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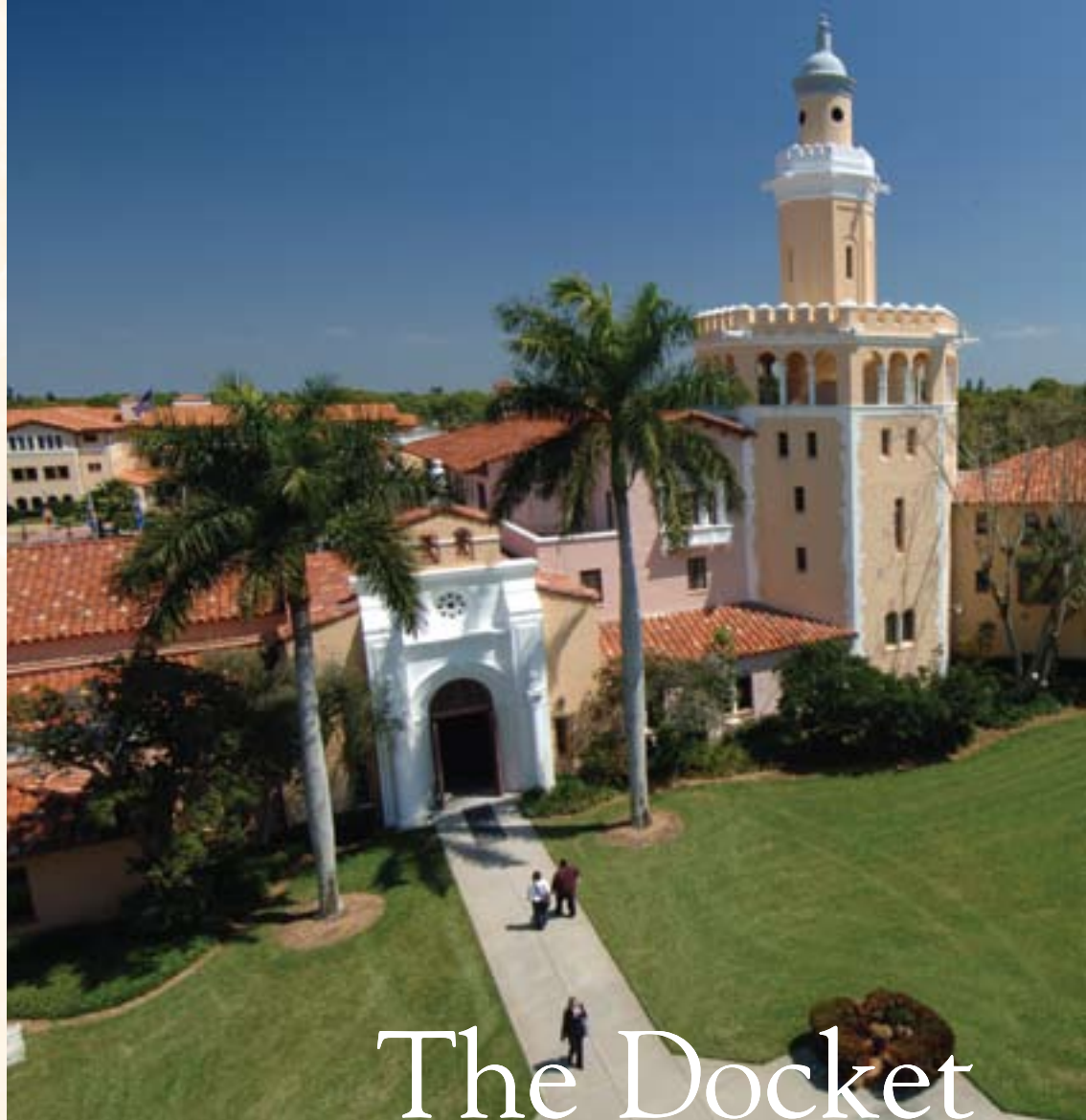
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Thanks to our volunteers

As 2008 ends and 2009 dawns, I want to thank — and honor — the volunteers of Stetson Law.

The College of Law values and emphasizes the importance of volunteerism. Service to the university, to our various communities, and to the legal and academic professions is key to fulfilling our mission. As you'll read in this issue, the Stetson Law faculty sets the standard in volunteerism. Although faculty members are required to perform at least 10 hours of public service each year, virtually all far exceed the minimum. (I should note that Stetson is one of the few law schools to have a policy regarding faculty service — a fact about which we are proud.) Our professors routinely share their time and talent to help others, in a variety of contexts. Some perform pro-bono legal work, some work with community organizations, some spend time educating laypersons about legal issues through workshops and the media, and some engage in legal-reform efforts. The list could go on and on.

We are also proud of our students' volunteer efforts. Stetson was the first law school in Florida, and one of the first in the nation, to require public service for graduation. During the past few years, our law students have worked more than 14,000 hours in the community. They have performed intake work for legal-service organizations, served as mentors for school children, cleaned up beaches and rivers, collected food for the less fortunate, and engaged in a variety of activities to help our military heroes. And again, the list could go on and on.

Our staff members also devote time to community service. They work in their churches and synagogues; they coach sports teams; they teach at-risk children to read; they work with the blind and the homeless. And once more, the list could go on.

But I also want to thank other volunteers — the volunteers who help make Stetson Law the outstanding educational institution it has become. Without your dedication, we could not offer our students the myriad opportunities they enjoy.

To the members of our Board of Overseers, Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council, and the advisory councils for our Centers for Excellence: Thank you for sharing your precious time and keen advice. The hours you devote to studying crucial issues and helping us to think strategically are truly invaluable.

To the coaches and judges for our various competition teams: We would not be the premier advocacy school without your help. You push our students to hone their analytical skills and emphasize the importance of civility and professionalism.

To our donors who support scholarships, endowments and programs: Without you, we could not attract an increasingly strong student body and faculty. And although I have attempted to avoid naming specific individuals, I would be remiss not to recognize Bill Blews '66, a member of the College of Law's Hall of Fame, whose support for our student public-service award encourages students to excel in this important area.

To our adjuncts: Although you're not exactly volunteers, each and every one of you gives us so much more than your stipend covers. Week in and week out, you prepare for class and challenge our students to think more precisely and creatively. Without you, our curriculum would lack both breadth and depth.

Finally, to the countless others who work with our students as informal mentors and supervisors for public service, bar and community work, who serve as guest speakers for classes and student organizations, who participate in focus groups, and who participate in so many other projects: You inspire our students to give back, be true to their goals and dreams, and remember their humanity.

As Winston Churchill so eloquently observed, "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give." Stetson Law volunteers, thank you. You give so much to us, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Best wishes for the new year,

Darby Dickerson
Vice President and Dean



Dr. Wendy Libby elected next Stetson University president

The Stetson University Board of Trustees has unanimously elected Dr. Wendy B. Libby, president of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., as its ninth president, effective July 1, 2009.

Libby will succeed Dr. H. Douglas Lee, who has been Stetson's president since 1987. Upon his retirement on May 31, Lee will become chancellor of the university, a position equivalent to president emeritus.

"Dr. Libby has an impressive record of leading with a compelling vision centered on fiscal responsibility, strategic planning and excellence both inside and outside the classroom," said Nestor de Armas, chair of the board of trustees. "She will be a dynamic, creative and courageous leader for Stetson University."

Selected from a diverse pool of 75 applicants following a 15-month national search, Libby will be the first woman to serve at the helm of Stetson.

"Stetson has a national reputation for providing an excellent, values-based education that prepares students to be engaged citizens of the world, and I am honored to have been selected as its next president," Libby said.

Since 2003, Libby has been president of Stephens College, the nation's second-oldest women's institution.

She is credited with uniting the campus, alumnae and community in a major strategic planning initiative that resulted in a remarkable turnaround.

A multi-million dollar deficit was reduced, undergraduate student enrollment was dramatically increased, and the Graduate and Continuing Studies division was reinvigorated.

Libby has a broad career in

higher education and private industry. She served as vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer at Furman University, Greenville, S.C., from 1995 to 2003. She has 28 years of administrative and teaching experience at institutions including Westbrook College (now part of the University of New England), University of Hartford, University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Ohio State University and Cornell University.

At Stephens, Libby increased full-time undergraduate residential enrollment by 72 percent between 2003 and this fall. She launched a successful fundraising campaign, improved campus facilities and launched an aggressive strategic planning process that united faculty, staff and students, and retailored Stephens' academic programs.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Libby earned her doctorate in educational administration from the University of Connecticut. Her undergraduate degree, in biology with a concentration in genetics, is from Cornell University. She earned an M.B.A. with a concentration in finance, from Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Libby was a U.S. delegation leader this fall for the college presidents' visit to Ewha University in Seoul, South Korea. She serves on a variety of boards in the Columbia, Mo., area and is a member of numerous higher education organizations. She was a founding board member and board chair of the Tuition Plan Consortium (the Independent 529 Plan), a national prepaid tuition plan offering American families a flexible and affordable way to save for tuition at more than 270 private college member institutions.

In honor of her leadership, Libby received the 2007 Athena Award from the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Women's Network for her support of women in realizing their full leadership potential and for contributing to the quality of life in the community.

She and her husband, Dr. Richard M. Libby, have two sons, four grandchildren and three dogs. An avid reader, she also enjoys cooking and entertaining.



Wendy B. Libby



Stetson Law Doubles Part-Time Classes in Tampa

Stetson Law has more than doubled the number of credit hours offered at its Tampa Law Center. In August, the American Bar Association approved Stetson's request to allow part-time students to take up to half of their course requirements in Tampa.



"Had it not been for Stetson's part-time program, I wouldn't have even entertained the thought of transitioning to a law career at this phase in my life," said Darin Richter JD/MBA '08.

Stetson's part-time program began on its Gulfport campus in 2002. Stetson's Tampa Law Center opened in 2004, allowing students to take approximately one-fifth of their classes in Tampa. The Tampa Law Center houses two courtrooms, the Tampa division of Florida's Second District Court of Appeal, state-of-the-art classrooms, and a law library with many group study rooms.

ADVOCACY NEWS

Stetson offers new Advocacy Resource Center

Stetson University College of Law has introduced the Advocacy Resource Center, which offers video presentations on pretrial, trial and appellate topics. The new service can be found at www.law.stetson.edu/arc.

"We are making these resources available free of charge to public service attorneys," said Professor Charles Rose, director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy. "These training modules include the wit, wisdom and experiences of a generation of trial lawyers, guest lecturers and Stetson professors."

The public service attorneys who can use the site free include government attorneys, legal aid personnel, district attorneys, public defenders, military attorneys and other attorneys who work on behalf of the public good.

The service is also free for one year to Stetson advocacy conference attendees and to law professors in a beta-testing group. Please contact Professor Rose at (727) 562-7317 for more information.

Stetson ADR, trial and moot court teams win fall competitions

Alternative Dispute Resolution Board: Stetson teams went head-to-head in the finals of the ABA Law Student Division Regional Arbitration in Chicago, with both teams advancing to the national competition in January. The team of James Bush, Jennifer Hudson, Jenna Jordan and Meghan Reddy won first place, and the team of Sarah Cohen, Kelly-Ann Jenkins, Ben Laudouceur and Sara Mieczkowski took second place.

Trial Team: Once again, Stetson won first and second place in the annual Florida Justice Association trial competition in West Palm Beach. The team of Onyema Anene, Katelyn Knaak, George Root and David Fernandez won the state championship, with the team of Arianne Buchanan, Derrick Connell, Aaron Watson and Chrissy Carpenter taking second. Art Rios '06, Professor Roberta K. Flowers and Professor Lee Coppock '96 coached the teams.

Moot Court Board:

Natalie Hagan and Joseph Murray won the E. Earle Zehmer Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition Aug. 18 in Orlando.

Hagan and Murray also received best advocate awards for the overall competition, sponsored by the Workers' Compensation Section of The Florida Bar.

Hagan was also named best advocate in preliminary rounds.

"We are extremely proud that Natalie and Joe were named best advocates in the overall competition," said Professor Stephanie Vaughan '91, Stetson's moot court adviser. "Natalie's individual best advocate award is the highest individual award given in a moot court competition."

Professor Michael Allen and Jason Stearns '08 coached the winning team.



Professor Michael Allen, Natalie Hagan and Joseph Murray proudly display their awards.

Stetson hosts National Pretrial Competition

On Oct. 4, 32 students from eight law schools competed at Stetson's Gulfport campus in the inaugural National Pretrial Competition, which was co-sponsored by Stetson and The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. The team from Louisiana State University won first place.

"The National Pretrial Competition is the first competition of its kind, designed to engage students from other law schools in the award-winning Stetson method of advocacy," said Professor Charles Rose, director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy.

The competition was conceptualized by Dean Darby Dickerson to prepare students to be ethical and professional advocates.



New Web site design launched

Stetson Law launched its new, user-friendly Web site at www.law.stetson.edu in September with an attractive design, easier navigation and special features to showcase the people, programs and history of Stetson.

“This new site will allow us to better communicate with prospective students, alumni and the legal community,” said Dean Darby Dickerson. “We look forward to expanding the site to help achieve our long-term strategic goals as an institution.”

Stetson conducted research with students, alumni, faculty, staff and visitors in developing the strategy for the new site, which was developed by the design firm Blue Coda of Boston, Mass., in coordination with Stetson staff.

Stetson students spearhead national ABA Law Student Division military pro bono project

ABA Law Student Division Chair Chris Sprowls and ABA-LSD Liaison Vilma Martinez have launched a national service initiative, “Duty Bound: Serving Those Who Served Us,” which connects volunteer law students with attorneys providing pro bono assistance to military veterans, servicemembers and their families.

“We are seeking to bring together existing efforts made on behalf of U.S. veterans and servicemembers into a single, focused mission,” said Martinez, a former Army Specialist and member of the ABA’s Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. For more information, visit www.abanet.org/lsd/veterans.

New degree program: Master of Jurisprudence in Law and Aging

Starting in June 2009, non-lawyers around the nation will have an opportunity to obtain a Master of Jurisprudence in Law and Aging from Stetson.



Courses will be offered online for the broad range of people who work with our nation’s growing senior population, including paralegals, researchers and other professionals.

“Trends indicate that by 2030, one in every five Americans will be a senior,” said Professor Rebecca C. Morgan ’80, Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law and director of Stetson’s Center for Excellence in Elder Law. “This new graduate program is designed to assist the growing number of people in this country who work closely with our exploding aging population.”

Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree, substantial experience in the field of aging, and fulfill other requirements to be considered for admission. Students in the two-year program will learn more about elder law practice, guardianships, government benefits, housing challenges for the elderly, disability, retirement, long-term care and health care, and the ethical issues faced by elder services providers.

Meet the 2008 Class...

In 2008, 327 new J.D. students and 49 LL.M. students enrolled at Stetson University College of Law. Here are the statistics:

54% women	17% minority
123 colleges/universities	28 states
155 median LSAT (full-time)	153 median LSAT (part-time)

Age range: **20-49**

7 countries (including Kenya, Peru and France)

14 students from Stetson University’s DeLand campus

Earned degrees: BA, BA, BSN, BSBA, MBA, MA, MEd, MS, MD, PhD

De Vlaming, Williams honored with Smith Awards

Stetson honored attorneys Denis de Vlaming '72 and Jeannine Smith Williams with the 2008 Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Public Service Award during the May Honors and Awards ceremony. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exemplary achievements in public service.



Wm. Reece Smith Jr. presents the award to Jeannine Smith Williams.

De Vlaming serves as president of First Step Inc., a non-profit organization serving Pinellas and Pasco counties that is dedicated to helping needy young men and women who are on probation. He frequently speaks



De Vlaming '72

about professionalism, criminal law and becoming a defense attorney to legal and non-legal audiences. De Vlaming has served as president of the Pinellas County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association, Clearwater Bar Association, and Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Williams has been an assistant city attorney for the City of St. Petersburg since 2000. Williams is the immediate past president and a trustee of the Community Law Program Inc. Under her leadership, the Community Law Program launched an initiative to assist at-risk children and collaborated with the Clerk of Court of Pinellas County and the 6th Judicial Circuit to provide legal assistance to pro se litigants in Pinellas County. Williams is a board member of the St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter Educational Services Inc., a former secretary of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Florida Suncoast Affiliate, a member of the Florida Bar Grievance Committee, and a fellow of the Florida Bar Foundation. She serves as a volunteer for Lawyers for Literacy and for the Mayor's Mentors and More Program. Williams is president-elect of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, where she has served as an officer for three years. She is a past president of the Fred G. Minnis Sr. Bar Association and the Fred G. Minnis Sr. Bar Foundation.

Recent grad wins state professionalism award

Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero presented Callie Weed '08 with the prestigious Student Professionalism Service Award from the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism at a September ceremony in Tallahassee.

The award is given to the student who best exemplifies the ideals of professionalism through pro bono service, clinical and internship activities, mentoring of law students and others, community service, and personal character.

Weed excelled as a student at Stetson, volunteering more than 110 hours of legal pro bono service every semester as a Public Service Fellow and founding Stetson's Family Law Society. Weed also served on the moot court board.

A guardian ad litem who regularly recruits law students to work with children, Weed is an associate attorney for the Law Firm for Family Law in Clearwater.

Pictured below: Callie Weed '08 accepts the Student Professionalism Service Award from Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero.



Stetson welcomes new, visiting faculty



Patricia W. Hatamyar joins Stetson as a visiting professor from Oklahoma City University, where she previously served as associate dean for academic affairs. She was a partner with the Chicago-based law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, practicing commercial and business litigation. She began her teaching career with the goal of illuminating doctrine, ethics and theory by placing them squarely within the context of the actual practice of law, and has remained devoted to both skills and doctrinal training.



The former dean of law at Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania, Visiting Associate Professor **Tadas Klimas** authored *Comparative Contract Law*, a Lithuanian monograph on plagiarism and manual of citation. He has served as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as chief legal counsel to the chairman of Lithuania's parliament, where he authored legislation to improve judicial accountability and the criminal justice system. Klimas has served as a member of an international panel evaluating Estonian law schools and has authored a study reviewing the quality of Lithuanian doctoral dissertations in the field of law. He has lectured at the University of Birmingham, University of Nottingham, University of Leicester, and De Montfort University and has taught law in Lithuania, Brazil and Spain.



Kurt W. Lenz, visiting assistant professor of legal skills, practiced as a commercial litigator in New York and Pennsylvania for 10 years, trying a number of cases to verdict before state and federal courts, AAA arbitration panels, and appellate courts. He is pursuing a graduate degree in applied linguistics from the University of South Florida. While in law school, he was a member of the Moot Court Board, executive editor of the *Business Law Journal*, and vice president of the Corporate Law Society.



Lance N. Long joins Stetson as assistant professor of legal skills after teaching for nine years at Brigham Young University and the University of Oregon. Professor Long has practiced with firms in Salt Lake City and Orange County, Calif. He focused on appellate and motion practice in the areas of intellectual property, contract and construction law. Professor Long's scholarship emphasizes empirical analyses of language patterns in appellate briefs and opinions.



Visiting Assistant Professor **Tory L. Lucas** is from Bellevue University, where he served as assistant professor of law and political science, associate director of the Center for American Vision and Values, and chair of the world security and strategic studies program and political science department. Lucas worked in government

and private practice, focusing on labor and employment law, insurance law, tort law, municipal law, and education law. He served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force and as a law clerk for two judges at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. Lucas has served at Creighton University as a visiting law professor and as district director for U.S. Congressman Lee Terry of Nebraska.



Assistant Professor of Legal Skills **Jason Palmer** joins Stetson following six years as a professorial lecturer at George Washington University. He worked for the Department of State representing the United States in international arbitration cases before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. He spent four years in Switzerland working as a judge for the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts, adjudicating claims of victims of Nazi persecution; for the United Nations Compensation Commission, coordinating review of Palestinian claims against Iraq as a result of its invasion and occupation of Kuwait; and creating and teaching a course for Swiss lawyers on U.S. legal writing at the University of Zurich. Palmer also spent several years in private practice in Washington, D.C., focusing on commercial litigation and international arbitration.



Visiting Professor **Judith A.M. Scully** comes to Stetson from the West Virginia University. She teaches criminal law and procedure, and has authored many publications on civil rights law. Before entering academia, she focused her professional practice on civil rights litigation and criminal defense. She served as an arbitrator and administrative law judge in Cook County, and deputy director of the City of Chicago Board of Ethics.



Visiting Professor **Michael L. Seigel** is from the University of Florida, where he taught criminal law, evidence and white collar crime, and previously served as associate dean for academic affairs. He has held federal prosecutorial posts with the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney's offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Middle District of Florida. He wrote a mystery novel, *Improbable Events: Murder at Ellenton Hall*, and edited *Race to Injustice: Lessons Learned from the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case*. He has written in the *American Journal of Criminal Law*, *Boston College Law Review*, *Boston University Law Review*, *Florida State University Law Review*, *Harvard Law Review*, *Hofstra Law Review*, *Journal of Legal Education*, *Northwestern Law Review*, and the *Wisconsin Law Review*, among other publications. Seigel is the author of 10 opinion articles and an occasional contributor to the *Orlando Sentinel*. His opinion piece on the issue of corporate attorney-client privilege waiver led to his testifying on the subject before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in September 2007.

Recent publications, presentations, awards and activities by Stetson faculty

Kristen David Adams

Professor of Law

Professor Adams presented "Homeownership: American Dream or Illusion of Empowerment?" at a University of South Carolina School of Law symposium. She moderated the American Bar Association panel "Do Worlds Collide? When Operational Systems Meet the Law," which featured a discussion of emerging technologies in e-closings, e-notes and remote deposit capture in August. Professor Adams also moderated the ABA teleconference "Weird Collateral." She participated in a panel on "Guiding a Student's Choice When You Know (or Suspect) Law School is Not the Right Choice" at the Northeastern Association of Pre-Law Advisors annual meeting in Ithaca, N.Y. She served on the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Call for Papers Committee and as a mentor for a SEALS New Scholar. Professor Adams has been invited to serve as the payments representative on Consumers Union's new advisory

council. Her piece "Of Stockyards and Stock Exchanges: Proceeds Puzzles Under Revised UCC Article 9" appeared in the September/October 2008 issue of the ABA's *Business Law Today*, and she published the 7th edition of *Uniform Commercial Code in a Nutshell* with co-author Professor Emeritus Bradford Stone. She chaired The Florida Bar Public Interest Law Section's Homelessness Committee meeting in Boca Raton in June. In October, she participated in a faculty exchange presentation at the Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala.

the Southeastern Association of Law Schools panel "Alternative Visions of the Judicial Role" where he introduced and organized a full-day workshop on civil procedure. His article "The Underappreciated First Amendment Importance of *Lawrence v. Texas*" appeared in the *Washington and Lee Law Review*.

Jerry L. Anderson

Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Anderson's empirical study of American zoning boards and attitudes toward zoning was published in November in the *Urban Lawyer*. He presented the paper "Protection for the Powerless: Lessons for the Animal Welfare Movement from the History of Child Labor Reform" at an environmental history conference in Paris, France. The paper develops a model of how political systems develop legal protections for powerless groups such as children and animals.

Michael P. Allen

Professor of Law

Professor Allen participated in a videoconference sponsored by the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law on "Emerging Issues: Returning Veterans, PTSD and Other Injuries, and Their Impact on the Criminal Justice" in October. Professor Allen served as a mentor to a SEALS New Scholar, and he also spoke on

ACADEMIC NEWS

Morgan '80 receives Theresa Award



Rebecca C. Morgan, Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law and director of the Center for Excellence in Elder Law, received a Theresa Award in May in Island Park, N.Y., for her work championing equal access to justice for the elderly and people with special needs.

"Becky is a national leader in advocating for people with special needs, and we are thrilled to present her with the award," said Theresa Foundation Board member Vincent J. Russo.

Established in 1992 in memory of Theresa Alessandra Russo, the Theresa Foundation is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families.

Radwan elected to American Law Institute



Senior Associate Dean of Academics Theresa Pulley Radwan became the 10th member of Stetson's faculty to be elected to the American Law Institute this fall.

"The process of being selected into the ALI is rigorous," said ALI President Roberta Cooper Ramo. Membership is a significant honor, as well as a promise to contribute to the health of the legal system in the U.S. and, increasingly, that of legal systems around the world."

Founded in 1923, the American Law Institute publishes restatements and principles of the law, model codes and proposals for legal reform to promote the clarification and simplification of the law, to secure the better administration of justice, and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work.

Florida Bar honors Rose



The Florida Bar honored Professor Charles H. Rose III, director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, with the Law Faculty Professionalism Award at its annual meeting in Boca Raton this summer. Rose is the third Stetson professor to be honored with the award in the past five years.

"The award is presented to a faculty member who, through teaching, scholarship and service, represents the highest standard of professionalism," said Carl Zahner, director of the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism, which works with the bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism to select award recipients.

Professor Roberta Flowers received the award in 2005 and Professor Rebecca Morgan '80 received it in 2003.

Linda S. Anderson

Associate Director of Legal Research and Writing and Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Anderson presented “Designing (or Re-Designing) Your Course to Improve Learning and Teaching: Integrated Instructional Design Tools” at the 13th biennial Legal Writing Institute conference in Indianapolis, Ind. She also was appointed to the Legal Writing Institute professional development committee.

Robert Batey

Professor of Law

Professor Batey was the academic director of the Stetson Summer Institute for International and Comparative Law in Freiburg, Germany, and the Stetson Law Autumn in London program.

Mark D. Bauer

Associate Dean of Academics and Associate Professor of Law

Dean Bauer moderated the Southeastern Association of Law Schools panel “Empirical Analysis of Law School Rankings.” He spoke in Nashville, Tenn., to the National Conference of Administrations on Aging, where Stetson partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss current legal trends in fraud against seniors, and what Stetson is doing to combat these crimes.

Joan Catherine Bohl

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Bohl was an invited speaker at the International Society of Family Law 13th World Conference in Vienna, Austria, where she presented “When Happily Ever After Isn’t: Dissolving Same-Sex Relationships in the United States.”

Paul Boudreaux

LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Research Chair and Associate Professor of Law

Professor Boudreaux moderated the Southeastern Association of Law Schools panel “The Constitutionality and Wisdom of Teaching Intelligent Design in Public Schools,” in Palm Beach. Professor Boudreaux’s opinion article “Rays of Hope”

was published in the *Tampa Tribune* in September. He continues to serve as editor of the Land Use Profs Blog.

Brooke J. Bowman

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Bowman co-presented “Putting the R in LRW” with Professor Rebecca Trammell at the 13th biennial Legal Writing Institute conference in Indianapolis, Ind. She recorded a presentation, “Knowing and Using Resources,” as part of the Suffolk Law School’s iTunes University program “Transitioning from One-L to Summer Legal Work.” She was elected to a second two-year term as managing editor of *Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, and she presented her article “Researching Across the Curriculum: The Road Must Continue Beyond the First Year” at the Florida Junior Faculty Forum in November.

Catherine J. Cameron

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Cameron presented the article, “Jumping Off the Merry-Go-Round: How the Federal Courts Will Resolve the Circular Deference Problem of HIPAA and FOIA,” at the Florida Junior Faculty Forum in November. Professor Cameron co-presented with Professor Jeff Minneti and Robin Boyle at the 2008 Legal Writing Institute Conference for the session “Teaching to Different Learning Styles in the LR&W Classroom.” She moderated “Emerging and Persistent Issues in Legal Writing Education and Scholarship” at the 2008 Southeast Association of Law Schools.

Lee A. Coppock

Trial Advocacy Fellow

Professor Coppock was a panelist on “Not a Moot Point: The Nuts and Bolts of Moot Court Programs” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference.

Kirsten K. Davis

Associate Professor of Law and Director of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Davis has been named to the advisory board for an SSRN *Law and Rhetoric e-Journal* and the Legal Writing Institute’s awards committee. Professor Davis was a

featured speaker at Mercer University’s Law and Rhetoric Conference, presenting on “Applying the Rhetorical Perspective to Legal Writing Scholarship, Teaching, Professional Practice, and Disciplinary Development.” Professor Davis presented her paper “Small Necessities Laws” at Mercer in November. Professor Davis presented “Persistent and Emerging Issues in Legal Writing Scholarship and Education: Status and Security of Position” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference in Palm Beach. She participated in the panel “Changing Schools, Changing Lives: How to Get Out There, Get Noticed, and Get the Job You Want” at the 13th biennial Legal Writing Institute conference in Indianapolis, Ind. She published “The Rhetoric of Accommodation: Considering the Language of Work-Family Discourse” in a symposium on Workplace Restructuring to Accommodate Family Life in the *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*.

Darby Dickerson

Vice President, Dean and Professor of Law

Dean Dickerson published “The Millennial Brain and Risk” in the November *Campus Activities Programming*. She made presentations on cyberbullying, campus security plans and risk management at the third annual Stetson/NASPA Student Affairs Law and Policy Conference in Las Vegas, Nev. Dean Dickerson was a featured speaker at the U.S. Department of Education’s annual meeting on alcohol, drug and violence prevention in St. Paul, Minn. She presented “Communicating with the Administration” for the American Bar Association Law Students Division in New York City. She presented “Promoting Faculty Scholarship: What Kind of Scholarship Should Be Produced?” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference in Palm Beach, and presented a full-day workshop on “Campus Safety and Security” in Tampa for the Florida Network and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. She presented a “Risk-Management Institute” with Professor Peter F. Lake at the National Association for Campus Activities in Orlando. She presented “Bullies at Work: New Challenges for Institutions and HR Professionals” with Deborah C. Brown ’87 for the southern regional meeting of the

College and University Personnel Association in Charleston, S.C. She was session leader at the new candidates' roundtable and a women's roundtable participant at the AALS faculty recruitment conference in Washington. She also participated in a panel discussion about Vanderbilt Law School's new curriculum in Nashville, Tenn. Dean Dickerson was reappointed to the executive committee of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Pinellas County Education Facilities Authority. She has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of College and University Law*.

Kelly M. Feeley

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Feeley's essay "Hear a Song, Write a Wrong — Poor Grammar in Song Lyrics: An Old and New Enemy to Clear and Succinct Legal Writing" has been published in the most recent issue of *The Scrivener*, a publication of Scribes — The American Society of Legal Writers. She co-coached the arbitration team to a regional title, and in November she spoke at St. Petersburg College about arbitration and mediation.

Peter L. Fitzgerald

Professor of Law

Professor Fitzgerald spoke on "Failing to Recognize the Applicable Law in International Business Transactions" at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference on a panel addressing "Comparative Business Regulation." He attended a reception at No. 10 Downing Street in London (the British Prime Minister's residence) to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission.

Roberta K. Flowers

Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Flowers presented "Ethics and the Practice of Elder Law" at the 2008 National Association of Elder Law Attorneys Symposium in Maui, Hawaii. She presented at Stetson's Educating Advocates Conference and at the Masters of Ethics Seminar at The Florida Bar annual meeting in Boca Raton. She presented on ethical issues in the practice of elder law at the Gulfcoast

Legal Services ethics conference, the National Aging and the Law Conference in Washington, and an Illinois Bar continuing legal education course in Chicago. She also presented "The Ethical Role of the Prosecutor" for the Sarasota state attorney's office. She co-coached the winning arbitration team in the American Bar Association regional competition and the Florida Justice Association trial team in West Palm Beach.

Clark W. Furlow

Associate Professor of Law and Associate Dean, Tampa Law Center

Dean Furlow moderated a panel on "Teaching an Electronic Education Class" at the summer meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

Royal C. Gardner

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

Professor Gardner co-authored a chapter on international assistance in *Agenda for a Sustainable America*, published by the Environmental Law Institute. He delivered "Wetlands in a Global Context" at the Moonlight on the Marsh Distinguished Lecture at the Ohio State University and presented at a workshop on "A Global Approach to Avoiding, Minimizing and Offsetting Wetlands Loss" at the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain. Professor Gardner participated in the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Changwon, Korea, as the North American representative to the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel. At the conference, he organized and moderated "Assessing the Value of Ramsar Designation: Survey Results from North America" and was a panelist at IUCN's side event, "SHARE — Managing Water Across Boundaries."

Patricia W. Hatamyar

Visiting Professor of Law

Professor Hatamyar's article on "The Effect of 'Tort Reform' on Tort Case Filings" will be published in the *Valparaiso Law Review*.

Cynthia G. Hawkins-León

Professor of Law

Professor Hawkins-León was part of a panel discussion in St. Petersburg at the Studio@620's Social Justice Roundtable on "It Takes Two: The Marriage Amendment and Tolerance." She has been sworn in as special magistrate for code enforcement for the City of St. Petersburg for a four-year term.

Marco J. Jimenez

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Jimenez' article on "The Value of a Promise: A Utilitarian Approach to Contract Law Remedies" has been published in the October 2008 *UCLA Law Review*.

Darryll K. Jones

Professor of Law

Professor Jones spoke at the University of Iowa on "Does the Private Benefit Doctrine Preclude Tax Exemption for Health Maintenance Organizations?"

William A. Kaplin

Distinguished Professorial Lecturer

Professor Kaplin co-authored "Religious Freedom on Campus" in the *Pavela Report: Law and Policy in Higher Education*. He continues to co-author analyses of recent developments in higher education law on the Law of Higher Education Web page hosted by the National Association of College and University Attorneys. Professor Kaplin has been re-appointed for an additional one-year term on the editorial board of the *Journal of College and University Law*. Stetson's Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy has announced the establishment of the William A. Kaplin Award for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy Scholarship, a national award to be presented annually at the National Conference on Higher Education Law and Policy on the basis of published work in the field.

Timothy S. Kaye

Professor of Law

Professor Kaye authored two chapters in a new book, *Risk and the Law*, which provides a study of English, French, German and European Union approaches to risk.

Tadas Klimas

Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Professor Klimas presented “The Lithuanian Rule of Law” during the 14th World Lithuanian Symposium on Arts and Sciences in Lemont, Ill. The Legal History Blog summarized his article comparing the independence struggles of the United States and Lithuania. The International Law Prof Blog promoted his article “Law of Recitals in European Community Legislation,” co-authored with Dr. Jurate Vaiciukaite of the Council of the European Union.

Peter F. Lake

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

Professor Lake was the featured speaker at the National Association of Campus Activities regional conference in Lancaster, Pa. He facilitated multiple programs for the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, as well as a two-day risk management workshop for the National Association of Campus Activities in Orlando. He published “Still Waiting: The Slow Evolution of the Law in Light of the Ongoing Student Suicide Crisis” in the *Journal of College and University Law*.

Lance N. Long

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Long presented his forthcoming article “Clearly, Using Intensifiers is Very Bad” at the Legal Writing Institute’s 13th biennial conference in Indianapolis, Ind. Professor Long’s presentation discussed his empirical research concerning the correlation between success on appeal and the overuse of intensifiers in appellate briefs.

Janice K. McClendon

Professor of Law

Professor McClendon published “The Death Knell of Traditional Defined Benefit Plans: Avoiding a Race to the 401(k) Bottom” in the Fall 2007 *Temple Law Review*.

Jeffrey J. Minneti

Director of Academic Success

Professor Minneti presented “Teaching to Different Learning Styles in the LR&W Classroom” at the Legal Writing Institute’s

13th biennial conference in Indianapolis, Ind. The presentation discussed research on how to teach for different learning styles in the legal writing classroom and offered a model lesson for a legal writing class.

Rebecca C. Morgan

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

Professor Morgan participated in a video-conference program in the Eleazer Courtroom with Professor Michael Allen and presenters at Menlo Park, Calif., on “Emerging Issues: Returning Veterans, PTSD and Other Injuries, and Their Impact on the Criminal Justice.” The program was sponsored by the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson. Professor Morgan moderated the program about the issues, programs and criminal courts’ responses to veterans with PTSD. Professor Morgan also chaired Stetson’s 10th Special Needs Trusts conference in October. In November, she taught for the National Judicial College in their current issues course in Charleston, S.C.

Joseph F. Morrissey

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Morrissey spoke at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools panel on internationalization.

Luz Estella Nagle

Professor of Law

Professor Nagle was a panelist at the inaugural conference for the establishment of the Diplomate degree in Public Security at the Universidad Autónoma de Nueva León Facultad de Derecho y Criminología in Monterrey, Mexico. She co-chaired the panel “Criminal Issues Arising from International Conflict” at the 11th Transnational Crime Conference in London. She presented on the impact of globalization on international human trafficking for labor exploitation at the Florida Coalition against Human Trafficking in Clearwater. Her article “Process Issues of Colombia’s New Accusatory System” has been published in the *Southwestern Journal of Law and Trade in the Americas*, and her article “Selling Souls: The Effect of Globalization on Human Trafficking and Forced Servitude” has been published in the *Wisconsin International*

Law Journal. Professor Nagle has published “Some Thoughts on the Rule of Law and Democracy in Latin America” in the International Bar Association’s *Criminal Law Newsletter*. She spoke at the American Bar Association annual meeting for the Section on Criminal Justice in New York on “Defining the Boundaries: The Use of Private Contractors in Contingency Operations.” She presented a paper on human trafficking and efforts to combat human trafficking in Colombia and a paper about the impact of globalization on human trafficking in the United States at the Third International Summit on Human Trafficking in Ft. Myers. Professor Nagle was session chair for “Organized Crime: The Impact of Corruption and Terrorism on the Rule of Law and Public/Private Business” at the International Bar Association Conference in Buenos Aires. In December, she was the featured speaker at the Committee on Foreign Relations St. Louis chapter meeting, and she was invited to join the Council on Foreign Relations national speaker pool. She was named co-chair of the Criminal Law Section of the International Bar Association.

Jason Palmer

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Palmer was a panelist at the Pathways to Employment in International Law program presented by the ABA Section of International Law and The Florida Bar International Law Section. He spoke on working in public international law in a foreign country and the role of the government lawyer in international arbitration. He was appointed to the Legal Writing Institute’s global legal writing skills/international outreach committee and upper level legal writing committee.

Ann M. Piccard

Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Piccard was awarded an LL.M. degree with distinction in international human rights law from the University of London. She presented her poster “From One Part-Time Student to Another: A Lesson Plan from the Trenches” at the Legal Writing Institute’s 13th biennial conference in Indianapolis, Ind. Her poster discussed the method of using one case to prepare a class for four lessons, thus maximizing part-time students’ use of time. She also spoke to the Stetson University

Bonner Scholars on ways to integrate public service into a professional life.

Ellen S. Podgor

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

Dean Podgor co-authored *Mastering Criminal Law*, the second edition of *Understanding International Criminal Law*, and the 2008 supplement for *International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials*. She moderated a panel on “The Future of White Collar Sentencing Practice: What Practitioners Need to Know” at the American Bar Association Sentencing Advocacy, Practice and Reform Institute in Washington in October. Also in October, Dean Podgor was a panelist on the topic of “Monitors: When, Why and How? Is Congressional Oversight Inevitable?” at the ABA National Institute on Securities Fraud in Arlington, Va. She was a panelist on “Teaching an Electronic Education Class” and “Mexican Curricular Reform Project: Overview of Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure Pedagogy” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference in Palm Beach in July, where she also served as a mentor to a new scholar. She was a panelist on the topic of “Participation and Inchoate Offences” at the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law in Dublin, Ireland. She presented “Best Practices for Asynchronous Electronic Education (Distance Learning)” at CALL in Baltimore, Md. Dean Podgor co-presented “The Long Arm of the Law: Extraterritorial Application of U.S. Criminal Liability” at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers spring meeting and seminar in New York in May. Dean Podgor published “Back Against the Wall: Corporate Deferred Prosecution Through the Lens of Contract Policing,” co-authored with Professor Zierdt, in *Criminal Justice*, a publication of the American Bar Association’s Section of Criminal Justice, in fall 2008. In August, Dean Podgor received an award for exemplary service on the technology planning team at the recent National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers meeting; she also was awarded a President’s Commendation for “outstanding service in fighting for the rights of all persons ... to stand before the Bar of Justice with a capable defense lawyer at their side and due process as their shield.”

Theresa J. Pulley Radwan

Senior Associate Dean of Academics and Professor of Law

Dean Radwan co-presented a paper with Professor Morgan on “The Elderly in Bankruptcy.” In October, she participated in an ABA teleconference on “Weird Collateral” moderated by Professor Kristen Adams, presenting on the use of domain names as collateral under Article 9 of the UCC. She presented at the Celebration Center with Stetson University Family Enterprise Center and Turnaround Management Association Conference’s “Business Renewal Series: Survive Hard Times, Navigate the Economy, and Control Your Own Destiny.” Dean Radwan has been elected as a member of the American Law Institute.

Charles H. Rose

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

In October, Professor Rose coordinated the first national pretrial competition conducted in partnership with The Florida Bar’s Young Lawyers Division. The winning coach of the competition had been a student at Stetson’s Teaching Advocacy Skills conference in May, which Professor Rose directed.

Wm. Reece Smith Jr.

Distinguished Professorial Lecturer

Professor Wm. Reece Smith Jr. continues to serve as a member of the American Law Institute, the professionalism committee of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the ABA Rule of Law committee and House of Delegates, and Stetson Law Board of Overseers. The International Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee established the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year award in his honor.

Rebecca S. Trammell

Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law

Professor Trammell spoke at Southeastern Association of Law Schools on the panel “Available Technologies For Electronic Education.” Professor Trammell also served as a mentor to a SEALS New Scholar. She presented “Putting the R in LRW” at the 13th biennial Legal Writing

Institute conference in Indianapolis, Ind., in July. The presentation discussed integrating law librarians into legal writing programs to enhance students’ learning experiences. Her article “Florida Legislative History — You Really Can Do It Yourself” appeared in the October 2008 St. Petersburg Bar Association *Paraclete*, and she has been named a member of the 6th Judicial Circuit Law Library Board of Trustees.

Stephanie Vaughan

Associate Director of International Programs and Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Professor Vaughan served as resident director of the summer abroad programs in The Hague, Netherlands, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. She continues to serve as moot court board adviser.

Louis J. Virelli III

Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Virelli spoke at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference in Palm Beach in July on the panel, “The Constitutionality and Wisdom of Teaching Intelligent Design in Public Schools,” where he presented “Making Lemonade: A New Approach to Evaluating Evolution Disclaimers Under the Establishment Clause.”

Candace Zierdt

Professor of Law

Professor Zierdt published “Back Against the Wall: Corporate Deferred Prosecution Through the Lens of Contract Policing,” co-authored with Dean Ellen Podgor, in *Criminal Justice*, a publication of the American Bar Association’s Section of Criminal Justice, in fall 2008. She was appointed chair of the UCC Article 2 subcommittee of the ABA Business Law Section, chair of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) tribal legislation concerning child custody and domestic violence study committee, and member of the NCCUSL drafting committee to revise the uniform law on notarial acts.



Education without limits

Using technology to transform legal education

BY DAVINA Y. GOULD BA '97

A second-year J.D. student doing a summer clerkship in Washington. A veteran elder law attorney practicing in Texas. A hurricane victim whose home law school is temporarily closed for repairs.

These students from very different backgrounds are among the many who have benefited from Stetson's expanding electronic education curriculum.

Compared to traditional "live" classes, online courses at Stetson University College of Law are not easier—in fact, far from it. Students and professors are discovering that the advantages of distance learning extend beyond flexibility in time and location.

In contrast to the correspondence courses of the past, electronic education is bringing distance learning to mainstream higher education. Nearly all public universities offer distance learning courses, and some top universities require students to

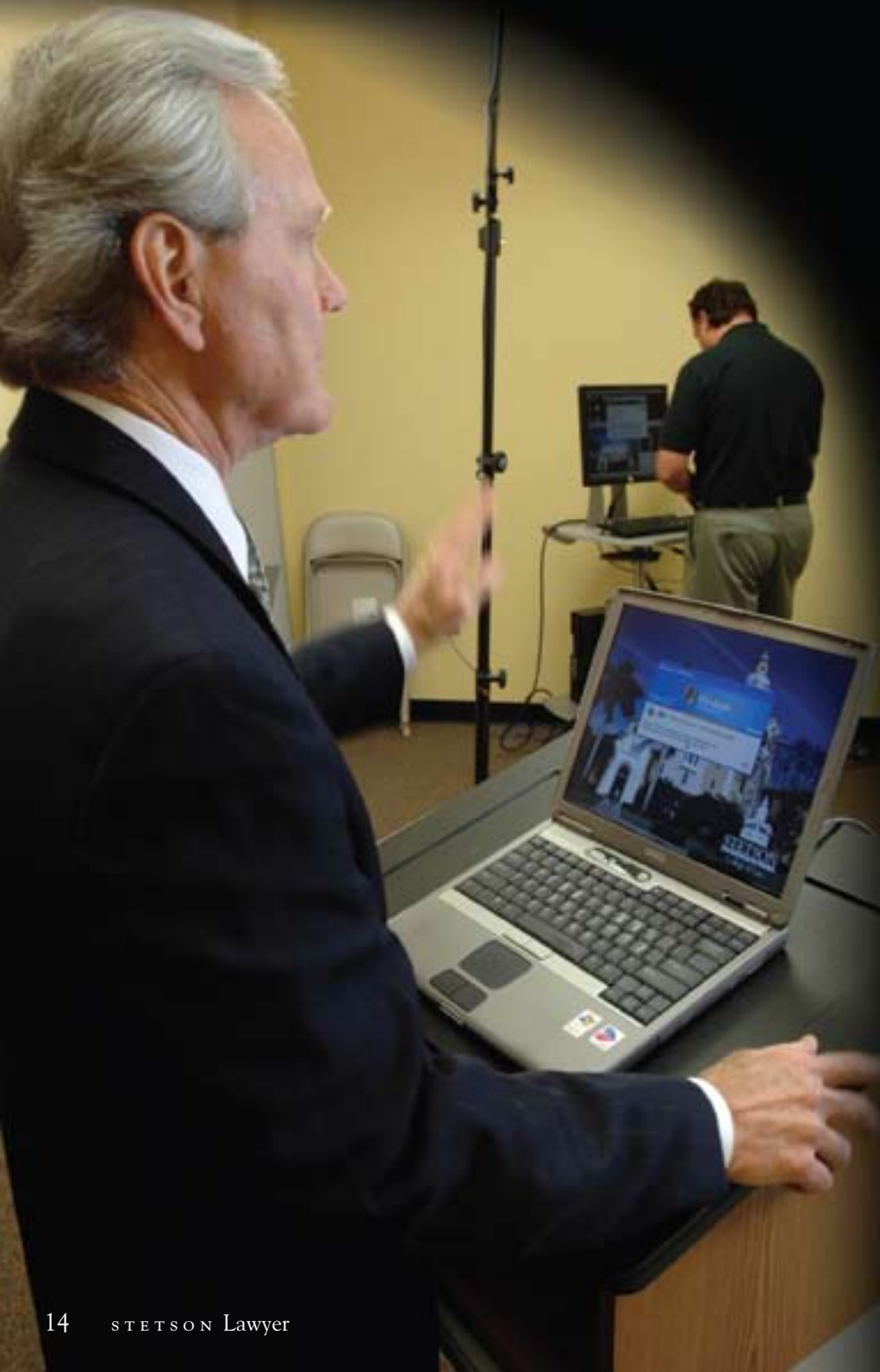
take at least one distance education course to graduate.

Traditional courses transformed

Stetson electronic education courses work through a system that combines video-on-demand broadcasts of lectures and PowerPoint presentations with discussion boards. To make the best use of the technology, professors must re-think their strategy for each course.

"Trying to replicate a live classroom doesn't work," explained Ellen Podgor, Stetson's associate dean of

Pictured below, Adjunct Professor Edwin Boyer '78 records a video lecture for his Guardianships and Alternatives course, which he co-taught with Professor Rebecca C. Morgan '80 for Stetson's online LL.M. in Elder Law degree program.



faculty development and electronic education. “The key is not replicating a live classroom, but making a classroom that’s better. What we’re doing here is unique and cutting-edge.”

All classes are asynchronous, as students may listen to lectures and contribute to discussions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The recorded lectures are high-quality productions, with the vast majority filmed in a studio with professional lighting. Most classes average around 17 students.

Even though Stetson has no intentions of offering required J.D. or bar-subject courses online, the law school has discovered that student performance in electronic classes has been identical, and sometimes better, than in the live classroom.

“There are no absences, no way to miss class, no way to avoid interaction,” Podgor said, noting that a survey of one online class found that 70 percent of students reported investing more time into their electronic courses, with the remainder reporting that the workload was the same.

Associate Dean of Academics Mark Bauer noted another major advantage of using new media: “They have the ability to replay material and listen to lectures at their own pace. We find that comprehension is higher, and students do better on exams.”

Total class participation

In lieu of calling on students to answer in class, all Stetson electronic education courses require students to submit a number of posts to discussion forums each week.

“You get to hear from students who

may be shy or intimidated and don't usually speak up in regular classes," said Professor Rebecca Trammell, who taught Advanced Legal Research electronically this summer.

Students have been enthusiastic about the format as well. "There was total class participation during this summer's media law class. I was able to hear the views and thoughts of all my classmates on every week, during every topic we were discussing," said Claudine Duclos, who took the Media Law Seminar online. "If I would ever have the choice of an electronic or live class covering the same subject, I would have to choose the electronic class."

Professor Catherine Cameron discovered that online format led to more in-depth, intellectual conversations among students. "There was robust discussion; students had more time to deliberate on what to write. They would bring in case law cites and interesting information you couldn't expect in a classroom."

Adapting traditional classes

Even though the online format allows for most of the same communication as traditional classes through video, handouts and discussion forums, Stetson's asynchronous classes require professors to carefully plan each semester and become more accessible to students.

"You can't take the same course you've been teaching for 20 years and put it straight online. You have to think about how you're going to communicate this, and make sure the students understand what you're

saying," Trammell said.

Trammell added that the online format usually results in more faculty/student engagement. Instead of two days of class and a few office hours a week, most professors respond to their online students more often because of increased e-mail and off-campus accessibility.

Because lectures are usually recorded early in the semester, some professors find that they must plan their schedules in more detail. "Live classes are really malleable—we can tell students what to read for tomorrow," Cameron said.

Lecturing for a camera creates an interesting dynamic for new online instructors. "You don't get an immediate reaction from the classroom, which takes some getting used to," described Bauer. "Teaching online requires a complementary set of skills, but there are also new ones involved."

New academic horizons

Another advantage of electronic learning is the ability to expand the market of potential students for each class.

Several summer seminar courses have been taught online, increasing access for students in internships outside the Tampa Bay area or from other law schools. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Stetson also offered distance education for students from New Orleans area law schools.

"This is never a replacement for the classroom experience; it's an adjunct for where there could be no

class," Bauer said. He cited Stetson's new LL.M. in elder law and M.J. in law and aging programs as examples of Stetson extending its reach.

"We have a remarkable amount of talent and experience here in regard to elder law. It was desirable to offer an LL.M. program, but how many people in Tampa Bay need an elder law degree? Even if it's several hundred, once we've taught them, we're done.

"Through the online program, we're reaching the U.S., and the entire world, for everyone who desires advanced training in elder law, but can't take a year off and relocate to attend class. Distance learning allows us to bring education to attorneys wherever they are. We couldn't even conceive of offering this degree if it were held on campus, and that's exciting," said Bauer.

The system also is used for Stetson's Advocacy Resource Center, a free subscription service for public service attorneys nationwide, and for the Overview of the U.S. Legal System program, which is a 17-part lecture series that will be available for pre-law students, foreign lawyers and foreign government personnel in 2009. In addition to the online lectures, Stetson is publishing a book with LexisNexis to accompany the course.

Stetson remains committed to the highest standards of legal education regardless of how courses are delivered, according to Dean Podgor. "Our strategy is to do it better, or don't do it at all."



Profiles of service

BY BRIAN VANDERLIET

All Stetson Law full-time faculty members are required to give at least 10 hours of pro bono service each year. The following profiles describe the volunteer work of a few of the many Stetson Law professors whose involvement goes beyond requirement to help their communities and those in need.

Bruce Jacob '59 A Lifetime of Service

Almost every week, Bruce Jacob receives a freshly-penned letter from an inmate asking for legal advice. An accomplished lawyer who has twice argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, Jacob responds to most of these letters both because of his love for humanity and because he sees pro bono service as an obligation.

“A part of the privilege of practicing law is to handle free cases for indigent people,” said Jacob, dean emeritus and professor of law. “It is maybe the most important responsibility of any lawyer.”

It’s clear that Jacob does not sympathize with inmates *because* of their transgressions. His passion is for criminal law and justice for those who may not have had effective representation. The legal system, he said, is overburdened.

“Public defender offices don’t have enough funding,” said Jacob. “Caseloads are huge. Lawyers who are handling hundreds of cases at a time can’t possibly do each justice. The system just doesn’t work. It’s almost at the breaking point.”

Perhaps ironically, Jacob, as a 27-year-old assistant attorney general for the State of Florida, argued for the losing side in the renowned 1963 Supreme Court case *Gideon v. Wainwright*, which resulted in the automatic right to state-provided counsel for all defendants.

Jacob, now 73, said that although he was on the “wrong side” of that case, he does not regret his role in shaping the court’s decision.



“Just whether Gideon should win wasn’t the only issue,” said Jacob. “It was what part of the constitution should be used to rule in his favor. Also, we were very concerned about whether it should be retroactive because the idea that there would be thousands and thousands of inmates being released at the same time was scary.”

He credits his involvement with that landmark case for sparking an interest in prison reform and the rights of prison inmates. Jacob went on to provide pro bono service as a special assistant public defender in Florida while also working at a private firm.

Jacob has enjoined others to serve. He helped establish the Emory Law School Legal Assistance for Inmates Program, the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, and while at Ohio State University, he worked with students to provide assistance for indigent clients in hundreds of criminal cases.

Much of his recent pro bono service has centered on offering assistance for a St. Petersburg

man, John Robinson, who Jacob believes was wrongfully charged with first-degree murder. With aid from students and professors Michael Finch and Kate Bohl, Jacob estimates that he has spent more than 300 hours working on the case through research, interviews and brief writing.

“I don’t think he’s guilty at all, because he killed in self-defense,” said Jacob of Robinson, who he believes had ineffective counsel. “I think the argument can be made that he is guilty of manslaughter, maybe even second-degree murder, but he’s just not guilty of first-degree murder. Period.”

Despite the hundreds of letters he has written and numerous clients he has assisted, Jacob said that much more could be done for the thousands of prisoners with legitimate legal issues.

“What I do is just a drop in the bucket,” said Jacob. “Every lawyer needs to be out there doing a lot of this in order to make a difference. There’s just so much.”



Dorothea Beane Worldwide Volunteer

Professor Dorothea Beane brings the same energetic zeal to her pro bono work whether she's helping to shape a new constitution for the U.S. Virgin Islands, reporting on international criminal court trials throughout the world, or enforcing property codes throughout St. Petersburg.

Beane said that her reasons for service were the same regardless of task or location. As a professional lawyer, she said that she feels obliged to give her time, just as a medical physician might volunteer to help sick people in their community.

"I'm supposed to serve," said Beane. "I'm supposed to serve my student constituency, and I'm supposed to serve the greater community where we sit as an institution. I choose to do that in ways that are particularly interesting to me."

One of her projects of interest has been to lead a Stetson Law consortium of nine professors and 14 students who have been offering pro bono technical assistance and research for the drafting of a constitution for the U.S. Virgin Islands, a territory with a population of more than 100,000.

"To help the people of the Virgin Islands with their aims of self determination is really extraordinary," said Beane, who spends about 10 hours a week on the project and has visited the Virgin Islands five times since March 2008. "If we were to put a price on this, the value of these services would be over a million dollars."

Beane said that by offering their services free-of-charge to the constitutional delegation, Stetson has been able to gain the trust of people in the territory who may have been initially skeptical of outside assistance. Her involvement with the history-making project will continue through May, when the constitution should be ready for submittal to the U.S. Congress.

Her additional pro bono work extends to international locations, such as The Hague, Netherlands, where she has observed and reported on numerous tribunals for the benefit of the National Bar Association, and to her work locally as a St. Petersburg code-enforcement board member and special magistrate.

"I find it to be one of those feel-good jobs that I could do," said Beane of her code-enforcement service, which helps maintain the safety, appearance and property values of neighborhoods. "It improves the condition of how we all live."

Luz Nagle Witness for the Weary

When talking with Professor Luz Nagle, you might begin to feel guilty. That's because the woman is so dynamic in nature that it's easy to think a few minutes of her time might otherwise be used to change lives.

The range of Nagle's pro bono service spans from working to end human trafficking and child slavery in Florida (yes, in Florida) to serving as an external researcher and consultant with the U.S. Army War College. But her primary focus, she said, lies with helping refugees in her native Colombia, and surrounding countries, to obtain political asylum in the United States.

Once a Colombian judge, Nagle was compelled to leave her country after assassination attempts by drug lords in the mid-80s. Since beginning a new life in the U.S., her understanding of North and South American societies and legal systems has made her superbly qualified to testify as an expert witness and speak with firsthand knowledge of the chaos from which many seek to escape.

"The amount of atrocities that go on in other countries is just unfathomable," said Nagle. "What these individuals have been exposed to, what they have been victimized for, that's what really drives my heart."

Nagle's background has enabled her to explain to U.S. judges in



detail how certain individuals must flee from persecution by Colombian guerillas and paramilitary forces or from persecution for political or sexual orientation. She also has served as an expert on behalf of Central Americans fleeing persecution by youth gangs, known as *maras salvatrucha*, or by security forces.

In a recent case, Nagle testified on behalf of an elderly Colombian woman who was kidnapped and tied to a tree by leftist guerillas who did not like that she was supplying water and food to military units near a strategic mountain location. Abandoned to die, the woman managed to wrangle free from the ropes and leave the country.

Nagle said that she was able to convince a U.S. judge that the woman was seeking more than a better economic life; she was in fact seeking to preserve her actual life. Since being granted asylum two years ago, the woman still contacts Nagle to express appreciation.

"I get goose bumps," said Nagle about how it feels to testify for refugees. "The anxiety on these people's faces is unbelievable."

Nagle can recall the abject poverty in Colombia, where children search for food in trash cans, as well as the huge legal disparities and systemic violence. She once made a promise to herself that if she were able to regain her legal career after moving to the U.S., she would use her position to help society and those who need assistance the most.

"I wanted to be a part of the system, to see if I can help change the system from within," said Nagle. "I saw that with law, maybe I was going to be able to do something."

Lee Coppock '96 Making the Case

During summer 2005, Professor Lee Coppock began pro bono work on a federal habeas corpus appeal with almost no chance of success. The odds were 1,000-to-1 against him, his peers said.

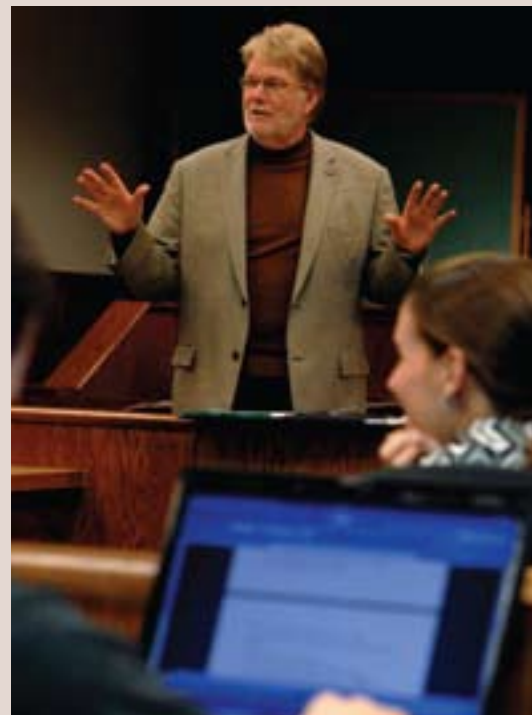
He learned of the Kim Duayne Cain case from a letter by a young girl describing how her father's flawed trial resulted in a sentence to life plus 60 years. After doing his own research, he was convinced that significant errors were made. Yet he had almost forgotten about the letter until deciding to read it to students during a Professional Responsibility course.

"Of course, everybody was listening carefully," said Coppock. "I said, 'If there's anybody here who wants to help me, I'll consider picking up the ball.' I had about six students who said they'd like to be involved."

Since then, Coppock has spent more than 700 hours on the case, traveling across the state multiple times to a penitentiary in Indian River County to interview Cain. On Feb. 22, 2008, after fighting through state courts, the case reached the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, where his argument was denied a hearing.

Despite the appeal's failure and his enormous disappointment, Coppock does not view his efforts, or those of others who assisted, as pointless. Just going through the judicial process helps bring a measure of satisfaction, he said.

"I'd like to think we did everything we could," said Coppock. "Ultimately, we were turned down, but I have the satisfaction of know-



ing that there's nothing we could have done that we didn't do. And I think the inmate also has some satisfaction of knowing we've done all we could."

Coppock said that he believes that a desire for pro bono service stems from personal values and a sense of responsibility. He said that by assisting others in need, lawyers can help bring increased honor to the legal profession.

In addition to helping with Cain's appeal, Coppock has also worked on dozens of child protection cases for the Guardian Ad Litem program. A criminal case such as Cain's is, of course, more controversial than assisting an abused or neglected child. But despite Cain's murder conviction, Coppock said that he had no qualms about providing assistance because all defendants deserve effective legal representation.

"From the beginning, I said I'm going to do the best that I can and then I can live with the outcome," said Coppock. "Sometimes you do it just because you should."

Front lines to the Pentagon

BY FRANK KLIM

Founded in 1775 by George Washington, the Judge Advocate General's Corps is the oldest and largest law firm in the nation. Its wide-ranging practice includes military law, criminal prosecution, international law and legal assistance in the U.S. and abroad.

Most join the JAG Corps out of a sense of duty, patriotism and a passion for the law. This is a story about two of many Stetson graduates who are serving as JAG officers. One is wrapping up a distinguished military career; the other has paved a legal career with global implications and lifetime of service.

Colonel Kathryn Stone

At the helm of this massive law firm is Lt. Gen. Scott C. Black, and his executive officer is Col. Kathryn Stone BA '78, JD '80. From her office in the Pentagon, Col. Stone helps General Black provide legal support to the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army, legal counsel on Army congressional matters and public affairs, and policy direction and strategic oversight for the JAG

Corps. She also oversees a budget of over \$140 million. Her counterpart in the civilian world might be a chief operating officer of a large corporation or the chief administrative officer for an extremely large law firm.

Early in life, Stone realized she was destined for a legal career. "I knew I wanted to be a lawyer while in junior high school."

After growing up in the small central Florida community of Lake Wales, Stone headed to Stetson University in DeLand and enrolled in the Army ROTC program. She says the military preparation and a sense of serving her country felt right. After earning her bachelor's degree with majors in finance and economics, she headed directly to the law school.

Stone says her law professors had a profound impact on her "critical and objective thinking." She fondly remembers Professors Robert Batey, Thomas Marks, Judge Alexander Paskay and the late Cal Kuenzel, who helped train the way she examines issues. "I learned that a lawyer needs to be able to analyze every angle of every issue, to look at

the second, third and fourth order effects and the unintended consequences. It was incredibly powerful to do that." She adds, "It was fun to develop my mind that way. I had always been a detailed person but Stetson really challenged, perfected and gave structure to my thinking."

After earning her law degree in two-and-a-half years and passing the Florida bar examination, Stone entered the Army JAG Corps as a first lieutenant. Over the course of 28 years of service, she has been stationed throughout the world and held many legal positions. She has tried cases, been

a chief prosecutor, ethics attorney, administrative law attorney and senior level legal advisor to a four-star commanding general. Col. Stone was the senior legal adviser in the first combat division to enter Afghanistan after 9/11.

While serving as the senior legal adviser for the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, she met Stetson Law Professor Luz Nagle. The JAG Corps was working to assist Colombia's military justice



system. Professor Nagle was working as a subject matter expert. Professor Nagle invited Col. Stone back to her alma mater in 2003 to speak to law students about that initiative.

Col. Stone's current job at the Pentagon is coming to an end. She plans to retire from military service next summer after more than 28 years of service. While she will be leaving the military, she has no plans to stop working. She admits that she is so busy at her current job that she is just beginning to weigh her options for the future. Whatever her career choice, she says her years at Stetson have played a critical role in shaping her future.

Captain Michael Korte

Like Stone, Capt. Michael Korte '04 knew from an early age knew that he wanted to be a lawyer. "It was pretty clear that I was going to be a lawyer at age five. I would actually plea-bargain my way out of certain meals. I would strike deals with mom about getting dessert ahead of time."

Korte earned his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech. After graduating, he applied to law schools in Arizona and Florida. After visiting Stetson, he knew where he wanted to earn his law degree.

He admits that he was challenged by Stetson. "I worked twice as hard as I ever had before. But after the first year, I did pretty well once I understood how to handle the material."

Korte cites several professors who helped shape his thinking in preparation for his career as a mili-

tary attorney. "Professor (James Jay) Brown challenged us to do more than just the basics. He challenged us to think like lawyers. It wasn't so much the material; it was how we identified issues. He taught us how to reach into a case and find all the issues and then formulate them in such a way that you could advocate. That has been extremely helpful in my job."

Korte's job as a military attorney has covered the gamut of legal issues. He is currently doing criminal defense appellate work in Arlington, Va.

After passing the bar, Korte was off to three months of preliminary training at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, followed by employment at Fort Hood, Texas, as a legal assistance attorney. In this role, he provided civil assistance to soldiers with a variety of legal needs: divorces, custody cases, child support, adoption and landlord-tenant issues. He also wrote hundreds of wills for deploying soldiers.

A few months later, his entire division was flown to Baghdad, Iraq, arriving on Christmas Eve. He provided tax advice to soldiers, living and working in the area that was once Baghdad International Airport.

Midway through his deployment, he changed positions and transitioned from legal assistance to detainee operations. After interviews and evaluations of detainees, they were sorted according to their security levels.



After the eyes of the world focused on the treatment of detainees at the Abu Ghraib detention facility, the U.S. military established an inspection team to conduct surprise visits of detention facilities in Iraq to ensure that the facilities were running in an efficient and humane manner. The team consisted of doctors, safety personnel, military police, the inspector general and detainee operations lawyer Capt. Michael Korte.

After almost a year in Iraq, Korte was sent back to the states to study criminal law in preparation for orders to serve as a criminal defense attorney in South Korea.

Once there, his first military panel trial involved the aggravated assault of one soldier against another. One of the soldiers suffered a fractured skull, among other injuries. Korte spent 15 months in Korea involved in 25 trials including four stabbing cases and several assault and rape cases. Korte credits Stetson Law Professor Peter Fitzgerald for helping him prepare for the challenges ahead. "He challenged us to think in a totally new way that had absolute real-world applications. Maybe we didn't realize it at the time, but I do now." Capt. Korte recently re-enlisted for another three years and believes that like Col. Stone, the life of a JAG officer combines a passion for the law, a lifetime of learning and commitment of service to country.

Vis Moot experience

leads Emily Tejerina to international opportunities

BY BRANDI PALMER

“Ever since I was small, I was interested in other cultures,” says third-year Stetson Law student Emily Tejerina, whose mother is originally from Cuba and father is from Argentina. Her family likes to retell the story of Tejerina arriving at a hotel in Havana as a nine-year-old, throwing open the curtains, and exclaiming to her grandmother, “It looks just like New York City!” Tejerina had not yet been to the Big Apple, but the scene in La Habana represented the bustling metropolis with millions of twinkling lights promising opportunity.

Nearly 15 years later, Tejerina is spending the year at Fordham University School of Law in New York City, networking in the nation’s epicenter of international law. She hopes that being in New York will open doors around the world, so she can jump right into



the field after she graduates from Stetson Law in May 2009.

Tejerina has already made valuable international connections in Asia, where she joined Stetson’s first moot court team to compete in Hong Kong. There, she met representatives of two companies, Archilex Law Corporation and Tiberias Management Consultants, who were both impressed by her résumé and offered her summer internships in Singapore. While she admits being nervous at first to travel to Southeast Asia by herself, Tejerina shares that her mentors were eager to help her find housing and put her at ease.

“The lawyers took me in like family,” Tejerina says of her experiences in Singapore.

Archilex assists international clients who do business

in Singapore and covers Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, People’s Republic of China, India and the Middle East regions.

Tiberias is a management consulting firm with a branch in Malaysia and associates in South East Asia, Europe and the U.S. Tiberias Management offers support services for mediation and arbitration.

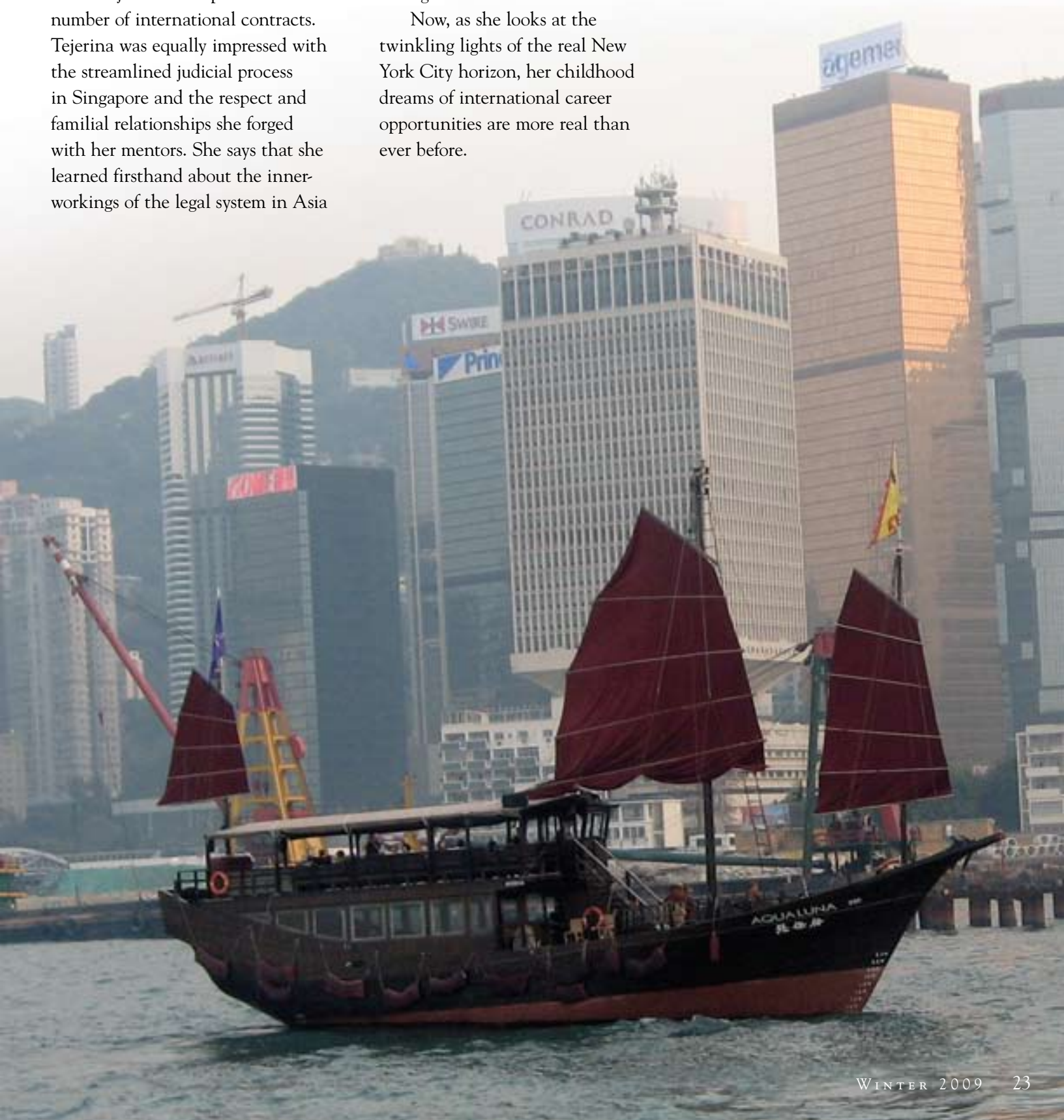
Tejerina shares that the lawyers at Archilex, the Singapore law firm, consulted with her and listened to her ideas. “They took the ideas that I suggested to court,” Tejerina says. She says she worked 10-12 hours every day and loved it. She recalls attending a hearing with a judge on a motion and brainstorming about a construction contract.

“I felt I was taken more seriously than I would be in a U.S. firm,” Tejerina says. “The Singapore firms generally take much younger

[local] interns.” Impressed with her knowledge and maturity, Archilex asked Tejerina to help with a number of international contracts. Tejerina was equally impressed with the streamlined judicial process in Singapore and the respect and familial relationships she forged with her mentors. She says that she learned firsthand about the inner-workings of the legal system in Asia

and how lawyers are treated there; knowledge she says she never would have gotten in a classroom.

Now, as she looks at the twinkling lights of the real New York City horizon, her childhood dreams of international career opportunities are more real than ever before.



Farley to lead College Relations

Stetson University College of Law has announced that Michael Farley will lead its college relations office. Farley, who previously served as assistant dean of student life, has been named assistant dean of college relations.

In his new role, Farley will be responsible for alumni relations and development efforts for the law school.

Farley joined Stetson Law in 2005 as associate director of student life and has been assistant dean since 2006. Before coming to Stetson, he was assistant dean of student services at the University of Florida, director of alumni services at Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity headquarters, and coordinator of student affairs at the University of South Florida.

Farley received his master's degree in higher education administration from Indiana University in 1994 and his bachelor's degree in public relations from the University of Florida, where he was named outstanding male graduate in 1992. He has been a national leader in the Association of Fraternity Advisors, the National Association of Campus Activities, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Building on relationships

I am excited to greet friends, both old and new, in my new capacity as assistant dean for college relations.

While leading the Office of Student Life for the past four years, I have had the unique opportunity of experiencing law school from beginning to end with hundreds of our students. What I take with me into my new role is a real sense of how special the Stetson experience is and the impact it has on many constituencies.

I often tell people that I am almost completely a product of very large campus communities for the past 20 years. In fact, before coming to Stetson Law, I had never attended or worked for an educational institution of less than 40,000 people. During my initial visit to campus, I caught my first glimpse of how unique this place is under its beautiful surface, and soon understood why it is so easy to fall in love with a small, close-knit, and collegial community like we have at Stetson.

As I walk across campus many times each day, I see intelligent, motivated, curious students everywhere I look. I see staff who give their all because they are so proud of where they work. I see faculty who are outstanding leaders for the learning process taking place both inside and outside the traditional classroom. There are so many incredible stories to tell about Stetson, and I am happy to have the opportunity to do so with our family of alumni.

Right now, there is great consterna-



tion among fundraisers in higher education regarding the lagging economy and how it might affect alumni giving and support for the foreseeable future. It would be short-sighted of us to not pay attention to those factors. However, I am a big believer in the power and persuasiveness of our Stetson story, and I want to assure you that our team is ready for the challenges that lie ahead. For those of you that have made a gift recently or do so every year, you are the foundation on which great success is built. Your loyalty and generosity are truly appreciated. For those of you who have not yet made a gift, we would love the opportunity to talk to you about our mission-critical needs and how you can help.

In the future, you will see reinvigorated programs and networking opportunities for alumni, an enhanced online presence that will improve our ability to connect with you, and exciting new ways for our alumni and friends to support Stetson. You will see a new energy and enthusiasm as we work hard to sustain our relationships with family and friends. And as always, I welcome your feedback.

It is a privilege to continue serving the College of Law in this new way, and I look forward to crossing paths with all of you very soon.

Best—

Michael A. Farley

Assistant Dean for College Relations

Be a Steward of Your Own Personal Legacy

As we age and life moves through its ups and downs, many of us reflect on a host of questions. What have I accomplished in my lifetime? What will I leave behind? What in my life mattered most? How will I be remembered? This is a time when many of us realize that there are some things that money cannot buy, and that some things are, in fact, priceless.

It is during this act of questioning ourselves, our past and our future that many of us first consider those individuals and groups we will leave behind and what we want for them — which is why it is so important to develop a legacy plan. Legacy planning, in addition to financial matters considered in traditional estate plans, also addresses your non-material assets and possessions. It includes all things of emotional value to you. The plan includes

thoughtful consideration of your personal values, life lessons, memories and final wishes. While a legacy plan can be whatever you want it to be, it may include:

Helpful resources: A master list of the locations of insurance/financial information, computer passwords and a list of phone numbers and contact names of friends and financial and professional advisers.

Good directions: The old, standard “Letter to the Executor” isn’t legally binding, but it can carry great moral weight. This is where you can lay out your wishes related to items such as organ donation, funeral plans, care for personal pets, and how you would like smaller personal items distributed.

Family history: Memorialize your family stories so they are not lost, and leave them for future generations. Include your own stories,

family recipes, traditions and maybe even a family tree.

Memorable messages: Write letters to your loved ones to be delivered to your family members and friends after your death. This is a wonderful way to reaffirm your love for them and is an amazing gift.

Planning is the best way to ensure that your wishes are carried out and that those you leave behind are supported both financially and emotionally. If you fail to capture either your financial resources or your personal values in a way that they can be passed on in line with your wishes, then they can easily lose their value.

Learn more about creating your own legacy plan by contacting your personal financial adviser or Stetson Law’s Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818 or plannedgiving@law.stetson.edu.

Get connected!

I recently joined Stetson Law as assistant director of alumni affairs and annual giving. I am thrilled to be part of such an outstanding institution. In 2007, I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Rutgers University, N.J., where I interned with the Alumni Association coordinating their annual reunion weekend. After graduation, I worked as a community income development specialist coordinating Philadelphia’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Daffodil Days. I returned to Florida to be closer to family in



beautiful St. Petersburg. I look forward to getting to know the many remarkable alumni, students, professors and staff at Stetson.

While I have many responsibilities, one project that I am working closely with is the Stetson Law online alumni community. Have you joined yet? Joining is simple and only takes a few minutes. Members of the online community have complete access to the following resources:

- **Online directory:** A searchable online alumni directory offering an opportunity for you to create your own profile with both personal and professional information, search for other alumni in your area, keep in touch with friends, and use Stetson Law’s networking and referral systems.
- **My Page:** An opportunity to customize your

own home page with an individual profile and personal photographs.

- **Career Network:** Containing thousands of job and resume postings, as well as links to a wide range of Web-based career resources.
- **Broadcast E-mail:** Choose to receive e-mail alerts informing you of alumni events and news, including e-newsletters and photographs of your fellow alumni at events.

Becoming a member is as easy as going to www.law.stetson.edu and clicking on the “Alumni & Friends” link. If you have questions regarding the online community or would like more information, contact the Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818 or e-mail us at alumni@law.stetson.edu.

— *Cristin Herendeen, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving*

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

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

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Hall of Fame

Six new members joined the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame on Oct. 11 during an induction ceremony at the law school's Gulfport campus. The Hall of Fame now includes 46 members.

"We are very pleased to honor six individuals this year who have had both a profound impact on the legal profession and on Stetson University College of Law," said Dean Darby Dickerson.



Dorothy Bishop

worked at Stetson University College of Law for 48 years before retiring in 2004. During nearly five decades of service, she worked for six deans and witnessed Stetson's rise as a national leader in legal education.



S. Sammy

Cacciatore '66 has devoted his entire legal career to fighting for the rights of

individuals. Cacciatore is a partner in the Melbourne-based law firm of Nance, Cacciatore, Hamilton, Barger, Nance, Cacciatore. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Stetson University. He has served as a Stetson University trustee and on the Stetson Law Board of Overseers.



Doyle Carlton

Sr. BA 1909 served as governor of Florida during the Great Depression and

helped the state survive one of its

most difficult times in history. He graduated from Stetson University in 1909 and went on to become a senior statesman, esteemed attorney and founding partner of Carlton Fields. Carlton also served as a Stetson University trustee for more than four decades and on the Stetson Law Board of Overseers for 20 years.



William Gillespie

'56 joined his father's law practice and later served in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Senate. He helped pass the Government in the Sunshine Law, the coastal setback-line revision of the Florida Constitution, the Environmental Land and Water Management Act, probate reform and numerous educational initiatives. He served as a member of the Stetson Law Board of Overseers for eight years.



Rhea Law '79

worked her way up in Fowler White Boggs Banker to become the first female president and CEO of a large Florida law firm in 2001. Law was named one of the top five women business leaders in Florida by the Commonwealth Institute in June 2008. She was named one of Florida's most influential people by *Florida Trend* magazine and

Businesswoman of the Year by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* in 2004. Law has served on the Stetson College of Law Board of Overseers and was instrumental in the law school's Cornerstone fundraising campaign.

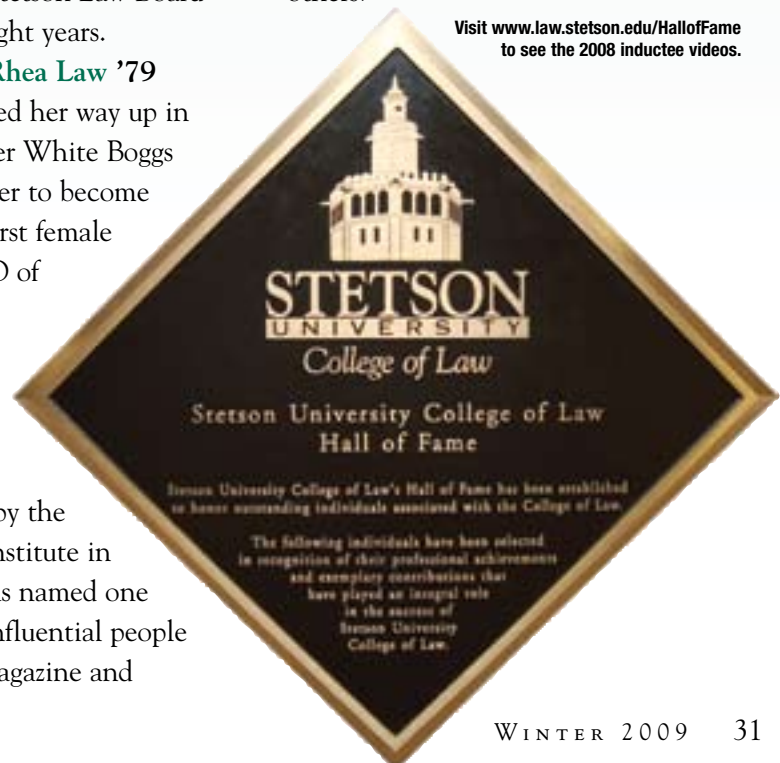


E.V. Vane

McClurg '69 was elected to serve on the board of directors of Publix Supermarkets

in 1988 and continues in that role. He is chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee. McClurg has been a strong supporter of community organizations in Lakeland, including the Boys Club, the Lakeland Regional Medical Center Foundation, Florida Southern College, Stetson Law, and many others.

Visit www.law.stetson.edu/HallofFame to see the 2008 inductee videos.



Edwards '83 advocates for lawyers as Florida Justice Association president

BY AARON REINCHELD

During his 25 years as a trial lawyer, Thomas Edwards Jr. '83 has fought on behalf of the injured and wronged. Now Edwards is putting those same principles to use in a different venue: president of the Florida Justice Association.

The association—formerly known as the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers—provides resources and continuing legal education programs to improve the practice of law, but its biggest role is to serve as a lobbying organization to Florida legislature.

“Virtually every year we see the Chamber of Commerce, big corporations and insurance companies come in and try to take away people’s rights and strengthen their ability to go into court and win by weakening the laws that protect consumers and injured people,” Edwards said.

“Without the attorneys in our organization, there would be no voice for consumers or injured people in our state.”

That voice has been getting stronger. In 2008, the FJA voiced opposition for a proposed commuter rail service that could have made the state liable for accidents by operator CSX Transportation.

The association also fought to create a right to sue insurance companies that were late in paying claims.

While the bipartisan organization has legislative objectives, its members strive to be honest resources for legislators, Edwards said.

“The first time you mislead a legislator, it gets around, and you lose your credibility,” he said. “The lobbying connections ... it’s something that takes a number of years to build the relationship. Lobbying is really built on friendship and trust.”

The association progressively consumes more of its officers’ time as they move up the ranks so they can build those relationships. Serving as FJA president is as demanding as a full-time job.

For Edwards, that means spending a lot of time away from his family, dropping other community involvement and taking care of his day job (senior litigation partner at Jacksonville’s Peek, Cobb, Edwards & Ragatz, P.A.) at night or on the weekends.

“It’s nonstop,” Edwards said. “You can’t come into this and do it halfway. You have to really be a believer with what this is about, or



you can never make the sacrifices necessary to do it.”

But it’s not just Edwards who has sacrificed. In each situation, others have had to do more, work harder or be flexible. His family, co-workers and even judges and opposing attorneys have been empathetic, working around the demands of his schedule.

“I’ve been very fortunate,” Edwards said.

The first half of his term as president was dominated by the 2008 election season. Edwards traveled the state talking to newspaper editorial boards and organizing campaigns for justice-friendly, court-friendly legislators. His dedication paid off; Edwards is happy with the crop of legislators elected this cycle.

Post-election, Edwards’ schedule lightens ever so slightly for the winter. He will guide the association’s tools and CLE programs, plan the group’s legislative agenda, and work with The Florida Bar to protect the state’s courts.

But with more relationships to make and another cloud on the horizon—the state and nation’s economic crisis that will likely increase demands on the court system—the demands on Edwards as president will likely grow further.

Spring and a new legislative session are only a few months away.

1950s

Joe T. Martin '54 received the Pioneer of the Year award at the Lake Wales Pioneer Days event for his service to the community.

Fred Wilder '57 has retired after 51 years of law practice in Clearwater. He and his wife, Dorothy, have relocated to Georgia.

Robert E. Jagger '58 has written a book, *Murder, Voodoo, Hypnosis, and the Jag*.

1960s

Hon. Rom W. Powell '63 has moved to Geneva, Fla., and works at the Seminole County Civil Court in downtown Sanford doing senior judge work, special magistrate referrals and arbitrations.

Thomas Tart '68 was recognized as the 2008 Member of the Year by the Florida Municipal Electric Association at its annual conference in Ft. Myers. Tart serves as vice president of government and regulatory relations for the Orlando Utilities Commission, and has been general counsel for the commission for more than 21 years.

1970s

John P. Warren Jr. '72 recently became the legal area manager for the United States for Petrobras America Inc., a subsidiary of the Brazilian Oil and Gas Company.

R. Thomas Dawe '73 was elected to the Senior Lawyers Division of the State Bar of New Mexico.

Frank Hoerst III '74 is entering his third two-year term as trustee from Salem County for the New Jersey State Bar Association. He is vice-chair of the Military Law and Veterans Affairs Committee, co-chair of the Senior Lawyers Committee, and a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection. This past spring, Hoerst taught a seminar on identity theft, senior citizen frauds and nursing home abuse at the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association in Atlantic City, and again in August at an ABA continuing legal education program in New York City.

Hon. John W. Dommerich '76 was appointed to the 20th Judicial Circuit Court in April 2008 by Governor Charlie Crist and has been assigned to a family law docket.

William Keith '76 was named the "Lion of the Law" for professionalism by the judiciary of Collier County.

Barry J. Goodman '77 has been named a *Michigan Super Lawyer* for the second year in a row.

John H. Rains III '79 and **John J. Thresher '00** were seminar leaders at the Construction Lien Law in Florida class in December.

In Memoriam

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

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April 30, 2008, Coupeville, Wash.

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Oct. 27, 2008, Tallahassee

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July 31, 2008, St. Petersburg

George B. Blume '61
Oct. 3, 2008, Fort Myers

Howard M. Zeidwig '61
Oct. 4, 2008, Plantation

Allan C. Hickok '66
July 29, 2008, Ft. Lauderdale

Alan J. Kerben '70
July 27, 2008, Lutz

Philip F. Keidaish Jr. BBA '83, JD '86
Sept. 14, 2008, Orlando

Connie Lee Garren '91
Dec. 18, 2008, Pinellas Park



SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, ALUMNI EVENT – From left, Luis F. Piñeiro Enríquez LLM '06, Ivan Rodriguez LLM '06, Orlando Suazo and Miryrea Baltazar-Suazo '96.



NASHVILLE, TENN., ALUMNI EVENT – Rachel Waterhouse '88 and Cynthia Kinsar '88.



NASHVILLE, TENN., ALUMNI EVENT – From left, Justin Hosie '03, Lauren Hosie '04, Melanie Bean '03, Keith Gordon and Jason Turner '04.

Weddings

Frederick Cohan '02 married Robyn Solomon on June 29, 2008, at Temple Torah in Boynton Beach. The couple resides in Wellington.

Gregory Hoag '02 married Erica Bronsord on May 17, 2008, at St. Raphael Catholic Church in St. Petersburg.

Fred Roberts Jr. '05 married Sarah Pearce on June 28, 2008, at First United Methodist Church in Orlando.

Andrew Malone '06 married **Erin Lunn '06** on May 3, 2008, in Black Mountain, N.C.

Benjamin Stechsulte '05 and **Amy Nell '07** married in November 2008 in Villanova, Penn.

New additions

James McGee III '97 and his wife, Megan, welcomed a son, Ian [redacted] on July [redacted] 2008.

Stanley K. Kinnett '05 and his wife, Erin, welcomed a daughter, Naomi [redacted]

1980s

Jeff Walker '80 has opened law offices in Tennessee and North Carolina, while maintaining his practice in Fort Lauderdale. Walker is licensed to practice in all three states. He owns Walker Title LLC in Mountain City, Tenn., which is managed by his wife, Donna.

Bruce Anderson '81 has been certified as a circuit and county court mediator. With 25 years experience, he will specialize in land use, environmental and governmental mediation.

Robert E. Heyman '82 established the Heyman Law Firm P.A. in St. Petersburg and will continue to concentrate his practice in personal injury and criminal trial law.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Catherine P. McEwen '82 of the Middle District of Florida, received the 2008 Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Service Award presented by the Hillsborough County Bar Association in recognition of her years of pro bono service.

G.J. Rod Sullivan Jr. '82 has joined the faculty at Florida Coastal School of Law as an assistant professor teaching torts and maritime law.

James E. Parker '83 has been named the new assistant state attorney and supervising attorney for the Santa Rosa County Office of the State Attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit.

Lorraine Gregg '85 retired from her position as magistrate of the 84th District Court in Cadillac, Mich.

Roger Yoerges '85 joined the Washington firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP as a partner in the litigation department. Yoerges will head the firm's products liability, pharmaceutical and mass tort litigation practice.

Wendy S. Loquasto '88 of Fox & Loquasto in Tallahassee was elected to a second term of the Stetson Law Board of Overseers.

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

1990s

Gerald T. Buhr '91 joined Saxon, Gilmore, Carraway, Gibbons, Lash & Wilcox P.A. in Tampa as Of Counsel. He specializes in the areas of environmental law, land use and water law.

Loretta Comiskey O'Keeffe '91 has been appointed to The Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee. O'Keeffe, a partner with the law offices of Arnstein & Lehr LLP, will serve a three-year term on the committee.

Theodore Lorey '92 was ordained as a Wesleyan minister. Reverend Lorey is now serving as an assistant pastor at El Camino Wesleyan Church in Encinitas, Calif.

ALUMNI EVENTS



ORLANDO ALUMNI EVENT – Timothy Quinones '07 and Wilnar Paul '06.



WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI EVENT – From left, Liz Hittos '91, Prakash Khatri '83, Brian Redar '06 and Andrew Doyle '96.



WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI EVENT – From left, Ted Doremus Jr. '69, Hon. Amelia Govan '80 and Bruce Albright '77.

Brenda S. Fulmer '93 joined the West Palm Beach firm of Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley P.A. as a shareholder. Her practice will focus on pharmaceutical and medical device mass torts litigation on behalf of claimants in state and federal courts.

Kimberly Mello '93, a shareholder in the Tampa firm of Greenberg Traurig, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society.

Cynthia Mikos '93 has joined the Tampa firm of Allen Dell P.A. as a shareholder in the health law practice group. Mikos has extensive legal experience in the area of health care as a former nurse and an executive of a Fortune 100 health care company.

Robert J. Sniffen '93 was named to *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine's* "Top 100" List. He also was appointed by Florida Senate President Ken Pruitt to serve a two-year term on the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Michael J. Donohue '94 joined the firm of Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth P.A. as an associate. Donohue will handle municipal government clients, general litigation and a range of other client matters.

Bonnie Glover '94 has written her second novel, *Going Down South*, which was published by One World/Ballantine, a division of Random House Publishing.

Scott A. Markowitz '94 joined Adorno & Yoss in Fort Lauderdale as a partner. He practices in general civil, commercial and insurance litigation.

Rebecca L. Palmer '94, a partner with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed P.A., has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America 2009*.

David Sampedro '95 of Panter, Panter & Sampedro P.A. in Miami, presented "What Every Personal Injury Attorney needs to Know to Avoid the Insurance Company Crunch" for the insurance committee of the American Justice Association's annual convention in Philadelphia. He practices in the areas of general negligence, premises liability, automobile negligence and medical malpractice.

John Schutz '95 was admitted as a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and for the second year in a row was selected as a "Super Lawyer" by his peers. Schutz & White LLP exclusively practices marital and family law and has its office in West Palm Beach.

Scott J. Flint '96 joined the commercial litigation and eminent domain practice groups at the Tampa office of Broad and Cassel.

Desha Jackson '96 was selected for inclusion in the *New Jersey Super Lawyers – Rising Stars Edition 2008*. Only 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state are named to the list of attorneys who are either 40 or under or have practiced for under 10 years. Jackson is an associate at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A. concentrating her practice in all facets of labor and employment law.

Hon. Sandy K. Hawkins '97 of Micanopy was elected to the 5th Judicial Circuit bench.

Scott K. Hewitt '98 of Mandelbaum, Fitzsimmons & Hewitt presented a lecture at a National Business Institute seminar on "Strategic Issues and Answers of Automobile Litigation" in Tampa.

Hon. Susan G. Gardner '99 of Clearwater was elected to the 6th Judicial Circuit bench.

Roderick Mauszycki '99 joined Briggs and Morgan P.A. as an associate. He will practice in the business law section with an emphasis on federal tax law and individual and corporate tax planning.

2000s

Kevin Bruning '00 has been elected a shareholder with the Sarasota law firm of Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen. Bruning practices in real property litigation and landlord-tenant law.

Alison Miller '00 joined Sage Software Inc. in Tampa as corporate counsel.



Pictured left, SLA Immediate Past President **Anne Weintraub '03** performs the national anthem. An interview with Sarasota's *Biz 941* magazine led Anne Weintraub '03 to perform at center field of a Cincinnati Reds' spring training game. In an article of "People to Watch," Weintraub listed as one of her personal goals a wish to sing the national anthem at a professional sporting event.

Charles R. Gallagher III '00 and **Bobby Reynolds '07** were featured on Tampa Bay 10 News to discuss toxic mold claims. Gallagher and Reynolds were presenters at a Sterling Education Series seminar in Tampa on commercial landlord and tenant law. Gallagher also was elected to a second term on the Rollins College Alumni Association board of directors.

Jenay E. Iurato '00 of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Tampa has been elected to the board of Connected by 25, an initiative that works to better prepare foster youth aging out of Florida's foster care system to make a successful transition to adulthood. She also has become chair-elect of the Junior League of Florida's state public affairs committee.

Jacqueline Myles Crain '01 has been elected shareholder at Trenam Kemker in Tampa. She practices in the area of health care law.

Pamela Dubov '01 was elected property appraiser for Pinellas County.

Nina Mings Ferraro '01 has become president of the Justice Major B. Harding Inn of Court in Martin County.

Andrew J. Mayts Jr. '01 joined the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A. as a shareholder.

Hon. Reinaldo Ojeda '01 was appointed to the Polk County Court bench by Gov. Charlie Crist. Since 2001, Judge Ojeda had served in the state attorney's office for the 10th Judicial Circuit, where he had been the director of the county court division and chief of special prosecution and child sex crimes.

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Sabrina Beavens '02 of the Dover, N.H., firm of Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin P.A., has been selected to lead its new bankruptcy department. Beavens, who joined the firm in 2006, is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys.

Nicholas Fiorentino '02 has been named a partner of the St. Petersburg firm of Ciarciaglino, Gell & Fiorentino P.A.

B. Joseph Kurek II '02 has joined Baskin Fleece in Clearwater, where he will practice in the areas of probate, trust and fiduciary litigation; probate and estate administration; and estate planning.

Jason Mikes '02 of the Naples law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP has been recognized as one of the Southwest Florida's "Top 40 leaders under 40" by *Gulfshore Business* magazine. A real estate attorney for five years, Mikes has brought an unprecedented 76 clients to Quarles & Brady.

Stephanie R. Bolton '03 was elected to the Clearwater Bar Association's board of directors and represented Florida at the ABA's Young Lawyer Division annual meeting. She was elected secretary of the National Association of Women in Construction, and served as a Florida delegate to the National Association of Women in Construction's annual convention.

Nina Hayden '03 was elected to the Pinellas County School Board in November.

Ramona C. Little '03 has joined the Central Kentucky law firm of Sheehan, Barnett, Dean & Pennington P.S.C., as an associate focusing on criminal defense, domestic law and adoptions.

Cody Vaughan-Birch '03 of the law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt P.A., was elected to the Special Equestrians board of directors.

Anne Weintraub '03 has been elected to a three-year term on the Stetson Law Board of Overseers. Weintraub, a partner with Icard Merrill in Sarasota, concentrates her practice in real estate and real estate financing and lending, and does keynote presentations on real estate trends for community groups.

Pat Dutcher '04 accepted a position as a Fulton County Senior District Attorney.

Tanner Andrews '05 received the Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida 2008 Pro Bono Champion of the Year award for his 219 hours of pro bono work.

L. Parrish Lentz '06 is an associate attorney with Schell, Bray, Aycok, Abel & Livingston PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. Lentz will concentrate her practice in the areas of estates and trusts.

David Barrett '04 has joined the firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker as an associate in their Jacksonville office. Barrett will practice in the commercial litigation group.

Meredith Phipps '04 has joined Sage Software Inc. in Tampa as corporate counsel.

Erin Lunn '06 joined Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa as an associate in the regional labor and employment practice group.

Andrew C. Hill '07 joined Harper, Kynes & Geller P.A. in Clearwater as an associate.

Scott Machnik '07 joined Marlowe, McNabb & Stayton in Orlando as an associate. Machnik's practice will focus on construction law and litigation.

Eric Werrenrath '07 of ShuffieldLowman in Orlando recently joined the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando Developers' Council.

Petra L. Justice '08 joined Fowler White as an associate in the products liability group. She will focus on aviation torts, vehicular torts and construction litigation.

Jason Stearns '08 joined Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP as an associate in the litigation department.

Dixie Switzer '08 is an associate at Cristal Law Group in Tampa and specializes in representing insured and uninsured employers in workers compensation claims.

Kelly Van Wey '08 joined Fowler White as an associate in the commercial litigation practice group. She will practice in bankruptcy and creditor's rights.

Callie Weed '08 won the 2008 Student Professionalism Service Award from the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism.

Eight honored for distinguished service

Stetson Law honored eight outstanding alumni and friends this summer with awards for distinguished service to the law school or legal profession. Dean Darby Dickerson presented this year's awards on June 18 at the Stetson Lawyers Association annual meeting in Boca Raton.

Robert Dillinger '76, the Pinellas-Pasco County public defender, received the Ben C. Willard Award for his distinguished humanitarian achievements that benefit Florida citizens. Dillinger has also served as an adjunct professor at Stetson Law and supervised its Public Defender Clinic.

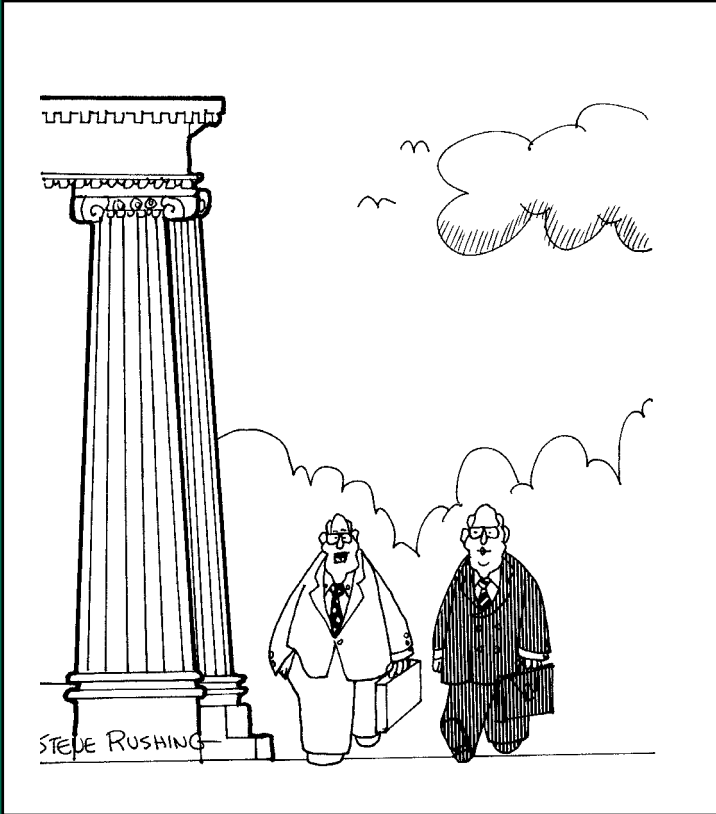
Congressman Gus Bilirakis '89, elected to four terms as a member of the Florida House of Representatives and a member of the House Committees on Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Foreign Affairs, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. His office recently sponsored a Stetson Law student as part of the new Law and Policy Internship in Washington, D.C.

Robert E. Doyle Jr. '75 and **Matthew A. Towery '87** each received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for their continued support of the law school through contributions of time and gifts. Doyle is a mediator and arbitrator and serves on the executive committee of Stetson Law's Board of Overseers. Towery is a former member of the Georgia House of Representatives and a well-respected author and political strategist. He has served on Stetson Law's Board of Overseers and supports projects of the Center for Excellence in Elder Law.

Barbara Cowherd '00 and **Arturo Rios '06** received Outstanding Alumni Representative Awards for dedication and service to the Stetson Lawyers Association and encouraging alumni involvement in local activities. Cowherd, whose practice is devoted to liability matters, is a past participant in the Homeless Advocacy project and Guardian ad Litem program who has devoted significant time to Stetson Law's ABA Self-Study Committee. She is an officer of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council. Rios specializes in immigration law litigation and has devoted significant time to advocacy and alumni activities at Stetson. He was recently elected to Stetson Law's Board of Overseers.

Susan Demers BA '71 and **Hassan M. Milani** received Distinguished Service Awards for their significant contributions to Stetson Law. Demers, dean of St. Petersburg College's paralegal studies program, is a long-time adjunct professor and trial team coach at Stetson. Milani, a successful California businessman who originally came to the United States from Iran, created an endowed scholarship and has helped the law school with certain facilities projects.

Hon. Charles Roberts '81, who recently was elected as a 12th Judicial Circuit judge, is this year's incoming Stetson Lawyers Association president. He is a former Brevard County commissioner and former member of the Florida House of Representatives.



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