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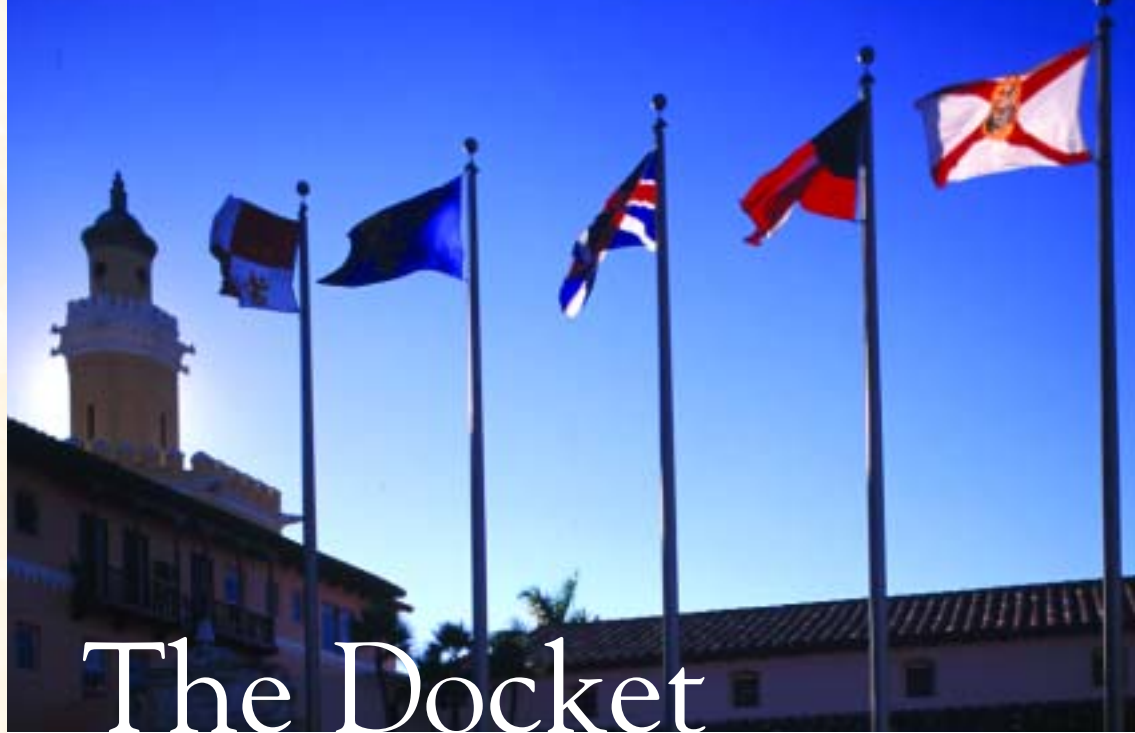
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## DECEMBER 2004

17 **Fall 2004 Honors and Awards Ceremony**,  
4:30 p.m., Great Hall, College of Law Campus,  
Gulfport

18 **Fall 2004 Commencement Ceremony**, 2 p.m.,  
Courtyard, College of Law Campus, Gulfport

## JANUARY 2005

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Mellon Financial Center, 30th Floor, Miami

25 **Naples Area Alumni Reception**, 5:30 p.m.,  
Offices of Quarles & Brady LLP

26 **Ft. Myers Area Alumni Reception**, 5:30 p.m.,  
Brixz Grill and Bistro at Ft. Myers Country Club

27 **Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Lecture in  
Legal Ethics and Inns of Court Banquet**,  
6 p.m., Mirror Lake Lyceum

28 **CLE: "In the Age of Terrorism, Where Should  
Attorneys Stand?" Symposium**, Tampa Law  
Center

**CLE: Reflections on and Implications of  
*Schiavo***, College of Law Campus, Gulfport

## FEBRUARY 2005

3 **Melbourne Area Alumni Reception**, 5:30 p.m.,  
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach

11 **Admissions Minority Pre-Law Conference**,  
College of Law Campus, Gulfport

19-23 **CLE: 26th Annual National Conference on Law  
and Higher Education**, Clearwater Beach

25 **CLE: Special Needs Trusts (with NCBAF)**,  
Cary, N.C.

26 **Black Law Students Association Alumni  
Brunch**, Mann Lounge

## MARCH 2005

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place TBD

3 **DeLand Area Alumni Reception**, 5:30 p.m.,  
Home of Stetson President H. Douglas and  
Margaret Lee

4 **Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association  
Barristers' Ball**, 6:30 p.m., Belleview Biltmore  
Resort, Clearwater

16 **Stetson University State Day**, Tallahassee

17 **Stetson/St. Petersburg Bar Association  
St. Patrick's Day Mixer**, 5:30 p.m., College of  
Law Campus, Gulfport

29 **Ft. Lauderdale Area Alumni Reception**,  
5:30 p.m., place TBD

30 **West Palm Beach Area Alumni Reception**,  
5:30 p.m., place TBD

## APRIL 2005

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Meeting**, College of Law Campus, Gulfport

9 **Stetson Admitted Students Day**, College of  
Law Campus, Gulfport

20 **Jacksonville Area Alumni Reception**,  
5:30 p.m., place TBD

26 **Lakeland Area Alumni Reception**, 5:30 p.m.,  
place TBD

## MAY 2005

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Hall, 4:30 p.m.

14 **Spring Commencement Ceremony**, 9 a.m.,  
Courtyard, College of Law Campus, Gulfport

18 **Bradenton/Sarasota Alumni Reception**, 5:30  
p.m., Bradenton Country Club

25 **New Port Richey Alumni Event**, place TBD

## JUNE 2005

12-15 **CLE: 5th International Bankruptcy Program in  
Freiburg, Germany**, CLE sessions with American  
and European speakers the mornings of June 13-  
15, afternoon excursions to Strasbourg, France,  
European Parliament, historic sites in the Black  
Forest, wine-tasting trips to Rhine vineyards, and  
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# Hurricanes, heritage and new horizons

Greetings,

Fall 2004 has been a semester to remember! The College of Law, like much of Florida, was threatened by four hurricanes in six months. We were fortunate and suffered only minor damage on the two campuses. Between the hurricanes, we celebrated the College of Law's Golden Anniversary in Tampa Bay. To mark this important milestone, we created a Hall of Fame, secured a heritage marker from the state of Florida, held several historical lectures, and threw a gala banquet in September.

In addition to celebrating our past, we continue to chart our future. As I reported in my last column, the College of Law has embarked on a strategic planning process. Phase 1, which involved setting our strategic directives and initiatives, is complete, and we are starting the tactical and operational planning phases, which we expect to finish this spring.

Below are the strategic directives and initiatives identified in Phase 1.

## The College should seek to substantially enhance its national reputation.

- The College should recruit, enroll and retain a higher caliber and more diverse student body.
- The College should take steps to ensure that strong teaching remains a priority.
- The College should increase the quality and quantity of faculty scholarship, and should increase the exposure of that scholarship.
- The College should increase faculty engagement in the regional, national and international academic and bar communities.
- The College should use its strengths in certain academic areas to enhance its national reputation.
- The College should take steps to better utilize its alumni to increase the College's national reputation.
- The College should increase its commitment to the profession and the community, both locally and beyond, to increase its national reputation and fulfill its responsibility to make a difference in the world.

## The College should be more focused on its long-term goals in all facets of its operations.

- The College should be more focused on its long-term goals when planning the growth and development of its programs, making decisions concerning the expenditure of resources, hiring faculty and making student admissions decisions.
- The College should recognize how facilities issues may affect long-term goals.
- The College should value its role as part of a university community and strengthen its relationships with the other schools and colleges that form Stetson University.

## The College should seek to substantially improve its financial position.

- The College should increase its endowment.
- The College should control its expenses.
- The College should seek to increase alumni giving.

## The College should strive to ensure that, as it grows and develops, the culture of respect between students and faculty continues to flourish.

I appreciated the e-mails and letters I received from many of you in response to my last request for input, and I also welcome your response to these goals. We will update you on the final plan in a future edition of the *Lawyer*. Personally, I am excited about our direction and know that with your support, we can become an even stronger institution of higher education.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, and hope to see many of you in person as we travel the state in the final phase of the Cornerstone Campaign.

Sincerely,

Darby Dickerson, Vice President and Dean



## Stetson creates Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy

Stetson University College of Law established the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy in September 2004, building on the renowned programs established by its founding co-directors, Professors Robert D. Bickel and Peter F. Lake.

The center's first major event will be the 26th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education, set for February 2005 in Clearwater. Several distinguished lecturers from the United States and the United Kingdom will also visit the campus this spring, continuing the efforts that began this summer at Stetson's Comparative Higher Education Roundtable at New College, Oxford University. Other activities and programs will be announced at the center's formal launch in February.

"The center will allow Stetson College of Law to build on its many years of research, writing and professional development in the field of Law and Higher Education," Bickel said.

"With the establishment of the center, we will be able to offer graduate students a Juris Doctor program that includes classroom, research and practicum experiences focusing on Higher Education Law. Through the center, we will also be able to continue our nationally recognized work in interdisciplinary legal education by exposing students and working professionals to the inter-

section of law and policy, and the emerging field of comparative higher education law."

Prominent figures in the national discourse on higher education law, Professors Bickel and Lake are the authors of *The Rights and Responsibilities of the Modern University: Who Assumes the Risk of College Life?* and have published multiple articles and papers about higher education law and policy.

### Second Stetson law professor in two years receives Fulbright

Stetson Law Professor Stephen Everhart was selected as a Fulbright Lecturer to teach in China for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Professor Everhart is teaching civil and criminal law and procedure, evidence, trial advocacy and dispute resolution to Chinese judges, lawyers and law professors.

"Senator Fulbright was a great man and a hero to me growing up, and to go to China on a scholarship bearing his name to help the United States and China forge a dispute resolution system that will enhance the economic and political ties between our countries is a huge honor for me," Professor Everhart said.

"But I have never achieved anything in my life except in conjunction with the help of others, and I couldn't have gotten this honor without the help of my family, friends, colleagues, staff and students at Stetson, and of course my colleagues and students around the world. This honor is mine today, but it is theirs tomorrow and forever," he said.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange activity, was established in 1946 to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries. Fulbright scholars are selected on a highly competitive basis for their academic or professional achievement and demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential. Professor Peter L. Fitzgerald recently completed his work as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. The late Dean Gary Vause also worked in China under a Fulbright scholarship.



Professor Stephen Everhart



Stetson organized the Comparative Higher Education Roundtable this summer at New College, Oxford University, to bring together higher education scholars from the United States and United Kingdom.





**STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW MONTH — Gulfport Mayor Michael Yakes presents Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob '59 with a proclamation declaring September 2004 "Stetson University College of Law Month" in the city. The recognition was made to honor Stetson upon its 50th anniversary in Gulfport.**

Professor Everhart has published articles dealing with civil and criminal trial advocacy and has won the Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship at Stetson. Professor Everhart, who holds a bachelor of arts in Asian studies, is former chair of the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee and the Criminal Law Section of the Florida Bar. He has trained English barristers and Chinese judges, lawyers, law professors and students in this country. In 2003, he taught in Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law's J.D. program and its China and graduate LL.M. advocacy programs.

### **Stetson alumni recognized at bar induction events**

In recent years, several Stetson graduates have been invited to address bar induction ceremonies as a result of their high scores on the Florida Bar exam. J. Scott Slater '04 addressed inductees from the Second District Court of Appeal in October, and Connie Davies '03 was selected to speak to the same group in May.

"We were excited to have [Connie] speak because she has been an intern at the Second DCA with Judge Darryl Casanueva," said Chris W. Altenbernd, chief judge of the court. Judge Altenbernd said the Florida Supreme Court identifies the top scorers on the bar exam and notifies each district court of appeal, which selects the speaker.

Davies graduated second in her December class and also interned at the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa.

Other recent high Stetson scorers have included Addie Asay, who was invited to the Florida Supreme Court following the July 2003 bar exam; and Kelly Keller, who addressed the Second District Court of Appeal in August 2003.

### **Stetson honors Jackson with service award**

The College of Law awarded the 2004 Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Public Service Award to Sarasota attorney Mary Alice Jackson '91.



**Dean Darby Dickerson, left, and Wm. Reece Smith Jr. present the award to Mary Alice Jackson, center.**

A member of the elder law practice of Boyer & Jackson P.A., Jackson is chair of the Hospice of Southwest

Florida Board of Directors, former chair of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, and a member and leader of many service and professional organizations.

"In today's legal world, where business acumen is sometimes given more play than the tired phrase 'professionalism,' it's particularly significant that awards are given that recognize public service," Jackson said. "Stetson has been a wonderful leader in promoting public service among its student body within its curriculum and its extracurricular activities."

Stetson established the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Award in 1990 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated exemplary achievements in public service. Smith, the award's namesake and its first recipient, is a past president of the American and International bar associations and the Florida Bar.

"I'm grateful for, and stand in no little awe of, the example he has given to attorneys both as a member of the bar and of our society, and hope to live up to the ideals which this award represents," Jackson said.

The College of Law presented the award on May 14 at its spring Honors and Awards Ceremony, which also recognized outstanding students and faculty.

### Community Law Program honors student volunteer

Stetson has long required all students to complete 10 hours of legal pro bono service and 10 hours of community service before graduation. Student Jerri Mitchell-Tharpe worked more than 70 hours with the Community Law Program. Inspired by the program's work and the staff's friendliness, Mitchell-Tharpe spent two-and-a-half hours each Tuesday and Thursday last spring in the program's office.

For her efforts, the program established the Outstanding Stetson Law Student Volunteer award and presented it to Mitchell-Tharpe at its annual meeting in

April. The non-profit organization provides free legal services to thousands of low-income residents in southern Pinellas County each year.

"Jerri has been a great asset to our program," said Janet Herron, executive director of the Community Law Program. "We are so appreciative of Jerri's outstanding contribution to our program."

Mitchell-Tharpe, who graduates in December, worked with the program last fall to complete her degree requirements and then offered to come back in the spring to help in any manner possible. "I just wanted to help as much as I could," she said.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Stetson expands summer program to include Freiburg, Germany, and The Hague

Starting this summer, students may now get a front-row seat to the international courts in Europe and The Hague through the new Stetson Summer Institute in International Law. Students may spend all four weeks in Freiburg, studying topics in both international public law and international private law, or they may choose to spend the first two weeks at The Hague, studying international tribunals and alternative dispute resolution, followed by two weeks at Freiburg studying public international law. Students in both tracks will earn four credit hours and visit international and local courts.

### Australian team wins international environmental competition at Stetson Law

A team from the University of Technology, Sydney, won Stetson's Ninth Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition Oct. 30. Teams from six countries participated in the two-day competition. Stetson students Jennifer Gonzalez and James McTyier received best oralist and third place oralist (respectively) in the preliminary rounds.

The three final round judges were Peter Bridgewater, secretary general of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands; Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington, U.S. District Court; and William Thomas, an environmental lawyer and former chair of the ABA International Environmental Law Committee.

Dean Darby Dickerson and Vice Dean Royal C. Gardner created this competition in 1996 to increase awareness about international environmental challenges. Since its inception, the event has grown to include Indian and Australasian qualifying rounds.



Speakers and attendees of Stetson's Fourth International Bankruptcy Symposium in Montreal, Canada during a reception.

### Stetson holds bankruptcy CLE in Canada, makes plans for Germany

Stetson presented its 4th International Bankruptcy Symposium this summer in the French-metropolitan city of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This year's symposium featured 12 faculty from the United States and abroad who spoke about international insolvency and bankruptcy issues.

Among the speakers was the top bankruptcy official in Canada, Superintendent of Bankruptcy Marc Mayrand. Other Canadian speakers included Bruce Leonard, who helped found the Insolvency Institute of Canada and the International Insolvency Institute. American speakers included Hon. Paul M. Glenn, Hans C. Beyer, Roberta A. Colton and Paul S. Singerman. Hon. Alexander L. Paskay, chief U.S. bankruptcy judge emeritus and Stetson adjunct professor, was the program chair. Many of the participants brought their spouses, family or guests for afternoon group excursions to local points of interest, which included the Botanical Gardens, a guided bus tour of Montreal and Old Towne, and an eco-trip to the BioDome. Several Canadians also attended the symposium, including an author and editor of a LexisNexis book on the subject of U.S./Canadian Insolvency. The symposium group of attendees, speakers, family and guests totaled 66.

Next year's symposium in Freiburg, Germany, is set for June 12-15, and more details will be posted online at [www.law.stetson.edu/cle](http://www.law.stetson.edu/cle). Past symposium destinations have included Italy and Hungary.



## ADVOCACY NEWS

## Stetson wins nation's premier trial competition

Stetson went undefeated to win the 2004 Tournament of Champions in Los Angeles this October. Sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the competition invites 16 teams from the nation's elite trial advocacy programs to compete against each other. Since the competition's creation in 1989, Stetson has won five first-place titles, more than any other school.

The Stetson team consisted of Richard Barbara and Julia Metts, with witnesses Cindy Barbara and Michael Kest. Stetson's Trial Advocacy Fellow Pam Bell '82 coached the team. Barbara was named the Best Oral Advocate for the final round.

"Winning was obviously a big thrill, but even more of a thrill was how we did it," said Bell. "Coach after coach came up to me and told me how glad they were that Stetson won because we are professional, polished and classy."

In the final round, Stetson defeated the University of Akron, last year's champion. In earlier rounds, Stetson prevailed over Temple University, State University of New York at Buffalo, University of Florida, Pepperdine University, and University of Maryland. With the victory, the competition will come to Stetson's campus in two years.

### Summer victories continue Stetson's winning advocacy tradition

Stetson's Advocacy Board teams enjoyed very successful competition seasons. The trial team posted several national, regional and state victories and advocate awards, and the moot court board consistently placed in the top three in competitions and earned multiple brief writing and advocate awards. The client skills board also won on the national level.

"We've seen the success from our trial team mushroom out to successes of both our client skills board and our moot court board," Professor Roberta Flowers said. She attributed this to all three areas now being part of one combined advocacy board, which allows teams to share resources and students to develop skills with more than one team.

A Stetson team won the **E. Earle Zehmer Moot Court Competition** in Orlando, sponsored by The Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Section. The



**The winning team (from left) of Michael Kest, Julia Metts, advisor and Professor Pamela Bell '82, Cindy Barbara and Richard Barbara.**

team of Stetson students Satyen Gandhi and Theresa Jean-Pierre defeated Florida Coastal School of Law in the finals, arguing before judges from Florida's First District Court of Appeal. Stetson alumnae Wendy Harkness '02, Paulette Zabatany Brown JD '02, MBA '02 and Nancy Slack '98 coached the teams. A second Stetson



**Workers' Compensation competition winners Theresa Jean-Pierre and Satyen Gandhi with judges from Florida's First District Court of Appeal.**

team, Harley Chivers and Dana Harris, reached the semifinals and received an award for the runner-up best brief.

For the fourth consecutive year, a Stetson team advanced to the finals in The Florida Bar's **Robert Orseck Moot Court Competition**, held this summer in Boca Raton. The team, Jennifer A. Gonzalez and Jeff Goodloe, placed second after arguing before five Florida Supreme Court justices in the final round.

"Annually, this is a very big event for students. The students' consistent success is broad-ranged and particularly meaningful since this competition is run by The Florida Bar for Florida law schools," said Moot Court Advisor Stephanie Vaughan '91. She also praised Gonzalez's effort as the first member of Stetson's part-time program to be involved with Stetson's Advocacy Board. "It was a true accomplishment," Vaughan said.

Nine law schools from around the state sent two teams each to the tournament. Stetson's second team advanced to the semifinals, making the school the only one to be represented twice in the late round.

### Second ethics series video completed

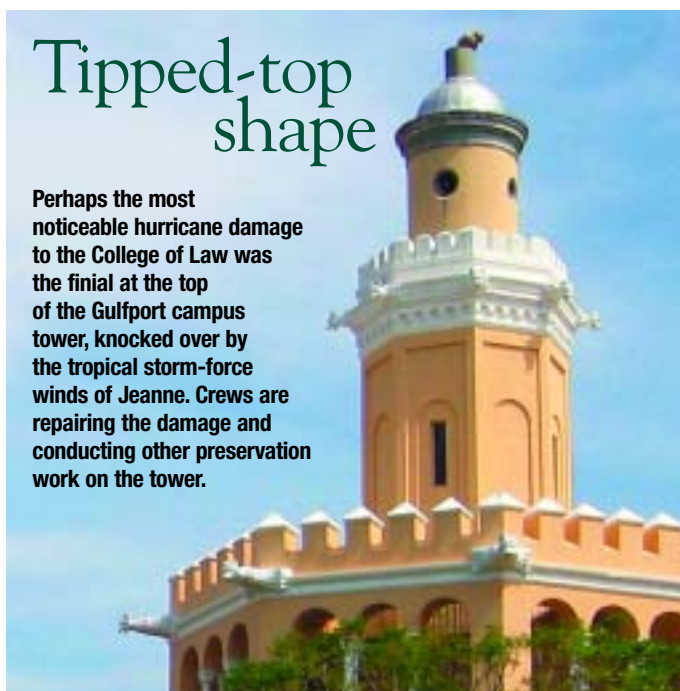
In the spring, Stetson completed "Ethics and the Elder Lawyer," a video dealing with ethical issues faced by elder law attorneys, such as diminished capacity. This is the second in a series of three ethics videos produced at Stetson.

"What a video in the area of ethics offers is the ability to watch the dilemma unfold, which generates discussion among the audience about the simulation and what the attorney's next step should be," Flowers said.

"How does the lawyer gauge the mental capacity of an elderly client and then determine what that lawyer should do?" she said. "There's no way to get that sense without watching a video to determine if that person is competent or capable of understanding the settlement you're asking them to reach. You can't do that with the written word."

In addition to being shown in Stetson classes, the series already has been shown in five states, at the National Elder Lawyer Association annual meeting, and will be used at other upcoming conferences.





## Tipped-top shape

Perhaps the most noticeable hurricane damage to the College of Law was the finial at the top of the Gulfport campus tower, knocked over by the tropical storm-force winds of Jeanne. Crews are repairing the damage and conducting other preservation work on the tower.

### Hurricanes take minor toll on law campuses

This hurricane season, Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne each threatened Stetson's Gulfport and Tampa campuses. Though Frances and Jeanne caused minor physical damage to the Gulfport and Tampa campuses, the storms' most significant impact was on the fall schedules, as the College of Law closed for a total of four class days.

In the aftermath of Charley, which veered south only two hours before it was expected to strike Pinellas County, the campus united to collect school supplies for hard-hit students from Nocatee Elementary School in Arcadia. The Black Law Students Association raised funds for the International Red Cross to help Hurricane Jeanne victims in Haiti, and several other student organizations also united to raise funds for hurricane relief. Student Julia Metts volunteered with Robinson High School in Tampa on a school supply drive for Charlotte and Lee county students.

Stetson University's main campus did not fare as well, sustaining damage from hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne. The campus closed for 11 days and on-campus residents were sent home due to power outages, flooding, downed power lines and damaged buildings.

### Stetson appoints, promotes administrators

Stetson University College of Law hired and promoted several administrators this year.

Mercedes Pino '02 joined Stetson in the spring as assistant director of career services. She previously served as an assistant state attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit's domestic violence unit.

Scarlett Guy '02 has been promoted to assistant dean of student life. Guy had previously served at Stetson as acting director of student services and assistant director of student services.

Rick Brewer has been promoted to executive director of business operations. In this role, Brewer will oversee many departments, including accounting, bookstore, business office, facilities, housing, insurance and purchasing.

Davina Gould was promoted to associate director of communications from assistant director. She will continue with her current duties centered on publication management and media relations.

Also promoted this year were Laura Zuppo to associate director of admissions, Emily Attridge to director of financial aid and institutional research, Tyler Hickey to director of events and special projects, and Dan Payne to manager of multimedia services.

## Meet the Class...

The 371 new students in fall (full- and part-time), spring and summer 2004 represent the most diverse class in Stetson history. Here are the statistics:

<b>25%</b> minorities	<b>55%</b> women
<b>142</b> colleges/universities	<b>33</b> states/territories
<b>740</b> total full-time J.D. students	<b>180</b> total part-time J.D. students
<b>16</b> LL.M. students	<b>11</b> countries
<b>153</b> median LSAT	Age range: <b>18-55</b>
Average age, full-time class: <b>25</b>	Average age, part-time class: <b>31</b>
<b>Degrees represented:</b> Ph.D., M.D., M.B.A., M.S., M.A., M.Ed., B.B.A., B.S., B.A., B.S.N.	

**Careers/activities:** news reporter, pilot, professional bull rider, Wheel of Fortune contestant, professional ballet dancer, kayak nature guide, professional volleyball player, NCAA All-American basketball player, bartender, competitive shuffleboard player and Aikido instructor

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

### Kristen David Adams

*Associate Professor of Law and LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Chair*

Professor Adams published an article "Can Promise Enforcement Save Affordable Housing in the United States?" in the *San Diego Law Review*. She lectures frequently in pre-law orientation programs. She attended the American Law Institute annual conference in summer 2004.

### Michael P. Allen

*Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Allen's article, "The Constitution at the Threshold of Life and Death: A Suggested Approach to Accommodate an Interest in Life and a Right to Die," has been published in the *American University Law Review*. Professor Allen attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in August 2004, where he made a presentation reviewing the U.S. Supreme Court's 2003-2004 term and moderated a panel regarding "The Jurisprudence of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor." He was also elected to a two-year term as a member of the board of trustees of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools. Professor Allen presented his work on "The American Legal System" and "Significant Supreme Court Cases" at the National Microsociety Conference for Educators in July 2004. He attended a conference on *Brown v. Board* at 50 and was awarded the "Best All-Around Professor" award from the Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association. He has been interviewed by WTVT 13, WTSP 10, *Orlando Sentinel*, Associated Press, *Tampa Tribune*, *St. Petersburg Times* and Bay News 9 en Español about constitutional issues surrounding Terri's Law and same-sex marriage.

### Robert D. Batey

*Professor of Law*

Professor Batey's article, "Minority Report and the Law of Attempt," was published in the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*. He attended the annual conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas. He presented at the "Conference on The Failure of the Word and the Rise of Law and Literature" at Cardozo School of Law. He also made a presentation on "Mandatory Minimums" to the Pinellas County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. His column, "Probation Crackdown an Overreaction," was published by the *Tampa Tribune*, and another column, "Declining Crime Rates Don't Justify Sentencing Laws," was published in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, *Lakeland Ledger*, *Leesburg Daily Commercial* and *Naples Daily News*. He was interviewed by the *Tampa Tribune*, the Jan King Bressler show, *Palm Beach Post*, *Naples Daily News*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, *Bradenton Herald*, *Lakeland Ledger*, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, WTVT 13, WMNF 88.5 and Medill News Service about a number of criminal cases and legal issues in the news.

### Mark Bauer

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Bauer published "Small Liberal Arts Colleges, Fraternities, and Antitrust: Rethinking Hamilton College" in the *Catholic University Law Review*. He attended the Loyola Antitrust Colloquium Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies.

### Robert D. Bickel

*Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy*

In June, Professor Bickel organized a dialogue on the subject of Comparative Higher Education Law and Policy, which was co-hosted by David Palfreyman of New College, Oxford, and the Oxford Center for Higher Education Policy Studies. The delegation included Dean Darby Dickerson, Professor Peter Lake, U.S. professors from Rutgers, Catholic, Notre Dame and Arizona State universities, and scholars from the United Kingdom. The three days of dialogue were keynoted by Lord Justice Rix of the Court of Appeals.

### J. Catherine Bohl

*Instructor of Legal Research and Writing*

Professor Bohl is on the faculty of the National Judicial College and taught a three-day course on opinion writing to Native American Tribal Court judges in November.

### Paul Boudreaux

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Boudreaux spoke to the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* about the destruction of property from hurricanes in Florida.

### Brooke J. Bowman '02

*Instructor of Legal Research and Writing*

Professor Bowman serves as an assistant editor for *Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. She received the Best All-Around Part-Time Professor award from the Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association for 2003-2004.

### Nicholas B. Cox

*Elder Consumer Protection Fellow*

Professor Cox was interviewed several times by the *St. Petersburg Times* and WTSP 10 on issues of consumer protection and criminal law. He and Professor Rebecca Morgan co-authored a column for the National Center on Elder Abuse about senior fraud.

### Robert N. Davis

*Professor of Law*

Professor Davis was interviewed by WWRL 1600 (New York),



*St. Petersburg Times*, WTSP 10, *Daytona Beach News Journal*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Bradenton Herald*, KION 1460 (Salinas, Calif.), and *Homeland Security Today* on constitutional and international law issues, and frequently appeared on WTSP 10 during the election season.

## Darby Dickerson

*Vice President and Dean, Professor of Law*

Dean Dickerson prepared her second printing, second edition, of the *ALWD Citation Manual*. Her article, "Too Busy to Vote?" was published in *AAA Going Places Magazine*, and "The Dean of Hurricanes: Lessons in Crisis Management" appeared in the *NNSLO Journal* (National Network of Law School Officers). She and Professor Robert Bickel co-authored "The Legacy Continues, the Struggle Continues," which will be published in the *Stetson Law Review*. She presented "Difficult Conversations – Dealing with Staff" and moderated a panel on "Fostering Student Leadership" at the ABA Associate Deans Conference. She co-presented with Professors Lake and Vaughan "Danger Signs: Dealing Effectively with Troubled Students" at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference. She attended The Florida Bar annual meeting, American Bar Association annual meeting, and Stetson-Oxford Comparative Higher Education Roundtable this summer. She was elected president of the Ferguson-White Inn of Court, vice chair of the ABA Law School Administration Committee, and secretary of the Pinellas County Education Facilities Authority, and was featured in the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*. She also traveled to Germany to explore new study abroad program options.

## Jo Anne Durako

*Director of Legal Research and Writing, Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Durako's article, "Occupational Segregation of Legal Writing Faculty: Separate But Unequal," will be published by the *University of Missouri–Kansas City Law Review*, and "Better Writing, Better Thinking," will be published in *Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. She presented her work on "Visual Clarity: How to Design the Document" at the ABA annual conference, "Visiting at Another Law School: Being a Good Guest" at the Legal Writing Institute biennial conference, and "Occupation Segregation" at the AALS annual conference. Professor Durako is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Plain English Committee. She is the chair of the AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research Section, and is a member of the ABA Communications Skills Committee's subcommittee to revise the ABA *Sourcebook on Legal Writing*.

## Peter L. Fitzgerald

*Professor of Law*

Professor Fitzgerald's article, "Constitutional Crisis Over the Proposed Supreme Court for the United Kingdom," will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*. He presented a workshop on "Suggestions to Help Issue Spotting and Essay

Writing" at the University of Edinburgh School of Law. He was quoted in the Dow Jones Newswire and interviewed by BayNews 9 and WTSP 10 about economic and legal issues. He was named to the international advisory board of SanctionsWatch.com, a provider of Web-based information on national, regional and international sanctions policy, formulation and analysis. He contributed an editorial to the *Newark Star Ledger*, and his article on U.S. sanctions on Cuba was published in Sanctionswatch.com.

## Roberta Kemp Flowers

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

Professor Flowers spoke with the *ABA Journal*, *St. Petersburg Times* and the Poynter Institute about legal ethics and criminal law issues.

## Royal C. Gardner

*Vice Dean and Professor of Law*

Dean Gardner presented "The Role of Wetland Mitigation and Conservation Banking in Sustainable Development: The U.S. Experience" at the Oxford Roundtable on Trade, Growth and the Environment, and a course on "Federal Wetland Law and Policy" during the summer. He also presented a session on "The In-Lieu-Fee Mitigation Option" at the Meeting of the Society of Wetland Scientists, and served as a panelist on wetland issues for the Seventh National Mitigation and Conservation Banking

## FACULTY NEWS

### Deans, professors recognized as leaders

Four Stetson Law faculty have been recognized for their community leadership by major publications.

Dean Darby Dickerson and Associate Dean Jan Majewski were both named to the 2004 "Who's Who in Tampa Bay Business" list by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*. Dickerson was featured in the list of education leaders, and Majewski was included among law honorees.



**Darby Dickerson**



**Jan Majewski**



**Nicholas Cox and Rebecca Morgan**

Professors Rebecca Morgan and Nicholas Cox were named to *Florida Trend* magazine's 2004 "Florida Legal Elite" list in the area of elder law.

Morgan and Cox have worked with a number of groups, including AARP, Florida Attorney General's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and others to increase awareness of consumer fraud against senior citizens.

Conference. He serves as the vice chair for the U.S. National Ramsar Committee and vice-chair of the ABA Water Quality and Wetlands Committee.

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

*Instructor of Legal  
Research & Writing*

Professor Graves received the Charles B. Seton award for his article, "Globalization, Treaty Powers, and the Limits of the Intellectual Property Clause" that appeared in the fall 2003 edition of the *Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.* He was interviewed by WTSP 10 about the 9/11 Commission report.



### Cynthia G. Hawkins-León

*Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Hawkins-León published a review of *Uneven Ground American Indian Sovereignty and Federal Law* by David Wilkins and Tsianina Lomawaima in the *Law and Politics Book Review*. Her piece on "Pan-Africanism" will be published in the *Encyclopedia of Black Studies*. She participated in the "Interdisciplinary Law and Forensic Psychiatry/Psychology Program" at the University of South Florida Conflict Resolution Collaborative. Professor Hawkins-León serves on the executive boards of the Association of American Law Schools Minority Law Faculty Section and the Massachu-

setts Black Women Attorneys. She is a member of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts and of the National Family Heritage Coalition.

### Carol Henderson

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

Professor Henderson published an article on the clearinghouse in the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors newsletter. She co-authored (with Brittan Mitchell '03) a chapter, "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Bloodstain Pattern Evidence," in *Scientific and Legal Applications of Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation*. She presented her work to the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (Northeast); Granada, Spain Bar Association; Tampa Bay Chiefs of Police; and Miami-Dade Police Department Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop. The *Daytona Beach News-Journal* published her article, "Tiniest of Details May Link Crime to Killer." Her work has been featured in *USA Today* magazine, *The Prosecutor* and *Seed Magazine*.

### Bruce Jacob '59

*Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law*

Dean Jacob has been named to the National Committee on the Right to Counsel of the Constitution Project and attended its meeting. He will be the keynote speaker for the Wisconsin Legal Services annual banquet. He was interviewed by WUSF 89.7 about first amendment issues and the Associated Press about sentencing guidelines. He also co-chaired Stetson's Gulfport Golden Anniversary planning committee.

## ADJUNCT RECOGNITION

### Local alumni, lawyers and judges serve as Stetson adjunct faculty

Stetson Law thanks the following adjuncts for their service in the 2004-2005 academic year:

A. Brian Albritton	Charles N. Castagna	Ronald S. Frankel	Dr. Belinda G. Noah
Debra B. Allen	Marcia S. Cohen '84	Hon. William Fuente	Randy Otto
Donald C. Anderson Jr.	Lynn Hamilton Cole	Hon. Carolyn K. Fulmer	Hon. Alexander L. Paskay
Thomas Barber	David C. Cory	Michael D.D. Geldart '88	Marilyn M. Polson '87
Scott Bassett	Hon. Shawn Crane '83	Richard A. Harrison '86	Patrice A. Pucci '85
James A. Beckman	Mary Li Creasy	Toby Isaacson	John H. Rains III '79
Craig E. Behrenfeld	Yate K. Cutliff '89	Mary Alice Jackson '91	Thomas M. Ramsberger
Jackson H. Bowman III '98	Hon. David A. Demers '72	Timothy J. Jesaitis '90	Mark P. Rankin
Edwin M. Boyer '77	Susan S. Demers	Theodore E. Karatinos '93	H. Hamilton Rice Jr.
Steven L. Brannock	V. James Dickson	Latour R. Lafferty '92	Marsha G. Rydberg '76
Thomas Folger Brink '00	Robert H. Dillinger '76	Hon. John C. Lenderman '69	Frederick Schaub '84
Deborah C. Brown '87	James W. Dodson	Christopher A. Likens '93	Wendy J. Smith
Thomas W. Brudney	Karen Doering '95	Anne S. Mason '84	Leslie Reicin Stein '76
Robert E. Bugg '76	Pamela M. Dubov '01	Bernard J. McCabe '72	James H. Sutton Jr. '98
Daniel Caamano '96	John E. Dubrule	Hon. Thomas B. McCoun III '77	Michael A. Tessitore LL.M. '00
Hon. Patrick K. Caddell '78	Ronald J. Eide '76	Julee L. Milham '86	John V. Tucker
Michael L. Cahill '00	R. Thomas Elligett Jr.	Deborah E. Miller	Hon. Amy Williams '80
	Tracy Leigh Ellis	S. William Moore	Sarah E. Williams '95
	Judy L. Estren '92	Carolyn M. Myers-Simmonds	John C. Wolfe '73
	Professor Howard P. Fink	Carl R. Nelson '79	Jay Wolfson '93
	William J. Flynn	N. Sherrill Newton	C. Steven Yerrid



## Peter F. Lake

*Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy*

Professor Lake spoke at the Comparative Higher Education Roundtable in Oxford, England. He also co-presented "Danger Signs: Dealing Effectively with Troubled Students" at the Legal Writing Institute's biennial conference, and spoke at the Florida Southern College Faculty Forum. Professor Lake presented "Creating a Facilitator University" at DePauw University. He is a frequent presenter in the areas of campus safety and violence prevention. He has been named to the Council of Advisors of the NETWORK consortium of colleges. He was also interviewed by *Florida Trend* about tort reform in Florida.

## Jerome Latimer

*Professor of Law*

Professor Latimer served as a member of the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee. He contributed to law revisions regarding the bylaw voting requirements and the right to a speedy trial.

## Thomas C. Marks Jr. '63

*Professor of Law*

Professor Marks' column, "Know Your Florida Constitution," appeared in the *Tampa Tribune*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune* and *Panama City News Herald*. This was the second column in a series.

## Janice Kay McClendon

*Associate Professor of Law*

Professor McClendon's article, "Bringing the Bulls to Bear: Regulating Executive Compensation to Realign Management and Shareholders' Interests and Promote Corporate Long-Term Productivity," will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Wake Forest Law Review*. Professor McClendon presented her research on "Regulating & Designing Executive Compensation to Promote Corporate Long-Term Productivity" at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools' annual conference. She also attended the Attorneys for Family Held Enterprises 2004 annual conference.

## Rebecca C. Morgan '80

*Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Elder Law*

Professor Morgan was interviewed by *Tulsa World* and WB 38 about elder abuse and elder custody issues; *St. Petersburg Times* about mental capacity legal issues; *Morning Edition*, WUSF 89.7 and WTVT 13 about Medicare drug discount cards; and *Miami Herald* and UPI News Service about legal issues surrounding Alzheimer's Disease. She and Professor Nicholas Cox co-authored a column for The National Center on Elder Abuse about senior fraud.

## Luz E. Nagle

*Professor of Law*

Professor Nagle represented the U.S. Department of Defense by making a two-hour presentation on international humanitarian law before a crowd of 300 Colombian military officers at the Colombian War College, and the U.S. embassy and Colombian Judge Advocate General school has invited her to return for additional training sessions. Her article, "Placing Blame Where Blame is Due: The Culpability of Illegal Armed Groups and Narcotraffickers in Colombia's Environmental and Human Rights Catastrophes," will be published in the *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*. She published "Colombian Asylum Seekers: What Practitioners Should Know About the Colombian Crisis" in the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*. Professor Nagle frequently serves as a moderator or panelist, including moderating a panel discussion on Women in Politics for the U.S. State Department's Visiting International Program. She has been invited to brief the FBI counter-terrorism team on issues in Colombia, and presented "Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions: Judicial Independence and Activism in the United States" to a delegation of Brazilian judges. Professor Nagle attended the 12th National Security Law Summer Institute. She has been interviewed by the media on international trafficking of humans, and is frequently invited to serve as a member of various organizations. Among others, she is a member of the board of directors of Women in International Trade, co-chair (committee six) of the International Bar Association, academic consultant to the Center for Terrorism Law, and an editor of the *Journal of Iberoamerican Security*. **Correction to *Stetson Lawyer* spring 2004 issue:** In July 2003, Professor Nagle was an invited guest to attend a historic inauguration ceremony in Bogotá for the Colombian armed forces' new Judge Advocate School at the Universidad Militar de Nueva Granada, a program made possible in large measure by United States military efforts in the region.

## Marleen O'Connor-Felman

*Professor of Law*

Professor O'Connor-Felman published "American Corporate Governance and Resilient Families: Investing in Children's Human Capital in Turbulent Times" in the *University of Southern California Law Review*. The article was funded by a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and was presented at a conference in connection with the grant. Professor O'Connor-Felman presented "Women on Corporate Boards" at the Maryland Law School, and on director accountability at the AALS corporate law roundtable. She attended the Midwest Economics Association meeting, the Federal Sentencing Guidelines conference, and the African Corporate Governance conference, at which she served as a moderator. She serves as the co-director of the International Initiative for Corporate Governance and Accountability. She was interviewed by the *Journal News* about stock exchange criminal cases in New York.

## Theresa J. Pulley Radwan

*Associate Dean of Academics and  
Associate Professor of Law*

Dean Radwan published "The Effect of Uniformity on State Sovereignty in Bankruptcy: The Supreme Court Hears State's Claim of Sovereign Immunity in Dischargeability Proceeding" and "Supreme Court Favors Formula Approach for Determining Cramdown Interest Rate" in the *Cramdown*, the newsletter of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. She organized a program on Women in Politics with the U.S. State Department's Visiting International Program. She is a member of the Ferguson-White Inn of Court and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. She attended the Associate Deans Conference of the American Bar Association in July 2004.

## Wm. Reese Smith Jr.

*Distinguished Professorial Lecturer*

Professor Smith has been invited often to speak to groups, including presentations at the Barry University College of Law Inaugural Law Review Dinner, the St. Petersburg Bar Association Professionalism Seminar, the Retreat of Federal Judges, and various bar association and CLE programs. He attended, among others, meetings of The Florida Bar, American Bar Association, and the ALI-ABA Committee. Professor Smith serves as an adviser to Bay Area Legal Services.

## Ruth Fleet Thurman '63

*Professor of Law*

Professor Thurman attended the Gonzaga University Institute for Law School Teaching Conference, The Florida Bar annual meeting, and seminars of The Florida Bar on ethics, representation of children, and cross-examination skills. She serves as a mentor for the Community Law Program in marital and family law.

## Stetson's Office for Continuing Legal Education moves to Tampa Law Center

**Stetson's Office for Continuing Legal Education has relocated to the Tampa Law Center, 1700 N. Tampa St., Tampa, FL 33602. The phone number is (813) 228-0226 and fax number is (813) 228-0155. Seminars will continue to be held at the Tampa and Gulfport campuses, as well as other off-campus locations. More details can be found at [www.law.stetson.edu/cle](http://www.law.stetson.edu/cle).**

# Stetson welcomes 11 new law faculty

Associate Professor Jo Anne Durako joins Stetson as Director of Legal Research and Writing. She publishes and presents frequently on legal research and writing issues and serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Legal Education* and the *Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. She completed her term as president of the Association of Legal Writing Directors in July and is chair-elect of the writing section for the American Association of Law Schools. She formerly served as legislative counsel for the U.S. Department of Education and worked in private practice. Professor Durako recently taught as a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center and previously directed the writing program at Rutgers School of Law-Camden. She started her teaching career at Villanova Law School and earned her J.D. from the University of Florida and her Ed.M. from Harvard University.

Associate Professor Cynthia G. Hawkins-León joined the Stetson law faculty in January 2004. She teaches family law, adoption law, alternative dispute resolution (family mediation), criminal law and property. She has written articles on a variety of topics, but her primary research focus has been adoption law and policy. She previously served on the faculties of New England School of Law, Syracuse University College of Law, and Duquesne University School of Law. Before entering academia, Professor Hawkins-León served as an administrative judge for the Contract Appeals Board in Washington, D.C. She earned her B.A. from Wellesley College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Assistant Professor Mark Bauer focuses his scholarship and teaching on antitrust, administrative law and consumer protection. Before joining Stetson, Professor Bauer taught antitrust and legal writing at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He authored a treatise on State Unfair Trade Practices Law and worked in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition, focusing on antitrust investigations. Professor Bauer clerked for Hon. William R. Robie, chief U.S. immigration judge. Also, Bauer practiced antitrust law with Bell, Boyd & Lloyd and Freeborn & Peters, both in Chicago. He received his B.A. from the University of Chicago and his J.D. from Emory University.

Assistant Professor Clark Furlow first joined the Stetson faculty as an adjunct professor in 2002 and was a visiting assistant professor in 2003. An expert in the field of takeovers, he advised the arbitration department of a major investment firm regarding takeover battles fought in Delaware's court system from 1985 through 1996, and co-authored a guide to Delaware takeover law. Professor Furlow was a partner with Smith, Katzenstein & Furlow in Wilmington, Del., where he





**Back row from left, Lee Coppock, Catherine Cameron, Katherine Bohl and Jo Anne Durako. Front row from left, Joseph Morrissey, Carol Cole McCrory, Jennifer Murphy, Cynthia G. Hawkins-León, Clark Furlow and Mark Bauer.**

litigated stockholder class and derivative actions. He earned his B.A. from Boston University and his J.D. from Emory University School of Law.

Visiting Assistant Professor Lee Coppock '96 teaches evidence, trial advocacy and advanced civil trial skills. He is a partner with Paul & Coppock P.A. in Orlando and previously practiced insurance defense with Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap P.A. He earned his B.A. from the University of South Florida and his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law. He was active on the moot court board and trial team as a student. He is covering courses for Professor Everhart, who will spend this year in China on a Fulbright grant.

Visiting Assistant Professor Joseph F. Morrissey teaches and writes in the areas of corporate law, securities and international private law. Prior to entering academia, he practiced corporate and securities law at Mayer, Brown & Platt in Chicago before running the firm's office in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. While in Uzbekistan, he was a founding member and director of the local American Chamber of Commerce. He later co-managed Russian investments for Unifund Inc., based in Geneva and Moscow. He returned to Chicago and practiced corporate and securities law with Kirkland & Ellis. He received his A.B. from Princeton University and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. He previously taught as a visiting professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing Joan Catherine "Kate" Bohl is a nationally recognized expert on grandparent visitation and also writes about legal ethics and custody issues. Before moving into legal education, Professor Bohl served as counsel to the Rhode Island Supreme Court's Ethics Advisory Panel and the court's staff

attorney. She comes to the Stetson Legal Research and Writing Faculty after 13 years of teaching legal writing at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles. She also taught writing at Providence College.

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing Catherine Cameron previously worked for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C., and served as a staff attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit in Sanford before joining the Stetson faculty. Professor Cameron earned her B.S., M.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Florida.

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing Jennifer E. Murphy '00 joins the faculty after practicing with both Akerman Senterfitt and the Bleakley Law Firm. As a student, she was an articles and symposia editor for the *Stetson Law Review*. She is an active member in many organizations and co-authored a book chapter on the tax consequences of marital dissolutions and settlements. She earned her B.A. from the University of South Florida and her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law.

Visiting Instructor of Legal Research and Writing Carol Cole McCrory '02 served as an assistant state attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit for Pinellas and Pasco counties, specializing in dependency litigation on behalf of abused, abandoned and neglected children. She received her M.A. from the University of South Florida and her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law. At Stetson, she was part of award-winning moot court teams, and her work was published in the *Stetson Law Review*.

In December, Assistant Professor Charles Rose will join the Stetson faculty to teach trial advocacy, evidence and professional responsibility. U.S. Army Major Rose currently serves as a deputy staff judge advocate in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Eustis, Va. He previously served on the faculty at the Judge Advocate General's School and taught as an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School.





# Attorney General offers inspiration, laughter to grads

**F**LORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL Charlie Crist spoke to the nearly 200 graduates at the Stetson University College of Law spring commencement on May 15, in the College of Law's outdoor courtyard.

"The best lawyers understand that laws stand in the service of mankind, and not the inverse," Crist told the crowd. "We are the beneficiaries of a movement that began with the Magna Carta; the then-peculiar notion that we

should build societies around the rule of law rather than the rule of men."

During the ceremony, 199 students received their degrees, including eight who received the LL.M. degree in International Law and Business; 36 J.D. students also earned their M.B.A. from the Stetson University School of Business Administration.

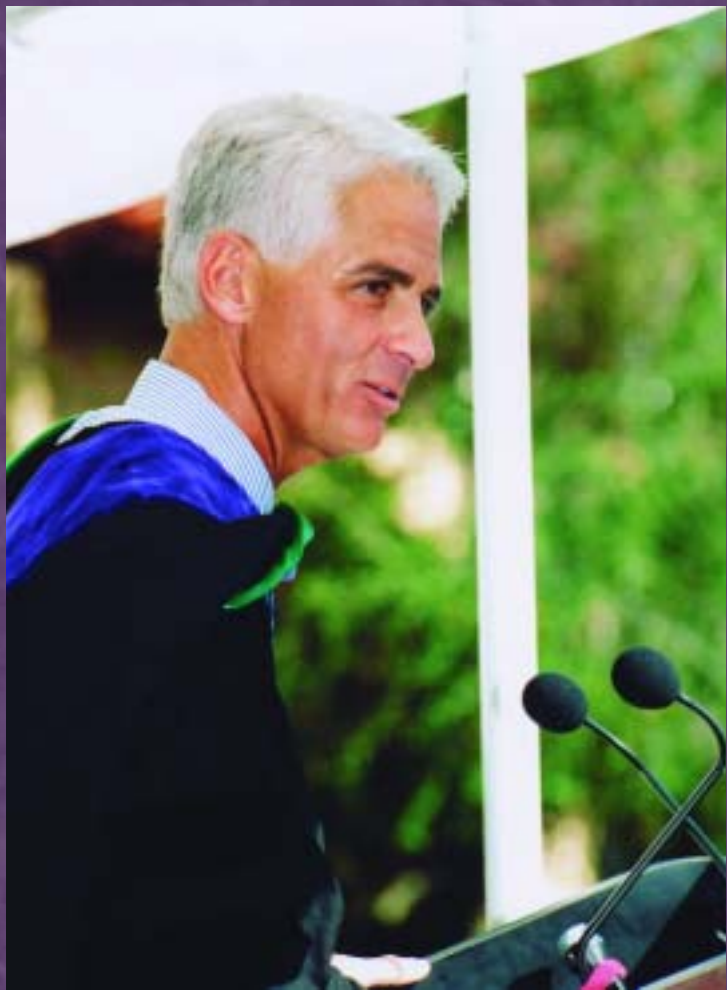
Mary Clapp was the top graduate in the May 2004 class; followed by Nicole Deese (whose brother Dustin was first in his

December 2003 class) and David Evans.

Crist praised these high achievers, but offered words of hope to graduates of all ranks.

"For those of you with very respectful grades...I commend you for the balance and perspective you bring to your three-year odyssey. And for those of you who were really happy to get Cs, but had a really good time, I am here to tell you this: you, too, may one day be the Attorney General of the State of Florida."





OPPOSITE PAGE: Aleksandra Jagiella '04 celebrates her achievement. LEFT: Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist LL.D. '04 addresses the graduates. BELOW: Dean Darby Dickerson accepts the class gift of \$21,000 from class gift committee chairs Slade Dukes '04, Marisa Davies '04 and Garrett Pendleton '04. SECOND BELOW: from left, President H. Douglas Lee, Crist, Thomas Stringer '74, Dickerson, Wm. Reece Smith, Marsha Rydberg '76, and SLA President Robert Sniffen '93.



RIGHT: May 2004 legacies, front row, from left: Lauren Hosie, Kimberly Prior, David Terry, Shae Ryan, Lyn Paulo Juarez and Joshua Ferraro; back row: husband Justin Hosie '03, father Arthur Douglas Prior '75, brother Dustin Deese '02, wife Kathryn Terry '02, aunt Judge Irene Sullivan '77, sister Jocelyn Juarez '99 and father Russell Ferraro '74. BELOW LEFT: Alvin K. Brown JD '97, LLM '04 proceeds to receive his diploma. BELOW CENTER: Noelle Caserta '04 dons flowers for the celebration. BELOW RIGHT: Ambassador Katy Poux helps Allison Smith '04 with her graduation cap.







# Passion for Elder

BY PROFESSOR MICHAEL P. ALLEN

**W**E HAVE ALL HAD THE experience of going to school or working with someone without whom a place just would not seem right. For me, such a person is Professor Becky Morgan '80. Stetson would not be the same for me if I did not get to hear her shout “Hey guy!” when I see her on campus. I suspect that many other faculty members and staff, not to mention countless students, have similar thoughts about her.

Of course, one might be forgiven for assuming that Becky would be far more aloof, considering her title and impressive professional background. Not only is she a tenured full professor at the College of Law, but she also holds the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law, the only one of its kind in the country. Over her academic career, she has, among other things, served as president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, been the reporter

for the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act, been a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, been a faculty member at the National Judicial College, and served as a special advisor to the American Bar Association’s Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly.

Becky has also been heavily involved in activities closer to home. For example, she has served as the chair of the Elder Law Section and been a member of the Florida Attorney General’s Task Force on Elder Abuse. For her many accomplishments, Becky has been recognized as one of the outstanding lawyers in Florida and has received the Professionalism Award from the Florida Supreme Court. She has also received the Dean’s Award here at Stetson. And these accomplishments do not even address her work as an author of numerous books and articles on topics related to elder law, as well as her being a sought after speaker on the topic.

Impressive as Becky’s resume is,

it is not the real purpose of this profile. Instead, my goal is to tell you something about her as a person. I asked Becky one day why she decided to attend law school (she graduated from Stetson in 1980 after having earned a degree in business from Central Missouri State University). She said without missing a beat that she went because she wanted “to make a difference and to help people.” What is so unique about that you may ask? After all, thousands of law students — past and present — would probably say the same thing. What is unique is that she really did it!

After graduation, Becky spent her years in practice making a difference working with low income elderly clients. This work was inspired by her experience in a law school clinic right here at Stetson. After several years in practice, she realized that she could actually make a greater impact if she did something to teach others how to work with and for the elderly, a population traditionally underserved by the legal profession. In

*A professor-to-professor profile of Rebecca Morgan by Michael Allen*



# caring drives Stetson's Law Pioneer

1986, that desire to teach led her back to Stetson and we are all the richer today.

Becky is a natural teacher. I spoke with a number of students who have taken her courses over the years, all of whom told me she is fantastic in the classroom. The comment that stayed with me most came from one student who said that taking Becky's classes "makes you want to be a better person as well as a better lawyer." I can tell you that there is probably no greater praise for a teacher than words like those. It is no wonder that when I

asked Becky what she would want to do other than teach, she told me she couldn't answer because "it's impossible when you're doing exactly what you want to do." Becky was right that coming to teach has certainly made a greater impact than staying in practice. What she was wrong about is that this impact has by no means been limited to elder law. She has inspired students to be better across the board.

I asked Becky a variation of the "tombstone" question when preparing this profile. I told her to assume that she is retiring out west to the

home she owns in Colorado. I continued, "What would you want people to say about you after you are relaxing in the West?" She thought for a good long time and then said two words: "I cared." If that is what Becky wants her legacy to be, she can rest easy at night. All of those who have had the pleasure to know her can say right now that she cares, about the school, her colleagues, her students and her world. To paraphrase her former student, she makes us all want to be better people.

Thank you, Becky.





# Six deans. Forty- The e

BY AARON REINCHELD

**D**OROTHY BISHOP'S OFFICIAL title was executive assistant to the dean, but for 48 years, she served as unofficial campus historian and many would say the behind-the-scenes glue that has held the College of Law together. At the end of September, Stetson Law lost one of its treasures as Bishop retired.

"The 48 years have gone very fast, it's really hard to believe I've been here that long," she said. "You have to like the place where you work, and everyone here is so friendly and that's made the time here go faster, unfortunately."

Bishop has seen many changes across campus. She knew Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob when he was a student among the first classes at the Gulfport campus. From the building and later closing of the Dana Library, to the opening of the Tampa Law Center, Bishop has been at Stetson Law.

"She is a great employee, a wonderful person. She's really just the best, they don't come any better," Dean Jacob said.

Connie Evans, director of faculty support, expressed similar

thoughts. "She's is such a true professional, and she has been that way since I got here in 1982. She is just a perfect lady."

In 1956, after graduating high school, Dorothy Bishop set out to find a job. Her first ever interview, gained with the help of a local employment agency, was with the College of Law. Bishop was hired on the spot for \$35 a week.

"Everything just kind of fell in my lap," Bishop said.

Originally working in admissions and the registrar's office, she had daily contact with students, getting to know each one. Bishop missed that contact with her switch to the Dean's Office. She is thankful for the move, however, which she attributes in part to why the work stayed interesting for so long.

"It gives you an overview of everything going on campus-wide, and that made it interesting and fulfilling," she said. "It makes it so much more exciting and worthwhile."

It was tough to adjust to six deans, each with his or her particular style. "I'm a person who doesn't like change," she said with a laugh. "I've had the same



# eight years. nd of an era



hairstyle for 35 years.”

No matter the style, each dean ultimately wanted to advance the law school and further the student experience. “They all had their own goals for what they wanted to accomplish,” she said. “Each one has helped build the school up.”

She has many fond memories, such as the letters and memos Dean Jacob would dictate. “He’s just a real kind and thoughtful person who never left anything undone. But I think there are more papers from his era than all the other deans put together,” she said.

Another warm memory was interacting with Dean Harold Sebring’s associates and the others who helped build the College of Law to prominence in its early stages.

“Those people were special,”

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*“Ms. Bishop has dedicated her professional life to Stetson, and she will always be remembered as a true Stetson treasure.”*

- DARBY DICKERSON  
Dean

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Bishop said. “It was just amazing how wonderful they were to want to help the school.”

It was not her intention to become a human database for all things Stetson, Bishop said, it’s just been her life. But her detailed memory has been very much appreciated. “It’s very rare these days for a person to spend her entire career at one place. Ms. Bishop has dedicated her professional life to Stetson, and she will always be remembered as a true Stetson treasure. We will miss her very much,” Dean Dickerson said.

“I appreciate the history more because I actually lived it,” Bishop said. “It’s just part of me. It’s what I have lived and where I have worked, all together.”

Since she announced her retirement, staff, students, faculty

and even faculty spouses have made sure she’s firm in her decision to leave. “I certainly hate to see her go,” Dean Jacob said. “I keep saying she ought to reconsider.”

Despite the pleas, Bishop is looking forward to some free time. She doesn’t have specific plans, though some ideas include visiting her brother in Oregon and taking a trip with him to their childhood home of Utica, N.Y. She also wants to spend more time with “her girls,” her two dogs, Anna and Gretchen, and will tend to her garden. “My flowerbeds have suffered the last few years.”

Bishop said there was no specific spark for retiring, “It just seems the right time.”

She had been thinking about retirement for a few years. She brought the idea up to Dean W. Gary Vause before he fell ill, and after Dean Vause’s death in May 2003, Bishop stayed to help Dean Dickerson with the transition into her administration.

“I’m just thankful that I had an opportunity to work here. I really loved every minute of it. I’m thankful for the years they let me stay here.”

# When ambition meets talent

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

*Looking at first-year law student Casey Reeder, one might not realize that she is one of the youngest students ever to attend Stetson University College of Law.*

At 18 years old, Reeder began law school this fall as Stetson's first "3-3" program student in recent history. This unique program allows high-achieving Stetson undergraduates to attend the law school after earning 90 credit hours (approximately three years) at the DeLand campus.

Reeder was already ahead of the curve. She had skipped her freshman year at Stetson thanks to the Advanced Placement credits she earned in high school.

When pre-law adviser Dr. Wayne Bailey recommended she consider transferring to law school



early, the decision was easy. "When I realized there was potential for me to earn two degrees in five years, the opportunity seemed foolish to pass up," Reeder said.

Once she completes 30 credit hours at the College of Law this spring, Stetson University will confer her bachelor's degree in sociology.

With high LSAT scores and a perfect undergraduate G.P.A., law school was not a tough transition for Reeder. "I completed my senior research last year, so I don't feel unprepared academically," she said. "I love it—it's definitely a challenge, but I like a challenge."

Her age has not presented an obstacle in her education. "I'm used to being younger than everyone in my class," said Reeder, who also skipped the seventh grade. "I used to keep my age under wraps, but people don't treat me differently since they found out. I just can't go out drinking."

Transferring to the College of Law also brought Reeder closer to her family in Pinellas Park and to the Ronald McDonald Houses in St. Petersburg, where she has volunteered for years. "It will be easy to take care of my pro bono requirement here — I'll be done with the non-legal hours in a few months," she said.

## Stetson 3-3, 4-3 programs benefit both campuses

The highlight of Stetson University's pre-law program is the opportunity for qualified students to skip their senior year of undergraduate study or gain automatic admission to the College of Law.

These "3-3" and "4-3" programs, named for the number of years spent at each campus, have attracted many high-achieving students to Stetson University. They express interest in Stetson not only for the chance to reduce their coursework, but also because of the relationship it represents between the two campuses.

"There is, in fact, a very special relationship," described Dr. Wayne Bailey, professor of political science and pre-law adviser. "The law faculty trusts that our faculty prepares students well, as Stetson graduates invariably do well at the law school. We have more rigorous grading than other schools, and Stetson faculty are circumspect in deciding how they recommend candidates for law school."

For the 3-3 program, students must be in the 85th percentile of their class and have a minimum LSAT score at the 75th percentile. To gain automatic admission in the 4-3 program, students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.1 and an LSAT score above the 60th percentile.

"It absolutely does help in recruiting, because students know the law school's reputation," said Deborah Thompson, vice president for enrollment management. According to Thompson, approximately 10 percent of entering Stetson undergraduates consider themselves pre-law.

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- T. WAYNE BAILEY  
Stetson Political Science Professor and  
Pre-Law Adviser

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When Dean Emeritus Lizabeth Moody first introduced the 3-3 program idea in 1996, she advocated that the law school would also benefit from the outstanding credentials of Stetson undergraduates. In describing Stetson's first 3-3 program student, Bailey offered, "Casey could go to any law school in the country, but because of the 3-3 program, she chose Stetson."

Due to the high standards and tightly organized course requirements, many students elect to pursue a minor, study abroad or attend the Washington Semester political science program instead of skipping their senior year. For those students, the 4-3 program may be a more practical option, said Dr. Grady Ballenger, dean of Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences. "The undergraduate years are so important, so we don't encourage students to rush through them. While for a very select few, 3-3 will be an excellent path, we are equally excited about the 4-3 program."

Bailey concurs. "We never envisioned it to be a large program, but for those students who have the maturity and academic background, my advice and counsel is to go for it."

# FIFTY YEARS IN



BY PROFESSOR MICHAEL I. SWYGERT

*In fall 1942, Stetson University shut down the College of Law due to low enrollment resulting from World War II. The College reopened after the war and was flooded with students because of the G.I. Bill. There were too many students to accommodate on its DeLand campus. New facilities had to be found.*

*Retired Marine Corps Capt. Lemuel Haslup became dean in 1946, and the following year, upon his urging, the College of Law moved to buildings on a Navy air station outside DeLand. It was not a satisfactory arrangement. Following ABA demands and housing challenges in the DeLand area, Dean Haslup began to discuss moving the College of Law to another Florida location. In the midst of these discussions Dean Haslup died, and Charles J. Hilkey was selected dean. In 1953, with Hilkey's backing, the University's trustees secured passage of a state law authorizing the law school to relocate elsewhere within Florida.*

Stetson's President, Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds, a lawyer, began contacting alumni throughout the state about possibly moving the College of Law to their community. Offers soon came from

Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa. There was formidable opposition to the College leaving the University's main campus from civic leaders in DeLand, prominent Volusia County Bar members, and

some University officials and faculty. But the relocation search went forward.

The most attractive initial offer came from the city of Jacksonville. It proposed to lease the University a renovated city building for \$1 per year and offered rich donations and revenue opportunities. Influential Florida judges and lawyers backed Jacksonville's proposal. Despite the strong offer, the University rejected it.

The city of Tampa offered to lease a tract of land on Davis Island, adjacent to downtown, on a long-term basis to the University. The Board of Commissioners of Hillsborough County offered \$75,000 to the University to construct a law building on the property.

But the winner of the relocation sweepstakes for the College of Law turned out to be none of the above, a Florida town not officially in the running — Gulfport.





# TAMPA BAY

Prominent St. Petersburg-area citizens, including Florida Power President Bill Clapp, came together and offered to raise \$100,000 in cash from private sources and pledges. This \$100,000 would be applied toward the \$200,000 price for the expansive grounds and buildings of a former grand hotel and recent home of the Florida Military Academy.

The property was in foreclosure and owned by Union Trust Company. The university obtained an appraisal that valued the property at more than \$1 million. With such compelling information, Stetson University's Board of Trustees unanimously accepted the St. Petersburg group's offer. Stetson paid \$35,000 down and financed the remainder, using other donated funds for renovations. Besides other business donations of nearly \$100,000, a \$50,000 grant came from the Avalon Corporation and a \$17,000 gift from the Charles Merrill Foundation.

The University purchased 17 buildings on approximately 21 acres, composing a gorgeous, architecturally distinct campus. The buildings had been part of the Hotel Rolyat built in 1925 by promoter Jack Taylor. "Rolyat" is Taylor spelled backwards. The hotel was styled after a medieval Spanish village, replete with appropriate towers, arches, arcades and walled enclosures. In addition, there were green, landscaped open spaces, highlighted by imported, brightly colored, antique-tiled fountains. The main entrance to the Plaza is a reproduction of the Aleantara Bridge in Toledo, Spain, and the main tower is based on Torre del Oro in Seville, Spain.

Not only did the relocation to Gulfport result in a unique and colorful campus for the College of Law, it also invigorated all connected with the school. Stetson President Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds appointed Florida Supreme Court Justice Harold L. "Tom" Sebring as

dean soon after the move. Sebring had a diverse professional background, having spent time as a farmer, military officer, athlete, head football coach at the University of Florida, circuit judge and Supreme Court justice. Justice Sebring also served as a presiding judge at the Nuremberg Nazi war tribunals.

As dean of the College for 13 years (1955-1968), Sebring oversaw major expansion: the student body grew from 95 to 295, the faculty expanded from three members to 12, and 40,000 volumes were added to the library. Sebring established a Board of Overseers to help run the College, and he also established a public defender clinic. With Sebring's guidance, the College of Law was on the path to legal excellence.

Since 1968, the College of Law has continued to grow and flourish. Following Dean Sebring, the law school was led by deans Richard T. Dillon, Bruce R. Jacob, Lizabeth A.





## Scenes from the Gulfport 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend

Alumni from the 1950s and early 1960s came back for a weekend of reunion, history and celebration. The weekend kicked off with a cocktail reception and history lecture presented by Professor Michael Swygert. Alumni and legacy students attended a legacy breakfast on Saturday morning, followed by a fun afternoon that included a car show (pictured right), trolley rides through Gulfport, and guided tours of the campus. The highlight was the celebration banquet, when Murray Sams '49 led alumni as they shared stories and anecdotes from their years at Stetson.



1. Classmates James Tribble '57, Judge David O'Neil '57, Laurence Goodrich '57 and Judge Arthur Blecher '57 reunited at the event.
2. Professor Ruth Fleet Thurman '63 shares her story with the banquet crowd.
3. Seymour A. Gordon '60 and Allen Samuels '56 at the cocktail reception.
4. Fred Karl '49 and Murray Sams '49 laugh over stories with the audience.
5. Jack Inman '49 shares his favorite anecdote from his years at Stetson.

Above, visitors at the anniversary celebration took free trolley tours through the campus and Gulfport.

Above, Naomi Arnowitt and Gerald Arnowitt '50 show off his class yearbook.





Moody, W. Gary Vause, and now Darby Dickerson.

Stetson Law graduates have included six Florida Supreme Court justices, several federal district and appellate court jurists, scores of state judges, numerous public officials, renowned trial lawyers and corporate executives.

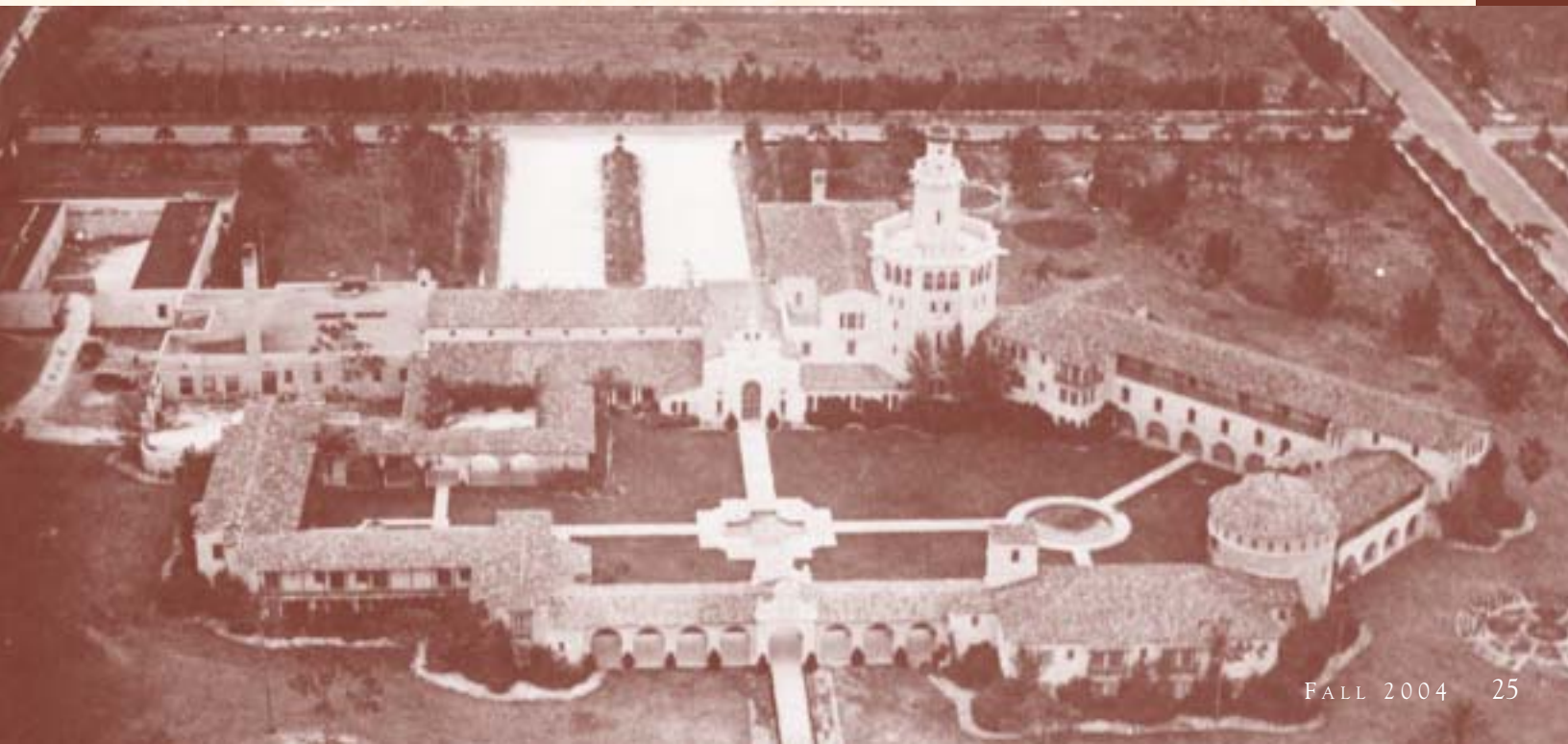
Today, Stetson University College of Law has approximately 950 full- and part-time students; 51 full-time faculty (including three chaired professors); approximately 100 part-time faculty; and 180 staff. The library has grown to house more than 390,000 volumes. The College offers programs leading to the J.D., M.B.A. and LL.M. degrees. The part-time

program and the Tampa Law Center offer new opportunities. The Tampa Law Center is a major hub for legal activity in downtown Tampa and houses evening law classes, the Tampa branch of the Florida Second District Court of Appeal, and continuing legal education programs. This unique combination makes the William Reece Smith Jr. Courtroom only the third location in the country — and the first in Florida — where a law school and sitting court share space.

The College of Law's curriculum includes international programs; one of the nation's top-ranked trial advocacy programs (placing first in six of the nine annual

rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*); and recognized programs in elder law and international law and business. The College is also a leader in the field of higher education law and policy.

But more important than all of the above are the College's students. Today, the diverse student body has more women than men, a growing number of international students, and a strong percentage of minority students from all regions of the United States. In its more than 100-year history, and particularly in its 50 years in Tampa Bay, Stetson University College of Law has reached upward and provides a top legal education.



# STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Hall of Fame

## EDITH M. ATKINSON '22

Judge Edith M. Atkinson was Stetson's first woman judge and a pioneer in the juvenile justice system. She traveled throughout the country visiting juvenile courts to learn about the juvenile court system. She tirelessly spoke before civic and church organizations to inform the public about the needs of the juvenile court. Judge Atkinson encouraged the Dade County Bar Association to offer free legal services for the poor, and founded the Girl Scout Council for Dade County. Upon her death in 1983, Judge Atkinson left \$100,000 to Stetson law scholarships.



## CHARLES A. AND ELEANOR N. DANA

The Danas were strong financial contributors to the College of Law after its move to Gulfport. Gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Dana and the Dana Foundation have exceeded \$2 million. Mr. Dana first became interested in Stetson in 1950 through Walter Mann, a university trustee. Mrs. Dana, a substantial contributor to the College of Law in her own right, was a familiar sight on campus. Stetson honored her with an LL.D. degree in 1968. In 1975, she received a "Champion of Higher Education in Florida" award from the association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

## RICHARD T. DILLON '57

Soon after graduating in 1957, Richard Dillon was named librarian and an assistant professor of law at Stetson. In 1959, he was named the first assistant dean of the law school and held this post continuously until his appointment to dean in September 1968. He served as Stetson's law dean for 13 years. His administration was characterized by extensive physical improvements to the campus and tremendous academic growth.



## J. OLLIE EDMUNDS '28

Dr. Edmunds was the first university-trained lawyer and Stetson law school graduate to assume the presidency of Stetson University. He was associated with Stetson University for 60

years, from 1921 — when he enrolled as an undergraduate student — until his retirement as chancellor. He was president when the law school moved from DeLand to Gulfport.



## BRUCE JACOB '59

Twenty-two years after graduating from Stetson University College of Law, Bruce Jacob returned to his alma mater to serve as dean for 13 years. In his years as dean, Jacob guided the College of Law to significant changes in legal education. Dean Jacob established the Elsie and Ed Jacob Scholarship Fund in memory of his parents. Dean Jacob, who also served as dean at Mercer, continues to teach at Stetson.



## FREDERICK B. KARL '49

Fred Karl has made countless contributions to Florida residents throughout his long career. He has led several of Florida's major public institutions, serving as a Florida Supreme Court justice, state representative, state senator, state public counsel, county administrator, county attorney, city attorney, gubernatorial candidate and hospital CEO.



## ELIZABETH A. KOVACHEVICH '61

Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich was the only woman in her graduating class at Stetson University College of Law. She was the first woman circuit court judge in Pinellas County. President Reagan nominated her to the federal bench, and from 1996 to 2003, she served as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Judge Kovachevich has served on the College of Law's Board of Overseers, and she also started the federal judicial internship program for Stetson students.



## CALVIN ARNOLD KUENZEL

Calvin Arnold Kuenzel was a celebrated Stetson law professor who taught almost four decades until his death in 1998. Leg-



# OF LAW

BY FRANK KLIM

*Stetson University College of Law honored the dedication and contributions of 17 alumni, faculty and friends into its Hall of Fame, recently established by Dean Darby Dickerson. The charter members, selected by a 10-member panel, were inducted on Sept. 19.*

*To have been selected, candidates must have reached and remained at the pinnacle of their field for a period of time sufficient to demonstrate perseverance and maturation, or must have affected a profound positive influence on the College of Law.*

endary for his demanding style of teaching, Professor Kuenzel was held in awe by generations of students who took his first-year contracts course. Professor Kuenzel served as assistant dean at Stetson from 1969 to 1975 and was appointed the LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Professor of Law in 1981. He died in 1998, just as he was planning to retire from full-time teaching.



## JAMES NEMEC '36 AND RUTH BARTLETT NEMEC



The James and Ruth Nemeec Auditorium at the College of Law and Nemeec Hall on Stetson's DeLand campus are both named in recognition of their generosity. They established the James and Ruth B. Nemeec Scholarship Fund at Stetson and co-founded the Palm Beach Friends of Stetson University.

## PERRY NICHOLS '37

Perry Nichols was one of the nation's most successful trial lawyers and president of both the American Trial Lawyers Association and the International Trial Lawyers Association. A charter member of the Law Center Foundation and the Stetson Law Board of Overseers, he served as chairman of each. Nichols gave generously of his time, talent and finances at some of the most crucial moments in the College of Law's history.



## HAROLD L. "TOM" SEBRING

Harold L. "Tom" Sebring served as dean of the College of Law from 1955 to 1968. Dean Sebring served as the head football coach for the University of Florida before giving up football for a legal career. He served as a circuit judge and Florida Supreme Court justice and chief justice. After World War II, he was a judge for the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal.

## WILLIAM REECE SMITH JR.

Professor William Reece Smith's relationship with the law school dates back to 1954, when he was an adjunct professor. He has served as distinguished professorial lecturer at Stetson

University College of Law since 1991. He is past president of the Hillsborough County, Florida, American and International bar associations, National Conference of Bar Presidents, American Bar Endowment, and American Bar Foundation. Smith has worked to improve access to legal services to the poor for more than 40 years. He founded Florida Legal Services and served as its first president.



## LEWIS H. TRIBBLE '15

Dean Lewis Tribble was a member of the faculty of Stetson University Law School for 17 years, serving 10 of those as dean. He fought for the law school's accreditation and kept the school financially afloat during the Depression years.

## WILLIAM AMORY UNDERHILL '36

William Amory Underhill was a Stetson University trustee from 1977 to 1986 and served as a member of the College of Law Board of Overseers for more than 20 years, serving as chair for 18 of those 20 years. Stetson recognized his many years of service by naming him trustee emeritus in 1994. He was the 1988 recipient of one of Stetson's highest honors, the Doyle E. Carlton Award for outstanding service to the university and to higher education.



## W. GARY VAUSE

Dean W. Gary Vause served Stetson University College of Law for 28 years as law professor, assistant dean and four years as dean until his death in May 2003. He spearheaded construction of Stetson's new Tampa Law Center. Dean Vause established or contributed greatly to a number of other Stetson programs, including its LL.M. program in International Law and Business; the dual J.D./M.B.A. degree program and summer abroad programs in Granada, Spain, and Tallinn, Estonia. He also expanded Stetson's curriculum in health and elder law.

Biographical videos can be seen at [www.law.stetson.edu/HallofFame](http://www.law.stetson.edu/HallofFame).



# Rights work in homeland pushes student

*She is determined to return to Pakistan, help legal system*

BY ELAINE SILVESTRINI

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SHE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY fleeing persecution after being targeted by religious extremists in her native Pakistan.

Lawyer Neelofer Syed made legal history — and enemies — when she won a landmark case in Pakistan that established the right for women to marry without their parents' permission.

"People who discriminate against women," she declares, "are so yesterday."

Determined to return to Pakistan to work for peace and human rights despite attempts on her life, the 29-year-old advanced studies student at Stetson University College of Law is optimistic about the future of her country and her role in shaping it.

"There is no problem which does not have a solution," she insists, her dark eyes shining under a thick mane of dark brown hair. "We just need to look for it."

Syed's Pakistan, a hotbed in the global war on terrorism, is in the throes of a struggle between modernity and fundamentalist Islam, and her work as a lawyer reflects that. Its legal system is based on Islamic and English common law, which creates tension.

"There is no doubt that in the Islamic world there is now a conflict between — I don't like to call them fundamentalists and progressives or fundamentalists and secularists — but there is a conflict on how Islam should adapt itself to the modern age," said Jamsheed Marker, a former Pakistan ambassador to the United States who teaches international relations at Eckerd College. "And I think [Syed] is a product of that turmoil."

The role of women in Pakistan is part of that struggle.

"Pakistan has had women prime ministers, women ambassadors, governors, judges," Marker said. "It's not as if women are totally repressed by any means. At the same time, there's a certain feudal element that is extremely reactionary. [Syed] has taken up the cause of women who have suffered because of this feudal element."

## One of Few Female Lawyers

Syed was a lawyer in Punjab province when she won the landmark women's rights case in 1999. For her work, she was recognized this year by a human rights organization, Women on the Way, as a "woman of achievement."

In 1996, after practicing business, corporate and family law, Syed was named human rights

coordinator of Punjab. She also served as director in the Rugmark Society of Pakistan, a nonprofit organization that works to end child labor in the rug industry.

Syed, who became a lawyer at 19, said she was drawn into family law because women prefer to have female lawyers, and she said only about 15 percent of the lawyers in Pakistan are women.

A Muslim, Syed is distressed by the actions of some radicals in the name of religion. "You have no idea how liberal Islam is when it comes to women," she said. "All the discrimination is cultural."

"This is something very frustrating to me because, for the failure of followers, a whole religion gets persecuted."

Syed belongs to the Ahmadi sect of Islam, which she called "true Islam."

A socially progressive, nonviolent denomination of Islam, Ahmadi has about 200 million adherents in 150 to 200 countries, said Gordon Newby, chairman of the department of Middle and South Asian Studies at Emory University. Started toward the end of the 19th century as a reformist movement, Ahmadi is derided by other denominations as not being true Islam.

"We do not believe in suicide



bombing,” Syed said. “Suicide is a sin, which God said he would never forgive.”

### **Landmark Case**

The marriage case began in 1997, when a man who went to the same school as Syed asked her whether the fact that he married his wife without her parents’ approval was legal. The man, Arshad Mahmood, was middle class, and his wife, Saima Waheed, was from an influential, moneyed, fundamentalist family.

Syed said she told Mahmood he had no legal problems.

Two weeks later, Mahmood told Syed that he had been kidnapped by his in-laws and tortured. He was presented with divorce papers and a deadline of the next day to file them. His wife was being held by her family against her will.

Syed enlisted the support of her uncle’s friend, the solicitor general of Punjab, to free the woman. She also turned to a widely known human rights advocate, Asma Jehangir, and arranged for Waheed to stay in a guarded shelter.

Waheed’s family filed numerous criminal charges against their son-in-law, Syed said, including accusing him of abducting his wife, forging their marriage certificate and stealing her jewelry.

“Everything boiled down to one question,” Syed said. “Is it against Islam for a girl to get married without the permission of her parents?”

Mahmood was jailed for a year, but in 1999, the courts ruled that women marrying without permission “is very much Islam,” Syed said. The case is pending before Pakistan’s Supreme Court, and the

couple have won political asylum in Norway.

“Their lives were in danger,” Syed said, “because you never know with these lunatics.”

The case, Syed wrote in a statement, “opened doors to many other couples who were in the same situation, but too afraid to come forward. The verdict gave them hope to fight and win their battles legally.”

### **Asylum in U.S.**

Traveling for about a year after winning the case, Syed attended conferences in the United States and the United Kingdom. When she returned to Pakistan in 2000, she was harassed and derided as a Westerner trying to introduce Western morals into the country.

She didn’t take it seriously at first, but the tires on her car were slashed, and then the brake fluid was drained. Another time, the windshield was shattered by a bullet. She thought it was a stray not intended for her, but when her apartment was stoned late one night, she decided it was time to leave. Her mother, Rafia Bokhari, who had heart problems, lived with her. “Within a week of that, we moved out,” Syed said.

After she and her mother came to the United States in late 2000, she said, friends in Pakistan wrote to her saying supporters of Waheed’s family were claiming responsibility for the things that had happened to her. Syed was granted asylum in 2001.

She lived in Washington, D.C., New York and Orlando, before becoming an advanced studies student on a scholarship at Stetson. She credits her passion about

human rights to her parents, who separated when she was in the third grade. Her father, retired and living in the United Kingdom, owned a pharmaceuticals business. Her mother was a homemaker and raised her alone without financial help from her father after the separation.

Her parents, Syed said, stood against the rest of their family to ensure she and her sister were educated.

Her mother, who never attended school but owns hundreds of books, is her primary role model. “I cannot live without her,” Syed said. “She’s like my axis on which I revolve.”

Syed is helping Stetson expand its international law component to include public and corporate law. “It’s very healthy for our students to interact and hear such a different world perspective,” said John F. Cooper, associate dean of international and cooperative programs at Stetson. Cooper said Syed is “delightful to work with. She works very hard. She’s a breath of fresh air around here.”

Syed’s hoped-for return to Pakistan is complicated by her immigration status. Once someone with political asylum goes home, it is very difficult to come back to the United States, she said. She hopes her petition for permanent residency will be expedited, so that she may travel.

She doesn’t fear returning to Pakistan.

“I’m never afraid,” she said. “I get saddened, but to say that I’m scared would be wrong. ... I know if I’m being tested, it’s because I’m being chosen for better things.”



THE  
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LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR TOMORROW

# Individual giving critical to College of Law success

**T**HE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN is the biggest development effort in the College of Law's history. Our goal is to raise \$12 million by May 31, 2005, and we are aiming for success.

This past summer, we began the last phase of the campaign. Beginning in fall 2004 and continuing until the end of the campaign in May 2005, alumni will be contacted by phone and through the mail. I hope you will respond favorably when you are contacted.

Like many other private law schools, individualized giving must be the cornerstone of Stetson University. Financial gifts from our alumni and friends help reduce the law school's dependence on tuition income while trying to keep education affordable for those who seek a law degree.

Our ability to focus on a quality education for students is made possible, in large part, by the gen-



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

erosity of our alumni, friends, faculty and staff. Continued support enables the College to provide for the current and future educational needs of our students.

My deepest thanks to those who have already made a commitment. Our campaign priorities reflect real needs for program initiatives that affect our students, faculty and staff. You are helping us meet an ambitious fundraising goal for the law school.

The real cost for fully funding the priorities of the law school are tremendous; however, the Cornerstone Campaign has lifted us to a new level of giving amongst our alumni and friends. With your

help, we can accomplish great things here at Stetson. You allow us to dream big dreams. You are the reason we continue to excel in all that we do. We hope that together we will elevate this law school to a new level of excellence.

This is a unique opportunity for the law school to take the lead in legal education. We ask that each of you reach deep in your pockets when you are contacted during this last year of the campaign. Every dollar will be a great investment in the legal profession, and as the reputation of the college advances, so does the value of your degree.

Sincerely,



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



# Part-time student awarded largest Stetson scholarship ever

BY AARON REINCHELD

STETSON PART-TIME STUDENT Darin Richter no longer has to worry about tuition, the cost of books or how he will support his family after receiving the first Emmitt Wilkes Scholarship, the largest award given to an individual student in the school's history. Established with a gift from James L. Wilkes II, for the next four years the award will cover all tuition, fees and books, and will provide an additional \$38,000 annually for living expenses.

The scholarship was established through a \$175,000 contribution to Stetson from Wilkes, co-founder of the Tampa-based firm of Wilkes & McHugh and a 1983 graduate of the Stetson Law. Through Stetson's matching scholarship gift program, the total Wilkes scholarship fund became \$262,500.

The scholarship is given to a student in the part-time J.D. program. Preference is given to non-traditional students who are

entering law school as a possible career change or those who are raising a family. It is designed to support the student throughout the four years of the program.

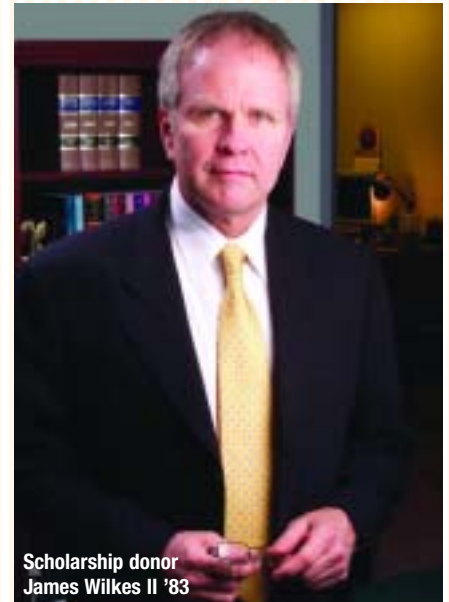
"I wanted to help a deserving student with life experience have the financial wherewithal to pursue a legal career," Wilkes said.

Richter is a program manager for CAE, a flight simulator company in Tampa. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, concentrating in aerospace design. He is a former U.S. Army Captain and Blackhawk helicopter pilot. At CAE, Richter works primarily with the U.S. Air Force and Lockheed Martin in CAE's C-130 line of products.

"This is obviously a very, very generous gift," Richter said. "It is indicative of Mr. Wilkes and his firm's focus; they take care of families. That is exactly what was done in this case."

Richter and his wife of 10 years, Emma, have four children: Veronica, age 9; Geoffrey, age 7;

Isabelle, age 5; and Bernadette, age 2. They acknowledged that going to school part-time while working full-time and raising a family would be a challenge, and recog-



nized the financial relief as a true easing of burden.

"I knew law school would be difficult, and that time constraints would necessitate a sacrifice of family time, grades or both," Richter said. "Mr. Wilkes' benevolence makes it possible for me to maintain focus on these two most important aspects of my life without compromise."

Besides the annual stipend, there are additional funds set aside to help pay for the necessary bar review courses and living expenses while studying for the bar exam before graduation.

"I will not take this scholarship for granted," Richter said. "I sincerely hope to be in a position at some point in the future to repay this scholarship in like form, thus propagating Mr. Wilkes' generosity to future generations of law students."



**Scholarship recipient Darin Richter, center, with his family of six.**

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Jane O. Motes  
Carol C. Murphy '78  
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Sherwood F. Myers '54  
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Kevin Nazworth  
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Nancy S. Newton  
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Gregory Olney II '82  
John E. Ormond Jr. '75  
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Vicky Padron St  
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Stacy M. Parks-Elizondo S  
Laura Parry  
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Paul N. Pohlman  
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Patrice A. Pucci '85  
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Marybeth L. Pullum '76  
Francine L. Rackoff '83  
Richard S. Ragan '97  
J. Richard Rahter '74  
Michael S. Ramage '75  
Giorgio L. Ramirez '99  
William J. Reagan  
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G. Don Ritter '62  
John Rivera '81  
Philip J. Rogers '61  
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Linda E. Samuels-Godelis St  
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Sheila D. Sayne St

Edith Schlosser  
Thomas J. Seibert Jr.  
Frances L. Shefter St  
Gary P. Simon '74  
John J. Skye '74  
Charles P. Sloan St  
Douglas R. Smaus  
Jeffrey D. Smith '76  
Lindsey A. Smith '03  
Schuler W. Sohngen Jr. '56  
Frederick E. Soto Jr. St  
Wayne B. Spivak St  
Gyneth S. Stanley '79  
Donald S. Stuart  
John J. Sulik '50  
Brett L. Swigert '90  
Anthony Tamburello '87  
Hon. Peter J.T. Taylor '58  
Brian S. Thomas  
Deborah A. Tozier '86  
Robert N. Turner Jr.  
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Michael R. Vaughn '02  
DonnaMarie Vigilante St  
Gary Waldman '75  
Gwen S. Warren  
Steve M. Watkins III '98  
Pamela P. Weber '80  
G. Barry Wilkinson '87  
John C. Williams '76  
Clyde H. Wilson Jr. '65  
Peggy R. Wilson  
Franklyn J. Wollett '75  
Gerald D. Woodward St  
Leland W. Wooten '73  
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## ALUMNI NEWS

## Alumna receives Selig I. Golden award

Sixth Judicial Circuit Judge Susan F. Schaeffer '71 was selected as the 2004 recipient of the Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award, which recognizes a member of Florida's legal community who has made substantial contributions to the criminal justice system.



Susan Schaeffer '71

Judge Schaeffer, also a former Stetson assistant professor, was presented the award at a June luncheon in her honor during the Justice Summit, a Florida Bar Criminal Law Section meeting in Boca Raton.

Nominations come from judges, officials of the state's executive branch, law school deans, former recipients, and other members of the Criminal Law Section. The State Bar's Executive Council selects the recipient.

In a letter notifying her of the award, Melanie Hines, chair of the Criminal Law

Section, said Judge Schaeffer's "nationally recognized work on capital case litigation and training, coupled with your Herculean efforts as chair of the Trial Court Budget Commission, are but two of the reasons you were chosen for this recognition. Your life-long commitment to the cause of justice has been an inspiration."

The commission is a statewide committee that has been the court system's link to the legislature as various trial courts shifted funding from individual counties to the state budget.

After serving 22 years on the bench, Judge Schaeffer plans to retire at the end of 2004. She has received many awards throughout her distinguished career, the first of which came in 1971, when she graduated first in her class at Stetson and was presented with The Florida Bar Award as Outstanding Graduate of Stetson. In 1996, Stetson presented her with the Ben C. Willard Award for her "professional achievement and dedication to excellence and betterment of society exemplifies the ideas" of the College of Law.

## Alumna appointed chief technology officer of Florida

### Simone Marsteller '96

was appointed Florida's chief information officer at the State Technology Office in May. Prior to her appointment to state CIO, Marsteller served as deputy chief of staff to Governor Jeb Bush and worked as general counsel for the Department of Management Services, including a stint as interim secretary of the department. Previously, she coordinated major litigation and other legal matters involving the departments of Children and Families, Management Services and Elder Affairs as assistant general counsel to Bush. Marsteller was chief appellate counsel for the Agency for Health Care Administration before working with Governor Bush. She began her career as judicial clerk to Hon. Emerson R. Thompson Jr. in the 5th District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach.



Simone Marsteller '96



# Teachers by day... students by night

BY AARON REINCHELD

By day, **Jackie Brown** collects homework and chemistry tests from classrooms full of students at Chamberlain High in Tampa. By night, she not only has to grade papers, but she has to do reading and homework of her own as a student in the College of Law's part-time program.

She is one of a handful of students in the part-time program who are also teachers.

"I really enjoyed working with students and I also really liked the subject matter, chemistry, so it's great to be able to interact with the kids," Brown said. "You really do feel like you're making a difference every day, that you're impacting their lives."

It is Brown's first semester at Stetson, and so far, things are going well. The three years teaching chemistry have created a more disciplined law student.

"Having been on the other side and having taught, I realize a lot of things that I might have done as a student would have bothered me," she said.

For the last three years, **Shahtia Gay** has taught 5th grade at Campbell Park Elementary Marine Science Center in Pinellas County and studied in the part-time program. She had similar feelings. "I think I am a better student because I know how I want my students to listen and study," she said.

The flip side can also hold true. Brown said her law classes have also benefited her as a teacher through incorporating the approaches and methods of her professors.

"I see things now that my professors do and think, 'That's a great way to present that material,'" she said.

Third-year part-time student **Nancy**

**Besore** has taught for 19 years. She is in her sixth year teaching American government and history at Riverview High School in southeast Hillsborough County. She said that being a student has an impact on her teaching, particularly because of the subjects she teaches.

"The law work has greatly enhanced what I'm doing in the classroom," she said.

Besore was a part of the Stetson group that studied in Argentina over the summer. She said that experience has affected her teaching the most. "I learned so much about comparative law, I've been telling stories about Argentina all term," she said. "That experience has tied in so beautifully with the American government class, because our governmental concepts are so different than the civil law Argentina has."

Attending classes can also provide a type of mental exercise. "It's nice to be thinking all the time again," Gay said. "After you've taught your subject for a while, you can get complacent."

All said that a teacher's hours and schedule are conducive to their Stetson duties.

As with anyone working full-time and taking on law school, though, it is tough to balance responsibilities. That results in days when neither may be getting 100 percent effort, Gay said.

"I don't want to settle for being a mediocre teacher or student, so I push myself far, which is sometimes stressful," she said.

There is a large amount of stress being a teacher, which is part of why Gay was pushed to become a law student to eventually help teachers.

"Teaching is my passion; however, it is the only job where everyone tells you how to do your job – the parent who didn't finish high school, the president, etc." she said. "Initially, I wanted to teach to touch lives. Now I want to make changes in education."



Part-time law student **Jackie Brown** is a chemistry teacher at Chamberlain High School in Tampa.

Being in the middle of her law school education, Gay said in addition to the pressure of teaching and learning, she has also struggled to find the time to do clinics or internships in her already packed schedule.

"It is hard to gain legal experience," she said. "I don't feel as if firms equate being a teacher with having valuable experience."

Besore has found the time to be a chief ambassador and be involved with other Stetson extracurriculars.

"It's a lot of work, but it's doable. I find it very satisfying," she said. "I just love telling other people about how it is possible to do this."

In addition to her study abroad experience, Besore was able to complete an internship during the summer break from teaching two years ago.

"It takes a little extra initiative to get exposed to extra opportunities," she said.

Despite any obstacles to the traditional law school experience, Gay sees her time as a teacher very valuable in the foundation for her legal career and her future efforts lobbying for education issues.

"I am more cognizant of the laws that have an impact on education on one end and more aware of the issues from a practice standpoint by being a teacher," she said.

This is one of many advantages of being a part-time student who has a career. Besore pointed out another when pondering her future.

"I don't have to get a job in the law," Besore said. "I'm just excited to be learning it."

1950s

**James T. Russell '54** was honored by The Florida Bar for 50 years of law practice.

**Curtis A. Golden '57** announced his retirement at the end of his term in January 2005 as state attorney for the 1st Judicial Circuit, a position he has held since his first election in 1968. Golden plans to enter private practice in Pensacola or Fort Walton Beach.

1960s

**Robert K. Downs '65** was installed as president-elect of the Illinois State Bar Association during its annual meeting. He is a partner in the Oak Park law firm of Downs Law Offices P.C. and practices in family law, mediation and collaborative law.

**J. Bert Grandoff '65**, of Allen Dell P.A., Tampa, has been inducted into the American College of Civil Trial Mediators, an association of mediators and dispute resolution professionals who are distinguished by their experience, skill, ethical standards and professional commitment to teaching, administering or practicing general jurisdiction civil trial mediation.

1970s

**Thomas E. Penick Jr. '72** retired as a 6th Judicial Circuit judge. In recognition of more than 25 years of judicial service and his life-

time achievements, he was honored by the St. Petersburg Bar Association with the association's first General of the Law Award.

**Christian D. Searcy '73**, a partner at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley P.A. in West Palm Beach, was inducted into the International Society of Barristers. An honor society limited to 600 trial lawyers who are chosen for membership by their peers, the group is dedicated to excellence and integrity in advocacy and the preservation of the adversarial system and the right to trial by jury. He was named the 2004 Perry Nichols Award recipient by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers in recognition of his lifetime of outstanding and distinguished service to the cause of justice in Florida and the nation. Searcy practices in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death and products liability.

**Frank J. Hoerst III '74** was installed as Salem County Trustee for the New Jersey State Bar Association. He is a sole practitioner in Woodstown, NJ.

**Stephen O. Rushing '75** retired two years ago from the bench and is now a private mediator. He draws editorial cartoons for *Hernando Today*.

**Marsha Griffin Rydberg '76** of the Rydberg Law Firm Inc. in Tampa has been appointed a member of the MacDill Federal Credit Union's supervisory committee.

**Robin A. Blanton '77** has been appointed to the board of directors of the Visiting Nurse Association of the Treasure Coast Inc. for a three-year term. He is a board-certified trial lawyer and a member of the Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers.

**John W. Biesinger III '78**, formerly of SunTrust Banks, has joined Wachovia Trust as a senior vice-president/senior trust advisor in their St. Petersburg office.

**Paul A. Turk Jr. '79**, a shareholder in the litigation department of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart P.A. in West Palm Beach, has been named the 2004 recipient of Stetson Law's Outstanding Alumni Representative Award.

1980s

**Joshua Magidson '80** was re-appointed by Governor Jeb Bush for a second four-year term as a commissioner to the 6th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. He is a shareholder in the Clearwater office of Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen P.A. Magidson focuses his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and civil litigation, with an emphasis in real property litigation, probate litigation and auto dealership law.

**Daniel P. Mitchell '80**, a partner in the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A., was recently re-certified in civil trial law by The Florida Bar. Mitchell is one of the senior litigation shareholders and practices in general civil litigation, including medical malpractice,

ALUMNI EVENTS



ORLANDO ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left: **Katrina S. Lindsey '99**, **Barbara Myers Cowherd '01**, **Shannon "Sha" Daniels '01** and **Linda Finaldi Simmons '01**.



ORLANDO ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Jason Bankowitz '03**, **Leslie Armstrong '03**, **Joel Piedra '03**, **David Evans '04**, **Christopher Hayes '04** and **Grant Kuvin '03**.



ORLANDO ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Host Judge Tony Johnson '80**, **Richard McMillin**, **C. Thomas Ferrara '73** and **Joyce Ferrara**.



nursing home litigation, premises liability, products liability, transportation law, insurance coverage litigation, insurer bad faith and extra-contractual damages, commercial litigation and appellate law.

**Amy M. Williams '80** was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit. She had previously served on the Pinellas County Court since her election in 1998.

**Luis Prats '81**, managing shareholder of the Tampa office of Carlton Fields P.A., was recently highlighted in the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* in the Executive Profile section.

**Teresa Cooper Ward '81** has opened Attorneys' Title of North Florida, located in Jefferson County, where she combines probate law with title work and real estate law.

**Steven D. Overly '82** has been appointed Chief Financial Officer of the NUI Corporation. In addition to his duties as CFO, he will continue to serve as the company's vice president, general counsel and secretary. He has significant experience in mergers, acquisitions, cash management, corporate governance, and debt and securities matters.

**Dee Anna Farnell '83**, a 6th Judicial Circuit judge, completed this year's Boston Marathon in three hours, 52 minutes and 35 seconds, placing 47th in her division.

**Andrew B. Sasso '83**, a partner in the law firm of Sasso & Bodolay P.A., was elected to serve as a 6th Judicial Circuit Florida Bar Board of Governors member.

**Dennis M. Stotts '83** has been named managing partner of the Miami offices of the law firm of Katz, Barron, Squitero, Faust, Brecker, Terzo, Friedberg & Grady P.A.

**Everett S. Rice '84** was elected to serve as a member of the Florida House of Representatives. He retired as the Pinellas County Sheriff, having served as the county's top law enforcement official for 16 years.

**Timothy P. Shusta '84** of Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa has been appointed counsel in

the regional admiralty and tort litigation group. He was re-appointed to the admiralty committee of The Florida Bar, and president and chair of the Tampa Foreign Trade Zone Board Inc. Shusta was also re-elected to a two-year term as secretary of the Propeller Club Southeast Region.

**Jeffrey A. Albinson '85** of the law firm Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin has been appointed to serve a four-year term on Florida's Statewide Nominating Committee for Judges of Compensation Claims. The committee makes recommendations to the governor for appointments to the workers' compensation bench across Florida. He presented "Liars and Tyrants and Boors: Oh Why? A Seminar Dealing with the Bad Behavior of Counsel, Clients, Witnesses, and Others," at a professionalism seminar sponsored by the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Albinson has been appointed to serve on The Florida Bar's Aviation Law Committee and the Quality of Life and Career Committee. He has also been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Albinson focuses his practice on professional liability defense, professional license defense and preventive maintenance (risk management) for professionals.

**Deborah J. Blue '85** is with the law firm of Dickinson & Gibbons P.A.

**Benjamin P. Butterfield '86**, formerly general counsel and secretary of Hughes Supply Inc. in Orlando, has become general counsel and secretary for Lennar Corporation in Miami.

**Scot E. Samis '86** of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Muller & Lancaster LLP has become board certified by The Florida Bar in appellate law. The firm concentrates in the defense areas of liability, malpractice, workers' compensation, employment claims and appeals.

**E. Miller Williams '86** is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP tax practice in Atlanta and leads their Transfer Pricing and Economic Analysis Group in the Southeast.

**J. Lenora Bressler '87** is the host of "Florida Talk with J. Lenora" on Florida Talk 1570 AM. She owns Bressler Training, a consulting firm that offers workshops on employ-

## In Memoriam

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

**Hon. Francis J. Christie '49**  
May 3, 2004, Coral Gables

**Mario N. Herce '50**  
Oct. 17, 2004, Tampa

**Johnie A. McLeod '50**  
Nov. 16, 2003, Apopka

**Claude L. Mullis '50**  
June 17, 2004, Jacksonville

**Richard A. Bianco '51**  
Aug. 10, 2003, Temple Terrace

**Col. Bjarne B. Andersen Jr. '53**  
Dec. 26, 2003, Tallahassee

**Neil E. Webb '66**  
Sept. 26, 2004, Bradenton

**Ronald Payne '67**  
June 29, 2004, Ft. Lauderdale

**Calhoun Yancey Byrd III '65**  
April 16, 2004, Delray Beach

**William Eugene Sizemore '69**  
June 21, 2004, Tampa

**Jesse Clay Barber Jr. '72**  
June 12, 2004, Babson Park

**Robert H. "Bob" Crawford '74**  
Aug. 30, 2003, St. Petersburg

**H. James "Jim" Fischer Jr. '75**  
Aug. 17, 2004, St. Petersburg

**Nelson A. Faerber Jr. '77**  
July 13, 2004, Naples

**Thomas H. Greiwe '87**  
April 12, 2004, Tampa

**Steven D. Miskin '88**  
Oct. 19, 2004, St. Petersburg

**Jennifer L. Carter '90**  
Oct. 16, 2004, Northeast Harbor, Maine

ment law, conflict resolution and diversity training. Bressler teaches business law as an adjunct professor at the University of South Florida School of Business Administration.

**Edward Nicholas '87** was recently elected judge for the 12th Judicial Circuit, covering Manatee, Sarasota and Desoto counties. A former prosecutor, he currently presides in the Family Division in Manatee County.

**John F. Bradley '88** of the law firm of John Bradley and Associates P.A., Ft. Lauderdale,

recently presented the Future of the Music Industry at the Entertainment and Sports Law Section's Annual Music and Film Symposium in Miami Beach. He has been elected secretary of The Florida Bar's Entertainment and Sports Law Section. Bradley practices in the areas of entertainment and intellectual property litigation.

**Julie Horstkamp '88** of Kirk Pinkerton in Sarasota has been appointed to a two-year term on the attorney/realty committee of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

**Wendy S. Loquasto '88** and Susan W. Fox announced the formation of Fox & Loquasto P.A. The firm has offices in Tallahassee and Tampa and concentrates in appellate practice. Loquasto was formerly with the 1st District Court of Appeal. She was honored by The Florida Bar at a Law Day reception for her pro bono service contributions. She also was honored by the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents with the 2004 Outstanding Past Voluntary Bar President Award during The Florida Bar annual meeting.

**Scott Selis '88** was elected in November 2003 to a two-year term as an Ormond Beach City Commissioner, Zone 3.

**Sheryl G. Wood '88** serves as general counsel for the South Florida Water Management District. She has been named the 2004 recipient of the Claude Pepper Outstanding Government Lawyer Award.

### 1990s

**Gerald T. Buhr '91** of Lutz was recognized by the town of Zolfo Springs, which named a town hall and civic center after him in recognition of his legal services. He has been the town's attorney since 1993 and has worked to get the city legislative grants for their wastewater treatment facilities.

**Robert C. Finkbeiner Jr. '91** and **David P. Gillespie '96**, both formerly of the Florida Attorney General's Office for Statewide Prosecution, announced the formation of Finkbeiner & Gillespie LLC in Orlando. The firm practices in the areas of criminal defense, marital and family law, and real estate law.

**Mary Alice Jackson '91** received the 2004 William Reece Smith Jr. Public Service Award from Stetson University College of Law in recognition of her public service. She is with the Boyer & Jackson law firm in Sarasota. Jackson serves as chairwoman of the Hospice of Southwest Florida board of directors and is the 2004 -2005 president of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

**Monica Matthews Santana '91** has transferred her private practice from Key West to Tampa. She has a general practice with a concentration in family and real estate law.

**Christopher M. Shulman '91** of Tampa was appointed to the American Arbitration Association Panel of Neutrals to serve as a mediator

and arbitrator of employment disputes and to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Panel of Neutrals to serve as a labor arbitrator.

**Cheryl L. Wilke '91** has been appointed to the executive committee of the national law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP. Wilke is partner in charge of the firm's Ft. Lauderdale office and the chair of the firm's national Workers' Compensation Defense Practice Group. She represents self-insured employers in workers compensation defense matters, providing comprehensive risk management programs and safety-related legal advice.

**Andrew C. Greenberg '93** of Carlton Fields P.A. in Tampa received an IEEE-USA award for his professional, technical and literary contributions to public awareness and understanding of the engineering profession in the United States.

**Peggy A. Hoyt '93** of Hoyt & Bryan LLC celebrated the fifth anniversary of her law firm in September 2004. Hoyt and her colleague, attorney Candace Pollock, released their third book, *Loving Without a License – An Estate Planning Survival Guide for Unmarried Couples and Same Sex Partners*. They also co-authored *Special People, Special Planning – Creating a Legal Haven for Families with Special Needs*. Hoyt's first book was *All My Children Wear Fur Coats – How to Leave a Legacy for Your Pet*, which was featured recently on CNN Financial News.

### ALUMNI EVENTS



**FLORIDA BAR AWARD WINNER — Wendy Loquasto '88** shows her 2004 Voluntary Bar President Award at the annual meeting alongside Dean Darby Dickerson.



**SLA ANNUAL MEETING — Leo Govoni and Stetson Lawyers Association Immediate Past-President Rob Sniffen '93** at the June meeting.



**SLA ANNUAL MEETING — Karen Williams '94** receives an Outstanding Alumni Representative award from Dean Darby Dickerson.



**Sonya Harrell Hoener '94**, a shareholder with Marks Gray P.A., has become board-certified by The Florida Bar in appellate practice. She focuses on state and federal appellate practice in municipal liability and personal injury defense. Hoener serves as chair of The Florida Bar Committee on Law Related Education and adjunct faculty member at Florida Coastal School of Law. She is a barrister with the Chester Bedell Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

**Jill Bowman '95** has become a partner in the Tampa law firm of James, Hoyer, Newcomer & Smiljanich.

**Whitney C. Glaser '95** has joined the law firm of Kirk Pinkerton as an associate in the firm's Sarasota office. She has focused her practice on personal injury law, handling all aspects of state and federal civil trial and appellate practice. Glaser has served on the board of directors of the Sarasota County Bar Association and was a featured speaker at the Florida Bar Leaders annual conferences.

**Morris E. Osborn '95** has become an assistant professor of law at Liberty University School of Law in Virginia, where he teaches property law. He was formerly with the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt in Orlando.

**David Sampedro '95** of Panter, Panter & Sampedro P.A. in Miami was recently recognized by the *South Florida Business Journal* on its 2004 Best of the Bar list. He also recently



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS** — From left: **Wm. Reece Smith Jr.**, **Dean Darby Dickerson**, **Leo Govoni** and **Judge Morris Silberman** (for Judge **Chris Altenbernd**).



**Alumni award winners from left: Robert J. Sniffen '93, Karen A. Williams '95, Paul A. Turk Jr. '79, Dean Darby Dickerson, Judge Kenneth A. Marra '77 and Edwin T. "Eddie" Mulock '68.**

## Stetson presents awards for work of alumni, friends

In July, the College of Law honored the commitment and dedication of three extended family members with newly established Distinguished Service Awards.

The inaugural recipients were:

- **Leo J. Govoni**, president of Boston Asset Management, a member of the College of Law Board of Overseers and an advocate for America's elderly
- **Chris W. Altenbernd**, chief judge of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal
- **William Reece Smith Jr.**, of counsel and chair emeritus of Carlton Fields P.A. and a distinguished professorial lecturer at Stetson

"This award seeks to show our appreciation to those who did not graduate from Stetson, but who have helped shape our institution," said Dean Darby Dickerson. The award will be presented annually to non-alumni who have made significant, meritorious and continuing contributions to the College of Law.

Several awards honoring Stetson alumni also were presented this year:

**Edwin T. "Eddie" Mulock '68** received the Ben C. Willard Award for his distinguished humanitarian achievements for Florida citizens. Mulock has practiced law in Bradenton for more than 30 years.

**Hon. Kenneth A. Marra '77** received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for service to humanity and proven dedication that have fostered the ideals of the College of Law. Judge Marra took office as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida in September 2002.

**Gary R. Trombley '73** received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his continued support of the College of Law through contributions of time and gifts. Trombley is a member of the Board of Overseers and a member of the law firm of Trombley & Hanes in Tampa.

**Karen A. Williams '94** and **Paul A. Turk Jr. '79** each received Outstanding Alumni Representative Awards for service to the Stetson Lawyers Association and encouraging alumni involvement in local activities. Williams is of counsel with the Orlando law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed. Turk is president of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council and a shareholder in the litigation department of Gunster Yoakley in West Palm Beach.

**Robert J. Sniffen '93** was recognized with the President's Award for his year-long service as Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council president. He is a member of Moyle, Flanigan, Katz, Raymond & Sheehan P.A., in Tallahassee.

presented "Trial Advocacy in Florida" on behalf of the National Business Institute in Miami. Samperdo's tenure as president of the Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section ended in June. He continues to practice personal injury law with an emphasis on nursing home neglect, medical malpractice, mass tort and general negligence.

**Rebecca Harrison Steele '95** was named director of the ACLU of Florida's new West Florida Office near downtown Tampa. Steele plans to establish a more visible presence for the organization, actively protect civil liberties in the region, and work with local chapters and community organizations to identify issues for activity in Tampa Bay, including the areas of racial justice, police misconduct, and civil and voting rights restoration for people with past felony convictions.

**Elizabeth A. Walsh '95** of the Parker Law Group in Sarasota now practices estate planning and probate law, including wills, trusts and probating estates. She was formerly with the Bradenton law firm of Montgomery and Walsh.

**Ethan H. Cohen '96** has become a partner with the law firm of Schiff Hardin LLP in the Atlanta office.

**Richmond C. Flowers '96** has joined the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell P.A. as an associate in the St. Petersburg office. He practices in the

areas of commercial real estate and land use law. Flowers has also litigated real estate contract disputes, title insurance claims, construction disputes and collection matters.

**David P. Gillespie '96** and **Robert C. Finkbeiner Jr. '91**, both formerly of the Florida Attorney General's Office for Statewide Prosecution, announced the formation of Finkbeiner & Gillespie LLC in Orlando. The firm will concentrate its practice in the areas of criminal defense, marital and family law, and real estate law.

**Desha L. Jackson '96** has been appointed as a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting law-related education and giving all New Jersey residents a basic understanding of the legal system. She currently works as a deputy attorney general in the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. She is assigned to the Office of State Police Affairs and handles disciplinary proceedings against New Jersey State Troopers.

**Simone Marstiller '96** was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as Florida's Chief Information Officer.

**Sage Morris-Webster '96** has become a partner with the Orlando law firm of Stump, Webster, Craig, Staten, Recksiedler & Morris-Webster P.A. She concentrates in trial practice, criminal and civil experience, workers' compensation, general civil, and

automobile liability and personal injury protection.

**Todd A. Nelson '96** has been named partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP in the Tampa office. He is a member of the Real Estate Section and concentrates his practice in commercial real estate acquisitions, sales, development and leasing.

**Alvin K. Brown '97, LL.M. '04** and his company, Brown Security & Law Group P.A., were recently named a finalist in the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Business of the Year Award. The firm was nominated in the Entrepreneurial Academy Graduate category for its innovative combination of security, intelligence and legal consulting services.

**Gregory P. Huber '97** has become an associate with the West Palm Beach law firm of Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams LLP. He practices in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death litigation with a special focus on products liability litigation.

**Tracy E. Leduc '97** has become an associate with the law firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP in St. Petersburg. The firm practices in the defense of liability, malpractice, workers' compensation, employment claims and appeals.

**J. Eric Romano '97** of Romano, Eriksen & Cronin was elected to the board of governors of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association.

## ALUMNI EVENTS



TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI RECEPTION — Hosts Bruce Platt and Fred Dudley '68, and Lila Jaber '90.



OCALA ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left: Host Fred Roberts '64, Daniel Hightower '73, Victor Musleh '93, Dean Darby Dickerson, Lewis Dinkins '64, Robert Landt '86, J. Carter Perkins '47 and Larry Callaway '79.



WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI RECEPTION — General Counsel for the Department of Defense Jim Haynes, Meg Haynes, Ian Clarke '04 and Lisa Rhein '03.



**Robert E. Sleight '97** has spent the last four years working for a start-up company in Atlanta as an international sourcing agent for large home décor companies, including Crate and Barrel, Restoration Hardware, Williams-Sonoma Corp., Neiman Marcus and others.

**Jason E. Dimitris '98** is an assistant statewide prosecutor in Miami-Dade for the Office of Statewide Prosecution for the Florida Attorney General. He prosecutes complex, multi-jurisdictional, multi-defendant cases throughout Florida and leads computer and high-technology crime investigations and prosecutions.

**K. Mitch Espat '98** has become a shareholder in the law firm of Smith Clark Delesie Bierley Mueller & Kadyk in Tampa. He concentrates his practice in the insurance defense, liability and litigation departments.

**Christina Hall '98** has become an associate in the Tampa office of the law firm Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A., practicing in the area of civil trial defense.

**Robert "Bob" Patrick Murphy '98** has been promoted to senior vice president and administrator of Baptist Hospital and Baptist Medical Park in Pensacola. He recently presented "Creating a Culture of Employee and Customer Satisfaction" to executives of North Shore-Long Island Jewish Hospitals.

**Kathryn Schoen '98** was appointed program manager of the Resource Center for Women in Largo. She was formerly an assistant director to the United Way and executive director of the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults in Roswell, N.M. Schoen was instrumental in developing the city's first Task Force Against Violence and later became president of the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Leah Zammit '98** is a senior associate in the Atlanta office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.

**Nicole M. Marginian '99** is an associate general counsel and vice president of WCI Communities Inc. in Bonita Springs.

**Patrick William Ryskamp '99** has been elected shareholder with the law firm of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota. He represents developers in the acquisition and development of residential communities and commercial property and individuals with the acquisition and sale of residential property.

**Rebecca O'Dell Townsend '99** was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. She has written three successful briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court and now can be counsel of record. She is admitted to practice before the U. S. District Court, Middle District, and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. She practices with Haas, Dutton,

## Weddings

**Deborah J. Blue '85** to **George A. Adley '03**, May 7, 2004, Baker.

**Peggy R. Hoyt '93** to Joe Allen, April 17, 2004, Chuluota.

**Nicole M. Marginian '99** to Daniel Swartz, June 19, 2004, Bonita Springs.

**David E. Hall '02** to Alizza T. Punzalan, Oct. 11, 2003, St. Petersburg.

**James A. Headley '03** to Laura Zuppo, April 24, 2004, Wilmington, Del.

**Lindsey A. Smith '03** to Matthew Campbell, April 17, 2004, St. Petersburg.

## New Additions

**Timur "Tim" M. Aslaner '90**, wife Amy and children Samuel, 8, David, 7, and Katie, 4, announce daughter and sister Julianne born April 2004.

**W. Edwin "Eddie" Litton II '90**, wife Kimberly and son **Litton '96** and daughter Olivia, 4, announce daughter and sister Caroline born March 2004.

**Doreen Young '94**, husband Jimmy and son Garrett, 3, announce daughter and sister Mackenzie Ann, born April 2004.

**Nisreen Mousa '95**, husband Farid Mousa, daughter Victoria and son Sammy announce daughter and sister Abigail born July 2003.

**Ethan H. Cohen '96**, wife Jacqueline and son Worth, 2, announce daughter and sister Blythe born April 2004.

**William Ray Holley '97** and wife Jacqueline announce daughter Charlotte born Feb. 2004.

**Robert "Bob" Patrick Murphy '98** and wife Laura announce daughter Kaitlin born April 2004.

**Leah Zammit '98**, husband Michael and son Alex announce son and brother Luke born April 2004.

**Terri L. Thomas '99** and husband Gene announce daughter Madison born Dec. 2003.

**Amy Ward '01** and husband Fred Ward announce daughter Emma born June 2004.

**Christa L. Folkers '03** and husband Brandon Folkers announce daughter Taylor born March 2004.



WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI RECEPTION — **Amelia Govan '80** and **Dean Darby Dickerson**.



NEW YORK CITY LUNCHEON — **Tracy L. Martinell Henry '95**, **Dean Darby Dickerson** and **John B. Todorovich '78**.

Blackburn, Lewis & Longley P.L. in Tampa as an appellate attorney.

**Terri L. Thomas '99** is vice president and deputy general counsel of Citibank's Affluent Client Segment and International Personal Bank, where her responsibilities include oversight of the compliance, anti-money laundering, anti-fraud and litigation operations for Citibank Latin America. She was formerly with the law firm of Allen, Norton & Blue P.A., where she focused her practice on representing management in labor and employment law matters.

### 2000s

**Joanna Garcia '00** has been elected to the board of directors of Northside Mental Health Center. She is a member of the Antitrust & Trade Regulation practice group at Carlton Fields P.A. in Tampa.

**Eric Thorn '00** has joined the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A. as an associate practicing in commercial litigation, general aviation litigation, medical malpractice and wrongful death.

**Nina L. (Mings) Ferraro '01** has joined the law firm of Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Sweet, Beard, Sobel & McCluskey P.A., in Stuart. She concentrates in the area of real estate law. Ferraro was elected to the executive committee of the Justice Major B. Harding Inn of Court for 2004-2005.

**Barbara A. Hart '01** has become an associate in the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell P.A., in their St. Petersburg office. As a member of the firm's Bankruptcy Practice group, she will practice in all aspects of bankruptcy law. Hart has experience with both creditor and debtor practice in bankruptcy proceedings filed under Chapters 7, 11 and 13.

**Nicholas Jackson LL.M. '01** has become a high school librarian at the International School of Panama in Panama City. He was formerly a Stetson law librarian.

**Amy Casanova-Ward '01** is with the state attorney's office for the 6th Judicial Circuit.

**David E. Hall '02** is an assistant public defender in Hillsborough County.

**Kimberly G. Jackson '02** of the law firm Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP graduated from the Leadership St. Petersburg Program in May 2004.

**R. Travis Rentz '02** recently became an associate with the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A. He practices in the areas of products liability and toxic torts.

**George A. Adley '03** is with the Residential Mortgage Department of Bank of America.

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

**Leslie Armstrong '03** recently became an associate with the law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed P.A. She concentrates in the areas of real estate transactions, development and finance.

**Ashley N. Calhoun '03** joined the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson P.A. as an associate, practicing in the Wealth Transfer Group.

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

**Tami Diebel '03** joined the law firm of Mateer Harbert as an associate practicing in litigation. She is on the N. Donald Diebel Jr., M.D., Good Samaritan Fund fundraising committee.

**Scott J. Donaldson '03** has joined the Stuart law firm of Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Sweet, Beard, Sobel and McCluskey. He concentrates his practice in the area of personal injury and wrongful death law.

**Maximilian "Max" R. Goldberg '03** announced the formation of his law firm, Max Goldberg, Attorney at Law, in St. Petersburg. He specializes in the areas of criminal law and family law.

**James R. Headley '03** has become an associate with the law firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller &

## ALUMNI EVENTS



FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, HILLSBOROUGH AND PINELLAS BUREAUS — Stetson alumni working in the Florida Attorney General's office visited the Tampa Law Center for a special luncheon this fall.



COLUMBIA, SC LUNCHEON — From left: Keith Wilkes '04, student Heather Combs, Judge Fred Bryson '61, James Felts IV '04 and student Lance Boozler.



Lancaster LLP in St. Petersburg, concentrating in workers' compensation defense.

**Jason O. Lowe '03** has joined the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson P.A. as an associate. He practices in the areas of general civil, commercial litigation and insurance defense.

**Lindsey A. Smith '03** is with the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP.

**John R. Yoak '03** has joined the commercial and civil litigation department of Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein P.A. in St. Petersburg.

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**COLORADO ALUMNI EVENT — Harley K. Look Jr. '78 and wife Susan Look attended the Colorado dinner. Their son is a first-year law student at Stetson.**

## 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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## A glimpse of recent activities at Stetson University College of Law



**“THE PEOPLE SPEAK”** — United Nations Undersecretary General Jamsheed Marker participated in a debate on U.S. foreign policy presented by Stetson University College of Law and the Lakewood High School debate team.



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY** — More than 300 students and their friends and family members participated in the annual Family and Friends Day event on Oct. 22, which included a picnic in the courtyard.



**INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION** — The winning team from the University of Technology, Sydney, with Dean Darby Dickerson (center) and Professor Kelly Feeley '95 (second from right).



**MARRIAGE DEBATE** — Student moderator Jo Ann Palchak welcomed more than 200 attendees to a debate on same-sex marriage led by Karen Doering '95, staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights; Professor Thomas Marks '63 and Professor Michael Allen.



**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY LAW CLE** — (From left) Leo Govoni, Sarah Bohr, Professor Rebecca C. Morgan '80, Nancy G. Shor and George Cretekos participated in this CLE program in April 2004 at Stetson's Gulfport campus.



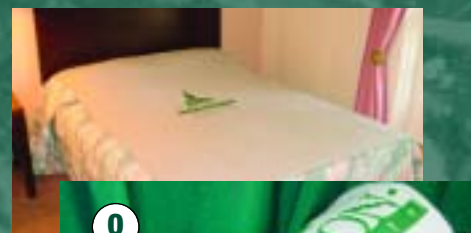
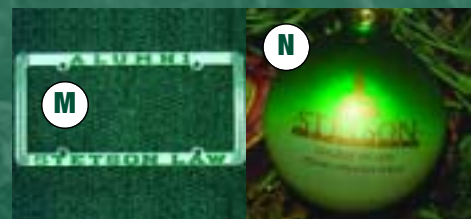
**MONTREAL CLE** — (From left) front row – Kim Johnson, Roberta Colton, Judge Alexander Paskay, Rose Paskay; second row: Asher Rabinowitz, Suzanne Menchise, Doug Menchise; third row: Richard Burnette, Cynthia Burnette, Malka Isaak, Sam Isaak; back row: Patrick Tinker, Robert Wahl, Donald Giffin.



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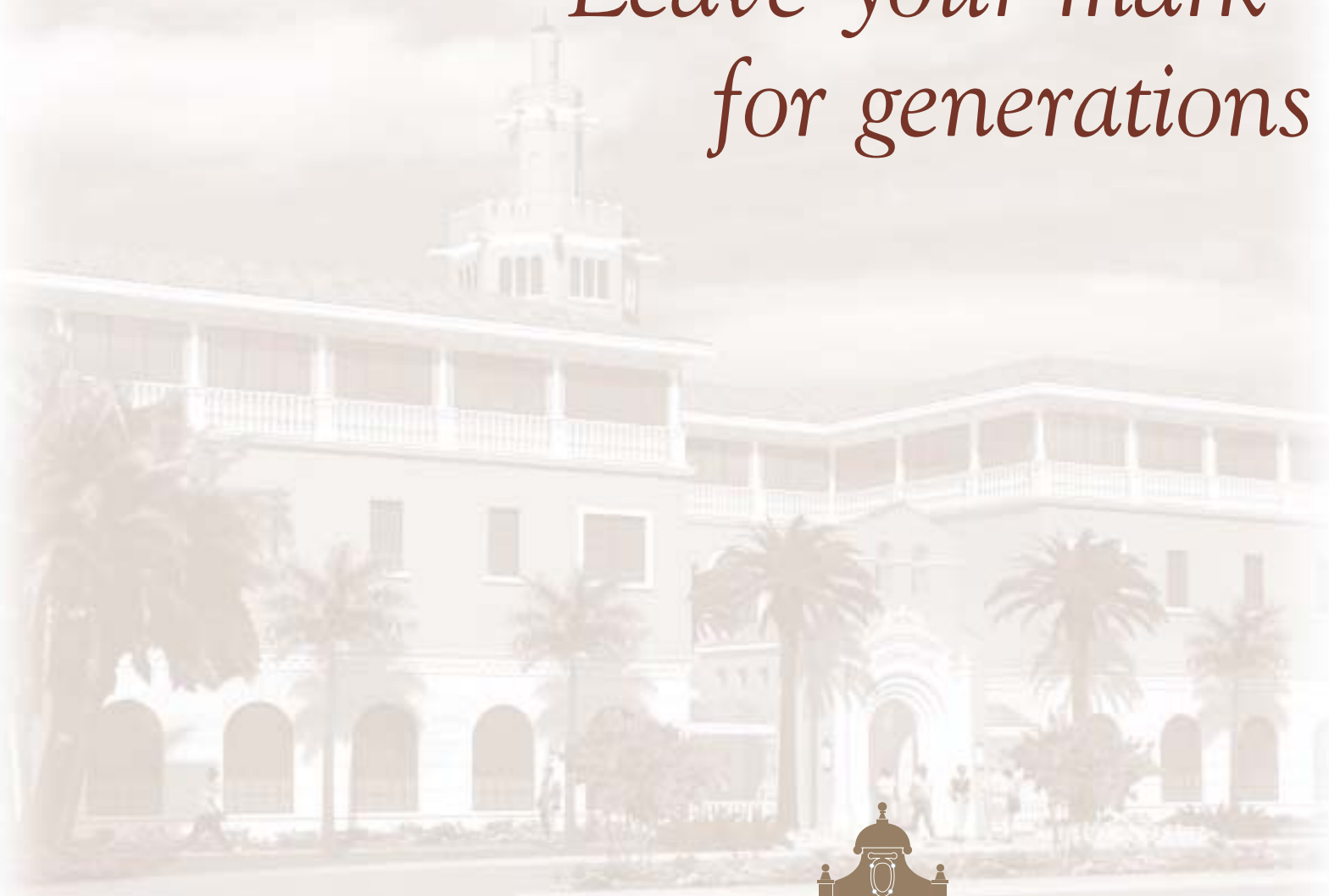
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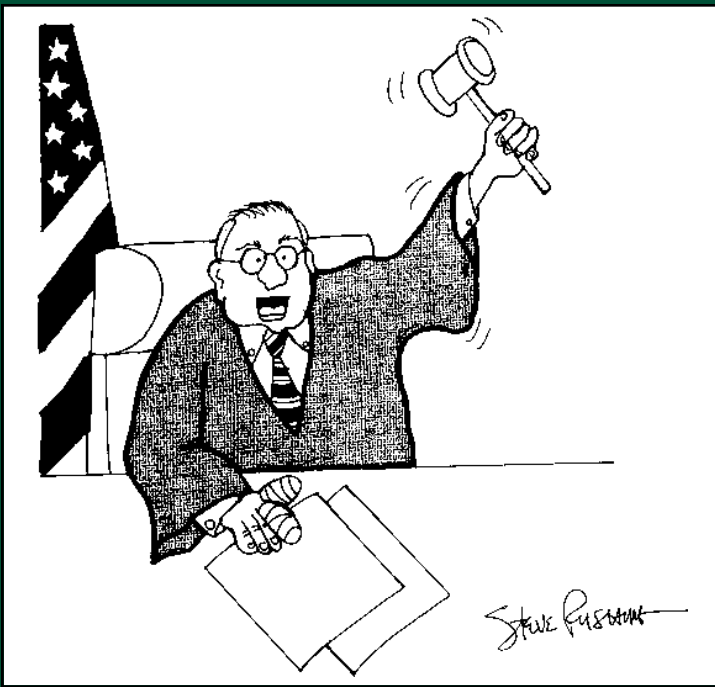
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## “How to Spot a New Judge”

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## Alumnus illustrates the lighter side of law as “America’s Court Jester”



Whoever said judges don’t have a sense of humor has never met Judge Steve Rushing ’75.

A retired Pinellas County judge, Rushing has poked fun at lawyers and judges for decades through the art of drawing. He has authored three collections of legal cartoons, and his work has been published in more than 30 different legal journals. Now, his hobby has led him to become an editorial cartoonist for *Hernando Today*.

“I saw it as a chance to get involved in the community, and there is some satisfaction in poking fun at elected officials,” said Rushing. Approximately 150 of his cartoons were published in the newspaper last year, and he is considering publishing another collection of legal cartoons within the next few years.

“I’ve always just enjoyed

doing it,” he said. “Some people tell jokes, some write poems, and I keep my sanity drawing ‘Legal Insanity’ cartoons.”

Cartooning has been Rushing’s release since his days as a St. Petersburg High School student. His first “legal” cartoon was published in law school and although he has had over 400 legal cartoons published, Rushing maintains, “I never drew a cartoon when I was on the bench in the courtroom, but I did get a lot of inspiration.”

Rushing considers himself retired, despite all evidence to the contrary. In addition to drawing for *Hernando Today*, he continues to work as a private mediator for Tampa Bay Mediation Center and as a litigation attorney for Southwest Florida Water Management District.



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