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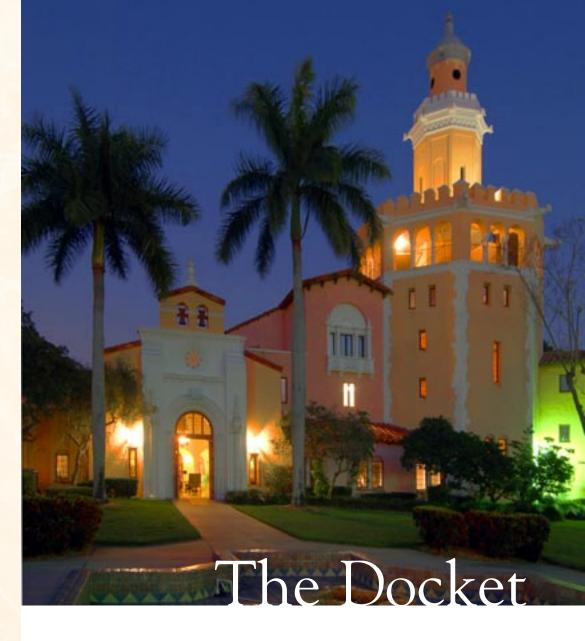
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# Our students as leaders

An important part of the College of Law's mission statement is to train students "to become outstanding lawyers and leaders who serve the profession and society." I'm proud to say that many of our students have accepted this challenge and have already made great strides toward becoming future leaders in both the legal profession and greater community.

Four years ago, the College of Law created the Leadership Development Program. As part of this voluntary program, students attend a variety of programs to supplement their mastery of legal doctrine and skills. Recent sessions have included "Managing Staff and Being Managed," "Appreciating Diversity in the Workplace," and "Effective Personal Life/ Professional Life Balance." Past programs also have focused on conflict resolution in the workplace, networking skills, dining etiquette, and professionalism in the courtroom. To date, almost 200 graduates have earned Leadership Development Certificates, and the number of students who opt to participate in the program increases each year.

This past summer, we piloted a new program that we hope to soon include as part of each student's educational experience. The Summer Professionalism Series is based on the American Inns of Court Model; students in a particular entering class are divided into small groups and are assigned a faculty member and an upper-level student as mentors. Each week, the students and their mentors meet during lunch, and one group is responsible for presenting the program and leading a discussion on the assigned topic. This summer's topics included "Classroom Civility and Etiquette," "Conflict Resolution," "Communication," "Diversity," "Interviewing Skills," and "Professional Reputation." The students gained wonderful insights, strengthened their collaborative skills, and honed leadership skills as part of this unique program.

For the past 15 years, Stetson students have also been leaders in the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. Due to our students' strong commitment, Stetson has won the ABA Law Student Division's Award of Excellence on multiple occasions. Recent graduates Justin Hosey, Andrew Chiang and Brian Redar held national leadership positions within the organization. These graduates and others have inspired current students to seek significant leadership positions within the American Bar Association.

Louis Brown III serves as 5th Circuit governor in the ABA Law Student Division, following in the footsteps of many other Stetson circuit governors. With more than 4,500 students, the 5th Circuit is the largest in the Law Student Division, representing all law schools in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico and Tennessee. In addition, Stetson students Lisa Only and Evan Raymond serve as lieutenant governors for the circuit.

At the national level, several Stetson students have been appointed as liaisons to other ABA groups: Chris Hart, ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence; Korey Henson, Senior Lawyers Division; Vilma Martinez, Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel; Shanda Moyers, Commission on Homelessness and Poverty; and Karla Reyes, Criminal Justice Section, Sentencing



Committee. Shanda, who also serves as Stetson's representative to the ABA Law Student Division, was selected through a competitive process to work on homelessness issues this summer as an unpaid intern with the ABA's Commission on Homelessness and Poverty in Washington, D.C. Through our new Summer Law and Policy Internship Program in Washington, we are able to award Shanda academic credit for her good work.

Finally, rising 3L Chris Sprowls has been elected chair of the American Bar Association Law Student Division. When Chris assumes office in August, he will be the primary spokesman for the 52,000-plus members of the ABA Law Student Division. For Chris, this position is the latest in a long list of impressive accomplishments. In recent years, Chris has served as a legal intern for the Chief Republican Counsel at Committee on Homeland Security, a legislative intern in Florida Senate, and has held leadership positions in many statewide political campaigns.

Our students also shine in other realms. For example, 2L student Bradley Bodiford, has been selected as one of Florida Governor Charlie Crist's 11 Gubernatorial Fellows. Jay Delaney, as you will read more about later in the magazine, is an award-winning movie producer. And May 2008 graduate Callie Weed has been selected to receive the Student Professionalism Service Award from The Florida Bar's Center for Professionalism.

The wonderful thing that is our students' desire to serve continues well after graduation. For a school of our size, we have a disproportionate number of alumni who have served as leaders of bar associations and other professional organizations, held elective and appointed public office, served as managing directors and officers of their law firms, built successful businesses like HSN co-founder Roy Speer (see page 22) and sat on the boards of various civic organizations.

To our student and alumni leaders: We are very proud of you. You epitomize the best of Stetson Law!

Darly Dickerson

Darby Dickerson Vice President and Dean

# Stetson again ranks among top 100 law schools

#### #1 in trial advocacy and #6 for legal writing

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Stetson University College of Law among the nation's top 100 law schools again for 2009. U.S. News also ranked Stetson Law first in the nation for trial advocacy and number six for legal writing.

Stetson has consistently placed among the top law schools in the country for trial advocacy since the rankings began in 1995. Stetson has ranked within the top six in legal writing since that specialty was added.

"I am happy to report that this year's rankings again reflect Stetson's commitment to outstanding legal education," said Dean Darby Dickerson. "Stetson is very proud to be included again among the nation's top 100 law schools."

The law school continues to strengthen its commitment to advocacy training with new programs under the leadership of Professor Charles H. Rose III, who was appointed director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy in June 2007.

"Our commitment to excellence in advocacy begins with Stetson's award-winning advocacy competition teams, but it does not end there," said Rose. "We are also deeply involved in setting the standard for skills education across a broad variety of disciplines where advocacy applies. We are particularly excited about our cutting-edge national advocacy programs for attorneys, law professors and law students."



# Stetson to administer fall semester in London

Stetson will begin administering an annual semester abroad program in London, England, starting in Fall 2008. The program will run mid-August through mid-December.

Law students from other ABA approved schools, as

well as foreign law students, are invited to attend.

"Stetson is tremendously excited to offer law students this unique opportunity to study law in England, the home of common law," said Dean Darby Dickerson.

Classes will be held in the historic Bloomsbury area, also known as "Legal London." Bloomsbury is home to the University of London and the British Museum.

Students will be able to study both U.S. and European law, taking classes on the legal system in the U.K., along with practical skills classes in advocacy and legal research and writing from an international faculty.

While in London, students may apply for internships with the Crown Prosecutors, the Legal Society of London, the 2012 London Olympic Committee, Fair Trials Abroad, Amnesty International, and other solicitors and barristers.

This is one of only nine semester-abroad programs approved by the American Bar Association.

#### Stetson students elected to lead ABA Law Student Division

Stetson second-year student Christopher Sprowls was elected chair of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association March 16 during the division's board of governors meeting in Dallas, Texas. Stetson student Louis Brown III was also sworn in as 5th Circuit Governor for the division.





"We are incredibly proud that Chris

has been selected as the first Stetson student to chair the ABA Law Student Division," said Assistant Dean of Student Life Michael Farley.

Stetson has a long history of students holding regional and national positions within the ABA. Sprowls serves as one of three law student division delegates to the ABA House of Delegates for the 2007-2008 academic year. His term as chair will begin at the conclusion of the 2008 ABA annual meeting in New York City in August.

Sprowls, who is also a member of Stetson's moot court board and trial team, will serve a one-year term as leader of the more than 52,000 law student members of the division. Among his other duties, Sprowls will preside over the division's board of governors meetings and coordinate a volunteer leadership team of law students from around the country.

Brown was elected 5th circuit governor on Feb. 23 at the circuit's spring meeting in Birmingham, Ala. The circuit includes all law schools in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico and Tennessee.

The Stetson ABA Law Student Division chapter also was recognized with the circuit's award for membership, the Bronze Key, which Stetson has a long history of winning both regionally and nationally.

#### **Civil rights pioneer challenges Stetson students**



Morris Dees, nationally acclaimed civil rights pioneer and litigator, told Stetson law students that the fight for equality is as important now as at any time in history. Dees, co-founder of

the Southern Poverty Law

Center, presented "One Lawyer Can Make a Difference" at Stetson's Annual Inns of Court Banquet and Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Lecture on Jan. 22.

#### ADVOCACY NEWS

#### Stetson wins record number of awards at Vis International Arbitration Moot competitions

Stetson's Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams won seven oralist awards and three memoranda awards at world competitions in Vienna, Austria, and Hong Kong. In preparing for the Vienna event, Stetson's West Vis team also won a pre-moot title and best oralist award at an Orlando competition sponsored by The Florida Bar's International Law Section.

The team of Stacy Appleton, Robert Chapman, Teresita Lopez and Michael Sznapstajler all won individual oralist awards at the Vis competition in Vienna, placing all four of them in the top 40 of more than 1,300 oralists. The team also won an honorable mention award for best claimant's memoranda.

Stetson's Vis East team, consisting of Stephanie Ciechanowski, Shannon Schlarf and Emily Tejerina, advanced to the quarterfinals in the 52-team competition in Hong Kong. In Stetson's first-ever trip to this event, all three students received individual oralist awards and the team received honorable mention brief awards for both the claimant's and respondent's memoranda.

Professor Stephanie Vaughan '91 and Professor Joseph Morrissey coached both teams. "These awards show that Stetson is not only a powerhouse in oral advocacy, but also in complex written advocacy," said Professor Morrissey.



Stetson's Vienna team, pictured left, for the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot included Robert Chapman, Michael Sznapstajler, Professor Stephanie Vaughan '91, Professor Joseph Morrissey, Stacy Appleton and Teresita Lopez.

#### Stetson wins Florida mock trial competition

Stetson University College of Law won the Florida Honorable E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition in West Palm Beach on Nov. 11. Nine teams competed at the Palm Beach County Courthouse.

The Stetson team of Courtney Belcher, Chris Hart, Jonathan Johnston, Callie Weed and Damien Yare won the competition. Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis presided over the final round.

"It is so important to attend and to continue to do well at mock trial events within the state of Florida. More and more of this state's schools are doing well in national competitions," said Professor Lee Coppock. "Law schools all over the country recognize Florida's excellent programs and Stetson's role over the years in setting the standard for excellence and professionalism in the state."

#### Stetson teams continue strong record

In other competitions, Stetson's Alternative Dispute Resolution Board arbitration and mediation teams won regional titles, the arbitration team placed second in the nation, and the environmental negotiation and national mediation teams advanced to the semifinal rounds. The negotiation team also placed second in the region.

Stetson trial teams placed second in The Florida Bar's Chester Bedell Competition and the regional round of the National Trial Competition and reached the semifinals in the National Ethics Competition.

Stetson reached the finals in the National Tax Moot Court Competition, the semifinals in the Law and Economics Moot Court Competition, the ABA Regional Moot Court Competition, and the Family Law Moot Court Competition, and runner-up best preliminary round oralist in the Wagner Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition. Dees compared today's prejudice against Latino workers in the U.S. to the contempt for Irish immigrants in the 1800s. He urged students to fight for equality and to follow the ideals established by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., reminding them of Dr. King's words: "We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

The annual Inns of Court banquet brings together lawyers, local judges, professors and law students to exchange ideas and experiences in the tradition of the original Inns of Court in England.

#### U.S Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims meets on Gulfport campus for oral arguments

A panel of three judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims came to the Gulfport campus on Feb. 15 to hear oral arguments in Stetson's Florin Roebig Courtroom. The court's national jurisdiction allows it to hear oral arguments anywhere in the country, and it travels about five times a year.

Students in Stetson's Veterans' Benefits course attended the oral arguments as the culmination of their class. The one-week course was designed and taught by Professor Michael Allen and Judges Lawrence Hagel and Mary Schoelen, who both served on the veteran's claims court and were Stetson's Jurists in Residence for 2008. Sixty-four students participated in the class.

Judge Robert N. Davis, who became a member of the court in December 2004, is also an adjunct professor and former full-time professor at Stetson and member of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy advisory board. Judge Davis regularly invites outstanding Stetson students and graduates to work for him at the court as interns or clerks.

#### Legal stylist Bryan Garner to legal community: Speak persuasively, write persuasively

Renowned legal stylist Bryan



Garner presented a seminar on legal writing at Stetson's Gulfport campus February 17.

"Learning to write in your practice will be bad for your clients, your reputation and the reputation of the practitioners of law in general."

According to Garner, after students acclimate to law school or practice, many "have forgotten how to write a paragraph that would even earn a C- in an English class," and those who do not fall into the trap of writing in legalese have to compensate for colleagues who have. In a series of interviews Garner conducted with judges about writing preferences, he found that every single one was "intensely passionate" about the issue. He offered a list of writing problems that hinder a lawyer's ability to persuade a judge: long-winded writing, overusing "shall," and not presenting the thrust of the message on the first half of the first page.

Garner emphasized the importance of writing in the most effective manner possible, in lieu of merely following the conventions of one's law firm. "(There) are only two things that lawyers need to do well: speak persuasively and write persuasively," said Garner. "Any failure to adapt to the needs of a judge will inhibit your ability to do either."

> Pictured left: Attorneys prepare to present arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran's Claims during hearings held at Stetson's Florin Roebig Courtroom in February.

# Not your typical first-year law student

"They laughed in some places, in the right places," said filmmaker and Stetson law student Jay Delaney, who had just returned from one of the foremost film festivals in the U.S., the South by Southwest film conference and festival in Austin, Texas, on March 7-15.

Delaney took a short break from law school to show his first full-length documentary film, Not Your Typical Bigfoot Movie, to an audience of more than 200 that included critics, filmmakers, distribution company executives and producers. His film was among 113 selected from



more than 3,100 submissions to the festival.

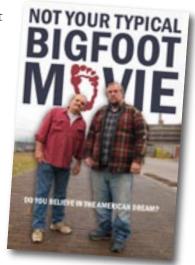
The 62-minute documentary with the unusual name is the product of 18 months of editing 62 hours of footage from five months of filming. As the title suggests, the film is as atypical as the young law student who directed, produced and edited it.

What begins as a lighthearted look at tracking the Bigfoot legend ends in a different place, as the film digs deeper into the lives of Wayne and Dallas, two men who track a hairy legend for a living. "It ended up taking a more serious direction," Delaney explained.

Delaney first met the subjects of the film, Wayne Burton and Dallas Gilbert, at a picnic table overlooking the Ohio River seven years ago. The film is the story of two men living in Portsmouth, a town at the foothills of the Appalachians in southern Ohio that was once booming with job opportunities. Delaney himself grew up only 15 minutes from the town where the old steel mills and shoe manufacturing plants have long since closed down, and where making a living locally has become a challenge. Wayne and Dallas, the product of industrial blight, have become entrepreneurs of an unorthodox sort. Dallas' official business card reads "Bigfoot researcher."

Delaney explained that, even as an undergraduate student in Ohio, he was interested in economic development and how cities survive industrial slumps.

"I always thought about law school," he shared. Delaney, whose academic interests include consumer protection, alternative dispute resolution and a natural draw toward entertainment law, said he is most inspired by the "power of the law to stand up for people and its ability to bring about change."



In film as in life, Del-

aney's goal appears to be positive transformation. "It's important to make that connection," Delaney said.

Not Your Typical Bigfoot Movie also has traveled to the Sarasota Film Festival and the Boston Independent Film Festival in April.

#### Stetson initiates ABA Self-Study Process

Stetson has been conducting an intensive selfstudy in preparation for its American Bar Association/ Association of American Law Schools inspection in 2009.

Conducted every seven years as part of a standard re-accreditation process, the ABA/AALS inspection covers all aspects of the operation of the law school, including curriculum, faculty, administration, students, facilities and library. Stetson has been continually reaccredited since its initial accreditation in 1930.

The self-study is Stetson's evaluation of its operations and compliance with ABA standards. The results are intended to be descriptive and aspirational, combining information about current operations with Stetson's strategic goals for the future. A committee of faculty, students, alumni, staff and overseers is drafting the report.

"The self-study process enables Stetson to gain a detailed and comprehensive view of how the law school is meeting its objectives, and it allows us to better evaluate what our objectives should be," said Professor James Fox, who chairs the committee.

#### COMMENCEMENT

### Matthews, Cleland speak at Stetson Law commencement ceremonies

MSNBC anchor Chris Matthews and former U.S. senator Max Cleland (BA '64) presented the commencement addresses at Stetson's graduation ceremonies in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008, respectively.

Judge E.J. Salcines of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal also received an honorary degree and addressed graduates at the May ceremony.

#### **Graduation Stats**

#### FALL 2007

92 JDs awarded 11 MBA dual degrees 4 LLMs in International Law 5 part-time graduates

#### SPRING 2008

220 JDs awarded 32 MBA dual degrees 11 LLMs in International Law 23 part-time graduates

Matthews has worked as a broadcast journalist, newspaper bureau chief, presidential speechwriter and best-selling author.

Cleland, a disabled U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran, has served in the U.S. Senate, Georgia state senate and U.S. Veterans Administration. He has authored two books and serves on Stetson's board of trustees.

Through the gifts of graduating students and a two-to-one match by the Charles A. Dana Foundation, the Class of Fall 2007 raised \$31,147.50 and the Class of Spring 2008 raised \$39,480 for scholarships. The class gifts are being combined to help fund the Raman Subramanian Memorial Scholarship for Catastrophe Relief to aid students in the midst of personal crisis. The scholarship is named in honor of Raman Subramanian, a member of the class who lost his battle to cancer in May 2006.

A: Stetson's Fall 2007 commencement platform party and board of overseer attendees included (from left) Dean Darby Dickerson, Carol Masio McGuire '85, Joshua Magidson '80, trustee chair Nestor deArmas BA '68, Chris Matthews, President Doug Lee, Wm. Reece Smith Jr., Stetson Lawyers

Association President Anne Weintraub '03 and Sammy Cacciatore '66. B: Judge E.J. Salcines and Senator Max Cleland were awarded honorary doctorates by Dean Darby Dickerson at the Spring 2008 ceremony. C: Stetson's class gift committee (from left) Johanna Castellon '07, Lee Pearlman '07 and Corris McIntosh '07 present Dean Darby Dickerson with the check. D: Spring 2008 Class Gift committee members Clara Maria Rodriguez Rokusek '08 (left) and Caitlin Elise Sirico '08 (right) present the check to Dean Darby Dickerson.









# Stetson trains first class of advocacy instructors

Stetson's record as a pioneer in advocacy education is nothing new. Consistently ranked among the nation's top law schools in the country in interscholastic competitions and graduate school publications, Stetson's advocacy program has been producing outstanding counselors, negotiators and litigators for decades.

What's new is that Stetson is now teaching other law schools how to do it.

"We have built an established pedagogy for skills professors—a holistic approach for teaching adults," said Professor Charles Rose, director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy and assistant professor of law. "The Stetson method connects skills and doctrine with proven educational techniques."

In May, Stetson offered its first "Teaching Advocacy Skills" workshop designed for adjunct instructors, skills professors and attorneys interested in teaching advocacy skills. Taught by Stetson faculty and other leading advocacy educators from around the United States, the course focused on critiquing, course design and scholarship. Attendees received certificates of completion and were recognized as the first Stetson-trained advocacy instructors in the nation.

"Stetson is committed to developing the skills doctrine, skills pedagogy, and skills practice that allows the academy to finally talk about how we can more effectively combine doctrinal and skills courses," said Professor Rose, author of *Fundamental Trial Advocacy* and co-author of *Fundamental Pretrial Advocacy: An Effective Guide to Strategic Litigation.* "There is a groundswell of a desire in legal education to connect skills instruction with doctrinal excellence, and we're committed to doing that here at Stetson."

The workshop included a variety of topics, such as developing and refining critiquing methodology, adult learning methods, using video review, teaching assistants and Web-based resources, communication arts, and how to use demonstrations, drills and problems.

Rose hopes to tailor future versions of the workshop for in-house trainers at law firms and other legal organizations.

Stetson also presented the "Educating Advocates" conference on the "Art, Science and Skill of Advocacy Instruction" on Nov. 16, 2007, which featured leading law professors from Stetson, University of Houston, Washburn, University of Arizona, Temple, Notre Dame, University of Wisconsin, and Chicago-Kent.

"These professors represented the cream of advocacy instruction in the United States," said Rose. The conference covered trial team programs, designing courses, and teaching skills, and featured the recognition of Terence MacCarthy, a noted federal public defender and teacher, with the Stetson University College of Law Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Advocacy.



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

#### **Kristen David Adams**

Professor of Law

Professor Adams co-authored the 7th edition of *Uniform Commercial Code in a Nutshell* with Professor Emeritus Bradford Stone and was selected as a founding contributor of the new Uniform Commercial Code blog. She chaired the American Bar Association's Uniform Commercial Code Committee's General Scope and Provision Subcommittee and The Florida Bar's Public Interest Law Section's Homelessness Committee. Professor Adams also lectured at a University of South Florida class and serves on Stetson University's Presidential Search Committee.

#### Michael P. Allen

#### Professor of Law

Professor Allen was a featured speaker for Law Day events in Charlotte and Sarasota counties. He moderated a panel on "Employment Discrimination Remedies" at the American Association of Law Schools' annual meeting in New York City and was elected chair of the AALS Remedies Section. Professor Allen presented a forthcoming law review article, "The Underappreciated First Amendment Importance of *Lawrence v*. Texas." at the First Amendment Discussion Forum held at the University of Louisville. He presented "The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: Past, Present and Future." at the 10th Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: the paper also is being published as part of the conference proceedings. He spoke at the Clearwater Bar Association's People's Law School event on "The Importance of an Independent Court System."

#### **Jerry Anderson**

#### Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Anderson presented the results of his empirical study of zoning boards and American attitudes toward zoning at the American Real Estate Society conference in Captiva Island, Fla., in April. He also presented a biodiversity series lecture at Stetson in March about "The Right to Roam: Public Access to Nature."

#### **Robert Batey**

Professor of Law

Professor Batey published the online article, "Chief Justice Roberts on Law Professors: 'He Hate Me'" in *The Crit*.

#### **Mark Bauer**

#### Associate Professor of Law

Professor Bauer moderated and spoke on the panel "Greek Life: Law, Litigation, Risk Management, and Tradition" at Stetson's 29th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education in Clearwater. He also was elected chair of the American Association of Law Schools Education Law Section. He presented "The Softer Side of Antitrust: Why Department Stores Matter" at Texas Wesleyan Law School in Ft. Worth. He moderated a panel on "Consumer Protection in the Digital Age" at an Askew Institute event in Tallahassee, and spoke in April on identity theft for Eckerd College's Osher Life Learning Institute. He completed his final term as international president of Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and is immediate past-president of the Psi Upsilon Foundation.

#### **Dorothea Beane**

Professor of Law and Co-Director, Institute for Caribbean Law and Policy

Professor Beane was appointed by Mayor Rick Baker to serve the City of St Petersburg as alternate special magistrate for code enforcement and member of the Code Enforcement Board. She designed a proposal for Stetson University College of Law to provide technical assistance for the preparation of the new territorial constitution for the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. Delegates to the Fifth Constitutional Convention for the U.S. Virgin Islands unanimously accepted the proposal in January. Professor Beane, along with Dean Cooper and Professors Jones and Wilson, facilitated a retreat in May to assist the constitutional delegates in preparing of the initial draft.

#### **Robert D. Bickel**

Professor of Law

Professor Bickel delivered the plenary presentation at the Association for Student Judicial Affairs annual meeting on "Remembering the History of Constitutional Due Process in the Context of Student Discipline." His article, "The Nondiscrimination Principle and American Higher Education: Judicial Failure to Recognize the Present Effects of Past Discrimination," has been published in the Journal of Education and the Law. He also produced a documentary film on his course "Constitutional Law and the Civil Rights Movement," an eight-day, 2,000-mile travel experience for law and history students with veterans of the civil rights movement.

#### **Joan Catherine Bohl**

#### Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Bohl spoke on "Generation X and Y Learning Styles: Using Personal Experience to Ignite Awareness of Social Issues" at the Society of American Law Teachers conference on Teaching for Social Change. The conference was hosted by the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. She also lectured on "Generation X and Y in Graduate School: Classroom Strategies for the MTV/Google Generations" at the Fourth International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

#### **Paul Boudreaux**

#### Associate Professor of Law

This spring, Professor Boudreaux presented "Extraterritorial Application of National Wildlife Laws in an Era of Climate Change" at the 10th International Wildlife Law Conference, and "REITs and Lessons to be Learned from the United States Credit Dilemma" at the International Symposium on Real Estate Investment Trusts, both held in Granada, Spain. He published "Biodiversity and a New 'Best Case' for Applying the Environmental Statutes Extraterritorially" in the *Environmental Law Journal*, and "Covert Opinion: Revealing a New Interpretation of Environmental Laws" in the *Vermont Journal* of Environmental Law. He also presented two talks on condominium law for Eckerd College's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

#### **Brooke Bowman**

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

Professor Bowman published "Learning Citations: Just in Time and Through a Variety of Different Learning Styles" in the Spring 2008 issue of *The Second Draft*, a publication of the Legal Writing Institute. Professor Bowman served on a panel, "Paper vs. Electronic Cite Checking: Which Way Should Your Review Go?" and presented "Citation Celebration, Not Citation Frustrations: Teaching Associates to Use a Citation Manual" at the 2008 National Conference of Law Reviews in Miami, in March.

#### **James J. Brown**

Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund Professor of Law

Professor Brown visited at the Bond University Faculty of Law Dispute Resolution Centre in Queensland, Australia, this spring.

#### **Catherine Cameron**

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Cameron spoke on "Using Learning Preferences to Compare and Contrast Essay Exam Responses with Objective Memo Writing" with Professor Jeff Minneti at the Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey, Mexico, and the two also co-authored "Using Student Learning Preferences to Compare and Contrast Memo Writing with Essay Exam Writing," which was published in the Spring 2008 issue of The Second Draft, a publication of the Legal Writing Institute. She was also faculty chair and a presenter at "Hot Topics in Media Law." a seminar presented by Stetson and The Florida Bar's Media and Communications Law Committee in April.

#### **John Cooper**

#### Associate Dean of Graduate and International Programs

Professor Cooper serves as chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers and treasurer of the AALS Section of Legal Exchange for 2008.

#### **Kirsten Davis**

#### Associate Professor of Law and Director of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Davis authored "The Junior Faculty Forum: A Venue for Emerging Scholarship" for the newsletter of the American Association of Law Schools New Law Professors Section, and was elected to the board of the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

#### **Darby Dickerson**

#### Vice President and Dean

Dean Dickerson and Professor Peter Lake served as co-chairs of the 29th annual National Conference for Law and Higher Education, which was held Feb. 16–20 in Clearwater Beach. Her article "Background

#### ACADEMIC NEWS

#### Latimer retires

With more than 30 years of service to Stetson, Professor Jerome C. Latimer announced his retirement, effective in May.

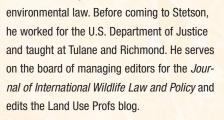


Professor Latimer joined Stetson in 1975 as an assistant professor of law after working in private practice and serving as an assistant public defender in Clearwater. He has taught and written about a variety of aspects of criminal law, evidence and procedure. For more than 22 years, Professor Latimer has been a member of The Florida Bar's criminal law section executive council and the Florida Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, serving one year as chair.

#### Tenure awarded to Boudreaux, Trammell

Associate Professors of Law Paul Boudreaux and Rebecca Trammell were awarded tenure on Stetson's faculty this spring.

A prolific writer, Professor Boudreaux teaches and writes on topics of "law and geography," including property law, land use regulation and



Professor Trammell serves as law library director in addition to teaching courses on advanced legal research and cyberlaw. Prior to her appointment at Stetson, she taught



and served in the law libraries for University of Kentucky, Barry, University of Nebraska Lincoln, and Northern Illinois. She chairs the American Association of Law Libraries Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institutionalized Persons and is active in the Southeastern Association of Law Libraries. Checks in the University Admissions Process: An Overview of Legal and Policy Considerations" was published in the Spring 2008 Journal of College and University Law, her essav "Change or Be Changed: The Impact of Outside Forces on Campus Risk Management, appeared in the January issue of Campus Activities Programming. This spring, Dean Dickerson gave presentations on various higher education law and policy issues at the annual meeting of the Illinois Higher Education Center, the "Meeting of the Minds" annual prevention conference in Kansas City, the regional meeting of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators in Sarasota. Second Annual Student Affairs Law and Policy Conference in San Antonio, and a statewide conference for senior community college administrators in Gainesville. She also spoke on "Professionalism and Legal Writing" at a presentation by Scribes—The Association of Legal Writers at the Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In addition, she served as honorary chair of the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation's "Heroes Among Us" dinner and was named a "Hero" of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross, for which she serves as chair of the board. Dean Dickerson also served as part of a site team for the American Bar Association and is chair of the ABA Law School Administration Committee.

#### **Stephen M. Everhart**

#### Professor of Law

Professor Everhart spoke at an American Bar Association International Law Section China Committee event at Florida State University. He is a member of the steering group for the committee.

#### **Kelly Feeley**

#### Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Feeley coordinated the American Bar Association Law School Division National Arbitration Competition at Stetson in January 2008. She co-coached arbitration and mediation teams to regional titles and coached the environmental negotiation and national mediation teams to semifinal finishes.

#### **Roberta K. Flowers**

#### Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Flowers received the fall 2007 Dean's Award from Stetson University College of Law. She spoke on legal ethics issues at the Elder Law Institute for the Ohio Bar, the District Attorney's Office in Greeley, Colo., and the ADA Courtroom Coordinator's Conference in San Francisco. Professor Flowers co-presented with Professor Morgan at Virginia Guardianship Association, and the NAELA Annual Law Institute in Hawaii. She also assisted with the American Mock Trial Association Competition in Boston as the outside observer.

#### James W. Fox Jr.

#### Professor of Law

Professor Fox delivered a paper this spring titled "Reconstructing Citizenship and Civil Society in Postbellum America" at the conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, one of the leading national political science conferences.

#### **Clark Furlow**

Associate Professor of Law and Associate Dean, Tampa Law Center

In February, Dean Furlow spoke to the Plant City Bar Association about the Tampa Law Center and Stetson's part-time program.

#### **Royal C. Gardner**

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

Professor Gardner visited this spring at the University of Granada, where he co-directed the 10th International Wildlife Law Conference in March. He is the guest editor for a forthcoming special issue on wetland restoration in *Wetlands Ecology and Management.* Professor Gardner continues to serve as the chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee and as the North American representative to the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel. He was a member of the selection committee for the 2008 National Wetlands Awards and presented a congressional briefing on the Ramsar Convention before the House Wildlife Refuge Caucus in late May.

#### Cynthia Hawkins-León

#### Professor of Law

Professor Hawkins-León moderated a plenary session at the American Association of Law Schools annual meeting for the AALS Section on Women and the Law; she also completed her term as chair of that section.

#### **Carol Henderson**

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

Professor Henderson became president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences at the Academy's 60th annual scientific meeting in Washington, D.C., and she has authored two messages in the organization's Academy News publication. She presented at the Center for American and International Law in Plano, Texas, in April, and the Forensic Science Education Conference at Florida Gulf Coast University in May. Professor Henderson delivered a lecture to Russian judges visiting through the Open World Program at Stetson in April. She spoke on her paper "New Developments in Scientific Evidence and the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law" at the University of Helsinki, Finland, in May. She appeared on the Montel Williams Show, a Law Enforcement Technology Magazine podcast, and was interviewed by the Austria Daily.

#### Bruce R. Jacob '59

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

Dean Jacob spoke at a February meeting of the Herbert G. Goldburg Criminal Law American Inn of Court and is handling a pro bono appeal in the criminal case of *John Robinson v. the State of Florida*, which he argued before Florida's 2nd District Court of Appeal.

#### **Marco Jimenez**

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Jimenez's paper, "The Value of a Promise: A Utilitarian Approach to Remedies for the Breach of Contract" was featured on the Legal Theory Blog and will be published in the UCLA Law Review.

#### **Darryll Jones**

#### Professor of Law

Professor Jones presented "Protecting 501(c)(3) Status" at the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. He also moderated the American Association of Law Schools panel on "Roundtable on Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law Scholarship" and was elected to the Executive Committee for the AALS Section on Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law. He is the co-editor of the new Nonprofit Law Prof Blog.

#### William Kaplin

Distinguished Professorial Lecturer and Senior Fellow, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy

Professor Kaplin co-delivered a plenary presentation on "Twenty Years of Students' Rights and Campus Discipline: What's Constant, What's Changed, What's Emerging?" at the Association for Student Judicial Affairs 20th anniversary conference. He also presented his paper "The Impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's K-12 Racial Diversity Cases on Higher Education" at the National Conference on Law and Higher Education, where he also presented on "Facilitating Scholarship Regarding Higher Education Law and Policy" and served as a panelist for another session.

#### **Timothy S. Kaye**

#### Professor of Law

Professor Kaye spoke at Stetson's 29th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education in Clearwater on legal and policy issues regarding study-abroad programs. He also moderated a session on the Impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's K–12 Racial Diversity Cases on Higher Education.



Professor Dorothea Beane's Human Rights Law class presented a workshop for students at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School in St. Petersburg in April. From left, Shirin Tale-Yazdi, Max Messinger, Jamie Mercado, Professor Dorothea Beane, Stephanie Bendeck, Betsy Jackels, Lisa Only, Ahmad Yakzan, James Ferraro, Kelly Ann McLaughlin, Mark Reck and Angela Lizada.

#### **Peter Lake**

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

This spring, Professor Lake presented on current higher education law and policy issues at a consortium of colleges and universities in South Carolina and at the national conference for the American College Personnel Association in Atlanta. He co-chaired Stetson's 29th annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education, where he also moderated the panel "Understanding Our Students by Understanding Emo Culture." Professor Lake spoke at the Second Annual Student Affairs Law and Policy Conference in San Antonio, Texas. He was interviewed on CNN in April about the Virginia Tech tragedy.

#### **Janice McClendon**

#### Professor of Law

Professor McClendon presented at a meeting of the American Association of Law Schools Employee Benefits Section, of which she is chair-elect.

#### Jeffrey J. Minneti

Director of Academic Success Professor Minneti spoke on "Using Learning Preferences to Compare and Contrast Essay Exam Responses with Objective Memo Writing" with Professor Catherine Cameron at the Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey, Mexico, and the two also co-authored "Using Student Learning Preferences to Compare and Contrast Memo Writing with Essay Exam Writing," which was published in the Spring 2008 issue of *The Second Draft*, a publication of the Legal Writing Institute. He was elected to the executive committee for the Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support, and also spoke on "Using First-Year Doctrinal Course Material to Effectively Teach Academic Skills without Casting the Specter of Shadow Teaching" at the AALS annual meeting in January in New York.

#### **Lizabeth Moody**

## Distinguished University Professor and Dean Emeritus

Dean Moody's article, "Revising the Model Nonprofit Corporation Act: Plus Ça Change, Plus C'est La Même Chose," was published in the Summer 2007 issue of the *Georgia Law Review*.

#### Rebecca C. Morgan '80

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

Professor Morgan was named a 2008 recipient of the Theresa Award for Community Service. She also co-presented with Professor Flowers at the Virginia Guardianship Association. Professor Morgan spoke on elder law issues this spring to a number of groups, including the Missouri Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Suncoast Estate Planning Council, the University of Texas Annual Special Needs Trust CLE seminar, and a December National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys webinar.

#### **Joseph F. Morrissey**

Assistant Professor of Law Professor Morrissev's casebook International Sales Law and Arbitration. Problems, Cases, and Commentary, which he co-authored with former Stetson Professor Jack Graves, was published nationally and internationally this spring. Professor Morrissey also organized a call for papers and resulting panel of presentations for the American Association of Law Schools New Law Professors Section on how new law professors can help change the legal academy. He also serves as the section's chair-elect. Professor Morrissey also moderated a session at the AALS annual meeting on new voices in international human rights. In addition. Professor Morrissev led Stetson's Vis international commercial arbitration moot teams to victories in both Hong Kong and Vienna this spring.

#### Luz Estella Nagle

#### Professor of Law

In November, Professor Nagle was a panelist discussing methods for developing a curriculum on human trafficking at a human rights symposium hosted by Johns Hopkins University in Washington. In January, she discussed as a panelist her upcoming article "Process Issues of Colombia's New Accusatory System" at a Southwestern Journal of Law and Trade in the Americas Symposium in Los Angeles. She published "Colombia's Raid into Ecuador Sparks International Debate on the Bush Doctrine, Hot Pursuit, and Preemptive Self-Defense" in the May 2008 International Enforcement Law Reporter, "Colombia's Incursion into Ecuadorian Territory: Justified Hot Pursuit or Pugnacious Error?" in the Spring 2008 Journal of Transnational Law and Policy, "Criminal Gangs in Latin America: The Next Great Threat to Regional Security and Stability?" in a 2007 issue of the Texas Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy, "Selling Souls: The Effect of Globalization on Human Trafficking and Forced Servitude" in a 2007 issue of the Wisconsin International

#### ACADEMIC NEWS

#### Top scholars visit, speak at Stetson

Stetson hosted the following academic scholars this spring for its speaker series, teaching series and coffee hour series:

- Professor Lori McMillan, Washburn University
- Professor Lonnie Hoffman, University of Houston
- Professor Rory Little, University of California, Hastings
- Professor Marcia McCormick, Samford University
- Professor Steve Friedland, Elon University
- Professor Ann Bartow, University of South Carolina
- Professor Peter Martin, Cornell University
- Professor Tanya Washington, Georgia State University
- Professor Paul Butler, George Washington University
- Professor Jason Gillmer, Texas Wesleyan University

Professor David Wilkins, who serves as Kirkland and Ellis Professor of Law and director for the Program on Legal Profession at Harvard Law School, presented Stetson's annual Nichols Foundation Lecture on March 12.

Stetson hosted the following international visitors this spring:

- Professor Hector MacQueen, professor of private law and director of the AHRC Research Centre Intellectual Property and Technology Law at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, served as Distinguished International Visitor and taught a course in European Copyright Law in January.
- Dr. Udo Kempf, dean of the University of Freiburg, Germany, visited Stetson in March to meet with faculty and students.
- Professor Dr. Christoph Ann, chair for corporate and intellectual property law at Technische Universität München, Germany, taught a course in Comparative Legal Traditions at Stetson in March and April.

#### Campus security among hot issues at Stetson's National Conference in Law and Higher Education



Days after the Northern Illinois University shooting, college and university leaders and lawyers gathered at Stetson's 29th annual National Conference in Law and Higher Education.

Among the 40-plus distinguished speakers were Dr. Ken Winters, pictured left, and noted author and keynote speaker Dr. Howard Gardiner, below.



Law Journal, and the monograph "Impact of Globalization on Human Trafficking: An Era of Globalized Servitude" for the Human Development Initiative's 10th anniversary conference and lecture. A book chapter, "The Rule of Law in Latin America," is being published in Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species. In April, she served as a representative of the International Bar Association at 17th session of the Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria, and also taught a short seminar in international law at the University of Granada, Spain, under a faculty exchange organized by Stetson's International Programs Office.

#### **Ann Piccard**

#### Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Piccard served as panelist at a conference in Tampa hosted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on "How Professors Are Using Technology: A Report from the Trenches." She also moderated a presentation on cyber-bullying and the law at Stetson and coached the winning team of the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition.

#### **Ellen Podgor**

#### Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Electronic Education and Professor of Law

Dean Podgor co-authored the article "International Criminal Jurisdiction in the Twenty-First Century," which was published in the Summer 2007 issue of the San Diego Law Review. She also published "White Collar Crime: A Letter from the Future" in the Fall 2007 issue of the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law. Dean Podgor was selected for the executive committees of the American Association of Law Schools Criminal Justice Section and the Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues and serves on the technology committee of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and the advisory board of LexisNexis Law School Publishing. She presented as a panelist at AALS on international research and at a conference in Tampa hosted by The Chronicle of Higher Education on "How Professors Are Using Technology: A Report from the Trenches." In February, Dean Podgor spoke at a colloquium on electronic education to the faculty at Northern Kentucky University's law school with the talk presented via distance learning from Stetson's Gulfport campus in February.

#### **Theresa J. Pulley Radwan**

## Associate Dean of Academics and Professor of Law

Dean Radwan chaired the American Association of Law Schools' Creditors and Debtors' Rights Law Professors annual meeting in New York in January, and she helped coordinate a panel discussion on "Broke But Not Bankrupt."

#### **Charles H. Rose III**

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

Professor Rose co-authored and edited *Fundamental Pretrial Advocacy: A Strategic Guide to Effective Litigation*, published in fall 2007. His article "Caging the Beast: Formulating Effective Evidentiary Rules to Deal with Sexual Offenders" was published in the Spring 2008 *American Journal of Criminal Law.* He presented on "The Fundamentals of Oral Advocacy" to the Congress on Oral Advocacy at Monterey TEC Law School, San Luis Posito, Mexico, in February. Professor Rose met with members of the Scottish Legal Aide Society and the Faculty of Advocates as part of the center's international advocacy outreach program.

#### **Rebecca S. Trammell**

## Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law

Professor Trammell published "Researching Online" for the Stetson Review column in the November 2007 issue of St. Petersburg Bar Association's *Paraclete* publication and co-authored "International Elder Law Research: A Bibliography" in the Summer 2007 *Journal of International Aging, Law and Policy.* She presented "Find it Fast and Free on the Net," in Tampa at a National Business Institute program in February. Professor Trammell was elected to the Tampa Bay Library Consortium board of trustees and served on the consortium's strategic planning committee. She also served as a site team member for an American Bar Association sabbatical inspection in March.

#### Stephanie A. Vaughan '91

Associate Director of International Programs, Associate Director of Legal Research and Writing, and Moot Court Adviser

Professor Vaughan was the resident director of the inaugural intercessional program in the Cayman Islands, and she co-coached with Professor Morrissey the Vis International Arbitration Moot team to seven oralist awards, three memoranda awards and a Florida pre-moot title and best oralist award.

#### **Candace Zierdt**

#### Professor of Law

Professor Zierdt was appointed chair of the Article Two Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee. Her co-authored paper on corporate deferred prosecutions and contract policing made SSRN's top 10 lists for contracts and commercial law and white collar crime.

# Globalization and human trafficking



#### Faculty Viewpoint by Professor Luz Estella Nagle

The breakdown of trade barriers and the emergence of new regional and global markets has created a huge

demand for cheap or free labor, as well as potential for sexual exploitation. Human trafficking to feed these demands has grown to epidemic proportions worldwide. We think that the stories of child slavery and sexual servitude do not happen in our backyard. But the truth is that these practices are going on right under our noses, in our affluent neighborhoods, in the restaurants and hotels we patronize, and in the sex industry that services a clientele with an appetite for the exotic and the perverse.

Unlike human smuggling, in which an individual participates in the conspiracy to cross an international frontier for economic reasons, human trafficking is a crime in which the transported individual is a victim who either does not consent to be transported, or initial consent is irrelevant due to the use of coercion, force or misrepresentation and who is nothing more than a commodity. The victim of human trafficking is little more than a commodity destined for forms of exploitation beyond his or her control.

The demand for free labor in global markets accounts in large measure for the International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that at least 2.45 million trafficking victims are currently working in exploitative conditions worldwide; this number includes 1.2 million children between the ages of 5 and 14 working in highly hazardous and abusive surroundings.

One of the world's most popular products that depends on trafficked labor is cocoa. In 2005, the chocolate industry in the United States generates more than \$1.4 billion of cocoa and cocoa products. West African cocoa farms that supply most of the world's cocoa depend on trafficked children, who are forced to work and live in subhuman conditions. The major chocolate corporations, predominantly United States-based, have had many opportunities to force cocoa producers to end forced labor practices, but the demand by stock holders and investors for high profits dictates the continuation of modern-day slavery.

Last May, I had the opportunity to travel to Lagos, Nigeria, to speak about globalization and human trafficking at the Human Development Initiatives annual conference. HDI is a Nigerian non-government organization dedicated to empowering women and children to overcome the conditions of poverty and exploitation that are endemic to the developing world. Founded by an amazing attorney and law professor, Dr. Bolaji Owasanoye, HDI has undertaken the difficult task of rescuing trafficked women and children from forced labor and sexual servitude, and reintegrating them back into society.

The several days I spent with Bolaji and his organization included the opportunity to visit young women rescued from servitude. Most of them were HIV-positive, and the youngest victims were only 12 years old! I also met government prosecutors who are dedicated to fighting human trafficking. But from the Spartan conditions in which they work and the lack of resources at their disposal, it is obvious that despite their commitment, they are overwhelmed by the enormity of the problem, by the lack of government support and leadership, and by the apathy of the corporate entities that could do something, but don't.

I also visited a primary school for girls and was literally mobbed by dozens of children, all of them motivated by a hunger for learning and a passionate desire to make something of their lives and to improve conditions in their country. The experience made me appreciate even more all the blessings and benefits we take for granted here in the United States, and reaffirmed my commitment to continue doing whatever I can to fight human trafficking.

Luz Nagle is a professor of law at Stetson. Before entering academia, Professor Nagle was a judge in Colombia until assassination attempts by drug lords compelled her to leave the country. She earned two U.S. law degrees, clerked for the Virginia Supreme Court, and worked for Microsoft. She now advises the U.S. government and military on national security issues.

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 College of Law or its leadership.

# Experiential education

Students use spring, winter breaks for educational travel and course credit

Stetson always has been committed to providing a superior education, both in and outside the classroom. Courtroom simulations, pro bono service, clinics and internships have long been staples of the Stetson Law experience. In the past decade, a number of international programs have allowed students not only to take classes at foreign locales, but to meet legal and political officials from other lands and experience other legal systems firsthand.

Now students are taking advantage of shorter breaks to expand their educational horizons through Stetson's winter break program in the Cayman Islands and spring break trips in Washington, D.C., and Scotland.

"Given the globalization of the practice of law, it is important that our students gain a deep understanding of other cultures and legal systems," said Dean Darby Dickerson. "We have set a goal for all of our students to have an opportunity to study abroad while in law school. Recognizing that many students have other obligations and constraints, we wanted to offer opportunities in a variety of lengths, ranging from one week to an entire semester."



# Destination: D.C.

Eleven Stetson students joined Assistant Dean of Student Life Michael Farley for an in-depth leadership experience in the nation's capital during Spring Break in March.

During the trip, students met with the clerk and curator of the U.S. Supreme Court and lawyers at the U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Congress and Baker Hostetler law firm.

The group observed oral arguments at the Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and were given special tours of the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and U.S. Capitol. Students also watched a taping of MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews* talk show and did an evening tour of the major monuments and memorials.

"One of the most memorable things was our visit to the Supreme Court," said Stacy Dick. "That experience was very special because not many people have the opportunity to watch arguments before the court live."

"This was my very first trip to the D.C. area," said Karla Carnes Allen '08. "It was truly one of the highlights of my three years as a Stetson student, and certainly a unique way to actually experience Washington, D.C."



Pictured top of page, from left: Karla Allen, Natalya Soshnikova, Assistant Dean Mike Farley, Stephanie Ciechanowski, Joan Urulu and Yvette Nunez. Above, a passing attorney at the federal appellate court speaks to the students.



One highlight of the trip included a tour of MSNBC's Washington studios, including a stop at the set of "Hardball with Chris Matthews."



# Destination: Scotland

Professor Peter Fitzgerald spearheaded a trip for six students to gain an unprecedented experience within the Scottish and British legal systems during Spring Break in March.

Students met with leaders in law, government, the academy and the highest courts during the week-long course. Speakers included Baron Hope of Craighead, a senior member of the Judicial Committee of the British House of Lords; Lord Eassie, a Senator of the Scottish College of Justice and judge of the Court of Session and High Court of Justiciary; Solicitor General Frank Mulholland; as well as Vice Dean Iain Armstrong Q.C. and several other members of the Faculty of Advocates, a professional organization comparable to the English Inns of Court.

Alexander McCall Smith, University of Edinburgh Law Professor Emeritus and internationally renowned author of the *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* book series, held a private reception for the students in his home. "The highlight was meeting all of the important people," said student James S. Jenkins III. "Having the opportunity to meet Lord Hope and Alexander Mc-Call Smith was the U.S. equivalent of having lunch with Justice Roberts and dinner with John Grisham."

Attorneys and officials with the Scottish government, Parliament, the Society of Her Majesty's Writers to the Signet, Audit Scotland, and the Maclay, Murray and Spens law firm also spoke with the class.

In addition to meeting with Scottish leaders, the students were each individually assigned to legal organizations for a day of practical experience observing the Scottish legal system at work. The students worked with the Edinburgh Citizen's Advice Bureau Court Advisor Service; the Equality and Human Rights Commission; Maclay, Murray and Spens; the Multi-Cultural Family Base and the Scottish Legal Aid Board.

"Everything about the trip was incredible. Being able to meet and learn from so many influential people really was a once-in-alifetime opportunity," said student Kelly Ann McLaughlin.

Part-time student Cindy McGirk also enjoyed the experience. "I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit the courts and other legal institutions, but the highlight for me was attending the reception that author and professor Alexander McCall Smith held for us in his home. I must admit to being a little star-struck."











Top of page, right, a group of students and Dean Dickerson pose with retired law professor and fiction author Alexander McCall Smith during a reception at his home. Above left, students and professors with Lord Eassie. Left, students and professors meet with Baron Hope of Craighead. Above, the entrance and tower to the University of Edinburgh School of Law. Left, opposite page, students take a guided tour of a forest in the Central Highlands.



Right, a view of the tourist area near the main port of the Cayman Islands. Below, officials salute Chief Justice of the Cayman Islands the Honourable Anthony Smellie. Below right, a group of Stetson students at the town of Hell, a popular Cayman tourist destination named for its unusual limestone formations.







# Destination: Cayman Islands

Thirty-two law students—including 19 from Stetson—attended Stetson's first winter-break program in the Cayman Islands in January 2008.

Co-sponsored with the American and Caribbean Law Initiative, the two-week program offered students the



chance to take two credit hours of courses in International Ocean Law, Comparative Legal Systems of the Caribbean, and Offshore Tax Havens and Financial Centers.

The classes were held at Cayman Islands Law School in George Town, the country's capital city and one of the world's premier international banking and investment centers.

"We met several government officials, judges, queens counsel, and advocates," said part-time student Lisa Only. "I had a great time."

Like the London semester and Stetson's summerabroad programs, the Cayman Islands winter-break program is open to visiting students from other American Bar Association-accredited law schools.

## Class trip leads student to research topic

Two summers ago, I enrolled in a unique course at Stetson on the "History of Civil Rights Law." The course was exceptional because it included a directed learning component that allowed students to travel, by bus, to many cities and sites that played an important role in the Civil Rights Movement. We traveled to Atlanta, Nashville, Montgomery, Birmingham, Selma and elsewhere.

Our first stop was at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Ga., which now houses a small, grassroots museum. While there, we met Carol Barner Seay. In the summer of 1963, Carol was 13 years old, growing up in Americus, Ga. Despite her youth, Carol, like many other children, played an intricate role in peaceful desegregation protests and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee's "fill the jails" campaign. During one such protest, Carol and many of her friends—some as young as 10—were arrested and jailed in a dilapidated Civil War era stockade in Leesburg, Ga. There were more than 30 girls in total, all held in a small, 12-by-40-foot cell, with no running water or working toilet. The girls slept on the stockade's concrete floors. For weeks, the children suffered these conditions, without medical treatment and, for a period of time, without their parents knowing of their whereabouts.

When I returned, I began researching the legal avenues for redress available for Carol and the other girls, and found that there was but one hurdle that prevented them from bringing their otherwise valid claims all these years later: expired statutes of limitations.

My research challenging those statutes will be published in a forthcoming article in the Stetson Law Review. On March 11, the Stetson Law Review and Bush Ross P.A. cosponsored a scholarship luncheon dedicated to the topic. Carol and her cousin, LuLu Westbrooks-Griffin, who was also jailed, attended the event, and we presented their story and my research. The scholarship luncheon allowed the use of storytelling to be presented as a significant aspect of legal research and writing, and was an opportunity for me to share my research with my student and faculty colleagues.

—Graham Shaffer

# Legendary HSN founder Roy Speer '59 describes his road to entrepreneurial success

#### by Frank Klim

Roy Speer '59 is a worldclass entrepreneur who has built luxury resort hotels, residential communities, industrial parks, high-tech digital Internet facilities, restaurants and more. In total, Roy Speer has built and launched more than 80 companies.

However, Roy Speer is probably best known as the man who changed the way Americans—and the rest of the world—viewed retail shopping forever. In 1982, Speer financed and co-partnered with Lowell "Bud" Paxson to create the Home Shopping Club. The "Club" sold everything from jewelry to computers, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Within two years, it became a national phenomenon. On May 13,

1986, Speer was on the floor of the American Stock Exchange when one of the most highly anticipated IPOs in American history offered two million shares of class A and B stock. The Home Shopping Network was born.

The Stetson-educated lawyer had correctly calculated the potential fascination of HSN by both the business community and the public as stock prices soared. Speer served as HSN's chairman of the board and ran the company for 14 years before selling his interest in the multibillion-dollar company.

Roy Speer grew up in modest surroundings in Key West, Fla. His father had left the family when he was a young child. After graduating from high school, Speer headed west with hopes of reaching California. His money ran out in Texas, where he found a job working at the Texas School For The Deaf in Austin. "It was one of the most interesting jobs I ever had. I loved working with those kids," said a reflective Speer.

Speer had raised enough money to attend college at the University of Texas while continuing to work full-time. He transferred to Southern Methodist University, where he earned a business degree. "In those days, you could forgo your last year of college if you were attending law school. So I headed back to Florida to earn my law degree at Stetson."

Speer characterized his Stetson experience by saying, "Law school gave me the tool box to think—and to go into business. I still use those tools every day."

While at Stetson, "I lived in

the dorm room for three years: winter, summer, spring and fall. I never left until I graduated." Years later, Speer's classmates placed a plaque on that dorm room commemorating his time on campus—a plaque that remains today.

While in law school, Roy Speer attended school during the day, studied evenings and worked at night as an electronics technician "from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week, year-round to pay for law school."

Hon. Elizabeth A. Kovachevich '61 and Roy Speer dated in 1958 and 1959 while both were students at Stetson University College of Law. They have remained lifelong friends. Every night before his shift, Speer would stop by Kovachevich's home, where her parents would feed the hungry young law student, something that he fondly recalls. "They were absolutely wonderful people. Just wonderful. I will never forget their generosity. Mr. and Mrs. Kovachevich fed me fabulous meals and made it possible to attend law school," said Speer.

"Everything my mother Emilie cooked...Roy was knees up under the table," chuckled the nowfederal judge. She added that her mother's recipe for square-cut roast beef was eventually passed along to Roy's wife, Lynnda, as one of his favorite meals.

On a more serious note, Judge Kovachevich admires her friend's business acumen. "Roy is tenacious in business. He gets that look on his face and anything he does, he gets right into it. He is always willing to work to achieve what he believes is worthwhile."



Pictured above, Roy Speer '59, center, was known by his classmates as a driven student with a strong work ethic. Pictured right, Speer shakes hands with classmate and Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob '59 during his years on the College of Law Board of Overseers.

She also discussed Speer's nonbusiness side. "Roy is a warm, generous man. He is charitable in many ways that people simply don't realize. He has donated kindly to numerous non-profit organizations in an anonymous manner."

Another classmate was Stetson Law Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob '59. "One word that does not describe Roy Speer is 'ordinary.' He is not an average, ordinary guy. He is independent-minded, and has always stood out from the crowd."

Dean Jacob credits Speer's success to his work ethic. "The reason we could tell that he would be very successful is that he worked so hard. He juggled law school with several jobs, trying to make it through law school financially."

While serving as dean of the law school, Jacob tapped Speers to serve on the Stetson's board of overseers. Speer also served as a university trustee.

After law school, Speer



worked for the Florida Attorney General Richard W. Ervin Jr. before entering private practice in Tampa, followed by eight years as special counsel for the City of St. Petersburg.

From the late 1960s to the mid-1970s, Speer invested aggressively in real estate. While Speer admits that not all of his investments paid big dividends, he has had more wins than losses. "I have always been a risk taker. When most people walk away from it, I get into it."

Speer continues to take chances developing new companies and ventures. "I am going to stay busy until I die."

"One of the most enjoyable things I've ever listened to is Frank Sinatra singing My Way, because I think that's the whole deal."

# Serving children

#### by Davina Y. Gould

Tens of thousands of children shuffle through Florida's legal system in any given year through a number of family and juvenile courts. Some are victims of abuse and neglect; others are caught in custody disputes or have perpetrated crimes themselves. In an area of law where mistakes can yield tragic results, many Stetson alumni are working to improve the system and protect society's most vulnerable.

#### **New courts**

Service on a combined civil/ family docket in 1999 led Judge David Dugan '78 to start a domestic violence division for the 18th Judicial Circuit in Brevard County.

"Children are uniquely involved in the domestic violence cycle," said Judge Dugan. "This court recognizes that domestic violence is more than violence and court punishment; in addition to victim protection, treatment and counseling are critical to breaking the cycle."

After a year of research and planning, Judge Dugan started the domestic violence division and ran it for two years. Governor Bush recognized Dugan with the 2001 Peace at Home award for his work.

"In most areas of the law, judges are dispute deciders, but in the arena of domestic violence we have the opportunity to do more," said Dugan.

As a senior attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Program for Hillsborough County, Barbara Stallings '99 has worked with two specialized courts: an independent living court for foster teens moving into adulthood, and a drug court for families with substance abuse issues. "The drug court follows a therapeutic model compared to traditional dependency courts," described Stallings.

The independent living court helps older children without permanent adoptive parents as they transition from the foster system to ensure that they receive the appropriate living subsidies, educational aid, housing and other resources. "As attorney-guardians ad litem, we meet with the teens directly to represent their best interests in court and to aid them in their journey to become healthy functioning adults outside of the state's care," said Stallings.

While some alumni have worked in unique courts tailored to specific family law issues, others have become pioneers of the Unified Family Court, a "one family, one judge" concept mandated by the Florida Supreme Court to streamline court processes for children.

"Most juvenile judges only do one or the other (delinquency or dependency)," explained Judge Irene Sullivan '77, who sits on the UFC for 6th Judicial Circuit. "We do both, which gives us remarkable insight into the reasons that kids are delinquent. Many of them have been abandoned, neglected or

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abused earlier in life."

Judge Lynn Tepper '77, who has served as a judge for 23 years, favors the UFC concept for reducing conflicting court orders and reducing the number of court appearances for children.

"Rather than compounding the problems for children, the therapeutic justice approach inherent in a UFC meets the needs of each family member, leaving them in a better condition than when they entered the system," said Tepper. "Prompt linkage and coordination of family cases allow the UFC judge to quickly focus on the child's needs."

#### Statewide reforms

Judge Sullivan's leadership as a UFC judge led to a gubernatorial appointment to the state's Blueprint Commission for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and now she is working to publicize the commission's recommendations to improve Florida's juvenile delinquency system.

"What arose was a broad kind of socially progressive approach; prevention, diversion, and keeping kids out of the system," said Judge Sullivan, referencing a few of the commission's 51 recommendations.

Sullivan's observations of overlapping dependency and delinquency cases in the Unified Family Court also became evident in the Blueprint Commission's research. "Crossover kids—foster kids with delinquency cases—made up a large part of the cases," said Judge Sullivan. "Early mental health services and counseling can help keep those kids out of the system." Jason Dimitris '98, chief of staff for Florida Department of Children and Families Secretary Bob Butterworth, saw last year's change in leadership at the agency as an ideal time to help improve Florida's child welfare system from the inside out.

In addition to serving as the agency's liaison to the governor's office and managing communications and legislative affairs, Dimitris has supported the agency's restructuring of its legal department to resemble a statewide law firm that is better organized with more professional support.

"We've had a lot of positive editorials about the change, and the judges' feedback has been that they've seen tremendously improved lawyering," said Dimitris. "The quantity and quality of our application pool is better, and there is a new level of pride among our attorneys."

#### The best interests of children

Even though large-scale changes have helped better address the legal needs of Florida's children, the most meaningful improvements require one-on-one support for each individual child.

"Foster care is not a panacea; the State of Florida is not a good parent, or not the parent we wish for our children," said Judge Tracy Sheehan '89 of the 13th Judicial Circuit's juvenile dependency division. "There's no better outcome in foster care than strengthening families and allowing children to grow up with better parents."

As chair of Hillsborough's Community Alliance for children, Sheehan has worked to help reduce the number of foster children from a crisis level of 5,400 down to 3,800 over the past few years.

"Placements were nonexistent, and children were sleeping at the care centers," said Judge Sheehan. "We had to ask if we truly needed to bring all of these kids to be sheltered, not bringing people into the system for silly things when renting a hotel room or buying groceries for a family would be a better solution."

With 10 years of juvenile law practice experience before her election to the bench in 2007, Sheehan enjoys the flexibility she has as a judge to help each child. "For those of us who love children, it's a great opportunity to do good things. There's a lot of subjective determination, and the law allows us a lot of latitude to do what's in the best interest of children."

As a small-town judge, Tepper has enjoyed seeing the results of her decisions years later.

"It thrills me to see a child grow into a happy adult after I terminated their parents' rights so many years earlier," said Judge Tepper. "I am relieved to know that my decisions did not mar their life, but perhaps contributed to their happiness, safety and ability to develop healthy relationships of their own."

#### A call for help

"One of the most helpful programs for children is the Guardian ad Litem Program, and for those attorneys who volunteer themselves, that time will never be a waste," said Judge Sullivan. "You will always be a help to that child or family, and it's a wonderful thing you can do. If you can't do it yourself, recruit a volunteer."

# Classmates reunite to memorialize the friends

to memorialize the friends who brought life to law school

#### BY KAREN GRIFFIN

nyone who has been through law school can tell you it isn't always fun, and balancing academics with the rest of life isn't always easy.

But in the Class of 1984, there were two special individuals—Rich Nenezian and Jim Jones—who kept things in perspective and made life brighter for the rest of their class.

Decades later, their classmates still appreciate the fun and friendship Rich and Jim brought to law school. Both men died in their early 40s, but friends and family are determined to preserve their legacies for future generations.

To remember these graduates who lived life to the fullest outside the classroom, the Rich Nenezian and Jim Jones Memorial Scholarship rewards a Stetson student who has demonstrated that there is much more to law school than memorizing the Uniform Commercial Code.

#### The love of sports

Stetson's intramural sports program brought together Rich, Jim and many of their classmates in the spirit of friendly competition. Both graduates of the University of Florida, Rich and Jim also shared a great love of sports. They enjoyed playing intramural football, basketball and softball as a break from the rigors of academic life at Stetson.

"We bonded from day one," said Jeff Adams '84, managing partner of the Abbey Adams law firm in St. Petersburg. "We helped each other through the difficult times, from surviving the first year through and not going crazy waiting for graduation. Intramurals were the release that got us through the daily grind."

A Miami native and honors

graduate of UF, Rich was always playing or watching a game, and his great sense of humor frequently manifested itself on the athletic field or in the classroom.

"The single biggest thing anyone would tell you about Rich is that he was always laughing, always smiling, and he had a completely positive attitude about everything," recalled Pete Cooley '84. "You couldn't find anyone in our Stetson class who had anything bad to say about him."

Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., Jim grew up in Sarasota among a closeknit family of competitive swimmers. He was a high school All-American in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. Jim was on the swim team during his freshman year of college before switching to the UF water polo team in his sophomore and junior years.

During law school, Jim was

one of the top golfers in his class, and he regularly competed in local triathlons and distance races. "Jim was more into sports, an outdoor guy," Pete said. "A couple times a week, he would either bike 15 to 20 miles, swim two or three, or run five to 10. He would kayak from Sarasota to Stetson—anything to do with staying in shape."

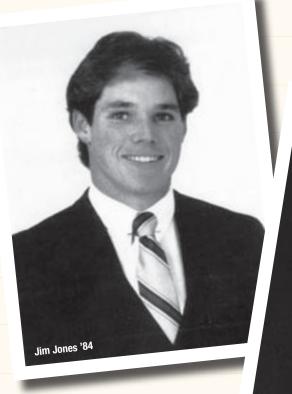
#### Life after graduation

After graduating from law school, Rich worked as a corporate attorney for Blank, Rome, Comisky & McCaully, a national law firm. He subsequently took a position with Zuckerman P.A., specializing in medical malpractice defense, before finishing his legal career as a partner at Tucker, Damoorgian & Nenezian, where he was a trial attorney.

The last years of Rich's life were spent fighting a courageous battle against cancer. In 1993, doctors diagnosed a lump on his right wrist as bone cancer. Because the cancer had already spread to his lungs, he was given only six months to live.

Never one to let things get him down, Rich lived six years beyond his diagnosed life expectancy, speaking to cancer support groups and sharing his time with families fighting the disease. He faced cancer with dignity and humor, never losing his ability to laugh.

After his right arm was amputated, he learned to pitch left-



handed so that he could continue to play softball with his children. In his final years, Rich left his law practice to work at his family's insurance company, Nenezian & Associates, and spend time with wife Terri, a veterinarian, and daughters Jamie, Kelly and Kristin. He passed away on Dec. 27, 1999, at the age of 40.

Jim earned an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Denver, where he continued to pursue his outdoor interests by climbing Pike's Peak. After returning to Florida, Jim first worked for Kirk, Pinkerton, Savory, Carr & Stroud in Sarasota. As a young lawyer, Jim and another attorney patented and marketed biking shorts to cyclists and triathletes. After Kirk Pinkerton merged with the Dykema Gossett firm, he moved to Michigan for a year to work in the firm's tax department before returning to Sarasota with Kirk Pinkerton after the two firms separated. Jim then became a trust

Rich Nenezian '84

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cer with Southeast Bank in Sarasota.

In 1993, he became a partner at Casassa, Holland and Jones in Naples, before leaving the firm to become a solo practitioner. He was a devoted volunteer for the Naples Kiwanis Club, and was named 1993 "Kiwanian of the Year."

On Aug. 12, 2001, Jim passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home at the age of 42, leaving wife Bobbi Rose and son A.J. Jones.

#### The impact of honoring friends

"Both Rich and Jim were really great guys, and when I look back at Stetson, I think more about the fun times more than class and studying," said Bill Loughery '84, who is now felony division director at the State Attorney's office for the 6th judicial circuit.

Some of Rich's and Jim's friends continued to stay in touch after their years at Stetson, and the idea of having a group reunion was often suggested.

"When Rich and Jim died, it pushed us along to do something," said Pete. He, Bill and Jeff had been talking a lot about Rich and Jim and how much they had influenced their Stetson experience. Their love of life, competition and athletics had quite an impact on all of the men.

"The idea of doing something in memory of Rich and Jim first came up about five years ago as Bill, Jeff and I reminisced over a few beers at Shadracks," said Pete. "We wanted to establish a legacy in honor of Rich and Jim that reflected their interests, not simply the institution's."

"We worked hard and played hard, and we wanted to do something in the spirit of what we had," said Bill. "Being a wellrounded person makes you a better attorney—you deal with people better."

The scholarship idea evolved as the three wanted to find a great way to honor their friends who died too young and involve the surviving family members. As part of their two-fold plan, they would also use this as an opportunity to reconnect the Stetson classes of the mid-1980s.

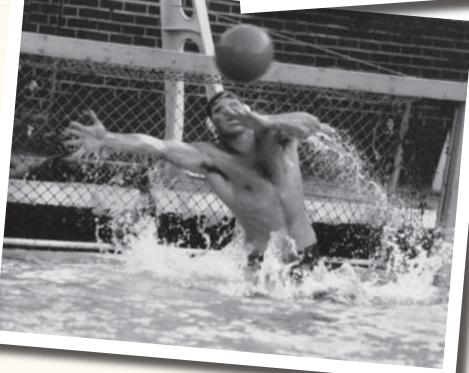
"We wanted to develop a

new program that focused on extracurricular activities—particularly sports—at Stetson, and arrange for an annual banquet that gives Rich's and Jim's friends and families a chance to get together to celebrate their lives," said Pete. "It has turned out to be a perfect tribute to two exceptional people."

As conversations continued, the Rich Nenezian and Jim Jones Memorial Scholarship was born, and through a lot of hard work, coordination and dedication, these three alumni friends reached both goals.

The creation of a new scholarship is always an exciting prospect, but this one is truly something special. It is special because it is keeping the memories of these two amazing men alive, not just through a scholarship, but through a very targeted, strategically selected scholarship that highlights the lives and spirits of these men. A students' involvement in extracurricular activities and intramural sports, things that were very important to both Rich and





Above, Jim Jones was an avid water polo player at the University of Florida. Above right, Rich Nenezian with his family.

Jim, will be a key selection criteria.

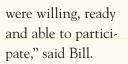
Working with this scholarship also has been special because of what it has done for those who have become involved with the project. The idea started with a commitment from just three men, but soon other classmates and friends showed interest.

Many people, especially from the 1983–1985 classes, united to help. Members of the Nenezian and Jones families rallied around the idea, along with a number of businesses and foundations. All these forces have now joined together to help create a long-lasting legacy.

The project gained such momentum in 2007 that it led to the inaugural Rich Nenezian and Jim Jones Scholarship Banquet in January 2008, when more than 60 people gathered to remember the lives of these two individuals. The group is committed to make this an annual event, and in January 2009 plans to incorporate an informal class reunion into the weekend celebration. To date, more than 45 individuals and organizations have partnered to create an endowment of over \$30,000, and contributions continue. It has been truly remarkable to watch it happen.

"People dropped everything and came to the event. It was just like we had seen each other last week, even though it had been more than 20 years that we had all been back together," said Jeff.

"I'm not at all surprised by the turnout or outcome. People



#### **Family legacies**

Many of the scholarships created to honor someone

are driven either by friends or family members. This new scholarship to honor Rich and Jim blends the two in a unique way that demonstrates the impact of joining forces to remember those we have lost.

"Through the untiring and selfless efforts of the fine men who initiated this generous award, and all those who contributed, the Jones family, the Nenezian family, and the families of the future recipients of the scholarship will be grateful for generations," said Rita-Al Jones, Jim Jones' mother. "We are thankful for the tribute to our Jim. He and his friends will remain in our hearts always."

Rich's parents Clara and George Nenezian, and his sister's family appreciated the effort to preserve



Left, Mark Kasten,

Cathy (Schleeper) Kasten '84, Peter

and Jeff Adams '84

at the scholarship banquet in

January. Below,

members of Rich's and Jim's

Wakeman '84, Dave Maglich '84

Rich's legacy through the impact of the scholarship. "Through his wisdom, strength, courage in adversity, love and humility, Rich left a loving and memorable legacy. Beyond every season, past every sunrise, remain his gifts of memories and unquestionable love to family and friends."

"Benevolence is the characteristic element of humanity, and the great exercise of it is from loving friends and family," states an old Confucian proverb. Even now, Rich and Jim have once again impacted the lives of their family and friends, bringing them together for a common purpose, and through this scholarship, they will continue to impact the lives of Stetson students.

#### 1940s

**William H. Maness '48** is working on his seventh book, which will focus on his life and his 60th year of practice.

#### 1960s

**Norman Vaughan-Birch '69** recently presented "The Grievance Process and The Florida Bar Discipline System" to television Channel 20 in Sarasota.

#### 1970s

**Jane H. Brown '77** is enjoying retirement in the southern Appalachian Mountains.

**Robert M. Focht '73** announced his retirement from the Pinellas-Pasco Public Defender's Office after 10 years of service.

James W. Schmidt '73 was elected president of the County Treasurer's Association of Ohio for 2008. Schmidt also serves as Greene County Treasurer for the State of Ohio. **Christian Searcy Sr. '73** has been nominated for the "Most Effective Lawyers of 2007" award by the *Daily Business Review*.

William G. Crawford '75 authored "Florida's Big Dig: The Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami, 1881 to 1935."

**Marian McCulloch Flowers '79** had her Dutch Colonial home and collection of original artwork featured in *Flair* magazine's November 2007 issue.

**Glenn Klausman '76** was named one of *Orlando Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" for 2007, as voted on by Central Florida attorneys.

**Cameron Story '77** is pleased to announce the formation the Law Office of Cameron Story P.A.

#### 1980s

**Beth Houghton '80** was elected vice president of the St. Petersburg Free Clinic board of directors.

**Daniel P. Mitchell '80** has joined at Barr, Murman & Tonelli in Tampa as a partner.

Joann M. Bricker '81 has joined Constangy Brooks & Smith LLC in Jacksonville as a partner.

**Richard E. Doran '81** has been reappointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the 2nd Judicial Circuit by Governor Crist. Doran is a shareholder at Ausley & McMullen P.A. in Tallahassee.

**Joseph A. Frein '81** was named one of *Orlando Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" for 2007, as voted on by Central Florida attorneys.

**Anthony W. Palma '81** was named one of *Orlando Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" for 2007, as voted on by Central Florida attorneys.

**Mary Quinlan '81** was awarded the James M. "Red" McEwen Memorial Award for outstanding service to the bar and community by the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

## Florida Military Academy alumni hold final reunion

Alumni of the Florida Military Academy met for the last time on May 3 at Stetson University College of Law. The Florida Military Academy was housed on Stetson's Gulfport campus from 1932 to 1951. During those years, young men from around the country attended the military school prior to college or a career in the armed services.

Surviving members of FMA gathered in Stetson's Great Hall, once their dining room, and shared stories of their days at the school. A display of Florida Military Academy memorabilia is on permanent display in the Great Hall.

Organizer of the final reunion, Lawrence Barrett said that due to the age of the graduates it was becoming too difficult to continue the annual reunion.

Several years ago, the FMA graduates donated money to Stetson for an endowed scholarship.



Above, alumni of the 100-year-old Florida Military Academy gathered for their final class reunion in May at the Great Hall. Left, a historic photo of cadets modeling the military uniforms required for various situations.

## Elder law center suite named for Govoni, Staunton '97

Stetson University College of Law named the suite housing its elder law center the Govoni-Staunton Suite for the Center for Excellence in Elder Law in a special dedication ceremony on April 26.

The elder law center is located adjacent to Stetson's Eleazer Courtroom, a model elderfriendly, barrier-free courtroom.

The Govoni-Staunton Suite is named in honor of Leo Govoni and John Staunton '97, co-founders of the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to providing solutions for the elderly and the disabled.

"This is a milestone for the Center for Excellence in Elder Law," said Professor Rebecca Morgan '80, the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law and director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Elder Law. "We at Stetson are extremely grateful for the continuing support that they have given us."

Govoni and Staunton also endowed the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law, which was created in 2002. Stetson remains the only law school in the U.S. with an endowed faculty chair in the field of elder law.

Govoni and Staunton also serve as members of Stetson's Elder Law Advisory Board.





Above, from left, John Staunton '97, Leo Govoni and Dean Darby Dickerson stand by the plaque that introduces the office suite that bears the new name.

Left, Darby Dickerson and Board of Overseers Chair Sammy Cacciatore '66 accept a U.S. flag from David Jolly on behalf of Congressman Bill Young of St. Petersburg.

# Recent grad appointed Deputy Solicitor General

C.B. Upton '06 was appointed deputy solicitor general for the State of Florida in September 2007.

As deputy solicitor general, Upton helps oversee civil appeals involving the

state, which includes appeals before Florida courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. His office also coordinates amicus activities and offers some trial support in major cases.

Upton also serves as counsel to an immigration enforcement task force that brings together law enforcement officers from all levels of government to stop criminal activities that flow from illegal immigration, a major policy goal of Attorney General Bill McCollum.

"Because of the federal authority over immigration matters, the legal questions that arise are usually interesting separation of powers issues," Upton said.

Before joining the Solicitor General's office, Upton served for one year as a law clerk to Judge Eugene E. Siler Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.

"This job solidified my desire to do appellate work," described Upton. "I was exposed to many interesting cases, and Judge Siler was a great mentor who suggested that the Solicitor General's Office would offer unparalleled experience for someone interested in appellate practice."

Upton attributes his Stetson education for providing a firm foundation for his legal career.

"The practical skills in research, writing and oral advocacy that Stetson helped me develop are skills that I use every day. I feel that Stetson gave me a boost in these areas that allowed me to set myself apart from other attorneys."

## Weddings

**Eric Forte '04** and **Jennifer Kern '04** were married on Nov. 30, 2007, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in St. Petersburg.

Valerie Jones '07 was married on Nov. 3, 2007, to Donato Evangelista at the Lighthouse Resort and Club on Sanibel Island.

### New additions

**Trevor Cofer '99** and wife Jen are pleased to announce the arrival of their fourth daughter, Maliyah born Jan. 2008.

Kimberly Campbell '00 and husband Ryan welcomed their son, Parker on Nov. 2007.

Starling Hendriks '01 and husband Craig welcomed their daughter, Madeline on May 2007.

Justin Hosie '03 and Lauren Hosie '04announce the birth of their second daughter,Noaon Feb.2008.

Wayne Keith Wilkes Jr. '04 and wifeKristen announce the birth of their twindaughters, Kyleighand Kaylaborn Nov.2007.

**Wayne M. Durden '82** received Polk Community College's Distinguished Alumni Award for his professional achievements and contributions to the community.

James R. Kennedy Jr. '82 was appointed to fill a vacancy on the St. Petersburg City Council, representing the northeastern section of the city.

**Prakash Khatri '83** resigned as Ombudsman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in March to return to work in the private sector.

**Judge Rand Hoch '85** has been elected to the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida. Hoch has also been re-elected vice-chair of Florida Stage, a non-profit professional theater.

**Scott E. Schiltz '85** is pleased to announce the formation of the law firm of Scott E. Schiltz P.L. Schiltz will continue to practice exclusively in the area of marital and family law.

**Julee L. Milham '86** has been admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court for England and Wales.

**Judge Diana Moreland '87** taught a law studies class at Manatee High School as part of the Justice Teaching Program, which helps students understand Florida's justice system. Michael S. Craig '88 has been hired as the Polk County Attorney.

**Matthew Destry '88** has been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist as a Broward County Circuit Court Judge.

**Carter McCain '88** was appointed to the board of the Port of Tampa Maritime Industries Association, representing the category of professionals. McCain is a shareholder at Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen and practices in the areas of energy and natural resources, environmental, land use, administrative and governmental, development, financing and entitlements, and real estate law.

**Steve Parascandola '88** spoke at the North Carolina Association of CPAs 68th annual symposium in November. He is a partner at Smith Anderson in Raleigh, N.C.

#### 1990s

**Brian M. Bursa '90,** a partner and director of operations at Ullman, Bursa, Hoffman and Ragano LLC, has been named Cambridge Who's Who Executive of the Year in healthcare law.

**David W. Lee '91** established the New Times Culture and Education Center, which promotes genuine Chinese culture through education.

#### ALUMNI EVENTS



FALL 2007 LEGACY GRADUATES – From left, Nicholas F. Lang '79 with daughter Emily Lang '07 and Rose Tapia Burke '03 with husband William Burke '07.



SPRING 2008 LEGACY GRADUATES – Brett Cameron '08 with Professor Catherine Cameron, Cynthia Chambers '08 with Brian Chambers BBA '02 JD'05, Bryan Douglas '08 with Richard Weinman '99, Matthew Foreman '08 with overseer Bonnie Foreman BA '68, Brendan Fletcher '08 with Daniel Mitchell '80, Jana Hampton '08 with LeRoy Merkle Jr. '75, John Hamilton '08 with Susan Churuti, Joseph Kenny '08 with Michael Kenny '03 and Tamara Carlson '04, Christopher Mills '08 with Stephanie Cline '07, David Mitchell '08 with Daniel Mitchell '78, David Moule '08 with Rex Everett Moule '76, and Alexandra White '08 with John Thor White '73.

**Loretta Comiskey O'Keefe '91** has been promoted to partner at the Law Offices of Arnstein & Lehr LLP.

Jorge L. Cruz-Bustillo '92 has been named partner at Diaz, Reus, Rolff & Targ LLP.

**Jeffrey Goodis '92** was a presenter at the St. Petersburg and Clearwater bar associations' Arbitration 2008 seminar at the Feather Sound Country Club.

**Robert J. Sniffen '93** presented the "Eleventh Circuit Employment Law Update" at the 33rd Annual Public Labor Relations Forum in Orlando.

**Brian L. Tannebaum '94** of Miami was named chair of the Historical Museum of the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society.

**Sean Parker '97** has been named the new city attorney for Bartow.

Lee Ann Tranford '97 has been named a partner in Ruden McClosky. Tranford practices in the St. Petersburg office and concentrates her practice in commercial transactions, primarily involving commercial real estate and commercial lending.

**Prineet Sharma '98** was named one of *Orlando Business Journal*'s "Best of the Bar" for 2007, as voted on by Central Florida attorneys.

**Natalie Thomas '98** has been elevated to partner at the Tampa office of Holland & Knight.

**Mark A. Watts '98** has been elected president of the DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Christopher Annunziato '97** has been elevated to partner at the Orlando office of Holland & Knight LLP.

**Richard Masotti '99** started a film production company, Charlie/Roads Productions LLC and is shooting his first feature-length independent film, *My Name is Lance*, in New York City.

**Leslie Schultz-Kin '99** of Carlton Fields was recently appointed to serve on the board of directors of Bay Area Legal Services Inc.

#### 2000s

**Joseph A. Caimano Jr. '00** has earned board certification in criminal trial law.

**Joanna Garcia '00** of the Carlton Fields Tampa office was appointed to the board of directors for the Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association.

**Louis Ursini III '00** has been named partner in Ruden McClosky. Ursini works at the Sarasota office and concentrates in

### In Memoriam

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

Maurice Wagner '49 Feb. 9, 2008, Deltona

Richard Bates '53 April 15, 2008, Orlando

Robert E. Mathews, Jr. '53 Jan. 2, 2008, Gainesville, Ga.

Pamela Hubbell Cazares '01 Jan. 10, 2008, Brandon

commercial litigation, operational defense litigation for financial institutions, trust and estate litigation, and construction litigation.

**Mary Ann Essue '01** has been promoted to senior staff attorney for the 7th Judicial Circuit.

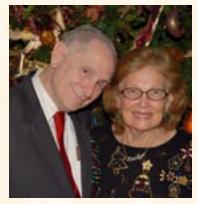
**Stephanie Mensing '01** has been elected financial secretary of the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for 2008. Mensing also was elected to the board of directors for the Digital Stone Project, a New Jersey non-profit organization that provides state-of-the art stone fabrication facilities and expert consultations for artists, architects and designers.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – Ann Steffens '88, Nancy Mag '07 and Professor Ann Piccard '85.



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#### Katherine Schnauss Naugle '01

announces the opening of League & Naugle P.L. The firm practices in the areas of business law, corporate transactions, commercial litigation, real estate, construction law, probate and estate planning.

**Liana Rothstein '01** is a member of Roar, the Jacksonville Jaguars cheerleading squad, and was selected Cheerleader of the Week in Gregg Easterbrook's Tuesday Morning Quarterback column on ESPN.com.

**Jeffery M. Wilkins '01** has joined Barker & Barker in Jacksonville, where he will focus his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate and construction law.

**Kristi L. Bergemann '02** has been named an associate at Gaunt, Pratt, Radford, Methe & Rockenbach P.A. in West Palm Beach.

**Andrew S. Bolin '02** has been named a shareholder at MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa.

**Michele Leo Hintson '02** was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Humane Society of Pinellas County.

**Monica D. Barnes '03** has been recognized by the *Miami Herald* as one of the "Ten Rising and Promising Voices in the South Florida Black Community."

**Slade V. Dukes '04** joined Stetson University College of Law as Elder Consumer Protection Fellow in the spring.

**Chad Friedman '04** co-authored "Senate Bill 360 Refined: The Impact of the 2007 Legislative Session on Local Government Growth Management, Part I", which was published in the November 2007 *Florida Bar Journal.* 

**Garrett Pendleton '04** has joined the Atlanta law firm of Alston + Bird as an associate.

Harley Chivers '05 joined the West Palm Beach firm of Fisher & Bendeck as an associate. Chivers' practice specializes in family law.

**Antonio Jimenez '05** is pleased to announce the opening of the Law Office of Antonio G. Jimenez P.A. in Coral Gables. Jimenez will practice criminal defense in both state and federal court.

**Allyson Lazzara '05** has joined the law firm of Williams Schifino Mangione & Steady P.A. as an associate. Lazzara practices in the areas of business litigation, securities litigation and arbitration.

**Blair N. Allen '06** joined the 10th Judicial Circuit's public defender's office in Bartow as part of the trial division.

**Mychal Katz '06** joined the Orlando office of Roetzel & Andress. Katz's practice is focused in the area of bankruptcy and creditor rights, corporate and business services and real estate law.

**Mia Mancinelli '06** joined the law firm of McCollum, Mancinelli & Perez P.L. Mancinelli also is associate general counsel for

American Service Title and Escrow Inc., and the vice president of the Highlands County Bar Association.

**Sheila Sayne '06** was awarded the 2008 Women and Minority Fellowship at the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry. Sayne is an associate at Moody & Shea P.A.

**Miguel B. Bouzas '07** joined Phelps Dunbar as an associate in the regional labor and employment practice group.

**Erin Buchanan '07** won the \$600 first prize in the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law with her essay "Copyright Implications of a YouTube Clip Culture." The competition, sponsored annually by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, is designed to stimulate interest in the field of copyright law.

**Ryan Hasanbasic '07** joined Phelps Dunbar as an associate in the regional commercial litigation practice. **Brandon J. Held '07** has been named an associate at Mills Paskert Divers P.A. in Tampa.

**Dominique Heller '07** has joined Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa as an associate in the firm's securities, financial services and white collar practice group. She also published "The Legally Compelled Mailing Doctrine, Defending Mail and Wire Fraud in the Wake of *United States v. Lake*" in the April 2008 issue of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers *Champion* magazine.

**Chrystal R. Koch '07** has joined the law firm of Carmen R. Gillet in Sarasota.

**Philip A. McCormick '07** has joined Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick as an associate.

**Bobby L. Reynolds '07** has been named an associate at Gallagher & Associates Law Firm P.A. in St. Petersburg.

**Michael Savage '07** has joined the law firm of Glenn N. Siegel P.A. in Murdock.

**Joshua Welsh '07** has joined Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa as an associate in the firm's health care litigation practice group.



# Hall of Fame recognition presented to the family of William J. Clapp

On April 3, 2008, Dean Darby Dickerson greeted William J. Clapp's family members and presented his 2005 Hall of Fame Award.

In the early 1950s, Mr. Clapp played a pivotal role in convincing Stetson University Trustees and President Ollie Edmunds that St. Petersburg/Gulfport would be an ideal place to relocate the College of Law. Clapp helped organize a community fundraising campaign to help make the move financially possible for Stetson. He later served as a University Trustee and College of Law Overseer.

Mr. Clapp died in 1983, and his family moved throughout the state. The College Relations Office located family members, whereupon they were delighted to learn of his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Pictured left, Barbara Frazier, grandson West Clapp, Dean Darby Dickerson, great granddaughter Cassandra Lewis, daughter-in law Anne Kathleen Clapp, son Jack Clapp and granddaughter Cindy Cadle accepted William Clapp's Hall of Fame Award. Stetson wishes to thank the many advisory council volunteers and adjunct professors who have served this academic year.

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