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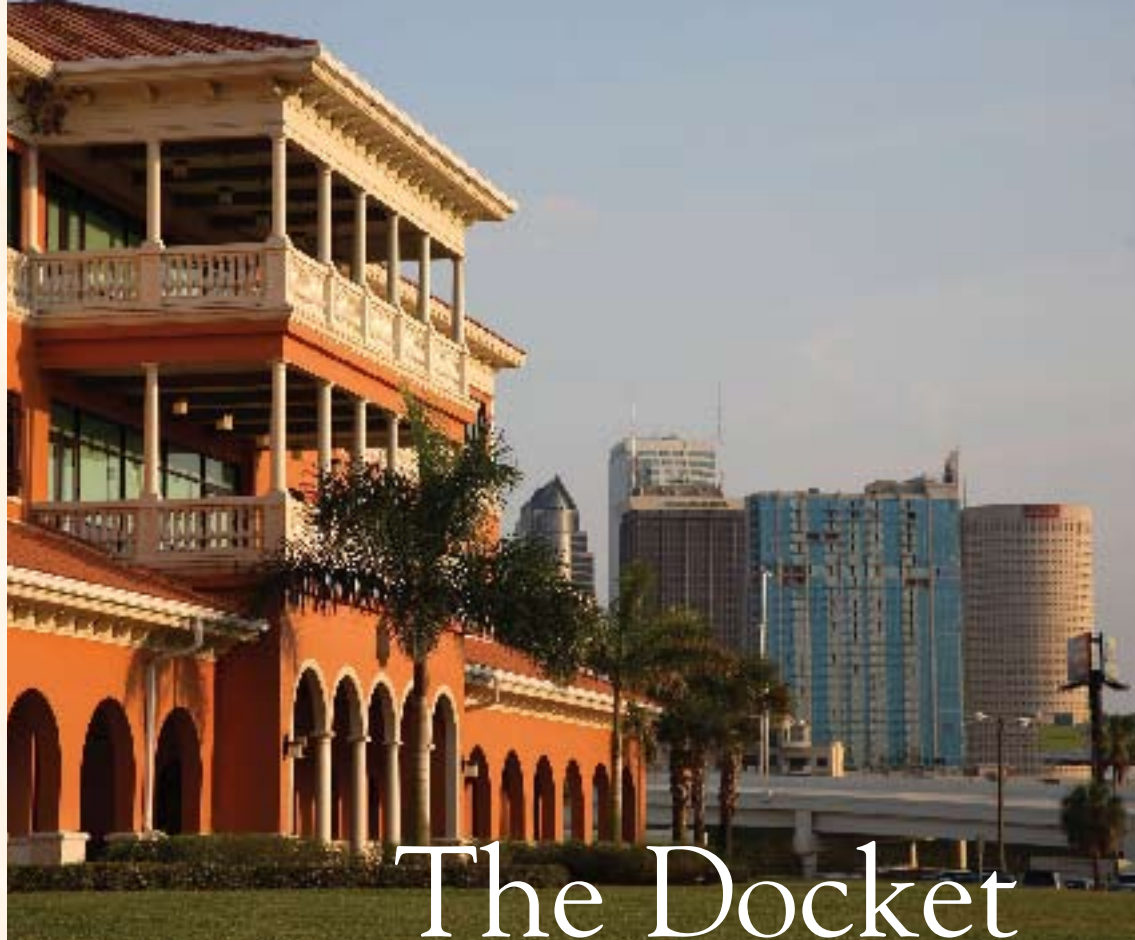
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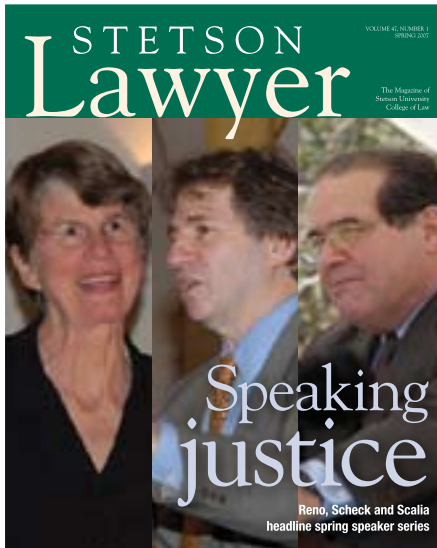
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FALL 2007 PREVIEW

In the pages that follow, you will read about many programs that have helped the College of Law to improve its national reputation and to earn a spot among the Top 100 law schools. In the paragraphs below, I want to introduce you to several new initiatives we have planned for the coming year.

- **LL.M. in Elder Law**

In the fall, we will launch our Master of Laws program for practicing attorneys who want to develop or enhance their expertise in elder law. Led by Professor Rebecca C. Morgan, a pioneer in the field, attorneys from around the world will take classes such as Aging and the Law, Guardianship and Alternatives, Business Planning for the Elderly, and Ethics in an Elder Law Practice, via distance education. The LL.M. courses will be taught using asynchronous distance education, which means that students will watch pre-recorded lectures via the Web and then will engage in online discussions with the professor and classmates. This program will be only the second LL.M. program in Elder Law in the country, and the only online program, which will allow attorneys to pursue the degree without leaving their current practices.

- **Advocacy Resource Center**

Under the leadership of Ellen Podgor, associate dean for faculty development and distance education, and Professor Roberta Flowers, Wm. Reece Smith Distinguished Professor of Law, Stetson has combined its traditional strength in advocacy with its desire to become a leader in distance education to create the new online Advocacy Resource Center. Various Stetson law professors have created short online lectures and demonstrations on a variety of advocacy topics, such as opening statements and examining expert witnesses. Our students may access these materials for free, but we also will market them to students and practitioners across the country. We believe that these materials will help to advance Stetson's reputation as the top skills training school in the nation.

- **3L Graduation Retreat**

Although virtually every law school holds an orientation session for entering law students, virtually no schools hold sessions for graduating students to orient them to the practice of law. This year, under the direction of Professor Roberta Flowers and Assistant Dean Michael Farley, the College of Law piloted its first "graduation retreat." At this half-day retreat, Judge Mary Scriven and Lansing Scriven discussed work/life balance issues, John T. Berry '76, legal division director of The Florida Bar, spoke on professionalism issues, and panels of recent graduates and experienced judges and practitioners spoke on topics including "Making Pro Bono a Habit" and "Financial Security." Our hope is to refine this program so that it can serve as a model for law schools across the country.

- **J.D./M.P.H. and J.D./M.D. Programs**

Following several years of discussion and planning, starting in fall 2007, the College of Law will offer two new dual-degree programs with the University of South Florida. The first will combine the J.D. degree with a master's in public health, and the second will be an elite program for students who wish to pursue both law and medical degrees. We are excited that these programs will allow us to collaborate with USF and will provide our students with broadened career opportunities. I want to thank Professors Michael Finch and Associate Dean John Cooper for helping to bring these new programs to fruition.

- **Institute on Caribbean Law and Policy**

As part of its growing programs in International Law, the College of Law has created the Institute on Caribbean Law and Policy. Professors Dorothea Beane and Darryl Wilson will co-direct this Institute. The institute will provide a scholarly, professional foundation to coordinate activities that will benefit students, faculty and the bar, as well as the greater communities domestically and throughout the Caribbean. Its activities will include educational exchanges, training, development, certifications and employment opportunities. In addition, the College of Law is planning to offer a two-week intersession program each January in the Caribbean.

I am excited about these new programs and have every confidence that they will benefit our students and enhance our reputation as an outstanding law school. I will look forward to sharing the successes of these new programs with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Darby Dickerson
Vice President and Dean



Stetson ranked among top 100 law schools by *U.S. News*

Ranked #1 in trial advocacy, #5 in legal writing

The *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Stetson University College of Law among the nation's top 100 law schools for 2008. The national publication again ranked Stetson University College of Law first for trial advocacy. Stetson ranked number five for legal writing.

Since these rankings began in 1995, Stetson has consistently placed among the top law schools for trial advocacy. Stetson also was ranked fifth in the nation for legal writing this year, which is its third time in the top five since this specialty ranking was introduced three years ago. Stetson's appearance in the list of top 100 law schools moves it up from the third tier.

"We are delighted that our ranking is starting to reflect that Stetson provides an outstanding legal education for its students," said Vice President and Dean Darby Dickerson, who also served as Director of Legal Research and Writing at Stetson from 1996 until 2004. "We are proud to be included among the national top law schools, and we are honored that practitioners, judges and academicians recognize the strength of our various skills programs, such as trial advocacy and legal writing."

Stetson President H. Douglas Lee announces retirement plans

Stetson University President H. Douglas Lee, whose visionary leadership over nearly two decades strengthened academic quality and transformed Stetson into a more diverse and socially responsible institution, will retire in May 2009.

Dr. Lee's retirement will coincide with Stetson's 125th anniversary in the 2008-2009 academic year. Upon his retirement, he will become chancellor of the university, a position equivalent to president emeritus. Lee will be just the third chancellor in Stetson's history.

"When Margaret and I moved to DeLand and

Stetson, we did not know we were making a lifelong career commitment," Lee said. "We were inspired by and fell in love with the people of Stetson and the community. We have enjoyed every minute of our work and life here."

The Stetson University Board of Trustees has initiated the process to prepare for a national search for Lee's successor. The Board of Trustees selected Board Chairman Nestor de Armas to lead a search committee.

"Over the past 20 years, Dr. Lee has courageously led the university through a transformation to a more diverse and socially responsible institution, while also focusing on academic excellence," de Armas said. "The board is looking forward to working closely with the rest of the university community as we attract and hire the right person to lead Stetson to build on its current academic excellence and to have that excellence nationally recognized."

A Trustee Presidential Succession Task Force has already conducted focus groups with faculty, students, staff, alumni, trustees and Stetson advisory board members to get input on the key strengths and characteristics desired in the next president.

The task force will finalize the presidential search profile this spring and appoint the search committee by August 2007. The search committee will lead the national search during 2008. The Board of Trustees expects to hire a new president in early 2009 and have the person on-board by around June 2009, de Armas said.

Dr. Lee, 63, has served as president of Stetson since June 1987, when he was promoted from his previous position as executive vice president at the university. Lee and his wife, First Lady Margaret Lee, have been heavily involved in Volusia County civic affairs over the years.

President Lee and his wife, Margaret, were honored by Homer and Dolly ('49) Hand with a lead pledge toward the Margaret and Doug Lee Endowed Scholarship Fund. Once funded, this scholarship will be awarded to a Stetson University College of Law student who has graduated from Stetson's undergraduate campus.



H. Douglas Lee

ADVOCACY NEWS

Stetson continues winning legacy in competitions

Stetson arbitration team becomes new national champion at ABA competition

Stetson University College of Law's team of Megan Lattz, Shannon McMahon, Sarah Olsen and Stuart Weissman won the American Bar Association Law Student Division National Arbitration Competition in Austin, Texas, on Nov. 18.

The Stetson team beat a team from Texas Tech University School of Law and last year's national champs from the University of Texas School of Law.

"This win was such an incredible accomplishment for our teams," said Professor Kelly Feeley, who helped prepare the teams with Professor Roberta Flowers, director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy. "Each team member performed with such grace, talent and professionalism that we could not have been any prouder. The new national champions represent this year's top professional and ethical student advocates."

During competition, the student arbitration teams prepare and present opening statements, examine witnesses and introduce evidence. Stetson's arbitration teams include members of the Client Skills Board, Trial Team and Moot Court.

Stetson wins multiple awards at 2007 Vis International Arbitration Moot competition

Stetson won more awards than ever before at the 2007 Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria.

The team of Kathleen Disanto, Zach Glaser, Tere Lopez, Traci McKee and Jason Stearns ranked among the top 32 teams in the world. Stearns received runner-up best oralist, and Glaser and Lopez both received honorable mention oralist awards. The team also received an honorable mention respondent's brief award.

The team was coached by Professors Joseph Morrissey and Stephanie Vaughan '91, along with student coach and brief writer Jared Dolan, who was on last year's silver medalist Vis team.

Stetson won the 2005 Vis world championship, making it the first U.S. law school to do so since 1996.



From left: **Megan Lattz, Stuart Weissman, Shannon McMahon and Sarah Olsen.**



From left, **Tino Lisella and Katie Cole** with Professor **Jennifer Murphy** and adjunct professor **Craig Behrenfeld.**

Stetson retains national tax championship

Stetson's moot court team won the National Tax Moot Court Competition on Feb. 10 in St. Pete Beach. This year's team of Katie Cole and Tino Lisella remained undefeated throughout three days

of competition.

"This is the second year in a row that Stetson's moot court team has won the National Tax Moot Court Competition," said Professor Stephanie Vaughan, Stetson's moot court advisor. "It is a remarkable achievement, and we are extremely proud."

The team was coached by Professor Jennifer Murphy '00 and attorney Craig Behrenfeld. A three-judge panel of U.S. Tax Court judges presided over the final rounds of competition, sponsored by The Florida Bar.

Student receives outstanding oralist award at moot court competition in New York

Student Kerrie Taylor received an outstanding oralist award at the Conrad B. Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court competition March 19 in New York City.

Stetson's Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court team of Courtney Fish, Bill Jacklin and Kerrie Taylor advanced to quarterfinal rounds of competition.

"Forty-four teams made it to New York City to compete, and advancing and winning the oralist award are great accomplishments," said Associate Dean Theresa Radwan, who coached the team with Tiffany Dilorio '03.

Trial team wins award at national white collar crime competition in Washington, D.C.

Stetson won the outstanding technical competency award at the National White Collar Crime Mock Trial Competition in Washington, D.C. The team of Laurie Sharpe, Haldon Greenburg and Brandon Held competed at the U.S. Courthouse in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 10-12.

This is the only interscholastic mock trial competition in the nation for white collar cases. Participation is by invitation only. Prominent federal judges and federal and state prosecutors preside over the trials during competition.

"The student advocates put in a great deal of time prior to the competition preparing their cases and the quality of their performance reflected this," said coach Nicole Deese LeBeau '04.



From left, **Anthony Wilson, Johanna Castellon, Rachael Wood and Matthew Easterwood.**

Stetson wins Bedell Mock Trial Competition

Stetson's trial team won the Florida Bar Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition for the second year in a row on Jan. 18 in Miami. This is the 17th time Stetson has won the event.

Stetson's team of Matthew Easterwood, Johanna Castellon, Anthony Wilson and Rachael Wood defeated students from the University of Florida in the final round of the state-wide competition.

Professor Lee Coppock '96 coached the winning team with John Grant III '93. "Stetson is honored to win another top spot in this premier annual competition," Coppock said. "We strive to train our students to be outstanding advocates and professionals."

Mediation team wins regional competition

Stetson won the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Regional Representation in Mediation Competition at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., on March 4. The student team of Jason Martell and Emily Morgan beat a team from Roger Williams University.

Eight teams from around the country competed in this regional competition. In all, 192 students compete from 49 schools in 10 regional competitions for a chance at making it to the nationals.

Stetson wins regional ABA trial competition

Stetson's team of Rosa Brown, Haldon Greenburg, Brandon Held and Dennis McCarthy defeated a team from Emory University at the ABA Regional Competition Feb. 10 in Atlanta.

"I am constantly amazed at the dedication, skill and professionalism of our student advocates," said Roberta Flowers, who holds the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professorship of Law. Flowers coached the team with Thea Kubiak '01, who won the national championship as a Stetson student.

Client Skills Board negotiation team wins regional competition in Ft. Lauderdale

Stetson's team of Kelly Van Wey and Jossy Dieguez won first place at the Regional ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition in Ft. Lauderdale on Nov. 5. Twenty-four teams competed.

Professor Catherine Cameron coached Stetson's three teams. "I am very proud that each of the teams we sent to the competition placed." The team of David Ganderton and Amy Kiser placed third, and the team of Emily Morgan and Doug Goldin placed sixth in competition.

Stetson hires, promotes administrators

Daniel Orié has been promoted to chief technology officer, and William Weller '04 has been appointed as the new executive director of operations. In the College Relations office, Karen Griffin has been promoted to director of development, and Todd Marrs has been hired as the new director of alumni and annual giving.

In the new position, Orié will continue to assist with the college's new technology initiatives, including developing an intranet and distance education programs.

Orié was formerly executive director of information technology at the College of Law. Before joining the law school, he led information systems at Stetson University in DeLand.

Weller will oversee several non-academic support units on the Gulfport and Tampa campuses of the College of Law.

Weller was formerly executive vice-president of Crescent Communications Corp. in North Carolina and vice-president of corporate operations for Beasley Broadcast Group in Florida and North Carolina. He is a 2004 graduate of Stetson University College of Law.

More details about Karen Griffin and Todd Marrs are featured in the College Relations section, page 27.



Daniel Orié



William Weller '04

Now accepting Hall of Fame nominations

The Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame steering committee is accepting nominations for 2007 inductees through June 29, 2007. To be selected, candidates must have reached and remained at the pinnacle of their fields for a period of time sufficient to demonstrate perseverance and maturation, and/or must have effected a profound positive influence on the College of Law. The induction ceremony will be Oct. 13. Nomination forms and other details are available online at www.law.stetson.edu/HallofFame.

FALL COMMENCEMENT 2006

Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida spoke at Stetson's commencement ceremony on Dec. 16.

Judge Covington was named Tampa's Hispanic Woman of the Year in 2003. She has served on the federal bench since 2004 as a U.S. district judge. Judge Covington has taught throughout Latin America on trial advocacy practices and procedures and has lectured on asset forfeiture, money laundering and complex prosecutions to prosecutors and law enforcement personnel nationwide.

During the graduation ceremony, 111 students walked, including one student with a Master of Laws degree in international law and 18 part-time students. Nine students received a dual JD/MBA degree.



Above, members of the class gift committee present Dean Darby Dickerson with an \$19,807.50 check raised by the class.



Right, Dean Darby Dickerson, Judge Virginia Hernandez Covington and President Doug Lee before the commencement processional.

CAMPUS NEWS



Who needs Starbucks...

when you have the Sidebar Café? In fall 2006, Stetson opened the café in the space formerly used as Seminar Room B. The café offers a variety of hot and cold drinks, fresh-baked goods, and a grab-and-go cooler with salads and wraps. The Sidebar Café is open extended hours, including weeknights and on weekends.



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

Kristen David Adams

Professor of Law

Professor Adams published the casebook *Commercial Transactions: A Survey of United States Law with International Perspective* (West 2006). In the spring, she published "Housing, Personhood and Dignity" in the *Stetson Law Review* and "The Restatements and the Common Law: Blaming the Mirror" in the *Indiana Law Review*. Professor Adams participated in two American Law Institute consultative group meetings in the fall, and in the spring she spoke on a panel at the American Association of Law Schools annual meeting in Washington, D.C., to a class at the University of South Florida in Tampa, and to the ABA Business Law Section Article 1 Subcommittee, also in Washington, D.C. She also spoke at an AALS Open Source Program on "Did the First Restatements Implement a Reform Agenda?"

Michael P. Allen

Professor of Law

Professor Allen was recently named chair-elect of the Remedies Section of the AALS. In the fall, he received the Golden Apple Teaching Award from Stetson's Business Law Society, spoke to a community group about immigration and the constitution, served as a panelist at a Stetson event on same-sex adoption, and addressed the Tampa Bay chapter of the Federalist Society with Professor Thomas C. Marks Jr. '63 about judicial activism. In January, Professor Allen moderated a program at Stetson's Tampa Law Center in conjunction with the PBS series concerning the Supreme Court, published a book review in the *Law and Politics Book Review*, the journal of the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association, and spoke on a panel about "Structural Injunctions and Democracy" at the AALS annual meeting in Washington, D.C. In February, Professor Allen spoke to the Clearwater Bar Association's "People's Law School" concerning the importance of an independent court system. In March, he published "George W. Bush and the Nature of Executive Authority: The Role of Courts in a Time of Constitutional Change" in the *Brooklyn Law Review*, spoke on a Stetson panel concerning recent efforts to strip federal courts of authority to consider habeas corpus petitions of detainees held in the war on terror, and spoke to the Charlotte County Bar Association concerning current constitutional controversies.

Linda Anderson

Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Anderson recently authored "Protecting Parent-Child Relationships—Determining Parental Rights of Same-Sex Parents Consistently Despite Varying Recognition of Their Relationship," which

appeared as the lead article in the December 2006 *Franklin Pierce Law Review*.

Robert Batey

Professor of Law

Professor Batey published "The Costs of Judicial Restraint: Forgone Opportunities to Limit America's Imprisonment Binge" in the spring 2007 issue of the *New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement*, and "When Is Attempted Burglary a Violent Felony under the Armed Career Criminal Act?" a case summary published in the fall in *Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases*. He presented at the University of Louisville Criminal Procedure Discussion Forum in December and the January FMM Florida membership and strategy meeting, in addition to speaking on several Stetson student organization panels.

Mark D. Bauer

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Bauer was elected secretary of the AALS Education Law Section. He published "The Licensed Professional Exemption in Consumer Protection: At Odds with Antitrust History and Precedent," which appeared as the lead article in the fall 2006 *Tennessee Law Review*. He also presented his work in progress, "Give the Lady What She Wants—As Long as It's Macys," to law faculty workshops at Indiana University-Indianapolis in October and Mercer University in November. He spoke on identity theft and consumer protection issues at the Barney Masterson Inn of Court, Eckerd College Elder Hostel, and Stetson Consumer Fraud Forum in the fall. In March, Professor Bauer presented on "Building a Grassroots Consumer Education Program for Seniors" and the Eleazer Courtroom at National Conference on Aging/American Society on Aging Joint National Conference.

Robert D. Bickel

Professor of Law

Professor Bickel was conference chair and speaker at the 28th National Conference on Law and Higher Education in Clearwater Beach.

Joan Catherine Bohl

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Bohl's most recent article, "Gay Marriage: A Big Issue for a Small State," will be the lead article in the spring 2007 *Roger Williams Law Review*. In March, she presented the article on invitation from the Rhode Island Supreme Court; she was also a guest panelist on Rhode Island's public access television station discussing the article.

Paul Boudreaux

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Boudreaux authored “A New Clean Water Act” in the March 2007 issue of the *Environmental Law Reporter*, and continues to publish the “Land Use Prof Blog” daily. He presented “New Orleans/Katrina and the Kobe/Hanshin Quake” at the 2007 AALS annual conference in Washington, D.C., in January, and spoke on “Florida’s Condominium Law” for an April 2007 Eckerd College Elder Hostel Program.

Brooke J. Bowman '02

*Assistant Professor of Legal Skills and
Special Assistant to the Dean*

Professor Bowman was elected managing editor of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* in December. She authored “Writing Tips: Learning the Art of Rewriting and Editing” in the fall 2006 issue of *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing*. She co-directed the 11th annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition with Professor Royal C. Gardner in November. This spring, Professor Bowman presented a program on the *ALWD Citation Manual* for law journal associates and editors of Western State University School of Law in California, and presented “Citation Celebrations, Not Citation Frustrations: Teaching Associates to Use the *ALWD Citation Manual*,” at the National Conference of Law Reviews conference in Little Rock, Ark.

John F. Cooper

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

Dean Cooper was elected chair of the AALS Section on Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers and a member of the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on International Legal Exchange. He was a speaker at the program sponsored by the Section Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers on “Serving our International Students: Supporting Excellence and Success.” He also moderated the program sponsored by the Section on International Legal Exchange titled “Best Practices in International Programs.”

Darby Dickerson

Vice President and Dean

Dean Dickerson was recently elected chair of the AALS Section on Part-Time Division Programs. She published a book chapter on “Legal Issues for Campus Administrators, Faculty, and Staff” in *College Student Mental Health* (NASPA 2006), the article “Risk Management and the Millennial Generation” in *Campus Activities Programming*, and co-authored “Alcohol and Campus Risk Management” with Professor Peter F. Lake in *Campus Activities Programming*. She spoke on “Students

in Cyberspace: Risks, Opportunities, and Prevention” to a statewide group of university administrators in Kentucky in September; presented programs on crisis management, student conduct and discipline, social online networks, and other issues at the Stetson-NASPA conference on Student Affairs Law and Policy in Las Vegas in December. Dean Dickerson served as a panelist on “When Worlds Collide: A Panel Exploring Inter-Relationships and Collaboration between Clinicians and Legal Writing Teachers in Teaching and Scholarship” for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research; moderated a panel for the AALS Part-Time Division Programs section in Washington, D.C.; and spoke on “The Law Related to College Student Suicide” for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grantees Conference in Maryland in January. She co-presented “Student Misconduct and Discipline Issues: New Techniques for Managing the Educational Environment” at the NACA annual meeting in Tennessee in February with Professor Lake. In March, Dean Dickerson co-presented “Employees in Cyberspace: Are You Ready?” with Associate Vice President Deborah C. Brown at the Southern Regional meeting of the College and University Personnel Association in New Orleans, and in April served on a panel titled “Powered by the Facilitator Model: The Responsibility to Shape Off-Campus Outcomes” at the NASPA annual meeting.

Steven M. Everhart

Professor of Law

Professor Everhart was recently elected secretary of the Tampa Bay chapter for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. In April, he was the featured speaker at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration in Tampa, where he discussed “Asian Pacific Americans in the U.S. and the Tampa Bay Area: Their Economic and Cultural Contributions, Past, Present, and in the Future.”

Peter Fitzgerald

Professor of Law

Professor Fitzgerald provided an expert opinion regarding U.S. economic sanctions law in *Stefan E. Brodie v. Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP*, a case related to a recent major criminal prosecutions for violating the U.S. embargo of Cuba. He also gave presentations on “Using the ‘SecondLife.com’ Multi-User Virtual Environment to Teach Basic Contract Doctrine” and “International Contracting Practices Survey Update” at the Third International Conference on Contracts held at South Texas College of Law in Houston. Professor Fitzgerald’s recent paper on “Compliance Issues Associated with Targeted Economic Sanctions,” requested by the British House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, will be included in the record of the Committee’s 2007 Inquiry on the Impact of Economic Sanctions. In his role as an international arbitral judge, appointed by the U.S. Trade Representative to the NAFTA Chapter 19 Bi-National Dispute

Resolution Panel in the “Oil Country Tubular Goods from Mexico” case, Professor Fitzgerald participated in the final decision this past January.

Roberta K. Flowers

Wm. Reece Smith Distinguished Professor of Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Professor Flowers co-presented with Professor Rebecca C. Morgan '80 a poster on the Eleazer Courtroom at the 2007 AALS annual meeting. She also was appointed by Florida Bar President Hank Coxe to the Florida Bar Attorney-Client Privilege Task Force and has been selected as a 2006 Fellow of the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism.

James W. Fox Jr.

Professor of Law

In fall 2006, Professor Fox authored “Intimations of Citizenship: Repressions and Expressions of Equal Citizenship in the Era of Jim Crow,” which appeared in the *Howard Law Journal*. In February, he organized and moderated a panel on “Teaching Contracts” at the Third International Conference on Contracts in Houston, and presented on the “History of Public Benefits Programs for the Elderly in America” for Eckerd College’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Clark W. Furlow

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Clark Furlow’s article “Back to Basics: Harmonizing Delaware’s Law Governing Going Private Transactions” was published by the *Akron Law Review* in April 2007. He also presented a paper on private transactions as part of a faculty exchange program at Washburn University School of Law.

Royal C. Gardner

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

Professor Gardner was re-elected chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee and continues to serve as North American representative to the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel. In the fall, he co-directed the 11th annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition at Stetson with Professor Brooke Bowman '02, and in the spring, he co-organized and spoke at the Ninth International Wildlife Law Conference, also held at Stetson. He co-authored “The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands: Assessment of International Designations Within the United States,” in the February 2007 issue of *Environmental Law*

ACADEMIC NEWS

Henderson named president-elect of American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Stetson Law Professor Carol Henderson was elected president-elect of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences at their annual meeting in February.

Henderson’s new position was announced during the AAFS 59th Annual Scientific Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 21. The annual scientific meeting brings together forensic specialists from around the globe to learn about the latest research in the field. The AAFS represents all 50 United States, Canada and 55 other countries worldwide.

“I look forward to this new opportunity to assist the AAFS in its mission to promote forensic science, education and research on a global level,” said Henderson, who directs the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson.

Under Henderson’s direction, the clearinghouse, a program of the National Institute of Justice, was formed in 2003 to advance the use of science and technology in the law. The clearinghouse provides a comprehensive online database of legal and scientific research and educates lawyers, judges and law enforcement personnel about new developments in forensic technology and forensic evidence handling in the courts.

For nearly 60 years, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences has served a distinguished and diverse membership. Its more than 6,000 members are divided into 10 sections spanning the forensic enterprise. As a professional society dedicated to the application of science to the law, the AAFS is committed to the promotion of education and the elevation of accuracy, precision and specificity in the forensic sciences.



Carol Henderson

Bickel directs 28th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education

Professor Robert Bickel coordinated the 28th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education Feb. 17–21 at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater. Approximately 450 attended the conference.



Pictured from left to right, John Hope Franklin, Robert Bickel and Charles Carletta at the conference.

Reporter and was a contributing author to *The Supreme Court and the Clean Water Act: Five Essays*, a book published by the Vermont Law School's Land Use Institute. His recent presentations focused on the Ramsar Convention (in Tabasco, Mexico), wetland mitigation banking (in St. Louis), and regulatory takings (in Tampa). He also served as a panelist for an Earth Day program at the Mahaffey Theatre in St. Petersburg.

Richard B. Graves III LL.M. '03

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Graves presented a lecture on scams as part of Stetson's consumer protection series in March.

Cynthia G. Hawkins-León

Professor of Law

Professor Hawkins-León was elected to the executive board of the Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts for a three-year term starting in January. She also became chair of the AALS Women in Legal Education section in January. She spoke at the American Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section's ninth annual conference in Washington, D.C., in April.

Carol Henderson

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

Professor Henderson was named president-elect for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (see page 9). Last fall, she lectured at the Louisiana Association of Forensic Scientists Third Annual DNA Scientific Meeting in Baton Rouge, conducted a workshop at the ASCLD Conference in San Francisco on "How to Conduct Research on the NCSL Database," presented at the Continental United States Conference for U.S. Army Trial Defense Service Regional Defense Counsel in Orlando, and delivered the keynote address "Faux-N-Sics: Is CSI the Cause or the Effect?" at the New England School of Law's Law Review Symposium in Boston. This spring, Professor Henderson presented training on scientific evidence to the State Attorney's Office in Miami-Dade and spoke on "Digging Up Dirt on Experts" at the AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio. She continues to serve on numerous committees, sections, boards and working groups for the National Institute of Justice, American Bar Association, AALS, and forensic science organizations and journals.

Bruce R. Jacob '59

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

Dean Jacob published *Remembering a Great Lawyer: Harold L. "Tom" Sebring* in March by Vandeplass Publishing. He also participated in Stetson panels on his role in the *Gideon v. Wainwright* case in January and on the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in March.

William A. Kaplin

Distinguished Professorial Lecturer

Professor Kaplin recently published *Cases, Problems, and Materials for Use with the Law of Higher Education* (4th edition) with co-author Professor Barbara Lee. In October, he co-presented the opening plenary session on "The Key Legal and Policy Developments in Higher Education 1996–2006" and co-presented a paper on "The Risks of Risk Management," at the annual Conference on Legal Issues in Higher Education at the University of Vermont. He also co-presented on risk management in an online seminar for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. At Stetson's National Conference on Law and Higher Education in February, Professor Kaplin presented his paper on "Equity, Accountability and Governance: Three Pressing Mutual Concerns of Higher Education and Elementary/Secondary Education" and co-presented a post-conference session on "Comparative Perspectives on Higher Education Law."

Timothy S. Kaye

Professor of Law

Professor Kaye presented "Risk Management and Study Abroad Programs" at the Association of Student Judicial Affairs annual conference, and co-presented with Professor Bickel and others on "Confronting the Perception of Higher Education as a Commodity and the Student as Customer or Product" and "Understanding and Managing the Elements of a Negligence Case" at the National Conference on Law and Higher Education in February.

Peter F. Lake

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

Professor Lake led a two-day risk-management seminar for a consortium of Michigan colleges and universities. He was a plenary speaker and gave three workshop presentations at the first Student Affairs Law and Policy conference in Las Vegas and spoke to the board of directors of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association at their annual meeting in Fort Myers in the fall. Professor Lake was also a featured speaker at a faculty colloquium at the University of South Carolina Medical College in Charleston, S.C., and at the annual meeting of the National Association of Campus Activities.

Thomas C. Marks Jr. '63

Professor of Law

Professor Marks and Professor Michael P. Allen co-presented on "Judicial Activism and Restraint in the Florida Supreme Court's Decisions" for the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federalist Society in October. He co-authored "The Florida Supreme Court: Judicial Activism and Judicial Self Restraint—Some Examples," as part of the Federalist Society's State Court Series.

Janice K. McClendon

Associate Professor of Law

Professor McClendon spoke at the University of Houston Law Center as part of a faculty exchange program.

Jeffrey J. Minneti

Director of Academic Success

Professor Minneti has become a member of the program committee for the AALS Section on Academic Support.

Lizabeth A. Moody

Distinguished University Professor and Dean Emeritus

Dean Moody serves on the drafting committees for the Model Entity Act sponsored by the ABA and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Law and the Model Nonprofit Corporation Act, a committee she also chairs. She served as a panelist on "Nonprofit Corporations" at the AALS annual meeting. Dean Moody also presented "My Life in the Law" at Brooklyn Law School, and "Do You Want to be a Law Professor?" for the ABA Business Law Section's Forum Committee on Lawyer Employment. She also served as a judge/arbitrator for the William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. Dean Moody also spoke on "Sarbanes-Oxley and Your Organization" at an event co-sponsored by California Western School of Law and the San Diego Foundation and at the "State-Level Legal Reform of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations" program sponsored by the Section on Nonprofit Law and Philanthropy.

Rebecca C. Morgan '80

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

Professor Morgan co-presented with Professor Roberta Flowers a workshop on ethics in elder law and a poster on the Eleazer Courtroom at the 2007 AALS annual meeting. She also made two presentations at a NAELA meeting in April.

Joseph F. Morrissey

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Morrissey authored "Rhetoric and Reality: Investor Protection and the Securities Regulation Reform of 2005" in the spring 2007 issue of the *Catholic University Law Review*, and "Energizing Legal Teaching by Combining Skills with Doctrine" in the AALS Section on New Law Professors' 2006 newsletter. He also was named secretary of the AALS New Law Professors Section.

Jennifer Murphy '00

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Murphy published chapter four, "Tax Consequences of Dissolution, Separation and Property Settlement," in *Drafting Marriage Contracts in Florida* in fall 2006.

Luz Estella Nagle

Professor of Law

Professor Nagle organized, chaired and spoke on the panel "Procedures for the Prosecution of Traffickers in Humans for Sexual and Labour Exploitation" at the International Bar Association meeting in Chicago, where she also was appointed vice-chair of the IBA criminal law section. In November, she spoke on human trafficking as the keynote speaker at an Athena Society event in Tampa and presented at the 2006 National Security Conference in Panama. Professor Nagle was invited to participate in a select, eight-person ABA working group that will address corruption as a threat to the rule of law. She also spoke on a panel about "Subverting the Rule of Law: A Case Study and Discussion" during the ABA mid-year meeting in Miami for the Criminal Justice Section. Professor Nagle recently served as a testifying and consulting expert on Colombian contract law and civil procedure in a high profile copyright piracy dispute involving the Colombian artist Fernando Botero and his gift to an art museum of a collection of works valued at nearly \$200 million.

Ann M. Piccard '85

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

In fall 2006, Professor Piccard authored "Residential Evictions in Florida: When the Rent is Due, Where is the Process?" in the *Stetson Law Review*, and co-authored "Judicial Activism or Judicial Independence? From *Marbury v. Madison* to *Bush v. Gore*, a Cautionary Tale for Democracy" in the *Journal of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute*.

Ellen S. Podgor

Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Distance Education

Dean Podgor wrote the book chapters "Did Overcriminalization Allow for the Prosecution of Martha Stewart" and "Materiality as an Element of Obstruction" in *Martha Stewart's Legal Troubles*, which was published in 2006. She also authored "Incorporating Transnational Law in First Year Criminal Law and Procedure Classes" in a 2006 issue of the *Journal of Legal Education*, "Throwing Away the Key" in the February 2007 issue of *Yale Law Journal Pocket Part*, and an opinion piece on "Do Cooperation Agreements Diminish the Right to a Jury Trial in White-Collar Cases?" on Law.com on Nov. 1, 2006. In fall 2006,

Dean Podgor addressed the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia on “Is it a White Collar Crime?” the U.S. Chamber of Commerce 7th Annual Legal Reform Summit as a panelist on “Criminalization of Corporate Conduct,” and the ABA National Institute on Securities Fraud as a panelist on “Securities Fraud Sentencing after *Booker*.” In the spring, she presented a paper on “Corporate ‘Good Faith’ Defense” and moderated a panel on “The Challenge of Cooperation: Consideration of the Ethical and Managerial Implications of the Organizational Sentencing Guidelines, Thompson Memorandum, Sarbanes-Oxley Act, etc.” at the Symposium on Corporate Criminality: Legal, Ethical, and Managerial Implications at Georgetown University. She also spoke before the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on “Jurisdiction in Computer Fraud,” and the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s Policy Orientation for the 80th Legislature on “Criminal Justice Issues Affecting Business.”

Theresa J. Pulley Radwan

Associate Dean of Academics

Dean Radwan was named chair of the AALS Section on Debtors’ and Creditors’ Rights.

Charles H. Rose

Assistant Professor of Law and

Associate Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy

In November 2006, Professor Rose authored the casebook *Fundamental Trial Advocacy*. He also wrote “Criminal Conspiracy and the Military Commissions Act: Two Minds That May Never Meet,” published in the spring 2007 issue of the *ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law*. In the fall, he also spoke at a weekend conference co-sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Society and the ABA; served as instructor at National Institute of Trial Advocacy programs in New York City and Louisville, Colo., and was an invited speaker for the 2006 Florida Supreme Court Annual Judicial Conference on the topic, “The United States Patriot Act, Threat to Personal Liberty or a Tool for National Security?” Professor Rose also appeared on a two-hour Court TV segment in the fall.

David T. Smith

Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Smith published supplements to the *Florida Probate Code Manual* in September 2006, December 2006 and February 2007.

Wm. Reece Smith Jr.

Distinguished Professorial Lecturer

In the fall, Professor Smith received the Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Hillsborough County Bar Association. This spring, he

was inducted as a member into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame, presented at the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, and introduced former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno as speaker at the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Lecture Series.

Michael I. Swygert

Professor of Law Emeritus

Professor Swygert published “Alfred W. Meyer, Teacher, Mentor, Friend,” in the March 2007 *Valparaiso University Law Review*. He also spoke about *Florida’s First Law School: A History of Stetson University College of Law* and signed copies of the book at the College of Law Hall of Fame dinner and at a student luncheon.

Rebecca S. Trammell

Law Library Director, Associate Professor of Law, and Acting Co-Director of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Trammell contributed sections on “Locating Persons and Finding Background Information” and “Locating Companies for Due Diligence and Background Information” in *Find It Free and Fast on the Net: Strategies for Legal Research on the Web*, which she also presented at an April event for the National Business Institute in Orlando. She completed the Computer Assisted Legal Instruction online tutorial “Plagiarism—Keeping Out of Trouble,” and in November, she served as a panelist for “Is There Liberty in Libraries?” a program presented as part of the Tampa Bay Community Television Network’s Free Speech Day programming. Professor Trammell recently completed the course work for a Ph.D. in Computing Technology in Education from Nova Southeastern University. She also serves on the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Distance Learning Committee and is chair-elect for the Central Florida Association of Law Libraries, chair of the American Association of Law Libraries Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institutionalized Persons, and chair of the Southeastern Association of American Law Libraries Program Committee.

Stephanie A. Vaughan ’91

Acting Co-Director of Legal Research and Writing, Director, Tampa Law Center

A group of recent alumni established the Stephanie A. Vaughan Excellence in Advocacy Award in honor of Professor Vaughan’s work in oral and written advocacy, to be presented at every spring honors and awards ceremony at Stetson.

The legal battle in the Global War on Terror



FACULTY VIEWPOINT
BY PROFESSOR CHARLES H. ROSE

The greatest danger facing our nation today is not to our physical security, although that threat is very real.

It is found instead in the seductive sirens' call to bend the rule of law to accomplish a desired end—a temptation that has defined the legal Global War on Terror over the last seven years. For 22 years, I wore the uniform of our nation as a member of the United States Army. I tried as best as I was able during that time to assist in supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States. I write today to continue that mission as both a retired soldier and an active law professor.

Before the unprovoked and illegal attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, the United States dealt with terrorism primarily through the criminal justice system. We tried terrorists for violations of the criminal code in accordance with the established rule of law. This system worked effectively to hold individuals accountable for their criminal acts, but it did not deter additional terrorist activity.

The warlike nature of the attacks on 9/11 made terrorism an enemy of the nation, and we suddenly found ourselves with the need to decide how we were going to legally address the War on Terror. Various options included (1) applying the Rule of Law for International Armed Conflict as defined by Department of Defense Directives, international treaties and the Geneva Convention, (2) continuing to treat terrorist activity as criminal activity, and (3) creating a statutory structure designed to address the unique legal problems present in the Global War on Terror. The Military Commissions Act passed last year was a belated attempt to accomplish the third option; unfortunately it was too little and much too late.

The federal government decided instead to prosecute the war on terror simultaneously through ad hoc military commissions and federal courts, a decision creating a quagmire of legal confusion. It becomes impossible to effectively enforce the rule of law when the system allows the state to cherry-pick options based upon a desired outcome. The legal approach of the federal government resulted in ineffective prosecutions by the Department of Justice and the establishment of Military Commissions



that so abrogated the rule of law that after six years of their existence, only one guilty plea has been completed, and that one under less than acceptable circumstances.

Some argue that we have shown the rest of the world that we do not submit to the rule of law when it is not in our own personal interests to do so. I disagree. While there is still a great need for reform in our legal approach to the Global War on Terror, the legal battle over the rule of law has resulted in our first real victory in this war.

Throughout the history of our republic, lawyers have been called upon to reaffirm our commitment to the rule of law and through that recommitment the viability of the concept that all are equal under the law. Legal patriots have answered that call again, and members of the ACLU and the NACDL have joined with others, including active duty and retired military lawyers, in using the courts and Congress to support and defend those sacred legal truths that define us. It is through the application of the rule of law when it is threatened that we truly protect our nation—and our profession is doing exactly that.

While the Global War on Terrorism creates unique legal issues that still have not been adequately addressed, our reaffirmation of the rule of law is the first positive step to victory over the fear that terrorism generates. Together, as servants of the law, we can accomplish the rest.

Charles Rose is an assistant professor of law and associate director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy at Stetson. Before joining the Stetson faculty in spring 2005, he spent more than two decades in the U.S. Army, including stints in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and service as professor of criminal law at the Judge Advocate General's School. He earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame and his LL.M. in Military Law at the Judge Advocate General's School.

The ideas presented in this Faculty Viewpoint section are the personal opinion of the author as an academic expert, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Stetson University, the College of Law or its leadership.

Bloggging

in legal education

Weblogs are rapidly changing the pace and content of America's public discourse, and law schools have not been insulated from this growing phenomenon. Academic "blogs" are beginning to influence many audiences—legal scholars, attorneys, citizens and news reporters—and Stetson professors are among the voices fueling this evolving marketplace for ideas.

Educating a global audience

Associate Dean Ellen Podgor's participation in the legal blogosphere has helped launch her as a nationally recognized expert on white-collar crime. Along with co-editor Peter Henning of Wayne State University, Podgor writes up to two or three posts a day on the White Collar Crime Profs Blog to educate readers on current news in the field. Topics range from corporate scandals and judicial opinions to government investigations and legal ethics.

"Our goal is to educate, not 'opionate,'" explained Podgor, who also serves as a contributing editor to the Law School Innovation Blog. "We try to be balanced and more informative."

The blog's reputation as a trusted, objective source has led individuals in the field to contact Podgor with ideas, information and questions for future posts.

"Attorneys who won't talk to the press talk to us because they know that we won't take a position, we're fair, and we'll post their documents if we think the public would want to see it," she said.

Journalists also frequently refer to Podgor's blog and contact her for additional commentary. Since she co-founded the blog in 2004, she has been quoted by the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post* and *Business Week*, among other outlets.

Professor Paul Boudreaux, who edits the Land Use Profs Blog, considers blogs as a more democratic form of commentary. While his primary audience may be professors, one of his blog's key benefits is that it is accessible to anyone, including citizens in communities affected by the land use laws he writes about.

Blogs on campus

The research that academic bloggers conduct for their posts

also becomes useful for integrating current events into classroom discussions. "I find many interesting things to talk about in the classroom, and I start every class with something in the news," said Boudreaux. One recent topic that made it into both his blog and class discussion was the homeless tent city controversy in St. Petersburg.

Law Library Director and Associate Professor Rebecca Trammell sees great potential for blogs as a medium for study group discussions and campus news.

"Students find blogs more comfortable to use because they're more friendly and less formal than print," said Trammell, who hopes to start a blog for Stetson librarians in the fall. "It's a quick way to talk about new services and developments, and students could load them onto their personal Web pages or on Stetson's intranet."

Trammell also predicts that blogs could become a new discussion forum for group projects, where students can communicate within their project teams while professors can monitor the posts and provide clarity when needed.

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Effect on scholarship

Academic blogs also are influencing legal scholarship by increasing the speed and volume of information published.

“One of the basic reasons for academia to do blogging is because we live in a fast-paced society where information and ideas move much more quickly. It also allows for more interdisciplinary discussion,” said Boudreaux, who has received comments from professors of urban planning and other related land use topics.

“With blogs, you don’t have to wait for a law review article to be published, and there are more undeveloped ideas,” Podgor said. “That changes the discussion.”

Podgor and Boudreaux both maintain that law review articles will always hold an important place in academic discourse due to their depth of research and thought. However, blogs have gained increased credibility as they have been cited by courts (including the U.S. Supreme Court), law review articles and other academic literature. Case in point: the latest edition of the *ALWD Citation Manual* by Stetson’s Dean Darby Dickerson added a section detailing rules specifically for Weblog citations.

Trammell, who has co-directed Stetson’s legal research and writing program, warns students to be careful when citing blogs due to

varying levels of quality control. “Some scholarly sources, such as the Law Prof Blogs, are citable, but they need to be discerning as they would any other source.”

Boudreaux predicts that in the future, academia will find a new medium that blends the benefits of both print and online sources. “Eventually, I see something that blends the flexibility of Internet writing with the depth and rigor of academic review.”

Like e-mail list serves, Podgor considers blogs to be a communication tool that is in transition. “I don’t know what the next format will be, but we will move on to something else.”

— Davina Y. Gould

Professor's passion for Institute for Biodi

In May 2005, Professor Roy Gardner formed Stetson's Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, an interdisciplinary focal point for education, research and service activities related to global, regional and local biodiversity issues.

"As a law school in Florida, Stetson is well situated to host an institute devoted to biodiversity issues. Florida contains a wealth of biodiversity and ecosystems, many of which are under threat. The institute provides an opportunity to integrate teaching and service responsibilities," said Gardner.

Gardner is the chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee, North American Representative to the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel, as well as a vice chair of the American Bar Association's International Environmental Law Committee. In 2006, he won the prestigious Environmental Law Institute's National Wetlands Award for Education and Outreach.

"Wetlands are critically important to society; they provide flood protection, preserve water quality, protect shorelines and offer habitat for endangered animal and

plant species. At Stetson's institute, we emphasize the intersection of law, science and politics. It is extremely difficult to protect wetlands without an appreciation of those varied disciplines."

Gardner doesn't remember a time in his life when he did not have a strong appreciation for nature. As a third grader, his school photo essay on environmental issues earned him a first-place prize and coverage in his hometown newspaper.

After graduating magna cum laude from Georgetown University and Boston College Law School, and completing a prestigious clerkship, he later served as the U.S. Army's principal wetland attorney. In this role, he advised Pentagon officials on the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act. A year before joining Stetson's law faculty in 1994, Gardner worked for the Department of Defense, where he helped negotiate international agreements to dismantle nuclear weapons of the former Soviet Union.

Professor Gardner now uses that combination of legal negotiation and international skills at Stetson's Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy. "Our institute

contains a strong international dimension. Many law schools have environmental institutes. However, biodiversity has a slightly different connotation—more of a focus on natural resources, with an emphasis on international issues," says Gardner.

In a relatively short time, the institute has established an impressive record of accomplishment with the ultimate goal of teaching and service:

- **Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy.** This peer-reviewed journal accepts submissions from a wide range of environmental authors—from lawyers to wildlife biologists. It is edited by Stetson Law students and professors.
- Host of **the International Wildlife Law Conference.** Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was a special guest of the conference, discussing the future of the Florida Everglades. Stetson will host next year's event in Granada, Spain.
- Stetson students and professors will be working on **draft biodiversity laws for Caribbean countries.** Those countries will take the drafts with the ultimate goal of harmonizing their domestic legislation with multilateral environmental agreements.
- A videoconference with members of the **Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel** from Switzerland. Stetson students presented case studies on environmental flows, which will be used to develop guidance for the 154 countries that have signed the Ramsar Convention.



Professor Roy Gardner, center, accepts the 2006 National Wetlands Award for Education and Outreach on Capitol Hill.

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- **Research papers on wetland issues that have a real-world impact.** An article on wetland stewardship and bankruptcy is being used in a federal training program, while an article assessing the value of Ramsar designations in the United States has led to similar surveys in Canada, Mexico, Korea and Africa.
- **Host of Stetson's International Environmental Moot Court Competition.** This competition annually draws law students from across the globe. Dean Dickerson and Professor Gardner originally founded the competition in 1996.
- **Biodiversity Lecture Series.** Local, national and international experts speak with the Stetson community on legal and scientific aspects of biodiversity protection.
- **Biodiversity internships.** This is the third summer that Stetson students have participated in paid internships.

Students Kristine Jones and Michelle Sabin worked with the Sacramento Office of Fish and Wildlife as part of their summer internships, working with conservation banking agreements to protect endangered species habitats.

Jones remains enthusiastic about her experience. "In the first week, I was reviewing conservation

easements, writing short memos on federal laws and sitting in on inter-agency meetings." Jones said the internship provided an excellent opportunity to be part of a growing field of environmental law.

Sabin shared a similar positive experience. "The internship provided a unique opportunity to work with the federal government to protect critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. The knowledge and experience gained from working with a government agency on conservation banking has been invaluable as I continue to pursue a career in the environmental law field."

Student internships and employment opportunities are also planned in New South Wales, Australia.

The institute has also worked with Stetson's School of Business Administration to develop a concentration program for JD/MBA students in Eco-Asset Management, and long-term plans include developing dual-degree programs with other academic institutions.

In the meantime, a mission of service remains a high priority for the founding director of Stetson's Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy. To learn more about the institute, please visit online at www.law.stetson.edu/international/biodiversity.

— Frank Klim

Quick definitions

Biodiversity: Diversity among and within plant and animal species in an environment.

Conservation Banking: Allows the award of "credits" (that may be bought and sold) in exchange for a commitment to permanently protect private-owned lands for the benefit of endangered, threatened and other at-risk species.

Ecoasset: An ecoasset is a natural resource that has financial value in private markets. Examples include credits generated from wetland mitigation banking, water quality trading, conservation banking and carbon trading.

Ramsar Convention: The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. There are presently 154 Contracting Parties to the Convention, with 1,669 wetland sites.

PICTURED BELOW, biodiversity law seminar students on a field trip at Upper Tampa Bay Park, where they examined mangrove and freshwater marsh systems.



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Antonin Scalia

| Janet Reno

| Barry Scheck



Antonin Scalia

Maybe he didn't make originalists out of the 800-plus students and faculty assembled in the Stetson Courtyard. But U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia kept them in their seats during a 90-minute speech on April 4, despite the merciless midday sun.

Justice Scalia often had them in stitches, too, using a gregarious wit and informal demeanor that

undermined his image as a conservative justice on the nation's highest court.

Shortly after greeting the faculty and students, Justice Scalia set about methodically explaining why he is a constitutional originalist.

The originalist school of thought holds that a written constitution's original intent and meaning must guide its contemporary interpretations and applications. Justice Scalia spent much of his time extolling this philosophy by picking

apart its direct counter, the living constitution theory, which holds that the Constitution is somewhat dynamic and can evolve to respond to societal changes.

"The Constitution is not a living document for Pete's sake," said Justice Scalia. "It's a legal document."

Living constitution proponents argue that a constitution "must grow and change, or it will grow brittle and break," said Justice Scalia. But he argued that the sup-



posed flexibility a living constitution provides is a mirage. Instead, new amendments often result that are rigid. “And when new freedoms come in,” he said, “they usually replace old freedoms.”

If new freedoms and laws are desired by society, let the citizens bring them about through due process at the legislative—not judicial—level, Justice Scalia said. “That’s what a constitution always provides for.”

Justice Scalia explained another problem he has with the living constitution is the view that it allows for laws to change and improve in step with the increasing wisdom and evolution of successive generations, and to reflect the prevailing standards of society.

“Each generation just gets better and better and better,” Justice Scalia said with no small amount of sarcasm. “The people that adopted our Bill of Rights did not have that Pollyannish view of society. They adopted the Bill of Rights because they feared that future generations would not be as wise and evolved as they were.”

“We work in this marble palace in Washington, D.C.,” Justice Scalia said of his fellow Justices. “I don’t know what the prevailing standards of society are. I’m almost afraid to ask.”

Again, Justice Scalia returned to his opposition of amending a constitution at the judicial level. “That’s saying to nine lawyers in Washington, ‘You should know what should be drummed out.’”



Joann Grages, Melody James, Justice Antonin Scalia, Kelly Feeley '95, Brianna Wetherwax, Frank Klim, Tracey Sticco and Professor Rebecca Trammell at a special reception prior to Justice Scalia's speech.

That’s just not an acceptable mode for a free people.”

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan nominated Scalia as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Scalia took his seat in September of that year after a 98 to 0 approval vote from the Senate, becoming the first Italian-American Supreme Court Justice.

Justice Scalia, a husband and father of nine, is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. But when asked during a Q and A session with the students about what role religion plays in his judicial process, he only cited the Bible’s seventh commandment. “Thou shalt not lie. All the rest is quite irrelevant,” he said.

Another student asked Justice Scalia about the idea of televising the Supreme Court. “It’s not beyond imagining that some of the justices might ham it up for the cameras,” Justice Scalia replied. “I’d actually be pretty good,” he quipped, drawing laughs from the crowd. But on a serious note, Scalia said televising the court wouldn’t educate the public. “Most of the time we are dealing with things that are so dull. Court TV doesn’t want to educate you. They want to make money and entertain you.”

Another student asked if there’s any hope for originalism in a time

when the philosophy is largely out of vogue. “Sometimes I feel like Frodo in *Lord of the Rings*,” Justice Scalia said, but he still has hope for originalists. “When I joined the Supreme Court, there were none. But now, there are two, perhaps three,” he said referring to himself, Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Samuel Alito, respectively.

“He makes good arguments as to his position on originalism,” said second-year Stetson student David Delrahim, “but it doesn’t seem to go with modern day public policy.”

But Delrahim was sold on Justice Scalia as a speaker and person. “He was very cordial,” said Delrahim, who got to shake hands with Scalia during a reception in the Law Library before the speech. “He didn’t seem too uppity and high on himself. Some people felt his humor was uncalled for in a professional setting. I took it as great comical relief.”

“I don’t know if he made an originalist out of me,” said third-year student Melody James, “but I would like to read some of his books, and look into more of his philosophy.” James also got to meet Scalia at the reception. “I think he’s a wonderful speaker. He’s very witty. He really connects with the audience.”

— Mike Canning

Janet Reno

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Lecturer at Stetson's Annual Inns of Court Banquet on Jan. 25.

The banquet and lecture, scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Mirror Lake Lyceum in St. Petersburg, brought together invited dignitaries, federal, circuit and county judges, area attorneys, Inn members and Stetson students.

Reno also made a special presentation at the Ninth International Wildlife Law Conference on Stetson's Gulfport campus Jan. 26 and addressed a Stetson student leadership luncheon at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater in Gulfport.

Reno was the 78th attorney general of the United States and the first woman to hold the post. She was the first woman appointed to be a state attorney for Florida. Reno helped win congressional approval of the 1994 crime bill, the biggest crime legislation in U.S. history.

— Brandi Palmer



Professor Roberta Flowers demonstrates the elder-friendly technology of the Eleazer Courtroom to Reno.



Reno speaks at the International Wildlife Law Conference at Stetson during her visit.



Reno spoke with students and conference attendees.



Reno with Tracey Sticco and Melody James.



Reno addressed a Stetson student leadership luncheon at Gulfport's Catherine A. Hickman Theater.

Barry Scheck

Renowned attorney Barry Scheck, who served as co-counsel on the O.J. Simpson defense team, spoke to students and faculty in the Great Hall Tuesday, March 27. He visited Stetson as part of its Nichols Foundation Prominent Speakers Series, which brings notable speakers from business, government and law to campus.

Scheck co-founded the Innocence Project in 1992, a non-profit legal clinic dedicated to freeing imprisoned individuals through DNA evidence.

“Every time an innocent person is convicted, or God forbid executed, the real perpetrator is out there committing more crimes,” Scheck said.

Since its inception, the Innocence Project has used DNA testing to exonerate 197 prisoners who were wrongfully convicted of crimes, including 14 who were on death row. The average time spent in prison totaled 11.5 years.

“The Innocence Project shines light on a dark area of our justice system that people rarely hear about,” said first-year student Aaron Watson.

In addition to those freed after wrongful convictions, DNA evidence has exonerated individuals who were arrested or indicted for crimes that they did not commit. Scheck listed a number of factors that accounted for the overwhelming number of innocent people

falsely accused of crimes. For instance, eye-witness error totaled 71 percent, police misconduct was 44 percent and prosecution misconduct was 28 percent.

Students received insight into the legal system and the importance of being advocates for justice. “The lecture showed me the important roles that lawyers play in the justice system,” said Karla Allen, a second-year student. “Professionally, we should strive for justice and not for the win at all costs, particularly when you are talking about how life-altering a wrong decision can be to an individual’s life.”

Third-year student Lindsey Granados also was impressed by the Innocence Project. “As lawyers, intellectuals and realists, we understand that our justice system is imperfect,” Granados said. “Sometimes, innocent people are incarcerated for crimes they did not commit while the real offender is still free. It is unfortunate, and the goal is to safeguard against that through the measures taken by the court system. But sometimes, mistakes happen. The Innocence Project is performing a valuable service not only to those who have been wrongfully convicted, but also for the public, because it is never too late to right a wrong.”

Scheck emphasized the need for reform in the legal system to reduce



errors, especially in lineups where witnesses identify suspects. He said studies show that the error rate is reduced and the correct identification of criminals is increased when fillers in a lineup match eyewitness descriptions rather than specific suspects.

Blind sequential lineups also reduce errors. This occurs when suspects are presented one at a time for identification and witnesses are told that the actual suspect may not be present. The officers at hand should not have knowledge regarding whether the actual suspect is in the lineup. They should not give feedback to witnesses after identification because it may falsely assure them of their decision.

Although DNA evidence has exonerated many innocent individuals, more still remain in the system and struggle to have their cases reexamined. It is for those individuals that Scheck continues his efforts through the Innocence Project.

“I don’t think anyone can be sensible and be against DNA testing,” Scheck said. “If you’re against that, you’re against justice.”

— Bridgette Sanders

Prominent speakers support faculty development

Stetson has four different programs for faculty development. Under the **Scholarship Series**, external speakers present papers to the faculty. The **Works-in-Progress Series** offers Stetson faculty the opportunity to present their work to their peers before presenting it to law reviews or other external audiences. Several times during the year, the law school sponsors a **Half-Baked Series** to afford faculty the opportunity to share preliminary scholarship ideas with colleagues. Stetson, through its **Teaching Series**, keeps faculty abreast of new teaching techniques, allows faculty to share best practices, and updates the faculty about legal and technology developments.

Stetson's **International Programs office** and **National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law** also often bring prominent speakers to campus.

Scholarship Series:

- ALICE BAKER, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University
- RANDY BARNETT, Georgetown University Law Center
- AARON BRUHL, University of Houston Law Center
- MARCILYNN BURKE, University of Houston Law Center
- JEROLD ISRAEL, Levin College of Law, University of Florida
- ROBERT RHEE, Washburn University School of Law
- JOEL SCHUMM, Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis



Teaching Series:

- STEVEN HOBBS, University of Alabama School of Law
- MICHAEL SEIGEL, Levin College of Law, University of Florida

International:

- DR. SIMON COOPER, Cayman Islands Law School
- ANDREAS KAKOURIS, Cypriot Ambassador to the United States
- DR. EMILIO RABASA, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey



National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law:

- ROBERT DORIAN, Forensic Dentistry Specialist
- DR. KATHY REICHS, Forensic Anthropologist and Novelist



Improving immigration

Prakash Khatri '83 is working as hard as he can to lose his dream job.

As the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman at the Department of Homeland Security, Khatri is charged with examining the trouble spots of the immigration process and recommending remedies.

He is given the freedom to go in and point out all the things he dislikes about U.S. immigration process from his 19 years of immigration law experience as a Washington outsider. He now helps create systematic changes to aid individuals and businesses going through the same steps that he used to take.

Being in this position would fulfill the dreams of any lawyer who gets frustrated with the system, he said.

"You can now go into government and question why those things are being done, but then not only question them, you can also make recommendations for change, and then when the agency fails to implement your recommendations, you can actually do an independent report to Congress and point out who and why they failed to do it," Khatri said.

"You get your cake and eat it too, multiple times over. It's a phenomenal position."

But Khatri feels strongly that if he's doing his job effectively and being a good steward for the public, this phenomenal position isn't one that should last forever.

"If [the ombudsman's position was] created to solve problems, then at some point, it should have solved many of the problems, enough that the reason for its existence should start to fade away," Khatri said. "The ultimate goal ... is to constantly work to eliminate the need for the office."

Congress created the Department of Homeland Security in the Homeland Security Act of 2002. The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman was built in as part of it to oversee the DHS agency of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. USCIS is one of three agencies that sprung from the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. Khatri was named as the first Ombudsman in July 2003.

As he stepped into the post, Khatri gave himself a goal of reaching efficiencies within his first 1,500 days on the job that would

allow him to stop growing his team while addressing the major concerns of Congress. The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman is on track to reach that goal before the end of this year.

"There are very few jobs in the federal government where you can set up an agency that isn't already established and set some goals like this, and we've been able to accomplish this," Khatri said.

Khatri is on track by implementing changes that improve customer service, reduce costs and improve national security. When working at his best, he is overseeing steps that may benefit those three areas at the same time.

One of Khatri's recommendations is to change green card procedures to interview applicants at the beginning of the process rather than at the end, an idea that is now being tested in three USCIS offices. The change would allow USCIS to eliminate applicants who are obviously unqualified and focus its time and resources on others, thus reducing wasted time and money. Khatri estimated that the new procedure could save the nation hundreds of millions of dollars if implemented nationally.



But the change also significantly cuts the time an applicant spends in the process and increases national security by not allowing ineligible people to be in the country with temporary benefits.

“Wait times were dropped from as much as three-to-four years to as little as 90 days or less,” Khatri said. “This changed the entire dynamic.”

The attacks of September 11 were not only the spark behind the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, but also they were the driving factor behind Khatri’s move to a public sector job.

Then Manager of Immigration and Visa Processing for Walt Disney World, Khatri landed in Brazil on the morning of 9/11 on a business trip. Unable to return home for four “very trying” days with the halt of air traffic, he com-

mitted himself to do something to give back to his adopted country. He got that chance when the Ombudsman role was created.

“I saw an opportunity to serve the nation with my background and experience, especially when it became obvious that immigration one of the areas that may have enabled 9/11 to occur,” he said. “For me, this was a call to duty.”

Originally from the south-central African nation of Zambia, with part of his family rooted in India, Khatri had the background and the client-base of his Orlando private practice to push him toward immigration law soon after graduating from Stetson University College of Law.

Khatri mused that America’s immigration policy has come almost full circle in those 20-plus years since his graduation to again be near the forefront of political

debate. However, unlike the blanket amnesty that was offered by President Ronald Reagan, Khatri stressed that the country should work toward a long-term solution to avoid creating a repeating cycle.

“It’s unfortunate that we are back to the point we were at in 1986,” Khatri said. “We must make some very tough decisions that will help us to avoid similar situations from occurring another 20 or 30 years later.”

With his mind set on the future, Khatri draws from all his experiences as he helps generations of immigrants reach the same sense of fulfillment that he has found in the United States.

“I encourage people to really take on—if not a career, at least a few years of service with the government so we can make change, and we can have a better system.”

— Aaron Reinheld

Florin|Roebig Courtroom renovated, renamed, rededicated

Stetson University College of Law rededicated the Florin|Roebig Courtroom on its Gulfport campus on April 19. As one of Stetson's premier teaching courtrooms, the room was renamed in honor of the labor and employment law firm that made extensive contributions to the recently renovated space.

"Will Florin and Tommy Roebig have given a wonderful gift to Stetson Law that will be used to help educate law students with the latest courtroom technology well into the next decade," said Dean Darby Dickerson.

At the rededication, law partners Wil Florin and Tommy Roebig honored Professor Robert Bickel, who inspired them to make the gift through his profound impact on their lives and careers.

"Professor Bob Bickel is a mentor, friend and colleague. It is inspiring to hear him talk about the rights of the disadvantaged. When you hear him talk about civil rights, you hear his passion and commitment," Florin said.

The Florin Roebig firm funded an extensive facelift and technology upgrade for the courtroom in the summer of 2006, with cosmetic

remodeling and the addition of flat-panel display screens in the gallery. Architect Canerday and Associates, builder Angle and Schmidt and designer Beverlee Weismann worked on the renovations using feedback from Stetson student and faculty focus groups to redesign the space.

In addition to their courtroom gift, Florin Roebig law firm will continue to help underwrite a summer civil rights course taught by Professor Bickel that features a bus tour of major civil rights movement landmarks in the south.

— Brandi Palmer



It's not too late to order your Gulfport campus brick

For years, we at the College of Law have heard from many alumni and friends that we should begin a brick campaign on the Gulfport Campus. Well, you asked for it, we were listening, and now the time has come! I wanted to update you on the Gulfport Brick Campaign and let you know of the wonderful progress made.

In summer 2006, we began taking orders for personalized bricks for the Gulfport campus. These bricks, available in 8x4 and 8x8 sizes, are now being placed adjacent to the fountain around Crummer Courtyard. The location of these bricks, outside of our new coffee shop (formerly Seminar Room B), is perfect. The space has always been popular for congregating students, but since the opening of the coffee shop, this area has become one of the social hubs to Stetson students, faculty and staff.

Stetson holds such special memories for people, and these bricks are a great way to leave a lasting legacy here. They have become popular for honoring special times and events, memorializing loved ones and publicizing law firms.

To date, over 106 small bricks and 12 large bricks have been ordered, generating over \$28,000 to support facilities and construction. As we come toward the end of our first year of offering bricks, I want you to know how much your support of this program means to all of us. Your purchases not only have helped Stetson financially, but the personalized bricks have brought such a sense of character and charm to this renovated space.

This project, and all the messages carried on the bricks, truly shows the personal side of the College of Law. It is a legacy



that means as much to us as it does to you. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, click on the "Gulfport Brick Campaign" link at www.law.stetson.edu or contact the Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818.

— Karen Griffin

Griffin, Marris to direct development, alumni

Karen Griffin has been promoted to director of development. Griffin will focus on planned giving, major gifts, and corporate and foundation giving in her new role. Griffin previously directed corporate and foundation relations at the law school. She was director of institutional and government grants at Stetson University's main campus in DeLand prior to joining the law school. Before entering academia, Griffin spent five years directing a shelter for victims of domestic violence in Tennessee. She earned her Ph.D. in education, psychology and leadership studies at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and her bachelor's degree from Auburn University.

Todd Marris joins Stetson as the new director of alumni and annual giving. Marris will oversee the college's annual fund campaign and will be responsible for alumni programming and involvement. Prior to coming to Stetson, Marris held positions in alumni relations and development at the University of Tampa. He also has worked at the Telecommunications Asset Management Company and the Children's Home in Tampa. He earned his master of business administration degree from the University of Tampa and his bachelor's degree in public relations at the University of Florida.

Griffin and Marris will report to Aldon Knight, the newly hired associate vice president of College Relations, who will be introduced in the fall 2007 issue of the *Stetson Lawyer*.



Karen Griffin



Todd Marris

1950s

Judge Robert E. Beach '58 (retired) is a U.S. Masters Swimming All Star. He recently placed second in 75-79 age group for the World Masters three-kilometer swim. Judge Beach also traveled extensively through the Middle East and Asia in recent months, visiting Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Iran.

William C. Strode '58 retired after 47 years of active practice.

1960s

Homer H. Humphries '61 has been selected as "Lawyer of the Year" by the Jacksonville Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates. He also serves on the organization's national board. He withdrew from Humphries and Oberdier P.A. on Dec. 31, 2006.

William L. Penrose '66 received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for his efforts on behalf of poor and indigent clients.

1970s

Thomas E. Penick Jr. '72 was honored by the St. Petersburg Bar Association's endowment of the Thomas E. Penick Jr. Award for Community Service.

Judge Stephen M. Brown '73 is serving as presiding chief judge for the Washington State Court of Appeals from 2006 to 2007.

Keith Casto '73, partner at Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold in San Francisco, has been named co-chair of the electronic discovery, data management and compliance practice group.

Judge Dale Ross '73 was unanimously re-elected as chief judge of Broward County Circuit Court on Feb. 2, making him the longest-running state court head in Florida. Ross was first elected to judgeship in 1981 and has served as chief judge since 1991.

Russell Joseph Ferraro Jr. '74, Russell Joseph Ferraro III '01, and Joshua David Ferraro '04 have formed the Ferraro Law Group in Stuart. **Nina LaRae (Mings) Ferraro '01** serves as Of Counsel.

George E. Harris '74 was appointed senior vice president and general counsel for AmCOMP Inc. He previously was a partner with Harris, Kukey & Helgesen P.A. in Palm Beach Gardens.

Judge Stephen O. Rushing '75 was the guest speaker for the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce's Teen Leadership 2007 Graduation. Judge Rushing, of the 5th Judicial Circuit, presides over criminal felony dockets and civil jury trials in Brooksville.

Justice Carol Hunstein '76 was sworn in for her third term on the Georgia Supreme Court. In the election, Hunstein won 63 percent of the vote and all 159 Georgia counties.

William D. Keith '76 has been elected to a three-year term to the national board of directors of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Keith is a partner with Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist P.A. in Naples.

Glenn Klausman '76 has been recognized in the *Orlando Business Journal's* third annual Best of the Bar survey, in which Central Florida attorneys recognize others in their profession. He practices in the areas of personal injury and insurance.

J. Brent Walker '76, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, delivered Campbell University's annual department of religion lecture Feb. 6. Walker is a published author and provides commentary on church-state issues in the national media.

Stephen P. Donohue '77 has been chosen to serve as interim vice president for finance and administration of Shawnee State University. Donohue will continue in his capacity as general counsel while serving as interim vice president.

Peter Hofstra '77 was appointed as the newest member of Seminole's City Council

ALUMNI EVENTS



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — **Bonnie Brown Foreman BA '68, Kris Doyle, Robin Doyle '75 and Tammy Briant '06.**



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — **Adriana Evans '06, Lavern Wilson '06 and Theresa Jean-Pierre '04.**



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — **Professor Ruth Fleet Thurman '64, Brian Deeb '85 and Michelle Deeb, who has been admitted to the class of 2010.**

on Jan. 9. Hofstra specializes in real estate and small business matters.

Judge Kenneth A. Marra '77 of the U.S. District Court recently presented a seminar on ethics and professionalism to alumni and friends of Nova Southeastern University Law School in Palm Beach County.

1980s

Judge Christine "Chris" Helinger '80 was elected to the Group 9 circuit seat in November 2006. Helinger previously spent 25 years as an assistant public defender in Pinellas and Pasco counties before being elected to the bench.

John Paul Parks '81 was admitted to the State Bar of California in a formal admission ceremony held at Pasadena on Dec. 5, 2006. Parks, who also is admitted to practice in Arizona, Florida and the District of Columbia, is the sole member of the law firm of John Paul Parks PLLC in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Paul Riffel '82 received the 2006 Professionalism Award from the Family Law Inn of Court in Tampa.

Judge Shawn Crane '83 was recently appointed a Pinellas-Pasco circuit court judge. He previously served as a Pinellas county judge.

Kenneth R. Swearingen '83 joined Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP as an associate.

Senator John Wiles '83 has been re-elected as state senator for the state of Georgia's 37th district. He was re-appointed to serve as chairman of the senate's state and local governmental operations committee. He also will serve on the committees for health and human services, administrative affairs, higher education, urban affairs and judiciary committees, and as an ex-officio member of the appropriations committee.

Jim Wilkes '83 was awarded the Resident Rights Award for his commitment to nursing home residents. The award was presented by the national Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform at its annual convention in Washington, D.C.

Taso Milonas '84 recently co-authored *An Attorney's Guide to Asset Protection* for the National Business Institute. Milonas also co-authored *Advanced LLC Issues*, a companion text to *Limited Liability Companies*, from the same publisher. Milonas is a board-certified tax lawyer and focuses principally in the areas of tax, business and estate planning.

Lawrence (Larry) Paine '84 has been promoted by Global Imaging Systems Inc. to senior vice president and general counsel.

In Memoriam

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

Emmett M. Ferguson '41
May 7, 2007

Bert A. Davenport '48
Aug. 1, 2006, North Little Rock, Ark.

Judge Judson Clifford Cheatwood '51
Jan. 18, 2007, Tampa

Vincent P. Nuccio '51
May 9, 2007, Tampa

Mercury N. Kavouklis '60
Aug. 11, 2006, Micanopy

Charles A. Zinn '63
May 2, 2007, Hudson

Thomas K. Riden '68
April 17, 2007, Advance, N.C.

Imogene Nicholson Hamilton '69
March 3, 2007, St. Petersburg

John R. Fricker '77
Dec. 9, 2006, St. Petersburg

Kathleen Freeble '78
May 27, 2007, St. Petersburg

Deborah J. Blue '85 was honored as one of the Florida Super Lawyers of 2006. She is a shareholder practicing in Family Law at Dickinson & Gibbons P.A. in Sarasota.

Marcos R. Marchena '85 was re-appointed to the Florida Transportation Commission by Governor Charlie Crist.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — **Robert Pope '71, Robert Jagger '58 and Jim Pierce '83.**



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — **Jim Pierce '83 and Sidney Kilgore '85.**



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — **Susan St. John '05, Cindy Richards '03, Aleks Jagiella '04, Jason Bard '04 and Andrew Crawford '04.**

Marchena is a shareholder with Marchena and Graham P.A. in Orlando.

Troy J. Crotts '86 has been appointed vice chairman of the Health Care Practice Section of Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. He is a shareholder and practices in the health care practice group at Fowler White Boggs Banker in St. Petersburg.

Kathy Sturgis '86 was appointed Judge of Compensation Claims for the Fort Myers district of the state's Office of Judges of Compensation Claims by Governor Jeb Bush.

Mark S. Bentley '87 of GrayRobinson's Tampa office received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award by the Sun Coast Section, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

J. Lenora Bresler '87 owns a training, consulting and keynote speaking firm in Lakeland. She teaches at the University of South Florida and recently co-authored a book, *Mission Possible*, with Stephen Covey and Brian Tracey.

Anthony M. Tamburello '87 has been named an associate in the firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King LLP as a result of a recent merger with the firm of Gallo Geffner Fenster, P.C. He is with the litigation department.

Matt Towery '87 recently sold the

television and movie rights to his book *Powerchicks: How Women Will Dominate America*. His 1998 book predicted that women would become the power brokers of the 21st century.

Jerry Wade '87 was recently appointed Civil Traffic Infraction Officer for Palm Beach County.

Anthony S. Falco '88 has been a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, is a current board member of the Senior Rights PAC, and is co-founder of Senior Resource Center Inc.

John F. Bradley '88 of Bradley & Robinson P.L. in Fort Lauderdale has been certified as a National Football League Player Advisor.

Marie Tomassi '88 was elected to Trenam Kemker's management committee by the firm's shareholders.

Rachel L. Waterhouse '88 has joined the law firm of Branham & Day in Nashville, Tenn. Waterhouse has focused her practice on civil litigation for more than 18 years.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis '89 will serve as the new Republican co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues. Bilirakis succeeds his father, Michael Bilirakis, who represented the district for 24 years and co-founded the Hellenic Caucus in 1996.

Joseph G. Jarret '89 presented "Crisis Communications" for the International City and County Managers Association and published *The Whistle Blower Dilemma: Challenges for the Public Risk Manager*.

Mark Kapusta '89 leads the Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court. He is the managing attorney at the Law Office of Bohdan Newsiacheny.

Barbara Moran '89 has been retained as in-house counsel for Signature Leisure. She returned to Florida after working with several Fortune 500 companies in New Jersey.

1990s

Gerald T. Buhr '91 was appointed city attorney for the City of Avon Park. Buhr is also the city attorney for the cities of Mulberry, Zolfo Springs and Bowling Green.

Kendra Presswood '91 has been named managing attorney of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. She will oversee the day-to-day aspects of NCLR's litigation and assist NCLR's legal director in supervising the legal staff.

Sheryl Brock '92 was named Pinellas County's 2007 Outstanding Educator. Brock, a former family law attorney, works at Dixie M. Hollins High School, where she teaches math and journalism.

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LEGACY GRADUATES — Front row, from left: Jennifer Cowan '06, Jason Whittemore '06, Michael Falkowski '06, Erin Whittemore '06, Robyn Featherston '06 and Wesley Dicus '06. Back row, from left: James Cowan '80, Judge James Whittemore '77, Michael Falkowski '73, Kent Whittemore '73, Katherine Earle Yanes '97 and Aubrey Dicus '74.



Kate Halvorsen '92 was selected as president of the Sarasota Bar Association on Sept. 28, 2006, making her the fifth female president in the SCBA's history. She practices in the areas of marital and family law, appellate, and workers' compensation.

Patricia R. Sigman '92 was recognized in the *Orlando Business Journal's* third annual Best of the Bar survey. She practices in the areas of employment law and civil litigation.

R. Adam Carnegie '93 has joined the Tampa office of WilsonMiller, a design and engineering firm. He formerly ran his own law firm in Dade City.

Karl Koch '93 has joined Holland+Knight LLP and works in the firm's Tampa and Washington, D.C., offices.

Sandip Patel '93 is a real estate developer and owner of Orion Communities.

Robert J. Sniffen '93 was recently selected to become a member of the Academy of Florida Management Attorneys. Sniffen was also listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* publication in the area of labor and employment law.

Lisa Jo Spencer '93, a partner in the law firm of Fleet, Spencer & Kilpatrick P.A., has been appointed to serve on the board of directors for Crossroads Center, a non-profit medical clinic serving the needs of Okaloosa County, Florida.

Rebecca L. Palmer '94 has been recognized in the *Orlando Business Journal's* third annual Best of the Bar survey. She practices in the areas of family law, domestic relations litigation and mediation.

Jerry Paul '94 has been appointed the first Distinguished Fellow on Energy Policy at the University of Tennessee's Howard Baker Center for Public Policy. In his new role, he will speak at forums on energy policy, collect research from scientists around the world, write articles and teach.

David Sampedro '95 of Panter, Panter & Sampedro P.A. in Miami recently presented "Litigators Perspective: What Every Personal Injury Lawyer Needs to Know to Avoid the Insurance Company Crunch" in Seattle for ATLA's 2006 annual convention. Sampedro practices in the areas of general negligence, premises liability, automobile negligence and medical malpractice.

Andrew Doyle '96 spoke at the 2006 Southeastern Federal Wetlands Enforcement Conference in Charleston. He is with the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

LeeAnne "L.A." Perkins '96 was named shareholder at Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLP.

Eric C. Ragatz '96 has joined the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership in the

Calling all alumni

COMING SOON: the new Stetson University College of Law Alumni Directory.

Stetson has contracted with Harris Publishing to publish our alumni directory in summer 2007. This comprehensive volume will include alumni names, addresses, telephone numbers, academic data and business information bound into a library-quality publication.

A questionnaire will be sent from Harris Publishing to give every graduate the opportunity to accurately list desired information in the new alumni directory. If there is any information you do not wish to be published, write "Do Not Publish" on the form or call the Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818. After you return your information to Harris, the company will conduct a telephone check to verify the information. At that time, you will have an opportunity to order a copy of the book.

California-based organization is limited to attorneys who have acted as principal counsel in at least one case in which their client received a verdict, award or settlement that exceeded \$1 million. His practice includes personal injury, wrongful death, nursing home negligence, medical malpractice, products liability and complex civil litigation.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — Teresa Bowman '05, Dean Darby Dickerson and Layla McDonald '04.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — Hon. David Walker '65, Martin Rice '74 and Robert Heyman '82.

Harvey V. Cohen '97 has been recognized in the *Orlando Business Journal's* third annual Best of the Bar survey. He practices in the areas of personal injury law, insurance claims and criminal law.

Anne Trefz Gibson '97 recently published "Implementing School Concurrency: The Challenges of Adopting a United Vision" in the *Florida Bar Journal*. Gibson is a senior assistant county attorney for Polk County.

Jolee Land '97 was elected partner in the employment law regional practice group in Phelps Dunbar LLP's Tampa office. Her practice includes assisting clients in responding to pre-suit charges of race, sex, national origin and disability discrimination filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Florida Commission on Human Resources.

John Staunton '97 is the incoming president of the trial lawyers section of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Joseph F. Summonte '97 was named shareholder in the Sarasota law firm of Judd, Ulrich, Scarlett, Summonte & Dean P.A. He practices in the areas of civil, commercial and real estate litigation, as well as in condominium and homeowner association law.

Kim Hernandez Vance '97 of GrayRobinson's Tampa office was appointed

by Governor Jeb Bush to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Jason Dimitris '98 of Tallahassee has been appointed chief of staff at the Florida Department of Children and Families by DCF Secretary Bob Butterworth.

Doug Dörner '98 was honored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for his leadership and community involvement at the foundation's "Single Greatest Night" event in Orlando.

Rexford H. Stephens '98 was named partner in the Orlando office of Baker Hostetler. Stephens is a member of the employment and labor group and concentrates his practice in employment litigation and health and welfare plan matters.

Todd A. Aidman '99 has been named partner in Ford & Harrison's Tampa office. Aidman concentrates his practice on employment litigation. He also works in the hospitality industry on compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

April R. Foster '99 joined Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP as an associate.

Lynn Hanshaw '99 has joined Matusek,

McKnight & Burger P.A. as an associate. She practices in the areas of social security, workers compensation and housing law.

Leslie Schultz-Kin '99 has joined Carlton Fields' Tampa office as an associate in the firm's real property litigation and labor employment practice groups.

D. Chad Strickland '99 was promoted to vice president of employee relations at Aaron Rents. He previously served the company as senior legal counsel.

Candy VanDercar '99 was elected to the new Group 7 county judgeship. She previously served as an assistant public defender and a private defense attorney.

2000s

Kimberly Benner '00 joined Bush Graziano & Rice P.A. as an associate. She practices in the areas of long-term care, products liability and medical malpractice.

Charles Gallagher III '00 opened his own law firm, Gallagher & Associates P.A., in St. Petersburg. The firm concentrates its practice on commercial litigation.

Scott A. Kuhn '00 opened the Kuhn Law Firm in Fort Myers. His firm will concentrate on real estate law, family law, litigation and probate/estate planning.

ALUMNI EVENTS



FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY — **Dean Darby Dickerson** addresses a crowd of parents and family members at the annual Family and Friends Day in November.



ATLANTA ALUMNI RECEPTION — **William Ellis '97** and **Laura Ellis**.



ATLANTA ALUMNI RECEPTION — **Cathy Fitch** and **Linda Samuels '05**.

Andrea Kurak '00 was named partner at Cole & Cole in Tampa. She practices in the areas of corporate and business law.

Jeff Rosato '00 now serves as senior policy advisor and counsel for the majority staff on the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

David I. Wynne '00 joined Bavor Judge P.A. as an associate. He practices in the areas of product liability, construction, pharmaceutical and general litigation cases.

Russell Joseph Ferraro III '01, Russell Joseph Ferraro Jr. '74, and Joshua David Ferraro '04 have formed the Ferraro Law Group in Stuart. **Nina LaRae (Mings) Ferraro '01** serves as Of Counsel.

Matt Vazquez Mitcham '01 opened his own law office in downtown Tampa.

Bryan D. Ruff '01 is associate general counsel for the Tampa International Airport Aviation Authority.

Sabrina C. Beavens '02 relocated to Portsmouth, N.H., and joined Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin as an associate, where she will practice in the areas of civil and bankruptcy litigation, personal injury law, and family law.

Nichole (Strothman) Bardwell '03 has been named as one of *Tampa Bay Business*

Journal's 2006 "30 under 30." Bardwell is in-house counsel for Ideal Image Laser Hair Removal Clinic in Fort Myers.

Katherine Emerson '03 has joined Perenich, Carroll, Perenich, Avril, Caulfield & Noyes P.A. as an associate. Her practice is dedicated to personal injury, malpractice, wrongful death, insurance law and social security disability.

Ethan J. Loeb '03 was named a shareholder at Bricklemyer Smolker & Bolves P.A. in Tampa. He practices in the area of real estate and property rights.

Suzette Michele Marteny '03 has joined the Tampa office of Squire Snaders & Dempsey LLP.

J. Corey Silverman '03 joined the Carlton Fields Tampa office as an associate in the Corporate and Tax Practice Group.

Susan Charles '04 and **Linda Faingold '04** have launched a new weekly radio show, "Legally Speaking," in the Tampa Bay area.

Shannon Cross '04 joined the Toms River, N.J., firm of Novins, York, Pentony and Pagano as an associate practicing family law.

Sarah E. Egan '04 joined Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP as an associate.

Weddings

Daniela L. de Carvalho '03 and Dr. Gregory Thomas were married in March 2007 in Costa Rica. She is an attorney at Wilbraham, Lawler & Buba in Philadelphia.

Allison Kimberly Dicus '06 and James Nathan Thompson were married in April 2007 in Tampa.

New Additions

Chris J. Gradansky '01 and wife Cori announce son, Luke _____ born April 2006.

Nina LaRae _____ Ferraro '01 and **Russell Joseph Ferraro III '01** announce their first child, Joseph _____ born on July 2006.

Wendy D. Short '04 and husband Bruce E. _____ welcomed their first child, Brody on Dec. _____ 2006.

Linda Faingold '04 joined the Largo firm of Joseph F. Phippen & Associates. She is based in the firm's new Tampa office and practices in the areas of estate planning and residential real estate. Prior to joining the firm, she was an assistant public defender in Hillsborough County.



SLA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — Members of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council met in the Eleazer Courtroom this spring.



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Sarah Lahlou-Amine '05 joined Fowler White Boggs Banker as an associate. She practices in the litigation department.

Brian S. Mitchell '05 practices law at the firm Haag, Haag, & Friedrich, located in Inverness.

Paul V. Suppicich '05 has been elected to the board of directors for the Hillsborough Literacy Council, a local nonprofit organization.

Kathryn H. Christian BA '02, '06 has joined Carlton Fields in Tampa as an associate. She practices in the Business Litigation and Trade Regulation Practice Group.

Consuelo C. Bova '06 and her husband have launched a new online menswear store specializing in clothing for men 5'9" tall and under called ForTheFit.com.

Kate Egelston '06 has joined the 10th Circuit Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender.

William "Ty" Giltinan '06 has joined Carlton Fields in Tampa as an associate. He practices in the Intellectual Property and Technology Practice Group.

Randy Mink '06 was recently sworn in as an attorney. He currently serves as attorney for the Polk County Board of County Commissioners.

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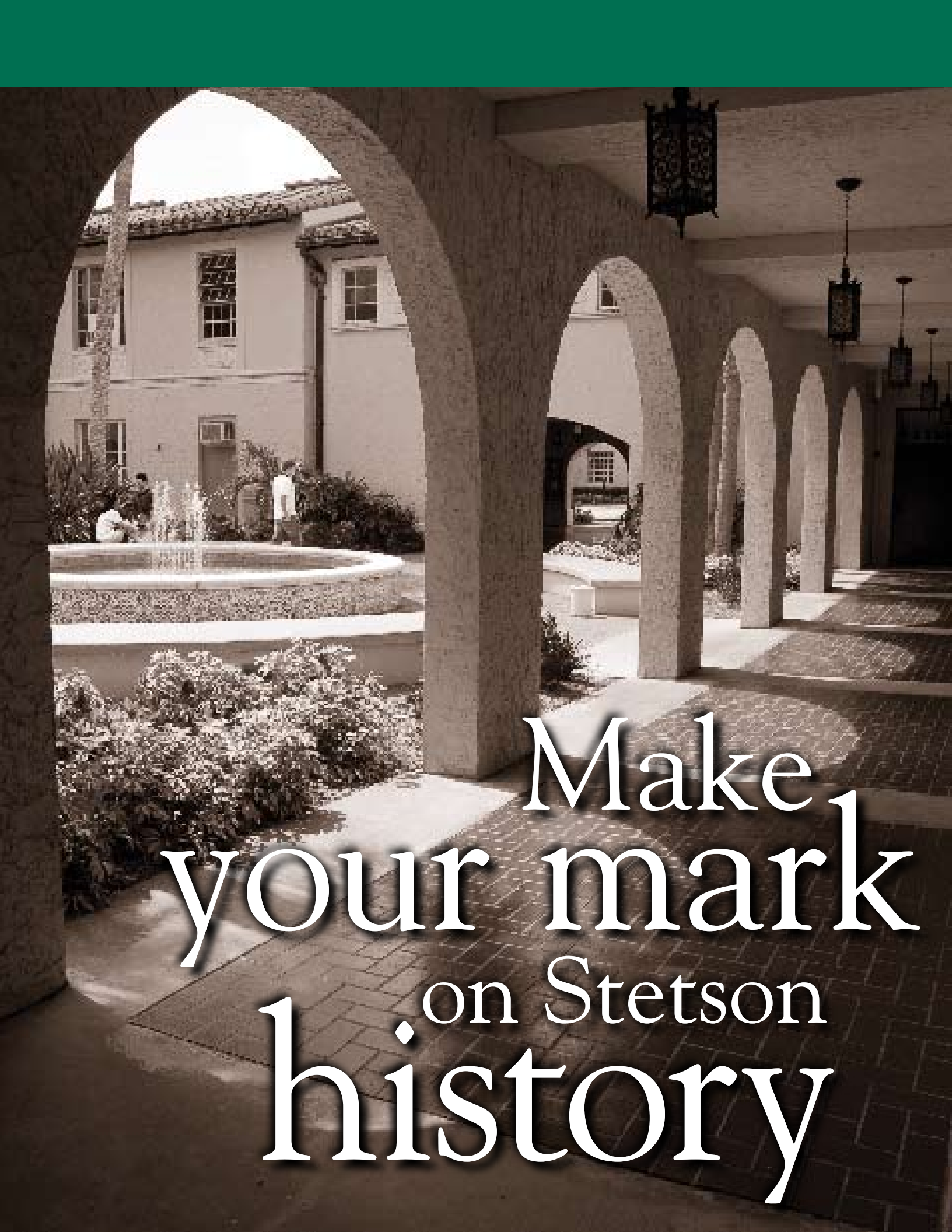
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