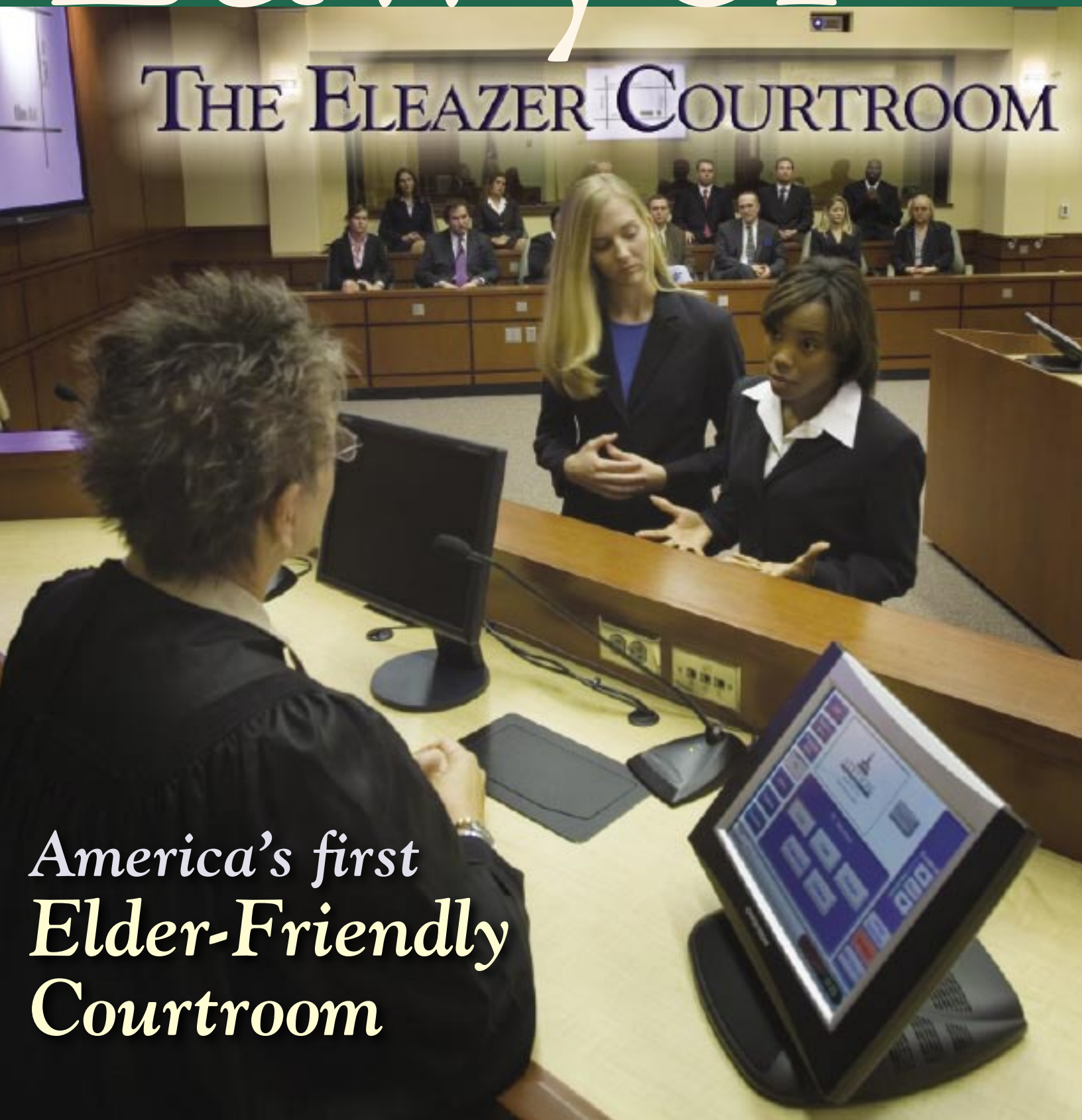


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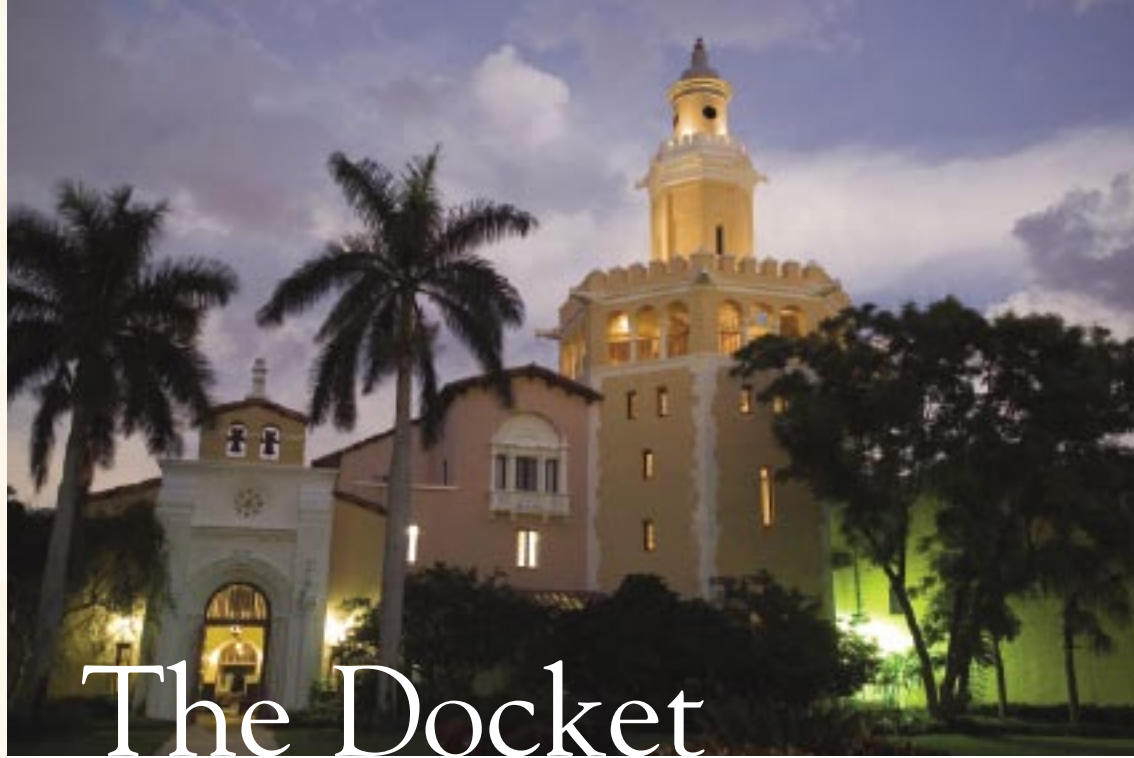
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- 17 **First Day of Classes**
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- 26 **Inns of Court Banquet**, 6:30 p.m., Mirror Lake Lyceum, St. Petersburg
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- 3 **Judge Stringer Pre-Law Conference**, Gulfport Campus
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- 22 **Sarasota Area Alumni Reception**, time and place TBA
- 24 **SBA Barrister's Ball**, 7 p.m., Sirata Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach
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- 25 **LL.M. Banquet**, 5 p.m., Great Hall
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MARCH 2006

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APRIL 2006

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- 8 **Admitted Law Students Open House**, Gulfport Campus
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- 28-29 **Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council**, Gulfport Campus

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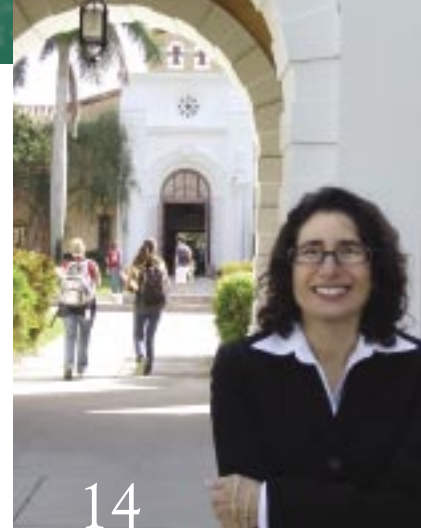
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Mission. Vision. Values.

Greetings,

As part of the strategic planning process, the College of Law has adopted new mission, vision and values statements. I hope you will take a few moments to familiarize yourself with these new statements so that you—our alumni and friends—can continue to help us to live our mission and fulfill our vision.

Mission. Stetson University College of Law provides a dynamic and supportive scholarly community in which students learn, in and outside the classroom and by example, to become outstanding lawyers and leaders who serve the profession and society.

Vision. Stetson University College of Law strives to be a diverse and selective law school whose faculty and students will have a meaningful and far-reaching impact on the law, the profession and society.

Core Values. Stetson University College of Law is committed to teaching, mentoring, skills training and providing students with a transformative educational experience. Stetson University College of Law values professionalism, ethics, civility, mutual respect and integrity. Stetson University College of Law strives to maintain a vibrant and dynamic intellectual community. Stetson University College of Law values community, access to justice, and stewardship.

The new mission and values emphasize the primacy of teaching and mentoring. They reinforce our commitment to professionalism, skills training and community service. They recognize that students learn inside and outside of the classroom and that, at Stetson, students learn much more than law; they learn leadership skills and life skills. The mission and vision recognize that the law school is a community of scholars

in which intellectual development and inquiry is crucial. They reflect that the College of Law continues to evolve and to become stronger and better.

As you will see in the pages of this issue, our faculty, students, alumni and staff are living the mission. They excel in ways that enhance the College of Law's national reputation and advance the legal profession. As just a few examples, Professor Kristen Adams was elected to the prestigious American Law Institute, as was Visiting Professor Candace Zierdt. Our Centers for Excellence hosted academic programs that received national attention and acclaim. Our professors are sought out for their insights on cutting-edge issues. Our students continue to set the standard in advocacy competitions and devote thousands of hours to pro bono service. In response to the Law School Survey of Student Engagement, our students reported that they work with each other and faculty at rates statistically higher than students at schools of a similar size. Our alumni hold significant positions in government, the bar, the judiciary and law-related organizations. Our staff works hard to support the College of Law's work.

Given our great depth and breadth of talent and enthusiasm, I have no doubt that—with our collective effort—we will fulfill the vision and continue to make the College of Law an even better place to teach and learn.

Sincerely,

 Darby Dickerson
 Vice President and Dean



Florida Bar honors Stetson law faculty with two professionalism awards

The Florida Bar honored Stetson University College of Law with two professionalism awards at its annual meeting in June in Orlando.

“The Bar’s professionalism awards honor a higher level of conduct that the college is proud to represent,” said Dean Darby Dickerson. The Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and the Florida Bar’s Standing Committee on Professionalism selected the award recipients.

Stetson’s Centers for Excellence in Advocacy and Elder Law received the 2005 Professionalism Award for their Elder Law Ethics Video Project. Professor Roberta Flowers, director of the advocacy center, received this year’s Faculty Award for Professionalism.

“Stetson prides itself on training ethical and professional attorneys, and I feel very fortunate to be part of a faculty committed to training students to become both effective lawyers and professional advocates,” Flowers said.

In the spring, Flowers was named Stetson’s first William Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law, a position designed to foster professionalism among students. Under Flowers’ direction, Stetson’s advocacy program tied for first in the nation in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2006 graduate school rankings.

The series of 15 educational videos produced by the advocacy and elder law centers encourages professionalism by illustrating how elder law students, attorneys and judges can deal successfully with ethical issues in the real world.

“We are honored to receive this award,” said Professor Rebecca Morgan, who holds the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law and directs the elder law center. “Real-world vignettes and an audience



Roberta Flowers



Rebecca Morgan

response system engage the audience in a discussion of ethical and professional behavior while illustrating the most professional approach to day-to-day ethical problems faced by elder law attorneys.”

Morgan also received the Faculty Award for Professionalism in 2003.

Stetson honored with ABA Law Student Division School of the Year Award

Stetson University College of Law was honored with the American Bar Association Law Student Division School of the Year Award in August.

The award, the highest honor given by the ABA Law Student Division, is given to the law school with the highest percentage of student members. Stetson is one of the most active schools nationwide in the ABA Law Student Division, with 68 percent of the student body belonging to the organization.

“Stetson’s chapter of the ABA plans numerous activities throughout the year, ranging from volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity to Diversity Day,” said former ABA fifth circuit governor and recent graduate Ashley Gay ’05.

Andrew Chiang ’05, former vice-chair of the ABA Law Student Division and ABA campus representative, was one of four national officers in charge of the division.

“Stetson’s achievement as a winner of the 2004-2005 ABA School of the Year Award has a lot to do with our students, our administration and their support,” Chiang said.

Stetson students have been elected as national officers to the ABA Law Student Division and hold various leadership positions within the organization. In addition to advocating the interests of Stetson students, the ABA Stetson chapter is dedicated to diversity, public interest and professional programming on campus and in the community.

The ABA is the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world, with more than 400,000 members. The association provides accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs for lawyers and judges, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.

Dickerson named Tampa Bay's Nonprofit Business Woman of the Year

Dean Darby Dickerson was named Business Woman of the Year in the Nonprofit/Social Services category by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* in August. She was among 40 professionals in the Tampa Bay area honored for their work.

Dean Dickerson is nationally recognized for her legal research and writing. Dickerson has written dozens of academic articles and authored the popular *ALWD Citation Manual*, which is used by more than 50 percent of first-year law students in the United States.



Darby Dickerson

Stetson presents two Tampa attorneys with 2005 Smith Public Service Awards

Stetson University College of Law honored criminal defense attorney Rochelle Reback and Carlton Fields attorney Sylvia Walbolt with the 2005 William Reece Smith Jr. Public Service Award. The awards were presented at Stetson's spring awards ceremony on May 13.

Reback leads the Tampa law firm of Rochelle A. Reback, Attorney and Associates at Law, which specializes in criminal law. She is a founding member of Tampa Safe and Free, an organization devoted to educating the community about the USA Patriot Act and its impact on civil liberties. In 2004, Reback received a Human Rights Award from the Tampa-Hillsborough County Human Rights Council. She is an active member of many organizations, including the Practitioners' Advisory Committee to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Sylvia Walbolt is a shareholder in the Tampa office of Carlton Fields and serves as chair of the firm's board of directors and its appellate practice group.



Rochelle Reback, left, receives the William Reece Smith Jr. award from Dean Darby Dickerson.

Walbolt is board-certified in appellate law, with significant experience in state and federal appeals of torts, employment discrimination and product liability cases, among other areas of the law.

Walbolt has a distinguished record of professional activity, including serving as past president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, former chair of the Florida Bar Antitrust Committee, former vice chair of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association, and former chair of the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases. She also directed Carlton Fields' significant pro bono program for many years.

Stetson established the William Reece Smith Jr. Award in 1990 to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated exemplary achievements in public service.

Vaughan appointed director of Tampa Law Center

Professor Stephanie Vaughan '91, acting director of legal research and writing at Stetson University College of Law, has been appointed director of the Tampa Law Center.

"I look forward to working with the students in Stetson's part-time program, the Second District Court of Appeal and the Tampa legal and business community," said Vaughan.

After graduating from Stetson with honors in 1991, Vaughan practiced law in the Tampa Bay area for nearly five years in the areas of local government law and employment discrimination litigation. Vaughan taught as an adjunct professor before joining the Stetson law faculty in 1996 as a full-time instructor of legal research and writing.



Sylvia Walbolt, left, accepts the William Reece Smith Jr. award from Dean Darby Dickerson.



Stephanie Vaughan '91

ADVOCACY NEWS

Stetson wins national criminal trial competition

A team of students from Stetson University College of Law won the 15th Annual Cathy Bennett National Criminal Trial Competition on Nov. 5 at the annual meeting of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Santa Fe, N.M.

The Stetson Law student team of Patricia Calhoun, Samuel Denny, Reneka Redmond and Ruel Smith beat a team from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in the final round of the three-day competition to become national champions. Teams argued a hypothetical death penalty case. This is the first year a capital litigation problem was used in the competition.



Samuel Denny, NACDL President Barbara Bergman, Reneka Redmond, Professor Charles Rose, Ruel Smith, Professor Lee Coppock '96 and Patricia Calhoun.

The first-place team was awarded \$3,000 in scholarship money.

Patricia Calhoun was named the Cathy E. Bennett Best Overall Advocate in the competition. Calhoun and Stetson Law will be added to the NACDL trophy board in Washington, D.C. Professor Charles Rose coached the winning team.

"Stetson swept the competition, scoring 5-0 and never losing a round," said Professor Lee Coppock '96, who directs the trial team program. "We have been invited to attend again next year."

"This is the premier criminal trial competition in the country," said Rose. Student teams from around the country were invited to participate in this exclusive event based on reputation and ability.

Stetson trial teams win first, second in Florida event; finalist in ABA competition Nov. 13

Stetson once again finished in first and second place at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Student Mock Trial Competition Nov. 13 in West Palm Beach. Stetson has earned more first-place wins in the AFTL competition's history than all other Florida schools combined.

The Stetson team of Senovia Lance, Art Rios, Brandon Held, Rosa Brown and Dennis McCarthy defeated the other Stetson team of Andrew Hill, Laurie Sharpe, Bethany Allen, Eric Ochotorena and Melanie Andre in the final round.

Stetson also made it to the finals of the ABA National White Collar Crime Mock Trial Competition in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 13.



Reneka Redmond, Alyson George and Royce Bluiitt were finalists at the Florida Bar's Robert Orseck Moot Court Competition this summer.

Stetson takes best brief, second place at Florida moot court competition

A Stetson team won the Best Brief Award at the Florida Bar's Robert Orseck Moot Court Competition in Orlando at the Bar's annual conference in June.

Also, for the fifth consecutive year, Stetson has advanced to the finals in the competition.

Students Royce Bluiitt and Reneka Redmond argued before Florida Supreme Court justices and district court judges in the finals. Team member Alyson George helped write the award-winning brief.

"I am very proud that we won the Best Brief award, one of the top three awards in any competition," said Professor Stephanie Vaughan '91, moot court board adviser. "The competition was very exciting, and we had a great group of people, including Dean Darby Dickerson, cheering us in the finals."

Eighteen teams from nine Florida law schools competed in the tournament. A team from Florida Coastal School of Law defeated the Stetson team in the finals.

The moot court team also reached the semifinals in the **E. Earle Zehmer Worker's Compensation Competition** in Orlando, earned best oralist in the **International Environmental Moot Court Competition**, and were quarterfinalists in the **John Marshall Information Technology and Privacy Competition**.

Stetson advances to ABA National Negotiation Competition, places second in ABA National Arbitration Competition

In November, teams from Stetson and Harvard were selected at the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition in Boston to advance to the national competition, scheduled Feb. 11-12, 2006, in Chicago.

The team of Jennifer Cowan and Robert Varkonyi competed in two preliminary rounds and defeated Vermont Law School in the semifinals for the right to advance to the national competition.

Also, the team of Teresa Bowman, Melissa Cowgill, Dominique Heller and Melody James placed second in the inaugural ABA Law Student Division National Arbitration Competition in November in St. Paul, Minn.

Stetson's team lost the final round by one point to University of Texas School of Law.

Stetson hires new registrar, career adviser

Stetson University College of Law appointed Nancy Kelsey as Assistant Dean of Academic Records and Registrar, and Pat White Dogan as Associate Director of Career Development.

Before coming to Stetson, Kelsey worked at Albany Law School for 18 years, serving as Assistant Dean and Registrar for eight of those years. She is a member of American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and National Network of Law School Officers, and has served on several academic committees.



Nancy Kelsey

Pat White Dogan joined Stetson from Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, N.H., where she was Associate Director of Career Services for four years.

Dogan practiced law for 14 years in Maine and has published articles in the *New Hampshire Bar News*, *Franklin Pierce Law Center Magazine*, *National Association for Law Placement Bulletin* and *Student Lawyer* magazine, as well as a short story in *Highlights for Children*.

Before moving to Florida last November, Dogan co-chaired the Maine State Bar Association's Community and Public Relations Committee.



Pat White Dogan

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Calcutta, India, team wins international environmental competition at Stetson Law

A team from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences in Calcutta, India, won the 10th annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition at Stetson University College of Law, Oct. 28-29. Law students from India, Ireland, Australia and the United States debated international environmental issues.

"The competition consistently draws some of the best law student advocates worldwide," said Stetson professor Royal Gardner. "More important, it is a forum that highlights environmental challenges that confront our planet."

More than 60 teams from around the globe competed for a chance to make it to Stetson's international finals, debating the hypothetical impact of an off-shore wind farm on a threatened migratory bird species. The West Bengal team defeated Cleveland State University Marshall College of Law to win the championship.

The final round judges included Dr. Noel J. Brown, former director of U.N. Environment Programme, North American regional office; Ambassador Jamsheed Marker, special adviser to the U.N. Secretary General and former Pakistani Ambassador to the United Nations; and William L. Thomas, head of Clifford Chance's Environmental Law Practice in the Americas. As part of the event, Dr. Brown delivered a lecture titled "Global Environmental Sustainability: Why Should We Care?"

Pictured above right, Professor Royal Gardner (second from left) presents the winning West Bengal team with their championship awards.



Stetson students observe Milosevic trial, meet international jurists in The Hague

Students in Stetson's newest summer abroad program at The Hague, Netherlands, observed the trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, met with representatives of the Dutch government, and visited the International Criminal Court, among other significant travels.

"This program is unique in its variety of field visits," said Professor Dorothea Beane, who coordinated the program. Those excursions also included trips to the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Court of Permanent Arbitration and the U.S.-Iran Claims Tribunal.

One morning in The Hague, students divided into groups for a simulation of an International Criminal Court situation involving pilots who erroneously dropped bombs on a civilian community while on a peacekeeping mission.

Stetson hosts national academic conferences

■ The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson and the National Institute of Justice presented the **National Conference on Science, Technology and the Law** in September at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg.

The three-day conference covered such topics as the investigation, prosecution and defense of cyber-crime crime cases, the impact of news coverage on high-profile cases, abuse investigation, ensuring forensic reliability, information sharing, police investigation tools, and the impact of new technologies on the criminal justice system. More than 40 speakers presented, including keynote speaker Nola Foulson, the district attorney who prosecuted the BTK serial killer case.

■ Stetson's Elder Consumer Protection Program presented a national symposium, "**Catching the Wolf at Grandma's Door**," for law enforcement, adult protective service workers, assistant state attorneys and assistant attorneys general on combating crimes against the elderly on the Gulfport campus in September. The symposium presented professionals with ways to better protect the elderly community. Delaware Attorney General M. Jane Brady introduced the conference.

■ Stetson and J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University presented a symposium, "**Lofton and the Future of Lesbian and Gay Adoption**" on Oct. 28 at the Tampa Law Center.

Last year, in *Lofton v. Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services*, an appellate court ruled that a prohibition on such adoptions does not violate the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal. The day-long program featured academic scholars who reviewed constitutional implications, psychological and sociological issues, and the implications in other areas of the law.

"Some people see a rejection of gay and lesbian adoption as a violation of basic rights. Others view the issue as one of protecting traditional values. This tension of fundamental values makes the issue so important to discuss at this time," said Professor Michael Allen,

who co-chaired the symposium with Professor Cynthia Hawkins-León.



Spring grads raise largest class gift in school history

The Classes of May and July 2005 raised \$23,170 for its class gift, the largest in Stetson Law history. When matched through Stetson's scholarship matching gift program, the total amount of the fund reached \$34,755.

The class gift has been designated for an emergency-need scholarship endowment to help students in financial crises.

Meet the New Class...

In 2005, 345 new students enrolled at Stetson University College of Law. Here are the statistics:

20% minority	54% women
129 colleges/universities	32 states/territories
154 median LSAT	Age range: 19-55
Average age, full-time class: 24	Average age, part-time class: 32
13 LL.M. students	6 countries

Degrees represented: M.D., Ph.D., LL.M., D.M.D., D.O., M.A., M.B.A., M.S., M.S.W., B.A., B.S., B.B.A., B.F.A., B.S.N.

Sample careers: auditor, journalist, teacher, chamber of commerce president, U.S. military soldier (all branches), nonprofit manager, tri-athlete, software developer, political adviser, paralegal, social worker, sign language interpreter, congressional press secretary, entrepreneur, U.S. Supreme Court intern, court administrator, corporate vice president, collegiate baseball national champion, pediatrics professor, goodwill ambassador, medical doctor, law enforcement, dentist, television actor, and engineer.

Activities: ran with bulls in Pamplona, hiked the Himalayas, skydived in the Alps, musician, climbed to summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, synchronized swimmer, equestrian, gymnast, personal trainer, nationally ranked amateur golfer, and semi-professional boxer.

765 total full-time J.D. students **230** total part-time J.D. students

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 selected to join the American Law Institute (see article, opposite page).

Michael P. Allen

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Allen received Stetson's 2005 Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Faculty Research, a university-level recognition. He published "The Proper Role of Religion in End-of-Life Matters" in *NAELA ebulletin*; "Life, Death, and Advocacy: Rules of Procedure in the Contested End-of-Life Case" in the *Stetson Law Review*; and "The Supreme Court, Punitive Damages and State Sovereignty," the lead article in *George Mason Law Review*. He provided legal commentary on the Supreme Court nomination process and other constitutional law issues to the *St. Petersburg Times*, WTVT Fox 13, WFLA NBC 8, 970 WFLA, Bay News 9 and radio stations in North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Robert Batey

Professor of Law

Professor Batey spoke at a Families Against Mandatory Minimums meeting in September in Pompano Beach. He was named Academic Master of Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court in Sarasota and has been interviewed by the *Christian Science Monitor*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Tampa Tribune*, *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, "The Criminal Justice Forum" radio show and WGCU radio.

Dorothea Beane

Professor of Law

Professor Beane received Stetson's 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award, the university's highest teaching honor.

Robert D. Bickel

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

Professor Bickel co-authored with Dean Darby Dickerson "Brown v. Board of Education: The Legacy Continues, the Struggle Continues" for the *Stetson Law Review*.

Nicholas B. Cox

Elder Consumer Protection Fellow

Professor Cox made presentations throughout Florida on elder consumer protection issues and was interviewed by the *St. Petersburg Times*, *South Florida Sun Sentinel*, *Bradenton Herald*, WTVT Fox 13,

WTTA WB 38, 970 WFLA radio, 1380 Radio Disney, and an Area Agency on Aging program on a variety of criminal law topics.

Darby Dickerson

Vice President and Dean, Professor of Law

Dean Dickerson co-authored with Professor Robert D. Bickel "Brown v. Board of Education: The Legacy Continues, the Struggle Continues" in the *Stetson Law Review*. She was elected to the board for Scribes legal writing society and was named Nonprofit Business Woman of the Year for 2005 by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* (see article, page 4). She presented at the Association of Legal Writing Directors biennial conference, American Bar Association annual meeting, Terrell Glenn Inn of Court, American Association of Law Schools Faculty Recruitment Conference, and the Student Discipline and Conduct Conference. Dean Dickerson was interviewed by WXIN Fox 59, WTVT Fox 13, WTHR NBC 13, WFLA NBC 8, *Tampa Tribune*, *St. Petersburg Times* and 970 WFLA about the Harriet Miers nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Peter L. Fitzgerald

Professor of Law

Professor Fitzgerald received Stetson's 2005 Golden Apple Teaching Award for teaching in the part-time program. He attended the Fulbright Association Annual Alumni Convention in Baltimore, Md., and spoke on OFAC Regulation of the Attorney-Client Relationship at the ABA National Institute on Economic Sanctions in Washington, D.C., both in November. Professor Fitzgerald was interviewed by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* regarding the president's authority to negotiate trade agreements over congressional objections. He also spoke to the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* and 1240 KFOR about business law issues.

Roberta Kemp Flowers

Professor of Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Professor Flowers received the Faculty Professionalism Award from the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and the Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism (see article, page 3). These groups also recognized her work with Professor Morgan on the Elder Law Ethics Video Project with the 2005 Professionalism Award. She was interviewed about criminal law issues by WFLA NBC 8, WTSP CBS 10, 89.7 WUSF, *Bradenton Herald*, *Daily Business Review* and *St. Petersburg Times*.

James W. Fox Jr.

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Fox received Stetson's 2005 Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Faculty Research, a university-level recognition. He published

“Doctrinal Myths and the Management of Cognitive Dissonance: Race, Law, and the Supreme Court’s Doctrinal Support of Jim Crow” in *Stetson Law Review*. His article, “Divining the Privileges of Citizenship under the Fourteenth Amendment: Lessons from Reconstruction,” appeared in *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*. Professor Fox presented “White Supremacy, Black Resistance, and Democratic Citizenship” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference in July 2005.

Royal C. Gardner

*Professor of Law and Director,
Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy*

Professor Gardner published the chapter “Mitigation” in *Wetlands Law and Policy: Understanding Section 404* and an article on “The Role of Wetland Mitigation and Conservation Banking in Sustainable Development: The United States Experience” in *Forum on Public Policy*. He also co-authored an article, “What Happens When a Wetland Mitigation Bank Goes Bankrupt?” in *Environmental Law Report* with Associate Dean Theresa Radwan. Professor Gardner served on the U.S. delegation to the Ramsar Convention Conference of the Parties in Kampala, Uganda, in November. While in Uganda, he lectured on biodiversity issues at Makerere University Faculty of Law. He also taught a two-day course on federal wetland law at Environmental Concern in Maryland and presented lectures to the Florida Wetlands and Mitigation Banking Conference in Tampa and the Society of Wetland Scientists 26th annual meeting in Charleston, S.C. He was interviewed by *St. Petersburg Times, Trends* (ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Newsletter), and *Ecosystems Marketplace* about environmental law issues and the Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy.

Douglas R. Haddock

Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Haddock published “Collaborative Examinations: A Way to Help Students Learn” in the *Journal of Legal Education*.

Cynthia G. Hawkins-León

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Hawkins-León has appeared on WTVT Fox 13, WEDU PBS 3 and Bay News 9 en Español to comment about a variety of legal issues.

Carol Henderson

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

Professor Henderson served on multiple panels and presented at many conferences, including the American Bar Association conference

ACADEMIC NEWS

Adams selected for American Law Institute

Stetson Law Associate Professor Kristen David Adams was recently selected as a member of the American Law Institute.

Adams is Stetson’s LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Chair, a two-year position that allows her to focus on research full time.

Adams’ work will culminate with *Commercial Transactions in the Global Market: a Survey for Students of Law and Business*, a casebook to be published by West Group next year.

She is also the co-author of *The Practice of Law School: Getting in and Making the Most of Your Legal Education* and has published in numerous law journals, including the *Emory Law Journal* and *Tulane Law Review*.

Adams teaches—among other courses—contracts, interdisciplinary jurisprudence and commercial transactions. She also has served as a faculty adviser to the *Stetson Law Review* and as the faculty coordinator for the College of Law Honors Program.

Before working at Stetson, Adams’ practice in Atlanta included extensive work in general commercial litigation, products liability, medical products litigation, medical and psychiatric malpractice defense, and intellectual property and real estate litigation.

An honors graduate of Emory Law School, Adams earned her master of laws degree from Yale Law School. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif.



Kristen D. Adams

Rutgers professor delivers Nichols Foundation lecture

Rutgers law professor Jay M. Feinman delivered the Nichols Foundation Prominent Speaker Lecture on Sept. 12. He discussed his recent book, *Un-Making Law: The Conservative Campaign to Roll Back the Common Law*.



Jay Feinman

Feinman has served as associate dean and acting dean of the Rutgers School of Law, where he teaches contracts, torts and insurance law. Feinman is a member of the American Law Institute and has chaired the Association of American Law Schools sections on contracts and teaching methods. He has received awards for excellence in teaching and published five books and more than 50 scholarly articles.

The Nichols Foundation Prominent Speakers Series was established in 1995 to enrich academic life at Stetson Law. Previous lectures have included prominent business leaders, government officials, legal scholars and practitioners.

in Chicago, 63rd annual meeting of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Montreal, International Association of Forensic Sciences meeting in Hong Kong (where she was keynote speaker for the Law and Ethics Section), Open World Rule of Law Program in Tampa, Forensics Committee Roundtable for the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Miami Beach, Marine Corps Staff Judge Advocates in Las Vegas, American Society of Crime Lab Directors Conference in Phoenix, and International Forensic Science Symposium in Taiwan. She hosted the National Conference on Science, Technology and the Law in September in St. Petersburg. Her work was mentioned in the *Federal Lawyer*, *Tampa Tribune* and National Public Radio, and she was interviewed for Crain's *New York Business* magazine. She co-authored "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Bloodstain Pattern Evidence," published in *Principles of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis: Theory and Practice*, and "Qualifications, Testimony and Malpractice" appeared in the *Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, which she also co-edited.

Bruce Jacob '59

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

Dean Jacob is a visiting professor of law at Northern Illinois College of Law, South Elgin, for fall 2005.

William A. Kaplin

Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Kaplin published *American Constitutional Law: An Overview, Analysis, and Integration* in 2004. This year, he was a panelist for a *Stetson Law Review* scholarship luncheon and is serving as a legal consultant for Catholic University of America on issues regarding academic freedom and outside speakers. Professor Kaplin provided an interview to 970 WFLA radio about sexual assault and harassment of students by teachers.

Timothy S. Kaye

Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Kaye published "LNAT: The National Admissions Test for Law," in *Law Teacher*.

Peter F. Lake

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

Professor Lake published "Private Law Continues to Come to Campus: Rights and Responsibilities Revisited," in the *Journal of College and University Law*. He was a speaker at the U.S. Department of Education's Alcohol and Other Drug Conference, and he has spoken to many other groups about alcohol, student wellness and risk management on college campuses. He was quoted in *USA Today* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Thomas C. Marks Jr. '63

Professor of Law

Professor Marks published two articles, "Now You See it, Now You Don't, Privacy and Search and Seizure in the Florida Constitution: Trying to Make Sense out of a Tangled Mess" and "Terri Schiavo and the Law" in *Albany Law Review*. Marks spoke by invitation to the local chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. In August, he spoke about the U.S. Constitution to visiting foreign students, and in November, Marks talked with students at Northwest Elementary about Stetson and the U.S. Constitution. He was interviewed by the *Daily Camera* (Colorado) and 89.7 WUSF about constitutional law issues.

Rebecca C. Morgan '80

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

Professor Morgan continues to write biannual updates to the LexisNexis loose-leaf publications *Tax, Estate & Financial Planning for the Elderly* and *Tax, Estate & Financial Planning for the Elderly: Forms & Practice*. She also updates *Planning for the Elderly in Florida* annually. Her work with the Elder Law Ethics Video Project earned a 2005 Professionalism Award from the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and the Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism (see article, page 3). She was interviewed by *Florida Trend*, *Maddux Business Report*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Star Ledger* (N.J.) and 89.7 WUSF about elder law issues and her work at Stetson.

Luz E. Nagle

Professor of Law

Professor Nagle published "Global Terrorism in Our Own Backyard: Colombia's Legal War against Illegal Armed Groups," the lead article in *Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems*. She served as co-chair of a panel at the International Bar Association Annual Conference in Prague in September and spoke at the American Immigration Lawyers Association Florida Chapter's annual meeting in St. Petersburg, the Midwest Association of Latin American Studies annual conference in St. Louis and the People Speak Campaign Event at Stetson. She gave the speech "Courage, Dedication and Conviction: One Woman's Journey" at the University of South Florida in November. Professor Nagle also attended the USAID/Checchi Human Rights Institute in Bogotá, Colombia, in August, where she taught 50 Colombian law professors about the Anglo-American accusatory criminal court system. She assisted with the political asylum cases of a Colombian government lawyer and a Colombian government informant. Her work and commentary has been featured in the *ABA Journal*, *Florida Trend*, *Maddux Business Report*, *USF Oracle*, WTVT Fox 13 and Bay News 9 en Español.

Marleen O'Connor-Felman

Professor of Law

Professor O'Connor-Felman published "Labor's Role in the American Corporate Governance Structure" in *Corporate Governance: Law, Theory and Policy*, and "American Corporate Governance and Children: Investing in Our Future Human Capital during Turbulent Times" in a 2005 issue of *Corporate Practice Commentator*.

Ann M. Piccard

Instructor of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Piccard published recent developments of *Café Erotica of Florida Inc. v. St. John's County* and *Coral Springs Street System Inc. v. City of Sunrise* in the *Stetson Law Review*.

Ellen Podgor

Culverhouse Chair and Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Podgor co-authored *International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials*, which received the International Association of Penal Law American National Section's 2005 Book of the Year Award for scholarly contribution to the field. She is the lead author for a new casebook, *Criminal Law: Concepts and Practice*. She has been quoted by *Forbes* magazine, *New York Times*, *Wall St. Journal* and CNN Money.

Theresa J. Pulley Radwan

Associate Dean of Academics and Associate Professor of Law

Dean Radwan published "What Happens When a Wetland Mitigation Bank Goes Bankrupt?" with Professor Royal C. Gardner in the *Environmental Law Report*. She also serves as secretary for the Debtors and Creditors Rights section of the American Association of Law Schools. She presented on the Bankruptcy Consumer Protection and Fraud Prevention Act of 2005 at Stetson's Special Needs Trusts seminar in September. She was interviewed by the *Orlando Sentinel*, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, *Ecosystems Marketplace*, *Gulf Coast Business Review* and WFLA NBC 8 about bankruptcy law issues and administrative matters.

Charles H. Rose

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Rose has offered legal commentary on a wide variety of criminal law issues to the *Christian Science Monitor*, *New York Sun*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Miami Herald*, CNN, MSNBC.com, *Tampa Tribune*, *St. Petersburg Times*, *Bradenton Herald*, *Daytona Beach News Journal*, *Daily Business Review*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, *USF*

CLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLE programs focus on new legislation

Stetson joined with the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar this past summer to host two seminars on the new **Bankruptcy Reform Act**. Florida bankruptcy judges and prominent practitioners discussed the drastic changes that went into effect as of Oct. 1, 2005. If you were unable to attend the seminar but would like to view a recording, visit www.fastcle.com/stetson online.

Stetson will host a seminar Feb. 3, 2006, on "**Managing the Medicare Maze.**" Speakers will include senior attorneys from the Center for Medicare Advocacy Inc. This cutting-edge program will feature information about Medicare eligibility, the new hearings and appeals process, Medicare set asides, managed care, issues in coverage (including coordination of benefits), and the changes under the new Part D. This program will be held in Stetson's new barrier-free courtroom and can also be viewed via a live Web cast.

ALN Satellite Series

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

Custom CLE

Are you interested in learning how you can partner with Stetson to create unique platforms for your attorneys to learn, showcase your firm's talent and expertise, and create a better and more productive working environment at your office? If so, please contact us to discuss the customized services that we can offer you. We are also seeking organizations who would like to sponsor programs or sponsor tuition scholarships.

Upcoming Programs

A calendar of upcoming CLE events are listed under "The Docket" on the inside front cover of this magazine. Also, programs on "Construction Law: Disaster Planning and Recovery," "Tax Deductions for Small Businesses, Self Directed Retirement Plans and 1031 Exchanges," "Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials" and other topics are being scheduled for 2006.

If you would like to order any written, audio or video materials from any past programs, or for more information about upcoming programs, please contact Stetson's Office for Continuing Legal Education, 1700 N. Tampa St., Tampa, FL 33602, (813) 228-0226, Fax: (813) 228-0155, cle@law.stetson.edu or www.law.stetson.edu/cle.

Oracle, WTVT Fox 13, WFLA NBC 8, Bay News 9, 89.7 WUSF, 970 WFLA and 1150 WNDB. He was also interviewed for an independent film documentary regarding the case against Steven Lorenzo, who stands accused of killing two gay men.

Ruth Fleet Thurman '63

Professor of Law

Professor Thurman was inducted into the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame in October in recognition of her service to Stetson and the legal community (see article, page 18).

James M. Underwood

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Underwood published "Supplemental Serendipity: Congress' Accidental Improvement of Supplemental Jurisdiction" in the *Akron Law Review*.

Stephanie Vaughan '91

Tampa Law Center Director and Acting Director of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Vaughan spoke at the Advocacy Board reunion in September and presented a CLE presentation on "Persuasive Writing and Communication" this fall. She served on the St. Petersburg Police Citizens Review Committee. Professor Vaughan was named director of the Tampa Law Center in August (see article, page 4).

Darryl C. Wilson

Professor of Law

Professor Wilson was quoted by WFLA NBC 8, *Tampa Tribune*, *Gulf Coast Business Review* and the *Bradenton Herald* about several intellectual property and real property law issues.

Stetson welcomes visiting faculty

Ellen S. Podgor joined Stetson this fall from Georgia State University as Culverhouse Chair and Visiting Professor of Law. A former deputy prosecutor and defense attorney, Professor Podgor teaches white collar crime, federal criminal law, criminal law and international criminal law. She has co-authored five books, published numerous articles, and made national and international presentations on computer crime, international criminal law and white collar crime. Professor Podgor has been quoted extensively in the national news media, and her op-ed pieces have appeared in several major U.S. newspapers. She is a co-editor of the White Collar Crime Prof Blog, and was recently awarded the International Association of Penal Law's 2005 Book of the Year for her co-authored book *International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials*.

She taught as a visitor at the University of Georgia, George Washington University and University of Alabama. She is on the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. She is an American Law Institute member and an honorary member of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. She earned a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, a master of business administration degree from University of Chicago, a law degree from Indiana University at Indianapolis and a master of laws degree from Temple University.

Martin A. Frey serves as Visiting Professor of Law. He is professor emeritus at University of Tulsa College of Law, where he was co-director of the Center on Dispute Resolution. He teaches contracts, secured transactions, alternative dispute resolution, and interviewing, counseling and negotiation.

Professor Frey is a senior settlement judge for the U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Master Emeritus in the Johnson/Sontag American Inn of Court. He was the Reporter for the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma and has been an inspector for the ABA Committee on Accreditation and Admissions to the Bar.

An award-winning teacher, Professor Frey wrote *Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution* and co-authored *Introduction to Contracts and Restitution for Paralegals*, *An Introduction to Bankruptcy Law*, *Essentials of Contract Law*, and *A Student's Guide to Law School Competitions*.

Professor Frey has visited at Drake University, Texas Tech University, Washington University (St. Louis), University of Maine, University of Alabama and Wake Forest University. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*. He earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, his law degree from Washington University (St. Louis) and an LL.M. from George Washington University.

Douglas R. Haddock comes to Stetson as Visiting Professor of Law from St. Mary's University, where he has taught for 25 years. He teaches and writes in property, civil procedure and conflict of laws.

Professor Haddock is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif. He clerked for Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Walter F. Rogosheske and practiced law for four years with the St. Paul firm of Briggs and Morgan. Professor Haddock taught for five years at Hamline University School of Law before joining the law faculty at St. Mary's University.

He has also visited at Washington and Lee University, University of Utah, Hastings College of the Law, University of Innsbruck, Austria, and Pepperdine University. Professor Haddock earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Utah.

William A. Kaplin joins Stetson as Visiting Professor of Law from Catholic University of America. He teaches and writes in the areas of education law and constitutional law. He has authored eight books, including *American Constitutional Law: An Overview, Analysis and Integration* and *The Law of Higher Education: A Comprehensive Guide to Legal Implications of Administrative Decision Making*.

Professor Kaplin is past chair of the Education Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, former editor of the *Journal of College and University Law*, and a former member of the Education Appeal Board of the U.S. Department of Education. Selected as a fellow of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, Professor Kaplin has received several national awards and recognitions. He has also visited at Cornell University, Wake Forest University, George Washington University and the University of Houston. He earned his bachelor's degree from University of Rochester and his law degree from Cornell University.

Timothy Kaye joins Stetson as Visiting Professor of Law from the University of Birmingham, England, where he served as Undergraduate Admissions Dean and taught and published in the fields of torts, jurisprudence and education law. Dr. Kaye continues to hold a professorship at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Dr. Kaye co-authored Blackstone's *Book of Moots*. Kaye was the first chairman of the LNAT Consortium Ltd., a company formed by eight top British law schools to oversee the National Admissions Test for Law. He was formerly a consultant with one of the largest education law practices in the United Kingdom. He was commissioned by the Estonian government three times to evaluate its legal education institutions. He co-wrote the United Kingdom's *General Guidance for Schools on the Human Rights Act*.

Visiting Professor of Law **Candace Zierdt** is the Alan Gray Professor of Law at the University of North Dakota and recently served as the interim dean. She teaches contracts, trial advocacy, uniform commercial code and juvenile law. She has served as an academic specialist in Slovenia and Macedonia on the subjects of American contract law and the rule of law. She has visited at Temple University and Emory University.

Professor Zierdt practiced law for 11 years in Kansas City and



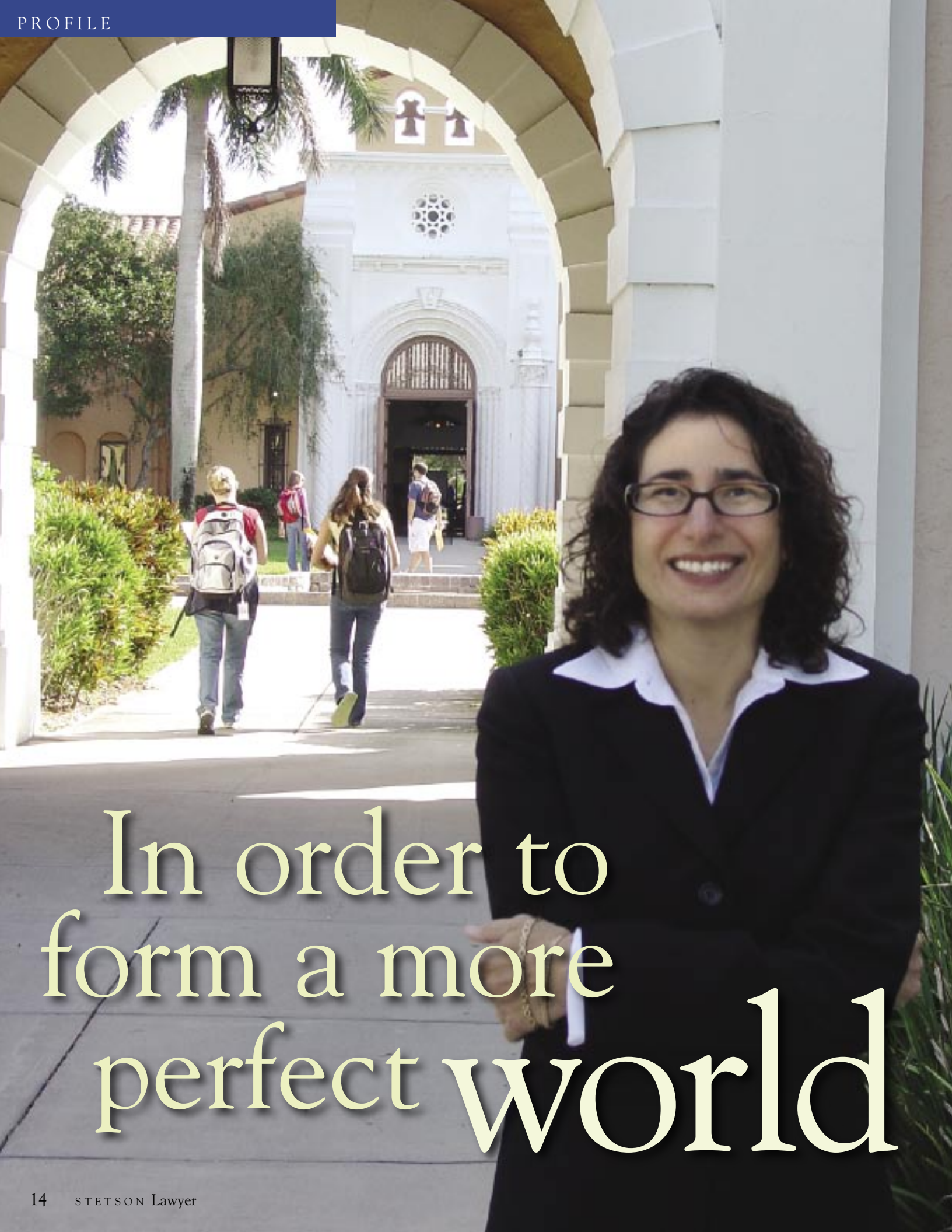
Back row from left, William Kaplin, Lance Long, Timothy Kaye and Douglas Haddock. Front row from left, Ellen Podgor, Candace Zierdt, Martin Frey and Bridget Remington '03.

received the Missouri Association of Social Welfare Award for Outstanding Legal Services. She was also a law clerk to Judge Doris Smith of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court of Appeals.

An award-winning professor, Professor Zierdt lectures and publishes about issues relating to children and the law and commercial law. She is a North Dakota commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and a member of the NCCUSL Committee on Liaison with American Indian Tribes and Nations. She earned her bachelor's and law degrees from University of Kansas and her master of laws degree from Temple University.

Lance Long joins Stetson as a visiting instructor of legal research and writing from Brigham Young University. He spent 12 years in private practice, specializing in appellate and motion practice in the areas of intellectual property, contract and construction law. He consults with the law firm of Hill, Johnson & Schmutz in Provo, Utah. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Brigham Young University.

Bridget Remington '03 returns to her alma mater as a visiting instructor of legal research and writing. She served as staff attorney to Judge Craig C. Villanti of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal. Professor Remington taught English to at-risk high school students and worked in social services before attending Stetson, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Stetson Law Review*, a member of the Moot Court Board, a Dean's Fellow and a Teaching Fellow. She earned her bachelor's degree from Stanford University and master's degree from University of Mississippi.



In order to
form a more
perfect world

Childhood advice inspires top computer problem solver to human rights law career

BY FRANK KLIM

AS A YOUNG CHILD, JO Ann Palchak's father gently handed her a leather-bound copy of the U.S. Constitution and told his daughter, "This is what I was protecting when I fought in the war. Please study and appreciate it."

To this day, Palchak carries a copy of the U.S. Constitution and frequently gives copies as gifts. This third-year student graduates in December 2005 with an unbridled passion for her profession. Palchak positions her perspective this way: "I believe that the law should inspire notions of clarity, fairness and justice, not fear or powerlessness. The law should be seen as a refuge."

Palchak has always been a problem solver. During her eight years as a senior-level systems analyst with software giant Oracle, she worked in the database group doing "premium support" and "bug diagnostics and escalation issues." Her expertise led her to the pinnacle of Oracle's worldwide support system. Her daily challenge was no small task. A typical problem might involve a hiccup in an international company's computer tracking system. Because Palchak specialized in distributed

databases, she was able to resolve these issues quickly herself or get the right sort of help to do so.

In what sounds like a scene from a movie, Palchak made the decision to change the course of her life during a hiking vacation in the Himalayas. She summarized the cathartic decision: "I realized that, while I simply loved my work, I wasn't yet solving the correct set of problems for me. I knew there was something more I could do. I felt that my focus should be more in line with improving humanity and helping people—beyond just their database needs. I considered becoming a doctor but quickly ruled this out, as I have a little bit of a weak stomach."

After her trek in Nepal, Palchak returned home and began looking at her old copy of the U.S. Constitution. As she turned the pages that define our democracy, she knew that she should pursue law. She gave Oracle a year to find her replacement and thus began a new career—solving a whole new set of challenges as a student at Stetson University College of Law.

It should come as no surprise that Palchak is president of Stetson's American Constitution Society. She is also active in a number of other legal organizations, including the

Law and Society Organization, the Human Development and Capability Association, the Ferguson and White Inn of Court and the International Association of Genocide scholars.

Genocide scholarship has become Palchak's mission. Inspired by Stetson Professors Dorothea Beane and Luz Nagle, Palchak began studying the jurisprudence of gender crime as developed by the ad-hoc international tribunals. "Women have a unique vulnerability during times of internal conflict," said Palchak. "The systematic rape of women during such a conflict was held to be an instrument of genocide. The organized sexual violence against women was found to be torture. If you want to wipe out a culture, orphan the children, abandon the elderly, and you systematically violate the women," she explained.

Last June, only one law student in the world was invited to participate on a panel of distinguished Holocaust scholars at the International Association of Genocide Scholars Biennial Conference. It was Jo Ann Palchak. Her scholarship on gender crime drew the attention of international law and genocide scholars. She was invited to

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Palchak's pursuits have connected her with Professor Dorothea Beane and Dutch Parliamentary member John Leerdam, Gloria Steinem and U.N. Special Adviser Juan Méndez.

submit her work and participate in a distinguished panel at the conference that featured Juan Méndez of Argentina as a keynote. Méndez is one of the world's leading scholars on human rights laws and is U.N. Special Adviser to Secretary General Kofi Annan.

This year's American Society of International Law conference at the New England School of Law in Boston presented a forum to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide and the work of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Earlier in the year, Palchak studied the tribunal's work during a class with Professor Beane. Her immersion in this subject led to extensive papers on the development of the jurisprudence of gender crime. She had also prepared an interactive presentation on the topic. With Professor Beane's assistance, she sent this presentation to Judge Navi Pillay, former president of the Rwandan Tribunal. "There was no clear definition of rape in international law until the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda crafted it," said Palchak. "It was really an honor to share my work with Judge Pillay, as she was a jurist in the Akayesu case that found rape as an instrument of genocide."

During the Boston conference,

Palchak could not resist the opportunity to query the assembled legal scholars. Between sessions, one of the speakers mistakenly assumed Palchak was a law professor and invited her to the speaker's reception. Palchak shared that she was actually a student, but the scholars insisted she go to the reception. There, she discussed her work with both a judge and prosecutor from the Rwandan Tribunal, as well as numerous other legal scholars.

Palchak's work as editor of the Tribunal Project at Stetson with Professor Beane prepared her well for the Hague-Freiburg summer abroad program. While in The Hague, Palchak and her classmates had the opportunity to meet with Judge Navi Pillay, who is now a judge at the International Criminal Court. Palchak said the summer abroad program was an extraordinary experience that solidified her resolve to "global problem solving using international law." The Hague program included observations of the trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, meeting with representatives of the Dutch government, lectures with distinguished international lawyers, and visits to the International Criminal Court. "This program is unique in its field visits," Professor Beane said. Those excursions also

included trips to the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the Court of Permanent Arbitration and the U.S.-Iran Claims Tribunal.

When Palchak speaks about the role of the modern-day lawyer, she talks about change, passion, awareness and loyalty. "Each of us is responsible for the maintenance, safekeeping and celebration of the profession."

As for the future, Palchak wants to pass the bar and pursue an LL.M. fellowship with the goal of being a law professor. "My ultimate goal is to become an engaged scholar. I want to use my scholar's agency as an agent of change to help the marginalized and disenfranchised. Stetson professor Marleen O'Connor-Felman is an example to me of the impact one can have from academia, via her work in the area of corporate governance."

As a passionate constitutional law student, Palchak is fascinated by the 14th Amendment. "Due process and equal protection finally reached the states," she muses. She frequently reads the Amendments in her personal copy of the Constitution that remains her traveling companion and remembers the fatherly advice she received so many years ago.

AFTL past president fights political tort reform battle

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

Ranked in a 2004 Gallup poll among America's least trusted professionals, it's no secret that lawyers—especially trial lawyers—are the frequent target of political attacks.

Fighting back is Alexander “Zander” Clem '90, immediate past president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. A leading advocate for, well, advocates, Clem spent 2004-2005 at the forefront of the public battle of tort reform.

“Every year, there is a constant drumbeat in Tallahassee for tort reform where big insurance companies, professional groups and industries seek immunity—or partial immunity—from accountability for personal injuries resulting from their negligent conduct. Floridians are the victims of legislation that strips away their tort rights,” he said.

As AFTL president, Clem served as a chief spokesperson against the constitutional amendment that passed in Florida to limit lawyer fees on medical malpractice cases. During the 2005 legislative session, Clem and his team defended against 40 different tort reform measures, including premises liability, class action, products liability and multiple medical malpractice bills.

Clem's position has put him at odds with leaders of his own political party. “I was born into a

Republican family, believing in personal responsibility and personal accountability, which are also the bedrock principles of the civil justice system,” explains Clem, whose father Chester Clem was a former legislator, vice chair of the Florida GOP and candidate for governor.

“The jury system is alive and well, and it works. In the vast majority of civil cases, juries get it right,” Clem said. “I'm disturbed about the lack of respect by many elected officials who don't seem to have a complete understanding of the judicial process, trial by jury, and the importance of the civil justice system in our daily lives.”

Clem's leadership of the AFTL wasn't his first foray into public discourse. He has testified repeatedly before the Florida Senate and House committees on tort reform issues and served on the legislative committee of the Orange County Bar Association.

Specializing in the areas of nursing home negligence and wrongful death, Clem wears the label of personal injury attorney with pride. “We make a difference in people's lives. There are countless examples where trial lawyers have benefited society—removing dangerous products from the market such as flammable children's pajamas, defective Firestone



Alexander Clem '90

tires, Pinto cars that exploded on impact—and this was not done through a governmental agency. I'd rather have one aggressive trial lawyer addressing a problem than 1,000 bureaucrats. A trial attorney is, in essence, a private attorney general. We get results.”

Clem acknowledges that trial lawyers have a public image problem—one he attributes to attacks by politicians and the insurance industry. “I get frustrated with certain public officials referring to personal injury claims as frivolous or junk lawsuits—losing a loved one isn't frivolous to the family that suffered the loss.”

Clem maintained his legal practice as an attorney for Morgan & Morgan P.A. throughout his AFTL presidency. He was recently listed in the 2005-2006 edition of Best Lawyers in America and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Stetson in June 2005.

Despite the personal and political challenges, he feels that the AFTL has fought well against tort reform. “Although frustrating, I have enjoyed the battle, fighting for the rights of the people and fighting for the protection of Floridians' rights. For me, the work I've done for the Academy hasn't been out of self-interest, but in the pursuit of the belief that the civil jury trial is the heart and lungs of democracy. It's been a very rewarding public service.”

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Hall of Fame

GARDNER W. BECKETT JR. '57

Gardner Beckett was a celebrated civil rights attorney. During his legal career, he donated countless hours of legal representation through the American Civil Liberties Union and was recognized with the Nelson Poynter Award, Florida's highest award in civil liberties. He won three cases for the ACLU before the U.S. Supreme Court. Beckett served on the Stetson Law board of overseers and as an adjunct professor of law. In 1967, Beckett became president of the board of directors for the Stetson University Law Center Foundation, later known as the Dana Law Center Foundation. He was a member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners and the Pinellas County Committee of 100.



WILLIAM J. CLAPP

In the early 1950s, William J. Clapp played a pivotal role in convincing Stetson University trustees and President Ollie Edmunds that St. Petersburg/Gulfport would be an ideal place to relocate the College of Law. Clapp helped organize a community fundraising campaign in the area to help make the move financially possible for Stetson.



E. HARRIS DREW '23

Justice Drew served two decades as a member of the Florida Supreme Court, including two terms as chief justice. He was president of the



Florida Bar and Stetson Lawyers Association and winner of Stetson's Ben C. Willard Award. Justice Drew served on the college's board of overseers and spearheaded construction projects at the law school.

WILLIAM R. ELEAZER

Professor William R. Eleazer served 25 years on the faculty of Stetson Law. During his tenure, he built Stetson's nationally recognized, number one-ranked trial advocacy program. The William R. Eleazer courtroom, the nation's first "elder-friendly" courtroom, was dedicated in his honor on Sept. 16.



MARY STEWART HOWARTH-HEWITT '08

Mary Stewart Howarth-Hewitt was the first woman in Florida to attend law school and earn a law degree. She was admitted by the Florida Supreme Court to practice on June 20, 1908. She supported Stetson throughout her life and taught constitutional law at the college on a part-time basis.



ROBERT E. JAGGER '58

Robert E. Jagger spent more than three decades as public defender for Pinellas-Pasco counties. In 1963, Jagger, together with Stetson professor Paul Barnard and 6th Judicial Circuit Senior Judge John Bird, organized the state's first clinical legal education program at the college of law.



OF LAW

Stetson University College of Law honored the dedication and contributions of alumni, faculty and friends as inductees into its Hall of Fame, established in 2004 by Dean Darby Dickerson. The members were selected by a 10-member panel and inducted on October 10. The Hall of Fame now includes 28 members.

“All of these individuals have reached the pinnacle of their professions and have effected a profound positive influence on Stetson University College of Law,” said Dean Darby Dickerson.

BY FRANK KLIM

WALTER MANN

For more than 25 years, Walter Mann was a moving force in the development and progress of Stetson University College of Law. He gave generously of time and resources.

He was an organizer of the College of Law board of overseers and served as its first president from February 1961 until February 1967. He was later elected treasurer of the board and served from 1969 until his death in August 1981.



JAMES T. RUSSELL '54

James T. Russell was elected to the Florida Legislature in 1958 and served for six years. He served as a judge for several municipalities, city attorney for Gulfport, and an assistant state attorney. In 1969, the governor appointed him state attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit, a position he held until January 1992. In the 1970s, Russell helped create a new prosecution clinic at the College of Law. He died on Jan. 2, 2006.



MURRAY SAMS JR. '49

During his career, Murray Sams Jr. was one of our nation's finest trial lawyers. He was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a board member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, president of the International Society of Barristers and the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, and a member of numerous other legal organizations.



Over the years, Sams has been a generous donor to Stetson, sharing his time, energy and talents to help launch numerous education programs. He served as a member of the College of Law board of overseers and the Dana Law Center Foundation.

SUSAN F. SCHAEFFER '71

Judge Schaeffer graduated at the top of her 1971 class at Stetson. She worked as an Internal Revenue Service field agent for three years before beginning law school at Stetson.



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.

RUTH FLEET THURMAN '63

Over three decades of students at Stetson Law have worked with and learned from Professor Ruth Fleet Thurman. Thurman holds the distinction of being the first female tenured professor at Stetson University College of Law, and she was the only woman in her spring 1963 graduating class.

Thurman was also the first female assistant state attorney in Florida's 6th Judicial Circuit.



THE William R. Eleazer



*The model for
access to the elderly*

Courtroom



National advocates for the rights of seniors and the disabled gathered at Stetson University College of Law on Sept. 16 for the dedication of the nation's first "elder-friendly" courtroom.

"We can only hope that this courtroom inspires the creation of others," said AARP CEO Bill Novelli. "You have created a place of law and justice that is accessible to anyone and everyone."

The courtroom features touch screens, electronic gates that open automatically, hearing amplification devices, flat-panel monitors, refreshable Braille displays, a multi-lingual software speech synthesizer and translator, and other features specially designed for people with reduced vision, limited hearing or other physical disabilities.

BY FRANK KLIM, BRANDI PALMER AND DAVINA GOULD
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This barrier-free courtroom, a joint effort of Stetson's Centers for Excellence in Advocacy and Elder Law, was designed as a national model to increase courtroom access for the elderly and disabled. It uses cutting-edge technology including flat-panel monitors to display evidence, hearing amplification devices to make speech more audible, and a multi-lingual software speech synthesizer to read aloud words displayed on a computer screen, translate them into multiple languages, and even output words to refreshable Braille displays.

Beyond technology, the architecture and decor addresses the needs of elderly and disabled individuals. Contrasting colors are used throughout the courtroom to aid the visually impaired, and the specially designed chairs and courtroom layout improve access for those with limited mobility. A wheelchair ramp with double handrails is located inside the judge's chambers, and the three-judge appellate bench features technology that is easily movable for judges with limited reach. The courtroom is completely compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The teaching courtroom features a double jury box with one-way glass, which allows students to monitor mock juries and focus groups. A flat-panel touch screen outside the courtroom explains the roles of court personnel in the proceedings. High-definition plasma screens and projectors display clear images that are easy to see. One-of-a-kind electronic gates are located at the front of the gallery and open as pocket doors activated either by electronic sensor or by pressing a button from a number of locations throughout the courtroom. The custom-built podium adjusts to height and automatically extends the work surface for individuals in wheelchairs.



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Former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who shepherded the American with Disabilities Act, was the keynote speaker for the Eleazer Courtroom dedication. Thornburgh reminded the courtroom audience of a landmark Supreme Court case, *Lane v. Tennessee*, in which a disabled man was forced to climb out of his wheelchair and crawl up the steps of a courthouse to attend a judicial proceeding. "The Eleazer courtroom doesn't simply accommodate wheelchair access, though that is monumental in its own right. It goes so much further. Its technology will enable people with various sensory impairments to participate fully in our judicial process," Thornburgh said.

Lawrence Davidow, president of the National Academy for Elder Law Attorneys, said construction of the new courtroom is the beginning of a movement to increase access, dignity, respect and involvement of all people with disabilities, regardless of age, in every courtroom in the United States. "This courtroom is all about enhancing the lives of people with special needs as they age. We intimately know what this courtroom means to them: access to justice with dignity, enhancing their ability to be a part of a process that directly impacts their lives, without barriers, seamlessly allowing their disabilities to be a non-issue," Davidow said.

Stetson professors Rebecca Morgan and Roberta Flowers spearheaded courtroom construction. "This innovative courtroom combines cutting-edge technology while recognizing that our system of justice will always be about people," said Flowers.

The courtroom will be used initially for Elder Consumer Protection Program activities that educate the elderly community about various types of consumer fraud. In the spring, elder law and advocacy students will use the new facility, and Professors Morgan and Flowers are working to make the courtroom available for actual court proceedings in the near future. Stetson dedicated the courtroom in honor of Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus William R. Eleazer.



Microphones and display monitors have been installed at each lawyer's table, judge's seat, podium and witness desk.



WILLIAM R. ELEAZER COURTROOM



Professor Emeritus William R. Eleazer and wife Jan Eleazer pose alongside Professor Eleazer's portrait.



Above, students can observe jury deliberations through a one-way mirror. Left, the judge's chamber features a wheelchair ramp and equipment for viewing activities inside the courtroom. Below, a touch-screen panel outside the courtroom allows visitors to learn about each area of the courtroom.



Across page, special markings in the carpet cue visually impaired visitors to the location of rows for seating.





THE
CORNERSTONE
CAMPAIGN

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR TOMORROW

Cornerstone Campaign exceeds \$30 million

ON MAY 31, 2005, WE celebrated the triumphant conclusion of the Cornerstone Campaign.

This campaign was the first major, comprehensive fundraising campaign for Stetson University College of Law. Its purpose was to strengthen and expand the intellectual life of the College through enhancements to the curriculum, academic programs, faculty, students and staff.

In the beginning, we started with an ambitious goal of raising \$8 million by May 31, 2005. Then in 2002, we decided to raise that goal to \$12 million. The breakdown of those funds were designated as follows:

\$6.5 million Student Scholarships/Awards
\$2.25 million Faculty Chairs/Professorships
\$2.25 million Academic Programs
\$1 million Faculty/Staff Development

Now, I am proud to announce that Stetson University College

of Law has exceeded its goal by raising over \$30 million.

This tremendous grand total was made possible through gifts, pledges, bequests and federal funding—making the Cornerstone Campaign the most successful fundraising initiative in the history of the College of Law.

As we all know, something this successful would not have been possible without the generosity and support of so many people. Your heartfelt contributions have made—and will continue to make—a significant and positive impact on the future of this law school.

While the Cornerstone Campaign is now officially over in name, we hope that the



Dotti E. Bressi
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philanthropic spirit shown by our alumni and friends will continue. Together, we must preserve and pass on to future generations our commitment to excellence, for it is the responsibility of all of us who have a concern for this law school to ensure its future success.

I would like to personally express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all of you who have been so generous with your time, energy and money. Never has Margaret Mead's famous quote been more appropriate than now when she said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. For indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Thank You,

Dotti E. Bressi, Ed.D.
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Largest graduation award named for Edward D. Foreman

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

HE WAS THE MOST wonderful man I have ever known and the love of my life.”

Whenever Bonnie Brown Foreman BA '68 speaks of her husband of 37 years, Edward D. Foreman BA '67, JD '71, her voice trembles in a blend of passion and grief.

“His generosity of friendship, time, talent and resources was unmatched. Success never changed him, and the good and difference he made is incalculable,” said Foreman’s widow with an unflinching enthusiasm that has not waned since his death nearly two years ago. “He devoted his life to serving others, his family, the legal profession and his community.”

Eager to share the story of her beloved Ed, Mrs. Foreman sought to find ways to publicly honor his memory as she grieved for his death. When fulfilling the promise her husband made to attend the graduation of his Stetson law clerk, Alex Jagiella, in May 2004, she conceived a special way to memorialize her soulmate: the Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award.

This award would become the largest, most prestigious award given at each graduation. It would honor the “best all-around student” who has demonstrated a passion for the legal profession and commitment to community service.

“Stetson was a wonderful place



Andrew Chiang '05 accepts the first Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award from Bonnie Brown Foreman. The son of Taiwanese immigrants, Chiang was a JD/MBA dual-degree graduate who served as vice chair of the American Bar Association Law School Division and a Stetson Ambassador.

to start to honor his memory. Law school gave him the opportunity for such success,” said Mrs. Foreman, who met her husband when they were students at Stetson’s undergraduate campus in DeLand. After marrying in 1969, the couple moved to St. Petersburg so that Edward could attend Stetson University College of Law. He excelled as a student, graduating first in his law school class. Edward served on the editorial board of the *Stetson Intramural Law Review* and as a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award for Excellent Achievement in the Study of Pleading.

After law school, Edward Foreman worked as an assistant public defender before opening his own practice. He also served as the city attorney for Pinellas Park from 1975 until his death in 2004. His diverse personal interests included flying, gourmet cooking, travel, wildlife and serving others.

“Mr. Foreman was passionate,

generous and truly a renaissance man,” echoed Andrew Chiang '05, the inaugural recipient of the Foreman award. “I am excited by this award, but humbled at the same time.” As a Foreman award winner, Chiang received a \$5,000 cash award and a crystal trophy in the shape of an eternal flame. His name was engraved on a large bronze plaque bearing the image of Edward Foreman outside the Great Hall.

Bonnie Foreman talks of Chiang with the pride of a parent and looks forward to meeting future honorees. “It is my dearest wish that the recipients of this award will bring their children back to see their name engraved on the plaque.”

“It is such a privilege for me to honor the memory of my husband with this award,” said Mrs. Foreman at Stetson’s Cornerstone Campaign celebration. “And the one thing I didn’t expect—it has helped me to mend my own broken heart.”

Milani carries on mother's legacy of giving through endowed student scholarship

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD

FOR HASSAN MILANI, charitable giving is about honoring the legacy of the woman who gave him life.

"I owed her a lot—she was the most wonderful person who ever walked this Earth," said Milani, who established the Zinat Shadman

Milani Scholarship Endowment in his mother's honor. The need-based scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated good academic performance.



Zinat Shadman Milani

Zinat Shadman Milani, known to her friends as "Zizi Joon," was born into a prominent family whose members held top-level government positions in the Shah of Iran's regime. The mother of five children, Zizi Joon was best known for her generosity and lively spirit.



From left, Hassan Milani, scholarship recipient Christina Platt and Mahvash Milani gather at the Cornerstone Campaign Celebration banquet in October.

"The most important thing she taught me was if you do something for somebody, do not expect anything in return and you will be happy," said Mr. Milani, whose son, Farzad, is on the dean's list at Stetson. "This scholarship is just a small token of appreciation for what [my mother] did for me in my life."

The first Milani Scholarship was awarded to Christina Platt, a single parent.

"I am so thankful," said Platt. "Without Mr. Milani's help, I would not have been able to succeed at Stetson."

The owner of a commercial refrigeration business, Mr. Milani has also contributed to Stetson in other ways through creating a second endowed scholarship and donating refrigeration equipment to the newly remodeled Stetson café.

When Mr. Milani retires in a few years, he plans to continue to follow his mother's example by donating more of his time and resources to helping others, including volunteering for Stetson.

"She taught me that it's not the amount of money that you give, but the percentage of what you can afford to give that counts."

THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN: FINAL RESULTS

<u>Campaign Component</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Over Goal</u>
Student Scholarships and Awards	\$ 9,193,209	\$2,693,209
Faculty Chairs and Professorships	\$ 5,063,579	\$2,813,579
Curricular and Co-Curricular Programs	\$13,915,708*	\$11,665,708
Other	\$ 56,818	
GRAND TOTAL	\$30,479,314	Total over goal: \$18,479,314

* Includes federal grants.

We would like to thank the following alumni, faculty, staff, friends, firms, companies, corporations and foundations for their assistance and continued support of Stetson University College of Law during the 2004-2005 academic year, running from June 1 through May 31.

Your gifts make the critical difference in the life of the College of Law and our students. Your financial contributions help us to maintain this law school's well-deserved reputation for superior teaching, able scholarship and distinguished service to the profession. Thank you for helping us succeed.

If we have overlooked anyone, please forgive us and allow us a chance to correct our records by contacting the Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818 or alumni@law.stetson.edu.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Searcy earns AFTL Perry Nichols Award

Christian D. Searcy '73, president of Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley P.A., has been named the 2005 recipient of the Perry Nichols Award by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.



Christian D. Searcy '73

The academy's board of directors voted unanimously to present the annual award to Searcy, who was also recently inducted into the International Society of Barristers. The award was presented at the AFTL's fall convention in Orlando.

First established in 1977 as a tribute to AFTL founder Perry Nichols '37, the Perry Nichols Award is the highest honor the organization bestows. It was presented to Chris Searcy in recognition of his lifetime of outstanding and distinguished service to the cause of justice in Florida and the nation.

"With this award, the Academy is honoring Chris Searcy's unparalleled commitment to

serving and protecting the people of Florida," said AFTL executive director Scott Carruthers. "As a lawyer and as a past-president of the academy, Chris has shown unwavering dedication to defending the court system through legislative and political efforts."

The Perry Nichols Award has been presented to numerous prominent statesmen, journalists, judges and educators from Florida who have demonstrated extended, distinguished and passionate service to the cause of justice. Past recipients of the Perry Nichols Award include Florida governors Reuben Askew and Leroy Collins, and Sen. Claude D. Pepper.

"Chris' excellent courtroom skills, his dedication to preserving access to courts for all Americans, and his personal and professional support of charities committed to supporting children, improving education and helping the disabled and disenfranchised make Chris an example all lawyers strive to emulate," said AFTL President Web Brennan.

A board-certified civil trial lawyer, Searcy

is a member of the board of directors of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the board of overseers of Stetson University College of Law. Searcy has chaired the Judicial Evaluation Committee, the Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, and the Standing Committee on Professionalism for the Florida Bar. He is listed in the book, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and has been featured in *Florida Trend* magazine's premier list of Florida's Legal Elite. Searcy actively litigates cases involving personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, product liability, auto accidents, commercial litigation, and airline and railroad disasters.

A nationally recognized trial law firm, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley P.A. is committed to protecting and vindicating the rights of people injured through negligence, deceit and abuse of power. Over the past 30 years, the firm has represented clients in courtrooms throughout Florida and across the nation.

1940s

Murray Sams Jr. '49 was inducted to the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame in October.

1950s

James T. Russell '54 was honored by the Florida Bar for 50 years of law practice and inducted to the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame in October.

Robert E. Jagger '58 was inducted to the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame in October.

1960s

Ruth Fleet Thurman '63 was inducted to the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame.

Robert K. Downs '65 was installed as the 128th president of the Illinois State Bar Association in June 2005. The state's largest bar association with 30,000 members, the ISBA provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public. Downs is a partner in Chicago's Downs Law Offices P.C.

J. Bert Grandoff '65 has been nominated to the 2005 *International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers* as one of the preeminent construction lawyers in the world.

J. Ron Smith '67 has joined the Lakeland law firm of Lilly, O'Toole & Brown LLP. Smith is a

former president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

Wilbur E. Brewton '68 was elected president of the Governor's Club, a premier private club in Tallahassee with members across Florida.

Hon. John A. Grant Jr. '68 was recently elected chair to America's Board of the United Bible Societies.

Jack P. Brandon '69 hosted a Florida Bar Foundation Fellows luncheon in Lakeland.

1970s

Charles W. Ehrlich '71 has announced that his daughter, Jessica D. Ehrlich, received her law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

S. Michael Ostow '72 has joined Forizs and Dogali P.L. as Of Counsel in the St. Petersburg office. Ostow will practice in estate planning.

Stewart A. Marshall '73 received the Florida Bankers Association's 2003 Friend of Industry Award. He is a shareholder in the Orlando office of Akerman Senterfitt.

Gary P. Simon '74 was elected for a second term as president of Temple Judea in Coral Gables.

A. Douglas Prior '75 was re-certified in criminal trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. His daughter, **Kimberly Prior '04**, is pursuing her LL.M. in Tax at University of Miami.

Judge Stephen O. Rushing '75 was appointed by the Hernando County Commission to the

Hernando County Fine Arts Council.

Edwin M. Boyer '77 has joined the Sarasota firm of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver P.A. and will continue to practice in elder care, including nursing home residents' rights, Medicaid, long-term care and disability planning, and special needs trusts.

Donald W. Stanley Jr. '77 is president-elect of the Hillsborough County Bar Association. Mr. Stanley is a member of the Allen Dell P.A. firm in Tampa and devotes a substantial portion of his time to construction litigation.

R. Paul Grady '78 has been named Chief Operating Officer of Titan Propane LLC in Florence, Kentucky.

J. Allison DeFoor II '79 has received a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Florida Center for Theological Studies in Miami.

Rhea F. Law '79, president and chief executive of Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa, was treated to a 180-mph trip around the Grand Prix track in St. Petersburg with eventual race winner Dan Wheldon.

Paul A. Turk '79 has been appointed to the Stetson University College of Law board of overseers. He is a shareholder in the West Palm Beach law firm of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart P.A.

1980s

Beth A. Houghton '80 has been re-elected chair of the board for the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute.

ALUMNI EVENTS



STETSON LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — Members of the SLA Advisory Council gathered at the newly dedicated William R. Eleazer Courtroom.



WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNI RECEPTION — Jonathan Kazem '99 and Lisa Ellis.

Joshua Magidson '80 has been appointed to the Stetson University College of Law board of overseers. He is a shareholder at Macfarlane, Ferguson & McMullen P.A. in Clearwater.

Bruce Anderson '81 has been appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Anderson is a partner at Roetzel & Address in Naples.

J. Craig Crawford '81 has published a book, *Attack the Messenger: How Politicians Turn You against the Media*.

Catherine Peek McEwen '82 has been appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida, the third busiest bankruptcy jurisdiction in the nation. Her service began in August 2005 in the Tampa division of this court.

Joseph M. Fasi II '83 is a shareholder in Greenhalgh Krueger Hernandez & Fasi S.C. in Elm Grove, Wis.

Gina K. (Kress) Grimes '84 is a shareholder in Hill, Ward & Henderson P.A. in Tampa. She is a member of the real estate practice group.

Taso M. Milonas '84 co-authored *Advanced Wealth Planning in Florida* for the National Business Institute, a publisher of reference materials for attorneys, accountants and financial professionals.

Patrice A. Pucci '85 participated in the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts program, a part of the Business Volunteers for the Arts program at the Pinellas County Arts Council. She has participated with the VLA for the past six years.

John F. Bradley '88 is president-elect for the Entertainment Arts and Sports Law Section of the Florida Bar. He is a member of the Fort Lauderdale firm of Bradley, Carlisle & Robinson P.L., where he chairs the litigation department.

Julie O. Bru '88 was appointed deputy city attorney for the City of Miami.

Lila A. Jaber '88 has joined Akerman Senterfitt as Of Counsel in the firm's Tallahassee office. Jaber is former chair of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Wendy S. Loquasto '88 was elected to a three-year term on the Stetson University College of Law board of overseers and appointed by Dean Dickerson to serve on the Stetson College of Law

Hall of Fame committee. She was re-elected to the executive council of the Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section and was a panel member for a continuing legal education program entitled "The Appellate Engagement Agreement." She is president-elect of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

Dr. David W. Persky '88 has been promoted to assistant to the president at Saint Leo University. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Persky served as dean of the School of Continuing Education.

Theodore J. "Ted" Wolfendale '88 is president of National Educational Video Inc. The company makes educational health care programs that are used by health care professionals around the world.

Polk County Attorney **Joseph G. Jarret '89** was named author of the year by *Public Risk Magazine*, and his article on inmate health care was awarded article of the year. He also received the Osee Fagan Award for Legal Writing Excellence awarded by the City, County and Local Government Section of the Florida Bar.

Dr. A.S. Weekley Jr. '89 is a physician-attorney who is a board-certified general surgeon. After 20 years as a surgeon, he now practices health care law with Holland & Knight LLP in Tampa.

Raul A. Zambrano '89 has been appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush as a judge to the 7th Judicial Circuit.

1990s

Mary Alice Jackson '91 has joined the Sarasota firm of McConaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver P.A. and will continue to practice in elder care, including nursing home residents' rights, Medicaid, long-term care and disability planning, and special needs trusts.

Tracey K. Jaensch '91, an employment discrimination and contract litigation attorney in Ford & Harrison LLP in Tampa, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006*.

Amy L. Koltnow '91 has joined the firm of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate P.A. in Ft. Lauderdale as an associate.

Helene E. Marks '91 is now the chief deputy supervisor of the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office. She has served as legal

In Memoriam

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

Charles E. Booth '31
May 5, 2005, Ormond Beach

Vassar B. Carlton '37
Aug. 31, 2005, Franklin, N.C.

Hon. Hal P. Dekle '40
May 23, 2005, Venice

Justin J. Albaugh '49
May 21, 2005, St. Petersburg

Albert "Bert" P. McIntosh Jr. '54
Sept. 17, 2005, Kissimmee

James T. Russell '54
Jan. 2, 2006, Dandridge, Tenn.

John J. DiVito '57
June 12, 2005, Largo

Douglas W. Hampton '59
Sept. 12, 2005, Brandon

Hon. John T. Ware '61
Aug. 20, 2005, St. Petersburg

Frank G. Cibula Jr. '68
June 27, 2004, Lake Park

David E. DeSerio '71
Aug. 23, 2005, Palm Harbor

George L. Harrell II '71
June 8, 2005, Jacksonville

James E. Slater '73
May 26, 2005, Longboat Key

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

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

Alan Buchmann
Sept. 28, 2005, St. Petersburg

counsel of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hillsborough County for the past eight years.

Christopher M. Shulman '91 of Tampa was awarded diplomate status in the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators.

Reginald G. "Reg" Stambaugh '92 has been named executive director of The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach.

David A. Holmes '93 of Farr, Farr, Emerich, Hackett and Carr P.A. in Punta Gorda has been awarded the AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell. He practices in the areas of asset protection, civil litigation, commercial and construction disputes, corporate and business law, and real estate.

Carol Ann Kalish '93 of Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen P.A. in Sarasota was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006*.

Christopher A. Likens '93 has joined the Sarasota firm of McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver P.A. and will continue to practice in elder care, including nursing home residents' rights, Medicaid, long-term care and disability planning, and special needs trusts.

Jeffrey A. Maine '93 has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs at University of Maine School of Law.

Tracy (Raffles) Gunn '93 of Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa was appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to vice-chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases.

Robert J. Sniffen '93 announces the establishment of Sniffen Law Firm P.A. in Tallahassee. The firm specializes in labor and employment law, representing employers.

Brian L. Tannebaum '94 was elected president of the Miami chapter of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

David Sampedro '95 was recently recognized by the *South Florida Business Journal* as one of the "Best of the Bar," a list that recognizes leading attorneys in South Florida. Sampedro is partner in the firm of Panter, Panter & Sampedro P.A. in Miami.

Sarah E. Williams '95 has opened a new law firm, Sarah E. Williams P.A., in St. Petersburg.

Carmen (Alpizar) Hellman '96 has joined Zumpano, Patricios & Winker P.A. in Coral Gables as partner in the firm.

Robert E. Biasotti '96, a shareholder in the St. Petersburg office of Carlton Fields, was featured on the front page article, "Business Experience Provides Foundation," published in the Oct. 31 issue of *National Law Journal*.

Andrew J. Doyle '96 of the U.S. Department of Justice received a gold medal from the Environmental Protection Agency for exceptional service in Clean Air Act litigation.

Simone Marstiller '96 has become secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The DBPR is a \$1.5 billion agency regulating 1 million professionals and businesses across some 200 licensee categories.

Donald L. Palmer '96 serves as a legislative assistant for judiciary issues for Rep. Tom Feeney. Palmer is a former judge advocate general for the U.S. Navy.

Lee-Anne "L.A." Perkins '96 has been elected shareholder in Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLP in Boca Raton. Perkins is a member of the

firm's Litigation, Employment Law, and Real Estate and Construction Law practice groups.

Donna (Brookes) DeVaney '97 of Carlton Fields in Tampa presented on pre-trial procedures at the Mealey's Pharmaceutical Litigation 101 Conference in New Orleans.

Beverly (Bruckner) Thompson Shaw '97 has opened a new firm, Beverly Thompson Shaw P.A., in St. Petersburg. She specializes in wills, trusts, estates, advance directives, probate, guardianship, Medicaid, asset protection and nursing home/assisted living planning.

Jeanine Cohen '97 of Cohen and Depaul P.A. presented at the Hillsborough County Bar Association's "Collateral Consequences of Crime" seminar.

William C. Demas '97 announces the formation of the Law Office of William C. Demas P.A. in Clearwater.

Heather H. Jones '97 was elected shareholder at Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa.

Jolee Land '97 has joined Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa.

Kim Hernandez Vance '97 joined the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A. as a senior associate.

Mary F. Chapman '98 opened the Law Office of Mary F. Chapman Ltd. in Las Vegas, Nev., in February 2003.

ALUMNI EVENTS



WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Celene Coburn Wilson '04**, **Sarah Campbell Smith '99**, **Casey Wilson** and **Travis Smith**.



WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, **Vicki Gottlich**, Center for Medicare Advocacy; **Trish Nemore**, Center for Medicare Advocacy; Professor **Rebecca Morgan '80**, **Charles Sabatino**, executive director, ABA Commission on Law and Aging; and **Lyda Astrov '84**.



Stetson's annual alumni award recipients included (from left) Paul Turk '79, John Staunton '97, Alexander Clem '90, incoming SLA president Shirin Vesely '94, Robert Biasotti '96, Dannel DeBerg '82, James Whittemore '77, with Dean Darby Dickerson.



Distinguished Service Award recipients Michael Swygert, Alexander Paskay and John Dubrule.

Stetson presents annual awards; SLA officers elected

Stetson University College of Law recently honored the commitment and dedication of several alumni and friends at its annual Stetson Lawyers Association Alumni Reception.

The awards were presented June 23 at the 2005 annual meeting of the Florida Bar.

Dannel G. DeBerg '82 received the Ben C. Willard Award for her distinguished humanitarian achievements that have benefited Florida citizens and people throughout the world. DeBerg works as a part of New Frontiers Health Force, a non-denominational missionary group that travels and provides aid to areas hit by natural disasters. She practices in the areas of medical malpractice and personal injury law.

Alexander M. Clem '90 and **Judge James D. Whittemore '77** received Distinguished Alumnus Awards. Clem practices in the areas of nursing home negligence, personal injury and wrongful death, and he has been involved with legislative and tort reform issues. He is also the immediate past president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (see article, page 17). Judge Whittemore, a member of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida since 2000, has presided over sev-

eral important cases, including portions of the *Terri Schiavo* case.

John W. Staunton '97 received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for his continued support of the College of Law. Staunton is an active member of the state and national associations of elder law attorneys, and he has worked to support Stetson's Center for Excellence in Elder Law.

Robert Biasotti '96 and **Robert "Robin" Doyle '75** each received Outstanding Alumni Representative Awards. Biasotti is a shareholder in the St. Petersburg office of Carlton Fields P.A., and he recently worked with the firm to create a Diversity Fellowship Program for Stetson students. Doyle is a partner with the law firm of Quarles and Brady LLP. He recently completed a two-year term on the Stetson Lawyers Advisory Council and in the fall joined the College's board of overseers.

Paul A. Turk Jr. '79 was recognized with the President's Award for his year-long service as president of the Stetson Lawyers Association. Turk was elected to the College of Law's board of overseers.

John Dubrule, Judge Alexander L. Paskay and **Professor Michael I. Swygert**

received Distinguished Service Awards for significant, meritorious and continuing contributions that have benefited Stetson Law. Dubrule is director of litigation at Gulfcoast Legal Services. Judge Paskay, chief bankruptcy judge emeritus for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida, has worked with Stetson students and served as chair of many Stetson seminars and symposia since 1974. Professor Swygert retired from Stetson in May after 25 years of service and is writing the official history of the College of Law.

The newly elected Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council officers were also recognized at the event. The new officers are:

- **President: Shirin M. Vesely '94**, member, Keane, Reese, Vesely & Gerdes P.A., St. Petersburg
- **President-Elect: Aubrey O. Dicus Jr. '74**, member, Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein P.A., St. Petersburg
- **Secretary: Anne L. Weintraub '03**, partner, Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg P.A., Sarasota
- **Immediate Past President: Paul A. Turk Jr. '79**, shareholder, Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart P.A., West Palm Beach

Weddings

Maritza Silva '00 to James Keith Jones '01, March 15, 2003, Margarita Island, Venezuela.

Dina M. (Kenny) Busciglio '02 to Joshua G. Sheridan '02, July 3, 2005, Anna Maria Island.

Nicholas J. Fiorentino '02 to Mary A. Ryan, Sept. 16, 2005, Chicago.

Kelly L. Kuljol '02 to Ryan P. Rooth '02, Sept. 17, 2005, Tampa.

Gerald M. Boza III '03 to Debra A. Helton, Jan. 14, 2005, St. Pete Beach.

Stefanie M. Morris '04 to Jason M. Walters '04, June 11, 2005, Tampa.

New Additions

Gigi (Garber) Rechel '87 and husband Theodore announce daughter Colette born Sept. 2004.

Gregory D. Lee '99, wife Lara and son Parker 1, announce son and brother Grayson born Oct. 2005.

Angela L. Armstrong '99 and husband Garth announce son Barrett born May 2005.

Theresa L. Fiset '98 of the Yerrid Law Firm in Tampa won one of the top 100 Verdicts of 2004 as listed in the *National Law Journal*.

Carrie L. (Freeman) Weintraub '98 joined the Professional Recruiting Division of Sterling Management Resources Inc., where she recruits attorneys for law firms and corporations in Florida.

Scott K. Hewitt '98 was named partner in the Tampa firm of Mandelbaum, Fitzsimmons & Hewitt P.A. He practices in labor law, employment litigation, civil rights and insurance litigation.

Julie A. Horstkamp '98 of Kirk-Pinkerton P.A. was appointed chair for the Sarasota Realtor Attorney Joint Committee of the Sarasota Association of Realtors/Sarasota County Bar Association for a one-year term.

Jenifer S. Schembri '98 has been elected a shareholder of Abel, Band, Russell, Collier, Pitchford & Gordon, Chartered, in Sarasota. She is a member of the firm's Business and Corporate Counseling and Personal Services and Planning practice groups.

Prineet D. Sharma '98, founding partner with the law firm of Harris, Harris, Bauerie & Sharma, has been admitted to the elite Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

M. Celine Cannon '99 was appointed managing attorney for Child Welfare Legal Services at the Florida Department of Children and Families in Daytona Beach.

Angela L. (Morton) Armstrong '99 has opened a new law office, Angela Armstrong P.A., located in Palm Harbor. She is specializing in bankruptcy and real estate.

Jennifer Schick '99 has joined the Fleming Law Group in St. Petersburg.

Sean-Kelly Xenakis '99 has joined Kubicki Draper in Tampa as an associate in the litigation division.

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Kimberly A. Benner '00 joined Bush Graziano & Rice P.A. in Tampa as an associate. Her practice focuses primarily on defense of long-term care, products liability and medical malpractice cases.

Clinton Paris '00 was re-elected as president of the George Edgecomb Bar Association for 2005-2006. He is a senior associate with GrayRobinson P.A. in Tampa, practicing in the areas of insurance, commercial, business and general litigation.

Maritza (Silva) Jones, LL.M. '00 has accepted a position with the NCAA as Membership Services Coordinator in their Indianapolis office.

Eric S. Zufelt '00 has joined Windway Capital Corporation in Sheboygan, Wisconsin as general counsel.

Lynn B. Aust '01 of Orlando was appointed to the Disney/SBA National Entrepreneurial Center Advisory Board.

ALUMNI EVENTS



WASHINGTON ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Ted Doremus '69, Ying White '97 and Andrew Doyle '96.



ORLANDO ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Judge Tony Johnson '80, Judge Rom Powell '63 and Barbara Powell.

Bree M. Gathers '01 has joined Forizs and Dogali P.L. as an associate in the Tampa office and will practice in real estate, land use, development and transactions.

Summer R. (Goldman) Vecchioli '01 has joined the Fleming Law Group P.A. in St. Petersburg.

Sacha Ross '01 joined the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A. as an associate in the bankruptcy and creditors' rights department.

Lisa Finaldi Simmons '01 announces the formation of a new firm, Provencher & Simmons P.A. The firm specializes in civil litigation matters with offices in Orlando and New Smyrna Beach.

Kamilah L. Perry '02 of Carlton Fields in Tampa received the President's Award from the George Edgecomb Bar Association.

Michael R. Vaughn '02 has been appointed a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division (Admiralty) in San Francisco, Calif. He also continues his duties as a Judge Advocate for the U.S. Coast Guard.

A. Courtney Cox '03 was recently selected as one of *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" Class of 2005. The "30 Under 30" represents a group of young professionals who have been nominated by their peers for their work in the Tampa community. She is an attorney in the Tampa offices of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A.

J. Monet Fauntleroy '03 has joined the firm of Hightower & Pozo P.A. in their St. Petersburg office.

Suzette M. Marteny '03 of Akerman Senterfitt in Tampa was selected to serve on the board of Tampa Crossroads.

Kim A. Matot '03 has joined the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office as an assistant state attorney.

William M. Stainton '03, an associate with Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa, has been appointed by Sen. Mel Martinez to the statewide federal Judicial Nominating Commission. This new commission will provide recommendations for potential nominees to Florida's federal district courts.

Oolagamani (Vani) Ungapen LL.M. '03 is a research director for the Florida Association of Realtors in Tallahassee.

Keith T. Appleby '04 is a new associate at Tampa's Fowler White Boggs Banker, serving as a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group.

Jeffrey M. Bauer '04 received his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. He is an associate with Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg P.A. in Sarasota practicing in the areas of corporate and tax law.

Brent Bigger '04 was recently selected as one of *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" Class of 2005. The "30 Under 30" represents a group of young professionals who have been nominated by their peers for their work in the Tampa community. He is an attorney in the Tampa offices of Holland & Knight LLP.

Alva L. Cross '04 has joined Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa as an associate. She is working in the firm's Labor and Employment practice group.

Kelly J. McAuley '04 has joined Mills Paskert Divers P.A. in Tampa as an associate. McAuley will practice exclusively in the areas of business, construction, fidelity and surety litigation.

Maurine A. Mullady-Hill '04 is employed with the Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society Inc. in Bartow.

Kimberly Prior '04 is obtaining her LL.M. in tax at the University of Miami.

Cheryl L. Smith '04 has joined Bush Ross P.A. in Tampa as an associate in the Business, Tax and Corporate Finance practice group.

Rena J. Upshaw-Frazier '04 has joined Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa as an associate.

Ronald K. Zimmet Jr. '04 has joined the law firm of Zimmet & Quarles in Daytona Beach, practicing in the areas of personal injury, nursing malpractice and disability.

Shawn B. McMillen '05 has joined the firm of Danahy & Murray P.A. in Tampa as an associate. The firm concentrates its practice on representing insured property owners in first party claims against their insurers.



ORLANDO ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Lisa Finaldi Simmons '01, Dean Darby Dickerson and Barbara Cowherd '00.



ORLANDO ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Mary de Beaubien, Judge Tony Johnson '80, Hugo de Beaubien '73, Judge George Singeltary '73 and Tanina Singeltary.

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WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNI RECEPTION — From left, Frank Musolino Jr. '03, Christina Ballance '04, and Joshua Ballance '04.

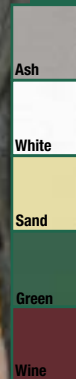
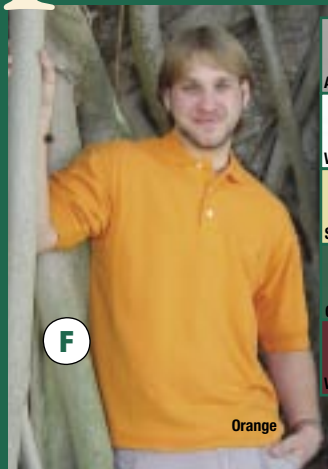
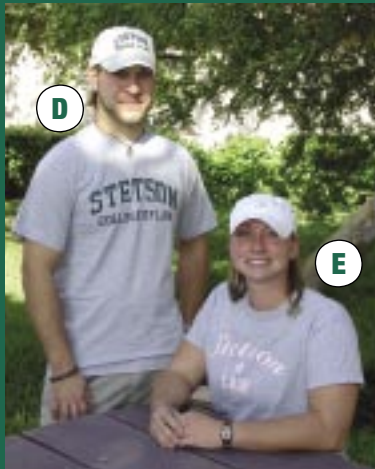


CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION — Rhea Law '79, S. Sammy Cacciatore Jr. '66, Jim Thaler '00 and William Reece Smith Jr. were recognized by Darby Dickerson for their leadership.



CAMPAIGN AND HALL OF FAME EVENT — Allen Samuels '56, Carol Mallah and Howard Ross '64 at the Cornerstone Campaign Celebration event held at the Vinoy in St. Petersburg.

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Considering a lateral career move?

If you are considering a lateral job search, Stetson can help. As firms request more lateral hires, Stetson is increasing its career counseling services for alumni.

In today's legal employment market, lateral hiring is becoming increasingly commonplace. Career-long loyalty to a single law firm now seems the exception rather than the rule. Attorneys who are dissatisfied with the work/life balance in their current position, want more interesting or challenging work, or seek more compensation or potential for partnership are exploring the lateral market.

If you are considering beginning

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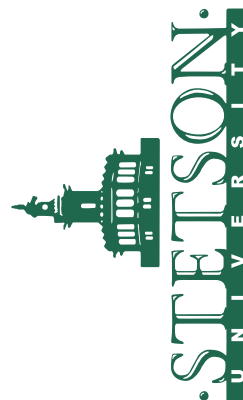
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This year, several law alumni supported Stetson's recruiting efforts by traveling to events, or calling and e-mailing prospective students to encourage them to take a closer look at Stetson.

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Laura Zuppo-Headley, acting director of admissions. "These efforts help strengthen the quality of our student body."

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