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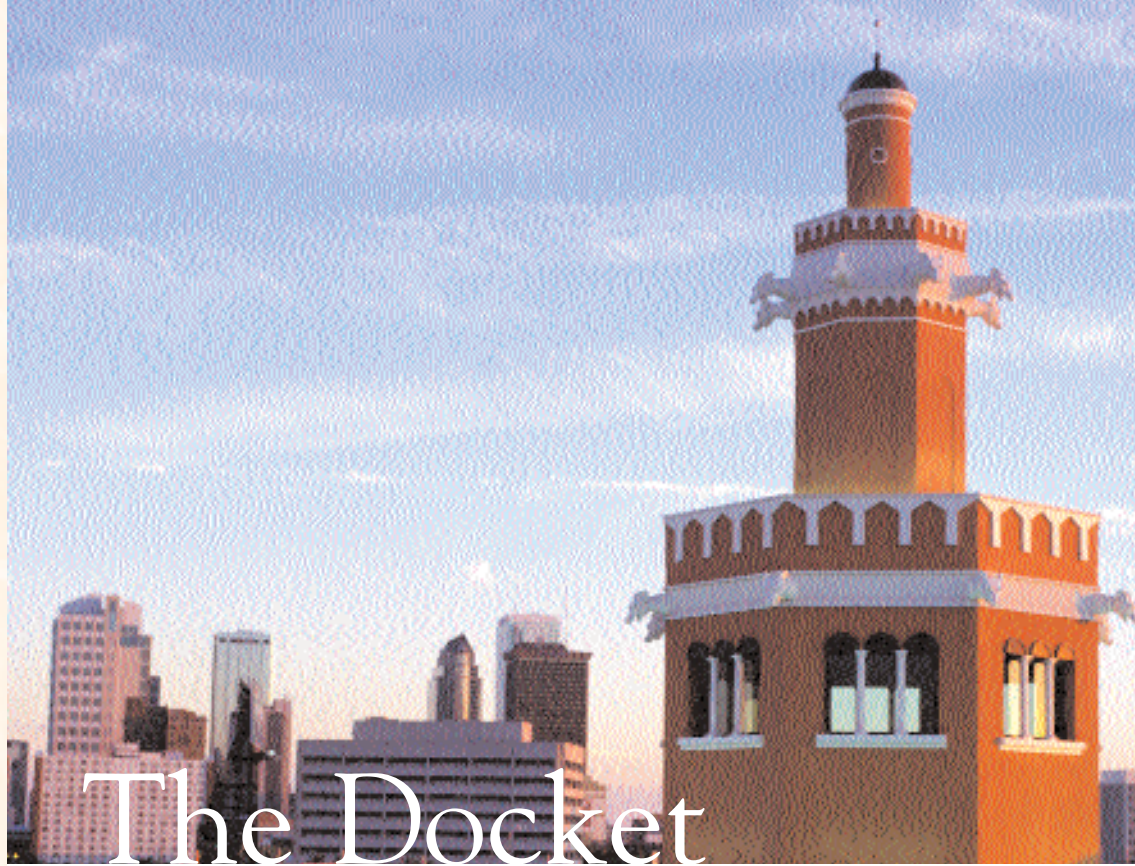
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# A vision for the future of St

Professor Cal Kuenzel, who taught at Stetson University College of Law for 40 years, always asked his Contracts students, “Who are you?” After the students puzzled for a while, the answer was finally revealed: “I am my word.”

We must ask a similar question about Stetson: Who are we, and what do we want to be?

As for “who we are,” we are Florida’s first law school. We are a strong regional law school that emphasizes skills and practical training. We are a school that values ethics, professionalism and public service. We are a school that provides a caring, individualized learning environment for our students. We value our teaching mission. We produce fine attorneys, many of whom ascend to leadership positions within the bench, bar and greater community. We have two beautiful campuses in Tampa Bay. Although we can say much more, this description captures our essence.

What do we want to be? That question requires more thought.

Stetson is at a crossroads. Although the possibilities of what Stetson can become are almost infinite, we must soon chart a course. Over the next few months, the College will start a process of strategic planning. In this competitive environment, we must be proactive. We must play to our strengths, and

we must understand and try to improve our weaknesses. We must consider the challenges and the opportunities. We cannot be all things to all people, so we must choose what we want to be.

My vision for Stetson includes remaining deeply committed to superb teaching and skills training. We are known throughout the world for our advocacy training and must continue building upon our strengths in this area.

My vision for Stetson includes recruiting a stronger student body that can pass the bar on the first try and secure satisfying jobs inside and outside of Florida. It includes training leaders, not simply lawyers. This part of the vision will take money and effort. The lack of scholarship money hurts the school. We have students who would like to come to Stetson, but who cannot or do not because of our inability to provide them with a competitive financial aid package.

My vision for Stetson includes improving the intellectual exchange on campus and placing a higher priority on faculty scholarship. Our first priority must remain outstanding teaching. But scholarship informs and improves teaching, so the goals of maintaining the highest quality of teaching and of improving scholarly output are reinforcing goals, not mutually exclusive ones.

My vision for Stetson includes

further developing the business and international aspects of our curriculum. We have a growing J.D./M.B.A. dual-degree program, which reflects that a significant portion of our student body is interested in transactional and commercial work.

My vision also includes increasing diversity on campus; continuing strong support for the Center for Excellence in Elder Law, which has already developed many wonderful initiatives; exploring a Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy to serve as an umbrella for nationally recognized work already performed in this area by Stetson professors; establishing the Tampa Law Center as a true legal center, while ensuring that the main Gulfport campus remains strong and vibrant; ensuring that the part-time J.D. program provides a quality educational program to students who select that option; improving our already strong service to the legal profession and greater community; improving our ties with the local business community; and preserving our culture of strong faculty-student interaction both inside and outside of the classroom.

During this strategic planning process, I am interested in hearing from you — our alumni, supporters and friends — about the direction you think Stetson should take during the next several years. Like our



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faculty, students and staff, you have a vested interest in the school's future, and you are critical to our continued success. Please feel free to write or e-mail me with your thoughts and ideas. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Darby Dickerson  
Vice President and Dean

## Darby Dickerson named Vice President & Dean

Darby Dickerson was named the new Vice President and Dean of Stetson University College of Law in February 2004. Dean Dickerson had served as Interim Dean of the College of Law since May 2003, after then-Dean Gary Vause announced his retirement.

"We considered some of the best legal education professionals in the country, and Dean Dickerson is clearly the best choice to continue leading Stetson University College of Law," said President H. Douglas Lee. "She has earned the respect and confidence of the faculty and administration at the Law School and Stetson's main campus in DeLand, as well as with the Board of Trustees and the Law Board of Overseers."

"I am honored and thrilled to be selected Dean," Dickerson said. "Stetson is an extraordinary educational institution, and I look forward to leading the school to even greater heights. The College of Law has outstanding students, faculty and staff, and I know that we will be a great team in propelling the school forward."

A 12-member Dean Search Committee, comprised of representatives from the faculty, alumni, staff, Law Board of Overseers and Student Bar Association, was formed in July 2003. Three finalists were selected in January and brought to campus to meet and present their vision of the future of Stetson Law to faculty, staff and students. The Search Committee made its recommendations to President Lee in early February with strong support for Darby Dickerson to be named Vice President and Dean of the Stetson University College of Law. President Lee concurred and gained approval of the Stetson University Board of Trustees.

Darby Dickerson joined the Stetson faculty in August 1995. She became associate dean in January 2000, received tenure in August 2000 and her full professorship in August 2001. She has served as the director of legal research and writing since spring 1996. She was promoted to vice dean in August 2002 where she served until being named interim dean in May 2003. Dean Dickerson received her B.A. and M.A. from The College of William and Mary, and earned her J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School, where she served as senior managing editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and a member of the Moot Court Board.

Before joining Stetson's faculty, she clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit and worked as an associate at Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, a firm in Dallas. In 1995, she was selected as the Outstanding Young Lawyer in Dallas. Dean Dickerson teaches research and writing and federal pretrial practice. She writes in the areas of litigation ethics, legal writing and citation, and is the author of the *ALWD Citation Manual*, which has been adopted by professors at approximately 100 law schools.

In 1997, Dean Dickerson received Stetson University's Teaching Excellence Award; in 1998 and again in 2000, she received the university's Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship. In addition to her work at Stetson, she is President-Elect of the Ferguson-White Inn of Court in Tampa and a director of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross.



## Three faculty promoted to decanal positions

Stetson University College of Law has promoted three faculty members to dean positions.

Royal C. Gardner is the new Vice Dean, and Professor John F. Cooper is Associate Dean for International and Cooperative Programs. Professor Theresa Pulley Radwan will serve as Associate Dean of Academics, effective in July.

"I thought a lot about these decisions, and I am excited to have assembled such a talented and dynamic group," said Dean Darby Dickerson.

The three new deans join Tampa Campus Associate Dean Jan Majewski, Associate Dean of Students Phebe Kerr and Assistant Dean of Admissions Pamela Coleman, whose duties will remain the same.

Vice Dean Gardner joined the Stetson Law faculty in 1994 after working for the Army General Counsel's office and the Department of Defense. He was appointed Associate Dean in August 2001.

Associate Dean Cooper joined the Stetson Law faculty in 1985. He has served as Interim Director of International and Graduate Programs since August 2003. Dean Cooper has authored several books on taxation and Florida constitutional law.

Professor Radwan joined the Stetson faculty in 2001. Before joining Stetson, Professor Radwan practiced with the firm of Thompson, Hine & Flory LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, and taught at Case Western Reserve University School of Law and the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

### Stetson students continue leadership of ABA/LSD

Stetson University College of Law students Andrew Chiang and Ashley Gay have become officers for the

American Bar Association Law Student Division, continuing Stetson's role as a leading voice in representing the nation's 50,000 law students.

Chiang was elected vice-chair of the ABA/LSD and will take office at the ABA's annual meeting in August. As the second-highest ranking officer for the division, his main duties will focus on membership.

At the ABA/LSD's spring meeting, Gay was elected governor of the 5th Circuit, which covers five southeastern states and Puerto Rico. With Gay's election, the last four 5th Circuit governors have been Stetson students.

"As governor, I want to work with student leaders of the circuit to continue maintaining and developing the strength and unity that we currently have," Gay said.

Outgoing 5th Circuit Governor Edwin Valen said, "Ashley's election to this position reflects Stetson's exceptional involvement and presence in the American Bar Association, as well as the confidence southeastern law students have in her ability to represent them."

Also at the spring meeting, Stetson swept membership awards given by the division. The awards were for overall membership, most improved membership and overall highest percentage membership.

Stetson students also received individual honors for 2003-2004. Marisa Davies was awarded the Silver Key by the ABA/LSD for her work as executive lieutenant governor, and Jeff Bauer was awarded the division's Certificate of Appreciation for his work as lieutenant governor of Voluntary Income Tax Assistance.

### Stetson Law events celebrate Black History Month

Stetson University College of Law celebrated Black History Month with a variety of events on campus, including prominent speakers and experts on diversity and the law. The College of Law also brought prospective minority students to campus to encourage their law school ambitions.

The St. Petersburg Bar Association's traveling exhibit honoring the contributions of African Americans to the legal profession in Pinellas County, "A Legacy of Courage, Vision & Hope," was on display in Stetson's Law Library from December through February.



Royal C. Gardner



John F. Cooper



Theresa Pulley Radwan



Right, Dozens of students and alumni attended the annual BLSA alumni brunch on Feb. 28 in the Mann Lounge at the Gulfport campus.

Stetson commemorated the golden anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education* with a special symposium that kicked off the 25th Annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education in Clearwater Beach. Approximately 100 attorneys and higher education administrators attended the symposium, which is described in detail on page 17.

Stetson's annual Minority Pre-Law Conference brought high school and college students with an interest in the legal profession to campus on Feb. 27. During the conference, Stetson deans, professors and students informed the visitors about the admissions process and the experience of going through law school. Stetson teamed with local high schools for the conference, funded with a Law School Admission Council grant to mark



National Minority Law Student Recruitment Month.

Stetson's chapter of the Black Law Student Association's annual alumni brunch was held Feb. 28 in Stetson's Mann Lounge. Laguerra Champagne '02, in-house counsel for Modern Business Associates in St. Petersburg, was the guest speaker. Champagne was the first female African-American president of Stetson's Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association and received the SBA President of the Year award for the southeastern United States. The brunch was an opportunity for current students to meet and learn from alumni and to celebrate each group's accomplishments.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Stetson adds Buenos Aires, Argentina to summer abroad programs

Stetson has joined forces with the University of Tulsa College of Law to offer a third summer study abroad option for Stetson students: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Summer Institute in International Law offers courses in international petroleum transactions, Latin American regional and bilateral trade agreements, constitutional law and the civil law system, and international human rights. Students can earn six credits through the summer institute.

Associate Dean for International and Cooperative Programs John Cooper will serve as resident director for the Argentina program, and Professor Luz Nagle will teach the trade agreement course. For more information, contact the Office for Graduate and International Programs at (727) 562-7849.

### Delegations of foreign judges visit Stetson

Delegations of judges, educators and court personnel from Russia, Brazil and Colombia have visited Stetson University College of Law to observe the American legal education process.

St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker greeted the Russian delegation on Nov. 21, 2003 at Stetson, where the group observed a mock trial competition by Stetson students. Following the competition, Russian-speaking Stetson students led the delegation on a campus tour. The Russian delegation visited Stetson as part of the cultural exchange, Open

World Program sponsored by the Library of Congress.

Two Brazilian judges visited the Gulfport campus on March 18 as part of the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Program. A Colombian delegation visited on April 16 as part of a USAID-sponsored trip. The Colombian group also observed a Stetson trial team exhibition, and Spanish-speaking students led them on a campus tour.

### Stetson offers bankruptcy symposium in Canada

Stetson University College of Law announces its annual International Bankruptcy Symposium at Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, June 15-18, 2004. In previous years, the international symposium has been held in Varenna, Italy, and Budapest, Hungary, with opportunities for combining education and sightseeing in an alluring foreign locale. A stellar faculty of 12 bankruptcy/insolvency experts from the U.S. and Canada has been assembled for the symposium. The sessions will focus on U.S., Canadian and cross-border bankruptcy/insolvency practice issues.

The symposium is chaired by Judge Alexander L. Paskay and includes an opening reception on Tuesday followed by morning symposium sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The afternoons will feature group excursions to Montreal sights. A Friday night gala farewell dinner will conclude the symposium. Spaces are limited. Call the Office for CLE at (727) 562-7830 or visit [www.law.stetson.edu/cle](http://www.law.stetson.edu/cle) for more information.



**INAUGURAL WM. REECE SMITH JR. LECTURE IN ETHICS** — Renowned trial attorney **Lawrence Fox**, left, addressed the Inns of Court banquet at the inaugural **Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Lecture in Ethics**, named for Smith, right. Fox discussed “Can Client Confidentiality Survive Enron, Arthur Andersen and the ABA?” during the Jan. 29 event.

### Stetson launches Leadership Development Program

The College of Law recently launched the Student Leadership Development Program. Led by Associate Dean of Students Phebe Kerr, the program seeks to augment the academic legal training students receive with workshops to develop leadership skills and professionalism.

“The mission of Student Services is to enhance and support the academic mission of the institution by offering programs and services that develop the whole student—socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically, as well as intellectually,” Dean Kerr said. “As students graduate, they will have had the opportunity through this program to develop life skills and leadership skills that they can apply to every aspect of their lives.”

After conducting a survey, Kerr found that students were interested in building skills in networking, marketing themselves, working with difficult people, motivational skills, the lawyer as counselor, stress management, individual and group ethics, multiculturalism and assertiveness training. “We would like to help our graduates not only understand the law, but understand themselves better—how they relate and communicate with others, handle conflicts, balance their lives and develop into professionals,” Kerr said.

A leadership committee, comprised of students Jennifer Vogias, Elizabeth Samorukova and Dean Kerr, already has coordinated several spring workshops. These have included “The Judges’ Perspective: Practical Leadership Skills,” with judges Thomas E. Stringer Sr. ’74, John C. Lenderman ’69, Mary S. Scriven and Alexander L. Paskay; “Diversity: A New Perspective ... Beyond Just Black and White” and “Conflict Management: When

You Can’t See Eye-to-Eye” by Victor Gonzalez; “The Many Hats of Lawyering” with Kat Silverglate; and “Parliamentary Procedure: What Every Student Should Know” by Professor Robert N. Davis.

Students who attend 10 hours of leadership program workshops will qualify for a leadership certificate from the Student Services Office upon graduating from the College of Law.

### College of Law to create Hall of Fame

The College of Law recently decided to create a Hall of Fame to honor and promote the achievements of outstanding individuals associated with the school.

Eligibility rules, nomination procedures and selection criteria for the Hall of Fame are available on Stetson’s Web site at [www.law.stetson.edu/College\\_Relations](http://www.law.stetson.edu/College_Relations). This year’s deadline for nominations is July 30, 2004.

### Scientific evidence students process mock crime scene with local law enforcement

Students in Professor Carol Henderson’s scientific evidence workshop experienced what it is like to be crime scene investigators by processing a mock homicide scene.

The students worked with forensic investigators from the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office to determine who “killed” David Baylor, a Faculty Support employee who acted the role of victim (dressing as a dead body, complete with fake blood) at Stetson’s storage warehouse. Students looked for fingerprints, cast tire tracks and matched tool marks to piece together the crime.

The simulation was complete with crime scene tape and media coverage. The scene was so realistic, several passers-by stopped to see what had happened.





## ADVOCACY BOARD NEWS

## Advocacy teams continue outstanding performances in competitions

### Moot Court Board

"I would like to express my overwhelming pride in our moot court board this year," said moot court adviser Stephanie Vaughan '91. "We have won several best brief awards, several best oralist awards and placed in the top three overall teams in virtually every competition we've entered since June."

- **National Tax Moot Court Competition** — Stetson's Tax Moot Court Team advanced to the final round and won the best brief and best individual oralist awards in the National Tax Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the tax section of The Florida Bar on Feb. 5-7.
- **ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition** — Stetson's ABA Moot Court Team emerged as a regional finalist in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition Feb. 26-28 in Washington, D.C., and advanced to the final four in the national competition, held in April in Chicago.
- **Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Competition** — A Stetson Vis team member, Burks Smith, received an honorable mention oralist award at the Vis International arbitration competition in Vienna, Austria in April. The honorable mention award was given to the top 25 oralists out of a field of more than 600.
- **Regional Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** — The Jessup Team received the best memorial and best oralist trophies and placed second in the regional competition Feb. 26-28 in Atlanta.
- **Judge Conrad B. Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition** — The Bankruptcy Moot Court team placed third and received awards for the best brief and best oral advocate runner-up at the 12th annual competition at St. John's University College of Law in Queens, N.Y.
- **National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition** — Stetson's Civil Rights Moot Court team placed second in the National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition in Minneapolis, sponsored by the University of Minnesota.
- **Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition** — Stetson's Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Team won the best brief award and advanced to the semifinals in this competition, held March 11-14 in New York City.

### Client Skills Board

A Stetson University College of Law team won the Robert Merhige Jr. National Environmental Negotiation Competition at the University of Richmond School of Law in Virginia April 2-4. "I am so proud to have coached these teams and to have seen them represent Stetson with such professionalism and talent," said Client Skills Board Adviser Kelly Feeley '95.

A Stetson University College of Law client counseling team took third place in the Region 5 Client Counseling Competition Feb. 21 at Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Ga. It was the fourth consecutive year a Stetson team has competed in the finals.



**CHESTER BEDELL MOCK TRIAL WIN** – (L to R) Trial team coaches **Dina Kenny '02**, **Thea Dalkalitsis '01**, Professor **Roberta Flowers**, Florida Bar President **Miles McGrane** and Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division member **Terry Anderson** celebrate Stetson's win.

### Trial Team

The trial team had a strong run this academic year. "Stetson swept Florida and our region," said Stetson professor and trial team adviser Pamela Cole Bell '82. "We've won everything."

- **National Trial Competition** — Stetson placed second at the National Trial Competition in Austin, Texas, with student Rena Upshaw-Frazier taking best oral advocate honors. In recognition of her outstanding performance, Upshaw-Frazier has been invited to speak at the American College of Trial Lawyers' national convention in the fall.
- **Southeast Regionals of the National Trial Competition** — Stetson trial teams finished first and second in the Southeast Regionals of the National Trial Competition, sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association, Feb. 6-8 in Tallahassee. Both teams went undefeated on their way to advancing to the national competition.
- **E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition** — Stetson trial teams finished first and second, and Richard Barbara received the best advocate award in the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers' Honorable E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition. The prestigious event was held Nov. 8-9 at the Palm Beach County Courthouse in West Palm Beach.
- **The Florida Bar Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition** — The Stetson team won The Florida Bar Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition Jan. 15 in Miami. Scott Slater received the best advocate award. It is the 15th time Stetson has won this competition.
- **ATLA Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition** — Stetson's trial team won the Association of Trial Lawyers of America's Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition Feb. 19-22 in Jacksonville. With the victory, the team advanced to the national competition March 11-13 in West Palm Beach, where they recorded three preliminary-round wins.

## Recent publications, presentations, awards and activities by Stetson law faculty

### Kristen David Adams

#### Associate Professor of Law

Professor Adams spoke at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors in Durham, N.C., in conjunction with Duke Law School, on the topic of her recent book, *The Practice of Law School*. She also spoke on the same topic at Stetson's Law Day and Family and Friends Day events. She is the first professor from the College of Law to teach in Stetson University's new Executive Masters of Business Administration program in Celebration.

### Michael P. Allen

#### Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Allen's article, "Life, Death and Advocacy: Rule of Procedure in the Contested End-of-Life Case," will be published in a forthcoming *Stetson Law Review*. In January, Allen was moderator at the annual AALS panel concerning teaching ethics in law school. He was named chair-elect of the AALS Section for New Law Teachers and served as a visiting assistant professor of law at the University of Illinois College of Law during spring 2004. Professor Allen was interviewed by National Public Radio, WTVT 13, *St. Petersburg Times*, *ABA Student Lawyer*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Tampa Tribune*, Bay News 9, *Boston Globe*, WUSF-FM and WTSP 10 about the Terri Schiavo case.

### Robert D. Batey

#### Professor of Law

Professor Batey's column, "The Prison Industrial Complex in Full Cycle," was published in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, *Lakeland Ledger*, *Tallahassee Democrat* and *Tampa Tribune*. He also penned an introduction to an edition of *The Scarlet Letter*. Batey's "Conflict Between Individual Liberty and Social Control" appeared in the *Syracuse Law Review*, and "A Lesson in Courage" appeared in the *Stetson Law Review*. He made presentations on law and literature and the Model Penal Code at the Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys Annual Conference in fall 2003. He wrote an editorial about Florida's probation law for *Florida Editorials*. Batey moderated a panel discussion about affirmative action cases in Michigan in September 2003 and participated in a panel discussion of mandatory minimum sentencing in Tampa in February. He spoke on the death penalty as a guest lecturer for a course at USF and attended the AALS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January 2004. Professor Batey was interviewed several times by the *Tampa Tribune*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Daytona Beach News Journal*, *Palm Beach Post*, *Sun Sentinel*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, *Bradenton Herald*, the Criminal Justice Forum, WMNF radio and Clearchannel Sarasota for a number of crime news reports.

### Pamela Cole Bell '82

#### Trial Advocacy Fellow

Professor Bell regularly practices with and attends competitions with the trial team. This fall, she coached the teams for the Tournament of Champions and Southeast Regionals of the National Trial Competition, and she traveled with the team to the AFTL Hon. E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition, National Civil Trial Competition and ATLA Student Trial Advocacy Competition Regionals. She was quoted in the *Tampa Tribune* regarding sentencing of a convicted murderer.

### Paul Boudreaux

#### Assistant Professor of Law

Last year, Professor Boudreaux published "Federalism and the Contrivances of Public Law," in the *St. John's Law Review* and "Vouchers, Buses, and Flats: The Persistence of Social Segregation" in the *Villanova Law Review*. His article, "Diversity and Democracy," will be published this year in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. Boudreaux attended the AALS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in January. He was interviewed by the *Bradenton Herald* about land use law and the *Charlotte Sun* in March about eminent domain.

### Brooke J. Bowman '02

#### Instructor of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Bowman is an assistant editor for *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. Bowman attended the AALS conference in Atlanta in January.

### Bruce Carolan

#### Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Carolan wrote an article, "The Perils of Harmonization: Refusal to Supply Spare Parts, Article 82 of the European Community Treaty, and Abuse of a Dominant Position," in the *Dickinson Law Review*. His book, *European Union Law for Irish Students*, is in press this year. Carolan wrote several opinion pieces about the Equal Rights Amendment, trade issues and same-sex marriage, which were published in the *Miami Herald*, *St. Petersburg Times* and *Daily Commercial* (Leesburg), and he was interviewed for news articles in the *Miami Herald*, *Buffalo News*, *Orlando Sentinel* and *St. Petersburg Times*.

In October 2003, he spoke on "Regulatory Reform in Ireland" at Rollins College. In November, he spoke on "Draft Constitution for Europe" at the University of Tulsa College of Law and "International Responses to Terrorism" at the St. Petersburg Bar Association. In December, Carolan spoke on "Irish Law and Implementation of the



European Union Framework Directive Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation" in Oxford, England. He presented at the AALS Conference in Atlanta in January and at an inaugural lecture on diversity at the University of Florida in February. Carolan also was the featured speaker at the Stetson Faculty Colloquium on "Draft Constitution for Europe" in November 2003 and was vice-chair of a discussion group on law as literature at the Annual Conference of the Modern Language Association in San Diego in December 2003.

## John F. Cooper

*Associate Dean for International and Cooperative Programs,  
Professor of Law*

Professor Cooper recently published articles on two of his colleagues. The first article, "Gary, We Hardly Knew Ye," recounted many of his travel experiences with Vause and appeared in the Fall 2003 issue of the *Stetson Law Review*. The second article about Professor Luz Estella Nagle "La Chicita, Bonita, pero Bravita" appeared in the Fall 2003 issue of the *Stetson Lawyer*. Cooper has been interviewed by the *Tampa Tribune*, *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, *St. Petersburg Times* and WTVT 13.

## Nicholas B. Cox

*Elder Consumer Protection Fellow*

Professor Nick Cox testified regarding elder abuse and exploitation before the Florida House of Representatives Future of Florida's Families Committee. He organized and took part in a Consumer Protection Seminar at Stetson in December co-sponsored by the AARP. Cox also organized a CLE consumer fraud seminar for police, social service investigators and prosecutors. He spoke at AARP Consumer Forums in Orlando and Jacksonville regarding telemarketing fraud, and he regularly speaks to seniors about consumer fraud and prevention. Cox has been interviewed by the *Columbus Dispatch*, *Tampa Tribune*, WFLA 8, WTSP 10 and WFTS 28 about consumer fraud and criminal issues.

## Robert N. Davis

*Professor of Law*

Professor Davis published an article, "Striking the Balance: National Security vs. Civil Liberties" in the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* last year. He also participated in the Great American Teach-In in the fall. Davis spoke with the *Bradenton Herald* in March about a defamation case against individual Bradenton Beach city commissioners. He has been interviewed by WTSP 10 and WTVT 13 about national security and constitutional law issues.

## Darby Dickerson

*Vice President and Dean, Professor of Law*

Dean Dickerson was selected Vice President and Dean of Stetson University College of Law in February. In 2003, Dean Dickerson was named Managing Editor of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* and was invited to serve on the panel of academic contributors for the eighth edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*. Dickerson penned "Staff Matter(s)" for the *University of Toledo Law Review* in 2003. She attended the AALS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January 2003, the ABA Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Dean's Conference in February, and the 25th Annual Conference on Law and Higher Education in February. In March, she and Professor Kristen Adams presented "Grace Under Fire: Managing the Law Review" at the National Conference of Law Reviews in San Antonio, Texas. The second edition of Dean Dickerson's book, *ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional Citation System*, was featured in the Fall 2003 issue of the *ABA Student Lawyer* magazine and will be included as an entry in the eighth edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*. Dean Dickerson has been appointed by the ALWD to start the Thomas Blackwell Collection on the Prevention of Campus Violence, which will be hosted on the ALWD Web site. She has also been appointed to the nominating committee for the Tampa Ethics Commission.

## FACULTY NEWS

### Cynthia Hawkins-León joins faculty

**Cynthia G. Hawkins-León** joined Stetson an visiting associate professor in spring 2004, specializing in adoption law, family law and property.

A law professor for the last nine years, Professor Hawkins-León has taught at Duquesne University School of Law, Syracuse University College of Law and New England School of Law. She is the editor of *Adoption and Child Welfare Law Quarterly* and serves on the editorial board of the *Family Court Review*.

Before entering academia, she served as an administrative judge for the Contract Appeals Board in Washington, D.C., general counsel for the D.C. Department of Administrative Services, and committee counsel and staff director for the Committee on Government Operations of the Council of the District of Columbia.



**Cynthia G. Hawkins-León**

## Stephen M. Everhart

### *Professor of Law*

Professor Everhart attended The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section and Criminal Law Section meetings in January. In March, he participated in the Stetson/University of South Florida Consortium program for law and medical students that concerned informed consent. He was a judge at the AMTA National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Competition in March and was final round judge in November for the Phi Alpha Delta Opening Statement Competition. He attended the Herbert G. Goldberg American Inn of Court meetings in Tampa. He played an active role this year in the St. Petersburg Bar Association and Community Law Board.

## Kelly M. Feeley '95

### *Instructor of Legal Research and Writing*

Professor Feeley served with Dean Gardner as co-director of the 8th Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition, which included 45 teams from five countries. She also hosted the ABA National Client Counseling Competition on Stetson's campus.

## Peter L. Fitzgerald

### *Professor of Law*

Professor Fitzgerald is spending the 2003-2004 academic year as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar and visiting research fellow at the University of Edinburgh School of Law in Scotland. He was interviewed on anti-terrorism financial controls on News Talk 1040AM for Fox Radio Network last September, and he has been quoted extensively in the *Christian Science Monitor* and online at MSN Money Central's Banking Basics Web site. In January, Professor Fitzgerald traveled to London to give a presentation at the annual Fulbright Forum for current and former Fulbright Scholars of all disciplines from the U.S. and U.K. He was part of a London panel discussion about international criminal law and terrorism in a new Fulbright lecture series. Fitzgerald was also asked to lecture on "Due Process with U.S. Anti-Terrorist Financial Sanctions" at the University of Edinburgh School of Law and Glasgow Caledonian University.

## Clark Furlow

### *Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Furlow recently co-authored a new book, *The Guide to the Takeover Law of Delaware*. The book has been cited as the "seminal" work on Delaware's statute governing corporate takeovers. It has been quoted at length in briefs submitted in the Delaware Court of Chancery in the battle for control over Hollinger International, a case that has attracted international attention.

## Roberta Flowers

### *Professor of Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy*

Professor Flowers and Professor Rebecca C. Morgan have produced



Professor Peter Fitzgerald spoke at the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in London, England on Jan. 20 as part of a panel discussion on international criminal law and terrorism. He is spending the 2003-2004 academic year as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar, residing at the University of Edinburgh School of Law.

a CLE video on ethical representation of the elderly, and the two professors have presented the video in CLE seminars to attorney groups in six states. Flowers has been interviewed by the *Sun Sentinel*, *St. Petersburg Times*, 970 WFLA and WUSF-FM.

## Royal C. Gardner

### *Vice Dean and Professor of Law*

Dean Gardner's recent article, "Rehabilitating Nature: A Comparative Review of Legal Mechanisms that Encourage Wetland Restoration," has been republished on the Ramsar Secretariat Web site. Three of Gardner's articles, "Perspectives on Wetlands and Biodiversity: International Law," "Iraqi Marshlands," and "Incentives for Restoration" will appear in the *Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy*, and a chapter on noise pollution will be published in a University of Granada book. Dean Gardner presented "Federal Mitigation Policies: The Halloween and Christmas Guidance and Other Developments" at the National Wetlands Conference in Tampa in December. He has recently been appointed to the editorial board of the *Baltic Environmental Law Quarterly*. Dean Gardner served with Professor Kelly Feeley as co-director of the 8th Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition, which included 45 teams from five different countries. NPR's "Morning Edition" interviewed Gardner in last fall about wetland mitigation banking. He recently moderated a conference on IEL with Marianna Cufone of the Ocean Conservancy and a workshop for the U.S. National Ramsar Committee.

## Jack Graves

### *Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Graves published an article, "Course of Performance as Evidence of Intent or Waiver: A Meaningful Preference for the Latter and Implications for Newly Broadened Use Under Revised UCC 1-303," in the Spring 2004 *Drake Law Review*. In March he presented to a faculty colloquium, "Party Autonomy in Choice of Law Under UCC 1-301: Why Not More?" In November, he presented the newly revised articles 1 and 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code to faculty. He attended the Emerged and Emerging New Uniform Commercial Code conference in New York this November, the AALS Annual Convention in Atlanta in January and the Freedom from Contract symposium in Wisconsin in February.



## Richard B. Graves III LL.M. '03

### *Instructor of Legal Research & Writing*

In October, Professor Graves presented "Ethics and the Public Utility Lawyer" to 194 lawyers from around the country for the American Public Power Association at a CLE event in Naples. Also in October, he presented "Licensing, Fair Use, and the Limits of the Copyright Clause" in conjunction with the SCIENTECH Best Practices Series. In November, he gave a presentation to a legal studies class at St. Petersburg High School as part of the "Great American Teach-In." In December, he spoke at the Hillsborough County Bar Association program "Holland & Knight Law Explorer Post" for law-bound high school students.

## Carol Henderson

### *Visiting Professor of Law and Director of National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law*

Professor Henderson presented a lecture and mock trial, "Practicum in Forensic Odontology," to the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Department in December 2003. She produced a CD-ROM of more than 10,000 entries for the National Clearinghouse's online resource project. She coordinated the Clearinghouse's lecture series at Stetson, bringing renowned forensic science experts Dr. Michael Baden, Dr. Helena Ranta and Dr. Henry Lee. Henderson is editing 70 chapters for the *Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine*. She authored a "Resource Guide for Users of Science and Technology and the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law" in *American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Newsletter* in December 2003. She was interviewed by channels 9, 10, 13, the *Orlando Sentinel*, *The John Walsh Show* and the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*. She was elected vice president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in 2004-2005 and has been appointed to its long-term planning committee. She was appointed to the advisory board of the Cyril Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law at Duquense University School of Law in Chicago and has served on the National Conference on Science and the Law Planning Panel. Henderson has been appointed to the Florida Police Chiefs Association ad-hoc committee to study crime scene processing protocols and procedures. She has accepted membership to the International Association for Identification and also has been invited to extend membership on the International Editorial Board of Forensic Science, *Medicine and Pathology Journal*. She has been invited to a National Institute of Justice focus group for Project I.D.E.A.L.S.

## Bruce Jacob '59

### *Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law*

Dean Jacob gave the Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism at the Northern Illinois University College of Law in April 2004. He was named to the Washington D.C. based Constitution project's Bipartisan Blue Ribbon committee on indigent defense in the United States. Jacob

## Professors offer commentary for presidential election

Stetson University College of Law has partnered with Stetson University to produce *Election 2004: A Journalist's Guide to Political, Legal and Campaign Issue Experts*. The booklet includes brief profiles of Stetson professors ready to speak to reporters on a variety of campaign issues. The publication has been distributed to journalists throughout the eastern seaboard, the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and to other reporters who have called on Stetson for media expertise. Stetson law professors are frequently contacted for their legal commentary on current news events, resulting in hundreds of Stetson media placements every year. For a copy of the election experts guide, contact the Communications Office at (727) 562-7398.



is legal counsel and a member of the Board of Directors and player for the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra. He has been quoted in the *Journal News*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Miami Business Review* and Gannett newspapers on the Martha Stewart case and other current events.

## Jerome Latimer

### *Professor of Law*

Professor Latimer participated as a member of the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee in its September and mid-year meetings. Latimer contributed to several law revisions. He participated in the new DNA time extension amendment, proposed a change to a rule to permit the court to proceed to sentencing in the absence of the defendant, assisted the chair of the Supreme Court's Criminal Justice Judicial Oversight Committee in drafting a rule regarding determination of retardation regarding capital punishment, drafted amendments to the by-laws of the criminal procedure rules committee to define the rules of the oversight member, and proposed a rule governing the trial courts a role in engaging in plea negotiations and avoiding judicial vindictiveness. Latimer was a member of the Criminal Law Sections' Executive Council. He chaired the Selig I. Golden Memorial Award Committee that will present Judge Susan Schaeffer '71, a former Stetson professor, for her "outstanding contributions to the criminal justice system of the State of Florida."

## Peter Lake

### *Professor of Law*

Professor Lake has been quoted in *Risk and Insurance*, *Newsweek* and the *New York Times* about higher education law. He has spoken at many conferences about high-risk student behavior and other higher education law and policy issues.

## Thomas C. Marks Jr. '63

### Professor of Law

Professor Marks' legal commentary has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bradenton Herald* and channel 28. His most recent article appeared in the Winter 2004 issue of the *Stetson Law Review*. His column, "Know Your Florida Constitution," will begin running statewide in Florida newspapers this summer.

## Janice Kay McClendon

### Assistant Professor of Law

Professor McClendon presented "Regulating Equity-Based Compensation" at the Hillsborough County Bar Association Tax Section in January and "Executive Compensation and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act" in February at the Tampa Bay Pension Council. She published a lead article, "Pension Reform in the Aftermath of Enron: Congress' Failure to Deliver the Promise of Secure Retirement to 401(k) Plan Participants," in the *Kentucky Law Journal*. She attended the AALS Annual Meeting in January in Atlanta. In February she coached Stetson's National Tax Moot Court Competition Team, which brought home awards for best brief and best oralist, and placing second in the competition.

## Jeffrey Minneti

### Instructor of Legal Research & Writing

Professor Minneti currently serves as editor for Stetson's *Journal of International Aging Law and Policy* and is working on a piece for its first edition. Minneti also serves as assistant editor for *Legal Writing: the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. In November, he participated in the Great American Teach-In at St. Petersburg High School.

## Lizabeth Moody

### Dean Emeritus and Distinguished University Professor

Dean Moody was quoted in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* about non-profit executive responsibility in January.

## Rebecca C. Morgan '80

### Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law

Professor Morgan was on sabbatical during fall 2003. She presented "Ethics in an Elder Law Practice" at the National Aging and Law Conference and the NAELA Institute, and "New Medicare Prescription Drug Law" to seniors at the Pines in Sarasota. She was asked to write an article for a special elder law volume of the *ABA Journal of Family Law*, which is pending publication. She worked on her new book, *Understanding Elder Law*, wrote two essays for the NAELA eBulletin, and prepared a summary of the new Medicare law. She has co-produced a video on ethical representation of the elderly with Professor



(L to R) Attorney General Charlie Crist and John Carassas '90 present Professor Rebecca Morgan '80 and Dean Darby Dickerson with \$300,000 toward Stetson's Elder Consumer Protection Program in December 2003. The Florida Attorney General's office gave Stetson \$400,000 in 2002.

Flowers. Morgan has been quoted in the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Tampa Tribune* about the Terri Schiavo case and elder law issues.

## Luz E. Nagle

### Professor of Law

Professor Nagle's latest article, "Colombian Asylum Seekers: What Practitioners Should Know About the Colombian Crisis," will be published in the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* this spring. Nagle was featured in an interview regarding the extradition of Colombian nationals, which was published on Alert Global Media's *lavadinero.com* Web page. Last summer she delivered two papers and was on two panels at the Inter-American Bar Association's 39th Annual Conference in New Orleans. Professor Nagle also was a guest speaker to the Harvard-MIT Club of Bogotá. Last fall in San Francisco, she organized and moderated a panel on trafficking of humans at the International Bar Association Annual Convention. In July 2003 she was an invited guest at the historic inauguration ceremony in Bogotá. In January, the U.S. Department of State awarded Nagle a prestigious U.S. Speaker and Specialist Grant to lecture on the U.S. criminal justice system to a group at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas. In March, Professor Nagle was a panelist for the College of William & Mary's Environmental Law Symposium, "Linking the Environment and Human Rights: A Global Perspective," and traveled as a delegate to Argentina to present a series of lectures on international criminal law to Argentine military officials.

Professor Nagle was invited to prepare a special report on the Colombian refugee crisis for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. She was selected to serve as a Foreign Legal Specialist on Latin America in the Research Directorate at the Law Library of Congress. She has been an expert witness and foreign law consultant in a number of international cases.

## Carolyn Nygren

### Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Nygren presented at the Academic Support session at AALS, and is Chair-Elect of the AALS Academic Support section.



## Ann Piccard '85

*Instructor of Legal Research & Writing*

Professor Piccard coached Stetson's National Civil Rights Moot Court Team and attended the AALS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January.

## Theresa J. Pulley Radwan

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Radwan recently coached the Bankruptcy Moot Court Team to a third-place finish and best brief award at the National Bankruptcy Competition. Radwan's article, "Timing Really is Everything: The Supreme Court Hears Case Involving Reciprocal Untimeliness" was published in the Spring 2004 edition of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association newsletter, *Cramdown*, and "Domino Effect: The Continued Existence of Liability for Fraud in Bankruptcy Despite Good-Faith Settlement by the Honestly Unfortunate Settlor" was published in the Winter 2003 *Catholic Law Review*. She attended the AALS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January. Professor Radwan has been named Associate Dean of Academics for the College of Law, effective in July 2004.

## Michael I. Swygart

*Professor of Law*

Professor Swygart was appointed this year as chair of the Valparaiso University School of Law National Council through 2006. He completed *And, We Must Make Them Noble: A Contextual History of the Valparaiso University School of Law, 1879-2004*. Swygart has given five separate presentations on the history of Valparaiso Law, including the Notre Dame Law School faculty and Valparaiso's Alumni Association, National Council, and its Guild of Pinellas County. In May, Swygart will be on the program with former U.S. President George H.W. Bush at the 125th Anniversary Gala of the Valparaiso University School of Law at the Chicago Field Museum. At the request of Dean Dickerson, Swygart is completing the *Centennial History of Stetson University College of Law*, which was begun by the late Dean W. Gary Vause.



## Ruth Fleet Thurman '63

*Professor of Law*

Professor Thurman published an essay, "A Remembrance of Dean W. Gary Vause," for the *Stetson Law Review*. She welcomed visitors to Stetson as part of the St. Petersburg Museum of History's tour of historic homes and buildings in February 2004.

## Live satellite broadcasts bring national CLE courses to Tampa and Gulfport

Stetson University College of Law proudly introduces a new CLE programming relationship in Tampa. Stetson has partnered with the American Law Network to provide live satellite simulcasts of nationally recognized CLE programming for legal professionals in the Tampa Bay Area. ALN programming is sponsored and conducted by the American Law Institute-American Bar Association, the American Bar Association CLE section, and the Practising Law Institute. The 2004 course offerings feature 22 different programs on topics such as health law, business/corporate law, wills/trusts/estate law, employment law and more — offered during a variety of times and dates during the year.

The seminars are shown in a comfortable classroom or seminar setting at the new Tampa Law Center, located at 1700 N. Tampa St., near downtown Tampa, off I-275, and at Stetson's Gulfport campus. Attendees receive the seminar materials, view live simulcast sessions, and have the ability to send questions to the speakers at the national center. The program schedule can be viewed by visiting [www.law.stetson.edu/cle](http://www.law.stetson.edu/cle) and scrolling through the upcoming calendar.

The Tampa Law Center also houses live CLE seminars, including a brown-bag lunchtime series one Tuesday each month through August. The lunchtime series will focus on advocacy skills such as deposition skills, jury selection, negotiation skills and discovery skills. Visitors to the Tampa campus can arrange a tour of the building by contacting Kristina Macys at (813) 228-6625.

### American Law Network Satellite Programming Calendar (Tampa & Gulfport campuses)

Thursday, May 20 <b>Health Law Update</b> (ABA-CLE) 12-4 p.m.	Friday, June 25 <b>Ethics</b> (ALI-ABA) 12-3:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 3 <b>Advanced Estate Planning and Practice Update, Spring 2004</b> (ALI-ABA) 12-3:15 p.m.	Thursday, September 23 <b>Advanced Estate Planning Practice Update, Fall 2004</b> (ALI-ABA) 12-3:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 10 <b>Clean Air Act</b> (ABA-CLE) 12-4 p.m.	Thursday, September 30 <b>Drafting Corporate Agreements</b> (PLI) 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, June 24 <b>Intellectual Property Issues in Structuring Deals &amp; Drafting Agreements 2004</b> (PLI) 11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Thursday, October 28 <b>Business Law Update</b> (PLI) 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Wednesday, November 10 <b>Annual Fall Employee Benefits Law and Practice Update</b> (ALI-ABA) 12-4 p.m.



President H. Douglas Lee, Dean Darby Dickerson, ABA President Dennis Archer, Professor Wm. Reece Smith Jr. and overseer chair Marsha Griffin Rydberg '76 at the ceremony.



Graduate Cindy Richards '03 celebrates with her children Samantha, Alec and Ian.



Graduate Nicole Jackson '03 is congratulated by her brother Thomas Jackson.



Graduate Beth Carlson '03, who graduated first in the class, returns to her seat after receiving her diploma.



# Grads give back

BY AARON REINCHELD

**M**OST STUDENTS WHO graduated during Stetson University College of Law's December ceremony did so with student loans and debt to repay. However, that did not stop them from raising \$20,500 to help future graduates, making them the first Stetson Law class to create an endowed scholarship.

The members of the fall 2003 graduating class presented a check for their pledged amount, and Stetson matched the gift by 50 percent to increase the fund to \$30,750. The new scholarship will aid future graduates as they prepare for the bar exam.

"We are privileged to graduate among such generous individuals," said Anne Weintraub, co-chair of

the class gift project. "We are honored to be the first class to give back to our school in this way."

The students raised the \$20,500 in pledges in only eight weeks. The scholarship will award approximately \$1,500 per year starting in 2009, once the pledges are paid in full.

American Bar Association President Dennis Archer praised the students at the graduation ceremony.

"I have never been to a law school graduation where the law school students, as you have done here today, provided such a generous gift," he told the crowd. "Wherever I go in the future I am going to talk about this class and what you've done on behalf of your law school."

"We are so very proud of this



class for its initiative and the graduates' willingness to give back to the institution," said Dean Darby Dickerson.

During the ceremony, 99 students received their degrees, including five who received the LL.M. degree. Seventeen students earned the dual J.D./M.B.A. degrees.

**Above, Jonathan Carey Silverman '03 after accepting his diploma. Below, Dean Darby Dickerson accepts the class gift of \$20,500 from class gift committee co-chairs Anne Weintraub '03 and Mike Quesada '03.**



# A teacher of teachers



BY PROFESSOR PETER F. LAKE

LAWYERS TODAY ARE TRAINED and predisposed to think linearly and functionally. Young lawyers look anxiously to the future and often look at the past as quaint and irrelevant. Perhaps Judge Posner is right—the law is rife with postmodernism and pragmatism. Wisdom and justice, myth and hero are not as important as winning, power, and, sadly, money.

In today's legal world, being full of wonder is not what most lawyers are known for. A quick trip into Professor Bob Bickel's office—an immaculate, temple-like space—discloses his life-long fascination with heroes and martyrs, mysticism and the spirituality of law. Over here, a tribute to fallen college students at Kent State; over there, images of Bobby Kennedy and the struggle for civil rights. The thing that hits you most when you step into Bob's office is that it has an air

of sacred space. Bob's life-long devotion to seeking justice and personal wisdom—not as means to money and power (Lord knows he walked away from a mint to pursue his ideals)—has created an aura around him that can be magnetic. It can be inspiring to be with Bob; it can be intimidating too. In an age of irony, Bob is ferociously straightforward, if not always soul-numbingly linear.

It began when Bob graduated first in his class from the then-newly formed Florida State University College of Law. I often run into the lawyers and judges he beat out for the top spot—they have a combination of deep admiration and playful bitterness toward him regarding his achievement. He went to work at the Justice Department, then had a long stint at his alma mater as General Counsel. In practice, he cut his teeth on almost every kind of major civil rights issue. Since joining Stetson, he has authored two books and countless articles

and publications. He has also been recognized many times for his work, including a prestigious award from the ABA. He is a godfather of the modern Stetson.

Bob is most well known for his tireless work in the field of higher education law and policy. His highest success has been in educating and empowering other educators. The loftiest compliment is to be—as Bob is—a teacher of teachers.

Bob always seemed touched by the kind of divine serendipity that puts a person in a place they never thought they would be—but should be in. Bickel magic consists of a unique blend of genuine humility and brilliance. What we value most in him is what society today undervalues. Bob is most like a shaman at law. He spins, he visions, he sees the future as the past and vice versa.

“Do you have a minute?” he says. We know that a minute with him is not long, it is wide.

*A professor-to-professor profile of Robert Bickel by Peter Lake*





E. Patterson



Belton



Shaw



Seigenthaler



Franklin

“One of the most remarkable panels ever assembled anywhere...”

Dr. Raymond Arsenault  
Program Moderator and  
John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History,  
University of South Florida

## Stetson hosts premiere symposium for 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board*

BY LAYLA McDONALD

Fifty years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court issued the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, unanimously overturning the “separate but equal” doctrine of *Plessy v. Ferguson*. On Feb. 14, the *Stetson Law Review* and the Office for CLE presented a symposium to commemorate the golden anniversary of this milestone case. During the full-day program, a seven-member panel of historians, lawyers and journalists discussed the legacy of *Brown*.

Panelists focused on wide-ranging aspects of *Brown*—legal, media, cultural, moral and personal—to teach the struggles African-Americans faced before the ruling and how America continues to struggle in achieving its intended goals. All panelists agreed that America has not advanced nearly as far as it should have in 50 years of fighting for equality.

Panelist **Theodore Shaw**, executive director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, said Thurgood Marshall’s decision to attack *Plessy*-established policy came “because it defined the parameters of black life.” Five cases went to the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of racial segregation in public schools, resulting in the Court’s unanimous *Brown* decision in 1954. One year later, the justices ordered public schools desegregated “with all deliberate speed.”

Professor Emeritus of History at Duke University **John Hope Franklin**, who has fought for racial equality throughout his life, put it best when he said, “I am impatient.” Franklin helped shape the argument for *Brown*, and the panelist gave a moving account of the events leading to Marshall’s assault on *Plessy*. He poignantly described *Brown*’s toll on Marshall

once he ascended to the Supreme Court. When the *Brown* case began, Marshall was an able, gregarious and hardworking middle-aged man of great achievement. However, with that achievement came great sacrifice. After the *Brown* case and his Supreme Court appointment, Marshall became isolated from further legal efforts, mostly because he had to “remain above the fray.”

Beyond changing the life of one great man, *Brown* had a profound impact on American life. Shaw declared, “*Brown* split American history into b.c. and a.d.” Pre-*Brown*, African-Americans were subordinated while *Brown* triggered the larger Civil Rights Movement. Shaw emphasized it was appropriate to commemorate *Brown*, but not to celebrate it for there was more work needed. “*Brown* broke the back of American Apartheid, but it did not end discrimination and segregation.” *Brown* presented a “seductive paradigm” because “litigation without social and political change [was] a ship without water.” Now, Shaw said, “the struggle to implement *Brown* is all but over.”

“The Southern sector of the U.S., separated by race, like Apartheid, and all forms of movement were forbidden to Blacks,” said **John Seigenthaler Sr.**, Vanderbilt University’s Freedom Center founder, longtime *Nashville Tennessean* editor and former assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. After *Brown*, social and legal changes were inevitable. The events surrounding the arrest of Rosa Parks prompted the Civil Rights Movement’s beginning in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, led by a young Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Seigenthaler thrilled the audience with his first-hand account of the first meeting between Robert Kennedy, “the ultimate pragmatist,” and King, “the ultimate idealist,” on


how to advance racial equality. Although the two understood and respected each other, they were unable to bring together their approaches to improving civil rights. Kennedy wanted to keep the movement in the courts, but King wanted to confront segregation directly in the streets, where it could be dramatized.

“*Brown* is a work in progress,” said **Robert Belton**, a Vanderbilt law professor. “Race has become a dirty word, and if you can’t talk about it, then you can’t resolve it.” Belton offered several points on *Brown*’s legacy, including a lack of dialogue to realize equality and national indecision regarding Equal Protection and other statutory laws.

Other aspects of *Brown* also were discussed. **Jack Bass**, a College of Charleston professor and author of *Unlikely Heroes*, described the courage of white Republican judges on the old 5th Circuit who helped bring great change in civil rights. *St. Petersburg Times* Editor Emeritus and former *Atlanta Constitution* editor **Eugene Patterson** emphasized the importance of the media in informing the nation about the Civil Rights Movement. **James Patterson**, Ford Foundation Professor of History at Brown University, reflected on the idea of contingent events and historical inevitability. He illustrated this with the “coincidence” of Chief Justice Fred Vinson’s death, the ascendancy of Earl Warren and the events’ impact on the Civil Rights Movement.

The Stetson symposium brought together a remarkable group of civil rights scholars and practitioners who have lived and studied *Brown*’s history and legacy. Their story reaffirmed *Brown*’s importance and the continuing efforts to secure the principle of equality it intended to define.





# Through the Citadel ...and back

BY AARON REINCHELD

UNLIKE MOST CO-EDS, WHILE EARNING HER bachelor's degree in political science, second-year Stetson student Nicole Villareal didn't worry about how she was going to do her hair—she didn't have any.

She didn't spend any time worrying about what she was going to wear to class—someone else picked her uniform for her.

She didn't worry about when or where she was going to eat—someone else scheduled her day from dawn to lights out.

What she did have to worry about was making it through her meal without too many people throwing food at her—which happened every day; making it to class without other students hitting her with a water balloon—a constant concern; and how she was going to make it through the rites of passage known as Knob Year (a cadet's first year) and Hell Night.

"If you're going through hell, keep going," said Villareal, repeating her favorite Winston Churchill quote.

One of the first 26 women to graduate from the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, Nicole Villareal went through her own hell, but kept on going. By entering Stetson, she became the first female graduate of the Citadel to attend law school.

She recently accepted a job offer from the U.S. Marine Corps Judge Advocate General program, making her the first female Citadel graduate to serve





Left, Nicole Villareal proudly shows off her Citadel class ring with a few classmates.



Villareal and one of her few female classmates in uniform at the Citadel barracks.

the United States in that position. She will be commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in August.

Villareal did not set out to be a pioneer but became one.

“Now, yes, I definitely feel like I’m a trailblazer,” she said, “because I look at the individual I’ve become because of the process I went through at the Citadel. It made a trailblazer out of me more than I made it a trail to blaze.”

She originally applied to the Citadel on a whim because she had extra slots on the schools to which she was allowed to send her SAT scores, and the school was in the news because of Shannon Faulkner’s fight to become the first female to attend. Faulkner won the right to attend, but quit after the first four days of intense training.

But after being accepted and visiting the school, Villareal and her parents (mostly her parents) thought it would be better for her to attend the Citadel than the University of Florida.

She had participated in junior ROTC in high school and her father was a Marine, so Villareal was interested in the school, but she was more interested in the challenge.

“I’ve always been one of those road-less-traveled people, and that was definitely as less traveled as you could get,” she said.

In her three years at the Citadel (she finished early because of college credits from high school), Villareal endured “constant animosity.” “You knew everybody’s eyeballs were burning holes in the back of your head,” she said.

Most of the 1,700 male cadets did not want to associate with the females. However, that did not make the few female cadets a close-knit society. In fact, the female cadets were very competitive to prove they belonged “with the guys,” Villareal said.

She went through a lot just because she was one of the first women to attend the school, but much of what she endured was because of the nature of the school.

“There were stories I would tell my dad, and there were stories I would really avoid telling my mom. Nobody’s mother wants to hear what goes on at the Citadel,” she said.

“The Citadel isn’t for everyone—just like the military isn’t for everyone, just like law school isn’t for everyone. The people who graduate are the people who deserved it. If you can make it through everything, then you deserve to be standing there with your ring at graduation because it takes a tough person to get through all that.”

The reward for making it through the Citadel’s process of “breaking you down to build you

back up” to make the “whole person” is a gold ring. More than just an average class ring, the Citadel version is a specific symbol of achievement.

“This is the entire reason you go,” Villareal said.

Villareal owns only 49 percent of the gold symbol around her finger; the Citadel owns the rest. Like every other graduate, if she does something to embarrass the school, the college can take back the ring.

Being able to wear the ring while visiting her alma mater, Villareal has found total acceptance from her fellow graduates.

“These are kids I bled with, sweated with, swore we thought we came very close to death with at times,” she said. “These people, we really put out for each other.”

Going into the law, Villareal has some big shoes to fill. Her grandfather Dewey Villareal, a senior partner for Fowler White Gillen Villareal Boggs & Banker and Stetson adjunct professor, was the college’s first professor to specialize in admiralty law.

However, Villareal has proven to herself and everyone else that she isn’t one to back down from a challenge. No matter how low things seemed, her intense personal strength lifted her to impressive personal accomplishments.

“I don’t regret it for a day.”



# Balancing Law School

BY AARON REINCHELD

**S**TETSON PART-TIME STUDENT James McTyier could be a commercial for the success of modern technology.

The definition of the man-on-the-go, McTyier has become dependent on his cell phone and e-mail to catch up on the world during his small blocks of open time between finishing his day job as a full-time legal intern at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Bradenton and the start of his evening classes at Stetson.

More important than staying informed on current events, the modern conveniences allow McTyier to stay connected to his personal life and retain some balance in his hectic schedule, which he called a “daily battle.”

“One thing that people don’t realize about going back to law school...is you’re out of touch with what’s going on at home: the mail that comes in, the phone messages that come in, and the things that relate to your personal life that you’re just completely not on top of,” he said.

Despite of these struggles, McTyier likes the variety and thinks he has an advantage on full-time students.

“Because I’m in a law-related job...I’m able to see real-world applications of things we’re talking about right now,” he said.

It’s all very real for McTyier. During his days, he helps write briefs and appeals and tracks cases as a part of Operation Predator, an initiative from U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft targeting aliens for deportation who have been convicted of sex crimes, especially against children.

“Personally, I believe in it,” he said. “We can certainly ask people who were not born in this country and not citizens, who are committing crimes against young American children, to go home.”

Ideally, McTyier would eventually like to work for the government in an embassy in central Europe. He spent time in Germany while growing up and during undergraduate study.

It’s a clear path for a man who did not set out to attend law school.

Looking for something to do with his father, McTyier suggested attending one of the Clearwater

Bar Association’s People’s Law School sessions. They went and soon established a routine to go out to dinner every Wednesday, afterwards attending the legal lectures.

Before long, McTyier noticed the strong Stetson ties to the People’s Law School and found that many of the speakers involved came to the law later in life as a second career. He then considered following their lead.

“Every step of the way, I kept thinking, ‘If I bomb the LSAT, I won’t go on; if I don’t get in at Stetson, I won’t go on,’” McTyier said.

Now ranked second in his class, McTyier has found success in Stetson’s part-time program, and the law has become a fourth career for the 42-year-old.

He has worked as an artist (he has work on display in California and Kentucky), a college advisor/administrator and a corporate supervisor. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English and German from the University of Virginia and a bachelor of fine arts in commercial illustration from the University of San Francisco.

His past life experiences have been easily translatable to his work with the law, making him optimistic about the future.

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# and Life

“This all seems to be tying back together. I appreciate when the themes vary and repeat, and I can rediscover that I’m at a place that I’m somewhat familiar with, but on a different plane,” he said. “It’s been a fun ride.”



## About Stetson's Part-Time Law Students

- Median age of part-time students: 33
- 24% of part-timers have already earned graduate degrees, including an M.D., a Ph.D., and master's degrees in accounting, arts, business administration, education, engineering, public administration, public health and the sciences
- 56% of part-time students are women
- 23% of the Fall 2003 entering part-time class were minority students; 24% for Fall 2002 entrants
- 81% of second-year part-time students work full-time, 55% of first-year part-timers work full-time
- One-third of part-time program applicants are from out-of-state
- Part-time students are active in moot court board, client counseling team, Law Review, Student Bar Association, Honor Court and serve as Stetson Ambassadors
- Part-time students hold a variety of professional positions, including teacher, pharmacist, social worker, police sergeant, paralegal, nurse, communications manager, business analyst, realtor, entrepreneur, software engineer, naval officer, boxing promoter, school guidance counselor, medical doctor and accountant, to name a few.

**Pictured top of page:** The first class of part-time students, who began their coursework in Fall 2002, pose at the Boston Asset Management Grand Staircase at the Tampa Law Center.

# New campus New horiz

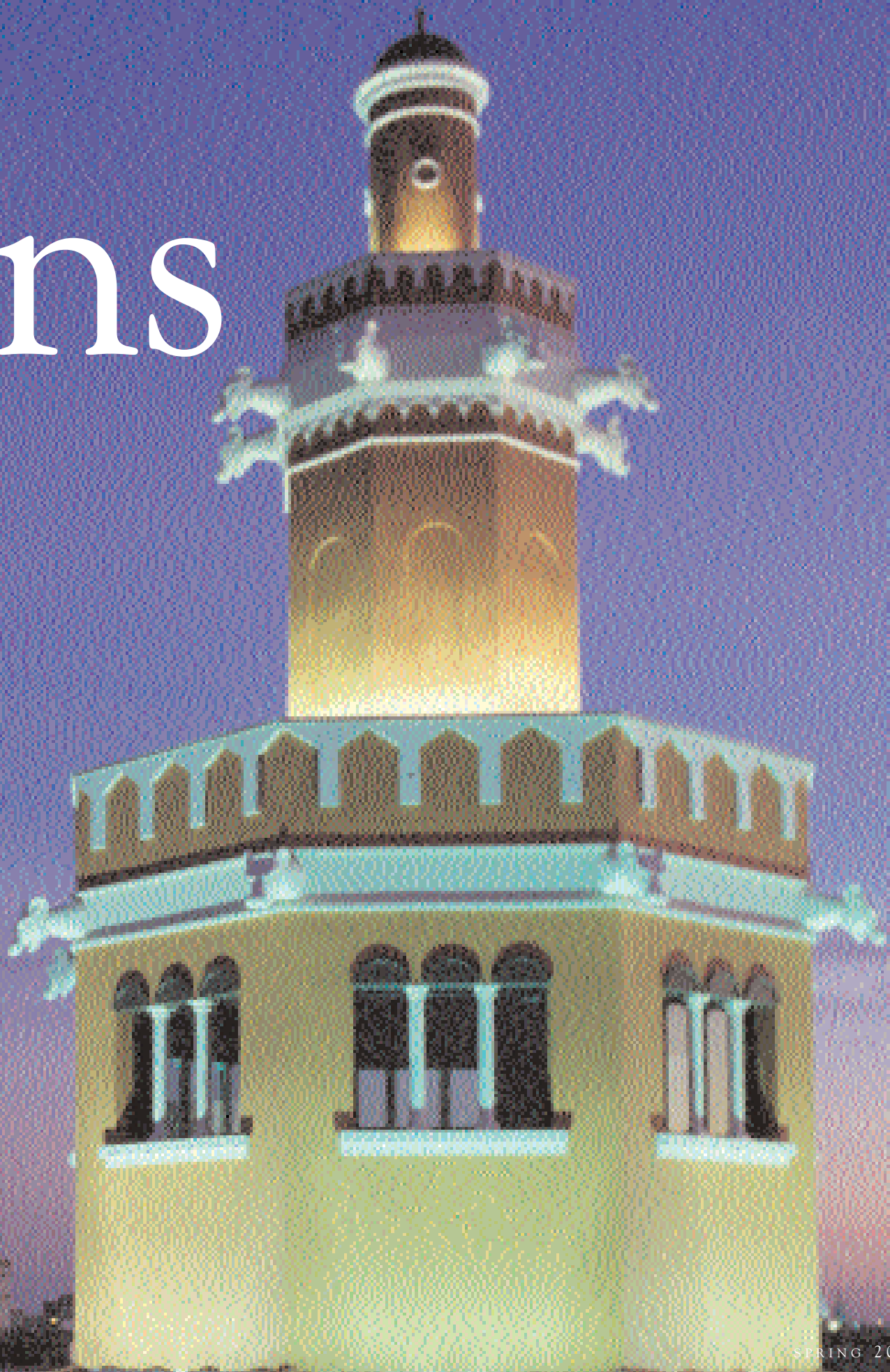
BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

*The Stetson University Tampa Law Center is rapidly developing into a major hub for legal activity in the Tampa Bay area. The campus offers evening courses for the Juris Doctor degree, and the Tampa branch of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal occupies the third floor of this magnificent campus. This unique public-private partnership between a working court and a law school is the first of its kind in Florida and one of the first in the United States.*

*The three-story, 73,500-square-foot building reflects the same Spanish-Mediterranean Revival architecture of Stetson's Gulfport campus. Stetson's signature tower, modeled after the Torre de Oro in Seville, Spain, is also replicated at the top of the Tampa Law Center. Eight friezes, which depict poignant moments in legal history, surround a custom-designed candelabra at the center of the W. Gary Vause Atrium. Artwork from a number of Florida artists accents the design of this spectacular new campus.*



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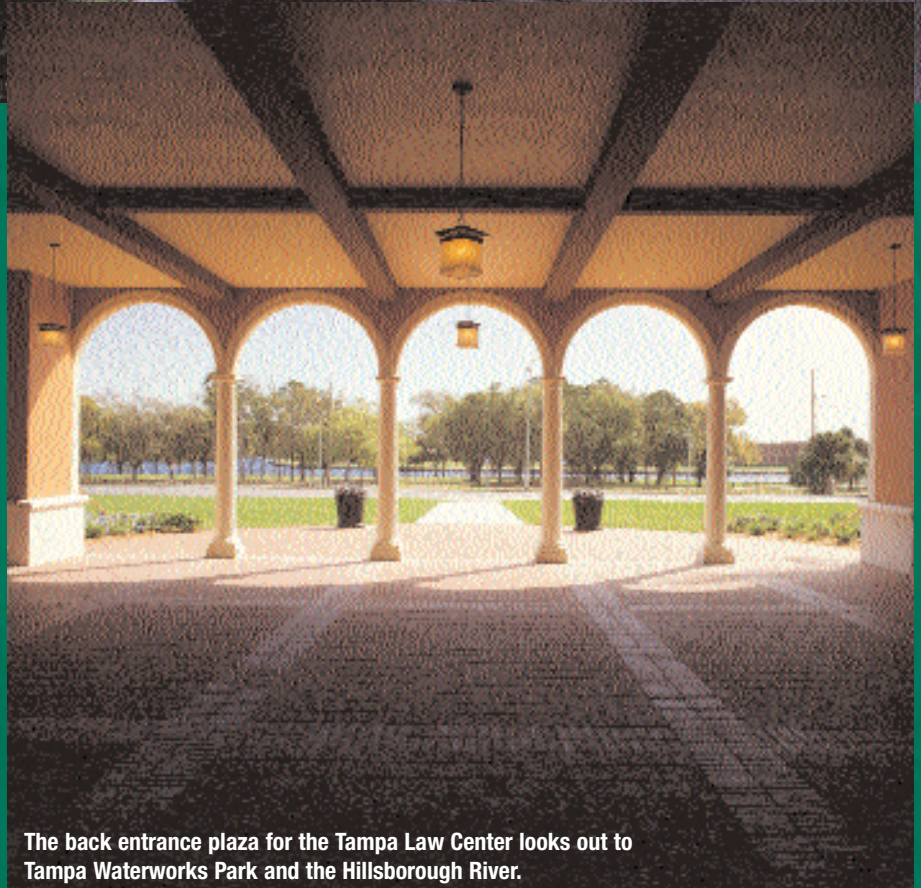


The grand entrance to the Tampa Law Center, framed by palm trees, greets visitors on North Tampa Street.

*“A JEWEL IN TAMPA  
HEIGHTS...*

*The campus is a welcome addition to Tampa’s business and government district. The school’s opening will add momentum to revitalizing Tampa Heights, and Stetson administrators are already working closely with the community.”*

TAMPA TRIBUNE  
Editorial, Jan. 15, 2004



The back entrance plaza for the Tampa Law Center looks out to Tampa Waterworks Park and the Hillsborough River.



More than 600 people joined Stetson on Feb. 21 to celebrate the opening of the campus.



STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW DEDICATED ITS NEW TAMPA Law Center on Feb. 21, 2004. Dignitaries, members of the judiciary and public officials were on hand for the event.

“This is a significant milestone in the history of our law school and the City of Tampa,” said Dean Darby Dickerson. “The Tampa campus will create invaluable opportunities for our students and will be a great resource to the Tampa Bay legal community.”

Stetson University President H. Douglas Lee thanked the city of Tampa for its assistance and for what it means to potential law students.

“The College of Law is committing its financial and professional resources to enhance legal education and services for the people of Tampa, our state and the nation.” Lee said. “Stetson University will now be sharing in selected ways the resources of each of our colleges at four geographic locations—DeLand, Celebration, Gulfport/St. Petersburg and now our crowning jewel—Tampa.”

The Tampa Law Center opened for classes Jan. 15. The campus offers the first law classes in Tampa, and approximately 130 students have classes there during the spring semester.

“Stetson continues to be a pioneer in the legal community by opening this beautiful campus. It’s been educating lawyers for more than a century and has now honored Tampa and Florida with its first teaching courtroom,” said Florida Bar President Miles McGrane III. “I look forward to seeing this campus and its students grow and prosper.” Other speakers included trustee chair Joseph “Jay” Landers Jr. ’70, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, Second District Court of Appeal Chief Judge Chris Altenbernd, Congressman Jim Davis, Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and Associate Dean Jan Majewski.

Included in the festivities was a special dedication of the W. Gary Vause Atrium, commemorating the work of late Stetson Dean W. Gary Vause who spearheaded the design and construction of the Tampa campus.



Top photo (L to R): Hon. Charlie Crist, architect Sol Fleischman, Jan Majewski, Jay Landers ’70, Hon. Chris Altenbernd, Dean Darby Dickerson, Hon. Jim Davis, President H. Douglas Lee, Miles McGrane, Hon. Peggy Quince, Gerard Schmid and Bob Angle at the ribbon-cutting. Above, President Lee and Dean Dickerson unveil the portrait of the late Dean W. Gary Vause at the atrium dedication.





The 100-seat Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom is shared by Stetson for its advocacy programs and by the court for hearing oral arguments.

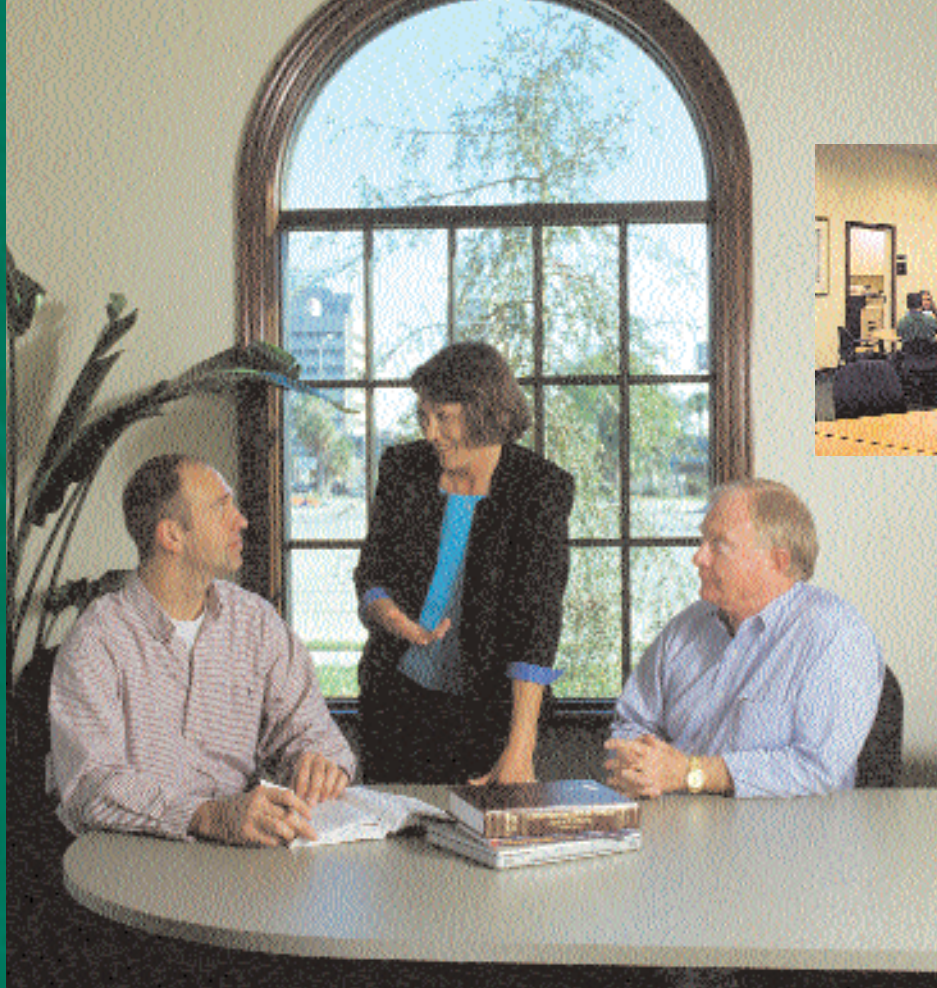


CUTTING-EDGE LEGAL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY has been integrated throughout the campus. A wireless network connects users to the Internet from anywhere in the building. The six teaching classrooms, including the courtroom, are equipped with the latest instructional technology such as a touch-screen podium that controls access to cable television, DVD and VCR players, overhead “Elmo” cameras for documents and 3-D objects, Internet access, and video cameras. Videoconferencing technology will link the Gulfport and Tampa campuses, and satellite telecommunications will connect Tampa audiences to major legal conferences throughout the United States.

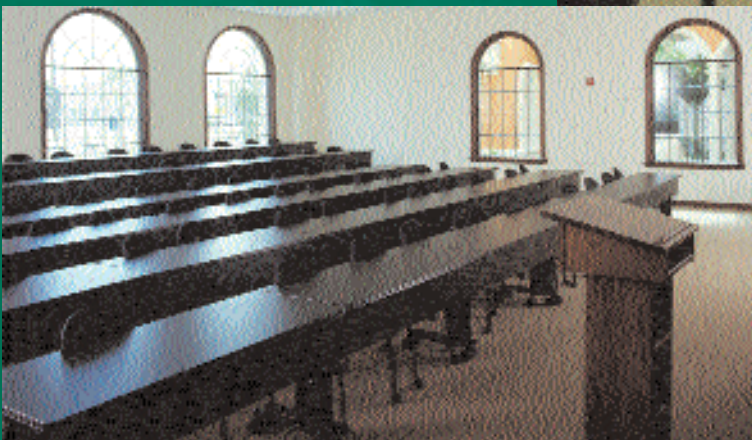
The Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom, shared by Stetson and the appellate court, features the latest in courtroom design and technology. In addition to extensive audio-visual resources, the courtroom includes technology for displaying electronic evidence, six cameras

for observing court participants and jury deliberations, plasma screens for the audience to clearly view proceedings, and network connections at every seat in the audience. Two jury rooms provide a laboratory for students and lawyers to compare the influence of different demographic groups on deliberations. The jury box is equipped with controls that allow jurors to record in real-time their agreement or disagreement with statements made over the course of a trial.

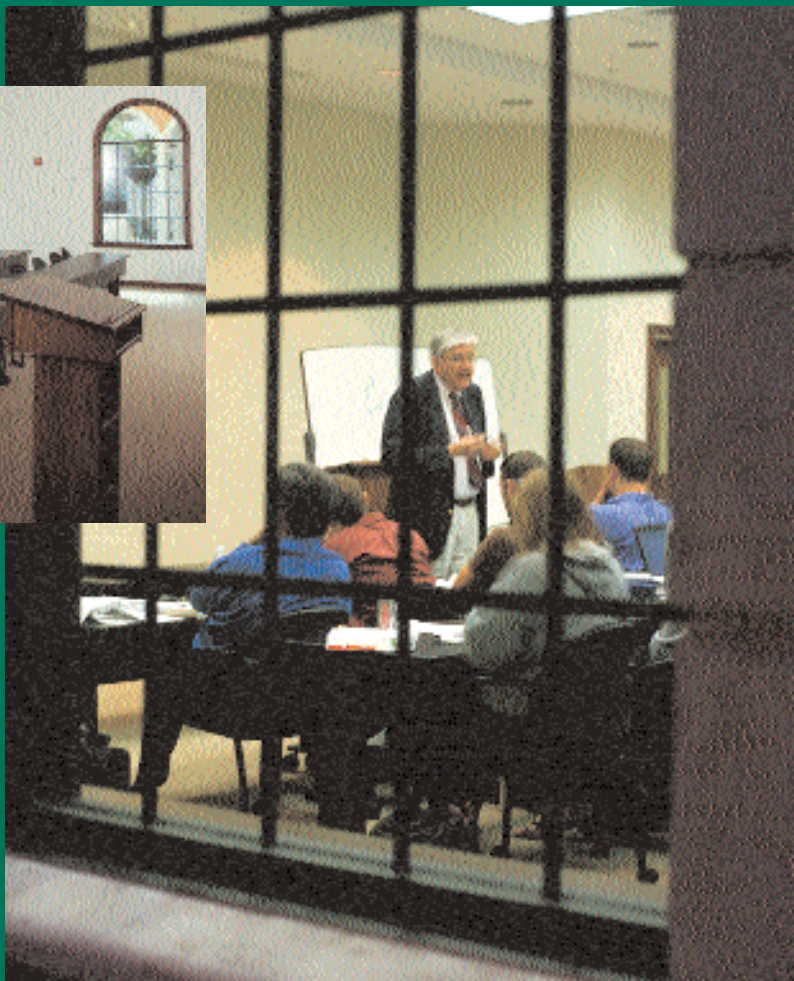




The library features eight reading rooms, including the one pictured left. The Tampa library volumes support the first-year law school curriculum. The library is open to the Stetson community, the Second District Court of Appeal, those with business before the court and members of The Florida Bar.



Two large classrooms, like the one pictured above, are located on the first floor. The second and third floors each house a large seminar room that opens to an outdoor balcony overlooking the back courtyard and Hillsborough River.







THE  
CORNERSTONE  
CAMPAIGN

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR TOMORROW

# Campaign entering final year

**T**HROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF our alumni and friends, Stetson University College of Law's Cornerstone Campaign is close to fulfilling its \$12 million goal.

The purpose of the Cornerstone Campaign is to strengthen and expand academics at the College of Law. It is the most ambitious fundraising campaign ever at the College, and it is designed to secure the level of excellence we can provide to our students, faculty, staff and community.

Our goal is straightforward: we want to elevate the College of Law into the top ranks of American law schools.

The four initiatives within this comprehensive fundraising effort are student scholarships and awards, faculty chairs and professorships, academic curriculum, and faculty/staff development.

The greatest need facing the College of Law today is student scholarships. To attract and retain the best and the brightest students, we must have financial packages available to offer our students. This is why we have recently set aside \$1 million in scholarship matching



**Dotti E. Bressi**  
Associate Vice President  
for College Relations

gift funds. The scholarship matching gift program has been established through the benevolence of the

Charles A. Dana Foundation and Stetson University College of Law. The purpose of this program is to increase the availability of financial assistance to our students. All gifts of \$1,000 or more, designated toward scholarships, will be matched by the law school at a 2:1 ratio. So, for every two dollars given by a donor, Stetson will contribute one dollar.

Since its inception last fall, the College of Law has seen an increase in the number of endowed scholarships. It takes \$25,000 to establish a named endowment at Stetson. Because of our new matching gift program, a donor can make a gift or pledge of \$17,000 and Stetson will match that gift with \$8,500 bringing the total amount of the endowed fund to \$25,500.

Endowments endure the test of time. They are an investment in the future of the College of Law. It is a donor's ability to demonstrate his or her belief in all that we are trying to accomplish, and it demonstrates a donor's commitment to the betterment of the lives of others.

To be successful, we will need to rely on every member within the Stetson community—our alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends. We ask that you consider making a contribution to the College of Law. Your gift will ensure that the law school continues to be an institution of excellence.

Now is the time to make a difference. It is time to make the next move and raise the bar in everything we do. Only you can help us to build a stronger tomorrow. Please demonstrate your commitment to Stetson University College of Law by making a financial commitment today.

Sincerely,

Dotti E. Bressi, Ed.D.  
Associate Vice President  
for College Relations



# Tampa courtroom named to honor Wm. Reece Smith Jr.

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

**M**ORE THAN ONE HUNDRED friends, dignitaries and alumni celebrated the dedication the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom on Jan. 31 at the new Tampa Law Center. The state-of-the-art facility will serve as a classroom for Stetson students, a training ground for attorneys and a courtroom for the Tampa branch of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal.

"Reece Smith has served as an outstanding role model for our students and for attorneys across the country," Dean Darby Dickerson said. "The Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom is a fitting honor for an attorney who has given so much to our legal system."

Lawrence Fox, a renowned trial attorney and close friend to Smith, praised the event. "What Reece's life represents is the coming together of the academy and the profession and the judiciary. We all have so much to learn from each other and so much to share with

each other and that's what Reece has done his whole life," Fox said. "For a courtroom in a law school, in a vital professional city to be named for Reece Smith is absolutely perfect."

Luis Prats '81, managing shareholder of the Tampa office of Carlton Fields P.A. and president of the Stetson University Alumni Association, also commended his colleague. "Reece is a constant reminder to us that as we practice law, we should do so in a professional, ethical and civil manner. Our job is not to create conflict. And so Reece, I cannot tell you how proud all of us are at the firm to call you partner," Prats said.

Chief Judge Chris Altenbernd of the Second District Court of Appeal and Stetson Center for Excellence in Advocacy Director Roberta K. Flowers also spoke at the dedication event.

Wm. Reece Smith Jr. has served as a dedicated civic leader



throughout his legal career. A champion for the legal aid movement, he has been honored with prestigious awards from local, state and national organizations, including 11 honorary doctorates, the ABA Gold Medal and the Florida Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor.

Smith is the past president of the American, International, Florida and Hillsborough County bar associations, as well as several other professional organizations. As a member, shareholder and chair emeritus of Carlton Fields P.A., he has argued cases at every level of the state and federal court systems, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

He served as interim president of the University of South Florida from 1976 to 1977. His relationship with Stetson Law began in 1954 when the college moved to Gulfport, and he has taught as a distinguished professorial lecturer since 1991.



Above, alumni and friends give Wm. Reece Smith Jr. a standing ovation at the courtroom dedication. Far left, Smith and Dean Darby Dickerson unveil the name of the courtroom. Left, the speakers included (L to R) Lawrence Fox, Judge Chris Altenbernd, Smith, Dickerson, Luis Prats '81 and Professor Roberta Flowers.



# GARGOYLES!

BY BRANDI PALMER

Sixteen gargoyles have descended on the Tampa skyline and taken residence at the new Tampa Law Center. When the campus was dedicated on Feb. 21, hundreds of guests and dignitaries gathered in the warm Florida sun to welcome Stetson University College of Law to Tampa. As the crowd filled the chairs across the new courtyard, the gargoyles guarded them from the spiraling tower above. This is their story.

The Tampa gargoyles closely resemble their cousins at the College of Law's Gulfport campus. They share the same rugged good looks, shouldering the central tower structure on both campuses. They serve the same noble purpose, protecting the fortress of learning at the College of Law—and draining water from the high tower. There is one distinction. The Tampa gargoyles have their own support group.

The idea of naming a gargoyle is the brainchild of Dean Darby Dickerson and the Office of College Relations. The College was

looking for fresh ideas to encourage involvement in the Tampa Law Center. Dedicating a brick in the plaza or other locations on campus were projects both well underway. From there, the idea of sponsoring one of the animals sculpted into the Tampa tower was born. After all, who wouldn't want to adopt their very own gargoyle?

Slade Dukes, a student assistant for College Relations, was so inspired by the idea of sponsoring a gargoyle that he adopted one of his very own. Dukes made a five-year pledge commitment to name a gargoyle. He picked a particularly fearless specimen, one that faces the interstate traffic as it crawls along the edge of the Tampa skyline.

"It was either the gargoyle or a library reading table...a gargoyle that overlooks the entire campus and Tampa city skyline...watching the sun rise and set, the seasons come and go, the students enter and leave. With that, the decision was clear," Dukes said.

Kelly McKnight, a student



**STETSON'S NEW LOCAL CELEBRITIES** — Since the gargoyles first took shape at the Tampa campus, they have been a hot topic in the local community. The creatures have been referenced in the *St. Petersburg Times* and National Public Radio, and Stetson received several calls and e-mails from downtown Tampa employees asking for clarity on the animal identity of the creatures.

graduating in May 2004, was also intrigued when she heard that no female students had yet purchased a gargoyle. She jumped at the chance to get the McKnight name on a little piece of Stetson's history, also making a five-year pledge for a gargoyle. She plans to surprise her family by dedicating the gargoyle to her mom and two sisters during the Honors and Awards Ceremony at graduation.

"I thought this would be my chance...I thought the idea of contributing to a school that has given me so much was a great concept." McKnight said.

Nine of the 16 new gargoyles have been adopted to date.



**GARGOYLES WITH A PRICE ON THEIR HEADS** — Left, a construction worker installs one of the gargoyles. Photo reprinted with permission from *St. Petersburg Times*.

**GARGOYLE TRIVIA** — Eight of the Tampa tower creatures are gargoyles because they include downspouts for water drainage. The other eight are technically considered grotesques, because they are purely ornamental.



# Federal appropriations bill allocates nearly \$5 million for clearinghouse, elder law center, Tampa campus

Stetson University College of Law recently received significant federal funds to expand, develop and nurture several programs of considerable value to the surrounding and legal communities.

The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law received \$3 million to support its efforts to create an online reference resource, develop training elements and sponsor panels on new technology.

The College of Law's Center for Excellence in Elder Law

received \$1 million to establish a statewide Elder Consumer Fraud Program and support the expansion of the successful senior consumer protection effort that started at Stetson.

The school also received \$775,000 to help with construction costs of the new Tampa Law Center.

"This money is a tremendous assistance to Stetson's mission to serve the legal community and protect the citizens around us," said Dean Darby Dickerson. "The

funding also speaks to the importance of that mission to educate students, professionals and the public."

U.S. Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young from Largo chairs the House Appropriations Committee and strongly supported Stetson's initiatives.

"We are extremely grateful to Congressman Young and Congressman Jim Davis, both of whom understand and recognize the value of our goals to serve the citizens of Florida," Dickerson said.



## Bricks honor friends, mentors, family

Stetson alumni and friends have ordered more than 175 bricks in the plazas at the Tampa Law Center to honor colleagues and loved ones for generations.

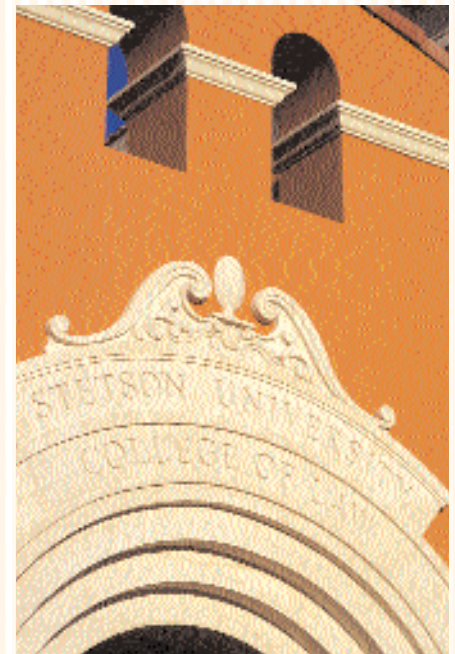
The engravings on each brick are as unique as those who have purchased them. Some students have ordered bricks to thank friends, parents, spouses, study partners and staff. Alumni have used their bricks to communicate love for their families or to memorialize colleagues. Still others have used their bricks to share a favorite quote to live by. Many have simply listed their names.

To order your commemorative brick, contact College Relations at (727) 562-7818 or [www.law.stetson.edu/College\\_Relations](http://www.law.stetson.edu/College_Relations).

## Naming opportunities still available for Tampa Law Center

Stetson's Tampa Law Center in downtown Tampa now offers many naming opportunities to share your legacy, your vision and your leadership in shaping our future. This three-story, 73,500-square-foot building will become a new hub of legal activity for the Tampa Bay area.

Law Center (Bldg. 1) . . . . .	\$4,000,000
Law Library . . . . .	\$500,000
Vause Atrium Lobby (memorial gifts) . . . . .	\$300,000
East Entry Plaza . . . . .	\$200,000
1st-Floor Classrooms (2) . . . . .	\$150,000
2nd-Floor Seminar w/Balcony . . . . .	\$100,000
2nd-Floor Seminar w/Balcony . . . . .	\$100,000
West Entry Plaza . . . . .	\$100,000
Library Circulation Desk . . . . .	\$75,000
2nd-Floor Lobby . . . . .	\$75,000
Fountain . . . . .	\$50,000
Library Reading Room (1 large) . . . . .	\$15,000
Associate Dean's Office . . . . .	\$15,000
Break Room . . . . .	\$10,000
Jury Room (2) . . . . .	\$10,000
Faculty Office (1) . . . . .	\$10,000
Library Reading Rooms (6 medium) . . . . .	\$10,000
Library Table (15) . . . . .	\$2,500
Gargoyle (7) . . . . .	\$2,500





# Law, politics & business

BY FRANK KLIM

**M**ATT TOWERY '87 ONCE had mixed emotions about attending law school. He now counts his degree from Stetson Law as one of his great accomplishments.

The Atlanta native seemed surprised to be profiled in this issue of the *Stetson Lawyer*. "Stetson is blessed to have some really successful alumni. Stetson has graduates who have achieved far beyond what I could ever dream of accomplishing."

Yet Towery is the author of several books, writes a syndicated political column, serves as the chief political analyst for the Atlanta NBC news affiliate, and is a governmental affairs and campaign strategist.

This humble alumnus is also CEO and co-founder of InsiderAdvantage.com, an Internet-based government affairs and media company with a host of subscription-based online services. The morning we spoke, Towery was catching his breath after a long evening of election coverage. Election polling has become the centerpiece for the four-year-old company. Numerous print and

broadcast media, including CBS News, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Post* and *Business Week*, use InsiderAdvantage for their polling services.

As a relative newcomer in the polling industry, the company has achieved national attention for impressive accuracy. "CNN now uses our polling and we have moved into the number four category in polling," Towery said.

Towery's passion seems to be building successful companies. "If we can build a company that is No. 4 in the country for research in this area and is known for being accurate, then that's another very valuable asset."

## Choosing law school

For generations, the Towery family had run an Atlanta based printing company. Maurice "Buddy" Towery was adamant that his only child Matt would become a lawyer. "My dad made it very clear that I either went to law school or I was not going to be part of our businesses," Towery said.

Matt had just graduated from Cambridge University in England. "The weather in England had been cold and miserable," recalled Towery. The young scholar was anxious to return to the south. "I

visited Stetson and it met my criteria: a great law school, a beautiful location and a warm climate."

Despite Stetson's strong curriculum and idyllic location, Towery had mixed emotions about his father's mandate. "I came to law school somewhat begrudgingly and left absolutely delighted with my Stetson experience."

Prior to joining the family business, the elder Towery had yet another prerequisite for new lawyer son, "Start and run a successful business of your own."

## Another entrepreneur in the family

After passing the Georgia Bar in 1987, Towery and a friend founded the law firm Venema, Towery, Thompson & Delashmit, which grew to 14 attorneys before he left the firm. Towery eventually rejoined the family business, and his father's counseling helped establish an entrepreneurial spirit that continues to this day.

While managing his law firm in 1990, the Republican Party nominated Matt to run for Georgia's Lieutenant Governor position. Even though he lost that bid to Pierre Howard, he and Howard set aside political differences, became friends, and later forged several business alliances,



# Alumnus combines entrepreneurial skills, political wit & Stetson legal education in career as pollster, columnist

including their current partnership at InsiderAdvantage.

Towery juggled multiple careers in the 1990s. He sold his law firm, served in the Georgia House of Representatives and worked as Of Counsel to one of Atlanta's largest law firms, Long, Aldridge & Norman.

Towery took the helm of the family printing business in 1993, doubling profits and embracing the use of digital technology.

"My legal training came in handy because I discovered the concept of digital printing technology on a Lexis/Nexis search. I looked into the availability of new equipment being developed in other countries but not in the U.S. We were one of the first companies in America to install early digital-printing presses. We used that as an early market lead." Towery said the new technology provided the company with an edge that led to tremendous growth. "We started growing very quickly and we held our margins."

By 1997, the printing industry began consolidating. Towery's strategy attracted interested buyers and the Towery family made a profitable exit out of the printing business. "There is a misconception out there that lawyers are not good in business. I find that not to be true. I have immense respect for lawyers as businesspersons."

In a relatively short period of time, Towery was out of the legislature and the family business. It was time for a change.

## Ready for something new

Temporarily, the 18-hour work-days had ended. He took a year off to write a book about women in business and communications. The book was *Powerchicks: How Women Will Dominate America*. Although the publisher rejected Towery's request to re-title the book, *Powerchicks* stayed in the top 1 percent of books on Amazon.com for the next five years. Towery said the success of the book helped turn his attention to the media.

Enter his old political rival and friend, Pierre Howard. "I said we really ought to have a company that advises corporations and trade associations on how to deal with elected officials."

Howard was active in Jimmy Carter's campaign; Towery had run Newt Gingrich's campaign. "It didn't seem unusual for us to form this company to advise corporations," Towery said. "The company, Special Corporate Strategies, was created in 1999 and sold, profitably, one year later."

The Towery-Howard partnership has continued to produce several successful companies. "We wanted to create a company that provides polling on who's really going to win, provides analysis, and offers information about government."

As the 2004 national election campaigns intensify, InsiderAdvantage is finding a

greater need for its services...and Towery's time.

## Relationship with Stetson

"Stetson is, without a doubt, the hidden jewel of legal education in this country. I think its reputation will grow over time," said Towery. "Stetson University College of Law provides a superior legal education.

"Stetson should be ranked in the top tier of law schools in America; there is no doubt in my mind. It offers a strong combination of academics and practical application.

"I go back to that campus and I am in a better mood. I just don't get enough of it," Towery said. "It has been extremely rewarding to keep in touch with my friends, particularly the professors, many of whom are still there, and I like them all. I had a great relationship with Dean Bruce Jacob, and stayed close with everyone I knew—Professors J.J. Brown, Becky Morgan, Mickey Smiley, Mike Swygert, Ruth Thurman and so many others.

"It's been a great long-term relationship and you don't want to lose that friendship and that feeling. I try to do what I can to support the school and stay in touch with Stetson because it has such a personal meaning to me."

"I don't consider myself any kind of success. I am not some great example of anything special. In the scheme of things, I'm just a good example of a Stetson graduate who is working hard."

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*"[Pierre Howard and I] wanted to create a company that provides polling on who's really going to win."*

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1940s

**Hal P. Dekle '40**, a retired attorney and justice, recently attended a "mini" area alumni reunion Nov. 7-9, 2003 at the Clarion Resort Hotel, Merritt Island for Stetson University classes of 1940-1943. Others in attendance included DeLand alumni Mildred (Browne) Mount '40, Ida Fee Bailey Spence '42, Robert E. Brown '43 and wife Dorothy, and Nalda Sadeer '47. Those present enjoyed picture albums, class news, old timers' music, dancing, exchanging stories and Stetson news. They enjoyed a Saturday night gourmet dinner and on Sunday they met for a buffet and a visit to Kennedy Space Center.

1960s

**Thomas R. Mooney '61** has retired from the practice of law after 39 years with Meyers, Mooney, Stanley & Colvin P.A. in Orlando, a firm that he founded with his partner, Irvin A.

Meyers, in 1963. Their sons are continuing the firm. He and his wife, Murf, are looking forward to spending time at their homes in Winter Park, Fla., and Sky Valley, Ga.

**Robert K. Downs '65** is currently serving as the second vice president of the Illinois State Bar Association. He has been named a member of both the Board of Visitors of Northern Illinois University College of Law and the Leading Lawyers Network, a division of Law Bulletin Publishing Company. Mr. Downs and his wife are partners in the Oak Park, Ill. firm of Downs Law Offices P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of family law, litigation and mediation.

**J. Bert Grandoff '65** of Allen Dell P.A., Tampa, became president of the American College of Construction Lawyers at its annual meeting with the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers in Coral Gables. He is a member of the American Arbitration Association's national and international large complex case panel.

1970s

**Horace A. Andrews '70** and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 2003, with family and friends at a dinner party hosted by their sons at First Freewill Baptist Church of Seffner. They were married Aug. 2, 1953 at First Baptist Church of Plant City. Judge Andrews serves as a senior judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit, a mediator and an arbitrator.

**Karl B. Grube '70** presented a comparative law program at the Instituto de Estudios Juridicos Internationals in Madrid, Spain. The presentation included an overview of the U.S. federal and state court systems and a summary of the progression of civil and criminal cases.

**Thomas E. Stringer Sr. '74** was honored by the Stetson Black Law Students Association for his contribution to minority

ALUMNI NEWS

Stetson double-graduates lead trustees, alumni

For the first time in recent Stetson history, two double-graduates of Stetson University are presiding over key university leadership groups.

**Joseph W. "Jay" Landers Jr. BA '64, JD '70** is chair of the Stetson University Board of Trustees. Landers is one of the founding members of Landers & Parsons P.A., a firm that represents clients



Joseph W. Landers Jr. BA '64, JD '70

before courts and state and federal regulatory agencies in Florida. Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, his decorated career in environmental and administrative law included four years of service as Florida's first Secretary of the Department of Environmental Regulation.

**Luis Prats BA '78, JD '81** is president of the Stetson University Alumni Association. He is

managing shareholder of the Tampa office for Carlton Fields P.A. Prats is an active member of the Hillsborough County, Florida, American and International bar associations and specializes in construction law.



Luis Prats BA '78, JD '81

Stetson University honors Craig Crawford BA '78, JD '81

Stetson University President H. Douglas Lee presented a 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award to veteran journalist J. Craig Crawford at a reception March 23, in the U.S. Capitol.

Currently a columnist for *Congressional Quarterly*, Crawford writes a non-partisan column, "White House Trail Mix," which focuses on the 2004 presidential race and appears weekly in *CQ Today*. He also serves as a news analyst for MSNBC, CNBC and *The Early Show* on CBS.

Before working at *CQ*, Crawford ran *The Hotline*, a daily online political briefing published by the National Journal Group and covered law and politics for the *Orlando Sentinel*. He served as Alabama state field director for the 1984 John Glenn presidential primary campaign, and as Georgia state field director for the Mondale-Ferraro general election campaign.

He practiced law in Orlando until 1984 and remains a member of The Florida Bar.



President H. Douglas Lee (left) and Stetson Alumni Association President Luis Prats '78, '81 (right) present J. Craig Crawford '78, '81 (center) a Distinguished Alumni Award.



students during the 4th Annual Judge Thomas Stringer Youth Day, which included a luncheon, awards ceremony, a program that allowed local minority students an opportunity to meet Judge Stringer, and watch a mock trial conducted by a Stetson trial team. He also participated in a panel on the "Judges Perspective" for Stetson's student leadership development program.

**Jack Helinger '76** was recently recognized as the 6th Judicial Circuit recipient of The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award. He was commended for his continued dedication, service and pro bono commitment with the Community Law Program and area bar associations. His service has been primarily in family and criminal law.

**Joel M. Weissman '76** was named in the *2003 South Florida Legal Guide*. This annual publication lists the top one percent of lawyers in South Florida as determined by ballot research and consultation with trusted sources in the legal community. Weissman was listed in the areas of matrimonial law, family law and appellate practice. He concentrates his practice in the areas of family law with an emphasis on divorce.

**Janet D. Herron '77** has been appointed executive director of the Community Law Program in St. Petersburg.

**R. Paul Grady '78** has been elected as president and chief executive officer for Juice Bowl Products Inc., a Lakeland beverage packer and citrus processor. He left his position as chief operating officer for Amerigas Partners LP near Philadelphia, the nation's largest retailer of propane gas, to join his family's company.

**Lawrence C. Callaway III '79** recently completed his term as president of the Public Education Foundation of Marion County Inc., a foundation with more than \$1 million in assets that works to enhance public education in Marion County, Fla. He is a member of the law firm of Ayres, Cluster, Curry, McCall, Collins & Fuller P.A. and concentrates his practice in transactional and property law. Mr. Callaway practiced in South Florida for 20 years before relocating to Ocala in 1999.

**Rhea F. Law '79** has been approved by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a resident member of the Florida Council of 100. She is president and chief executive of the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa.

## 1980s

**Daniel P. Mitchell '80** of GrayRobinson P.A. has been selected to join the International Association of Defense Counsel.

**R. Bruce Anderson '81** has joined the law firm of Roetzel & Andress in the Naples office, as a partner in the Business Services Group. His practice focuses on governmental law with an emphasis on land use planning, zoning, development and environmental issues. He has represented both large and small property owners on a wide range of land use issues including rezoning, comprehensive plan amendments, environmental regulations and state growth management law compliance.

**Donald E. Horrox '82** has been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a Pinellas County Judge. He has served as an assistant federal public defender since 1997 and was previously a sole practitioner.

**Dennis A. Palso '83** is pleased to announce a law firm name change to The Law Office of Dennis A. Palso P.A. The firm will continue to concentrate its practice in workers' compensation representing injured workers under both the Florida Workers' Compensation Law and the Federal Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

**Marcia S. Cohen '84** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the International Women's Forum. She is also a member of the board of directors of the French-American Business Council of West Florida.

**Michael A. Ossi '84** has announced that his Jacksonville firm, Ossi, Butler, Najem & Rosario, along with his partners **Howard G. Butler '85** and **Lawrence J. Najem '87**, has been retained by John Travolta to serve

## In Memoriam

*Sincerest condolences are extended to the families and friends of alumni who are no longer with us.*

**J.B. Rodgers Jr. '39**

Sept. 20, 2003, Windermere

**Colonel Bjarne B. Andersen Jr. '53**

Dec. 26, 2003, Tallahassee

**James L. O'Donnell '51**

Jan. 18, 2004, Sarasota

**Lucille Fleet Ford '65**

Nov. 19, 2003, St. Petersburg

**The Honorable William J. Nelson '68**

Sept. 19, 2003, Fort Myers

**Edward D. "Ed" Foreman '71**

March 17, 2004, Pinellas Park

**Jon H. Anderson '75**

Sept. 26, 2003, Lakeland

**Thomas P. McAlvanah '75**

Dec. 10, 2003, Zephyrhills

**The Honorable Robert J. Simms '75**

April 9, 2004, Tampa

as his general counsel overseeing all of his film, entertainment, business and corporate matters. In conjunction with the filming of the movie *Basic*, which was filmed in Jacksonville, they were selected to handle some of the legal matters arising on the set for not only Travolta but Samuel L. Jackson, Connie Nielson and others.

**I. Mark Rubin '84** is CEO of Visagent Corp.

**Howard G. Butler '85** has announced that his Jacksonville firm, Ossi, Butler, Najem & Rosario, along with his partners **Lawrence J. Najem '87** and **Michael A. Ossi '84**, has been retained by John Travolta to serve as his general counsel overseeing all of his film, entertainment, business and corporate matters. In conjunction with the filming of the movie *Basic*, which was filmed in Jacksonville, they were selected to handle some of the legal matters arising on the set for not only Travolta but Samuel L. Jackson, Connie Nielson and others.

**Mark E. Haranzo '85** has been appointed, for the seventh consecutive year, as co-chair for the 18th Annual Law Seminar sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. He is a partner at Wiggin & Dana and divides his time between the New York City and Stamford, Conn., offices.

**Scott E. Schiltz '85** has been re-elected to the Executive Council of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar. He also recently chaired the Legislative Update CLE Program and was a presenter at a recent CLE seminar on professional ethics. He is a partner in the Dunedin law firm of Boyer and Schiltz P.A.

**Dee Phelps '86** owns short-term vacation rental properties in Breckenridge, Colo., and can be reached at [dplaw@aol.com](mailto:dplaw@aol.com).

**Mark S. Bentley '87**, a shareholder in the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A., recently co-authored the chapter, "Authority to Exercise Power," in the 6th edition of the *Florida Eminent Domain Practice and Procedure Manual* published by The Florida Bar. The manual is used by practitioners and judges in eminent domain and property rights cases in state and federal courts in Florida.

**Gay L. Inskeep '87** has been selected to serve as the 6th Judicial Circuit Courts Administrator. Inskeep will head a non-judicial staff of 160 persons and oversee courthouse facilities at seven locations in Pasco and Pinellas counties. She previously served as the Chief Deputy Courts Administrator.

**Lawrence J. Najem '87** has announced that his Jacksonville firm, Ossi, Butler, Najem & Rosario, along with his partners **Howard G. Butler '85** and **Michael A. Ossi '84**, has been retained by John Travolta to serve as his general counsel overseeing all of his film, entertainment, business and corporate matters. In conjunction with the filming of the movie *Basic*, which was filmed in Jacksonville, they were selected to handle some of the legal matters arising on the set for not only Travolta but Samuel L. Jackson, Connie Nielson and others.

**Robert E. Bickford '88, LL.M. '99** is a sole practitioner in Indiatlantic, Fla.

**Steven G. Burton '88** was named general counsel for ITFlorida. He is responsible for ensuring compliance with ITFlorida's mission, bylaws and articles of incorporation, as well as reviewing legal documents, position statements and white papers. Burton is a managing partner at Broad and Cassel in Tampa.

**Cynthia (Mills) Kinser '88** recently sat at counsel table before the U.S. Supreme Court assisting in the representation of the Petitioner in *Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation v. Pamela L. Hood*, No. 02-1606. The question presented to the Court was whether Congress has the power to abrogate state immunity with respect to bankruptcy. Daryl Brand, associate solicitor general, argued the case for the Tennessee Attorney General's Office. Leonard H. Gerson argued for the Respondent.

## 1990s

**Alexander M. "Zander" Clem '90** was elected president-elect of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. He will become president of the organization in June 2004. He is an attorney in the Orlando office of Morgan, Colling & Gilbert P.A.

**Lawrence P. Ingram '90** has been recognized as a Patriotic Employer by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He is managing partner at Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa.

**Rani Partridge Woodrow '90** received her Masters of Divinity degree from Duke University in May 2003. She is currently serving as Associate Minister at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C., where she resides with her husband Brian and their daughters, four-year-old Katherine and two-year-old Claire.

**Gerald T. Buhr '91** of Buhr & Associates P.A. in Tampa spoke on water rights and consumption management at the "Water: Clearly Our Most Vital Resource" seminar for a water management district and the Department of Environmental Protection.

**David G. Henry '91**, an attorney with the Tampa office of Morgan, Colling & Gilbert P.A., spoke at a CLE seminar, "Evaluating Your Chances of Settling the Florida Personal Injury Case," in Tampa.

## ALUMNI EVENTS



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—**Seymour Gordon '60** and his wife **Susan** enjoy the December 2003 event.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—(L to R) Judge **James Whittemore '77**, son **Jason Whittemore**, **Erin Whittemore** and her father **Kent Whittemore '73** participated in the festivities. Jason and Erin will be students in Stetson's summer 2004 entering class.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—**Rick Gonzalez '99** and his wife, **Katie** were among nearly 100 alumni and friends who enjoyed the food and festivities.



# Alumnus Jeffrey Maine '93 charts new academic territory as tax law professor

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

Pioneering comes naturally for **Jeffrey A. Maine** '93. He loves discovering new territory—whether it's fishing, skiing, sailing, hiking or exploring new areas of law.

Maine has recently authored two texts about the largely uncharted topic of intellectual property taxation, including the first casebook on the subject.

Maine's journey into legal education began in 1990 as a Stetson student planning for a career in tax law. He had already earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration, and he had completed his CPA requirements. As a teaching fellow and editor-in-chief of the *Stetson Law Review*, Maine first developed his passion for teaching and research.

Associate Dean John Cooper and then-Stetson professor Richard Gershon encouraged Maine to pursue an LL.M. in taxation at the University of Florida College of Law, and they continued to nudge his career toward academia. "I am forever grateful to both of them," he said. "Their constant support and guidance have led me into a fulfilling professional life."

After completing his education, Maine worked as an associate attorney for Holland & Knight in Tampa, and in the evenings taught tax law as an adjunct professor at Stetson. Cooper and Gershon recommended him for his first full-time faculty position as a visiting associate professor at University of Idaho College of Law.

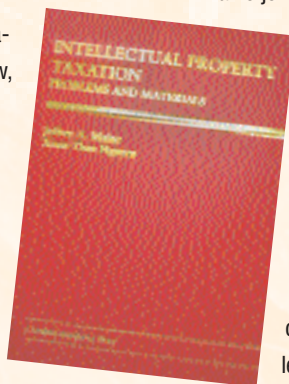
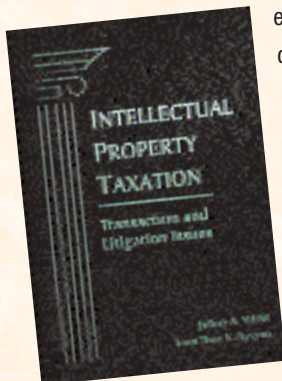
"I've been blessed to get into this profession at an early stage of my career. It's just the best job in the world. It really is," Maine said.

"I think it's so much fun working with students. I try to make tax fun, using interesting cases and examples to bring the Internal Revenue Code to life. Plus, teaching allows me the freedom and time to focus on research and writing."

Maine has accomplished much over his decade-long teaching career. After Idaho, he served as a professor and associate dean for academic affairs at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas. While he enjoyed the administrative side of legal education as associate dean, his heart remained in the classroom. At both law schools, Maine was honored with multiple teacher of the year awards.

In fall 2003, he began teaching at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland. The irony of his new university's name isn't lost on him. "It was nice they named the school after me," Maine joked.

His recent books, *Intellectual Property Taxation: Problems and Materials* and *Intellectual Property Taxation: Transaction and Litigation Issues*, have become the foundation for courses in tax and intellectual property at several law schools. Written with co-author Xuan-Thao Nguyen, the texts help lawyers decipher complex intellectual property tax issues in an area where few tax rules exist.



**Jeffrey A. Maine '93**  
Professor of Law, University of Maine

"It's an undeveloped subject niche, and that's what's interesting about it," Maine said. His other research interests include business taxation, estate planning and legal ethics.

Maine continues to keep in close contact with his friends at Stetson and has recently joined the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council. "Individuals make such a big difference. Stetson was wonderful, but more importantly, I would not have met these great mentors, who have reviewed my faculty scholarship and have given me input, constant support and guidance along the way." Maine has passed on that gift to his own students, some of whom have gone on to earn LL.M. degrees in taxation, clerk for the U.S. Tax Court and work for the U.S. Treasury. One also became a tax professor.

"Jeff is a well-respected scholar in the area of income taxation, and his recent books fill a void that has long existed," said Dean Cooper, who is quick to downplay his role as Maine's mentor. "He has been one of our most successful graduates. He was so talented. All he needed was a toe in the door and then he knocked it down."

## Discover the many ways you can help Stetson Law

Dear Fellow Alumni:

It is hard to believe that my term as President of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council will conclude in just a few months. While the seeds have been planted for a more active SLA, there is still much work to be done.

I invite each of you to participate in the affairs of the SLA. We will have a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at the annual Florida Bar meeting in Boca Raton on Thursday, June 24, at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. I hope you will take the time to stop by and say hello and join in the festivities.

There are so many ways you can become involved as Stetson alumni to help enrich the programs and the reputation of the College of Law. These opportunities range from those requiring active participation to others that allow you to simply share the accomplishments of Stetson University College of Law within the legal community. Here are a few of the ways you can help:

- Regularly visit Stetson's Web site at [www.law.stetson.edu](http://www.law.stetson.edu) to keep up with current events.
- Make Stetson's Web site your browser home page.
- Sign up to receive Stetson news releases at [www.law.stetson.edu/College\\_Relations](http://www.law.stetson.edu/College_Relations).
- Attend a Stetson Continuing Legal Education program.
- If you live in Florida, purchase a Stetson University license tag when you register your vehicle.
- Buy, wear and display Stetson Law merchandise.
- Send in your stories, photographs and other historical items this year to Stetson as it prepares a book on the College of Law's history and to help us celebrate 50 years in Tampa Bay.
- Encourage prospective students to visit campus.
- Write letters of recommendation for strong applicants.
- Assist in marketing and student recruitment efforts for Stetson in your area.
- Attend an alumni event in your town, and bring a fellow Stetson graduate.
- Attend the annual alumni reception at The Florida Bar summer meeting.
- Read the *Stetson Lawyer* when it arrives in your mail twice a year and share it with colleagues and office visitors.
- Subscribe to the *Stetson Law Review* and put it in your library or waiting area.
- Recommend Stetson alumni or professors as speakers for professional organizations and CLE programs.
- Recommend outstanding alumni for annual College of Law awards.



**Robert J. Sniffen '93**  
SLA 2003-2004 President

- Nominate Stetson alumni for honors and awards within the profession.
- Nominate Stetson alumni for your Inn of Court.
- Help identify internship opportunities for students.
- Help identify pro bono opportunities for students.
- Encourage your firm or agency to interview on campus for clerks and attorneys, or send in job postings and leads to the Office of Career Services.
- Send updates about your career and family to the Office of College Relations.
- Clip news articles and obituaries from local newspapers about Stetson and its alumni, and forward them to the Office of College Relations.
- Update your contact information by e-mailing [alumni@law.stetson.edu](mailto:alumni@law.stetson.edu) or by visiting [www.law.stetson.edu/alumform/update](http://www.law.stetson.edu/alumform/update).
- Respond to Stetson surveys.
- Reserve space at the new Tampa campus for your next professional meeting or reception.
- Identify major gift prospects for Stetson.
- Identify grant and scholarship opportunities for which we might be eligible.
- Remember Stetson University College of Law in your will or estate plan.
- Coach or judge an advocacy team.
- Volunteer to serve on the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council, which meets two times a year in the Tampa Bay area.
- Volunteer to speak to a class or to a student organization.
- Help start a regional alumni association in your area.
- Agree to speak with Stetson students about job prospects in your practice area.
- Help secure high-profile speakers for graduation and other special events.
- Serve as a mentor for a Stetson student or recent graduate.
- Purchase a brick to honor your family or friends.
- Make an annual gift to the College of Law (pledges can be made online).

I am also pleased that our College of Law has concluded its search process for our next dean. I congratulate Dean Darby Dickerson on her selection and I look forward to working with her. Dean Dickerson will bring the type of vision and energy necessary to move Stetson forward in the years ahead. I ask that each of you pledge your support and cooperation to Dean Dickerson as she assumes her permanent role.

Again, I hope you will become active in the Stetson Lawyers Association. Should you have any questions regarding the opportunities that exist for involvement, please visit the alumni page on the Web site at [www.law.stetson.edu](http://www.law.stetson.edu) or contact Darlene Kelly in the Alumni Relations Office.

Very truly yours,  
Robert J. Sniffen



**Mary Alice Jackson '91** recently received the Powley Award for distinguished public service from the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

**Cheryl L. Wilke '91** has been named partner-in-charge at the Fort Lauderdale law office of Hinshaw & Culbertson. She specializes in workers' compensation, primarily defending employers.

**Charles Scott '92, Kathryn Scott '95** and their 21-month-old son Charles are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Allison on Nov. 2003.

**Robert G. Southey '92**, former general counsel and secretary for Bankers Insurance Group, has joined the Tampa office of Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill & Mullis P.A. He concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance regulatory matters and general business transactions.

**Reginald Stambaugh '92** became board-certified by The Florida Bar in real estate law. He practices with law partner Ted Tarone Jr. in Palm Beach, concentrating in the areas of real estate and business law.

**Jaime B. Eagan '93** has been appointed to serve as a member of The Florida Bar 6th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "C." Her term will expire October 2006. Ms. Eagan is a partner in the law firm of Abbey,

Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP in St. Petersburg.

**Andrew Greenberg '93** invented a top-selling computer game prior to becoming an attorney. He founded the intellectual property department of the Tampa office of Carlton Fields P.A. and now represents small business owners and Fortune 500 companies.

**Cheryl L. Worman '93** has been elected to serve as a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association's Board of Governors. She is with the law firm of Rogers Towers P.A. and concentrates her practice in constitutional litigation. Ms. Worman is a marathon runner and participated in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. in 2001 and 2003.

**Angela D. McCravy '93** has published *Self-Representation and Pretrial Allegations of Ineffective Assistance of Counsel – A Comprehensive Analysis of Faretta and Nelson Issues in Florida*, available through 1stBooks.com.

**John Carey '94** recently opened his own practice in Kearney, Mo., as the Law Offices of J. Joseph Carey. The firm concentrates in the areas of bankruptcy and family law.

**Portia B. Scott '94** was recently recognized as the 19th Judicial Circuit recipient of The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award. She was commended for her dedication to access to the courts for all and her regular work for the indigent and the needy. Her pro bono service includes working through

Florida Rural Legal Services Corp., lecturing and drafting wills for Habitat for Humanity residents, providing legal advice to Hibiscus House for Abused Children, working with PACE School for Girls, and working through the Father-Child Workshops to assist fathers trying to be active in their children's lives.

**Joseph Rooth '94** opened the Rooth Law Firm P.A. in New Port Richey. He is board-certified in workers compensation. Mr. Rooth represents injured workers in workers compensation cases and clients in Social Security Disability cases. He and his wife Barbara have three children, Joseph, Madison and Michael.

**Brian L. Tannebaum '94** was recognized by the *National Law Journal* in its list of the "top 10 defense wins of 2003" for winning the acquittal for a British West Indies Airways flight attendant accused of trying to smuggle 13 pounds of cocaine into the United States. A partner in the Miami law firm of Tannebaum, Planas & Weiss LLP, he concentrates his practice in state and federal criminal defense.

**Hunter J. Brownlee '95** has become a shareholder at the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa. He concentrates his practice in the area of tax.

**Kathryn Scott '92 and their 21-month-old son Charles** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Allison on Nov. 2003.

## ALUMNI EVENTS



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—Harold L. "Tom" Sebring Jr., Betty Moore and Whitfield M. Palmer Jr.** attended the open house that followed a re-dedication ceremony for the Sebring Courtroom in December.



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—Professor Ruth Thurman '63, Judge David Seth Walker '65, Joan LoBianco Walker '71 and Vice Dean Royal Gardner.**



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE—Event co-sponsor Brian Deeb '85 of Deeb and Brainard, Director of Development and Alumni Relations Darlene Kelly and Aubrey Dicus '74.**

**Rebecca H. Steele '95** has been named Director of the West Florida Office for the American Civil Liberties Union.

**Sheri D. McWhorter '95** has become a partner with the law firm of Foley & Lardner. She is a member of the litigation department in the Tampa office. Ms. McWhorter concentrates her practice in the areas of labor and employment law representing management. She works with large and small employers involving employment discrimination litigation, wage and hour issues, labor issues and general and employment law advice.

**Robert E. Biasotti '96** has become board-certified by The Florida Bar in appellate practice.

**John E. Duryea '96** was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a county court judge in Fort Myers in the 20th Judicial Circuit.

**L.A. Perkins '96** has joined the law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLP as an associate in the Boca Raton office. Perkins will be working in the firm's Litigation Practice Group, Employment Law Group and Real Estate Group. She will counsel clients in the areas of employment law, commercial litigation, creditor's rights and real estate.

**Lorna B. Salomon '96** is a senior employment counsel for the State Attorney's Office in Miami-Dade County.

**Tracy E. Leduc '97** is an associate at Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP in St. Petersburg.

**Jennifer (Sonnenfeld) Schellenberg '97** and Andrew Schellenberg were married on May 28, 2003 at Dalhousie Castle in Bonnyrigg, Scotland, U.K. She is staff counsel for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in Tampa.

**Lee Ann Tranford '97** has joined the firm of Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell P.A. in St. Petersburg as an associate. She practices in the real estate practice group concentrating on commercial transactions, lending and environmental matters.

**Dana Underwood '97, LL.M. '99** is an associate at the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A.

**Mark E. Chancey '98** is a senior staff attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit Court.

**Henry M. Cooper '98** of Fogel & Cohen LLP of Boca Raton recently published an article on managing a company's private information, which was featured in *Document Magazine*.

**Jason E. Dimitris '98** is an assistant statewide prosecutor for the State of Florida Office of Statewide Prosecution in Miami.

**Robert D. Eckard '98, LL.M. '01** serves as of counsel on select injury and civil rights cases for the Palm Harbor law firm of Florin, Roebig & Walker P.A.

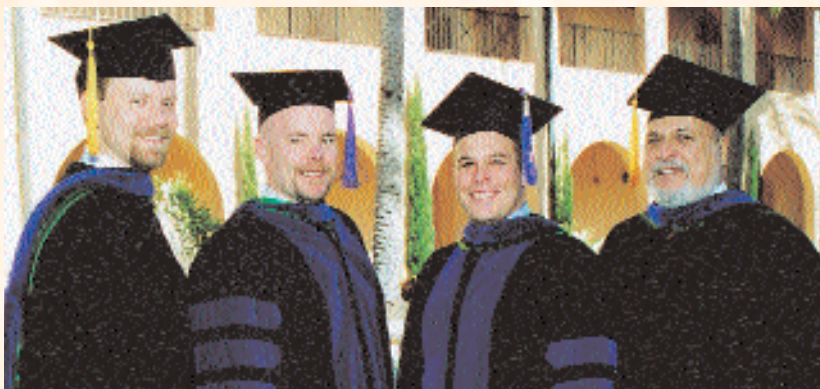
**Keith Michael Goan '98** and Dana Marie Vigil were married on October 26, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He is a partner in the law firm of Prieto, Prieto and Goan P.A.

**Donna K. Rose '98** received the annual Sole Practitioner Merit Award during the American Bar Association's 2003 annual meeting. The award, sponsored by the ABA General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section, recognizes practitioners nationwide who, through their leadership and service to the local and legal communities, have shown outstanding dedication to the practice of law. She concentrates her practice in the areas of family law and federal criminal law. Ms. Rose serves as the Clearwater Bar Association Community Outreach chair, and as an officer of the Pinellas County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

**Christina N. (Sprinkle) Hall '98** recently joined the Tampa office of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A. as an associate practicing in the area of civil trial defense.

**Vincent Branton '99** has been named manager of the Intellectual Property Services Department in the Office of the General Counsel for Battelle Memorial Institute at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. He is a registered patent attorney. Mr. Branton was previously a Senior Assistant General Counsel for Intellectual Property with UT-Battelle, LLC at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

## ALUMNI EVENTS



December 2003 Legacy Graduates — **Scott Headley '92**, **Jim Headley '03**, **Mike Quesada '03** and Judge **Frank Quesada '74**.



BLSA BRUNCH—Judge **Thomas E. Stringer Sr. '74**, **Carolyn DuPree Hill '92** and **David Lister '77** attended the February alumni event.



**Holly Anne Burke '99** and Dillon Hanuman Haeseler were married on May 3, 2003, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. She is an assistant district attorney for New York City.

**Sean C. Burnotes '99** is a member of the Miami law firm of Genovese Joblove & Battista P.A.

**M. Celine Cannon '99** has been selected as the East Side CWLS Supervising Attorney.

**Gregory Lee '99** and his wife Lara are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Parker on Feb. 2003. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Mr. Lee was recently named as a senior associate at the law firm of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed P.A. in Orlando. He concentrates his practice in the areas of land use and zoning, real estate transactions, development and finance.

**Eric Pinkard LL.M. '99** works for the State of Florida at the Capital Collateral Regional Council in Tampa doing death penalty litigation.

**Danielle Ryca '99** and her husband Richard announce the birth of their daughter McCartney on Feb. 2004.

**Michael A. Tessitore LL.M. '99** is a partner with the Orlando firm McClane Tessitore. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation and bankruptcy. Tessitore is currently teaching International Litigation and Arbitration as a Stetson adjunct professor.

**Rebecca O'Dell Townsend '99** recently spoke as a member of a panel on emerging issues in tort litigation at the 2003 Florida Defense Lawyers Association annual meeting in Key Biscayne, on the topic of Recent Trends in Tort Litigation. She is a member of the law firm of Haas, Dutton, Blackburn, Lewis & Longley in Tampa.

## 2000s

**Tala Abu Assaf LL.M. '00** is a legal consultant for the Unified Company for Organising Land Transportation in Amman, Jordan.

**Dr. Herbert W.R. Euler LL.M. '00** works in the Central Legal Department for Commerzbank in Frankfurt, Germany.

**Andrew R. Finkelstein '00** and Shelby Marie Sockbeson were married on Aug. 30, 2003 at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens. He is a member of the law firm of Gunster, Yoakley and Stewart P.A. in West Palm Beach.

**Scott W. Fitzpatrick '00** has become a partner in the law firm of Kiefner & Renaldo P.A. in St. Petersburg. The law firm will now be known as Kiefner, Hunt & Fitzpatrick P.A.

**Michael P. Infanti '00** has joined the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel as an associate in the real estate practice group.

**Anne Rossie Jarrett LL.M. '00** works as director of sponsored projects at Pennington

Biomedical Research Center. She handles all legal issues, including drafting and negotiating contracts and licenses with international entities. She also consults with a Swedish company that specializes in pharmaceutical human clinical trials recruiting and management. Ms. Jarrett is completing her coursework for a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership and Research at Louisiana State University.

**Maritza Silva Jones LL.M. '00** works as a Legal Consultant for Johnson Law Offices in Terre Haute, Ind. She concentrates her practice in the areas of immigration and personal injury involving Hispanics.

**Arjun Mahajan LL.M. '00** is a partner and co-founder of the law firm Chawla & Co. in New Delhi, India.

**Mareissa Quintero LL.M. '00** recently married and now works for the Panamanian Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Eric Thorn '00** recently joined the Miami office of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A. as an associate practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, general aviation litigation, medical malpractice and wrongful death. He is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association and the Broward and Dade County Bar Associations.

**PranVera "Vera" Arapi '01** joined the Tampa office of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster &



**BLSA BRUNCH**—Laguerra Champagne '02, Director of Development and Alumni Relations Darlene Kelly and Associate Vice President of College Relations Dotti Bressi.



**ATRIUM DEDICATION**—Bill Shouyun Tong '90 and his family traveled from China to attend the dedication ceremony for the Dean W. Gary Vause Atrium at the Tampa Law Center.



**TAMPA LAW CENTER DEDICATION**—Board of Trustees Chair Jay Landers '70 and his family attended the February dedication event.

## Alumni News/Information Update

Any news? What's going on in your life? A career change? Opened your own firm? Recently married? New additions to your family? Took a trip around the world? Keep your classmates posted! We want to hear from you! Just fill out this form and send us your news clippings, photos, news releases, etc.

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Any other information you would like to share with us would be appreciated. Return this to the Office of College Relations, Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707. Fax (727) 347-4183. You may also e-mail this information to [alumni@law.stetson.edu](mailto:alumni@law.stetson.edu), or visit the alumni page of Stetson's Web site at [www.law.stetson.edu](http://www.law.stetson.edu).

Russell P.A. as a member of its Governmental Practice Group. She was formerly an assistant state attorney with the 6th Judicial Circuit.

**James M. Copas LL.M. '01** is the vice president and corporate counsel of Flextronics International in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

**Radoslaw Illing LL.M. '01** works at the Warsaw, Poland, office of White & Case.

**Nicolas M. Jackson LL.M. '01** is a reference librarian at Stetson University College of Law.

**Annette Marie James '01** and Joseph H. Lang Jr. were married on Aug. 16, 2003 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in St. Petersburg. She is with the law firm of Carlton Fields P.A.

**S.R. (Farling) Rager '01** and Brenden T. Rager were married on Sept. 7, 2003. She is an associate with the law firm of Gobelman, Love, Blazs & Wasilenko in Jacksonville.

**Meredith G. Razook '01** and Steven A. Granese were married on Aug. 9, 2003 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg. They are living in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Steven is attending graduate school.

**Catherine (Shannon) Christie '01** is a member of the law firm Ferrell Schultz Carter & Fertel P.A. in Miami. She concentrates her practice in the area of appellate law.

**Ramachandran Balaraman LL.M. '02** is a legal assistant at Yuen & Associates P.C. in Houston, Texas.

**Jennifer L. Gill Fenn '02** has joined the Orlando office of Broad and Cassel as an associate in the affordable housing and tax credit group.

**Agne Katkeviciute LL.M. '02** is the Import & Export Operations Specialist for United Transport Service in Chicago, Ill.

**Clifford R. Klaus LL.M. '02** is a partner at Klaus and Telford P.A. in Sarasota.

**Yvette Lopez '02** serves as director of the Center for Education for the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo in the Dominican Republic.

**Mercedes Pino '02** is the assistant director of career services at Stetson University College of Law. Before returning to Stetson, she worked as



an assistant state attorney in the 11th Circuit's domestic violence unit.

**Nicole M. Snelling LL.M. '02** practices with the law firm of Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein P.A. in St. Petersburg.

**Juan M. Suero LL.M. '02** is a partner at Aaron, Suero & Pedersini in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He became the legal adviser for Subway on Dominican Republic and the Caribbean Franchise Laws and Regulations in 2003. Suero has testified as an expert witness on Dominican law on a number of cases, including an international child abduction case before the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada and the American Airlines Flight 587 case. He has also collaborated with studies conducted by The World Bank. In February, Suero collaborated on Dominican Franchise laws and judicial cases to the 2004 International Franchise Association Annual Legal Symposium.

**Chachavech "Golf" Sukijavanich LL.M. '02** returned to Thailand in May 2002 and worked as an Administrative Court Official. He won a scholarship from the Royal Thai Government to study in Sweden and received his Master of International Law and Comparative Law Degree (Juris Magisterexamen) at Uppsala University, the oldest university in Scandinavia. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Laws degree at Uppsala University.

**Thanh Thien Truong LL.M. '02** recently married and is a partner at Thang & Associates in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

**Sarah Stith '02** of Fowler White Boggs Banker has been elected to the board of directors of Dress for Success, which provides interview suits, confidence boosts and career development to low-income women entering the work force.

**Michael Vaughn '02** and his wife Christy are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jackson on May 2003, in San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Vaughn is currently a prosecutor in the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Jody Rys Armstrong '03** was recently elected to the Redington Beach City Council.

**Sirisha Bollampally LL.M. '03** is a legal assistant for the Tampa office of Barkan & Neff.

**Ya'Sheaka S. Campbell '03** has become an associate with the law firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller and Lancaster LLP in St. Petersburg.

**Morten B. Christoffersen LL.M. '03** works as a paralegal for the Tampa office of MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen.

**A. Courtney Cox '03** recently joined the Tampa office of the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A. as an associate practicing in premise liability and products liability.

**Tami Diebel '03** recently joined the law firm of Mateer & Harbert P.A. in Orlando as an associate practicing in litigation. She is a member of the Orange County Bar Association and the fund-raising committee of the N. Donald Diebel Jr. M.D. Good Samaritan Fund. Ms. Diebel has recently been appointed to the board of directors at PACE Center for Girls Inc.

**Christopher A. Griffin '03** has joined the firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP in the Cincinnati, Ohio, office as an associate in the Commercial Real Estate Client Service Department. He recently completed a clerkship with Judge **Elizabeth A. Kovochevich '61** in Tampa.

**Quinn A. Henderson '03** has joined the law firm of Mills Paskert Divers P.A. in Tampa, as a member of the firm's administrative law and creditor's rights groups.

**Doerte Henrici LL.M. '03** is a legal consultant for WestLB Asset Management Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH in Dueseeldorf, Germany. Henrici handles all legal issues, including drafting and negotiating contracts with the company's affiliates all around the world.

**Justin B. Hosie '03** has joined the law firm of Chambliss, Bahner & Stopel P.C. in Chattanooga, Tenn., as a member of the firm's business group, concentrating his practice on commercial transactions, consumer lending, taxation and conflicts of laws.

**Kimberly G. Jackson '03** has become an associate with the firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Mueller & Lancaster LLP in St. Petersburg.

**Cassandra Ponder '03** is serving as a staff attorney for Judge Ricky Polston, 1st District Court of Appeal, in Tallahassee.

**Oolagamani Ungapen LL.M. '03** is a law clerk at Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar P.A. in Tallahassee.

**Cody B. Vaughan-Birch '03** has become an associate in the Ft. Myers office of Henderson Franklin's law firm. He will concentrate his practice in the areas of land use, zoning and environmental law.

**Justin Zinzow '03** has joined the St. Petersburg office of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell P.A. in the litigation group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tower Club offers Stetson alumni CLE discounts

Stetson's Office for Continuing Legal Education will launch the Tower Club this summer. This program is organized for Stetson University College of Law alumni, and members are rewarded with 10 percent off select seminars, 25 percent or more off select CLE materials, annual exclusive events and much more.

This spring's graduating class will be the first group to activate its membership. Stetson will mail membership applications to alumni this summer, and many upcoming programs have already been designed to accept Tower Club discounts. Registration forms and other information are available at [www.law.stetson.edu/cle](http://www.law.stetson.edu/cle).

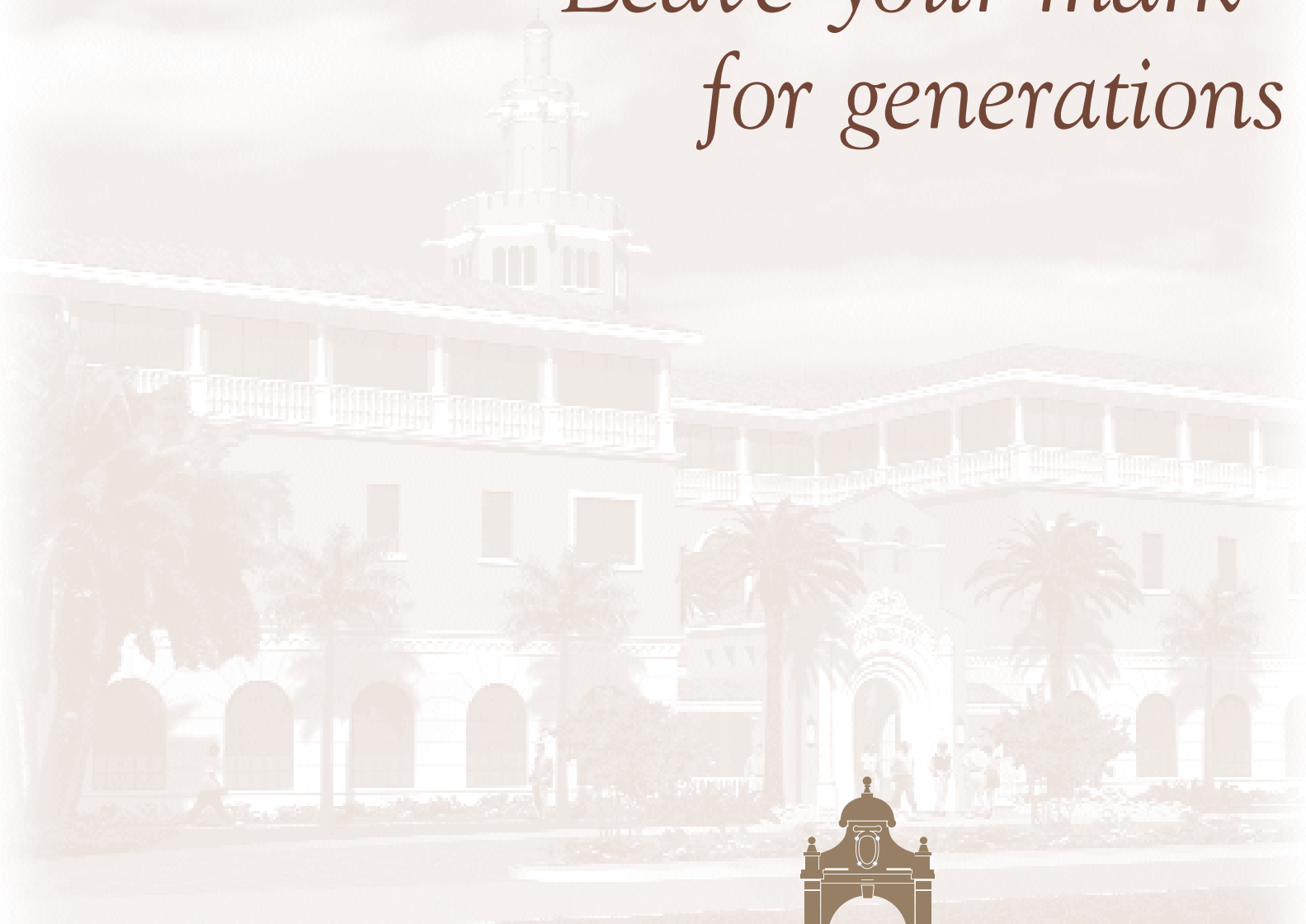
Membership is free to all Stetson University College of Law alumni, and may be subject to certain restrictions and revisions. For more information on the Tower Club, call Roger Curlin at (727) 562-7830 or e-mail [cle@law.stetson.edu](mailto:cle@law.stetson.edu).





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## Stories and photographs needed for Stetson history book, Gulfport celebration

### Stetson University College of Law to celebrate 50 years at Gulfport campus

This year marks the golden anniversary of Stetson's relocation to the Gulfport law campus in the heart of the Tampa Bay area.

Alumni who attended school at the Gulfport campus in the 1950s and their families are asked to send their memories, stories and photographs (not originals) from life at this campus to the *Stetson Lawyer*. The editors will make every effort to publish as many submissions as possible. Submissions may be edited for space. Please send your contributions to *Stetson Lawyer*, 1401 61st St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. *Materials will not be returned, so please do not send original photographs.*

A campus celebration will take place Sept. 17-18, and a series of lectures about Stetson's history has been scheduled for Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 5 at noon, and Nov. 9 at noon.

### Professor Swygert to complete *Centennial History*

Professor Michael I. Swygert has taken on the literary torch of the late Dean Gary Vause, *A Centennial History of Stetson University College of Law*. Swygert, who recently completed the history for his alma mater, Valparaiso University School of Law, is now researching and editing the work started by Dean Vause in the final years of his life.

Alumni, friends, faculty and staff from throughout Stetson's history are encouraged to share their unique stories, interesting memories or photographs from the College of Law. To share your story, contact Professor Swygert at (727) 562-7800 or [swygert@law.stetson.edu](mailto:swygert@law.stetson.edu). Information submitted to the *Stetson Lawyer* for the Gulfport celebration will also be shared for the history project.

**Photo above left: Professors and students march to commemorate the opening of the Gulfport campus in 1954.**