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New achievements draw world's attention to Stetson

Greetings,

Today, Stetson's star shines bright. The visibility of our school, faculty, students and alumni is amazing. The pages of this *Lawyer* are filled with remarkable accomplishments, exceptional performances and dreams fulfilled. It is my great pleasure to share just a few of these successes with you.



In March, a Stetson team traveled to Vienna, Austria, to participate in the Willem C. Vis International Moot. Vis is one of the largest advocacy competitions in the world. This year, 150 teams from 47 countries participated. Due to the team's tireless work ethic, and a great deal of talent, Stetson emerged victorious. The team argued the final round in front of 1,700 observers, including prominent judges, attorneys and professors from the international community. Stetson is the first American team to win since 1996, and our closest U.S. competitors this year were Columbia and Harvard. The team members represented us well on the world stage and served as marvelous ambassadors for the College of Law.

In early April, *U.S. News & World Report* released its new rankings of graduate schools. Although many debate the validity and appropriateness of these rankings, we know that law school applicants study them carefully. I am pleased to report that Stetson is once again tied for No. 1 in the trial advocacy category. And, in a brand new ranking of legal writing programs, Stetson is rated No. 3 in the nation. These rankings, at a minimum, show that our programs are respected within the legal and academic communities.

During the spring, many of our alumni have played

significant roles in events that received worldwide coverage. Regardless of how one might have felt about the issues, there was no denying that the Stetson alumni represented the school well. They were articulate, knowledgeable and willing to take a stand. I commend them for their efforts.

Finally, on April 18, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners released scores from the February 2005 examination. For the first time since 1998, Stetson placed first among Florida law schools. Stetson's passage rate for first-time takers was 80.5 percent, versus 71 percent for the statewide average. I am very proud of our graduates who worked so hard and performed so well on that exam.

The successes with which we've been blessed have been wonderful and have made us all proud to be part of the Stetson community. But work still remains. We must join together as a community to ensure that the world knows about Stetson and what makes Stetson special. All alumni can help. Display your Stetson diploma in your office. Place Stetson publications in your outer office. When you achieve a personal accomplishment, note in the press release that you are a Stetson graduate. Sign up on our Web site to receive our news bulletins, and then share that news with your professional colleagues.

The world is beginning to take notice of Stetson and its successes. With your help, and the continued hard work of our students, faculty and staff, we can reach even greater and more meaningful heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Darby Dickerson".

Darby Dickerson
Vice President and Dean

Stetson ties as America's top school for advocacy

Legal research and writing program also ties as nation's third-best

Stetson University College of Law has once again tied as the best school in the nation for trial advocacy training in the 2006 graduate school rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine also recognized Stetson's legal writing program, which tied for third in the nation.

Since the magazine started ranking law schools in 1995, Stetson has consistently ranked at or near the top for advocacy training, placing first seven of those years. This was the first year the magazine ranked writing programs.

"Stetson provides its students with an outstanding education and is particularly strong in the area of skills training. Our faculty work very hard to teach students the skills, such as advocacy and legal writing, they need to be successful attorneys. Our students also work hard to master these skills. These rankings reflect the thousands of hours of effort our faculty and students devote to achieving true excellence," said Dean Darby Dickerson, who served as legal writing director from 1996 through 2004.

Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy emphasizes the College of Law's commitment to training in this specialty. "Stetson could not be more proud of this honor that recognizes its long-standing commitment to train law students to be exceptional lawyers. Stetson has pioneered successful advocacy training and intends to remain a leader in this area," said Professor and Center Director Roberta Flowers.

Stetson Law professor confirmed as federal judge

The U.S. Senate and President George W. Bush confirmed the appointment of Stetson Law Professor Robert N. Davis to a 15-year term as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Davis is one of seven judges on the court. Congress formally confirmed the nomination on Nov. 20, 2004.



Judge Thomas Stringer '74 robes the newly sworn-in Judge Robert Davis during the investiture ceremony held Feb. 1 in the Great Hall.

President Bush nominated Davis March 25, 2003. The nomination went through the Senate Committee Hearing process and the Veterans Affairs Committee April 1, 2004.

"This judicial appointment is without a doubt an honor for me," Davis said. "I am excited about the opportunity to decide cases that have a major impact on a significant population of veterans who have proudly served our nation. I am also pleased that this confirmation occurred during my tenure as a faculty member at Stetson. While I am looking forward to the challenges of the judiciary, I am disappointed that I will be leaving my full-time teaching duties at this very fine law school."

Stetson hosted Davis' local ceremony on Feb. 1, 2005. Judge Thomas Stringer Sr. '74 administered the oath of office.

Judge Davis joined Stetson in 2001. He taught and provided legal commentary on national security, terrorism and constitutional issues. He also served in the U.S. Navy Reserves Joint Intelligence Directorate at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. With extensive experience as an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association, he was a mediator with the U.S. Postal Service and served as an arbitration panel member with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Judge Davis practiced as a government attorney for 10 years with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Department of Education. Judge Davis

also served briefly as a special assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia. Davis graduated from the University of Hartford and the Georgetown University Law Center.

National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law launches scientific database

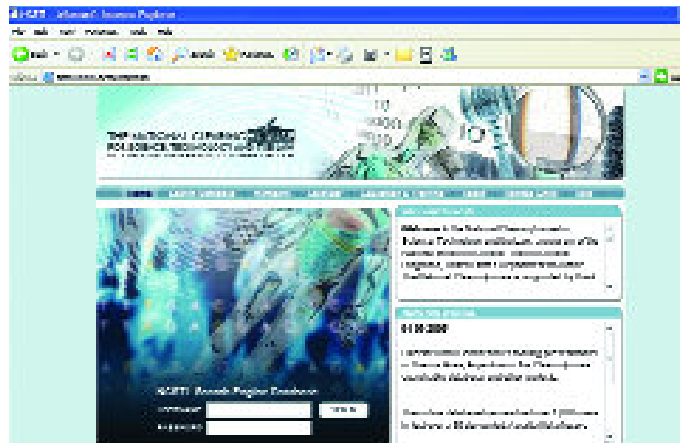
The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson recently launched a comprehensive online database at its new Web site, www.ncstl.org. The Clearinghouse has assembled the available scientific, technological and relevant legal resources into a “one-stop” searchable tool for judges, lawyers, scientists and law enforcement officials.

The database includes a comprehensive bibliography from the last five years of court decisions and commentary, scholarly publications, links to available full-text articles, books and other relevant publications on science and the law. It also provides links and news from scholarly programs around the country. Free registration at the site unlocks more helpful functions, such as additional search tools.

“Getting this information online is a quantum leap in helping the professionals who need it,” said Professor Carol Henderson, Clearinghouse director. “We have received very positive feedback on the site. We’re in the planning stages of making this site into an even greater resource by offering continuing education programs and other training available online.”

Giants in forensic science, law enforcement and the legal communities have been enthusiastic in their support of the Clearinghouse. “The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law database is the most exciting new development for the law enforcement and forensic science communities in years,” said Dr. Henry C. Lee, one of the world’s foremost forensic scientists and star of Court TV’s *Trace Evidence: The Case Files of Dr. Henry Lee*.

The Clearinghouse was created to help professionals stay current on science and technology developments and various legal challenges. The online database is one of the efforts to help professionals navigate the vast terrain of existing case law, scientific journals, reports,



Anyone can access the resources in the Clearinghouse database, www.ncstl.org, upon completing the free registration process.

publications and other resources.

The Clearinghouse has partnered with a number of other universities and organizations nationwide, such as the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law at Duquesne University School of Law. Students at various educational institutions will soon help to expand the database. “We will have a national network of researchers assisting us,” Henderson said.

NCSTL continues to develop other resources for the legal and scientific communities to provide timely, accurate and useful information to promote justice. The Clearinghouse offers an ongoing lecture series on Stetson’s Gulfport campus to inform the public, legal professionals and the law enforcement community about advances in science and technology. Henderson is speaking to groups nationwide and internationally, including lectures in Argentina, Hong Kong, Scotland and Taiwan.

A variety of other projects are in the works as well. Henderson participated in the Department of Justice’s national strategy meeting “Identifying the Missing” in April. The meeting was an important part of President Bush’s DNA Initiative and addressed missing person cases and unidentified human remains.

Stetson inducts Susan Schaeffer '71 into College of Law Hall of Fame

Stetson recently inducted Judge Susan F. Schaeffer as the newest member of its Hall of Fame in a ceremony following her retirement after 22 years on the bench.

“With all of Stetson’s distinguished alumni, I feel especially honored to be chosen early in the process as one of Stetson’s elite,” said Judge Schaeffer.



Hon. Susan Schaeffer '71

Judge Schaeffer graduated at the top of her 1971 class at Stetson. During her judicial career, she left an indelible imprint on the justice system in Florida as both a jurist and advocate for the trial court system. As chair of the Trial Court Budget Commission, she helped establish equitable funding of trial courts throughout Florida.

An Ohio native, Judge Schaeffer moved to St. Petersburg in 1955. While in high school, Judge Schaeffer was a first-class athlete at a time when women’s sports were not always a priority.

She earned her associate degree in 1962 from

St. Petersburg Junior College and her bachelor’s in 1964 from Florida State University. A gifted student, music and theater helped balance her life. She worked as an Internal Revenue Service field agent for three years before beginning law school at Stetson. She has continued to donate her various talents to community events and programs throughout her life.

Over the years, Judge Schaeffer established a tradition of firsts, including first female chief assistant public defender in Pinellas County, first female criminal defense attorney to achieve an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, first female chief judge in the 6th Judicial Circuit, first chief judge in the circuit elected to three consecutive terms, and author of the first widely used judge’s manual on the penalty phase of capital murder trials.

To nominate a candidate for the Hall of Fame, visit www.law.stetson.edu/HallofFame.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stetson offers international lawyers opportunity to earn J.D. in two years

Individuals who have earned a law degree abroad may now pursue an American juris doctor degree in two years at Stetson, thanks to a new academic policy passed this spring.

Candidates who meet rigorous admissions requirements may be granted up to 29 academic credits for their previous legal studies, allowing the students to complete their degrees in two years. The credits may satisfy Stetson’s “area requirements” or be counted as elective credits, as long as the foreign classes are substantially equivalent to courses offered by Stetson. Students must still complete the normal J.D. core curriculum in its entirety.

Stetson presents international dialogue on restoring Iraqi marshlands

Stetson Law conducted a conference in February with an Iraqi environmentalist on the efforts to restore Iraqi marshlands destroyed by the Saddam Hussein-led government.

Azzam Alwash, director of the Eden Again Project, spoke from Iraq to a group at Stetson’s Gulfport campus via audioconference. The Eden Again Project works to restore the Mesopotamian marshlands, which occupy an area in southern Iraq largely between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. The World Wildlife Fund lists the marshlands in the Global 200, a ranking of the Earth’s most biologically outstanding habitats.

“This is an environmental tragedy on par with the deforestation of the

Stetson’s Royal Gardner and students participated in a live audio-conference with Iraqi environmentalist Azzam Alwash a half-world away.



Amazon,” said Dean Royal C. Gardner, who serves as chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee and the American Bar Association’s Committee on Water Quality and Wetlands. “We hope this presentation informs people about the environmental and humanitarian atrocities committed by Saddam Hussein and the efforts to reverse them.

“It was great to be able to hear live from someone in Iraq about the marshland’s current situation,” Gardner said. “I hope this presentation has better informed the community about the plight of the Marsh Arabs and the efforts to restore the Mesopotamian marshlands.”

In the early 1990s, the Iraqi government embarked on a large-scale drainage project, largely in retaliation for the Shia uprising in southern Iraq. The result was the desiccation of the marshlands and the destruction of the culture of the Marsh Arabs. The UN Environment Programme has described the draining as a “major and thoughtless environmental disaster.”

Burton Foundation recognizes Dickerson, Wozniak with national legal writing awards

The Burton Foundation, in association with the Law Library of Congress, has selected Dean Darby Dickerson and Carrie Ann Wozniak '04 for national recognition for excellence in legal writing. Dickerson received the 2005 Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education, and Wozniak was one of 15 students honored nationally with a 2005 Burton Award for Legal Achievement. The awards will be presented at a June ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education is given annually to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to the education of new lawyers in the field of legal analysis, research and writing. Dean Dickerson is an active scholar and author on the topic, creating the *ALWD Citation Manual*, which has been adopted by professors at approximately 100 law schools. She frequently participates in

national conference presentations, panel discussions, and continuing legal education programs on legal writing. For nine years, she served as director of Stetson's legal writing program.

"I am honored to receive the Burton Award, which is one of the most prestigious awards in the legal writing field. Legal writing is a skill that all attorneys must master to be successful. I applaud William Burton and his foundation for recognizing this essential area of practice, teaching and scholarship," Dean Dickerson said.

Dean Dickerson's nomination highlighted her work with the Legal Writing Institute's panel on dealing with troubled and violent students. She also led the creation of the Professor Thomas F. Blackwell Collection on the Prevention of Campus Violence, which honors the memory of the Appalachian Law School legal writing director who was killed by a student in 2002. This col-



Carrie Ann Wozniak '04

ADVOCACY NEWS

Advocacy teams carry on winning tradition

Moot Court Board:

Stetson University College of Law won a world championship at the **Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition**, March 18-24 in Vienna, Austria. (See feature story, page 24.)

A Stetson team won the Best Memorial award and student Eric Koenig received the Third Place Oralist award at the regional stage of the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** Feb. 26-27.

Stetson advanced to the finals of the **National Civil Rights Competition**, March 5-6 in Minneapolis. Stetson's team consisted of Vincent Beilman, Holly Keyser and Lavern Wilson. This is the third time in four years that a Stetson team made it into the finals in this competition.

The team of Sarah Lahlou-Amine, Woody Pollack and Zack Zuroweste advanced to the semifinals of the **American Bar Association Regional Moot Court Competition** in New Orleans March 5-6.

Stetson advanced to the semifinals of the **National Securities Law Moot Court Competition** in New York City March 5-6. The team members were Brandon Crossland, Jeff Goodloe and Christine Sala.

Trial Team:

A Stetson Law trial team won the **Southeast Regional Competition of the National Trial Competition** Feb. 11-13 in Jacksonville. With the win, Stetson advanced to the national finals in San Antonio, Texas, as the top-ranked team from the region. The winning team consisted of Gabrielle Osborne and Dante Weston, and witness members Kate Alexander and Mike Kest. Stetson Professor Pamela Bell coached the team.

A Stetson team placed second in the **ATLA Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition** in Miami Feb. 26-27.

Client Skills Board:

A Stetson University College of Law negotiation team won the **Robert R. Merhige Jr. National Environmental Law Negotiation Competition** March 3-4 in Richmond, Va. The winning team consisted of students Laliitha Alladi and Kate Garber.

A Stetson Law team won the **American Bar Association Representation in Mediation Regional Competition** March 12-13 in Wisconsin. With the victory, the team advanced to the ABA Representation in Mediation National Competition in Los Angeles.



From left, Laliitha Alladi, Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico and Kate Garber

lection of articles, books, CLE materials and online resources about campus violence prevention is the first of its kind.

Wozniak was honored for her *Stetson Law Review* article, "Difficult Problems Call For New Solutions: Are Guardians Proper For Viable Fetuses of Mentally Incompetent Mothers In State Custody?" She graduated from Stetson in December and is currently a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead.

Stetson Law appoints Deborah Brown '87 associate vice president for legal affairs and human resources

Stetson University College of Law appointed Deborah Crumbley Brown as associate vice president for legal affairs and human resources.

Her duties include coordinating legal issues, legal compliance and prevention planning, and human resource and employee relations matters, such as staff cultivation, benefits and policy development.



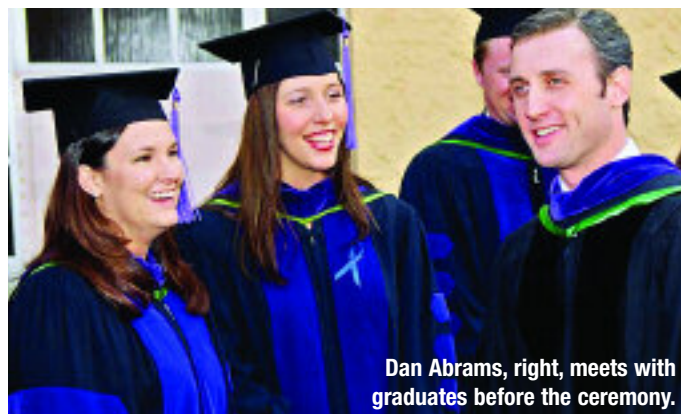
Deborah Brown '87

"Many members of the Stetson community have worked with Ms. Brown as a student, alumna and attorney, and I cannot think of a better person for this position," said Dean Darby Dickerson.

Brown was named as one of "Florida's Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine in 2004 and 2005 and received Stetson Law's Outstanding Alumna Award in 2003.

She is board-certified in labor and employment law, and holds certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources. She was a shareholder at Thompson, Sizemore & Gonzalez P.A. and director of employee relations for Walt Disney World Co., one of the largest single-site employers in the United States.

An active member of several legal organizations, Brown serves on The Florida Bar Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee and the board of directors for the Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind. She has chaired the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the Labor and Employment Law Section of The Florida Bar, The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee, and the Board Certification Committee for Labor and Employment Law.



Dan Abrams, right, meets with graduates before the ceremony.

December 2004 Commencement

Ninety-three students graduated from the College of Law Dec. 18. Dan Abrams, NBC's chief legal correspondent and MSNBC anchor, spoke during the ceremony.

Stetson presented Abrams with an honorary doctorate for his distinguished accomplishments and public service. Abrams has covered a number of high-profile trials as NBC News' chief legal correspondent and anchor of MSNBC's "The Abrams Report."

Abrams warned the graduates not to speak solely in legalese. "You've learned a new language, a great language, but you need to make sure you can translate it back," he said. "One of the challenges I'm faced with every day in covering these legal stories is translating them to easier-to-understand terms."

Members of the graduating class presented Dean Darby Dickerson with a class gift, which with Stetson's matching program totaled \$26,000. The fund will create a scholarship for Stetson students who encounter emergencies while in law school.

The graduates included five who received the LL.M. degree in International Law and Business and 13 students who also earned a master's degree from Stetson's School of Business Administration.



Peter Lake appointed to Charles A. Dana Chair

Stetson University College of Law recently appointed Peter F. Lake to hold the Charles A. Dana Chair.

Professor Lake assumed the Dana Chair following the retirement of Professor Brad Stone after 19 years of teaching at College of Law.

Professor Lake is co-director of Stetson's Center for Excellence for Higher Education Law and Policy and an internationally recognized lecturer. "Professor Lake is an outstanding and inspiring teacher, gifted scholar and an established expert in torts, insurance law and higher education law and policy," Dean Darby Dickerson said.



Peter F. Lake

Flowers, Brown assume new professorships



Roberta K. Flowers

Stetson Law professors Roberta Kemp Flowers and James J. Brown have been appointed to two new Stetson professorships. Professor Flowers is the first Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor, and Professor Brown is the first Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund Professor.

The Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professorship was established to encourage new programs in the areas of professionalism and student mentoring.

"Professor Flowers' work with the advocacy teams and as director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy will enhance her ability to design and implement creative programs in the areas of professionalism and student mentoring," said Dean Dickerson.



James J. Brown

Professor Brown, a law professor of 35 years, is a 26-year member of the Florida Bar and its Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section. He has been an active legal scholar, author, lecturer, teacher and consultant on property, real estate, land use planning, environment, local government and alternative dispute resolution. He was the editor of the original two-volume treatise *Florida Environmental and Land Use Law* for more than 10 years. He has served in many legal organizations, including the Florida Governor's Advisory Committee on Secret Land Trusts. **See page 37 for more about these endowed professorships.**

Fitzgerald appointed to NAFTA bi-national panel to resolve trade dispute

Professor Peter Fitzgerald has been appointed to a North American Free Trade Agreement bi-national panel that will help solve a trade dispute between

the United States and Mexico. Fitzgerald is one of two Americans on a five-judge panel considering a Mexican challenge to the U.S. Commerce Department's continued anti-dumping duties on Mexican goods for the oil industry. Anti-dumping duties are special taxes on imports sold below cost.

"Pricing imports below cost—dumping—is regarded as an unfair trade practice because it potentially harms the ability of domestic producers in the U.S. to compete with the importers in the marketplace," Fitzgerald said. "The government therefore imposes these special import duties to bring the cost of the foreign goods to a U.S. purchaser up to a normal market price."

Stanley K. Kinnett '05 and student Casey G. Reeder will serve as Professor Fitzgerald's assistants with the case.

Panels of this type provide a substitute for review by national courts of trade disputes involving anti-dumping or countervailing duties. The United States has been involved in more than 60 such cases since NAFTA was created in 1994.

Fitzgerald was appointed to the position by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretariado del TLCAN Sección Mexicana. This is his second appointment to a NAFTA Chapter 19 bi-national panel. In 2002, he was part of a panel that dealt with a Canadian challenge to anti-dumping duties imposed on American household appliances imported into Canada. Among his other honors and recognitions, Fitzgerald served as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland last year.

Morgan receives national elder law award

Professor Rebecca Morgan '80 was recently presented with the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys' 2004 UnAward for her unique and notable contribution to the advancement of elder law.

Established in 2000, the UnAward is given annually to recognize members who have brought innovative ideas and value to NAELA and the elder law

community. The award recipients are dedicated, creative individuals who have been instrumental in providing the Academy and the profession with visionary expertise and ideas.

Boston Asset Management Inc. and the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration Inc. pledged \$1 million to Stetson Law in 2003 to establish the Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law, the first of its kind in the nation. Professor Morgan is the first and only recipient of this honor. NAELA views this milestone as a major accomplishment in the recognition of elder law as a legal specialty. Professor Morgan is a past president of NAELA and the director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Elder Law.



NAELA President Stuart Zimring presents Rebecca Morgan '80 with "The Endowed Chair."

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

Kristen David Adams

Associate Professor of Law and LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Chair

Professor Adams was elected to membership in the American Law Institute. She also participated in a faculty speaker exchange with Mercer Law School. She will present "The Folly of Uniformity? Lessons from the Restatement Movement," at the summer 2005 Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference, and the article was published in a recent issue of the *Hofstra Law Review*. She was named Part-Time Program Professor of the Year by the Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association and has signed a contract with West to publish a casebook on commercial transactions.

Michael P. Allen

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Allen's article, "An Introduction (and Confession): The Role of Mentoring and Modeling in Teaching Professional Responsibility," appears in the most recent issue of the *Weidner Law Journal*. He presented at the Gulfport Senior Center concerning the proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution on the fall 2004 ballot, participated in a panel on same-sex marriage issues, and made presentations about the *Schiavo* case to the Florida Bioethics Network conference, the Tampa Bay Paralegal Association and Stetson students. He was one of 20 international participants invited to participate in the annual Remedies Forum. Professor Allen moderated a panel on the federal judicial nomination process and spoke at the initiation ceremony for the Phi Delta Phi legal honor society. He started his term as chair of the New Law Professors Section of the American Association of Law Schools, and was invited to be a panelist at the 2005 Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference. Professor Allen gave interviews to media outlets, including the *L.A. Times*, *Miami Herald*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Tampa Tribune*, National Public Radio, Dutch Television, British Broadcasting Corp., WFLA, WTSP, WTVT, Bay News 9, and the Associated Press, concerning *Schiavo* and issues concerning same-sex marriage. He was awarded the 2004 Golden Apple Award by Stetson's full-time law students and Professor of the Year from the Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association.

Robert Batey

Professor of Law

Professor Batey presented on mandatory minimums at the Open Issues Forum of the Unitarian Universalists in Clearwater. He attended a symposium in honor of Stetson Law alumna Ruthann Robson '79 at CUNY Law School, and led a meeting of Families Against Mandatory Minimums with State Senator Lesley Miller. His article, "In Defense of Porfiry Petrovich," appeared in *Cardozo Law Review*, and he authored the column, "Self-Defense as a License for Mayhem," in the *St. Petersburg Times*.

Mark Bauer

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Bauer spoke at the 26th Annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education. His article on the antitrust ramifications of abolishing college fraternities was excerpted in *Fraternal Law*. The *Post-Standard* of Syracuse, N.Y., published his opinion piece and interviewed him about Colgate University's decision to require fraternities to sell their privately owned houses to the university. He hosted a meeting of the Psi Upsilon Foundation board of directors and was interviewed by the *Key West Citizen* about an antitrust lawsuit against the city of Key West.

Dorothea Beane

Professor of Law

Professor Beane was elected treasurer and member of the executive board of the Association of American Law Schools Section on International Human Rights Law. She is on the executive committee for the National Bar Association Section of International Law and the executive board for the American-Caribbean Law Initiative. She served as a moderator for Stetson's forum, "In the Age of Terrorism—Where Should Attorneys Stand?" She made a CLE presentation on "When Is the Treating Physician an Expert?" She attended the American-Caribbean Law Initiative conference and serves as a member of its executive board. She serves as a city of St. Petersburg Hearing Officer and has conducted proceedings on Nuisance Abatement since 1997.

Robert D. Bickel

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

Professor Bickel coordinated the 26th National Conference on Higher Education Law and Policy. He spoke at the annual conference of National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Senior Officers Track of the Association of Student Judicial Affairs annual meeting, the annual meeting of Chief Academic Officers of American Colleges of Optometry, and at a Psi Epsilon board meeting. The Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association named him "Most Inspirational Professor" at the Barrister's Ball.

Joan Catherine Bohl

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Bohl was invited by the Appellate Division of the Oklahoma Bar to speak on effective appellate brief writing at its annual meeting. She was invited to present "California Grandparent Visitation Law in the Wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in *Troxel v. Granville*" by both the International Family Law Society for its 12th world conference and the Southwestern University School of Law faculty.

Paul Boudreaux

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Boudreaux's article, "Property Rights, Eminent Domain, and the Solution of Representation Reinforcement," will appear in the *Denver University Law Review*. He presented "Alternative Grounds: Defending the Environment in an Unwelcome Judicial Climate" at a University of Florida conference.

Brooke J. Bowman '02

*Instructor of Legal Research and Writing
and Special Assistant to the Dean*

Professor Bowman continues her involvement with the *Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* as an assistant editor.

John F. Cooper

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

Dean Cooper was elected to the executive committee of the American Association of Law Schools Section on International Legal Exchange. He presented at the AALS meeting and taught a Legal English class in Bogotá, Colombia. He visited Russia in October 2004 with a Tampa Bay legal delegation to sign an agreement of goodwill and cooperation between Stetson Law and various entities in Russia, including St. Petersburg State Law School. He also attended an AALS-sponsored conference of American and Chinese law deans in Beijing.

Nicholas B. Cox

Elder Consumer Protection Fellow

Professor Cox has been appointed by the Hillsborough County Commission to serve on the Hillsborough County Consumer Protection Board, and he was named to *Florida Trend's* 2005 Legal Elite.

Darby Dickerson

Vice President and Dean, Professor of Law

Dean Dickerson's article, "Motion Potion: Tips for Magical Memoranda," appeared in the January 2005 issue of *The Practical Litigator*. She participated as a candidate workshop facilitator at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in Washington, D.C., in November 2004. She served as an outside scholarship reviewer for the University of Memphis School of Law and the University of Oregon School of Law, and was invited to serve on the selection committee for St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year Award. Dean Dickerson was appointed to U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Scriven's review committee. She is also secretary of the AALS Section on Part-Time Programs and vice chair of the ABA Section of Legal Education's Law School Administration Committee.

William R. Eleazer

Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus

In January, LexisNexis published the 2005 edition of the *Florida Evidence Courtroom Manual*, edited by Professor Eleazer. The manual was originally co-authored by Professor Eleazer and Glen Weissenberger, dean of DePaul University College of Law. The manual was first published in 1992 and is updated annually by Professor Eleazer.

Stephen Everhart

Professor of Law

Professor Everhart is a Fulbright Professor to China. He has given Fulbright lectures at the law schools of Hainan University, Beijing University, Tsinghua University, Chinese University, Hong Kong University, Macau University, Shantou University, Wuhan University, South Central University, Xiamen University, Renmin University, East China University, Fudan University and Sichuan University on a variety of topics related to legal education and the American legal system. He has been selected for *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

Kelly Feeley '95

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Feeley serves on the board of directors for the Community Law Program.

Michael Finch

Professor of Law

Professor Finch's article, "Law and the Problem of Pain," will appear in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. He delivered a talk on "Medical Malpractice Reform: What We Know" at the Tampa Law Center in March to a group of Stetson law students and University of South Florida medical students.

Peter L. Fitzgerald

Professor of Law

This summer, Professor Fitzgerald will become the fourth co-author, with Professors Ralph Folsom (San Diego), Michael Gordon (Florida) and Andy Spangole (George Washington), of the 8th edition of *International Business Transactions: a Problem-Oriented Coursebook*, which is the most widely adopted casebook in its field. His new article on the "Constitutional Crisis over the Proposed Supreme Court for the United Kingdom" was recently published in the *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*, and "The Cuban-Thistle Crisis: Rethinking U.S. Sanctions Policy" appeared in the *Foreign Service Journal*. The U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretariado del TLCAN Sección Mexicana appointed Professor Fitzgerald to a North American Free Trade Agreement bi-national five-judge panel that will arbitrate a trade dispute between the United States and Mexico involving a challenge to the U.S. Commerce Department's continued imposition of anti-dumping duties on Mexican goods for the oil

industry. Last fall, Professor Fitzgerald attended the ASCL Comparative Law & Human Rights Conference at the University of Michigan, the Comparative and International Law Center Conference at the University of Tulsa, and the U.S. Commerce Department's Export Control Seminar. Accompanied by Hamish the golden retriever, Professor Fitzgerald continues to contribute many hours to the Pinellas County Extension Service's "Project P.U.P." (Pets Uplifting People) program at local health care and nursing home facilities.

James Fox

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Fox's article, "Democratic Citizenship and Congressional Reconstruction: Defining and Implementing the Privileges and Immunities of Citizenship," has been published as part of a national symposium on the 14th Amendment in the *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*. His article on the Supreme Court's doctrinal support for Jim Crow will be published by the *Stetson Law Review* as part of its symposium on *Brown v. Board of Education*. He served on a community panel for the Pinellas County Schools on segregation in education, appeared on local television for expert commentary on contract and consumer law, and continues to serve on the board for Gulfcoast Legal Services and as an editor for the *Journal of International Aging Law and Policy*.

Royal C. Gardner

Vice Dean and Director, Stetson University Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy

In April, Professor Gardner was elected chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee, which provides support and advice on the implementation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. His chapter, "Regulación de la contaminación acústica en los Estados Unidos" (Regulation of Noise Pollution in the United States) appeared in *Régimen Jurídico del Ruido: Una Perspectiva Integral y Comparada*, published by Editorial Comares in Granada, Spain. Professor Gardner's recent presentations include: "Federal Regulation of Wetlands: The Intersection of Science, Politics and the Constitution" to the senior management at Keith and Schnarrs in Fort Lauderdale; "The Future of Wetlands Mitigation" at CLE International's Florida Wetlands and Mitigation Banking Conference, a conference he co-chaired in Tampa; "Using the Ramsar Process to Protect Wetlands of International Significance" at the Association of State Wetland Managers' National Symposium on Wetlands and Migratory Birds in Kansas City; and "The 'Best' and 'Worst' of Wetland Mitigation Banking: Preliminary Findings of a National Survey" at the Eighth National Mitigation and Conservation Banking Conference in Charlotte.

Jack M. Graves

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Graves' article, "Party Autonomy in Choice of Commercial Law: The Failure of Revised UCC Section 1-301 and a Proposal for Broader Reform," will appear in the *Seton Hall Law Review*. Professor Graves and Professor Stephanie Vaughan coached Stetson's 2005 world champion Willem C. Vis International Moot team.

ACADEMIC NEWS

Justice Andrew Moore serves as inaugural Jurist in Residence

Stetson Law welcomed Justice Andrew G.T. Moore II as its inaugural Jurist in Residence in spring 2005. During his visit, he spoke at several classes and made a presentation open to all students.



Justice Andrew Moore

Justice Moore served on the Delaware Supreme Court for more than 12 years

beginning in 1982. In that time he wrote opinions in many prominent takeover and corporate governance cases, including *Weinberger v. UOP Inc.*, *Unocal Corp. v. Mesa Petroleum Co.*, and *Revlon Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings Inc.*

Bruce Wasserstein, author of *Big Deal: Mergers and Acquisitions in the Digital Age*, wrote, "Justice Moore may well have had more of an impact on modern corporate law than any other individual."

Justice Moore most recently served as a senior adviser to international investment banking firm Dresdner, Kleinwort, Wasserstein LLP, where he previously had served as a senior managing director in several capacities since 1994.

Before his appointment to the state's high court, Justice Moore practiced law in Wilmington, Del., for 18 years with a focus on corporate litigation. He was a partner in the firm Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz.

In 1994, the American Bar Association conferred a Certificate of Appreciation upon Justice Moore in recognition of his distinguished service in the promotion of lawyer recovery from addiction.

A New Orleans native, Justice Moore earned his bachelor's degree in business and his law degree from Tulane University. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Justice Moore has taught as a distinguished visiting professor, adjunct professor and guest lecturer at several law schools. Starting in spring 2006, he will serve as a distinguished professorial lecturer at Stetson.

College of Law discontinues summer entering class

After summer 2005, Stetson University College of Law will no longer admit entering students for the summer session. Prospective students will continue to have the option to apply for the fall and spring entering classes. Summer classes still will be offered for students already enrolled at Stetson.

Cynthia Hawkins-León

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Hawkins-León was re-elected to the executive board of the AALS Minority Groups Section for 2005 and will serve as chair-elect of the section in 2006. She was elected treasurer of the AALS Women in Legal Education Section for 2005. She is an invited panelist for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Family Law Panel to speak on the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

Carol Henderson

Visiting Professor of Law and Director, National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law (NCSTL)

Professor Henderson served as co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, which was recently published by Elsevier Academic Press. She has provided her services to the Innocence Project of Florida, and has served on the Advisory Board Meeting of the Cyril Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law at Duquesne University. She organized and held the first advisory council meeting for the NCSTL in November 2004. She gave numerous presentations and participated in panels in Florida and across the country, including: Florida A&M University College of Law; Pima County Arizona Superior Court Judges; University of Florida Medical School; American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Council; Open World Delegation from St. Petersburg, Russia; National Expert Witness Conference; 1st Forensic Science Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina; National Institute of Justice General Forensic Science Working Group; George Washington University; NIJ's National Strategy Meeting: Identifying the Missing; International Forensic Science Symposium; and Tracking Terrorism in the 21st Century Conference.

Bruce Jacob '59

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

Dean Jacob was the keynote speaker at the second annual Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner of the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund Inc., in Milwaukee. He remains an active member of the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra, playing violin and serving as the orchestra's volunteer legal counsel. Dean Jacob was interviewed by Peter Jennings Productions for a documentary for high school students regarding the Supreme Court decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright*. The documentary is funded by the Annenberg Foundation.

Latour Lafferty '92

Adjunct Professor of Law

Professor Lafferty's article, "Leadership in Trial Advocacy, Credibility: One Cornerstone of Effective Trial Advocacy," has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming edition of the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*.

Peter Lake

Charles A. Dana Chair of Law and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law & Policy

Professor Lake spoke at the "Meeting of the Minds" conference, sponsored by a consortium of alcohol and substance abuse prevention organizations, in Kansas City. He was published in the *Journal of College and University Law*, and his opinion piece, "An Attack on Academic Freedom—In Disguise," appeared in the *Tampa Tribune*. He was the keynote speaker at the "Effective Interventions for Student Mental Health On-Campus" conference and the Collegiate Substance Abuse Policies and Sanctioning Meeting. He also spoke to the 19th annual College Conference, groups of higher educational professionals in Georgia and South Carolina, DePauw University and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. His article, "Fire Safety on Campus," was published in the winter 2004 issue of *NASPA Leadership Exchange*. The Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association named Lake "First-Year Professor of the Year" at the Barrister's Ball.

Jerome Latimer

Professor of Law

Professor Latimer's article, "Confrontation after *Crawford*: The Decision's Impact on How Hearsay Is Analyzed under the Confrontation Clause," will appear in the *Seton Hall Law Review*. He attended meetings for The Florida Bar, the Criminal Law Section's executive council, and the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Thomas Marks '63

Professor of Law

Dr. Marks' article, "A Dissenting Opinion," will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Albany Law Review*. He spoke to St. Petersburg Downtown Rotary Club on the First Amendment and served as a panel member of the *Schiavo* program at Stetson in January.

Janice K. 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," was published in the *Wake Forest Law Review*.

Rebecca Morgan '80

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

Professor Morgan oversees the Elder Consumer Protection Project, which educates consumers and professionals about consumer scams against the elderly. She has published updates to *Planning for the Elderly in Florida; Tax, Estate & Financial Planning for the Elderly*



Professor Luz Nagle dons her new academic regalia, presented to her by Judge E.J. Salcines of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal.

Nagle becomes Stetson's first Hispanic full law professor

Stetson Law honored Professor Luz Nagle's rise to full professor with tenure at a robing ceremony during the fall Honors and Awards Ceremony in December 2004. Second District Court of Appeal Judge E.J. Salcines, pictured above with Nagle, performed the robing.

"Professor Nagle's work and research has significantly affected drug and human rights policy," said Dean Darby Dickerson. "She has earned respect on a global level, and we are delighted to celebrate her full professorship."

Nagle is the law school's first fully tenured Hispanic professor. She was a district court judge in Colombia until assassination attempts by drug lords compelled her to leave the country. Her commitment to improving conditions in Colombia continues through her research and work as a lecturer and expert in the areas of human rights violations and drug war-related foreign policy.

"As the first tenured full professor of Hispanic descent, and as an immigrant to this country, I am deeply honored to represent the Hispanic community on this faculty. I hope that this achievement, 104 years in the making at Stetson, will inspire others to work toward their dreams and overcome the adversity they encounter on the way to reaching their goals," Nagle said.

Most recently, Nagle has worked with the Pentagon and the U.S. Southern Command's Office of the Judge Advocate General to train Colombian military lawyers in international humanitarian law and how to work more effectively with non-governmental organizations in conflict zones. Professor Nagle has become an integral member of the team providing instruction to Colombian army commanders, Colombian JAG lawyers and military paralegals in efforts by the United States to improve respect for human rights among the Colombian military. The goals include targeting of suspected guerrilla sites and forces, mitigation of collateral damage, relief of effected civilian populations and, most importantly, advising regarding international humanitarian law and human rights in conflict zones. Professor Nagle has instructed at the Colombian National War College in Bogota and with the Colombian army's 4th Brigade in Medellin.

Professors Stone, Swygert retire

Professors Bradford Stone and Michael Swygert retired this spring.

Stone, who held the Charles A. Dana Professor of Law, received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Michigan, and did post-graduate work at the London School of Economics. He worked as an attorney of Burroughs Corporation in Detroit for five years before entering academia. Before teaching at Stetson, he taught at the Detroit College of Law, University of Michigan and Brigham Young University.

After two stints as a visiting professor at Stetson, Professor Stone became a permanent member of the faculty in spring 1987. He has written and lectured extensively on commercial law. Among other things, he co-authored the casebook *Commercial Transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code*. He is the general editor of West Publishing Company's *Legal Forms* and the author of West's *Nutshell Series* book on the Uniform Commercial Code.

An elected member of the American Law Institute, Swygert has worked at Stetson since 1979. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Valparaiso University and his master of laws degree from Yale University. He has authored, co-authored or edited five books, including *A Centennial History of Stetson University College of Law* (currently in production), and more than 40 works published in legal periodicals. He has won numerous teaching and scholarship awards, and has also taught at University of Notre Dame, Wake Forest University, DePaul University, Emory University, Cambridge University, Indiana University and Valparaiso University over the course of his 36-year career in academia.

Major Charles Rose joins law faculty

In December, Assistant Professor Charles H. Rose III joined the Stetson faculty to teach trial advocacy, evidence and professional responsibility.

Rose served in the U.S. Army for 23 years, working most recently as a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Eustis, Va. He recently retired from the Army at the rank of major, having earned a number of awards and decorations, including the International Academy of Trial Lawyer's Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Art of Advocacy, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement medals and two National Defense Service Medals. Rose previously served as professor of criminal law at the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's School and taught as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Notre Dame Law School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University at South Bend.



Professor Bradford Stone



Professor Michael Swygert



Professor Charles Rose

and its companion forms book. She has spoken on ethics in an elder law practice, using videos from the series created with Professor Roberta Flowers. She received the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys' UnAward. She participated in a faculty exchange with Mercer Law School and was named to *Florida Trends*'s 2005 Legal Elite.

Joseph F. Morrissey

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Morrissey's article, "Simplifying the Foreign Service Immunities Act: If a Sovereign Acts Like a Private Party, Treat it Like One," appeared in the winter 2005 issue of the *Chicago Journal of International Law*.

Luz Estella Nagle

Professor of Law

Professor Nagle spoke on "Trafficking in Persons: Domestic and International Procedural Law" as part of a Protection Project seminar at Johns Hopkins University. She co-authored "The Future of the Economic Analysis of Law in Latin America: A proposal for ALACDE Model Law and Economics Civil and Commercial Codes," a paper delivered to the IX Congreso Latin America Law Economics Association at the University of California's Boalt Hall Law School. She presented "Criminalization of Land-

mine Use by Illegal Armed Groups and International Law" in a Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the College of William and Mary's Center for Human Rights and National Security Law. She spoke on international and domestic prospects for criminalizing the use of landmines by Colombian illegal armed groups at a conference organized by the Foreign Military Studies Office of the U.S. Army in Santa Marta, Colombia. She was a panelist at the 2005 Federal CJA and Central Florida Criminal Defense Lawyers' Seminar in Orlando, discussing the socio-economic background of defendants in Colombian maritime smuggling cases. She served as instructor on international humanitarian law, human rights and non-government aid organizations for JAG officers and staff of the Colombian Army's First Division, organized by the U.S. Southern Command Staff Judge Advocate in Medellín, Colombia. She was a conference panelist on international human rights and operational law for Colombian command staff officers, coordinated by U.S. SouthCom and the Colombian National War College in Bogotá. Professor Nagle was also designated an External Researcher at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College and has given several media interviews in print, television and radio, including CNN en Español, speaking on human trafficking. She participated in the Latin American Law Workshop at Washington University and spoke at the Florida Partners meeting and Criminal Justice Act Federal Practice seminar.

FACULTY NEWS

Gardner selected to lead new biodiversity institute, U.S. Ramsar committee

Stetson Vice Dean Royal C. Gardner will lead two environmental organizations as chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee and director of Stetson's new Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy.

"I am excited about the creation of the Stetson University Institute of Biodiversity Law and Policy, which will serve as an interdisciplinary focal point for education, research and service activities related to global, regional and local biodiversity issues," Gardner said.

Gardner was elected chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee during



Royal C. Gardner

the organization's annual meeting in April in Charlotte, N.C. The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

Gardner is stepping down as vice dean to return to teaching and to increase Stetson's work in environmental law through the new institute.

Before coming to Stetson, Gardner served in the Army General Counsel's office as the Army's principal wetland attorney. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Defense, working on international agreements with Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus to facilitate the dismantlement of the former Soviet Union's nuclear weapons.

Gardner is an active scholar in the areas of environmental and international law. He has served in a number of organizations, including as Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's Committee on Water Quality and Wetlands and as a member of the National Research Council's Committee on Mitigating Wetland Losses. Gardner created the International Environmental Moot Court competition with Dean Darby Dickerson, now in its 10th year.

Her latest article, "Legal Considerations in the Use of Antipersonnel Mines by Illegal Armed Groups: The Colombian Situation," will be published by the *Journal of Iberoamerican Security*. She co-authored "The Future of the Economic Analysis of Law in Latin America: A Proposal for ALACDE Model Law and Economics Civil and Commercial Codes," a paper delivered to the IX Congreso Latin America Law Economics Association at Boalt Hall Law School, and the position paper, "Demobilization of Paramilitary Combatants in Colombia," published by the U.S. Southern Command. She was a foreign law expert for tort litigation cases involving U.S. corporations in Latin America and on several political asylum cases, receiving a letter of commendation from the Catholic Legal Immigration Network for her pro bono work on one asylum case. She is secretary for the Criminal Law Committee for the International Bar Association and was recently elected a member of the International Association of Penal Law.

Marleen O'Connor-Felman

Professor of Law

Professor O'Connor-Felman gave three presentations at the 2005 Association of American Law Schools meeting and was invited to join the executive council of the AALS Business Section. She spoke at the inaugural conference in Washington, D.C., of the Working Group on Property, Citizenship and Social Entrepreneurism, who is publishing one of her papers in a book. She spoke on "Gender and the Public Corporation" at St. John's University and on "Roundtable on Stakeholders and Shareholders: Where Are We Today?" at a Sloan-UCLA program, and appeared on two panels at the Law and Society meeting.

Ann Piccard '85

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Piccard's essay on voting rights was published in the November 2004 issue of *The Paraclete*.

Theresa J. Pulley Radwan

Associate Dean of Academics and Associate Professor of Law

Dean Radwan was named secretary of the AALS Debtors and Creditors Rights Committee. Her article, "*Rousey v. Jacouay*: The Supreme Court Hears Bankruptcy Case with Impact on Tax and Estate Planning Attorneys," was published in the winter 2005 issue of *The Cramdown*. She was interviewed about bankruptcy reform by the *St. Petersburg Times*, WFTS and WTVT. She spoke at the University of Florida as part of a faculty scholarship exchange and was awarded Stetson Law's 2005 Faculty Leadership Award.

Charles H. Rose III

Assistant Professor of Law

Since joining the College of Law in December 2004, Professor Rose

has served as a moderator for a panel discussion titled "The Changing Roles of Attorneys in the Age of Terrorism" during Stetson's symposium, "In the Age of Terrorism...Where Should Attorneys Stand?" He also taught a two-hour class to the People's Law College on the Patriot Act, served as a moderator and presenter at a gathering of Stetson law students and University of South Florida medical students, and taught at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's Teacher Training Program at Harvard University in April. He was interviewed by WFLA, WTVT and WFTS about constitutional issues arising from the *Schiavo* case and Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" to discuss Florida's sexual predator laws.

Bradford Stone

Professor of Law

The 6th edition of Professor Stone's book *Uniform Commercial Code in a Nutshell* was published by West in February 2005. He recently retired from full-time teaching at Stetson.

Ruth Fleet Thurman '63

Professor of Law

Professor Thurman represented Stetson at an invitational Florida Supreme Court-sponsored conference, "A Vision without Division: The Key to Serving Families and Children in the Court." In April, Stetson University recognized Thurman for 30 years of service.

James Underwood

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Underwood's most recent article, "Rationality, Multiplicity & Legitimacy: Federalization of the Interstate Class Action," was published in the winter 2004 edition of the *South Texas Law Review*. On Jan. 26, Professor Underwood was appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to serve on the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases.

Stephanie Vaughan '91

Associate Director of Legal Research and Writing and Moot Court Advisor

Professor Vaughan, along with Dean Darby Dickerson and Professor Peter Lake, gave a presentation, "Danger Signs—Dealing Effectively With Troubled Students," at the 2004 Legal Writing Institute Conference. Professor Vaughan and Professor Jack Graves coached Stetson's 2005 world champion Willem C. Vis International Moot team.

Darryl C. Wilson

Professor of Law

Professor Wilson started his term as chair of the Law and Sports Section of the American Association of Law Schools.

Remembering Dr. Mosley

Stetson University College of Law Director of the Law Library and Information Services and Associate Professor of Law Madison Mosley '92 died March 29, 2005. He was 55.

“Dr. Mosley was an extraordinary individual. He was kind, intelligent and very dedicated to Stetson and the library,” said Dean Darby Dickerson. “He was a talented and highly-trained library professional. His loss is a tremendous one to the Stetson community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

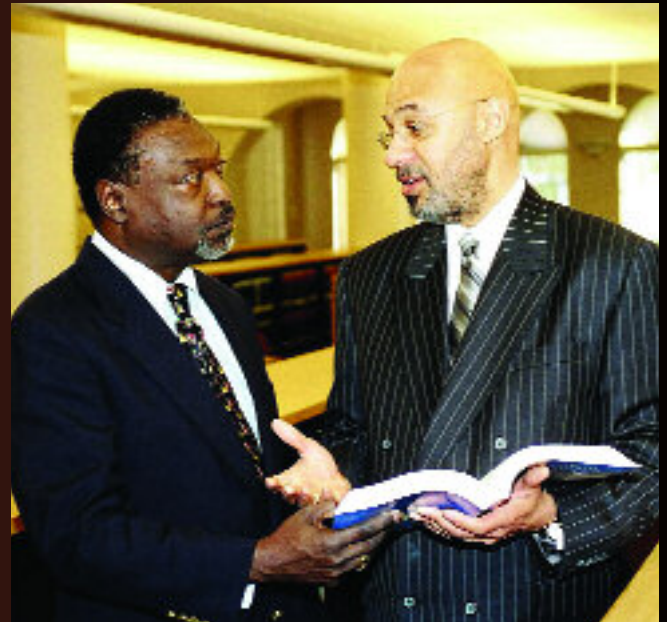
Dr. Mosley joined the Stetson staff in 1993 after earning his law degree from the College of Law. He served as reference librarian and associate director before being appointed library director in February 2001.



Dr. Mosley was an active member of the American Library Association and the ALA's Black Caucus; American Association of Law Libraries and the AALL's Southeastern Chapter; Florida

Library Association; Association of College and Research Libraries; Florida Bar and National Bar Association. He was also an active member of the community, serving as a member of the Avon Park city council, the co-chair of St. Petersburg's Citizens Review Committee for the Police Department and the parliamentarian of the city's African-American Voter Education Committee.

In addition to his Stetson law degree, Dr. Mosley earned his bachelor's degree in library science and English from Florida State University in 1971, his master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1974, and his doctorate in library science from Florida State University in 1980.



TOP: Madison Mosley poses before the December 2004 graduation ceremony with President H. Douglas Lee, center, and his librarians (left to right) Sally Waters, Jules Hartman, Cathy Rentschler, Earlene Kuester and Pamela Burdett. **LEFT:** Dr. Mosley shows portions of Stetson's Nuremburg Trial document collection to Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel in summer 2002. **ABOVE:** Dr. Mosley and ABA Past President Dennis Archer chat before the December 2003 graduation ceremony.

Family practice

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

WHEN WILLIAM CHANFRAU Jr. '97 grew up around his father's legal practice, he admired his work and dreamed of one day following in his footsteps.

And follow them he did. He attended Stetson Law, same as his father, William Chanfrau Sr. '73, and uncle Philip Chanfrau '70, then returned to his hometown of Daytona Beach, earned his stripes as an assistant state attorney, and joined his father's law office.

"I'll never forget our first case together," Chanfrau said. "To have watched your father work your whole life and then join him—it was an incredible feeling." Chanfrau has continued to follow his father's example in other ways, including serving as president of the Volusia County Bar Association.

Sam Cacciatore's ('95) legal career echoes that of Chanfrau, but he didn't always plan to work for his father, Sammy Cacciatore '66, or even to become a lawyer. The younger Cacciatore eventually came around, changed majors in college, and developed a newfound respect for his father's accomplishments during his first year of law school.

"I was reading the textbook in

Professor Elson's torts class my first year, and one of my father's cases was cited in it," Sam said. "I haven't exactly followed his footsteps, but we're in the same groups, and I realized he is very influential, that people know and respect him."

The desire to practice law together came to Carolyn DuPree Hill '92 and husband Felix Hill '95 long before they chose to become lawyers. They both worked at Honeywell Corp., Felix as an engineer and Carolyn as a contracts administrator. When they observed increased downsizing in corporate America, the couple decided to change careers. Carolyn started her legal education first, and after she graduated and started her practice, Felix enrolled at Stetson. Married for 27 years, the two have been professional partners since 1996.

Personal ties, professional development

For William R. Nunno '71, hiring daughters Alisa Nunno DiChiara '95 and Tracie Nunno D'Amico '96 fresh out of law school led to the challenge of showing them the ropes of everyday legal practice. Nunno used an all-access approach—connecting his daughters' offices to his own so they could learn from his conversations and he could offer advice on

theirs. Over the first few years, he reviewed their correspondence to help them develop a standard of perfection in their work.

"What a shift—what I could do myself in 5 minutes, I would spend an hour teaching them. They had to get a feel for it, but everything falls in place," Nunno said. Now, the sisters run the office, with a winning trial record and a solid reputation among their peers. "The pride is unbelievable; every time I run into one of my contemporaries, they tell me they saw my daughters and how good they were."

Twin brothers Donarell '98 and Freddrell '99 Green of Athens, Ga., also take advantage of their family bonds to improve their legal practice. "It's always good to have someone you can be direct with all the time, especially in a professional context," Freddrell said. "It helps you become a better lawyer."

Carolyn DuPree Hill '92 and Felix Hill '95 practice in Clearwater.





Far left, twins **Donarell '98** and **Freddrell Green '99** operate a practice in their hometown of Athens, Ga. Left, **William Chanfrau Jr. '97** and **William Chanfrau Sr. '76** practice together in Daytona Beach. **Kelly Chanfrau '01**, their sister/daughter, practices with **Ford & Harrison** in Tampa.

Balancing work and family

Family-owned legal practices may blur the lines between work and personal life, but many find it brings balance to both.

“Practicing law is inherently stressful, but when family members are working with you, it makes the stress more manageable,” said Donarell Green. He and his brother rely on one key resource for inspiration, back-up office help, moral support and mediation during the occasional office debate: their mother. “She brings us sack lunches, laughs, keeps our mood up, and gets us where we need to be. She makes it a comfortable, free-spirited work environment.”

For the Nunno family, working together means understanding the personal responsibilities and adjusting to each other’s needs. “As a boss, I want an efficient, well-run business. As a father, I want to spend time with my children. As a grandfather, I want them to have time with their children,” Nunno said. The result: daughters Alisa and Tracie work part-time on a flexible schedule and make the most of their time in the office.

Meanwhile, their father shifts roles between boss/mentor and babysitter. “Family is No. 1. Whatever work we have has to get done, but we don’t look for more work. The clients we get from referrals are more loyal, and because we have a limited practice with lower volume, we’re personal—we handle everything directly with the client.”

Carolyn and Felix chose to open their law office together to balance the demands of a heavy work schedule with the need to spend time as a couple. “We never wanted to be a mega firm—this was intended for just the two of us. The purpose of the firm was for us to earn a living and still spend a substantial amount of time with each other,” Carolyn said.

“We’re always working on something—we talk about work when we’re getting dressed on Sunday, as we go through the day, or on the weekend,” Felix said.

Carolyn agrees that though the work is constant, the arrangement works well for them. “If a couple likes being together all the time, this can work. We enjoy being together all the time, and we don’t need a second separate income. We do what’s comfortable for us, and we enjoy doing work that’s going to make a difference to somebody.”

Talking about work after hours

with his dad doesn’t phase Sam Cacciatore, either. “My wife and my mother probably don’t want to hear it when we’re out to dinner, but our personal relationship has developed more because of it.”

Passing on the tradition

Most agree that the greatest reward for having a family practice is the act of building a professional legacy with loved ones.

Donarell and Freddrell Green have already motivated younger brother Gregory to become a certified paralegal, work with their firm, and continue pursuing his bachelor’s degree.

Sammy Cacciatore also enjoys that his son chose a legal career. “I was very proud of the legal profession, and when Sam decided to do the same thing, I was very happy. It became a lot more important—and fun—when he decided to set a course that might get him invited to join the firm.”

William Nunno finds a special joy in sharing a lifetime of professional experience with those he cares most about.

“All of the knowledge you’ve obtained in 35 years of practice—you don’t want to give all of that away to a stranger who may move on with that experience and knowledge. When you’re sharing that knowledge with your kids, it’s very fulfilling.”



BY AARON REINCHELD

STETSON HAS PRODUCED ITS share of prominent attorneys, judges and policy makers. But two alumni are leading public legal discussions on the national scene. Craig Crawford '81 and Michael Lebron '83 left the courtroom to face their biggest trials—working in the news media.

While the two differ greatly in style, they share similar frustrations with the legal profession, the media and public discourse on the law. Both also credit a significant factor in their successes—their Stetson law degree.

For the last year and a half, Craig Crawford's day job has been

to deconstruct, analyze and comment on the Bush White House in his column "Craig Crawford's 1600" for the noted political news organization *Congressional Quarterly*. He also stays busy as a legal and political analyst for many other news outlets, appearing regularly on the "CBS Early Show" and MSNBC. His first book, *Attack the Messenger: How Politicians Turn You Against the Media*, will be released in September.

Michael Lebron is the nationally syndicated radio host better known by his "Lionel" moniker, which he developed while a student in Gulfport. His self-described style is an "irreverent, ribald and caustic" look at law, politics and current

events. His show broadcasts to more than 90 affiliates nationwide from the home base of WOR in New York City, and he has his own Web site, www.lionelonline.com. He also appears regularly on CNN, MSNBC and various national outlets.

Neither set out to be the next Walter Cronkite, but they share similar stories of backing into being successful members of the fourth estate.

Lebron broke into talk radio by being a fan and frequent caller. While near the end of his time at Stetson, he discovered Tampa Bay radio station WPLP and began calling whenever he got the chance.

"In between classes I would pick up the phone and call and use a vari-

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ety of voices,” he said. After enough calls, people knew who he was.

He started with the identity “The Gulfport Lawyer,” but decided it wasn’t good enough. So he adopted “Lionel” after Al Pacino’s character in the movie *Scarecrow*.

The news radio habit stayed with Lebron when he graduated Stetson and through his years at the State Attorney’s Office and in private practice.

“I thought it was fun,” he said.

In October 1988, he was presented an opportunity to take his “hobby” to another level as a weekend host on 970 WFLA in Tampa. He moved up the ranks, and within 10 months he was up to the prime afternoon drive slot.

ABC Radio’s president lived in the Tampa Bay area at the time and offered Lebron the move to WABC in New York City. He made the jump in 1993 and led five successful years as the morning host on WABC, leading to his own show on CourtTV and eventually to his syndicated show in 2000.

“So when people ask me how to get into radio I say, ‘Just wait, they’ll call you.’”

Lebron said his time at Stetson



and in the legal world prepared him well for his second career.

“Having a law background and having practiced is just invaluable,” Lebron said.

Likewise, Crawford credits his legal background for developing the talents he would need to succeed as a journalist, such as researching evidence to prove a particular point. The skills he developed in trial advocacy for questioning witnesses helped him establish his interviewing style.

“Law school gives someone going into journalism an advantage for the rigorous mental training and assembling facts for a conclusion that is hopefully somewhere near the truth,” he said.

But more than that, Crawford quite literally credits his law degree for getting him started in journalism. His first regular foray into

reporting was a legal self-help column for the *Orlando Sentinel*. When he was first considered for a position covering the courts for the *Sentinel*, he was up against a seasoned journalist with impressive credentials. However, the editors chose Crawford because “in those days, it was a little unusual for someone with a law degree to cover courts or be in journalism,” he said. “So they thought that was a real novelty.”

“If I had a journalism degree, I probably wouldn’t have gotten that job. They were fascinated with the idea of a lawyer covering courts.”

While in this position, Crawford began working with the Orlando ABC affiliate providing weekly political commentary, which he did for several years, even after moving to Washington, D.C., to cover the Supreme Court. Crawford ascended to become the *Sentinel’s* D.C. bureau chief. He began appearing on CSPAN, which led to other television appearances and eventually to contracts with CBS and MSNBC.

“I think there is a certain public service in the public arena trying to explaining what judges are doing and why they are doing it.

So often politicians target judges, making it sound like they're doing unreasonable things that would actually seem more reasonable to the public if someone explained to the public what they're actually doing," Crawford said.

When the Terri Schiavo case first broke as a big national story in early March, Crawford and Lebron both fought to draw attention away from the political tensions and instead focus on the true legal issues at hand. The struggle was frustrating for both.

"Pat Buchanan and I actually tangled quite bit because I kept trying to explain, 'It's a right-to-die case, they're trying to determine what her wishes were and enforce those wishes.' Pat just would not see it that way," Crawford said.

Lebron had similar experiences. "Most of the time I'm trying to tell

people, 'That's not the issue. That's not what we're talking about. You're missing the point.'" He said this type of frustration is "the bane of my existence."

Despite the concern about out-of-control coverage, Lebron said high-profile cases such as Schiavo or the O.J. Simpson trial do have some positive effects on the legal profession, such as showing advocates the importance of working the media properly and increasing interest in the judicial system.

"Here in New York at the sports bars, instead of watching the Yankees or the Mets, people were tuned in and arguing about cross-examination and whether there was a proper predicate," he said. "People were really into evidence and law. It was amazing."

Both men expressed a love of being part of a trial, but were

drawn in by the fast pace of the news business. In both cases, this is what sparked them to consider a career outside of the law.

"It never ceases to amaze me how many lawyers are not so much unhappy with the profession, but want to do something else," Lebron said. "To that I say, 'I know why you say that.' It's just so much fun."

Since leaving the courtroom, both "Lionel" and Craig Crawford act as advocates for better legal policy as they draw attention to political actions and other national problems they find important.

"I've always, from my first days in journalism, viewed myself as like a traffic cop at the intersection of law and politics," Crawford said. "There are some real similarities [between journalism and law], at least in the ideals. Their goals are the same: the search for the truth."



Craig Crawford, right, meets with Ron Bonjean, communications director for U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert at his Capitol office.

Professors provide independent insight to national news events

Many Stetson Law professors take an active role speaking with reporters from television, radio, newspapers or magazines. However, their reasons for doing so vary.

Professors Roberta Flowers and Michael Allen said they speak with the media in part to help enhance Stetson's reputation.

"As many times as we can get Stetson's name out there as experts in the areas of criminal procedure, criminal law and trial advocacy, the better Stetson is known in the community and then nationally," Flowers said.

Several professors, such as Professor Robert Batey, said they think it's important to help the public understand why a case goes a particular way.

"I think it's part of my role as an educator," said Batey, whose many appearances include NBC's "Dateline."

Education through interpretation and explanation is a natural fit, said Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob and others, especially for stories where the key concerned parties cannot speak for themselves.

"Judges can't explain their own opinions or explain why they ruled a certain way. Lawyers from one side or the other aren't supposed to get too involved publicizing their cases, but we can do that," Jacob said.

This unbiased position makes them good sources, but Professor Charles Rose said being a professor leads him to guard the legal profession.

"I'm not concerned with a political agenda, I'm not concerned with a client, but I am concerned with the system as a whole," said Rose, who recently has appeared on many newscasts, including Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor."

Professors must not only take into



account educating the public; they often have to educate the reporter. Flowers said she often speaks with reporters to help the accuracy of a story and to ensure they frame the issue at hand correctly.

Professor Rebecca Morgan agreed. "Often times, lots of different versions are given and we have the opportunity to help put it in the light that helps people see the story, the important issues and the law that applies to it," she said.

This issue poses a threat beyond poor news reporting, Rose said. "Without someone to say, 'Here's the bedrock principle, here's the reason this is happening,' the danger becomes that the law is then moved, and it's moved through emotion, perhaps through intolerance or maybe even through designed manipulation," he said.

The professors said that in addition to helping explain a particular case, a news story can be a good way to inform the public on a larger issue. Rose said he enjoyed this aspect of stimulating a dialogue for a greater purpose. "In a democracy, it's only when we don't talk that we get into trouble," he said.

Morgan offered a recent example. "With the case of Terri Schiavo, it was an opportunity to educate people about the importance of advance directives. It went beyond that case and became an opportunity to help people understand and how they can make their wishes known," she said.



Professors Luz Nagle (top) and Michael Allen (above) frequently speak to reporters.

During the intense attention on the Schiavo case, there was high demand from international, national and local media outlets for Stetson professors' legal expertise. Allen did more than 40 interviews in March alone, including Dutch National Television and the Associated Press.

This exposure on such an emotional issue often brought Allen a flurry of disapproving responses from viewers or readers.

"The negative reaction actually reinforced the fact that I thought it was so important to counteract the misrepresentations that were out there," he said.

Yet despite this and other occasional drawbacks, the professors agreed it's a worthwhile process.

"It's always fun when you get off the phone and you think, 'I really gave that person some information,' and there's a real sense of satisfaction when you feel, 'I was able to explain that, and they really got it,'" Flowers said.

World. Champion

"It is very rare, indeed, for an American law school to get to the finals of an international moot court competition, to say nothing of actually winning. ... Thank you for doing such a fine job in educating your students about the importance of international arbitration."

Jeffrey D. Kovar
U.S. Department of State

"...The [Stetson] team worked together in perfect harmony to bring home the world championship in international law to the United States, thus honoring their fellow citizens of Pinellas County."

Proclamation, April 14, 2005
Pinellas County Board of Commissioners

"The members of the team are commended for their outstanding accomplishments and are extended sincere thanks for the honor and prestige they have brought to their university, their state, and their nation."

Resolution
Florida House of Representatives



Stetson University College of Law became the first American law school since 1996 to win the Willem C.

Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition, held March 18-24 in Vienna, Austria.

Teams from 150 law schools in 47 countries competed.

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Stetson received the prestigious Frédéric Eisemann Award for winning. In its 12th year, the competition is the largest gathering of law schools in one place for such an event, as well as the largest involving private international law. The competition provides an opportunity for law students to present arguments on a hypothetical international business dispute to distinguished international arbitrators, scholars and jurists.

The championship team consisted of law students Katherine Hurst, Ryan Jones, Megan Schultz, Burks Smith and Tom Yaegers, with Kathryn Christian assisting on the memoranda. Professors Jack Graves and Stephanie Vaughan coached the team.

“The enormity of this accomplishment is difficult to put into words,” Graves said. “The best and the brightest in international commercial law and arbitration gather in Vienna for a competition cele-

brating 25 years of work by the United Nations in international trade law. The opportunity to see our students win it all in this prestigious event was simply incredible. I have never been more proud of a group of young men and women.”

Stetson defeated the University of Vienna in the final round. The team defeated Columbia University, the National University of Singapore, Queen’s University (Canada), and the University of Notre Dame (Australia) in earlier elimination rounds.

Professor Dr. Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, president of the Swiss Arbitration Association, chaired the arbitration panel in the final round. In announcing Stetson as the winner of the final round, she analogized the award to an Olympic gold medal.

“This team worked together in perfect harmony,” said Vaughan, Stetson’s moot court adviser. “This group of special and unique students worked together as a cohesive unit for six months and traveled together for two weeks. Bringing home the world championship to the United States, and directly to Stetson, is indescribable. I have

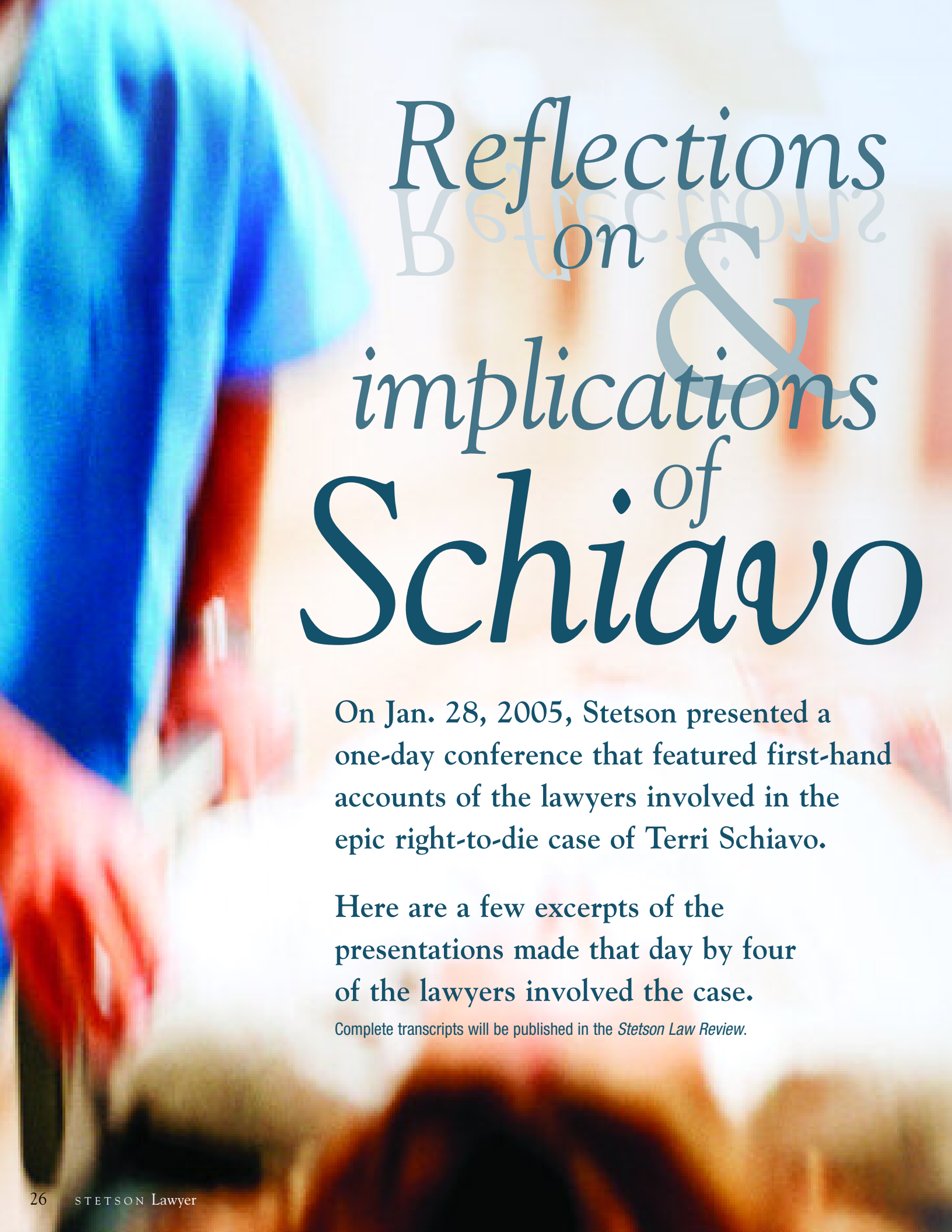
never been more excited for my students and Stetson.”

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot highlights the importance of the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods (governing international sales of goods between businesses from member states) and the UNCTRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. The goal of the moot is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration.

The moot also serves as an opportunity for many of the foremost authorities on international commercial law and arbitration to gather for the week to attend conferences and serve as arbitrators for the student arguments. Each year’s moot also highlights one of the many sets of institutional arbitration rules. This year, the hypothetical parties to the moot problem chose the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration.

The team received a generous contribution from the International Law Section of The Florida Bar to help cover the cost of its travel and participation in the moot.

Vis Champion Team and Coaches: Standing from left, Professor Jack Graves, Professor Stephanie Vaughan, Katherine Hurst, Megan Schultz and Burks Smith. Seated, from left, Tom Yaegers and Ryan Jones. Inset, Kathryn Christian.



Reflections on & implications of Schiaavo

On Jan. 28, 2005, Stetson presented a one-day conference that featured first-hand accounts of the lawyers involved in the epic right-to-die case of Terri Schiavo.

Here are a few excerpts of the presentations made that day by four of the lawyers involved the case.

Complete transcripts will be published in the *Stetson Law Review*.

George James Felos, attorney for Michael Schiavo, Felos & Felos, P.A.

"I think it's fair to say that in taking this case when Mr. Schiavo walked into my office eight years ago, I wouldn't have had the slightest idea I'd be standing up here while the case was still pending. ...

"And in looking at [the *Schiavo*] case, from a lawyer's point of view, and perhaps being too sheltered in my viewpoint, I said to myself, here's a case that really doesn't change the law. It doesn't contain any groundbreaking legal principles. Words, of course, that I would reflect upon with irony later on. ...

"And it was really a case about implementing the oral declarations and wishes of a particular patient under the *Estelle Browning*¹ formula. Little did I know the controversy that would soon erupt over this case. Looking at this in a little broader picture, I think *Schiavo* reflects the sort of shift in societal attitudes and of political attitudes in the past years. They say the country is becoming more conservative; there's a retrenchment in some areas of personal liberty. And that I think is what is at the heart of the real controversy of the *Schiavo* case, is that there is a strong ideological component at stake here."

"I see in many ways *Schiavo*—and the outcome of *Schiavo*—really as an assault and retrenchment on the personal right, the personal liberty right of refusing unwanted medical treatment. And it's been a successful vehicle, I think, for the opponents of that right for

many reasons.

"Here, unlike *Browning*, you have a dispute between family members. I'm just a sole practitioner from Dunedin, and I've been amazed—just amazed—at the public relations blitz and propaganda efforts in this case. All you have to do is go on Google and put in Michael Schiavo, and by now I'm sure you'll see he conspired with Osama Bin Laden in 9/11. ... And so through that, there has been a campaign against not only Mr. Schiavo, but a campaign which has a very chilling effect on the rights of Floridians to refuse medical treatment. ...

"What sane family member would say, 'well, gee, let's take access to the judicial system to resolve that and enforce the patient's rights?' What sane family would subject themselves to the loss of privacy, being subject to smear and slander campaigns, bankruptcy of family assets to enter into a judicial process that Schiavo has at least up to now shown is never ending and really a revolving door of attempted justice?"

"Most sane families would say, 'No, sorry, Dad, sorry, Mom, I know you didn't want that feeding tube, I know you didn't want that ventilator, I know you didn't want to that medical treatment, but we're not going to destroy our family by going down the road that the poor Schiavo and Schindler family went down through the judicial system.' ...

"Even though eventually the court orders may be carried out and Mrs. Schiavo's feeding tube may be removed according to her wishes, this case has had a huge deterrent effect. ...

"I think in many ways the *Schiavo* case is the focal point for a retrenchment and a reactionary push against the right to refuse medical treatment. It's a right that Floridians have enjoyed since the *Browning* decision, but it's a right that may be circumscribed through change in the law, through change in the Florida constitution, or through an effort of social intimidation, which makes individuals and families much less reluctant to enforce that right and to provide implementation of that right for their family members."

David C. Gibbs III, attorney for Bob and Mary Schindler, Gibbs Law Firm, P.A.

"Certainly, many families struggle with extremely difficult circumstances where we have machines and other apparatus that can keep a body alive long after the person has died. That is not what the Terri Schiavo case is about.

"Each and every day as she wakes up she receives the food and water assistance. And that would, years ago in the state of Florida, be considered ordinary care.

"Our goal is not to demonize Mr. Schiavo, but I think the facts of the case kind of speak for themselves. Mr. Schiavo proceeded to sue medical doctors and receive a multi-million dollar malpractice award, committing to take care of his wife for the rest of her life, committing to get her treatment, committing to keep her alive, and candidly expressing that he would do everything he could to help prolong her life.

"Very interesting. Once the money was received, once the settlement was accomplished, all of

1. In *In re Guardianship of Browning*, 568 So. 2d 4 (Fla. 1990) the Florida Supreme Court interpreted Article 23 of the Florida Constitution to protect an individual's right to refuse medical treatment, including the provision of nutrition and hydration.



Dr. Jay Wolfson '93, Terri Schiavo's guardian ad litem, addresses the symposium attendees as Bob and Mary Schindler look on.

the sudden he began to remember, you know what? Terri doesn't really want to live. And while we can sit there and question when things are remembered, quite candidly the undisputed facts that we want Terri alive when we receive millions of dollars, but now after the millions of dollars have been received, all of the sudden Terri doesn't really want to live anymore.

"The timing of our remembrance is rather unusual.

"Then on top of that, we need to remember the *Browning* case ... dealt with some completely different facts. In the *Browning* case there were written living wills. And as lawyers here, you know that that's where an individual has taken the time to spell out exactly what he or she wants done and executes a legally binding written document. ...

"And then in the *Browning* case we have the family united, that in this case grandma would not want to continue to live. And

it was in that situation that the court looked at that and said when there is a written living will and when the family is united, should the state step in and try to keep this lady alive with the food and water?

"In this case we have something totally different. Terri Schiavo never executed a living will, any written document whatsoever. The testimony that was put forward in the court here was some stuff that candidly is a little scary when you think about it. Comments that were made when watching television as a young, early twenties seeing someone on TV and saying, 'Boy, who would want to live like that?' And that may not be an exact quote, but those type of comments. And there's questions whether they were ever made. But even if they were, I would dare say Terri never thought at that point I'm executing a living will; if I'm ever in a condition where I need food and water, I'm now instructing my husband to starve and dehy-

drate me to death. So the weakness of the evidence by which the Court made the determination as to what Terri wanted, in our opinion, bears noting."

Dr. Jay Wolfson '93, Guardian Ad Litem for Terri Schiavo, University of South Florida Professor and Stetson Law Adjunct Professor

"Among the things that are most extraordinary about this case, as Mr. Gibbs has allowed, is the quality of the advocacy that has been involved in this case. There were tens of thousands of pages of motions, of documents, of supporting documents, thousands—tens of thousands of trees were killed in the process of managing this case.

"And in terms of lessons learned, which is what we're being asked to speak with each other about today, I'm still left with the fact that when all is said and done,

each of us—each of us in this room and everyone you know—is standing in Terri's shoes, every day, every moment.

“And what that means is that at any time, at any moment, each of us might find ourselves exactly where she is. Unexpectedly, a giant fly will come and whack me across the head. I could be in an automobile accident. I could suffer a stroke. I could be jumped. Any number of things could happen to any of us. We don't anticipate those adverse events. They fall upon us.

“How many of you in this room have had or are having experiences with someone you know, a loved one, family or friend, who has or is dealing with end-of-life issues? Now or in the past? Someone who was dying, someone who did die, someone who is dealing with it, ... and depending on how close you are to it, the challenges are extraordinary. ...

“There is no reason, even if you want—whatever your intentions, if you want to be kept alive at all costs, regardless, say it, put it in a place where people can find it.

“...What I believe I've come to learn, is that justice is a subjective thing. What's just for Mary Schindler may not be just for

Michael Schiavo. What one person believes is right is not what another person believes is right. But we respect those beliefs. That's another tenant of our system. And that justice in the law really talks about the process, the appropriateness, the balance, the consistency, the acceptance of the process. It is civil procedure. It is the rules of evidence. It is the court system that we have accepted as citizens of this country, as citizens of this community to guide the process toward justice, just as we have accepted the process of elections with respect to our national leaders. We may not all agree with the results of the process, but we respect the process.”

Kenneth L. Connor, legal counsel for Gov. Jeb Bush, Wilkes & McHugh, P.A.

“And the central question which really derives out of that litigation is whether or not the courts have a monopoly on protecting the weak and the handicapped or whether or not there is a role for the executive branch and the legislative branch in presenting the frail, vulnerable in our society against the possibilities of exploitation or neglect. ...

“When you have a situation

like this which occurs where you have someone who has no prior written advance directive, they've been found to be in a persistent vegetative state, nutrition and hydration has been withdrawn, and there is a challenge amongst the family over the appropriateness of what—over what the intentions were, we're going to give the governor the power to enter a one-time stay to reinstitute nutrition, hydration, and we're going to require the appointment of a guardian ad litem.

“Now, does that sound like a trampling of the system, a trampling of the rights? Or does it sound like...a society who has—and a state that has—a compelling interest in the protection of innocent life, the protection of the handicapped, the preservation of the ethics, the integrity of the medical profession, and in protecting the rights of innocent third parties, we're going to take this modest step to see if we can accord this extra layer of protection, an extra layer of process to ensure that we get it right. Because as the Supreme Court noted in the *Cruzan* case, when you deal with end-of-life decision-making, finality is not the ultimate objective, accuracy is. Accuracy is.”

George James Felos



Kenneth L. Connor



David C. Gibbs



Estate work takes grad beyond

BY AARON REINCHELD

Annually, thousands try to flee Cuba by any means available, but Miami lawyer Carlos Enriquez '83 happily leaves the comfort of his Miami practice to fly to the island nation once a month.

Enriquez devotes most of his practice to representing the needs of Cuban nationals in U.S. courts. His usual



Carlos Enriquez '83

tasks involve finding Cuban heirs of American citizens who have died, verifying the authenticity of legal documents, and related legal research.

A native of Cuba, Enriquez began this type of work in 1987 when a Miami-Dade Circuit probate judge appointed him to represent the interest of a Cuban citizen. He was the first American lawyer assigned such a task.

"I traveled to Cuba for the first time with some distrust and anxiety," he said. "I was very excited about going back to Cuba, but at the same time I had some concern, considering that I have always grown up in an environment that has been hostile to Cuba."

He travels to Cuba monthly, staying for a week on average. The work is tough. There are bureaucratic hurdles and government restrictions from

both countries.

But the lack of economic and infrastructure development in the embargoed nation poses unique logistical problems, such as troubles with travel and communication while in Cuba.

"The work is overwhelming—especially when I am in Cuba," Enriquez said. "Often, I have no way of advising my clients that I will be there at a certain time and a certain place. When I arrive, they are not there and I have to wait for hours to meet with them."

Despite the difficulties, Enriquez said he finds his work "most satisfying." His reward comes on both personal and altruistic levels.

For most of the United States' four-decade-long economic embargo, Cubans couldn't receive funds from the estates of American relatives or friends. Lawyers like Enriquez would work to ensure accounts would be created for the funds in case the Cuban citizen

would immigrate to America or another country.

But in March 2003, a change in U.S. policy allowed Cuban heirs to receive \$300 every three months from American estates—a significant sum for the average Cuban. So while Enriquez often has the tough task of sharing the news of the passing of a loved one, he also brings the comforting news of an inheritance.

"My clients in Cuba are the most appreciative, and the results I obtained for them go a long way there," Enriquez said. "The gratification I receive is remarkable."

That gratitude and sense of accomplishment keep Enriquez fighting for those who need him. Cases involving the elderly or children make him work especially hard, said Enriquez, a husband and father of two young daughters.

"What I enjoy most about the job is being an advocate for people who otherwise would not have a true professional protecting their rights and serving their needs.

Most of the remuneration for my



Cuba's embargoed borders

job does not come in the pecuniary form. Instead, it comes in the satisfaction I get from knowing I have helped a fellow human being.”

In addition to the professional achievements, on a personal level, Enriquez gets to experience his heritage in ways that other Cuban-Americans do not.

“I enjoy my work and I always look forward to returning to my homeland,” he said. “Every time I return to Cuba, I feel privileged. I always learn something about Cuba and its history, its culture. Just about everything regarding the island is fascinating to me.”

With the countries' con-

tentious relations, there are obvious political concerns. However, both governments have been kind



to Enriquez to enable his work. Enriquez acknowledged red tape from both sides, but said he just does his best to serve the interests of his client.

“There are individuals who are critical of my work and see it from a political perspective. However, my work is strictly legal, and I am

licensed as an attorney to do strictly legal work,” he said. “My job is apolitical and I make my best effort at maintaining it that way.”

The static political relationship between the United States and the country 90 miles to the south means Enriquez will continue to work to make life a little easier for those he can reach.

“Considering U.S. policy towards Cuba, I don't see myself moving from this type of work, although I would love to see a change in U.S.-Cuba relations some day and for me to move on with another line of work within the legal profession.”

IN STETSON LAW HISTORY

Leadership from DeLand to Gulfport: Walter H. Mann

by Professor Michael I. Swygert

Walter H. Mann was one of the more important people in the history of the Stetson University College of Law. A New York City investor and an officer of Irving Trust Company, Mann was appointed to the University Board of Trustees in 1946. Though not a Stetson alumnus, he took an immediate interest in the College of Law, then located at an deactivated Naval Air base near DeLand. He understood that for the law school to survive, it had to move to a larger community. After the College moved to Gulfport in 1953, Walter Mann and Dean Harold Sebring worked closely together. Sebring felt that the folks in DeLand were ignoring the law school. Mann went to University President J. Ollie Edmunds and argued that Edmunds establish a Board of Overseers for the College of Law to guide the school. Edmunds agreed, and in

1957, the Board of Overseers was born.

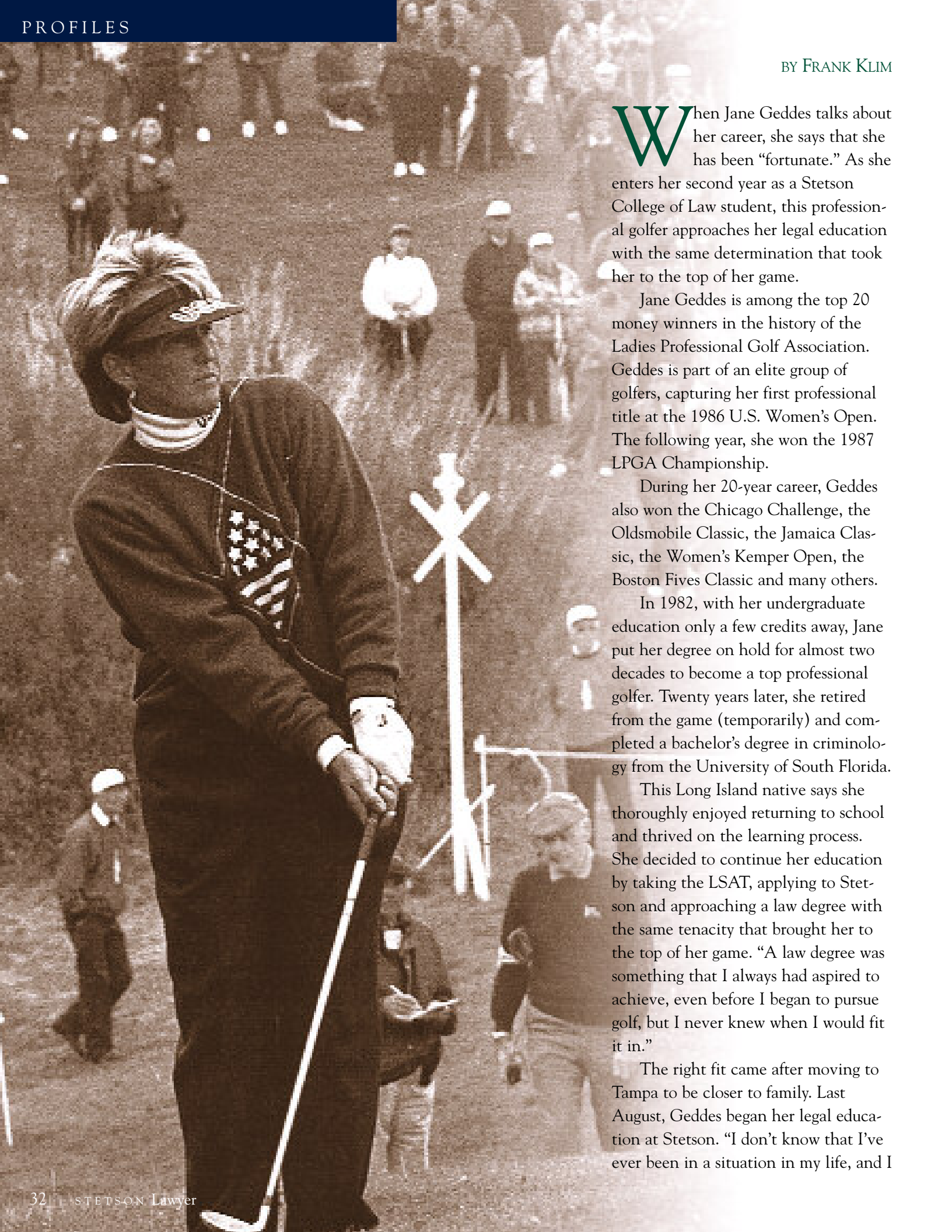
Walter H. Mann was its first president. Mann continued to influence the future of the College. He was a business associate and personal friend of Charles A. Dana, a New York industrialist and philanthropist. Mann was responsible for Dana taking interest in the Stetson law school. The result was that during the 26 years (1955-1981) when Deans Harold Sebring and Richard Dillon led the school, Charles A. Dana, his wife Eleanor Dana, and the Charles A. Dana Foundation contributed more than \$2 million to the College, enabling the Charles A. Dana Library and the Eleanor Dana Administration Hall to be built.

Mann on his own made several monetary contributions to the school, one at the request of Dean Dillon. The parlor of the old Rolyat Hotel



Mann Lounge, late 1950s

(which in 1954 became the new home of the law school) was in poor condition. Dillon wanted it restored to its original splendor. Mann responded by contributing the money. In gratitude, the school named the restored room the Walter H. Mann Lounge, where today students gather and where the school has social functions.



When Jane Geddes talks about her career, she says that she has been “fortunate.” As she enters her second year as a Stetson College of Law student, this professional golfer approaches her legal education with the same determination that took her to the top of her game.

Jane Geddes is among the top 20 money winners in the history of the Ladies Professional Golf Association. Geddes is part of an elite group of golfers, capturing her first professional title at the 1986 U.S. Women’s Open. The following year, she won the 1987 LPGA Championship.

During her 20-year career, Geddes also won the Chicago Challenge, the Oldsmobile Classic, the Jamaica Classic, the Women’s Kemper Open, the Boston Fives Classic and many others.

In 1982, with her undergraduate education only a few credits away, Jane put her degree on hold for almost two decades to become a top professional golfer. Twenty years later, she retired from the game (temporarily) and completed a bachelor’s degree in criminology from the University of South Florida.

This Long Island native says she thoroughly enjoyed returning to school and thrived on the learning process. She decided to continue her education by taking the LSAT, applying to Stetson and approaching a law degree with the same tenacity that brought her to the top of her game. “A law degree was something that I always had aspired to achieve, even before I began to pursue golf, but I never knew when I would fit it in.”

The right fit came after moving to Tampa to be closer to family. Last August, Geddes began her legal education at Stetson. “I don’t know that I’ve ever been in a situation in my life, and I

Top LPGA golfer swings for legal career at Stetson

doubt I ever will have the opportunity again, where every single day I learn something new. It has been a great challenge and an amazing, eye-opening experience.”

Geddes says that her win at the 1986 U.S. Open and other tournaments provided an important foundation for her legal education at Stetson. “That experience is invaluable. It’s something that I take with me all the time, especially with something as challenging as law school. I feel very fortunate that I have been through the amazingly pressurized task of professional golf, week in and week out for 20 years. I am constantly applying what I felt under pressure and how I reacted and succeeded. I am using the same skills during my challenge at law school.”

Along the way, Geddes balanced a pro golf career with a proclivity for business. From 1999 to 2001, she co-owned an Internet company with a staff of more than 30 people. In her contagious chuckle, she characterized the ubiquitous experience, “We came with the Internet boom and we went with it. We launched our product and when it all crashed, everybody crashed around us.” The dot com bust did not crush her entrepreneurial spirit. “It was good for me to get out and experience how the world works, especially in the world of business. I really liked it and enjoyed the challenges.”

Geddes enjoys her business challenges so much that she now owns several Tampa Bay partnerships. She is confident her golf and business careers will be propelled by her law degree. “I would like to pursue sports and entertainment law. I believe my time at Stetson will diversify my skills and provide me with a good background.”

One of many non-traditional law students at Stetson, Geddes is active in Stetson’s Entertainment and Sports Law Society. Her countless industry contacts are an invaluable resource for fellow students. “I would like to give back and share what I’ve been fortunate to be a part of for 20 years. Sports is a great venue to meet people, especially golf, and I’d like share that with the people that I go to school with here at Stetson.

“At Stetson, I feel that I am not only representing myself, but other professional athletes. I want to prove that you can do other things and there is life beyond sport. I am proud of what I am doing and I want to serve myself, professional sport and Stetson.”

After completing her first year at Stetson, Geddes will emerge from golf retirement this summer to compete in the LPGA women’s senior tournaments. Having just turned 45, she is now eligible for this series. However, her ultimate golf plans are not necessarily on the greens. “I would love to be

back in golf in a different capacity. The game gave me so much that I would love to go back and make the game better for women and especially the LPGA.”

When asked about role models or mentors, Geddes’ positive approach helps define her perspective, “I’ve been very fortunate. I’ve had a wonderful life and a wonderful career already. It’s hard for me to go backwards. Right now, I’m trying to be my own role model at what I’m doing.”



Twins surprise law, med student couple

BY BRANDI PALMER

Kris Verra received his acceptance to law school the day after the ultrasound results came back from the doctor.

A top student throughout his academic career, Verra received his bachelor's degree in accounting in three years at the University of Florida and completed his master's degree shortly after in 2002, so the quick acceptance to top law schools came as no great surprise.

The result of the ultrasound, on the other hand, was another story. Verra and his longtime sweetheart Megan had planned to start a family. "I want the house with the swing set in the backyard and all that," he said. They just weren't planning on starting the family before Verra finished law school and Megan finished med school.

The kids, he said, have helped put things in perspective. When the news of the twins came, shortly before he had planned to start his law school career, Verra said he simply had to adapt. He deferred



Kris Verra

his admission to begin law school in spring 2004. "No one is ever ready to raise kids," he said with an exuberant smile. "Whatever is thrown at you, you have to manage."

Verra has not only managed twin two-year-olds and a full-time class load at the College of Law, but he has also managed to maintain a stellar academic performance that has put him at the top of his class. He has learned to structure his time wisely. The twins' nap time is a good time to study. In between sharing baby-sitting responsibilities with Megan, who started med school this semester at the University of South Florida, he has managed to compete with Stetson's best and brightest academically and to land a clerkship in the summer with the commercial litigation firm Broad and Cassel. In addition, he started working with the *Stetson Law Review* in spring 2005.

Despite rigorous academics, Verra enjoys the atmosphere at Stetson. Although he considered

taking a scholarship at the University of Florida, he ultimately chose Stetson because he felt it was a small school where he would not just be a number.

Verra has family in St. Petersburg, which has extended the nurturing environment he has found at the College of Law. An aunt and uncle in St. Petersburg often volunteer to help with baby-watching detail. Verra's uncle, who practices real estate law in Tampa Bay, inspired Kris to go to law school.

Although he clearly has an aptitude for accounting, Verra felt he wouldn't have been happy being an accountant. Instead, he followed in his uncle's footsteps.

Verra is in the second semester of his second year at the College of Law. He plans to graduate in May 2006, in time for Megan to start her rotations at medical school, and just a couple of months after the twins celebrate their third birthday. The couple plans to raise their family in the Tampa Bay area.



Kris Verra, second from right, with Megan and twins Kayla and Connor.

"No one is ever ready to raise kids...whatever is thrown at you, you have to manage."

Alumni Q&A

Q. Who do you admire?

A. I admire those who take time to look beyond their own individual and family needs to address the needs of others.

Q. What's your favorite place on Stetson's campus?

A. My favorite place was the "old" (I'm dating myself) library. I would arrive every morning around 5 a.m. and study prior to the start of the school day.

Q. What matters most to you?

A. My reputation. A good reputation is one of the hardest things to achieve and one of the easiest things to lose. Once lost, it essentially cannot be regained; therefore, it should be safeguarded at all costs.

Q. What music is in your CD player right now?

A. Beethoven. I love classical music.

Q. To what do you aspire?

A. As president and CEO of Fowler White Boggs Banker, I aspire to achieve the goals of the firm. Each year, we focus on bettering ourselves in the areas of Leadership and Excellence; Our People and our Culture; Our Clients and Service; and Growth and Expansion. I believe that if we achieve our goals in these areas, we will enjoy the personal, professional and financial rewards of success.

Q. What is the last book you purchased?

A. *American Soldier* by General Tommy Franks. General Franks is a personal friend, and it was interesting to see how he characterized the Afghanistan and Iraq initiatives in the war on terrorism.

Q. If you weren't a lawyer, what would you be instead?

A. A medical doctor. As a child I was fascinated by anatomy, biology and chemistry.

Q. What would people be surprised to learn about you?

A. I am an adrenaline junkie. I recently had the thrill of participating in a parachute jump with the U.S. Army Golden Knights, the Army Demonstration Parachute Team. We exited the plane at 12,500 feet and did a free fall to 8,000 feet. It was fantastic.



RHEA LAW '79
President and Chief Executive Officer
Fowler White Boggs Banker

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More than \$11 million raised in gifts and pledges

THIS SUMMER, THE Cornerstone Campaign will come to an end. This \$12 million campaign initiative is the largest in the history of the College of Law, and we are very close to reaching our goal.

When the campaign began, we wanted to secure the resources needed to realize what we believed to be our exceptional promise for the future of Stetson University College of Law.

The Cornerstone Campaign is not about bricks and mortar. It is about the people and resources needed to excel in all that we do. It is about attracting the best and the brightest students. It is about recruiting and retaining faculty members with national prominence. It is about developing curricular and co-curricular programs that have a meaningful impact on both our students and our society. And finally, it is about laying the



Dotti E. Bressi
Associate Vice President
for College Relations

foundation for this law school in which our watchword for the future is excellence. We have many exciting plans for the coming years, but those plans can be realized only through our joint efforts. I hope that you will understand the critical difference you can make in the life of this law school. By investing in the College of Law, you will help us climb to even greater heights. It is my belief that without people like you, our dreams would remain simply dreams. You can help turn our dreams into accomplishments, and you can help us fulfill our mission.

Right now, we have raised more than \$11 million in gifts and pledges during the Cornerstone

Campaign. Our dreams are close to becoming a reality. Your gift can be the difference to us accomplishing our goal.

I want to encourage all of our alumni and friends to make a gift to this campaign. We need your help. Financial contributions to the College of Law play a vital role in our success and it is through the generosity of the people closest to us that we will continue to move this law school forward.

Our foundation has been laid, and in terms of a builder, “has been cured in the light for many years.” Your success and our success are one in the same. Join us, and together we will build a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dotti Bressi', with a long, sweeping underline.

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

Major gifts establish two new endowed professorships

■ William Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professorship

The Joy McCann Foundation donated \$500,000 to Stetson to endow the William Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professorship. The honor celebrates the work of Distinguished Professorial Lecturer William Reece Smith Jr.

The distinguished professorship will be awarded to a full-time College of Law faculty member with a demonstrated commitment to both professionalism and the mentoring of students. The gift also provides financial support for special projects the distinguished professor chooses to pursue. Professor Roberta K. Flowers is the first professor to hold the position.

“We focus on making our community a better place to live; one way we do this is through our support of education,” said Joy McCann Daugherty, chair of the foundation. “The high quality of Stetson as an institution is reflected in its faculty. Professor Smith has been a stalwart force in the Tampa legal community for many years, and the McCann Foundation is proud to support Stetson by honoring Reece.”

The professorship requires the honoree to be a leader at Stetson and in the professor’s field of study. The recipient must also be a role model for the profession in their community.

“This distinguished professorship will enable our faculty to develop innovative programs to enhance

the teaching of professionalism at the College of Law,” said Dean Darby Dickerson. “We are privileged to have the name William Reece Smith Jr. permanently linked with such an academically significant program.”

The Joy McCann Foundation is a private family foundation committed to community enrichment and the development of mentors in the health, science and legal professions. Chaired by Joy McCann Daugherty and Dr. Robert Daugherty, the foundation has made grants totaling nearly \$10 million over the past five years to non-profit organizations and educational institutions in Florida.

■ Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund Professorship

Stetson University College of Law has received a gift of \$250,000 to establish the Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund Professorship, which will support the research and teaching of a full-time Stetson Law professor in the area of real estate law. Professor James J. Brown is the first recipient of this honor. The endowment is one of five—totaling \$1 million—that The Fund established at Florida law schools.

“Stetson is proud to partner with The Fund to further a legal topic so important to Florida attor-

neys and to honor Professor Brown and his work,” said Dean Dickerson.

“As Florida’s first law school, Stetson has a long history of educating real estate attorneys. With this gift, we are carrying out The Fund’s mission to preserve and facilitate the practice of real estate law,” said Charles J. Kovaleski, president of The Fund. “Real estate drives Florida’s economy. This endowment represents reinvestment in the legal foundation on which that critical piece of Florida’s economy stands.”

This gift is the latest in The Fund’s commitment to enhancing the practice of real estate law. For four decades, The Fund has provided preeminent law schools with annual funds to promote real property education. The Fund has provided more than \$16,000 in curriculum grants to Stetson over the past 19 years and conducts an annual awards competition open to law students across the state.

In addition to The Fund’s expansive continuing education program for real estate attorneys, the company conducts a title examination workshop for students at law schools across Florida. The workshop provides students with the methods to help them accurately examine titles in an orderly and effective manner. It also helps them easily identify problems to look for when issuing title insurance as a real estate attorney.



Joy McCann Daugherty
with William Reece
Smith Jr.

Carlton Fields establishes diversity fellowship at Stetson

Carlton Fields, P.A. selected third-year Stetson University College of Law student Gregory Redmon as the first recipient of the Carlton Fields Diversity Fellowship Program at Stetson Law.

The program is designed to provide access to large-firm practice for one student each academic semester that has experienced socioeconomic or cultural barriers to legal education. Redmon worked about 200 hours during the spring semester with the nationally renowned law firm and received a \$5,000 stipend.

"The program provides our students with invaluable experience and the opportunity to develop relationships with the firm and its members," said Dean Darby Dickerson.

The student's work is split between pro bono clients and other clients of the firm.

"The Carlton Fields Diversity Fellowship was a tremendous opportunity for me to learn and grow professionally from exposure to a venerable and forward-thinking law firm," Redmon said.

The program is designed for students, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status or



Gregory Redmon

veteran status, who have faced challenges and are interested in serving as a fellow with the firm.

The Diversity Committee at Carlton Fields made the selection with the assistance of Stetson's Office of Career Services, who created a committee to narrow the selection to a list of three to five candidates. Students were asked to demonstrate, in the form of a 500-word essay, that they have experienced socioeconomic or cultural barriers during their pursuit of a legal education.

Located in major business centers in Florida and the Southeast, Carlton Fields offers a full range of legal services in more than 30 areas of law.

Established in Tampa, Fla., in 1901, Carlton Fields maintains offices in Atlanta, Miami, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

Easy ways to support Stetson

■ Stetson Specialty License Plate

Stetson University now has its own specialty license plate, available to purchase for an extra \$25 at Florida tag offices. While only Florida drivers can get the "real" tag, alumni who live elsewhere can order sample Stetson tags for \$10 at www.hsmv.state.fl.us. When you purchase a Stetson license tag, not only are you showing your school spirit, you are also helping the University. Proceeds from the license plate sales are designated for Stetson scholarships.

We need your help to continue the Stetson license plate. Due to the proliferation of specialty license tags, the Florida Legislature is considering legislation to discontinue specialty tags of organizations that do not meet the required number of registered plates over a specified period of time. So buy your tag now, and show your Stetson pride!

■ StetsonDentalPlans.com

Save 10 percent on published Internet prices on DentalPlans.com by entering in the code "Stetson." The company will donate 10 percent of every Stetson Law purchase back to Stetson University College of Law. Go to StetsonDentalPlans.com to participate.

■ Stetson Law MBNA Platinum Plus MasterCard Credit Card

MBNA America Bank N.A. now offers the Stetson University College of Law Platinum Plus credit card, a no annual fee MasterCard credit card program. This program offers a low introductory APR for cash advance checks and balance transfers*, as well as other benefits. To request your Stetson Platinum Plus card, call toll-free (866) 438-6262. (TTY users: 1-800-833-6262.) Please refer to priority code KP1M when applying for this program.

*There are costs associated with the use of this credit card. MBNA America Bank, N.A. is the issuer and administrator of this program. For rate, fee and other cost and benefit information; or to apply for this credit card call MBNA toll free or write to P.O. Box 15020, Wilmington, DE 19850. MBNA America and Platinum Plus are federally registered service marks of MBNA America Bank, N.A. MasterCard is a federally registered service mark of MasterCard International Inc. and Visa U.S.A. Inc., respectively; each is used by MBNA pursuant to license. © 2004 MBNA America Bank, N.A.

1950s

Malcolm L. Stephens Jr. '52 and wife Georganna cruised to China and Russia last year and are enjoying retirement.

Anthony J. Grezik '53 closed his Daytona Beach law office in May 2005 to retire from active practice.

1960s

Bob Anderson Mitcham '62, a 13th Judicial Circuit Court judge in Hillsborough County, has written *Justice from Buttermilk Bottom*. Named after a neighborhood in Atlanta where he grew up, the book was released in March 2005 and is available at major book retailers. Judge Mitcham made his eighth appearance as an arbitrator at the annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, in April 2004. Mitcham and wife Lupe celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary aboard a cruise ship in December 2004.

Richard C. McFarlain '64 of McFarlain & Cassedy P.A. in Tallahassee, has been elected to a second two-year term as chair of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Carl M. Kuttler Jr. '65 was named the 51st Mr. Sun at the St. Petersburg Suncoaster's annual Coronation Ball. Kutler has served as president of St. Petersburg Junior College, now St. Petersburg College, since 1978.

R. Bruce McManus '65 has been named the 2004 North Pinellas County Legacy Award recipient by the American Red Cross Tampa Bay Chapter. The award recognizes McManus for his leadership and contributions to the development of charitable planned giving in North Pinellas County.

David W. Barrow III '66 was elected to a two-year term on the Ozaukee County (Wisc.) board of supervisors.

Robert L. Hamilton '67 is an adjunct professor at the Florida Institute of Government, University of Central Florida, and an adjunct professor at Columbia College. He has served in these roles since 1977.

1970s

Susan F. Schaeffer '71 has retired as a 6th Judicial Circuit Court Judge. During a roast held in her honor, she was inducted into the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame and named honorary lifetime Chair Emeritus of the Trial Court Budget Commission by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Pariente in recognition of her long and faithful leadership on trial court funding issues. A scholarship has also been endowed in her honor at the College of Law.

Mark Green '73 appeared on the Oxygen Network show "Snapped" to discuss his role as defense attorney in the 1995 Linda Jones murder trial. He is a board member of the

In Memoriam

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

Sidney H. Taylor '37
Jan. 8, 2004, DeLand

Henry M. "Hank" Searcy '50
March 21, 2005, Ponte Vedra Beach

Lt. Col. Janna Tucker '53
Jan. 19, 2005, Bradenton

Fred C. Barksdale '54
Feb. 5, 2005, Tampa

Honorable Robert W. Rawlins Jr. '57
April 16, 2005, Ormond Beach

John T. Allen Jr. '61
Dec. 6, 2004, Gulfport

Seymour L. Honig '62
April 16, 2005, Tampa

Sammie Belcher Francisco '63
Feb. 9, 2005, Orlando

Joseph H. Chambers '64
Jan. 6, 2005, St. Petersburg

Raymond A. Graham '65
March 8, 2005, Sarasota

David H. Runyan '77
April 6, 2005, Seminole

James F. "Pep" Pepelnjak '78
Feb. 14, 2005, Milwaukee

Peter Michael Walsh '78
Feb. 8, 2005, St. Petersburg Beach

James C. "Jim" Hauser '79
Jan. 6, 2005, Tallahassee

Michael S. Schwartzberg '84
Jan. 5, 2005, St. Petersburg

Dr. Madison M. Mosley Jr. '92
March 29, 2005, St. Petersburg

Stephen L. Hipps '98
July 4, 2004, DeLand

Andrew Mark Conners '04
April 17, 2005, St. Petersburg



DECEMBER 2004 LEGACIES — Front row, from left: Fall 2004 graduates Alicia Hall Bannon, Michael P. Wilson, Brian Hoag, John Thacker, Matthew T. Rice, Blake W. Thompson and Tamara Carlson. Back row, family members Patrick Brannon '03, Christine E. Pejot '04, Gregory Hoag '02, Omer Thacker '75, Hon. Everett Rice '84, James B. Thompson Sr. '69 and Michael Kenny '97.

Jewish Foundation, past president and founding member of the Jewish Community Alliance, and legal aid volunteer and board member of the Bridge of Northeast Florida, a United Way agency that provides services for at-risk youth. Green practices criminal law at the Jacksonville firm of Coker, Myers, Schnickel, Sorenson & Green.

Robert R. "Rob" Kunkel '73 has become the St. Thomas VAWA Domestic Violence Attorney with Legal Services of the Virgin Islands. He formerly practiced insurance defense and general law in Chicago and Key West. Kunkel also performs as an amateur jazz saxophone player.

C. Richard Nail '73 of GrayRobinson P.A. in Lakeland was elected to serve as treasurer of the Lakeland Bar Association.

Peter S. Miller '74 has been named chairman of the board and chief operating officer for the law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia. Miller has also been selected as a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" by *Law and Politics* publishers.

William E. Davis '75 of Buchanan Ingersoll P.C. in Miami received the Transportation Lawyers Association's 2004 Distinguished Service Award.

Terry L. Hirsch '75 has become a shareholder in the law firm of Englander & Fischer P.A. in St. Petersburg. Hirsch concentrates

his practice in the areas of business litigation and employment litigation.

Roger N. Messer '77 has become vice president of the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind Inc. He is the senior partner of the law firm of Messer & Messer in Port St. Lucie.

Sandra A. Bosso-Pardo '78 was recently appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a Palm Beach County Court judge. She was formerly senior associate counsel for the Palm Beach County School Board.

R. Paul Grady '78 was named chief operating officer of CornerStone Propane Operating LLC, one of the nation's largest propane marketers.

Rhea F. Law '79, president and chief executive of Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa, has been elected to the board of directors of the Florida Council of 100 and was named Business Woman of the Year by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*.

1980s

Rebecca C. Morgan '80 was presented the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys' UnAward for her contributions to the advancement of elder law.

Richard E. Doran '81 co-presented a program on ethical issues unique to state attorneys general at the National Association of

Attorneys General Winter 2004 Conference. Doran served briefly as Florida's Attorney General and is now a partner in the Tallahassee firm of Ausley & McMullen P.A.

Sara L. Kistler '82 has been appointed Acting U.S. Trustee for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California and the District of Nevada (Region 17). She was formerly acting deputy director in the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees in Washington.

Debra M. (Myers) Metzler '83 has joined the law firm of Allen Dell P.A. in Tampa and practices in the areas of workers' compensation defense and health care law. She is a frequent lecturer on the subject of workers' compensation issues.

Peter P. Charnetsky '84 has been elected to serve as family court judge in Broome County, located in upstate New York.

Taso M. Milonas '84 of the Sarasota law firm Taso M. Milonas P.A. was a featured guest on "Sports Maverick" Internet talk radio show broadcast on voiceamerica.com. He appeared with former San Diego Charger Reggie Berry and former Los Angeles Ram Dick Bass on the topic of charitable planning for professional athletes.

Jeffrey A. Albinson '85 of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Tampa presented "Liars and Tyrants and Boors: Oh Why? A Seminar Dealing with the Bad Behavior of Counsel, Clients, Witnesses,

ALUMNI EVENTS



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — Dean Darby Dickerson, center, with event sponsors Scott Brainard '79, left, and Brian Deeb '85, right.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — Greg Martin and Etzuko Ueda '96 participated in the reception.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — Suzann and Judge Frank Quesada '74 attended the event.

and Others" at a professionalism seminar sponsored by the Palm Beach County Bar.

Mark Casteel '85 has become a partner in the law firm of Conrad & Scherer LLP in the firm's new Tallahassee office. Casteel was formerly general counsel to Florida Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher and chief attorney in the division of rehabilitation and liquidation in the Florida Department of Financial Services.

Matthew R. Danahy '86 and **David C. Murray '01** announce the formation of the law firm Danahy & Murray P.A. in Tampa. The firm concentrates on representing insureds in first party claims against their insurers, including claims resulting from hurricane damage, sinkhole, fire, water loss, flood and other insurance coverage issues.

Deborah S. (Crumbley) Brown '87 has been named associate vice president of legal affairs and human resources for Stetson University College of Law. Brown will coordinate legal issues involving the school and work on recruitment and benefit policies for the school's staff. She was formerly a shareholder in the law firm of Thompson, Sizemore & Gonzalez P.A. in Tampa.

Russell G. Marlowe '87 of New Port Richey recently completed America's Most Beautiful Ride, a 100-mile bicycle trip around Lake Tahoe. He was a part of the Suncoast Chapter's team of 23 individuals who raised more than \$86,000 for the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through its Team In Training Program.

Diana Moreland '87 has been elected to serve as a 12th Judicial Circuit court judge. She was formerly a partner with the law firm of Reinhart & Moreland P.C. in Bradenton.

John F. Bradley '88 has opened the law firm of Bradley, Carlisle & Robinson P.L. The firm will focus on the areas of entertainment intellectual property and litigation. Bradley will head the litigation department. He has also recently been admitted to practice in Tennessee. Bradley intends to concentrate his practice on the representation of entertainment interests in Nashville and Florida. He recently presented "Thinking Outside The Box" at the University of Miami Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium.

Daniel A. Nicholas '89 has joined the law offices of GrayRobinson P.A. in its new Jacksonville office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and civil litigation, employment law, bankruptcy and financial restructuring.

Bonnie Glover '90 has authored *The Middle Sister: A Novel*, published by One World/Ballantine, a division of Random House Publishing Group. The novel is available at online booksellers. Glover works for the Office of the Regional Counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Pembroke Pines.

Weddings

Robert D. Sale '94 to Ann Marie Myers, May 15, 2004, Panama City.

Carrie L. Freeman '98 to Mark A. Weintraub, April 16, 2004, St. Petersburg Beach.

Kimberly M. Nicewonder '00 to **David C. Murray '01**, April 30, 2004, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Meredith G. Razook '01 to Anthony Granese, Aug. 9, 2003, St. Petersburg.

Cody B. Vaughan-Birch '03 to Jennifer Lyn Reed, April 2, 2005, Lakeland.

Shea Gately Ryan '04 to **Nathan Paul Gryglewicz '04**, Oct. 23, 2004, Hendersonville, N.C.

New Additions

William M. Chanfrau, Jr. '97, wife Liz and daughter Madeline 3, announce daughter and sister, Caroline born April 2004.

Kevin J. Kapusta '91 and **Rebecca L. Kapusta '97** announce son Caden born July 2003, and daughter Alexandra born Feb. 2005.

Anthony E. Porcelli '98, wife Julie and son Nicholas, 2, announce son and brother, Alexander.

Creighton P. Shafer '98 and wife **Vitalia Shafer '99** announce son Creighton born Sept. 2004.

Karen Rossi '99 and husband Bob announce their son, Robert born Sept. 2004.

Leslie -Kin '99 and husband Stephen announce son, Reece Jacob, born Oct. 2004.

Michelle Weider '03 and husband Kirk announce their son, Anton born Feb. 1999, and daughter, Alina born July 2001, adopted Dec. 2004.

Andrea M. Johnson '04 and husband Brian announce son, Trenton born May 2004.

J. Scott Slater '04, wife Stacy and daughter Morgan, announce son and brother, Gabriel born March 2004.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — From left, the family of **Katie, Cate** and **Ricky Gonzalez '99** enjoy the holiday reception.



MIAMI ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Jason Dimitris '98**, **Sean Burnotes '99**, **Andrew Craven '99**, **Francesca Ippolito-Craven '99** and **Giorgio Ramirez '99**.

Stetson Continuing Legal Education Highlights

On January 28, Stetson hosted “In the Age of Terrorism... Where Should Attorneys Stand?”

Distinguished international presenters discussed the Patriot Act, torture, and patriotism in the age of terrorism. The highlight of the program was a keynote presentation on “Citizenship in a Time of Repression” by American Law Institute President Michael Traynor.



Michael Traynor

Stetson’s Office for Continuing Legal Education and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy are offering **lunch-time CLE programs** on the first Wednesday of each month at the Tampa Law Center. The next lunch series begins in June and will focus on law office management. These programs are a convenient and fun way to learn valuable information and gain CLE credit.

Stetson has partnered with the American Law Network to provide **live satellite simulcasts** of nationally recognized CLE programs on both the Tampa and Gulfport campuses. Visit www.law.stetson.edu/cle for a current schedule.

Stetson will present its **Fifth International Bankruptcy Symposium** June 12-15 in beautiful Freiburg, Germany. Sessions will be held in the mornings to allow time for afternoon group excursions.

A program in **Successful Appellate Advocacy** will be held July 20-22, providing participants with extensive feedback by program faculty on written and oral skills. The workshop will culminate in an actual oral argument before a three-judge panel.

This year’s **Special Needs Trusts VII** program on Oct. 19-21 will include a basic workshop with separate tracks for attorneys and trustees, as well as a special focus seminar on advocating with elderly clients.

The **Primer on Bankruptcy** program on Dec. 8 will focus on the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court and the substantive and procedural aspects of cases filed under Chapters 7, 11 and 13.

The **30th Annual Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Practice**, scheduled for Dec. 9-10, brings prominent bankruptcy judges, attorneys and government officials from around the U.S. to discuss relevant issues in bankruptcy law.

To order written, audio or video materials from past programs, or for more information about upcoming programs, contact the Office for CLE at (813) 228-0226, cle@law.stetson.edu, or visit www.law.stetson.edu/cle. Stetson CLE credit is also available online; visit www.fastcle.com for details.

Kathleen S. (Tourville) Hessinger '90 has been elected to serve as a Pinellas County Court judge.

Nancy S. Paikoff '90 has become a shareholder of the law firm of Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen P.A. in its Clearwater office. She concentrates in the areas of health care, medical malpractice defense, and business and corporate law with an emphasis on regulatory and transactional matters. Paikoff is a member of the board of trustees for the Florida Holocaust Museum.

David M. Doney '91 of Fowler White Boggs Banker has been selected to participate in the 2005 Class of Leadership Tampa. Doney was also appointed to serve on the board of visitors of The Bolles School in Jacksonville.

John R. Herin, Jr. '91 has become a shareholder with the law firm of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson P.A. in Miami. Herin will practice in the real estate department.

Christopher M. Shulman '91 of Christopher M. Shulman P.A. Alternative Dispute Resolution Services in Tampa served on a panel of mediators for the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium.

Cheryl L. Wilke '91 has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the executive committee of the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP. Wilke is a partner in charge of the firm’s Ft. Lauderdale office

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MIAMI ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Monica Barnes '03**, **Nicole Quinn '99** and **Caroline Iovino '99**.



MIAMI ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left: **Dwight Hill** of Mellon Bank, **Terry Biddulph** of Mellon Bank, **Dean Darby Dickerson** and **Joe Davis Jr. '73**. Mellon Bank sponsored the Miami alumni event.



NAPLES ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Shawn Nagle '97**, **David Masterson '95**, **Starling Hendricks '01**, **Craig Hendricks** and **Ed “Ted” Knauer '84**.

and chair of the firm's national workers' compensation defense practice group.

Patricia R. Sigman '92, a partner with Sigman & Sigman P.A., was recognized as one of the *Orlando Business Journal's* 2004 Best of the Bar.

David Forziano '93 has joined the Tampa law firm of Allen Dell P.A. He will practice in the areas of environmental, land use, local government, water law and related litigation.

Andrew C. Greenberg '93 with the law firm of Carlton Fields has become a member of the American Law Institute.

Christopher A. Likens '93 was recently featured on CNN in a story on advance directives. Likens will become chair of The Florida Bar Elder Law Section in June 2005.

Stephen D. Ake '94 of Tampa recently completed America's Most Beautiful Ride, a 100-mile bicycle trip around Lake Tahoe. He was a part of the Suncoast Chapter's team of 23 individuals who raised over \$86,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through its Team In Training Program.

Jerald S. Paul '94 has been appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as principal deputy administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration. His duties include an emphasis on managing the offices and officials at NNSA's sites including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia

National Laboratories.

Gregory A. Richards Jr. '94 of Fowler White Boggs Banker was appointed by the Supreme Court of Florida to the 13th Judicial Circuit's Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee.

Thomas R. Stutler '94 joined the Tampa office of Broad and Cassel as a member of the commercial litigation practice group. Stutler was previously a supervisory special agent in the Counter-Proliferation and Sensitive Technologies Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Brian Tannebaum '94 of Tannebaum, Planas & Weiss LLP in Miami presented "What Every Civil Lawyer Should Know About Criminal Law" at a Dade County Bar Association seminar.

Robert D. Sale '94 is an assistant state attorney in Panama City.

Philip J. Bonamo '95 has joined the firm of Rice & Rose P.A. He concentrates his practice in the areas of criminal defense, marital and family law and general civil litigation.

Jill H. Bowman '95 has joined the firm of James, Hoyer, Newcomer & Smiljanich P.A. as a partner. She focuses on class actions and general civil litigation. Bowman was a partner at Carlton Fields for eight years.

Whitney C. Glaser '95 has become associated with Kirk Pinkerton P.A. in Sarasota.

Mark S. Helm '95 has accepted a new position as Senior Vice President & General Counsel of OpBiz LLC, d/b/a Aladdin Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. He was formerly vice president and general counsel of Planet Hollywood International Inc. in Orlando.

Deborah L. Russell '95 of Cummings & Lockwood LLC in Naples was selected to participate in the Leadership Collier Class of 2005. Russell was also a featured speaker for the Corporate Fiduciaries of Southwest Florida on Corporate Trustee Liability.

John E. Crowther '96 has become an associate in his father's Orange City firm of John B. Crowther, Attorney at Law.

C. David Harper '96 has become a partner in the Tampa office of Foley & Lardner LLP. Harper concentrates his practice in the areas of construction litigation, commercial litigation, creditor's rights, trust and fiduciary litigation, and condominium law.

Jack P. James III '96 has become a shareholder with GrayRobinson P.A. in Lakeland. As a civil litigator, he represents clients in both state and federal court.

Vidian C. Mallard '96 has become a partner in the firm of Ford, Dean, Sharp & Mallard P.A. The firm is a civil trial practice that focuses on nursing home and assisted living facility abuse, home health care negligence, legal and medical malpractice, sexual abuse claims, truck and tire accidents, product liability, boating accidents and commercial liti-



FORT MYERS RECEPTION — From left, Judge John Domerich '76, Beverly Domerich and Judge John Duryea '96.



FORT MYERS RECEPTION — From left, Scott Kuhn '00, Josh Losey '03 and Sonja Burkard '99.



MELBOURNE ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Brian Connelly '95, Sam Cacciatore '95 and Vincent Griffith '02. The event was sponsored by Sammy Cacciatore '66 and Sam Cacciatore '95.

gation, as well as all other areas of serious personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Gregory W. Meier '96 of Shuffield Lowman & Wilson P.A. was a keynote speaker at the Florida Owners' Marketing Convention in Coventry, England, on the topic of "U.S. Estate Planning for Citizens of the U.K."

Kathryn A. Slye '96 joined Katz Barron Squitero Faust as an associate in the litigation department of its Ft. Lauderdale and Miami offices.

Donna B. DeVaney '97 has become a shareholder with the law firm of Carlton Fields in Tampa. She practices in the areas of product liability and general litigation.

Jose L. Estrada '97 announces the opening of Estrada Law Firm P.A. The firm will concentrate on personal injury, medical negligence, immigration, nursing home neglect, defective drugs and divorce.

Benjamin H. Hill IV '97 has joined Hill, Ward & Henderson P.A. in Tampa as an associate. He was formerly with Akerman Senterfitt in Tampa.

Robert N. Hogan II '97 announces the opening of the Law Office of Robert N. Hogan II Esq. P.A. in West Palm Beach. He focuses his practice in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death litigation.

Luis Martinez-Monfort '97 has become a shareholder with Mills Paskert Divers P.A. in Tampa. He chairs the firm's Bankruptcy and

Creditor's Rights Practice Group.

Eddie E. Stephens III '97 announced the opening of The Law Office of Eddie Stephens P.A. in Palm Beach County. He focuses his practice on family law litigation.

Andrew G. Wedmore '97 of Jill Schwartz & Associates P.A. in Winter Park lectured on "The Anatomy of Employment Law: How to Prevent Workplace Lawsuits from Drawing Blood" at the Florida Hospital CME Employment Law Seminar. He was also named one of the Best of the Bar 2004 by the *Orlando Business Journal*.

Garvin B. Bowden '98 has become a shareholder with Gardner, Wadsworth, Duggar, Bist & Wiener P.A. in Tallahassee.

Christopher M. DeCarlo '98 has become an associate with the firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP.

Julie A. Horstkamp '98, with the law firm of Kirk Pinkerton P.A., has become board certified in real estate law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. Her practice includes commercial and residential real estate transactions.

Martin L. Khoury '98 has become a partner in the Miami office of Quintairo Prieto Wood & Boyer P.A. Khoury concentrates his practice in the areas of long-term care and medical malpractice defense. He also lec-

tures and authors several medical/legal columns for health caregivers.

Robert P. Murphy '98 was recently elected to serve as the chair of the board of commissioners for the Midway Fire District. Murphy is senior vice president and administrator for Baptist Hospital in Pensacola.

Rexford H. Stephens '98 has joined the law firm of Baker & Hostettler LLP in Orlando. He will concentrate his practice in the areas of employment and labor law.

Scott J. Sternberg '98 and Lyle B. Masnikoff announce the opening of Masnikoff & Sternberg P.A. in Boca Raton and West Palm Beach. The firm concentrates in the areas of workers' compensation, Longshore and Jones Act.

Jean M. Downing '99 has become a shareholder in the law firm of Appleman, Shepard & Downing Law Offices P.A. in Panama City Beach.

Karen (Jones) Rossi '99 is a staff attorney for Judge Charles Davis at the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland.

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Brian R. Denney '00 has joined the law firm of Baval Judge P.A. as a shareholder. Denney concentrates his practice in the areas of civil litigation in all state and federal

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MELBOURNE ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left: Randy Wilburn '02 and Samuel Bookhardt '97.



MELBOURNE ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left: Tracy Griffin '00, Laura Betten '89, Denise Canina and Richard Canina '85.



FORT LAUDERDALE ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left: Judge Jeffrey Streitfeld '73, Natalia Poloakova '99 and W.R. Leonard '77.

Law alumni contribute to student organization activities



J. Brent Walker '76 speaks to members of Christian and Jewish law society chapters

J. Brent Walker '76, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, spoke before members of Stetson's Christian Law Society and Jewish Law Society. The Baptist Joint Committee, based in Washington, D.C., is a religious liberty agency that advocates for the separation of church and state.

Walker spoke about the uniquely American concept of the separation of church and state. "The painful lessons of experience teach us that as soon as government takes sides in matters of religion, someone's religious liberty is denied at that very point, and the wise architects of our republic understood that."

He added, "History shows us that both government and religion are both better off when neither does the job of the other."

Walker is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, an adjunct



Stetson alumni J. Brent Walker '76 and Grady Irvin Jr. '92 each spoke at student organization events this February. Walker spoke to a joint program of the Christian and Jewish law society chapters about the separation of church and state, while Irvin discussed his career with high-profile cases at the annual BLSA Alumni Brunch.

professor at Georgetown University and an ordained minister. He was a partner in the law firm of Carlton Fields until 1986, when he chose to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to his seminary and Stetson degrees, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida.

Grady Irvin Jr. '92 addresses BLSA brunch; chapter named for Stringer '74

Stetson's chapter of the Black Law Students Association welcomed alumni to its annual brunch in February. This event brought together current members of BLSA, alumni, and other distinguished members of the community to celebrate the achievements of BLSA members.

This year's keynote speaker was Grady Irvin Jr. '92, a nationally recog-

nized attorney with offices in St. Petersburg. His clientele have included U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy, Rev. Henry J. Lyons, former Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson, former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson, and several professional athletes and television personalities.

Stetson's BLSA chapter dedicated its name to Judge Thomas E. Stringer Sr. '74, the first African American graduate of Stetson University College of Law.



BLSA President Lavern Wilson presents Judge Thomas E. Stringer Sr. '74 with a plaque commemorating the new name of the chapter.

courts, class actions, defense of product liability claims, medical malpractice, construction and general commercial litigation.

Clinton Paris '00 has returned to the law firm of GrayRobinson P.A. after 18 months in the Office of City Attorney for the city of Tampa. Paris concentrates his practice in the firm's litigation and dispute resolution department.

James D. Thaler Jr. '00 was elected to the executive committee of the St. Petersburg Bar Association after serving a year as co-chair of the Solo, Small Firm and Practice Management Section. He will speak at the 2006 American Association of Law Schools meeting in New Orleans on publishing CLE presentations. He has also been appointed to the Professionalism Committee of The Florida Bar.

William Banks '01 has joined the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff P.A. as an immigration attorney in the firm's Tampa and Largo offices.

Nina Ferraro '01 has been elected to the Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors of The Florida Bar for a two-year term.

Sheri L. Freeman '01 has become an associate in the firm of Page, Eichenblatt, Bernbaum & Bennett P.A. in Orlando. She represents plaintiffs in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice nursing home neglect, commercial litigation and workers' compensation cases.

Barbara A. Hart '01 has joined the law firm of Ruden McClosky. She will practice in the firm's Bankruptcy Practice Group and will concentrate her practice in all aspects of bankruptcy law.

Brian Kennedy '01 has joined the law firm of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White and Loice P.A. in West Palm Beach.

David C. Murray '01 and **Matthew R. Danahy '86** announce the formation of the law firm Danahy & Murray P.A. in Tampa. The firm concentrates on representing insureds in first party claims against their insurers, including claims resulting from hurricane damage, sinkhole, fire, water loss, flood and other insurance coverage issues.

Scott Campbell '02 has become an associate with the firm of Clark, Partington, Hart.

Ashley Calhoun '03 has joined the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson P.A. She will focus her practice in the areas of taxation, corporate, wealth transfer, estate planning, and trusts and estate administration.

Christopher R. Koehler '03 practices admiralty/maritime law and insurance law in the law offices of Hayden and Milliken P.A. The firm is headquartered in Miami.

Jason O. Lowe '03 has become an associate with the Lakeland office of GrayRobinson.

Alyssa A. Ruge '03 has become an associate with the law firm of Cole, Scott and Kissane P.A., practicing in the areas of civil litigation and appeals.

Luis E. Viera '03 has become an associate with the law firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller and Lancaster LLP.

Sema Yildirim '03 announces the opening of The Law Offices of Sema Yildirim P.A. in Tampa.

Brent Bigger '04 has become an associate in the Tampa office of Holland & Knight LLP.

Christopher A. Boyd '04 has joined the law firm of James T. Butler. The firm concentrates its practice in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, malpractice and family law.

Nicole A. Deese '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker. She practices in the firm's securities financial service and white collar practice.

Brooke W. Odom '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker. She practices in the firm's appellate practice group.

David Evans '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP in Orlando. He practices in the firm's business group with a focus on real estate.

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FORT LAUDERDALE ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Chad Friedman '04, Ruben Socarras '04, Maggie Arias '03, Junior Pineiro '00, Camar Jones '03, Elizaveta Samorukova '04 and Paul Buckley '91.



WEST PALM BEACH ALUMNI RECEPTION, sponsored by Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams LLP — From left: Lake "Trey" Lytal III '97 and Judge Jack Wessel.



WEST PALM BEACH ALUMNI RECEPTION — Norris Rickey '68, Maggie Dickenson, J.D. Dickenson '02 and Blaine Dickenson.

Nathan Paul Gryglewicz '04 is an associate in the law firm of L.M. Okoh & Associates in Tampa.

Eric E. Page '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Hill, Ward & Henderson P.A. in Tampa. He practices in the firm's litigation group.

Garrett L. Pendleton '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa. He practices in the firm's insurance and reinsurance group.

Meredith A. Phipps '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa. She practices in the firm's commercial litigation group.

Shea Gately Ryan '04 is an assistant state attorney with the Pinellas County State Attorney's Office.

J. Scott Slater '04 has become an associate with the Tampa firm of Hill, Ward & Henderson P.A. Slater practices in the firm's litigation group.

Robert S. Stroud '04 has become an associate with the law firm of Blalock, Walters, Held & Johnson P.A. in Bradenton. He focuses his practice on issues relating to operation and shareholder agreements and general corporate matters.



WEST PALM BEACH ALUMNI RECEPTION — Sarah Alsofrom '00, Dick Mateer '75, Larry Lavalle '67 and Peggy Mateer.

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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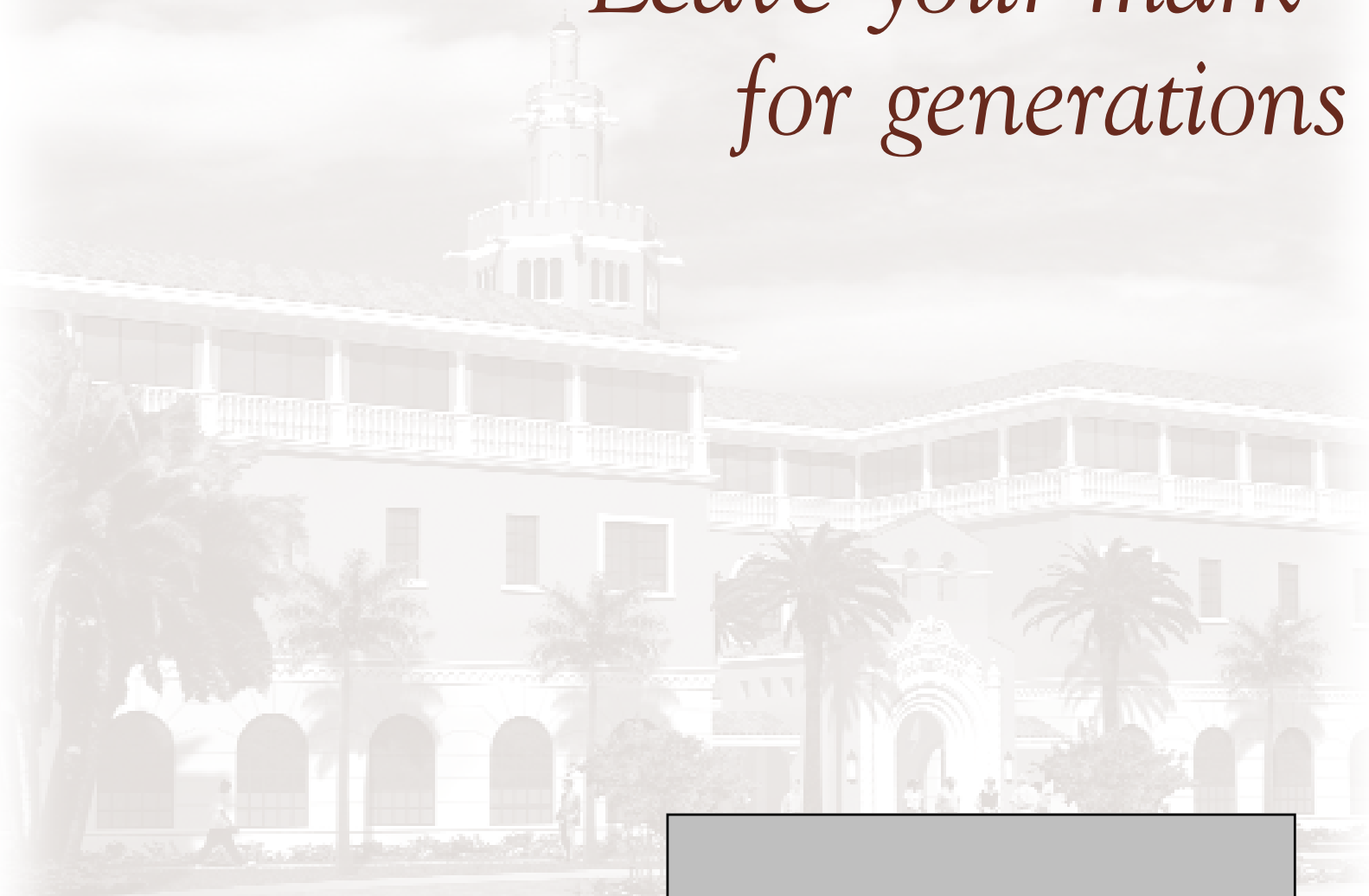
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