her legal skills were sorely missed.

She was recruited back into practice to serve as chief assistant to the new Hillsborough County State Attorney. Just a few years later, Chambers made “a 180 degree turn” when she left to work as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida.

“I went from state criminal prosecution to handling cases in federal civil defense,” says Chambers. “I defended the United States in civil defense cases such as Medical Malpractice, Employment Discrimination, Federal Torts Claim Act, Tax and Bankruptcy, Social Security Disability Claims, Touhy Regulations, Freedom of Information Act, Fair Housing Act and Immigration.”

While thriving in law practice, Chambers also was making headlines in her community. She chaired the mediation committee for the Hillsborough County Bar Association and served as president of the Junior League of Tampa.

Eventually, though, Chambers decided to put her career aside again and devote herself full-time to raising her sons: “For my husband and me, our greatest love is for our children,” Chambers says. “And family always comes first.”

Chambers continued volunteering throughout the Tampa Bay area, building a philanthropic resume about as lengthy and impressive as her law career. She prepared and served meals to the homeless through St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in downtown Tampa. She raised money for her sons’ football and lacrosse teams; served on the PTSA at several schools, as well as on the athletic and academic foundations of her children’s elementary, middle and high

schools. Recently, she hosted a reception for the Florida State University College of Law, and will launch a new program this fall through her family foundation.

The Chambers Family Foundation, which was established a few years ago, will support a learning center for needy families, as well as offer computer access for students and computer training for adults.

“It will primarily serve the families and children of fishermen in the Homosassa area,” she explains.

And, for the past six years, Chambers has been working again as a lawyer, this time for her husband’s business – Chambers Medical Group. With offices throughout west central Florida and in Kentucky, the company offers a range of medical services for people who have been in car accidents.

Her spare time doesn’t allow for many hobbies, but involves “anything that has to do with my family.” The family owns a couple of get-away homes in highly natural areas around the state: “Nobody loves Florida more than we do,” Chambers says with a laugh.

She sees the “next chapter” in her life as one where she devotes herself to the volunteer work that fuels her passions most: feeding the homeless and loaning her talents to Mary Lee’s House in Tampa – a not-for-profit advocacy and protection center devoted to children who have been abused and neglected.

“It’s where I see myself getting really involved in the future,” she says. “God gave me three beautiful children and I would do anything and everything to help those children who really need it.” ■

# Nicolas Tevez: Our Well-Traveled Music Man

By Christi N. Morgan



**B**efore studying law at Florida State, rising 3L Nicolas Tevez had visited hundreds of cities in more than 20 countries. As the son of a wildly popular singer and songwriter in Latin America, Tevez toured with his father, Leo Dan, from a very young age. His globe-trotting lifestyle and somewhat nomadic upbringing gave Tevez a deep appreciation for travel and for other cultures.

“I was born in Buenos Aires and a couple of months later – or weeks, perhaps – moved to California with my family and I was raised there and then in Miami,” said Tevez. “I did primary school in Argentina, middle school in Miami, and high school 50/50. My family – they move all the time. I don’t even know where my parents live right now!”

When he was a teenager in Miami, Tevez released his first album under the name of Niko Dan.

“One day I was like, ‘Dad, how do you write a song?’ and he was like, ‘Sit down, I’ll show you,’” recalled Tevez. “I started writing and the next step seemed logical – to make an album. So we did. And we started promoting it around South America. It was an amazing experience. I did lots of interviews, several shows and got involved with some really interesting people.

“My thing was bringing back that romantic era, from the 60s and 70s, and giving it a little bit more edge. It’s all in Spanish, my album, and I’ve done some other songs in English.”



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In addition to writing and producing his own music, Tevez has been very involved in the business side of the music industry. As the founder and president of Dan Music Publishing, Tevez has negotiated and reviewed contracts, marketed artists and events, and managed finances for the company.

His primary mission is finding new ways to promote the arts. To advance that goal, Tevez co-created and co-produced an innovative and very successful radio show involving his father.

“Before coming to law school, I developed this radio show and that was a fantastic experience,” said Tevez. “We got together with the largest communications business in Peru and we said, ‘Let’s doing something new.’ My dad is very famous in Peru. His song has been voted as the most popular song in Peru for many years. He was basically the host of his own show on radio and presented music from his time – the 60s and 70s. We got lots of sponsors – it took us a year to negotiate it and set it up. Once it was on the air, it was amazing.”

In its first year, “Leo Dan y Sus Amigos” was ranked best in its category. Building on the radio program’s success, Tevez and his colleagues are in the process of developing a similar traveling live show with a philanthropic component.

For Tevez, coming to law school was a natural next step to advance his career in the music industry.

“Being in the industry – in both the management side and the artist side – having several perspectives, I realized maybe I could do more with my academic skills and I got tired of being on stage,” recalled Tevez, who graduated magna cum laude from Florida Inter-

national University in 2011. “I think having a law degree and law background just gives you an advantage in any business transaction. In the future I would love to help artists and companies to really adapt to the times and bring in new talent and invest in people and invest in the arts.”

Tevez, who is considering graduating early this December, is pursuing the law school’s newest certificate program in business. “It gives you a nice focus as to what curriculum to follow. It gives you this guideline with this end-goal,

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which I find particularly useful.” His favorite business course so far has been Corporate Finance taught by Professor Jay Kesten. Tevez found the “knowledge of how the world of finance works” that was covered in the course to be extremely helpful.

While Tevez has followed a very specific curricular path, that does not mean he has forgone opportunities that are outside the area of business law. During the summer after his 1L year, Tevez clerked for the Honorable James Hankinson (’79) of Florida’s Second Judicial Circuit.

“I was in a plane, flying from Tallahassee to Miami, when I sat next to what seemed to be a lawyer and ended up being an appellate court judge,” said Tevez about how the clerkship opportunity arose. “We struck up a conversation which ended with him saying, ‘If you need any connections or anything in Tallahassee or in Miami, let me know.’ He got me in touch with

Judge Hankinson.”

This summer, Tevez is back in Miami for an internship in the legal department of Universal Music Group. The summer job is just one more way that Tevez is preparing for life after law school.

Although his academic pursuits temporarily interfered with his songwriting in the past, Tevez has managed to reconnect with that creative outlet.

“Music is the light of my life; I am always looking for inspiration, even if it is in a con law text book,” said Tevez. “It is very difficult to switch from academic to

artistic. My first semester, I didn’t write a single song. I sat down and I played and every day I tried to get something out of the guitar and then switch over to the piano and nothing was coming out. And I’m like, ‘I’ve got to study, I’m wasting my time,’ and then I’m done studying and I’m so tired I can’t even think. And then break comes around and 40 songs just come out.”

An artist to the core, Tevez looks to his surroundings to find beauty. “People really forget to incorporate beauty into their everyday life. Little things – the details – make life so much better. A good cup of coffee, a good conversation, getting to know someone, the rest is just noise in the background.” ■



# Taxing Issues

By Andrea L. Wolf



Tax scholars from around the nation gathered at Florida State in March for a symposium on the federal income tax.

Creating metal and ceramic sculptures, playing video games, collecting wine and studying metaphysics are some of the activities the core tax professors at the Florida State University College of Law can be found participating in when not in the classroom.

Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Professor Joseph Dodge, University Professor Steve Johnson and Larson Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Jeffrey Kahn are the principal tax professors at the law school and offer a wide variety of courses that primarily focus on federal tax issues.

“We have nice synergy because, while we’re all tax scholars, we also specialize in different areas,” said Kahn, who joined the faculty in 2011. “Joseph, for example, teaches income tax and estate and gift tax and he writes on almost everything. Steve is a jack-of-all-trades and is known nationally as the top expert on tax procedure and administration. I write in the personal and corporate area.”

Florida State’s tax professors all are highly regarded in the national legal academic community. Capitalizing on that strong external reputation, they conceived the idea to host a tax symposium to acknowledge the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federal income tax. The symposium, which took place in March, on the anniversary of the effective date of the income tax, brought a distinguished array of experts from around the

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Joseph Dodge



Steve Johnson



Jeffrey Kahn

nation to Tallahassee.

“One of the transformational events in the United States in the 20<sup>th</sup> century was the adoption of the 16<sup>th</sup> amendment overcoming constitutional objections to the imposition of a personal income tax by the federal government,” said Johnson. “Our symposium commemorated this important event by bringing together over a dozen leading tax law scholars from around the United States to discuss the history of the income tax and its future in terms of what we’ve learned in the first 100 years and where we may go in the next 100 years.”

Sponsored by the *Florida State University Law Review*, articles produced as a result of the event will be published in a symposium issue of the *Law Review*. They are expected to make a major contribution to tax scholarship and to raise the scholarly profile of the journal and of the law school’s tax program.

In addition to producing impactful scholarship, the three professors also share an appreciation for the level of maturity and intelligence of Florida State law students.

“Students are overwhelmingly helpful to each other and care about not only their own success but the success of their classmates,” said Johnson.

“At Florida State, the students are pretty motivated and you get the feeling that the students are happy to be here, which is a big plus,” said Dodge.

“We get very strong students in the tax area and it’s an elective so they aren’t taking the class unless they are very interested in tax,” said Kahn. “I’ve been very pleased with the level of students since I’ve been teaching here. When you combine how strong the faculty is with how strong the students are, it really makes it fun to come to work.”

Teaching law is a family affair for Kahn, whose father, Douglas Kahn, the Paul G. Kauper Professor of Law at Uni-

versity of Michigan Law School, participated in the Florida State symposium. Kahn’s wife, Jessica Kahn, is a legal writing professor at Florida State. Possessing an understanding of the benefits of teaching because of his childhood, Kahn decided to leave the practice of law and enter the classroom in 2000.

“I found tax practice to be incredibly stimulating and interesting, so I would have been happy to stay in practice,” said Kahn, who has a seven-year-old son, Matthew, with wife Jessica. “The reason I went into teaching was partly my family since I knew the benefits as I grew up with a father who was a law professor.”

When not teaching or spending time with his family, Kahn enjoys collecting wine, reading “non-law” books, playing video games and watching television. Self-described as “boringly average,” he picked up on an interest in wine while teaching in Santa Clara, California – which is a mere two hours away from Napa and Sonoma. With a preference toward California wines and German Riesling, Kahn shows no favorites when it comes to video games and will play “whatever is out.”

Contrastingly, Dodge, who joined the Florida State law faculty in 2001, participates in hobbies that are anything but average. Focusing mainly on creating metal sculptures, he also enjoys painting, creating ceramic sculptures and photography. Many of his works of art can be found displayed throughout his office.

Had he not entered law teaching, Dodge would probably be practicing estate planning law.

“I’m fortunate that I got into law teaching; it’s a great job,” said Dodge.

Spirituality and metaphysics are the core of Johnson’s life, much to the amazement of his students.

“Sometimes students are surprised to find those interests in a tax law teacher, but there is consistency,” said Johnson. “Religions are systems of more or less well-articulated doctrines and commands and that’s a fairly good description of the tax law as well. There are connections between what nourishes me in my career and what nourishes me in my soul.” ■

# College of Law Hosts National Mock Trial Competition



Judges and competitors utilized the Advocacy Center's five courtrooms, including the John W. Frost, II Courtroom (pictured)

The Florida State University College of Law hosted its first invitational national mock trial competition March 7-9, 2013. The competition was held in the law school's Advocacy Center, which houses five courtrooms. According to Mock Trial Faculty Advisor Ruth Stone, the Wayne and Pat Hogan Professor of Trial Practice, the event was made possible by help from many people: "I liken it to the analogy that it takes a village to raise a child. It takes a law school, its alumni, and the wider legal community to envision and successfully run a national mock trial

competition."

Stone and Mock Trial students organizing the event relied heavily on alumni and others within the local legal community. Judges who served as jurors or presided over competition rounds included: the Honorable Ronald Flury ('93) (Second Judicial Circuit of Florida), the Honorable Robert Hinkle (United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida), the Honorable Barbara Hobbs ('81) (Second Judicial Circuit of Florida), the Honorable John J. Lazzara (Florida Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims),

the Honorable Terry P. Lewis ('76) (Second Judicial Circuit of Florida), the Honorable R. Bruce McKibben, Jr. ('84) (Florida Division of Administrative Hearings), and the Honorable Suzanne Van Wyk ('94) (Florida Division of Administrative Hearings).

The competition was organized to thank law schools who have hosted Florida State's Mock Trial Team at competitions. The first-place winning team was from Brooklyn Law School and The John Marshall Law School (Chicago) placed second. Other law schools competing included: Catholic University's Columbus School of Law (Washington, D.C.), Charleston School of Law, Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Lansing, Michigan), Faulkner University School of Law (Montgomery, Alabama), Fordham University School of Law (New York City), Georgia State University College of Law (Atlanta, Georgia), St. Mary's University School of Law (San Antonio, Texas) and SUNY Buffalo Law School. Because Florida State hosted the event, its award-winning Mock Trial Team did not compete.

Participants tried a fictional personal injury and concealed weapons case.

"The problem covered current events so the competitors were not just learning trial technique, but they were learning about current issues," said Stone. "There were concealed carry issues, mental illness, issues of gun violence in general. I purposely wrote the problem to include

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The use of technology in the courtroom was particularly impressive to Judge Hinkle, who judged the semi-final round of the competition.

“I thought the students did an excellent job working with the technology,”

said Hinkle. “When a lawyer is in the midst of presenting a trial, it sometimes can be difficult to keep control of the technology and use it effectively; participants in the mock trial competition did an excellent job at that.”

Additionally, Judge Hinkle was moved by the participants’ legal skills.

“All of the lawyering was very good,” said Hinkle. “The Brooklyn team was excellent and I told one of the students that her closing argument was outstanding and I probably haven’t seen a closing argument that good in about a year.”

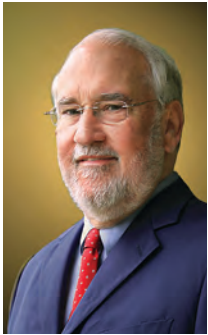
In addition to helping with the law school’s first national Mock Trial competition, members of the Tallahassee legal community assist Florida State’s Mock Trial Team on an ongoing basis as they prepare for competitions. The team would like to thank the following judges and attorneys for their support in recent years: The Honorable Augustus Aikens, Jr. ('74), Samantha Boge ('75), The Honorable Nikki Clark ('77), Kenneth Connor ('72), The Honorable Charles Dodson ('77), The Honorable Ronald Flury ('93), The Honorable Jackie Fulford, The Honorable James Hankinson ('79), The Honorable Kathy Garner ('95), The Honorable Judith Hawkins ('85), The Honorable Barbara K. Hobbs ('81), The Honorable Terry Lewis ('76), Randy Murrell ('76), The Honorable George Reynolds, III ('74), The Honorable Frank E. Sheffield ('72), and The Honorable Robert Wheeler.

In addition, many alumni have served as coaches to the Mock Trial Team over the years.





## John W. Frost, II Gives an Additional \$1 Million to College of Law



John W. Frost, II

Alumnus John W. Frost, II, a 1969 graduate, has committed an additional \$1 million gift to the law school to supplement two existing endowments. Sixty percent of the gift will supplement the John W. Frost II Moot Court Endowment and forty percent will supplement the John W. and Ashley E. Frost Endowed Professorship.

This is the fourth major gift from Frost to the law school. In 1994, he gave the law school \$100,000 to establish the John W. and Ashley E. Frost Endowed Professorship. In 2000, Frost made another \$100,000 gift to establish the John W. Frost II Moot Court Endowment. In 2004, Frost supplemented the professorship, which currently is held by constitutional law expert and Moot Court faculty advisor Nat Stern, with a gift of \$100,000. He also has made other significant gifts to support the law school's Annual Fund Scholarships and the William and Catherine VanDercreek Professorship.

In recognition of Frost's most recent gift, the former First District Court of Appeal courtroom in the law school's Advocacy Center is now the John W. Frost, II Courtroom.

"Florida State University law school gave me the opportunity to be part of a profession that allows dedicated lawyers to make a difference in people's lives," said Frost. "Professors like Nat Stern and Chuck Ehrhardt make such a positive difference in students' lives, being able to help fund efforts to recruit and retain such professors matters to me. As a member of the law school's first Moot Court Team, I learned what a constructive impact such an experience can have on a future lawyer, so assisting that program was a 'no brainer' for me."

"We are all extremely grateful to John and proud of all he stands for," said Dean Don Weidner. "As a member of our charter class, John was our first president of The Florida Bar, our first alumnus to be a major donor, and now is the first to sponsor a courtroom in our new Advocacy Center."

Frost is the founding partner of Frost Van den Boom & Smith P.A., a statewide civil trial firm concentrating on personal injury, medical malpractice, commercial litigation and family law issues on both state and federal levels. The firm has an office in Bartow, and soon will open an office in Gainesville. Frost's daughter, Ashley Frost Bedell, graduated from the Florida State law school in 1994.

## Bonifay Gives \$100,000 to Create Endowed Scholarship



Cecelia Bonifay

Alumna Cecelia Bonifay, a 1984 graduate, has pledged \$100,000, over time, to the law school. The gift created the Cecelia Bonifay Moot Court Endowed Scholarship. This

gift replaces a 2005 commitment in which Bonifay made a \$100,000 deferred gift to Moot Court through an individual retirement account. Ms. Bonifay stated that she wanted to help law students now, rather than delay the gift to some future date.

The new gift will be used to award at least one scholarship each year to a law student who participates in Moot Court and is in financial need. In recognition of the gift, the Student Affairs Suite in the law school's Advocacy Center has been named the Cecelia Bonifay Student Affairs Suite.

"I remember Cecelia fondly from when she was a student," said Dean Don Weidner, "and especially appreciate her generosity."

Bonifay is a shareholder in Akerman Senterfitt's Orlando office, where she chairs the firm's Land Use and Sustainable Development Practice Group.

## Koeglers Continue Generous Support of the Law School



Steven C. Koegler, a 1970 graduate of the College of Law, and his wife Blanche Koegler have gifted a \$1,000,000 life insurance policy to The Community Foundation of

Jacksonville with instructions to distribute 25% of the policy proceeds (\$250,000) to the law school. The gift will create the Steve and Blanche Koegler Professorship in Business Law. The annual distribution from the endowment shall be used to recruit or to retain an exceptionally productive faculty member in business law, with a preference toward a faculty member with expertise in federal income tax law.

This recent deferred gift follows closely on the heels of a \$100,000 cash gift to the law school made by the Koeglers at the end of 2012. The cash gift supplements the existing Steve and Blanche Koegler Scholarship, which was established in 2000 with a \$20,000 gift and bolstered in 2004 with a \$25,000 gift. The scholarship benefits law students who have financial need and who otherwise could not afford to attend law school. In recognition of the \$100,000 cash gift, the Placement Office in the law school's Advocacy Center has been named the Steve and Blanche Koegler Placement Office.

"Blanche and I are extremely pleased to provide a scholarship fund to students that truly want to continue their education at the FSU College of Law," said Steve Koegler. "We strongly support the work and opportunities provided by the College of Law and its faculty."

"We are all extremely grateful to Steve and Blanche for their continued support of the law school," said Dean Don Weidner. "Their philanthropy directly supports both students and faculty."

Steve is the Chairman of International Spirits in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

## Tunnickliffs Give Additional \$50,000



Florida State University College of Law alumni couple Cynthia and Charles Tunnickliff, 1971 and 1972 graduates, respectively, pledged an additional \$50,000, over time, to

the law school to supplement the existing Cynthia and Charles Tunnickliff Endowment for Excellence. This latest gift follows a \$50,000 gift made by the Tunnickliffs in 2009 to establish the endowment. The income from the endowment is used, at the discretion of the law school, for academic purposes, including student scholarships and faculty support, with special attention given to education in trial practice and the needs of the Mock Trial Team. In recognition of the new gift, an interview room in the law school's Advocacy Center was named the Cynthia and Charles Tunnickliff Interview Room.

"Charles and I are very proud of the education that is being provided to law students at Florida State," said Cynthia Tunnickliff. "Being able to give back to the institution that has done so much for us is fulfilling because it's something we have always wanted to do."

"We are all extremely grateful to Cynthia and Charles for their generous philanthropy," said Dean Don Weidner. "They are members of our Board of Visitors who help us in many ways."

Cynthia is a shareholder with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar in Tallahassee, where her practice focuses on the areas of administrative and appellate law, including both administrative and judicial litigation involving administrative agencies. Charles retired from his position as the chief attorney of the Professions Section at the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation and is a consultant for the agency.

## Diez-Arguelles Gives Additional \$100,000 to the Law School



Maria Tejedor and Carlos Diez-Arguelles

Carlos Diez-Arguelles, a 1985 College of Law graduate, has pledged an additional \$100,000 to the law school to be divided equally between the existing Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles Endowed Scholarship and the Alumni Centennial Chair, which is also known as the Dean’s Chair. This new gift follows an earlier \$100,000 gift by Diez-Arguelles to create the endowed scholarship. The scholarship shall be used to award at least one scholarship each year to recruit a top student to the law school. In recognition of the new gift, a seminar room in Roberts Hall has been named the Carlos R. Diez-Arguelles Seminar Room.

“The purpose of Florida State’s law school and our public law schools in general – to serve all the people of Florida and to provide opportunities to those who might not otherwise be able to afford a legal education – is very important to me,” said Diez-Arguelles. “That is why I have chosen to support the law school and specifically scholarships for students.”

“We are all extremely grateful to Carlos for his generous support of the law school and for his leadership,” said Dean Don Weidner. “Carlos is also the chair of our Board of Visitors.”

Diez-Arguelles and his wife, Maria Tejedor, have a law firm in Orlando, Diez-Arguelles & Tejedor, that specializes in personal injury law. His daughter, Christina Arguelles, graduated from the law school in May.

## Public Interest Law Center Receives National Award for Work on Children in Prison



Paolo Annino

The College of Law’s Public Interest Law Center (PILC) has received the American College of Trial Lawyers’ 2013 Emil Gumpert Award. The award recognizes programs whose principal purpose is to maintain and improve the administration of justice. The \$50,000 grant-funded prize associated with the award will support PILC’s Children in Prison Project (CIPP), which advocates for children in the adult prison system. The grant will directly fund the CIPP’s new *Miller* Resentencing Project, which follows on the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court *Miller* decision that mandatory sentences of life without the possibility of parole in homicide cases are unconstitutional for juvenile offenders. The new project represents defendants in resentencing cases, recruits pro bono attorneys and trains law students to advocate on behalf of children who, under *Miller*, have the hope of reduction of sentence and release. There are approximately 200 juveniles in Florida who have the right to be resentenced and who could benefit from legal representation through the *Miller* Resentencing Project.

“We started the Children in Prison Project in 1997 in response to the wave of Florida children being swept into the adult criminal system, where they have been subjected to such extreme sentences as mandatory life without parole,” said Glass Professor of Public Interest Law Paolo Annino, who directs the Children in Prison Project. “The funding from the Emil Gumpert Award will be critical to our efforts to get justice for children who have been condemned to die in prison.”

U.S. Supreme Court decisions in the area of juvenile sentencing have repeatedly cited studies by Annino and others at Florida State’s Public Interest Law Center.



# Orlando and Miami Networking Events Offer Opportunities for Students



Florida State law students network with alum Jason Kellogg (2nd from right) in Miami.

Law alumni from Orlando and Miami hosted two networking opportunities for students during the 2013 spring semester.

The second annual Orlando Florida State University Placement Mentoring Luncheon took place on January 4. Approximately 15 law students and recent graduates who were looking to make the most of their career searches joined placement mentors at the law office of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. The event was organized by Jennifer R. Dixon ('04), of counsel to the firm. Other participating placement mentors included: Kurtis Bauerle ('98), Bruce Blackwell ('75), Dana Crosby-Collier ('96), Joel N. Leppard ('10), Kristopher J. Kest ('05), Raymer F. Maguire, III ('79) and Rosemary O'Shea ('01).

Dixon understands the complexities

of finding a job in today's market and aims to assist students as best she can.

"I was fortunate to have graduated law school when entry-level legal jobs were abundant, and I recognize that I might not have the career I have now if I had delayed law school by just two or three years," said Dixon. "I aim to provide both encouragement as well as real-world advice to students and recent graduates because, while things might be challenging now, the law is still an incredibly rewarding profession."

Students and recent graduates also were invited to a networking event in Miami during the College of Law's spring break. The law office of Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman hosted the opportunity, and firm partner Patrick Rengstl ('02) organized the March 14 event.

Approximately 20 students attended,

in addition to several lawyers from the firm. Conversation topics ranged from the practice of law in general to being a student in law school to the practice of law specifically in south Florida. Rengstl knows from experience the importance of making the most of opportunities.

"Larry Kellogg ('81) from our firm gave me a big break; he accepted my resume and ultimately I got a job offer," said Rengstl. "It's always great for Florida State alumni to look out for Florida State law students and our firm certainly has done that.

"These types of events maximize your opportunities for success. Maybe you meet some new friends, maybe you meet some more professional contacts, either way you have to get out there and meet people and get to know them and have them get to know you if you're going to succeed in the real world," Rengstl said.



Patrick Rengstl ('02) (center) organized the Miami networking event.

# GRADUATION 2013

Nearly 250 graduates of the Florida State University College of Law gathered on May 5 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center for the 2013 commencement ceremony. College of Law alumnus John W. Frost, II, a 1969 graduate, gave the commencement address. The theme of his remarks was, “hope.” Frost told graduates:

“As you move into your own career, search out the sparks that will fan your own fires of enthusiasm for the practice of law. Let courageous clients who need you, excite your passion for the law as a way to lift them up and to change their lives. Put your hope in a system that sometimes can break your heart, but can reward your tireless research and your determination to find just the right words with a wonderful result for your clients and for you. Choose the following option as your consistent method: Never let good enough be enough.”

A reception on the law school’s green followed the ceremony.



Marialle Bell and Christopher Stokes pose before the ceremony.

(L-R) LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers graduates Xue Jiang, Nadine Nammour, Pouyan Bohloul, Milos Lukic and Thura Kareem







**TOP LEFT:** (L-R) Alum Carlos Diez-Arguelles poses with his daughter and new graduate, Christina Arguelles, and his son, Anthony Arguelles.

**TOP RIGHT:** Alum John W. Frost, II gave the commencement address.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Enrique Balatar waves to the audience.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Claire Whitley (center) celebrates with family.

**BOTTOM:** (L-R) Juan Saldivar, Jason McIntosh and Samuel Boudy mingle at the reception on the law school green.



# GRADUATION 2013



Graduates enter the Civic Center.



Provost Garnett S. Stokes gives remarks during the ceremony.



Dean Don Weidner welcomes graduates and guests.





**TOP LEFT:** LL.M. in Environmental Law graduate Steven Jay Kimpland is hooded during the ceremony.

**TOP RIGHT:** Graduate Ryan Andrews (center) is surrounded by family.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** (L-R) Eric Schab, Krisztina Schlessel, Andrew McCain and Eli Dubosar smile before the commencement ceremony.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** (L-R) Adrian Mood and Kimberley Wallace prepare for the ceremony.

**BOTTOM:** (L-R) Tammy Hammack, Sara Hassler and Frederick Hearn pause for a photo before the ceremony.

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1970

**THE HONORABLE S. KIRBY MONCRIEF** was elected chairman of the Duvall Home's Board of Regents. He is of counsel at Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert & Whigham, P.A. in Lake Mary.



**JEROME M. NOVEY** is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. His induction ceremony took place in March at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the College in Naples, Florida. He is the senior

partner at Novey Law in Tallahassee, where he exclusively practices family law. He is board certified by The Florida Bar in marital and family law and is a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

**GEORGE L. WAAS**, a retired government lawyer from Tallahassee, has written and published three books. The book titles are: *Retired... and Loving It!!*, *The Source* and *The Great American Short Story*.

## 1971

**THE HONORABLE THOMAS T. REMINGTON** has retired. He most recently served as a judge for the First Circuit Court in Okaloosa County, Florida.

## 1972

**FRED H. CUMBIE, II** was re-elected chairman of the five-member Kissimmee Utility Authority Board of Directors. He practices at Overstreet, Miles, Ritch & Cumbie, P.A. in Kissimmee.



**PETER M. DUNBAR**, a named partner of Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell and Dunbar, P.A., received the College of Law's Distinguished Alum Award during the 2012 homecoming reception.

## 1973

**SENATOR JOHN E. THRASHER** has been re-elected to the Florida Senate.

## 1974

**THE HONORABLE AUGUSTUS D. AIKENS, JR.** was honored by the Tallahassee Barristers Association at an event titled "Trailblazers and Pioneers: A Legacy of Diversity, A Promise of Justice." He was honored as the first African-American elected to the Leon County Court of Florida.



**STANN W. GIVENS'** law firm has received a Tier 1 ranking in the 2013 Edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms."* The Givens Law Group added two new partners to the firm,

**CHRISTIAN M. GIVENS** ('03) and Robert Sparks, and the firm's name is now Givens Sparks, PLLC.

**GEORGE E. TRAGOS**, managing partner of the Law Offices of Tragos & Sartes, has been elected to the vice-chairmanship of the Pinellas County Personnel Board and again has been selected for the 2012 *Best Lawyers in America*. He also has been selected for inclusion in *SuperLawyers* and *Best Lawyers in Florida* and received an AV rating from *Martindale Hubbell*.

In February 2013, the Tallahassee Bar Association honored their past presidents in appreciation of their contributions. The Florida State University College of Law was well-represented as the following alumni are past presidents of the Tallahassee Bar Association: **THE HONORABLE NINA N. ASHENAFI RICHARDSON** ('91), **EDWIN F. BLANTON** ('70), **C. EVERETT BOYD, JR.** ('75), **BYRON S. CAMP** ('77), **DOMINIC M. CAPARELLO** ('76), **NANCY A. DANIELS** ('77), **WILLIAM H. DAVIS** ('77), **CHARLES A. FRANCIS** ('72), **W. DOUGLAS HALL** ('82), **MELANIE ANN HINES** ('79), **DONALD HINKLE** ('80), **KELLY OVERSTREET JOHNSON** ('82), **JAMES P. JUDKINS** ('74), **MARION D. LAMB, JR.** ('85), **DEAN R. LEBOEUF** ('81), **TERRELL C. MADIGAN** ('83), **JOHN D.C. NEWTON, II** ('77), **JEROME N. NOVEY** ('70), **KELLY O'KEEFE** ('94), **THOMAS L. POWELL** ('76), **MEREDITH TRAMMELL** ('95), **C. EDWIN RUDE, JR.** ('73), **LARRY D. SIMPSON** ('74), and **LINDA J. STALVEY** ('80).

## 1975



**THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA R. ISOM**, of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Tampa, received the 2013 Chief Justice's Distinguished Judicial Service Award from **CHIEF JUSTICE RICKY POLSTON** ('87) in January 2013.



**1977**

**THE HONORABLE NIKKI A. CLARK** was honored by the Tallahassee Barristers Association at an event titled "Trailblazers and Pioneers: A Legacy of Diversity, A Promise of Justice." She was honored as the first African-American appointed to the Second Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

**MARVA A. DAVIS** was honored by the Tallahassee Barristers Association at an event titled "Trailblazers and Pioneers: A Legacy of Diversity, A Promise of Justice." She was honored as the first city attorney for the newly incorporated city of Midway, Florida.

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHN G. WOOD, JR.** has been re-elected to the Florida House of Representatives.

**1978**

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY COON** retired from the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Polk County, Florida.

**1979**

**PETER V. ANTONACCI** was named Florida Governor Rick Scott's general counsel. He was previously State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit.



**DOMENICK R. LIOCE**, a partner at Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce, P.A., was named to the board of directors for the Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company. He also completed his term as the 61st chair of the Tax Section of The Florida Bar.

**THE HONORABLE ERROL H. POWELL** was honored by the Tallahassee Barristers Association at an event titled "Trailblazers and Pioneers: A Legacy of Diversity, A Promise of Justice." He was honored as the first African-American appointed to the state of Florida's Division of Administrative Hearings.

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. ROUNDTREE, JR.** has been re-elected as chief judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

**1981**

**THORNTON J. WILLIAMS** was honored by the Tallahassee Barristers Association at an event titled "Trailblazers and Pioneers: A Legacy of Diversity, A Promise of Justice." He was honored as the first African-American to serve as general counsel for a state agency.

**1983**

**REPRESENTATIVE LARRY E. METZ** was re-elected to the Florida House of Representatives.

**1984**

**PHILIP G. ARCHER** was elected state attorney of the 18th Judicial Circuit serving Brevard and Seminole Counties. He can be reached at [parcher@sa18.state.fl.us](mailto:parcher@sa18.state.fl.us).



**JOSHUA A. WHITMAN** was re-elected to a second term as national treasurer of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Also, in June 2012, he chaired the CLE programs for the

International Meeting of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**1986**

**CYNTHIA A. LANE** earned six awards at the Southeastern Press Convention in Sandestin during the summer of 2012. The awards, given by the Florida Press Association, included two first place awards for photography and arts reporting, two second place awards for column and outdoors writing, and two third place awards for government reporting and photography.



**FLOYD R. SELF** has joined Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP, a national minority owned law firm. He will continue to reside in Tallahassee as a partner in the firm's Energy, Communications

and Utility practice group. He is a board certified state and federal government and administrative practice lawyer specializing in state regulatory utility law before various public service commissions across the country.

**1987**

**REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT R. DUDLEY** has been elected to the Florida House of Representatives.

**LAWRENCE A. KELLOGG ('81)**, a partner at Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman, LLP, was selected by *The South Florida Business Journal* as a 2012 Key Partner Awards Honoree. Kellogg's nomination was based on his upstanding reputation in the legal industry and history of notable representation and milestone cases. Kellogg represents individuals and large companies in complex commercial litigation matters, including fraud, violations of state and federal securities laws, financial disputes and class actions.

Recently, he served as lead counsel in securing a \$7.8 million class action settlement on behalf of a group of defrauded investors from Latin America who lost money in the largest Bernie Madoff feeder fund. The class is the first group of the fund's investors who lost money in the Madoff scandal to receive compensation via litigation in the United States. Additionally, Kellogg and his co-counsel recently collected on a RICO judgment after litigating for seven years, securing a \$14 million victory for victims of the Cash 4 Titles Ponzi scheme.

Throughout his career, he has represented several well-known brands such as Walt Disney Company, ABC, Inc., Nations Bank, Proctor and Gamble and Smuckers, Inc.

**AMELIA REA MAGUIRE** is now executive director for management development at the Florida International University College of Business. She formerly was associate dean at the University of Miami School of Business Administration. She can be reached at FIU College of Business, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, 11200 S.W. 8th St., CBC 212, Miami, FL 33199 or 305.348.2751.



**THE HONORABLE THOMAS M. RAMSBERGER** was sworn in as circuit court judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida in January 2013.

## 1988

**DAWN P. WHITEHURST** spoke at the city of Chipley's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at Artis Gilmore Park. She practices at Knowles & Randolph, P.A. in Tallahassee.

## 1989

**PABLO MELES** has joined Duane Morris LLP as special counsel in the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group in Boca Raton.

## 1991



**MELISSA KARP ELSBREE**, formerly of Karp & Karp, P.A., has joined Tannenbaum Scro Hanewich & Alpert in Sarasota.

**THE HONORABLE NINA N. ASHENAFI RICHARDSON** was honored by the Tallahassee Barristers Association at an event titled "Trailblazers and Pioneers: A Legacy of Diversity, A Promise of Justice." She was honored as the first African-American elected president of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

## 1992



**FRED E. KARLINSKY** was named an honorary committee member for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy 13th Annual Celebration of Reading. He is a shareholder at Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky, Abate & Webb in Fort Lauderdale.

**JENNIFER L. FITZWATER** participated in the Head of the Charles Regatta rowing competition in Boston. Competing alongside her was **SYLVIA W. SMITH ('95)** and third-year student Liesl Voges.

## 1993



**THE HONORABLE ZINA CRUSE** is the first African-American woman elected as a circuit judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit Court for the State of Illinois. She was sworn into office in December

2012.

**JULIE MEADOWS-KEEFE** is of counsel for Grossman, Furlow & Bayó, LLC in Tallahassee. She can be reached at [j.meadows-keefe@gfblawfirm.com](mailto:j.meadows-keefe@gfblawfirm.com).

## 1994

**MARC W. DUNBAR** joined Jones Walker's Tallahassee office as a partner.



**JUAN C. MARTINEZ** has been named a "Top Lawyer" by *South Florida Legal Guide*. He works in the Miami office of GrayRobinson and can be reached at 305.416.6880 or [juan.martinez@gray-robinson.com](mailto:juan.martinez@gray-robinson.com).

## 1995



**EDWARD L. BIRK**, a Marks Gray shareholder, received the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's 2012 "Spirit of Giving" award in December 2012.

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER L. SMITH** was re-elected to the Florida Senate and assumed the top leadership position among Democrats.

**SYLVIA W. SMITH** participated in the Head of the Charles Regatta rowing competition in Boston. Competing alongside her was **JENNIFER L. FITZWATER ('92)** and third-year student Liesl Voges.

**STEVEN B. WHITTINGTON** was sworn in as president of the Clay County Bar Association during their installation banquet in January 2013. He also serves as a board member for the Family Nurturing Center in Jacksonville and volunteers with the Clay County Teen Court. He can be reached at 904.264.8602 or [sbw@claylawyer.com](mailto:sbw@claylawyer.com).

## 1996

**CHARLES R. FLETCHER** is Hillsborough County's new county attorney.

## 1997

**THE HONORABLE CHARLES P. SNIFFEN** was appointed to the Manatee County Court, after being nominated by Florida Governor Rick Scott.

## 1998



**CHRISTA FLOWERS FIGGINS** is director of mission advancement at Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. in Oklahoma City. She can be reached at 2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 500, Oklahoma City, OK 73106, 405.488.6818 or [christa.figgins@laok.org](mailto:christa.figgins@laok.org).

**THE HONORABLE JOSE A. GIRAUD** has been appointed to the Santa Rosa County Court as a county judge. He can be reached at the Santa Rosa County Courthouse, 6865 Caroline St., Milton, FL 32570 or 850.981.5544.



**SCOTT B. SMITH** has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* and *Florida Super Lawyers*. He was sworn-in as president of the Palm Beach County Justice Association in

January 2013. He is a partner of Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath. He can be reached at 561.655.1990 or ssmith@foryourrights.com.



**REPRESENTATIVE V. ROSS SPANO**, managing partner for the firm of Christmas Spano & Owen, P.A., was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, District 59, in November 2012.

## Calling All Former Moot Court Members: We Need Your Help!

The College of Law is in the process of updating the Moot Court team championships and award Web page ([http://law.fsu.edu/current\\_students/organizations/moot\\_court/teamchamp/index.html](http://law.fsu.edu/current_students/organizations/moot_court/teamchamp/index.html)) and your assistance is requested. If you were a part of a championship team or received a Best Oralist or Best Brief award and don't see your name or recognition included on the site, please let us know! Send an e-mail to [webmaster@law.fsu.edu](mailto:webmaster@law.fsu.edu) and we will add your accolade.

**DANIEL R. VEGA** formed Taylor Vega, P.A. and is a shareholder in the firm. He can be reached at 2555 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Ste. 220, Coral Gables, FL 33134 or [dvega@taylorvega.com](mailto:dvega@taylorvega.com).

**MATTHEW R. WILLARD** has been elected president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Tallahassee Chapter. He, along with classmates **LISA M. HURLEY** ('98) and **MATTHEW D. WEIDNER** ('99), also successfully completed a Tough Mudder event in Sarasota in December.

Willard practices at the Law Firm of Willard/Hurley, LLC in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.224.2001 or [mattlaw@tmo.blackberry.net](mailto:mattlaw@tmo.blackberry.net). Hurley works for the Florida Association of Counties. She can be reached at 850.922.4300 or [lhurley@fl-counties.com](mailto:lhurley@fl-counties.com).

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

The most avidly read section of *Florida State Law* is "Class Action." The law school's more than 8,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing – awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken and more.

Just as important: Did you get married? Have a baby? Write a novel? Run a marathon? Perform in a band?

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

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## 1999



**HELEN P. PALLADENO** is managing shareholder of the Tampa office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.

**MATTHEW D. WEIDNER, LISA M. HURLEY** ('98) and **MATTHEW R. WILLARD** ('98) successfully completed a Tough Mudder event in Sarasota in December. Weidner practices at Weidner Law in St. Petersburg. He can be reached at 727.894.3159.

## 2000



**ROSALYN SIA BAKER-BARNES** is shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley P.A. in Boca Raton. She also was selected as a 2012 Rising Star by *Florida Super Lawyers* and was included in the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**MARLIN K. GREEN** is a shareholder of Brown Sims in Miami.

**GREGORY A. JACKSON, JR.** is an associate at Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A. in Orlando. He can be reached at [gjackson@conroysimberg.com](mailto:gjackson@conroysimberg.com).

**THE HONORABLE FRANCES M. PERRONE** was elected as a Hillsborough County Court Judge.

## 2001

**ERIC W. DICKEY** founded Dickey Law Firm in Tampa. He can be reached at 410 S. Ware Blvd., Ste. 606, Tampa, FL 33619 or 813.621.2200.

**KRISTIE L. HATCHER-BOLIN** has been promoted to shareholder in the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson, P.A. She focuses her practice in the areas of appellate, general civil and commercial litigation and employment law.



**BRITTANY ADAMS LONG** has joined the office of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark as of counsel. She will be practicing in administrative law, appellate law and government procurement.

## 2002

**ERIKA B. ENGELSON** is vice president and counsel of Deutsche Bank AG in New York, NY. She can be reached at 212.250.7297 or [erika.engelson@db.com](mailto:erika.engelson@db.com).



**CARLOS E. MOORE** participated in the Presidential Inaugural Parade as a representative of the state of Mississippi. He practices at Moore Law Office, PLLC in Grenada, MS.

**AMY W. SCHRADER**, a shareholder in the Tallahassee office of GrayRobinson, taught Florida Administrative Practice at the Florida State University College of Law.

## 2003



**DIANE M. BARNES-REYNOLDS** is a partner at Butler Pappas Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP in Tampa. She and her husband, Scott Reynolds, welcomed their first child, Katarina Grace, in December 2012. She may be reached at 813.281.1900 or [dbarnes@butlerpappas.com](mailto:dbarnes@butlerpappas.com).



**CHRISTIAN M. GIVENS** joined as a partner Givens Givens Sparks, PLLC, formerly the Givens Law Group, PLLC.

## 2004



**DANA R. BLUNT** is now a shareholder in Carlton Fields' Tampa office. He is a member of the firm's Real Property Litigation and Real Estate and Finance practice groups.

**MIN K. CHO** is now a partner in the Orlando office of Holland & Knight LLP. He can be reached at 407.244.1167 or [min.cho@hkklaw.com](mailto:min.cho@hkklaw.com).

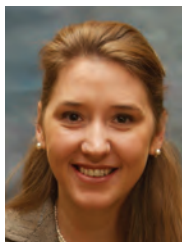
**LISA LIVEZEY COMINGORE** is now director of human resources and community outreach at the City of La Porte, Indiana.

**HEATHER M. ERB** practices at Heather Erb, PLLC in Bellingham, WA. She can be reached at 360.220.1519 or [erb.heatherm@gmail.com](mailto:erb.heatherm@gmail.com).

**SHENIKA LATIA HARRIS** was featured in the *Tallahassee Democrat* article, "Making bow ties is her business." She is an attorney for the Florida Department of Transportation.

**JESSICA LEIGH** received her graduate certificate in public administration from the Reubin O'D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University. She is a senior attorney in the Division of Licensing at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She represents the department in all aspects of Florida administrative and appellate law pertaining to concealed weapon and firearm licenses. She can be reached at 850.245.5506 or [Jessica.leigh@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:Jessica.leigh@freshfromflorida.com).

**JOSHUA A. MACHLUS** married Kimberly Krutski in November 2012 in Siesta Key, Florida. He works for Colling Gilbert Wright & Carter in Orlando. He can be reached at 801 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801, 407.712.7300 or [JMachlus@TheFloridaFirm.com](mailto:JMachlus@TheFloridaFirm.com).



**THERESA B. PROCTOR** is now serving as deputy director of legislative affairs at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**BRIAN J. ZICKEFOOSE** is now a shareholder in the Kansas City office of Polsinelli Shughart.

**2005**

**MATTHEW B. BAGGETT** started the firm Baggett Law. The Jacksonville firm focuses on personal injury, business litigation and foreclosure defense matters.

**MATTHEW Z. LEOPOLD** is now general counsel designate at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

**2006**



**BRICE L. AIKENS** earned board certification in criminal trial law. He works for the Office of the Public Defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit and can be reached at 407.836.4803 or baikens@circuit9.org.



**THOMAS A. CRABB** is now a shareholder of Radey Thomas Yon & Clark in Tallahassee. He can be reached at 850.425.6654 or tcrabb@radeylaw.com.



**MELANIE SHOEMAKER GRIFFIN** is the president-elect of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors. She will take office as president in June 2013. She is an associate at Dean Mead in Orlando.

**RENEE C. HARKINS** is assistant general counsel in the prosecution services unit at the Florida Department of Health. She can be reached at 850.245.4444, ext. 8228 or renee\_harkins@doh.state.fl.us.



**SARAH A. PAPE**, a shareholder at Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe in Orlando, was elected secretary of the First Tee of Central Florida's board of directors.



**JONATHAN A. STIMLER** has been named a partner with Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, LLP, in Orlando. He practices in the firm's litigation department. He also was

named a 2013 Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers*.

**2007**

**CAPTAIN MIGUEL R. ACOSTA** is a federal law clerk to the Honorable Karla R. Spaulding of the U.S District Court for the Middle District of Florida in Orlando.

**CHRISTOPHER R. CONLEY** is an attorney at Fishback Dominick. He can be reached at 407.262.8400 or crconley@fishbacklaw.com.



**RACHELLE-MARIE GENTNER** has joined the Social Security Administration as an attorney in the Jacksonville Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. She can be contacted at 866.931.0124, ext. 11055 or rachele-marie.gentner@ssa.gov.

**BARBARA J. LEACH** is president elect of the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She practices at Barbara Leach Law, PL in Orlando.



**JAMI LEWIS** is managing partner of Harrell and Lewis, LLC. She can be reached at 2 Swindle St., Camilla, GA 31730 or 800.390.3960.

**CONTI J. MOORE** is president elect of the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association. She is the founding attorney of Conti Moore Law, PLLC in Orlando.



**KIM YEN NGUYEN** founded and is now president of the Greater Orlando Asian-American Bar Association. She is a senior associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. in Orlando.

**REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS TRUJILLO** was re-elected to the Florida House of Representatives.

**2008**

**NATHAN D. BOYLES** has been elected to a four-year term on the Okaloosa County Commission serving District 3. He currently is a civil attorney with a practice based in Crestview, Florida. He can be reached at 850.689.8505 or Nathan@crestview-law.com.



**THOMAS L. DICKENS, III** wrote the article, "Join The One Percent," that was published by the *Tallahassee Democrat*. The article highlights the percentage of American families directly affected by the engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dickens is currently assigned to active duty in Afghanistan.

**RICHARD E. ENGLEBRIGHT, JR.** is a senior associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. in Orlando.

**BENJAMIN J. GIBSON** is now assistant general counsel in the executive office of the governor. He can be reached at 850.717.9310 or ben.gibson@eog.myflorida.com. He also recently became engaged to Jordan Blue Dyer.



**MARK A. LEVINE** has co-founded the law firm of Pacin Levine, P.A. in Coral Gables. The firm focuses on personal injury and property damage insurance claims and will soon be

expanding to Naples. He can be reached at 1600 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 10th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134 or 305.760.9085.

**WILLIAM R. "BUDDY" MUSGROVE** joined Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP in Atlanta as a senior associate. He specializes in general casualty law, construction litigation and commercial litigation. He can be reached at MusgroveB@deflaw.com.



**GREGORY M. NOONAN**, of The Corry Law Firm, received the Thomas M. Ervin Jr. Distinguished Young Lawyer Award at the February 6, 2013 meeting of the Tallahassee Bar

Association. The award is given to a young lawyer who exemplifies the contributions that Tom Ervin made to the legal profession, The Florida Bar and the Tallahassee Bar Association.



**MICHAEL S. PROVENZALE** is a senior associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. in Orlando.

**DANIEL R. RUSSELL** joined the Tallahassee office of Jones Walker as an associate.



**JOHN P. SALAS** joined Taylor Vega, P.A. as an associate. He can be reached at 2555 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Ste. 220, Coral Gables, FL 33134, 305.443.2043 or jsalas@taylorvega.com.

**FOSTER J. SAYERS, III** was featured in the *Providence Business News* in a question-and-answer piece regarding the technology company he co-founded. He is CEO and co-

founder of AgileQR Inc, which does business as 121nexus. The company's technology was used by President Obama's campaign to micro-target content to voters.

**BARRETT SPRAGGINS** has been named a partner at Biggers & Ohanian, LLP in Austin, Texas. He can be reached at 512.472.9881 or barrett@biggerslaw.com.

## 2009



**MATTHEW L. BEVILLE** is a senior associate at WilmerHale in their securities litigation and enforcement practice group. He can be reached at 1875 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, 202.663.6000 or matthew.beville@wilmerhale.com.



**COURTNEY M. DAVIS** and her husband, Lovell Davis, are the proud parents of Lila Grace Davis. Lila was born at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia, on November 21, 2012, weighing seven pounds, one ounce.



**HOWIE FOX** joined the Miami office of Lydecker Diaz, where he practices environmental and construction law.

**JAMES TIMOTHY MOORE, JR.** is a clerk for the Honorable Mark Walker of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. He formerly clerked for the Honorable Lori Rowe at the First District Court of Appeal.

**KELLI A. MURRAY** is president of the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association. She is associate director of career services at Barry University School of Law.

**SARAH C. DONINI RODRIGUEZ** joined Shutts & Bowen LLP in Orlando as an associate. She can be reached at SDoniniRodriguez@shutts.com.

**ASHLEY WEST THOMPSON** and **TRAVIS R. THOMPSON** ('10) relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee. She is a law clerk for the Honorable Harry S. Mattice, Jr., U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. He joined the litigation group of Miller & Martin PLLC as an associate.

## 2010



**JACOB T. CREMER**, of Smolker, Bartlett, Schlosser, Loeb & Hinds, P.A., was appointed to the board of governors of Connect Florida, Leadership Florida's program for young

professionals. He also co-authored an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the property owner in *Koontz v. St. Johns River Water Management District*, No. 11-1447 (argued Jan. 15, 2013). The American Bar Association Constitutional Law Committee published his article about the same case in its newsletter.



**TERIN M. BARBAS CREMER**, who is associate general counsel for Bankers Financial Corporation, was appointed to the City of Tampa's Civil Service Board by Mayor

Buckhorn. As a board member, she serves in a quasi-judicial role, presiding over the employment grievances of City of Tampa employees against the city.

**JAMES R. "RANDY" EDMONSON** joined DeWitt Law Firm, P.A. in Orlando as an associate.





**JASON D. HALL** and **NICKI A. MOHR** are engaged to be married in December 2013 in New Orleans. He is an insurance defense associate at the Tampa office of Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A. She is a prosecutor in Tampa at the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office. He can be reached at [jhall@conroysimberg.com](mailto:jhall@conroysimberg.com) and she can be reached at [mohr\\_n@sao13th.com](mailto:mohr_n@sao13th.com).



**JAMIE B. HORNE** and her husband, Anthony Horne, welcomed their first child in December 2013. Zachary Aaron Horne was born at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.



**RENE M. LARKIN** joined the Denver office of Polsinelli Shughart as an associate. She can be reached at 303.572.9300 or [rlarkin@polsinelli.com](mailto:rlarkin@polsinelli.com).



**STEVEN J. LOCKHART** is general counsel at Finfrack Design-Manufacture-Construct, Inc. He can be reached at 2400 Apopka Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703, 407.293.4000 or [slockhart@finfrack.com](mailto:slockhart@finfrack.com).



**DANIELLE M. MURRAY**, an attorney with The Health Law Firm, has been appointed to serve on the board of directors of Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. She also presented a lecture to Florida Hospital's family medicine residents and medical students in December 2012.

**TRAVIS R. THOMPSON** and **ASHLEY WEST THOMPSON** ('09) relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee. He joined the litigation group of Miller & Martin PLLC as an associate. He can be reached at 423.756.6600 or [tthompson@millermartin.com](mailto:tthompson@millermartin.com). She is a law clerk for the Honorable Harry S. Mattice, Jr., U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.



**LAURA WESTERMAN TANNER** and **CHRISTON R. TANNER** were married in October 2012, in Tierra Verde, Florida. They were both featured in the *Tampa Bay Times* article, "From This Day: Mr. Nice Guy turns out to be the Real McCoy." Pictured with the couple are other law alums who attended the wedding.

**ASHLEY ORTAGUS WILSON** works for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach, Inc. and made a presentation during The Florida Bar Foundation meeting in March 2013 in Orlando.

## 2011



**SCOTT S. BODDERY**'s article, "Electronic Wills: Drawing a Line in the Sand Against their Validity," was published in the *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal's* spring 2012 issue.

**CHRISTOPHER F. BUSCH** and **BENJAMIN R. KELLEY** opened Busch & Kelley, P.A. They can be reached at 502 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301 or 850.296.1950.

**JOSE M. GODINEZ-SAMPERIO** attended President Obama's State of the Union Address as a guest of **REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE CASTOR** ('91).

**SALOMON LAGUERRE** will join BakerHostetler following the conclusion of his clerkship with the Honorable Mary Scriven in September 2013.



**LAUREN VICKROY PURDY** married Jason Purdy in May 2012 in Saint Louis, Missouri. She currently clerks for the Honorable Chief Judge Joel F. Dubina of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Montgomery, Alabama.

**ABRAHAM M. SHAKFEH** practices in the Florida office of Shakfeh Law, Ltd. He can be reached at 813.228.0101.

## 2012

**JARED H. BLANCHARD** joined The Ticktin Law Group. He can be reached at 600 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Ste. 220, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 or 954.570.6757.

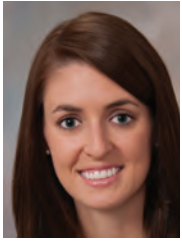
**NICOLE R. BLANTON** joined The Law Office of Glen J. Torcivia and Associates, P.A. She can be reached at 701 Northpoint Pkwy., Ste. 209, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, 561.686.8700 or [nblanton@torcivialaw.com](mailto:nblanton@torcivialaw.com).

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**NATASHA B. DORSEY** joined Foley & Lardner LLP as special counsel in their Jacksonville office. She can be reached at One Independent Dr., Ste. 1300, Jacksonville, FL 33202 or 904.359.2000.

**ALEX B. ERSHOCK** joined the Florida Office of the Attorney General as an assistant attorney general. He can be reached at [alex.ershock@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:alex.ershock@myfloridalegal.com).

**JENNIFER R. FOWLER** now works in the Florida Governor's Office of Fiscal Accountability.



**AMANDA K. GIBSON** joined GrayRobinson's Melbourne office as an associate.

**MARIA S. HOSSAIN** joined Broad and Cassel's Tallahassee office as an associate in the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

**DANIELA K. HOGUE** is a staff attorney with Gulfcoast Legal Services in their Bradenton, Florida office.



**SARA N. HUFF** joined GrayRobinson's Orlando office as an associate.

**KATHRYN M. KELLY** joined Fowler White Boggs in its Jacksonville office. She practices in the firm's Employment Practice Group and concentrates her practice in the areas of labor and employment law, focusing on matters involving allegations of sexual harassment, disability discrimination and FMLA violations.

**KENNETH A. KNOX** is an associate at Thomas Horstemeyer, LLP in Atlanta. He can be reached at 770.933.9500 or [Kenny.knox@tkhr.com](mailto:Kenny.knox@tkhr.com).

**JESSICA A. LENDERMON** joined Lyons & Farrar, P.A.'s Tallahassee office. She can be reached at 850.222.8811.

**JESSICA R. MARLOWE** joined the Sarasota office of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A. as an associate. She practices in the area of workers' compensation defense.

**PETER J. MATTHEWS, III** is now at BrownGreer PLC. He can be reached at 504.262.9324.

**CAITLIN R. MAWN** is an assistant state attorney in Brevard County. She can be reached at 321.617.7510.

**LOGAN K. MCEWEN** joined GCM Law, LLC as of counsel. He is vice president and CFO at McEwen DuBovis P.A.

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**BRETT J. MILLER** is an associate at de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP's Tallahassee office. He can be reached at 725 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301 or 850.201.3655.

**BRAD J. MITCHELL** has joined the Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney.

**G.C. MURRAY** is now legislative counsel for the Florida Justice Association. He can be reached at 218 South Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301 or 850. 224.9403.

**DANIELLE N. PAUL** passed the Georgia Bar Exam. She can be reached at [daniellepaul12@gmail.com](mailto:daniellepaul12@gmail.com).

**SAMANTHA K. POZNAK** joined Kain & Associates in Fort Lauderdale as an associate.

**TARA R. PRICE** will clerk for the Honorable Adalberto Jordan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit starting in 2014.



**STEPHANIE M. QUIÑONES** joined the Fort Lauderdale Gunster office as an associate in the banking and financial services practice group.

**JODI M. RUBERG** has joined Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin as an associate in their Orlando office. She can

be reached at 315 E. Robinson St., Ste. 500, Orlando, FL 32801, 407.420.4410 or [JMRuberg@MDWCG.com](http://JMRuberg@MDWCG.com).

**SAMUEL A. STARKEY** joined the Jacksonville office of Akerman Senterfitt as an associate. He can be reached at 50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville, FL 32302, 904.798.3700 or [sam.starkey@akerman.com](mailto:sam.starkey@akerman.com).

**KELLY B. WRIGHT** has joined the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

## In Memoriam

**MILES W. HUGHES ('97)** passed away in Oak Park, Illinois in March 2013. Known for his singular wit and love of his family, he served on the *Law Review* during his time at the College of Law. Most recently, he was an income partner at McDermott Will & Emery in Chicago.

**CAROL A. LANFRI ('97)** passed away in Jacksonville in November 2012. Originally from Michigan, she moved to California after graduating from St. Mary's School of Nursing. After obtaining her J.D. degree, she worked as a prosecutor for the Florida Board of Medicine and then worked for FPIC as assistant secretary and senior legal counsel. She was a member of The Florida Bar and its Health Law and Administrative Law sections.

**PERCY W. MALLISON, JR. ('78)** passed away in November 2012. Born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Fort Lauderdale, he enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served three years in Germany as a chemical staff specialist before receiving an honorable discharge. His work reflected his deep appreciation for the environment and its preservation. Most recently, he was general counsel at the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

**JOHN H. MCELYEA ('86)** passed away in January 2013. He practiced law for 27 years in Orlando. A loving father with a great sense of humor, he was a person of profound integrity and wisdom and a trusted friend to many.

**NORMAN F. O'ROURKE ('75)** passed away in March 2013 in Seattle. A prosecutor and private criminal attorney in Broward County for more than 30 years, he hailed from Ormond Beach. He pioneered civil cases brought against criminal sexual predators under the state's Jimmy Ryce Act.

**ROBERT L. SELLARS ('74)** passed away in December 2012 in Bigfork, Montana. Born in Miami, he served his country during one tour in Vietnam and practiced law in West Palm Beach for 40 years. His main focus in life was his devoted and loving wife, Edie.

**VINCENT V. VERSURAH, JR. ('77)** passed away in December 2012. Hailing from Greenville, Mississippi, he most recently lived in Tampa and worked for the University of Tampa. He is survived by his father, Col. Vincent Versurah Sr., step-mother Gloria Versurah and extended family.

## Law Alumni Serving Florida

Florida State University College of Law alumni fared well this past election season, as many were elected and re-elected to office. **Philip G. Archer** ('84) was elected state attorney of Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. **Representative Dwight R. Dudley** ('87) has been elected to represent District 68 in the Florida House of Representatives. **Representative Larry E. Metz** ('83) was re-elected to the Florida House of Representatives, serving District 32. **The Honorable Frances M. Perrone** ('00) was elected as a Hillsborough County Court Judge. **The Honorable Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.** ('79) has been re-elected as chief judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida. **Senator Christopher L. Smith** ('95) was re-elected to represent District 31 in the Florida Senate and assumed the top leadership position among Democrats. **Representative V. Ross Spano** ('98) was elected to the Florida House of Representatives for District 59. **Senator John E. Thrasher** ('73) was re-elected to represent District 6 in the Florida Senate. **Representative Carlos Trujillo** ('07) was re-elected to the Florida House of Representatives, serving District 105. **Representative John G. Wood, Jr.** ('77) was re-elected to represent District 41 in the Florida House of Representatives.

In addition, **Peter V. Antonacci** ('79) became Florida Governor Rick Scott's general counsel in January. He was previously State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit.



# 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



**Article:** *The Judgment In Novartis v. India: What The Supreme Court Of India Said*, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WATCH

(April 4, 2013). **Presentations:** *Executive Course on Intellectual Property, Diplomacy and Global Public Health* (Geneva, Switzerland, Graduate Institute Global Health Program, February 2013); *Fixing the System* (Durham, North Carolina, Duke University School of Law, Seminar on Access to Medicines: Intellectual Property Law and Global Public Health, February 2013); *Global Medicines Supply Chains, Counterfeiting and Criminality: When public health and greed collide* (New York City, New York University School of Law Colloquium on Innovation Policy, March 2013); *Access to Medicines as a Human Right: Case study of India* (Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard Law School, Harvard Human Rights Journal Symposium, April 2013). **Recognitions:** Appointed to the “Roster of WIPO Legal Rights Objection Experts for appointment as panelist

under ICANN New gTLD Dispute Resolution for Existing Legal Rights Objections;” Serves on the editorial board for WIPO-WTO Colloquium Papers Series, Geneva.

## Wendi Adelson

CLINICAL PROFESSOR



**Article:** *Health Care Providers Could Help Stop Human Trafficking*, Florida Board of Medicine Web site at <http://www.flboardofmedicine.gov/latest-news/human-trafficking/> (January 7, 2013).

**Presentations:** *Child Trafficking in Florida* (Florida Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Creating Our Future Conference, March 2013); *Human Trafficking in Florida and the Role of Government* (Plantation, Broward League of Cities, Keynote Speaker, January 2013); *Measuring Impact of Medical Legal Partnerships* (New Orleans, Louisiana, North American Primary Research Group Conference, Poster, December 2012).

## Kelli A. Alces

LOULA FULLER AND DAN MYERS

PROFESSOR



**Article:** *The False Promise of Risk-Reducing Incentive Pay: Evidence from Executive Pensions and Deferred Compensation* (with

Brian D. Galle), 38 J. CORP. L. 53 (2012). **Presentation:** *Larry Ribstein’s Fiduciary Duties* (New Orleans, Louisiana, AALS Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Agency, Partnerships, LLCs and Unincorporated Business Associations, January 2013).

## Paolo Annino

GLASS PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTEREST LAW



**Presentations:** *The Florida Legislative Story* (Washington, D.C., 2012 National Convening, The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of

Youth, Panelist, November 2012); *Why Florida should expand Medicaid coverage to the uninsured working poor* (Tallahassee, Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law, Health Care Reform: Legal and Ethical Questions About Where We Go From Here, February 2013). **Recognition:** Received the Emil Gumpert Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers in March 2013.

**Rob E. Atkinson, Jr.**

RUDEN MCCLOSKEY PROFESSOR



**Articles:** *Medicine and Law as Model Professions: The Heart of the Matter (and How We Have Missed It)*, 22 HEALTH MATRIX

345 (2013); *The Foundations of Neo-Classical Professionalism in Law and Business*, 10 GEO. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 429 (2012).

**Shawn J. Bayern**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Presentations:** *Offer and Acceptance in Modern Contract Law: A Needless Concept* (Fort Worth, Texas, Eighth International Contracts Conference, February 2012) (University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Roundtable on Contract Law, January 2012).

February 2012) (University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Roundtable on Contract Law, January 2012).

**Courtney Cahill**

DONALD HINKLE PROFESSOR



**Presentations:** *After Marriage Equality* (Brown University, LG-BTQ Center, April 2013); *Marriage Equality Panel*

(Brown University, A. Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy, April 2013); *Law, Humanities, and the Vulnerable Subject* (New Orleans, Louisiana, 2013 AALS Annual Meeting, Panelist, January 2013).

**Joseph M. Dodge**

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER

ALHADEFF &amp; SITTERSON PROFESSOR



**Presentation:** *Income Tax Simplification* (Tallahassee, Florida State University College of Law, One-Hundred Years of the

Federal Income Tax Symposium, March 2013).

**Charles W. Ehrhardt**

EMERITUS PROFESSOR



**Books:** EHRHARDT'S FLORIDA EVIDENCE (2013 ed.) (Thomson-West); FLORIDA TRIAL OBJECTIONS (5th ed.) (Thomson-West 2013).

**Elwin J. Griffith**

TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI PROFESSOR



**Article:** *The Search for Better Communication Between the Debt Collector and the Consumer Under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act*, 61

U. KAN. L. REV. 179 (2012).

**Adam J. Hirsch**

WILLIAM &amp; CATHERINE VANDERCREEK

PROFESSOR



**Presentations:** *Formalizing Gratuitous and Contractual Transfers: A Situational Theory* (Davis, California,

University of California Davis School of Law, March 2013) (San Diego, California, University of San Diego School of Law, February 2013) (Los Angeles, California, Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, January 2013).

**Shi-Ling Hsu**

PROFESSOR



**Article:** *Why Conservatives Should Support a Carbon Tax*, 30 ENVTL. F. 26 (2012). **Presentations:** *Capital Rigidities, Latent*

*Externalities* (Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern University School of Law, Environmental Law Colloquium, March 2013); *Prediction Markets for the Environment* (Jacksonville, Florida Coastal School of Law, Florida Environmental Summit, February 2013).

**Steve R. Johnson**

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR



**Article:** *Preserving Fairness in Tax Administration in the Mayo Era*, 32 VA. TAX REV. 269 (2013). **Presentations:** *Reforming*

*Federal Tax Litigation: An Agenda* (Tallahassee, Florida State University College of Law, One-Hundred Years of the Federal Income Tax Symposium, March 2013); *Everything You Need to Know About the Tax Issues in National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, (Orlando, American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee, Panelist, January 2013); Auer/Semi-

nole Rock *Deference in the Tax Court* (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh Tax Symposium, 2013).

**Faye Jones**

DIRECTOR & PROFESSOR



**Presentations:** *Internet Law Trends 2013: Social Media* (American Inns of Court, Joint Meeting of The First District Appellate Inn, The Stafford Inn and The St. Andrews Bay Inn, March 2013); *Identity Theft Crimes in the United States* (University of South Australia, February 2013).

**Marshall Kapp**

PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND LAW



**Chapter:** *Informed Consent and Risk Management* (co-author) in **COMPREHENSIVE DERMATOLOGIC DRUG THERAPY** (Stephen E. Wolverton, editor) (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Philadelphia: Elsevier 2012). **Articles:** *Nursing Home Culture Change: Legal Apprehensions and Opportunities*, **THE GERONTOLOGIST** (2012), doi: 10.1093/geront/gns131; *A Collaborative Center in Medicine and Law: Lessons from a Disruptive Innovation*, 9 **IND. HEALTH L. REV.** 457 (2012); *Health Reform and the Affordable Care Act: Not Really Trusting the Consumer*, 42 **STETSON L. REV.** 9 (2012); *Looking at Age Discrimination Laws Through a Global Lens*, 37 **GENERATIONS: JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY ON AGING** 70 (Spring 2013); *A Legal Approach to the Use of Human Biological Materials for Research Purposes*,

10 **RUTGERS J. L. & PUB. POL'Y** 1 (Spring 2013). **Presentations:** *The Nursing Home as Part of the POLST Paradigm* (St. Paul, Minnesota, Conference on “Legal, Medical, and Ethical Issues in Minnesota End-of-Life Care” sponsored by Hamline University Health Law Institute, November 2012); *Elder Law Overview* (Legal Scholars Seminar Series (distance learning course) sponsored by Loyola University-Chicago School of Law, October 2012); *The Affordable Care Act and How It Will Affect Medical Practice in the Coming Years* (Orlando, Leadership Development Seminar co-sponsored by Orange County Medical Society and Seminole County Medical Society, September 2012).

**Jeffrey H. Kahn**

LARSON PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



**Presentations:** *SCOTUS and the ACA* (Tallahassee, Health Care Reform: Legal and Ethical Questions About Where We Go from Here, February 2013); *Re-financing Social Security* (Lexington, Kentucky, Faculty Speaker Series, March 2013).

**Lawrence S. Krieger**

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



**Presentations:** *Shared Personal Foundations of Professionalism and Well-Being* (Tallahassee, Inns of Court, April 2013);

*Promoting Wellbeing in Law Schools and the Profession: Ongoing Research and Proposed Applications* (University of Melbourne (Australia) College of Law, Inaugural National Symposium on Wellbeing in Law Schools and the Legal Profession, Keynote Address, February 2013); *Application of Self-Determination Theory to Improve Performance and Retention of Attorneys* (Tallahassee, Florida Association of General Counsel, January 2013); *Empirical Correlates of Career Satisfaction: Data from 7,500 Lawyers in Four States* (New Orleans, Louisiana, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, January 2013).

**David E. Landau**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



**Article:** *The Importance of Constitution-Making*, 89 **DENV. U. L. REV.** 611 (symposium). **Presentations:** *Abusive Constitutionalism* (Indianapolis, Indiana, University of Indiana Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Second Annual Younger Comparativists Committee, American Society of Comparative Law, April 2013); *Remedies for Social Rights* (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Annual Meeting of the International Association of Constitutional Law, April 2013); *Abusive Constitutionalism* (University of Wisconsin Law School, Faculty Workshop Series, March 2013); Commentator, *A Monitoring Mechanism for Constitutional Decisions in Costa Rica* (by Jeffrey Staton & Varun Gauri) (George Washington University, Comparative Constitutional



Law Roundtable, March 2013); *Revisiting the Value of the Small-N Case Study in Comparative Constitutional Law* (Columbia Law School, Roundtable on Methodology in Comparative Constitutional Law, February 2013).

### Jake Linford

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Presentations:** *Speech and Progress Institutions* (Chicago, Illinois, The University of Chicago Law School, Legal Scholarship

Workshop, November 2012) (Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern University Law School, Legal Scholarship Workshop, November 2012) (Chicago, Illinois, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Third Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2012).

### Wayne A. Logan

GARY & SALLYN PAJIC PROFESSOR



**Chapter:** *Sex Offender Consequences*, 99 in *COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION: LAW, POLICY AND PRACTICE* (Margaret E. Love et al., editors) (West Publishing 2013). **Article:** *Florence v. Board of Chosen Freeholders: Police Power Takes a More Intrusive Turn*, 46 *AKRON L. REV.* 415 (2013) (symposium). **Presentations:** *Police Authority to Search Cell Phones Incident to Arrest* (Brevard County Bar Association, Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification: Challenges and New Developments, Spring Continu-

ing Legal Education Program, March 2013); *Informal Collateral Consequences* (University of Minnesota Law School, March 2013).

### Dan Markel

D'ALEMBERTE PROFESSOR



**Presentations:** *Luck or Law: Is Indeterminate Sentencing Unconstitutional?* (Boston, Massachusetts, CrimProf Shadow

Conference, Law and Society, May 2013); *Justice and Mercy in Christianity and Law* (Annual Conference of Lumen Christi Institute at the University of Chicago and the Law Professors' Christian Fellowship, January 2013); *Some Tips and Techniques for Scholars in Progress* (New Orleans, Louisiana, American Association of Law Schools Conference, January 2013).

### David L. Markell

STEVEN M. GOLDSTEIN PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



**Presentation:** *EPA Next Generation Environmental Compliance: Improving Compliance with Regulations through Regulation*

*Structure and Advanced Technology: A Workshop for Researchers and Practitioners* (Panel hosted by EPA, ELI, and George Washington University Law School, Moderator, December 2012). **Recognitions:** Continued to serve as a member of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation

National Advisory Committee and participated in a number of its meetings; Serves as a member of the Organization of American States Sustainable Development Advisory Committee and advised the Senior Legal Specialist, Chief Environmental Law, Policy and Governance on various issues.

### Murat Mungan

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Chapter:** *The Scope of Criminal Law*, in *RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON THE ECONOMICS OF CRIMINAL LAW* (A. Harel & K.

Hylton, editors) (Edward Elgar 2012). **Articles:** *The Law and Economics of Fluctuating Criminal Tendencies and Incapacitation*, 72 *MD. L. REV.* 156 (2012); *Economics of the Independent Invention Defense under Incomplete Information*, 20 *SUP. CT. ECON. REV.* 183 (2012); *Don't Say You're Sorry Unless You Mean It: Pricing Apologies to Achieve Credibility*, 32 *INT'L REV. L. & ECON.* 178 (2012); *Fundraising and Optimal Policy Rules* (with Baris K. Yoruk), 14 *J. PUB. ECON. THEORY* 625 (2012).

### Mark B. Seidenfeld

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



**Articles:** *The Irrelevance of Politics for Arbitrary and Capricious Review*, 90 *WASH. U. L. REV.* 141 (2012); *Strategic Interactions between*

*Administrative Agencies and the White*

*House: A Welcome Look into the Black Box of the Executive Branch*, JOTWELL ADMIN. L., available at <http://adlaw.jotwell.com> (March 6, 2013). **Presentations:** *Legal Implications of National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* (Tallahassee, Health Care Reform: Legal and Ethical Questions About Where We Go from Here, February 2013); *New Faces in Administrative Law* (New Orleans, Louisiana, Annual Meeting of the AALS, Panel of Junior and Senior Scholars, January 2013).

**Fernando Tesón**

TOBIAS SIMON EMINENT SCHOLAR



**Chapters:** *War*, in THE ROUTLEDGE COMPANION TO SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (G. Gaus and F. D'Agostino, editors) (Routledge 2013); *Targeted Killing in War and Peace: A Philosophical Analysis* in TARGETED KILLINGS: LAW AND MORALITY IN AN ASYMMETRICAL WORLD (Claire Finkelstein, Jens Ohlin & Andrew Altman, editors) (Oxford University Press 2012); *Assassination*, in THE INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ETHICS (Hugh LaFollete, editor) (Wiley 2012). **Presentation:** *Natural Law as Part of International Law* (University of Edinburgh, Scotland, January 2013).

**Franita Tolson**

BETTY T. FERGUSON PROFESSOR OF VOTING RIGHTS



**Article:** *Benign Partisanship*, 88 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 395 (2012). **Presentations:** *A Structural Theory of Elections* (University of California-Berkeley School of Law, Conference on Mapping the Ballot Box, March 2013); *The Union as a Safeguard Against Faction: Congressional Gridlock as State Empowerment* (Notre Dame Law School, Symposium on Congressional Gridlock, November 2012); *Benign Partisanship* (Northwestern University School of Law, Legal Scholarship Workshop, November 2012) (University of Chicago Law School, Legal Scholarship Workshop, November 2012) (Loyola University Chicago School of Law Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2012) (Washington University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, October 2012).

**Manuel A. Utset, Jr.**

CHARLES W. EHRHARDT PROFESSOR



**Articles:** *Fraudulent Corporate Signals: Conduct as Securities Fraud*, 54 B.C. L. REV. 645 (2013); *Inchoate Crimes Revisited: A Behavioral Economics Perspective*, 47 U. RICH. L. REV. 1205 (2013).

**Donald J. Weidner**

DEAN AND ALUMNI CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR



**Presentation:** *Changes in Legal Education* (Pensacola, Escambia Santa Rosa Bar Association Meeting, April 2013).

**Hannah Wiseman**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Articles:** *The Private Role in Public Fracturing Disclosure and Regulation*, 3 HARV. BUS. L. REV. ONLINE 49 (2013); *Regulatory Risks in Tight Oil and Gas Development*, 29/5 NAT. GAS & ELECTRICITY 6 (2013), Wiley Periodicals. **Presentations:** *Federal Approaches to Shale Gas Development: Statutes, Standards, and Studies* (Columbia Law School and Columbia Business School, "How Should Hydraulic Fracturing Be Regulated?" April 2013); *Remedying Regulatory Diseconomies of Scale in Energy Law* (University of Minnesota, Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences, "Legal & Policy Pathways for Energy Innovation," April 2013); *Remedying Regulatory Diseconomies of Scale* (Nashville, Tennessee, Vanderbilt Law School, March 2013); *The Evolving Landscape of U.S. Unconventional Energy: Fracturing, Federalism Debates, and the Regulatory Divide* (Nashville, Tennessee, Vanderbilt Law School, March 2013); *Regulatory Risks and Policy Challenges* (Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard Environmental Law Society,

“Fracking and the Law: The Legal and Environmental Implications of the Hydraulic Fracturing Boom,” March 2013); *Regulations and Best Practices in the Development of Unconventional Resources* (New Haven, Connecticut, Yale Climate & Energy Institute and the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Research Frontiers in the Science of Unconventional Energy Resources, March 2013); *Urban Energy*, (New York City, New York, Fordham University School of Law, Fortieth Anniversary Symposium of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, February 2013); *Fracking and Resource Extraction and Community Planning* (Chicago, Illinois, American Planning Association, February 2013); *Sorting Out Jurisdictional Battles in Renewable Energy Permitting* (Gainesville, University of Florida School of Law, 12th Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium, Local Barriers to Renewable Energy: Preemption, Process, and Property Rights, February 2013); *An Introduction to U.S. Regulation of Oil and Gas Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing* (Seoul, Korea, Asian Institute for Policy Studies, Non-Market Factors in Shale Gas Development, January 2013); *Diseconomies of Scale in Administrative Law* (New Orleans, Louisiana, American Association of Law Schools, New Voices in Administrative Law, January 2013); *Evolving State Regulatory Approaches to Hydraulic Fracturing* (Teleconference, American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estates Section’s Legal Education Committee, Professors’ Corner, January 2013); *Understanding and Improving Regulation of Shale Gas Development* (Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy, Webinar Series in Emerging Issues in

Shale Gas Development, December 2012); *Implementing Community-Scale Renewables* (San Diego, California, University of San Diego School of Law, Law in a Distributed Energy Future, November 2012).

### Samuel R. Wiseman

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#### Presentations:

*The Future of Food Choice* (University of Maine School of Law, 2013 Food Law & Policy Conference, “Local Food || Global Food: Do We Have What It Takes To Reinvent the U.S. Food System?”, February 2013); *Smart Justice Roundtable on Pretrial Detention, sponsored by the American Bar Association and the Florida Taxwatch Center for Smart Justice* (Florida State University College of Law, Moderator, January 2013); *Privacy, Technology, and Bail* (Tulane University, Southeast Law School Junior-Senior Scholars Conference, October 2012).



## Faculty Media Hits

**Wendi Adelson** penned an article, “Health Care Providers Could Help Stop Human Trafficking,” that was published on the Florida Board of Medicine Web site on January 10, 2013.

**Paolo Annino** was quoted November 12 in the *Orlando Sentinel* story, “Court rulings leave uncertainty about life-without-parole sentences for juvenile killers.” He also was quoted March 9 in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* article, “Healthcare Law, Access Issues At Center of Scope-of-Practice Fights.”

**Courtney Cahill** was quoted March 26 in the *Tallahassee Democrat* article, “LGBT community rallies as gay-marriage cases come before Supreme Court.” She also was quoted on April 2 in *The Brown Daily Herald* article, “Same-sex marriage ruling could affect R.I.”

**Sandy D’Alemberte** was mentioned in a January 1 *ABA Journal* article, “The Dream Bar: Some Children Illegally Living in the United States Grow Up to Want to Be Attorneys.”

**Chuck Ehrhardt** was featured in the *Broward County Bar Association Barrister* article, “Professor Emeritus Charles Ehrhardt.”

**Shi-Ling Hsu** was quoted on December 6 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* story, “California faces carbon conundrum.” He also was quoted in a December 10 *ClimateWire* story, “State ponders double carbon tax tangle.” On January 11 he was quoted in *The Florida Current* article, “U.S. Supreme Court to hear landowner’s ‘weird’ challenge of wetlands mitigation.” He was mentioned in a February 7 *Huffington Post* article, “Conservative Carbon.” He also wrote an opinion article, “Effective Climate Policy: The Case for a Carbon Tax,” that was published by *Reuters* on February 18.

**Marshall Kapp** was quoted in the *WUSF* story, “United Patients Scramble for New Coverage,” on November 27. He also was quoted on November 29 in the *Health News Florida* story, “Fight spurs call for less secrecy.” He was quoted in a January 11 *WFSU* radio story, “Will Higher Medicaid

Rates Yield More Doctor Participation? Feds Think So.” He also was quoted in the *WFSU* story, “Healthcare Law, Access Issues At Center of Scope-of-Practice Fights,” on March 1. He was quoted on March 17 in the *Sun-Sentinel* article, “To do CPR or not? New form can help answer that question.” He was interviewed by *WTXL* for their March 29 story, “Big Bend Hospice, FSU to screen award-winning documentary.”

**Wayne Logan** was quoted February 20 in the *WCTV* story, “U.S. Supreme Court Overrules FL Court’s Drug Sniffing Dog Decision.” He also was quoted April 1 in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article, “Missouri considering changing its sex offender registry rules.”

**Franita Tolson** was quoted in a November 2 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article, “Georgia lawyers travel to aid Romney, Obama.” She also was quoted November 7 in the *WTXL* story, “Florida residents react to Amendment 1.” She wrote the article, “What of congressional power over voting?” which was posted by *Re-*

*uters* on February 12. She appeared on the February 25 *HuffPost Live* segment, “Voting Rights Debate.” She also wrote an opinion article, “Defending the NVRA from the ever-present and persistent specter of state sovereignty,” that was published March 21 on the *Alliance for Justice Blog*. She also was interviewed March 21 by *HuffPost Live* for their segment, “One Voter One Vote.” She was quoted in *The Miami Herald* article, “Equal Rights Amendment resurfaces as issue.”

**Hannah Wiseman** was quoted in the *Florida Current* article, “House, Senate nuclear cost recovery bills clear final committee stops.”

# New Professorships for Annino and Tolson



Paolo Annino

The Florida State University College of Law has appointed Paolo Annino the Glass Professor of Public Interest Law. The endowed professorship, which was created by an anonymous donor, recognizes the important work of the law school's Public Interest Law Center.

Co-directed by Annino, the Public Interest Law Center trains second- and third-year law students in legal advocacy with an emphasis on intensive one-on-one and small group instruction. It consists of three clinics: the Children's Advocacy Clinic, the Family Law Clinic and the Medical-Legal Partnership. Annino, a 1998 College of Law graduate, supervises students who represent "live clients" through the Children's Advocacy Clinic. Annino and his students have received national and international recognition for their advocacy on behalf of children. In 2010, members of the U.S. Supreme Court cited repeatedly a study led by Annino in a landmark decision that life in prison without the opportunity for parole represents cruel and unusual punishment for juvenile offenders who did not commit homicide.

"I am thrilled that we can recognize Paolo and all of the great work he is doing at the Public Interest Law Center with this professorship," said Dean Don Weidner. "Because of his efforts, hundreds of our graduates have left Florida State with hands-on legal experience and with an appreciation for public interest law."



Franita Tolson

Franita Tolson, an expert in election law, has been appointed the Betty T. Ferguson Professor of Voting Rights. The professorship, which was created by an anonymous donor, honors Betty Jean Tucker Ferguson, a former Miami-Dade County Commissioner. Ferguson was the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit that resulted in district elections of county commissioners in Dade County, Florida. Following that, Ferguson was first

elected to the Miami-Dade County Commission in 1993, serving three terms until she decided to not seek a fourth term in 2004.

In addition to election law, Tolson's scholarship focuses on the areas of constitutional law, legal history and employment discrimination. Recently, she has written on the federalism implications of partisan gerrymandering and the renewal of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Her research has been published in leading law reviews and she has written for or served as a commentator for various media outlets. She teaches courses in constitutional law, election law, employment discrimination and the first amendment.



Betty Ferguson

"I am very excited that such a prestigious college of law would establish a voting rights professorship and name it in my honor," said Ferguson. "It gives me great hope and belief that voting rights will continue to be monitored at the state and federal level by brilliant legal minds."

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## Adelson to Permanently Lead Medical-Legal Partnership



Wendi Adelson

Clinical Professor Wendi Adelson has been hired as a full-time faculty member to direct the Medical-Legal Partnership, the newest clinic offered in the Public Interest Law Center. The Medical-Legal Partnership is a collaboration between the Florida State University Colleges of Law and Medicine and is an innovation in interdisciplinary education. Students work inter-professionally to ascertain the best methods to resolve the health and related legal problems of impoverished patients. Adelson had been serving as a visiting professor, leading the clinic since its inception in 2011. Before

joining the law school, Adelson directed the Human Rights and Immigration Law Project at Florida State University's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.

Based on her work representing victims of human trafficking, Adelson published a fiction book about the topic in 2011. The novel, *This Is Our Story*, was recently reviewed by Brooke Deratany Goldfarb, a Florida Bar member and president of Peaceful Beach Mediation in Indialantic. Adelson's work follows the lives of Rosa and Mila, two young women from different countries who become victims of human trafficking when unwittingly duped into domestic servitude and commercial sexual exploitation in the American Southeast. The review was published in the November 2012 issue of *The Florida Bar Journal*.

## Professor Rob Atkinson Honored for Transformative Teaching



Rob Atkinson

In November, Ruden McClosky Professor Rob E. Atkinson, Jr. received the university's *Transformation Through Teaching* honor. *Transformation Through Teaching*

is a program established through Florida State's Spiritual Life Project to honor full-time faculty that have had an intellectual, inspirational, and integrative impact on the lives of their students. In the program's second year, forty Florida State University faculty members were nominated by their students for their transformational role in their students' academic life. The Spiritual Life Project fosters students' search for meaning, purpose, and authenticity in life, deepens their self-understanding, broadens their awareness of diverse perspectives and themselves as global citizens, and develops a sense of commitment to higher ideals.



# Law Professors Participate in Health Care Reform Conference

Students and professors at Florida State's law and medical schools have been working together more frequently since the Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law opened in 2010. This spring, the Center, the College of Law, the College of Medicine and the Florida Bioethics Network jointly sponsored a conference titled "Health Care Reform: Legal and Ethical Questions About Where We Go from Here." The February 4 event took place at the Florida State University Alumni Center and Professor of Medicine and Law Marshall Kapp organized the lectures.

Jeffrey H. Kahn, the Larson Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Mark B. Seidenfeld, the Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law and Associate Dean for Research, presented during the conference's second session. The session topic was, "The SCOTUS Decision on the Affordable Care Act: What Did the Supreme Court Really Hold, and on What Basis?" Also during the conference, Glass Professor of Public Interest Law and Co-Director of the Public Interest Law Center Paolo Annino presented, "Why Florida Should Expand Medicaid Coverage to the Uninsured Poor."

The law school's latest contribution to the Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law is the hiring of a permanent faculty member, Clinical Professor Wendi Adelson, to teach and direct the Medical-Legal Partnership. Through the clinic, law students work with medical professionals to help patients at Neighborhood Health Services who have legal and medical problems.



# Karlinsky Teaches Unique Law and Risk Management Course Over Spring Break



Karlinsky welcomes students to the course.

Commonly known as a time spent relaxing and enjoying the sun, spring break had a different purpose this year for many College of Law students. Thirty-nine law students earned school credit as they participated in a course that took place entirely over the spring break. A collaboration between the law school and Florida State's College of Business, the



Florida CFO Jeff Atwater

course, titled Law and Risk Management, was primarily taught by Fred Karlinsky, adjunct professor and shareholder of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky, Abate & Webb, and professors from the business school. The wide-ranging course covered insurance law basics, workers' compensation basics, storm modeling and the public policy of storm damage mitigation, medi-

cal malpractice and international risk management.

Taking advantage of the law school's location in the state capital, the course included many distinguished guest lecturers. Guests included: Kevin McCarty, commissioner of the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation; Jeff Atwater, chief financial officer for the state of Florida; Michael Blackshear, senior vice president for government affairs and regulatory compliance officer for March & McLennan; Lorilee Medders, associate director for the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center; Jack Nicholson, chief operating

officer of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; Patrick Maroney, Florida State College of Business Kathryn Magee Kip Professor and director of the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center; and former Florida State law professor Dino Falaschetti, executive director for the Property and Environment Research Center.

In addition, the students twice visited the Florida Capitol to attend meetings of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee and the House of Representatives Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

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# Top Practitioners, Including the General Counsel of 20-plus State Agencies, Met with Students this Spring Semester

Numerous alumni and other practitioners committed their time to speak with students during the spring semester. Organized primarily by the Florida State University College of Law Placement Office, this semester's events gave students an opportunity to network with some of the state's top attorneys - many of whom make hiring decisions.

The events included virtual networking opportunities, allowing alumni from any location to see and connect with students.



Taking advantage of our location in Tallahassee, five of the spring semester's networking noshes featured state agency general counsel. Alumni from firms and businesses located outside of Tallahassee also met with students on campus. Participating alums included:

- Alan Abramowitz ('89), Executive Director, Florida Guardian Ad Litem,
- Brian D. Berkowitz ('83), Florida Department of Juvenile Justice,
- Holly Dincman ('97), Coppins Monroe Adkins & Dincman,
- Davisson Dunlap, III ('01), Dunlap & Shipman,
- Carolyn Egan ('98), Florida State University,
- Charles Griggers ('01), Thomas Horstemeyer,

- J.R. Kelly ('88), Florida Office of Public Counsel,
- David Milam ('04), Dunlap & Shipman,
- Felicia Nowels ('03), Akerman Senterfitt,
- M. Drew Parker ('03), Florida Department of Children and Families,
- Dottie Ridgeway ('99), Florida Department of Corrections,
- Robert Rigsby ('93), Invesco Ltd.,
- Leron Rogers ('99), Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP,
- Laura Rush ('86), Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator,
- Shannon Salimone ('95), Holland & Knight,
- J. Layne Smith ('87), Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation,
- Glenda Thornton ('89), Florida Lottery, and
- Stuart Williams ('03), Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.



# International Law Students Association Wins National Award



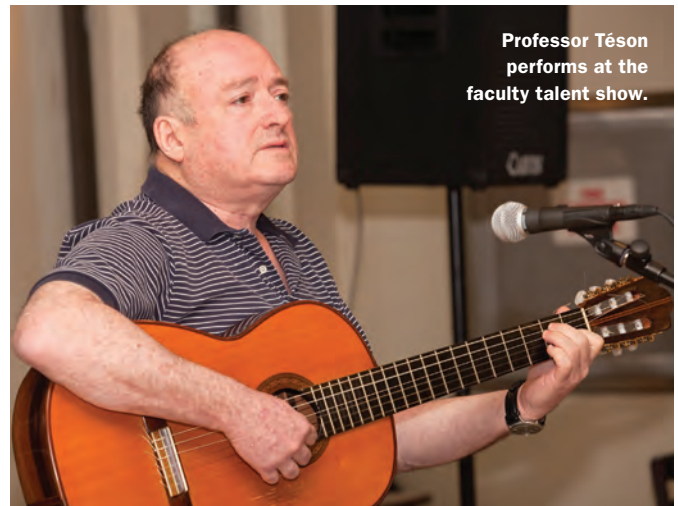
Students enjoyed an international potluck.

Florida State's chapter of the International Law Students Association (ILSA) won the Best International Social Event Chapter Award from the International Law Students Association for their organization of Diversity Week. An annual event, Diversity Week is hosted

not only by Florida State's ILSA chapter, but by every student group at the law school that wants to participate. Diversity Week provides students the opportunity to celebrate the diverse student body of the College of Law.

Kicking off the week-long schedule of events, a lunch panel discussion, "Civil Rights in the South, 50 Years after MLK, Where Are We?," took place. Students organized a bake sale and potluck of ethnic dishes, all prepared by law students. The bake sale included a wide variety of items, ranging from baklava to flan to meringue, all sold for an excellent cause - the

Save a Child's Heart Foundation, which provides heart surgery to children in regions where medical care is scarce. Proceeds from the potluck also went to the same cause. In addition, Florida State's Cuban American Bar Association provided salsa lessons during a happy hour at a local restaurant. The week concluded with a faculty talent show, where students enjoyed poetry readings, Argentinian music, jazz piano and stand-up comedy.



Professor Téson performs at the faculty talent show.

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# Eighty-one Percent of Students Give to Annual Fund

Eighty-one percent of Florida State University College of Law students made gifts to the law school during an annual student drive held January 27 - February 2.

"We're all thrilled by this result, which essentially is a vote of confidence in our program," said College of Law Dean Don Weidner. "Faculty challenge gifts were a major factor."

Forty-one faculty members made challenge gifts of their own to inspire student giving.

Historically, the College of Law's strong student giving rate motivates alumni to give to the law school. Florida State is the nation's tenth best law school in terms of alumni giving rate, according to American Bar Association data.

## More Federal Judges Visit Florida State



**The Honorable Margaret McKeown**

Three federal judges visited the law school during the spring 2013 semester. The Honorable Gregory Presnell, of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, visited the law school in January. Judge Presnell spoke to students taking Sentencing Law and

to a group of faculty members during his time on campus. Before Judge Presnell's appointment to the bench in 2000 by President Bill Clinton, he practiced with Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. in Orlando.

The Honorable Adalberto Jose Jordan, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, visited campus in March. He joined the court in 2012 after an appointment from President Barack Obama. Judge Jordan met with *Florida State University Law Review* students and had lunch with law faculty. He previously served as a judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

The Honorable Margaret McKeown visited the law school in April. Judge McKeown, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, met with *Florida State University Law Review* students, visited Professor Jake Linford's Copyright Law class, and met with both students and faculty members. Before becoming a judge, she was a partner at Perkins Coie, where she focused on complex litigation, intellectual property, antitrust and trade regulation. Judge McKeown serves on the Judicial Conference of the United States Code of Conduct Committee, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Executive Committee and the board of the American Judicature Society.

## Florida State Grads First on Florida Bar Exam

Florida State law graduates ranked first among the state's 11 law schools on the February 2013 administration of the Florida Bar Examination. Florida State law graduates taking the February 2013 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 96%, according to statistics released in April by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The overall passing rate of all law school graduates taking the exam for the first time was 80.2%. The exam was administered February 26-27 in Tampa to 819 first-time takers, including 25 from Florida State. Our graduates have ranked first or second in the state on 10 of the last 15 administrations of the exam.

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

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## College of Law Hosts ABA Event



Samuel Wiseman

The College of Law hosted an American Bar Association Roundtable, “Pretrial Risk Assessment and Community Supervision: Tools to Advance Public Safety,” in January. Hosted for the College of Law by Professor Samuel Wiseman, an expert on pre- and post-trial issues in criminal procedure, the Roundtable featured panelists discussing a variety of pretrial tools to advance public safety and reduce citizens’ tax burden. Wiseman also served as the Roundtable moderator. Co-sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida State University College of Law and the Florida State University Project on Accountable Justice, the event was free and open to the public. Legislators, judges, law enforcement officials, attorneys, pretrial agency supervisors, commercial bondsmen, GPS monitoring vendors and court administrators from around the state attended the event or served as panelists.

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## Florida State Law Reaches New High as Nation’s 48th Best Law School

*U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Florida State University College of Law the nation’s 48<sup>th</sup> best overall and 25<sup>th</sup> best public law school. This is another new high for Florida State as the school continues its climb in national rankings.

**“We are thrilled that yet another ranking system testifies to our success at job placement. It is wonderful that the marketplace is embracing our extremely talented students.”**

The jump in rankings is, in large part, a result of the school’s extremely strong employment rates. According to the *U.S. News* data, Florida State is the nation’s 23<sup>rd</sup> best, and Florida’s best, law school in terms of the percentage of 2011 graduates employed nine months after graduation in full-time, long-term, Bar admission-required or J.D.-preferred jobs. The numbers make Florida State the nation’s 9<sup>th</sup> best public law school. Last summer, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Florida State was the nation’s 25<sup>th</sup> best, and Florida’s best, law school in terms of placing its new graduates in jobs that require J.D. degrees.

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*U.S. News* also ranks Florida State’s environmental law program the nation’s 16<sup>th</sup> best overall and 7<sup>th</sup> best among public law schools.



# OTHER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

BLSA's Mock Trial team placed second at the 2013 Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition in Nashville, Tennessee. Winning team members included **Alejandra Berlioz (1L)**, **Marcus Billie (2L)**, **Nesha Drummond (2L)**, and **Melissa Mears (1L)**. They were coached by **C. Erica White ('01)**. The team advanced to the national level, competing at the 45th annual NLSA convention in March.

**Claire Armagnac (2L)** accepted a summer internship with the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration in Connecticut. She will work with federal judges and draft orders for them.

**Jim Burleson (2L)** has been selected for the Federal Aviation Administration's Law Honors Intern Program this summer.

**Douglas Dean (3L)** has accepted a clerkship with the Honorable W. Louis Sands of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. He will begin clerking in August of 2013.

**Chris Fallon (3L)** was accepted to Georgetown University for its LL.M. program in national security law. Following the LL.M. program, he will clerk for the Honorable Dudley Hollingsworth Bowen, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.



**Sherri-Ann Grant-Clarke (2L)** will intern with the South Florida Water Management District in West Palm Beach over the summer.

**Chris Hastings (1L)** has accepted a summer internship with the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County.

**Dillon Jess (1L)** organized a team of 1L students to participate in the annual Tallahassee Bar Association Chili Cook Off. The team took home the title of "Most Unusual Chili." Team members were: **Jonathan Chinchilla**, **Jessica Fernandez**, **Stepha-**

**nie Fritzshall**, **Megan Lloyd**, **Zachary Lombardo** and **Will Nilson**.

**Matthew Kelly (3L)** is conducting research for a project connected with the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration. The project is being overseen by U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade **Francisco "Frank" Sánchez ('86)**.



**Andrew Missel (2L)** and **Angela Wuerth (3L)** won second place in the third annual National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition at West Virginia University College of Law. They were the only two-student team in the final round.



**Michael Niles (3L)** and **Laurel Cornell Niles (3L)** were married on March 2, 2013 in Boynton Beach, Florida. The ceremony was officiated by adjunct professor **Seth**

**E. Miller ('04)**. Michael also was offered a position as a judicial clerk with the **Honorable Karen S. Specie ('78)**, U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Florida, after graduation.



**Evan Rosenthal (3L)** penned an article, "Letting the Sunshine In: Protecting Residential Access to Solar Energy in Common Interest Development," that will be published

in an upcoming issue of the *Florida State University Law Review*. He also wrote an article, "The Trend is Your Friend: Embracing and Incentivizing the Private Sector's Shift Toward Climate Consciousness," that will be published in an issue of the *Florida*

*State University Business Review*.

**Joseph Salzverg (1L)** received the Justice Raoul G. Cantero Diversity Enhancement Scholarship, awarded by the Cuban American Bar Association and the Cuban American Bar Foundation.

**Krisztina Schlessel (3L)** will clerk for the **Honorable Joseph Lewis ('77)** of the First District Court of Appeal after graduation.

**Brenden Soucy (3L)** has accepted an offer of employment with Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider & Grossman LLP in Miami after graduation.



**Andrew Thornquest's (3L)** paper, "The New Wave of Florida Energy: The Regulatory Path to Harnessing Marine Hydrokinetic Power," won first place in the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Public Land Student Writing Contest.



**Haley Van Erem (3L)** wrote an opinion article, "Gov. Scott can choose to save 5,000 Floridians," which was published by the *Tallahassee Democrat* in December 2012.

**Michael Vaghaiwalla (3L)** wrote an opinion article, "Medicaid expansion: An ounce of prevention well worth it," which was published by the *Orlando Sentinel* in August 2012.

**Thomas Whigham (3L)** contributed to the Florida State University College of Medicine *HEAL Newsletter*.



**Ben Whitman (3L)** has accepted an associate position with Wicker Smith O'Hara McCoy & Ford P.A. in Fort Lauderdale.

## Kahn and Curtin Join Administration



Jeffrey H. Kahn

Larson Professor Jeffrey H. Kahn is the new associate dean for academic affairs. Kahn joined the Florida State law faculty in 2011. His scholarship focuses on the federal tax area. The author of several treatises, he also has published numerous articles in both general law reviews and tax journals. Before joining Florida State, he worked as a tax associate in the Chicago office of McDermott, Will & Emery and served on the faculties at Washington & Lee School of Law, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law and Santa Clara University School of Law.



Jeanne Curtin

Alumna Jeanne Curtin is a new development officer for the College of Law. In that capacity, she will work with the dean and the associate dean for development on major donor efforts. Curtin is a member of the College of Law's Board of Visitors and previously was a legal writing professor for the law school. Prior to joining the faculty at Florida State, she practiced at her own law firm and at Greenberg Traurig, P.A. She also previously served as a senior cabinet aide to the Secretary of State of Florida, focusing on land use and environmental issues. While in law school, Curtin was a legal intern at the First District Court of Appeal, was the administrative editor of the *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law*, and served as vice president of Women's Law Symposium.



(L-R) Environmental Forum participants Kramer, Wiseman, Collins and Hall

## Environmental Program Offers Timely Events

The College of Law sponsored a variety of programs on environmental and land use issues during the spring 2013 semester.

The Spring 2013 Environmental Distinguished Lecture was given in March by Wendy E. Wagner, the Joe A. Worsham Centennial Professional at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Professor Wagner's lecture, "Racing to the Top: How Regulation Can Be Used to Create Incentives for Industry to Improve Environmental Quality," was well attended by law students and local attorneys.

The Spring 2013 Environmental Forum, entitled, "Effectively Governing Shale Gas Development," included panelists Emily Collins, clinical assistant professor and the supervising attorney at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law's Environmental Law Clinic, Keith B. Hall, director of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute and assistant professor of law at Louisiana State University, and Bruce Kramer, the Maddox Professor of Law Emeritus at Texas Tech University School of Law and of counsel at McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore. Florida State Professor Hannah Wiseman served as moderator during the February event.



# Amber Drummond Remembered



Amber Drummond ('13) passed away in March 2013. A dedicated and determined student, she founded the Student Federal Bar Association to provide an opportunity for those interested in federal practice to network with federal practitioners and learn more about federal practice. A memorial was held at the law school on March 20. Numerous students, professors and other friends spoke about Amber at the event. During the spring graduation ceremony, Amber's J.D. degree was posthumously presented to her parents.





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