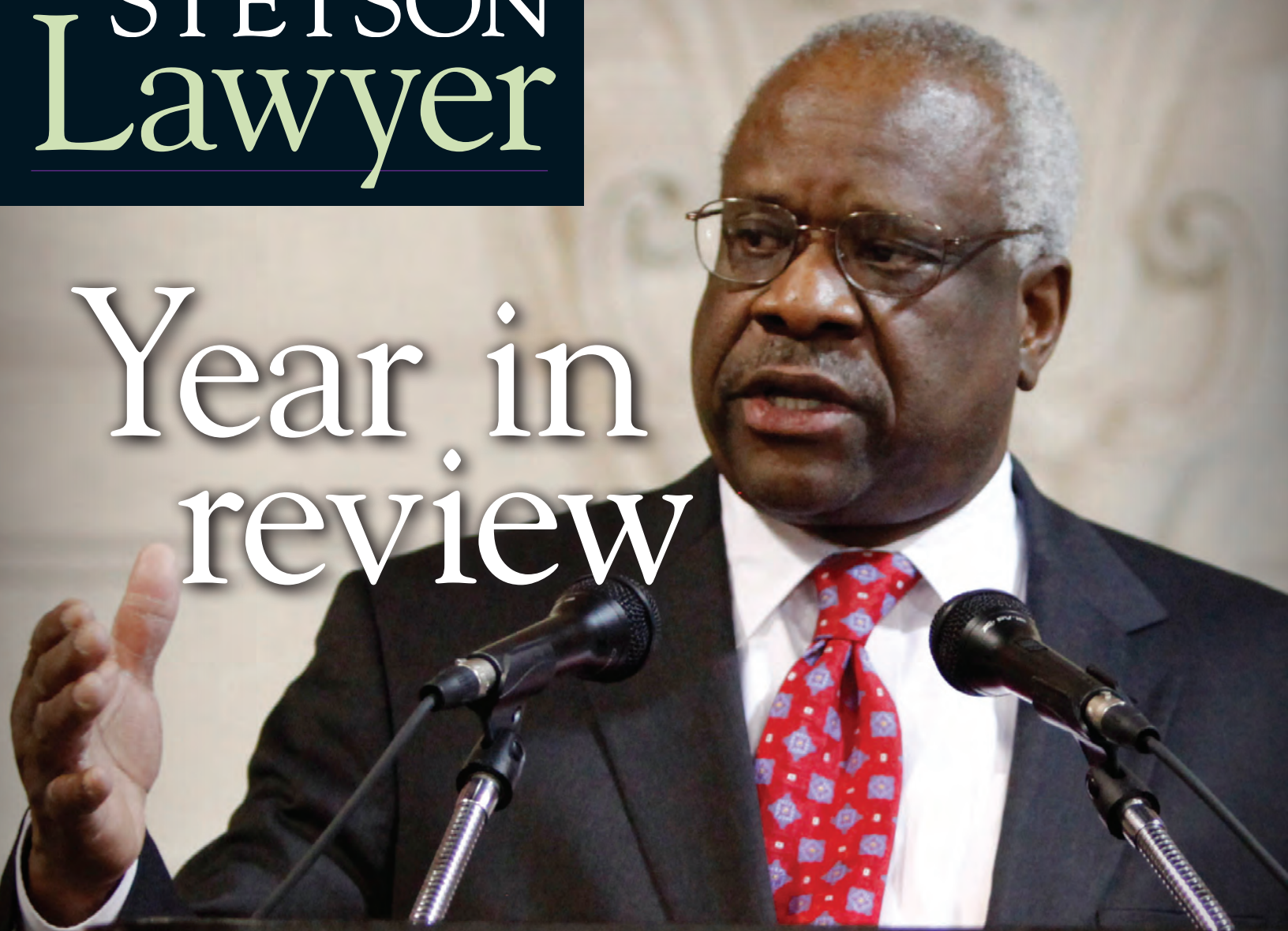


## Year in review



**Justice Clarence Thomas  
and eight other high court  
jurists participate in Stetson  
programs in 2009–2010**



## 2010: A year of remarkable achievement



Greetings!

The year 2010 marked Stetson's 110th anniversary as Florida's first law school. As significant as that milestone is, I also would like to share several other noteworthy achievements with you.

**Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library:** In October, we celebrated the naming of our magnificent library in Gulfport after two special members of the Stetson family: Dolly and Homer Hand. A 1949 graduate of the College of Law, Dolly and her husband Homer have created a tremendous legacy through their integrity, passion for higher education, support of students, and love of Stetson. The library continues to serve as the academic heart of the law school, and I can think of no finer name to adorn this building that represents the College of Law's stature as Florida's first law school and its long tradition of academic excellence.

**Justice Clarence Thomas Visit:** U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas visited Stetson for two days last February as Stetson's Distinguished Jurist in Residence. He spoke to hundreds of Stetson law and undergraduate students, and I'm pleased to announce that he plans to visit us again in the next academic year.

**New College Relations Team:** Several new and old faces have joined our Office of College Relations, including four Stetson alumni. Ed Kominowski, who most recently served as director of development and major gifts at Edison State College, is the new associate vice president. He is joined by Robin Hoyle JD '91, Casey Stoutamire JD '09 and Michael Stewart JD '09. Stephanie Vaughan JD '91 also now serves as my special assistant for alumni and development, in addition to her teaching responsibilities. We hope that many of you will support us by volunteering in one of the new alumni chapters, attending a regional event, making a gift, or including the College of Law in your estate plan.

**One Stetson:** In March, Stetson officially inaugurated Dr. Wendy B. Libby during the University's 2010 Homecoming celebration at the DeLand campus. Many faculty, staff, students and alumni from the law school attended the event. Under President Libby's leadership, we are continuing to strengthen our connections and find synergies with other divisions of Stetson University, including a new Pre-Law Institute program and other interdisciplinary activities.

This issue of the *Stetson Lawyer* features many other stories of success and innovation throughout our community. I am so proud of our many accomplishments over the past year, which could not have happened without the hard work and support of our dedicated faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends. Thanks for all you do for Stetson!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Darby Dickerson  
Vice President and Dean

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## Stetson University College of Law

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# PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Stetson University's ninth president, Dr. Wendy B. Libby, was inaugurated March 20, 2010, in a ceremony marked by the colorful traditions of academia and the promise of a bright future for Stetson as "a university of significance."

In her inaugural address, Libby celebrated Stetson's 126-year-old commitment to integrating the pursuit of education and truth with the search for meaning in one's personal faith quest and spiritual life. She vowed that Stetson would not rest on its laurels in challenging times, but would embrace a broad vision to assure the university emerges stronger and well-positioned for the future.

Libby issued a challenge to a "greater purpose" to the hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, staff and supporters at the inauguration in the university's Edmunds Center. Faculty represented each of the university's colleges and schools — the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, the College of Law, and the School of Music — and each of the university's

four locations: the historic campus in DeLand, the law campus in Gulfport/St. Petersburg, the Tampa Law Center, and the Stetson University Center at Celebration in the metropolitan Orlando area.

"I challenge and invite each of you to join me in embracing this vision for Stetson University that is enriched and informed by history and tradition, but requires our courage and determination to always seek the higher good, the deeper commitment, the brighter future — to be a university of significance," she said.

Inauguration morning started with a procession of about 130 Stetson faculty members, administrators and trustees, and about 40 delegates representing colleges and universities across the United States, led by a bagpiper, from Stetson's main gates north on Woodland Boulevard to the Edmunds Center. Students and



Around 170 faculty and delegates processed through downtown DeLand from the university gates to the Edmunds Center, site of the inauguration ceremony.

members of the community lined the roadway, some with congratulatory banners.

Libby became Stetson's ninth president in July 2009, succeeding Dr. H. Douglas Lee, who has since passed away. Libby has had a broad career in higher education and private industry, most recently serving as president of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., from 2003 to 2009. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she earned her doctorate in educational administration from the University of Connecticut.

## Stetson ranked first for advocacy (again), third for legal writing

*U.S. News & World Report* has again ranked Stetson University College of Law first in the nation among law schools for its outstanding trial advocacy program for 2011. *U.S. News* also ranked Stetson Law third out of 200 law schools for legal writing.

Stetson has consistently ranked at the top for its trial advocacy program since the publication's rankings began in 1995. Since the legal writing ranking started, Stetson has always placed among the top six programs in the country.

"When you ask attorneys what they value in law graduates — and what skills attorneys need to serve clients effectively — the ability to

communicate well both orally and in writing are almost always at the top of the list," said law dean Darby Dickerson. "This is one reason I am proud that Stetson emphasizes skills training and has been recognized for excellence in that area."

In August, the publication also ranked Stetson University third among the South's top regional universities for academic quality in its 2011 "America's Best Colleges" issue.

"We are proud of Stetson University's continued recognition as one of the top three universities in the South," said Dr. Elizabeth "Beth" Paul, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Stetson. "This

honor celebrates Stetson's deep commitment to academic excellence and integrity. The university community takes great pride in the personalized and rigorous learning experience afforded to each and every student."

The *U.S. News* rankings are based on several measures, including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Stetson was featured in two other sections of the 2011 "America's Best Colleges" guide — in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" and the "A-Plus Schools for B Students" sections.

## Colbert ascends to ABA House of Delegates

At the annual American Bar Association meeting in San Francisco this August, student Tiffany Colbert was elected to serve as ABA Law Student Division Delegate for 2010–2011.



"I am thrilled and honored to continue Stetson's long-standing tradition of national leadership in the American Bar Association Law Student Division," said Colbert.

As a delegate, Colbert is one of three law students representing the interests of approximately 40,000 law student members to the ABA's governing body.

Colbert was elected 5th circuit governor of the ABA Law Student Division, which represents Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico and Tennessee.

## Community honors Dean Dickerson

Darby Dickerson, vice president and dean, received two community recognitions last spring: the 2010 Business Woman of the Year from the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, and the 2009 Chief Judge's Award from Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit.

Dean Dickerson was selected in March as Business Woman of the Year for demonstrating outstanding professional accomplishments in either the private or public sector, and serving as role models and mentors for younger women. A panel of community leaders chose the finalists.

Chief Judge Manuel Menendez Jr. of Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit presented Dean Dickerson with the Chief Judge's Award in January. She received the award for her outstanding efforts and commitment to the court, and in recognition of Stetson Law's contribution to the legal community.

"I was extremely honored to receive this award," said Dean Dickerson. "We are proud to partner with the court on a variety of projects that serve the legal profession and improve our community."

Under Dean Dickerson's leadership, Stetson Law has increased nationally recognized academic offerings and student diversity, expanded student community service and pro bono work, and opened Stetson's Tampa Law Center.

Dean Dickerson has served the greater Tampa Bay community in countless ways. She is a board member and past chair of the Tampa Bay chapter of the American Red Cross and has served on the boards of both the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. She was also recently elected vice president of Scribes — The American Society for Legal Writers, appointed to the American Association of Law Schools' prestigious Membership Review Committee, and named co-chair elect for the AALS Section for the Law School Dean.



## Princeton Review, preLaw magazine recognize “green” efforts

The latest issue of *preLaw* magazine listed Stetson University College of Law among the top “green” law schools in the nation. The magazine used information about curriculum, campus environment and building trends to develop its Honor Roll highlighting the “best and brightest.” *PreLaw* also considered “green” academic offerings including faculty, classes, externships, legal journals and summer programs.

“This is a wonderful affirmation of the great work that Stetson students, faculty and staff are engaged in, from the local to the global level,” said Professor Royal Gardner, who directs Stetson’s Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy.

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cooperation with the Ramsar Secretariat, assisting the international group that works to protect wetlands. Two recent Stetson Law graduates worked with the National Audubon Society on the application for the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples, Fla., to be designated as a Wetland of International Importance last October.

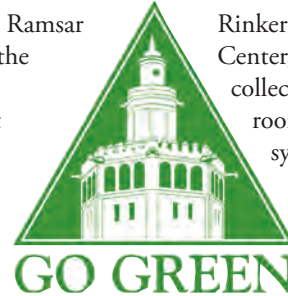
Stetson University was also recognized in *The Princeton Review’s Guide to 286 Green Colleges* in April.

The guide, based on a survey of hundreds of colleges nationwide, looked at institutional commitments to building certification using the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED green-building certification

program, environmental literacy programs, formal sustainability committees, use of renewable energy resources, recycling and conservation programs, and more.

Stetson, one of six Florida universities named to the list, had the first LEED-certified green building in Florida, the Lynn Business Center.

The university’s new



Rinker Environmental Learning Center, which features a rainwater collection system, recycled metal roofing and a geothermal heating system, received LEED’s gold certification, in December.

The guide touted Stetson’s Environmental Responsibility Council and six-point plan to achieving

the council’s mission “to function as a university in ways that will not compromise the lives of future human generations nor diminish the health of planetary ecosystems.” It highlighted the university’s commitment to environmental education, environmentally responsible purchasing, efficient use and conservation of resources, minimization of solid waste and hazardous materials, and promotion of a green campus design that includes a native Florida landscaping policy.

“By landscaping exclusively with native plants, Stetson not only reinforces its natural heritage, but it cuts down on its use of fertilizers and pesticides, since indigenous plants require less maintenance when compared to traditional landscaping plants,” the guide said.

*The Princeton Review* released the guidebook in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council.

## Meet the 2010 Entering Class

This fall, Stetson admitted 360 full-time and part-time JD students, 17 LLM in Elder Law students, and 17 LLM in International Law students.

Just over half (51%) of the entering JD class was female and 20% were minority students. These students represented 29 states and 120 colleges

and universities in seven countries. Forty-four students had earned advanced degrees, including LLM, MA, MAcc, MBA, MD, MEd, MFA, MHS, MLaw, MS and PhD. The ages range from 19–57.

The 290 full-time entering JD students had a median LSAT of 156 and median GPA of 3.44. The

70 part-time entering JD students had a median LSAT of 154 and a median GPA of 3.26. Stetson’s median LSAT scores have steadily increased a point annually since 2001.

For more information about the demographics of the student body, visit [www.law.stetson.edu/profile](http://www.law.stetson.edu/profile).



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Stetson Law commencement ceremonies have featured three noted legal speakers: Florida Supreme Court Justice James E.C. Perry in Fall 2009, legal writing expert Bryan A. Garner in Spring 2010, and journalist and civil rights advocate John Seigenthaler Sr. in Fall 2010.

Garner serves as editor in chief of *Black's Law Dictionary* and has authored many leading works on legal style, including *A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage*, *The Elements of Legal Style*, *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style*, *The Winning Brief*, and *The Winning Oral Argument*. His latest books are *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges*, co-written with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and *Garner on Language and Writing*.

Justice Perry is only the fourth African-American justice to serve on Florida's high court. In 2000, he was the first African-American judge appointed to Florida's 18th Judicial Circuit. As founder of the Jackie Robinson Sports Association, Justice Perry built the nation's largest baseball league for at-risk youth.

Seigenthaler, who founded the First Amendment Center at



Through a creative challenge to the law faculty, the Fall 2009 class raised \$70,266; half of the funds were pledged by students and half by Stetson professors.

Number of Graduates	Fall 2009	Spring 2010	Fall 2010
<b>Juris Doctor</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>81</b>
Part-time program	9	25	22
J.D./M.B.A.	11	23	5
<b>LL.M. in Elder Law</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>LL.M. in International Law</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Graduates</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>89</b>

Vanderbilt University, was the founding editorial director of *USA Today* and long-time editor of *The Tennessean*. His civil rights work led to his service as chief negotiator with the governor of Alabama during the Freedom Rides. Freedom Rider Ernest "Rip" Patton Jr. also was awarded an

honorary degree in Fall 2010.

Inclement weather led to the relocation of the Fall 2010 ceremony to Pasadena Community Church. In Spring 2010, Professor Royal Gardner safely wrangled a black racer snake that ran through the faculty tent during the ceremony.

## New semester-exchange programs in Nuevo Leon, Toulouse

Stetson has established formal agreements with universities in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and Toulouse, France, to broaden international opportunities for students and faculty.

On Aug. 24, Dean Darby Dickerson and Don Jose Luis Prado Maillard, dean of University of Nuevo Leon Law School in Monterrey, Mexico, signed a student and faculty exchange agreement.

The agreement will bring the two schools together for joint research in oral advocacy, national security law and criminology, and for the creation of joint certificates of Legal Spanish and Legal English. The exchange program begins immediately and calls for the exchange of two students

and two faculty members for one or two semesters. Nuevo Leon University law school was established in 1933.

Stetson has also arranged for a semester-exchange program with the law school at University of Toulouse, France, which will take effect in Fall 2011. Students in the Toulouse program will be able to take courses in English while experiencing the culture of southwest France.



Representatives of both schools look on as Darby Dickerson and Don Jose Luis Prado Maillard prepare to sign an international exchange agreement.

Stetson continues to offer a foreign-exchange program with the University of Granada, Spain, where select students may also pursue the J.D./Grado dual-degree.

## CHAMPIONS IN ADVOCACY



**2010 champion**, ABA National Trial Competition

**2009 and 2010 champions**, 2010 best brief and 2010 best oralist, Earl Zehmer Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition

**2010 champion**, Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition

**2010 champion**, best brief and best oralist, Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition

**2009 and 2010 regional dual-champions**, ABA Law Student Division Arbitration Competition

**2009 champion** and best advocate, National Civil Trial Competition

**2009 and 2010 champions**, 2009 and 2010 best oralist, and 2009 best respondent's brief, Veterans Law Appellate Advocacy Competition

**2009 champion**, John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy

**2009 champion** and 2010 best brief, Navy JAG Corps National Moot Court Competition

**2009 champion**, AAJ National Student Trial Advocacy Competition



## 2009–10 faculty publications, presentations, awards and activities

### **Kristen David Adams**

*Associate Dean for Academics  
Professor of Law*

Dean Adams co-authored the book *Global Issues in Commercial Law*. She served as moderator on a panel for the business law section meeting of the American Bar Association, and served as vice chair for the ABA's Uniform Commercial Code Committee. She served as a member of the American Law Institute's consultative groups on the Principles of the Law of Software Contracts, the Restatement (Third) of the Law of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment, and for the Restatement (Third) of the United States Law of International Commercial Arbitration. Dean Adams is also a member of the Call for Papers committee for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

### **Michael P. Allen**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Allen published "The Law of Veterans' Benefits 2008-2010: Significant Developments, Trends, and a Glimpse into the Future" in the *Veterans Law Review*. He served on a panel discussing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims at the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and he presented his paper on veterans benefits to the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Professor Allen also served as keynote speaker at a celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the first convening of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Professor Allen is the immediate past chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Remedies and was a trustee for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

### **Linda S. Anderson**

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

Professor Anderson spoke on "Crowd Pleasers: How to Propose, Submit, and Deliver Stellar Presentations" at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference; "Redefining Parent" at the International Society of Family Law/Midwest Family Law Consortium and at the Florida Legal Scholars Forum; and "Increasing Learning by Decreasing Teaching: Developing a Three-Dimensional Legal Education" at the Association of American Law Schools. Professor Anderson serves as secretary of the Part-Time Division Programs Section of the Association of American Law Schools and is a member of the Legal Writing Institute Professional Development Committee and the LWI ABA Standards Implementation Committee.

### **Robert Batey**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Batey published "Moll Flanders: A (Cautionary) Handbook of Criminal Advocacy" in *Charleston Law Review*; "Introduction to Symposium on Criminal Defense, Ethics, and the Client Who Plans to Lie" in the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*; "Introduction to Law Literature and Film Symposium" in the *Stetson Law Review*; and "Reflections on the Needle: Poe, Baze, Dead Man Walking" in the *Valparaiso University Law Review*. He was a panelist for a program on "The Future of Sentencing, Corrections and Crime Reduction in Florida: A Conversation Between Journalists and Policy Makers" sponsored by the Poynter Institute, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and the Pew Center on the States, and for

the *Charleston Law Review's* "Law & Society Symposium on Crime and Punishment." Professor Batey served on the executive committee of the Criminal Justice Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

### **Mark D. Bauer**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Bauer published "Department Stores on Sale: An Antitrust Quandary" in *Georgia State University Law Review*, and presented on the topic at the Association for Law, Property and Society annual meeting. He presented "A Global Response to the Financial Crisis" at the Teaching Consumer Law conference at the University of Houston, and organized and moderated a panel, "Five Years After Katrina: Access to Education," at the American Association of Law Schools annual conference. Professor Bauer delivered the keynote speech "Renewing Our Commitment to Seniors" at the Nevada Attorney General's Conference on Senior Protection. He served on the executive committee of the Education Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools. He also served on the mentor committee, the programming committee and the steering committee for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and is on the advisory board for the *Loyola University of Chicago Consumer Law Review*.

### **Robert D. Bickel**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Bickel completed development of an oral history website that contains two documentary films and seven selected video histories related to his experiential course on Civil Rights History. The site will be made

available to law schools nationwide to allow students to watch first person-accounts of historical events.

**Joan Catherine Bohl**

*Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Bohl co-authored *Children and the Law: The Competing Rights, Privileges and Interests of Children, Parents, and the State*.

**Paul Boudreaux**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Boudreaux published “Time Machine: Emma’s Legal Education, 2025” in the *Journal of Legal Education*. Professor Boudreaux gave a talk on lessons to be learned from wildlife and wetlands law at the DELTAS2010 Conference at the Embassy of the Royal Netherlands. He also presented on land use law and immigration, which is a chapter of his forthcoming book.

**Brooke J. Bowman ’02**

*Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Bowman co-authored *The ALWD Companion: A Citation Practice Book* and the accompanying teacher’s manual. She moderated panels on “Program Design” and “Crowd Pleasers: How to Propose, Submit, and Deliver Stellar Presentations” at Legal Writing Institute conferences, presented “The Judicial Footnote” at the ALWD Scholars’ Forum, and co-presented “Team Teaching: A Combination of Good Parenting and Good Cop/ Bad Cop?” at the Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference. Professor Bowman served as chair of the archives committee for the Legal Writing Institute and is Assistant Editor in Chief of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*.

**Catherine J. Cameron**

*Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Cameron published “Fixing FOIA: Pushing Congress to Amend FOIA Section b(3) to Re-

quire Congress to Explicitly Indicate an Intent to Exempt Records from FOIA in New Legislation” in the *Quinnipiac Law Review*. She co-presented “Paradigm Shift: Effectively Transitioning Students Between Professors During the First-Year Writing Curriculum, or Let’s Talk about Switching it Up” with Professors Lance Long and Jason Palmer at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference.

**John F. Cooper**

*Associate Dean for International Programs and Professor of Law*

Dean Cooper served as chair-elect for the Committee of International Legal Exchange of the Association of American Law Schools.

**Kirsten K. Davis**

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

Professor Davis published “Extending the Vision: An Empowerment Identity Approach to Work-Family Regulation as Applied to School Involvement Leave Statutes” in the *William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law*. She served as a panelist on “Redefining Superwoman” at the Motherhood Conference at the University of Denver, and “Reflect, Reconnect, Re-Energize — Retreat! How A Program Retreat Can Move You Forward” at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference. Professor Davis serves on the board of directors of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, the editorial board of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, and the panel planning committee for the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education.

**Cynthia H. DeBose**

*Professor of Law*

Professor DeBose co-authored *Mastering Property*, which is being published in 2010.

**Darby Dickerson**

*Vice President, Dean and Professor of Law*

Dean Dickerson published the 4th edition of *ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional Citation System*. She also published “Signed and Release? Using Waivers and Releases as Risk-Management Tools” in *Campus Activities Programming*; “Law and Campus Violence,” a chapter in the book *Violence Goes to Campus*; and the co-authored paper “From Competition to Collaboration: College Alcohol Prevention in an Era of Competing Risks” in the U.S. Department of Education publication *Catalyst*. Dean Dickerson presented “Revisiting Student-at-Risk Response Teams” at Tufts University, “Professionalism and Legal Writing” as part of a Scribes presentation at Chicago-Kent College of Law, and “Bullies on Campus” and “Risks in the Admissions Process” at the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. She also co-presented a national webinar, “Cyberbullying on Campus” for the American Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors. Dean Dickerson received the Business Woman of the Year Award by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the Chief Judge’s Award from the 13th Judicial Circuit. Dean Dickerson was re-elected to the executive committee of the Part-Time Division Programs Section and elected to the executive committee of the Section for the Law School Dean for the Association of American Law Schools. She also serves on the Members Consultative Group for the Restatement (Third) Torts: Economic Torts and Related Wrongs of the American Law Institute, is on the editorial board of the *Journal of College and University Law*, and has been selected to serve on the AALS Membership Review Committee.

**Kelly M. Feeley '95**

*Associate Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Feeley presented "The Pedagogy of Interviewing and Counseling II" at a conference sponsored by UCLA and Brigham Young University. She co-presented "Negotiating and Mediating in a Global Community" at the Global Legal Skills conference at Georgetown University in June.

**Michael S. Finch**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Finch published "Choice of Law and Enforcement of Judgments," a chapter in *Overview of U.S. Law*. Professor Finch also serves as editor of the law section of the Association for the Scientific Advancement of Psychological Injury and Law. He was lead counsel in a recent appellate case, *Rotell v. Kuehnle*, in which the children's guardian alleges that the treating psychologist negligently failed to discover that her child-patients were being abused by their mother, resulting in the death of one child.

**Peter L. Fitzgerald**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Fitzgerald received Stetson's Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship in Spring 2010. He presented "E.U.-Canada Seal Hunt Ban Dispute" at the 12th International Wildlife Law Conference, moderated a panel on the Obama Administration's Trade Policy at the ABA Section of International Law Meeting, and presented "'Pawibilities' in Witness Testimony" at the Barney Masterson Inn of Court. He published opinion pieces on Michael Vick and the NFL in the *Citizens Voice* and the *Tampa Tribune*.

**Roberta K. Flowers**

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

Professor Flowers published "The Role of the Criminal Defense

Attorney: Not Just an Advocate" in the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*. She and Professor Judith Scully founded and now supervise the Innocence Initiative at Stetson, which reviews facts in cases where individuals claim to be innocent of the crimes for which they have been convicted. She is co-chair of the Professionalism subcommittee of the ABA Litigation Section's Ethics Committee.

**James W. Fox Jr.**

*Professor of Law  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development*

Dean Fox published "Fourteenth Amendment Citizenship and the Reconstruction-Era Black Public Sphere" in the *Akron Law Review*. He was a moderator and panelist on "Forming Contracts and Similar Relationships" at the International Conference on Contracts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

**Royal C. Gardner**

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

Professor Gardner co-authored, with Professor Theresa Radwan, "Corporate Shell Games: LLPs, LLCs, and Responsibility for

Mitigation Sites" in the *National Wetlands Newsletter*, which was selected as the publication's best work in the last year and republished in the *Environmental Forum*. He also co-authored "Official Development Assistance: Toward Funding for Sustainability" in *Agenda for a Sustainable America*, and delivered multiple presentations at the Beijing Wetland Legislation International Workshop in China. He presented "The Ramsar Convention: Wetlands in a Global Context" at Louisiana State University; "Climate Change: Post-Kyoto Challenges" at Stetson University's DeLand campus; and "A Brief History of No Net Loss of Wetlands: Origins, Challenges, and Opportunities" at the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel Mid-Term Workshop in Gland, Switzerland. He was an instructor at the National Training Course for Canadian Ramsar Site Managers in British Columbia, Canada. Professor Gardner served as co-chair of the International Environmental Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law and Practice and is an invited expert to the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel.

## Nagle Appointed to International Bar Association Council for Four-Year Term

On Oct. 7, Professor Luz Nagle was elected by acclamation to the International Bar Association Legal Practice Division Council for a four-year term starting in January 2011.

"As a member of the LPD Council, I am thrilled to have an opportunity to contribute substantively to one of the world's leading legal organizations," Nagle said. Her election caps prior appointments as secretary, vice-chair, and co-chair of the IBA's criminal law committee, and serving on several IBA task forces on the rule of law and counter-terrorism.

Deeply involved in the international fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery, she serves on the Florida Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking, and was honored with the Florida Coalition against Human Trafficking's 2009 Freedom Award.



**Carol Henderson**

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

Professor Henderson co-authored *The Future of Evidence* for the ABA Science and Technology Law Section, “Legal Issues Concerning Expert Evidence and Testimony” in *The Forensic Laboratory Handbook: Procedures and Practices*, and an annual update to *Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases*. She wrote forewords for *Italian Forensic Encyclopedia: Introduction on the Future of Forensic Sciences* and *The Real World of a Forensic Scientist: Renowned Experts Reveal What it Takes to Solve Crimes*. She presented on “The CSI Effect in Jury Trials” at the University of Florida; on Expert Evidence at the Hong Kong Forensic Science Society in Hong Kong, China; and “International Issues Facing Digital and Multimedia Sciences” at the IFIP International Conference on Digital Forensics in Hong Kong, China. Professor Henderson served as co-chair of the Future of Evidence Committee of the American Bar Association’s Science & Technology Law Section, as well as vice chair of the Scientific Evidence Committee. She serves on the editorial boards of *Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology*; the *Journal of Clinical Forensic Medicine*, and the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, as well as several working groups on Forensic Issues for the National Institute of Justice and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Forensics Committee. The Clearinghouse received the IACP August Vullmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award for Innovation in Forensic Technology.

**R. Blake Hudson**

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Hudson co-authored “Seeing the Global Forest for the Trees: How U.S. Federalism Can

Coexist with Global Governance of Forests” in the *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*, and wrote “The Public and Wildlife Trust Doctrines and the Untold Story of the Lucas Remand” in the *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*. He presented his forthcoming paper “Climate Change, Forests and Federalism: Seeing the Treaty for the Trees” at Duke University; “Revisiting Lucas: What the Remand Tells Us About Lost Opportunities and the Tragedy of Unargued Legal Arguments” at the University of South Carolina; “Carbon Markets and Climate Finance” at Clemson University; and “Seeing the Global Forest for the Trees: How U.S. Federalism can Coexist with Global Governance of Forests” at Yale University.

**Bruce R. Jacob ’59**

*Dean Emeritus*

*Professor of Law*

Dean Jacob was the keynote speaker at the conference “The Future of Sentencing, Corrections and Crime Reduction in Florida: A Conversation Between Journalists and Policy Makers,” co-sponsored by the Poynter Institute, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and the Pew Center on the States.

**Marco J. Jimenez**

*Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Jimenez published “The Many Faces of Promissory Estoppel: An Empirical Analysis under the Restatement (Second) of Contracts” in the *UCLA Law Review*. An edited version of his 2008 article on “The Value of a Promise: A Utilitarian Approach to Contract Law Remedies” appeared in *Perspectives on Contract Law*.

**William A. Kaplin**

*Distinguished Professorial Lecturer*

Professor Kaplin co-authored the second edition of *A Legal Guide for Student Affairs Professionals*,

as well as the 2009 cumulative supplement to *The Law of Higher Education: Student Version*. He also wrote “Expanding Student Access to and Success in Higher Education: Confronting Systemic Inequities,” available on the Social Science Research Network.

**Timothy S. Kaye**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Kaye published “Rights Gone Wrong: The Failure of Fundamentalist Tort Theory” in the *Mississippi Law Journal* and presented “Fundamentals of Campus Risk Management” at the 31st National Conference on Law and Higher Education.

**Peter F. Lake**

*Charles A. Dana Chair*

*Director of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy*

Professor Lake presented “Building Strong Foundations to Combat High Risk Alcohol Use” at the University of Tennessee — Chattanooga; “What Prevention and Counseling Staff Should Know about CARE/Threat Assessment Teams” at the NASPA Substance Abuse Conference; “Beyond Discipline — Reducing Legalisms to Improve Our Educational Environments” at the ASCA annual conference; and “Are Our Campuses Too Legalistic?” at the 10th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference. Professor Lake also gave an address at Wake Forest University and was a panelist at The Network’s National Forum for Senior Administrators. Professor Lake served on the editorial board of the *Journal of College and University Law* and the review board for the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention.

**Lance N. Long**

*Associate Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Long presented “Does Good Appellate Brief Writing Make

a Difference?” at the Northwest Legal Writing Conference and co-presented “Paradigm Shift: Effectively Transitioning Students Between Professors During the First-Year Legal Writing Curriculum” at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. He served as program co-director for the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, where he presented “Using Media Clips to Enhance Student Learning and Student Evaluations.”

#### Janice K. McClendon

*Professor of Law*

Professor McClendon published “The Perfect Storm: How Mortgage-Backed Securities, Federal Deregulation, and Corporate Greed Provide A Wake-Up Call For Reforming Executive Compensation” in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law*. She presented on “Executive Compensation Reform and the 2009/2010 Proxy Season” at the Tampa Bay Pension Council, “Financial Industry Crisis and Executive Compensation Reform” at the Association of American Law Schools conference, and “The Wall Street Reform Act of 2010” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference. She was co-chair of the Employee Benefits Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

#### Jeffrey J. Minneti

*Associate Professor of Legal Skills  
Director of Academic Success*

Professor Minneti published “Is It Too Easy Being Green? A Behavioral Economics Approach to Determining Whether to Regulate Environmental Marketing Claims” in the *Loyola Law Review*. Professor Minneti presented “Constructing a Behavioral Economics Model to Assess Whether and to What Extent Environmental Marketing Claims Ought to Be Regulated” at Washburn University School

of Law and at the Florida Legal Scholars Forum; “Pre- and Post-Testing: An Effective Instructional Tool for Professors and Students” at the University of Denver; and “Creating Dual Degree Agreements with Law Faculties Outside the United States” at the Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey, Mexico. Professor Minneti served on the executive committee of the Academic Support Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

#### Rebecca Morgan '80

*Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law and Director of the Center for Excellence in Elder Law*

Professor Morgan co-authored *Planning for Disability*, annual updates to *Planning for the Elderly in Florida; Tax, Estate & Financial Planning for the Elderly* and its companion form book, and *Fundamentals of Special Needs Trusts*. She published “The New Importance of Advance Directives” in *Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal* and co-authored “Today’s Elderly in Bankruptcy and Predictions for the Elderly of Tomorrow” in the *NAELA Journal*. Professor Morgan presented on “The New Importance of Advance Directives” at the Texas Tech Law School and spoke frequently at national and state conferences, including at the NAELA 2010 Symposium, the

Florida Bar Elder Law Section Public Benefits Program, the Spokane County Guardian Ad Litem Program, and at the National College of Probate Judges fall meeting.

#### Joseph F. Morrissey

*Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Morrissey published “A Contractarian Defense of Corporate Regulation” in *Transactions: Tennessee Journal of Business Law*. He presented “Lochner, Lawrence, and Liberty” at the 4th annual Critical Race Studies Symposium at UCLA, and “Law, Economics & Gay Rights” at Mercer University. He served as chair of the New Law Professors Section of the Association of American Law Schools and organized and moderated a panel on the “Transformative Power of Law” at the AALS annual conference.

#### Luz Estella Nagle

*Professor of Law*

Professor Nagle published “Corruption Among Politicians, Law Enforcement, and the Judiciary” in *Narcos over the Border: Gangs, Cartels and Mercenaries*; “Should Terrorism Be Subject to Universal Jurisdiction?” in *Santa Clara Journal of International Law*; and “U.S. International Criminal Law” in the ABA Criminal Justice Section’s *State of Criminal Justice 2009* publication. She presented a paper at the 2010 International

## NACDL awards highest honor to Podgor



Professor Ellen S. Podgor was awarded the 30th annual Robert C. Heeney Memorial Award, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ most prestigious honor, on Aug. 14 at its 52nd Annual Meeting in Toronto. This award is given annually to the one criminal defense lawyer who best exemplifies the goals and values of the NACDL and the legal profession.

Founded in 1958, the NACDL has more than 10,000 direct members in 28 countries and more than 40,000 attorneys through its 90 state, provincial and local affiliate organizations.

Congress on Human Trafficking at the University of Minnesota and was a keynote speaker at a University of Florida conference on globalization and human trafficking and the Tallahassee Women Lawyers Association Empowerment Series. She spoke at the International Bar Association annual conference in Madrid, Spain, and the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security in Washington, D.C. She co-chaired the IBA 13th Transnational Crime Conference in Paris in June 2010 and chaired a session on “Seeking justice worldwide: an examination of whether criminal defendants across the globe can receive a fair trial.” Professor Nagle presently serves on the Florida Governor’s Taskforce on Human Trafficking, the ABA Criminal Justice Council, is co-chair of the ABA International Criminal Law Committee, and is a member of the ABA Task Force on International Child Abduction, and the IBA Special Task Force on the International Criminal Court.

**Jason Palmer**

*Assistant Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Palmer published “Transnational Mass Claims Processes in International Law and Practice” in the *Berkeley Journal of International Law* and “Remedying Mistakes in Mass Claims without Compounding Errors — Lessons from the Palestinian Late Claims Program” in *Designing Compensation after Upheaval: Insights for the Experience of the United Nations Compensation Commission*. He presented his paper “The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Human Rights Approach to Post-Secondary Education” at the Cumberland School of Law; and co-presented “Paradigm Shift: Effectively Transitioning Students Between Professors During the First-Year Writing Curriculum,

or Let’s Talk About Switching it Up” at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. He was a panelist at the 2009 ABA fall meeting on “Associates Boot Camp: Nuts and Bolts of Drafting for Clients.” Professor Palmer serves on the executive committee of the AALS New Law Professors Section. Professor Palmer is a corresponding editor for the American Society of International Law’s *International Legal Materials*, and was a deputy editor of *The International Lawyer’s International Legal Developments in Review: 2009* and an assistant editor for the Legal Writing Institute’s *Journal of Legal Writing*.

**Ann M. Piccard**

*Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Piccard published “U.S. Ratification of CEDAW: From Bad to Worse?” in *Law and Inequality*. She also wrote an article for the *The Scholar: St. Mary’s Law Review on Minority Issues*, which was published in November.

**Ellen S. Podgor**

*LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Research Chair Professor of Law*

Professor Podgor co-authored *Mastering Criminal Procedure, Volume I: The Investigative Stage* and published third editions of *International Criminal Law: Cases and Materials* and *White Collar Crime: Law and Practice*. She authored “Intangible Rights — A Déjà Vu” in the *Vanderbilt Law Review En Banc*, “White Collar Innocence: Irrelevant in the High Stakes Risk Game” in *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, and “Educating Compliance” in *American Criminal Law Review*. She was a panelist at the 19th Annual National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and an ABA Business Law Section meeting. She spoke at the University of Texas, Washington and Lee, University of Chicago, and Southwestern Law School. Professor Podgor serves on the Members Con-

sultative Group for the Model Penal Code: Sentencing of the American Law Institute, the Lexis Law School Advisory Board, and the board of directors of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law.

**Theresa J. Pulley Radwan**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Radwan co-authored “Today’s Elderly in Bankruptcy and Predictions for the Elderly of Tomorrow” in the *NAELA Journal* and “Corporate Shell Games: LLPs, LLCs, and Responsibility for Mitigation Sites” in the *National Wetlands Newsletter*. She presented “Confirmation Issues in Chapter 13: Modification, Conversion, Discharge by Declaration and More” at the Judge Alexander L. Paskay Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Practice. Professor Radwan is president of the Ferguson-White American Inn of Court, and served on the advisory board of the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review*.

**Charles H. Rose III**

*Professor of Excellence in Trial Advocacy and Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy*

Professor Rose published the second edition of *Fundamental Trial Advocacy* this fall. Professor Rose also published two case files (one civil and one criminal), with accompanying materials and the book *Evidence in Context: Evidentiary Problems and Exercises* this fall. Professor Rose was the keynote speaker at the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service 2009 annual conference and at the U.S. Air Force Trial and Defense Counsel Course. He also presented at the Externships 5 Conference at the University of Miami College of Law.

**Susan Rozelle**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Rozelle published “The Type of Possession is Nine-Tenths of the Law: Criminal Responsibility for Acts Performed Under the Influence of Hypnosis or Bewitchment” in *Law and Magic*; four chapters for the book *Criminal Law Conversations*; and “Pure Insanity” in the *Texas Tech Law Review*. Professor Rozelle was a panelist at the Law and Society annual meeting and is chair for the Criminal Justice Section of the Association of American Law Schools and the New Law Professors Teaching Materials Network.

**Judith Scully**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Scully served on a panel that discussed police violence at the 2009 Black Leadership Conference held in New Orleans. She also presented on “Police Violence and International Human Rights Law” at Florida A&M School of Law. She served on the panel “A Walk in the Shoes of the Prosecution and Defense” at a conference co-sponsored by the Poynter Institute, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and the Pew Center. She presented her paper on “The Human Rights Implications of Quinacrine Sterilizations of Women” at the 1st Congress on Women’s Health and Abortion in Bangkok, Thailand. Professor Scully and Professor Flowers co-founded and serve as co-directors of the Innocence Initiative at Stetson Law, where she supervises students investigating cases of individuals claiming to be wrongfully convicted and working on research projects for the Florida Innocence Commission. She also serves on the steering committee of the Criminal Justice Section of the Association of American Law Schools and is an active member of the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

**Rebecca Trammell**

*Professor of Law, Director of Electronic Education, Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library Director*

Professor Trammell published “The Orphan Trained Legend — A Legal Reality” in the journal *Modern America*. She presented “Innovative Strategies and Tools for Tough Economic Times” at the Innovative Interfaces Inc. Academic Library Director’s Meeting in San Francisco.

**Stephanie Vaughan ’91**

*Professor of Legal Skills and Special Assistant to the Dean for Alumni and Development*

Professor Vaughan was honored for her 10 years of service advising Stetson’s Moot Court Board, which won 17 championships, 47 oralist awards and 47 brief/memorial awards, among other accolades under her leadership. She was named Special Assistant to the Dean for Alumni and Development in August.

**Louis J. Virelli III**

*Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Virelli published “Scientific Peer Review and Administrative Legitimacy” in the *Administrative Law Review* and “Evolutionary Due Process” in the *Northwestern University Law Review Colloquy*. In December, Professor Virelli presented a paper on “Traditionalism in the Roberts Court” at Florida International University College of Law. He also served on the planning committee for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting.

**Darryl C. Wilson**

*Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund Professor of Law and Co-Director, Institute for Caribbean Law and Policy*

Professor Wilson co-authored *Mastering Property Law*. He published “The Thing, The Invasion, The Tax Patent; Great Sci-Fi or

Golden Raspberries?” in the *Florida A&M University Law Review*, and the annual ACLI case notes in the *American & Caribbean Law News*. He served as Stetson’s legal reference point for the RAMSAR Convention Inaugural Caribbean Wetlands Initiative in the Dominican Republic and participated as a U.S. Representative for ADR Introduction and Training in Haiti. He also chaired the ACLI summer conference on International ADR in Trinidad. He continued his work as Commissioner and Vice Chair of the St. Petersburg Code Enforcement Board and as member of the Council of Neighborhood Associations and St. Petersburg’s Civilian Police Review Commission.

**Candace Zierdt**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Zierdt co-authored a book in the Lexis Nexis Skills and Values series on Contracts. She presented “Analysis of Recent Federal and State Cases Dealing with the Intersection of Magnuson-Moss Federal Warranty Act and The Warranties in UCC Article Two” at an ABA Business Law Section meeting, “The Anti-Disclaimer Statutes: A Review of Non-Uniformity in UCC § 2-316” at the ABA Annual meeting, and served on the Members Consultative Groups on the Principles of the Law of Software Contracts and the Restatement (Third) of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment for the American Law Institute. She serves as a commissioner for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and on numerous NCCUSL committees. She also is chair of the Study Committee for Tribal Legislation on Child Custody and Domestic Issues.

# Faculty Appointment News

**Kristen David Adams** is

Stetson's new Associate Dean for Academics.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and the American Law Institute. She authored *Commercial Transactions: A Survey of United States Law with International Perspective*, as well as several other co-authored books.



**Ellen S. Podgor**

has been appointed to Stetson's LeRoy Highbaugh Sr.

Research Chair. Editor of the popular White Collar Crime Prof blog, Podgor has co-authored several criminal law books, including *Understanding International Criminal Law* and *Mastering Criminal Law*, and she has published more than 50 academic articles and papers.



**Charles H. Rose III** has been

named Stetson's first Professor of Excellence in Trial Advocacy. This endowed position was made possible through the generosity of S. Sammy Cacciatore Jr., BA, JD '66 and Michael C. Maher, JD '65, who funded the endowed position to honor retired Professor William McKinley Smiley Jr. Professor Rose directs Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy and has authored and co-authored books in the areas of advocacy, evidence and military law. He served in the U.S. Army in a variety of intelligence and legal roles for 20 years, retiring to join Stetson's faculty.



**Tishia Dunham**

joins Stetson as Assistant Professor of Legal Skills and Director of Bar Preparation Services. She has spent the past seven years practicing with Bush Ross in Tampa, specializing in commercial litigation, employment law and real property, with an emphasis on community associations.



**Patricia Brumfield Fry**,

visiting professor of law, is a member of the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, where she chaired the drafting committees which produced the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. Professor Fry has published widely in the fields of commercial law and electronic commerce.



**Edward J. Kionka**,

visiting professor of law, served on the Southern Illinois University faculty for 30 years and has been a visiting professor at law schools across the country. He authored *Torts in a Nutshell* and *Torts Black Letter*, and co-authored two additional books.



**Diane Klein**,

visiting professor of law, joins Stetson from the University of La Verne, Calif. She has taught at Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Albany Law School, and has visited at three other law schools.



**John Lenich**,

visiting professor of law, joined Stetson for Fall 2010 from the University of Nebraska. Professor Lenich has taught in the areas of antitrust, appellate advocacy, civil procedure and remedies.



**Theodore Parnall**,

visiting professor of law, is from the University of New Mexico, where he is an emeritus professor and former law dean. He has served as an instructor or resident legal advisor in 11 overseas posts. He is widely published in the areas of international and comparative law and corporate/securities law.



**Nancy Shurtz**,

visiting professor of law, is the Bernard Kliks Professor of Law at the University of Oregon. She previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business and practiced law in Washington, D.C. She has authored the treatise *Education Planning: Taxes, Trusts and Techniques* and co-authored another treatise, *Corporate Tax*.



**James Maxeiner**,

visiting associate professor of law, joined Stetson for Fall 2010 from the University of Baltimore, where he is a tenured associate professor. He earned his LL.M. from Georgetown University, and his doctor of juridical science degree from the Ludwig Maximilians Universität in Munich.



**James Sheehan JD '77**,

visiting assistant professor of law, has been a civil litigation attorney for more than 30 years. Professor Sheehan has published two works of legal fiction, *The Mayor of Lexington Avenue* and *The Law of Second Chances*. Recently, he completed writing his third novel, *The Alligator Man*.



**Bradley Areheart**,

Bruce R. Jacob Fellow, practiced law with DLA Piper in Austin. His teaching and research interests include contracts, cyber law, disability and health law, employment discrimination, and intellectual property.



**Monu Bedi**,

Bruce R. Jacob Fellow, was senior editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*. He served in the Navy JAG Corps, then worked for Ropes & Gray in Boston.



**Christine Cerniglia**,

visiting assistant professor of legal skills, is a member of both the Louisiana and Florida bars. Before joining Stetson as a visiting professor in 2009, she practiced maritime law in New Orleans and served as a staff attorney for Florida's Sixth Judicial Circuit.





"I am an ordinary person, to whom extraordinary things have happened."

— U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas



# Supreme Speakers

2009-2010

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Nine supreme court justices from around the world participated in Stetson programs in 2009-2010.

**Justice Clarence Thomas**, Supreme Court of the United States, visited for two days in February 2010 as Stetson's Distinguished Jurist in Residence. During the visit, he made several presentations before Stetson law and undergraduate students, including a campus-wide question-and-answer session.

**Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin**, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Canada, continued to serve as one of Stetson's Distinguished International Fellows, a position she will hold through 2011.

**Justice Susan Gageby Denham** of the Supreme Court of Ireland, participated in the Introduction

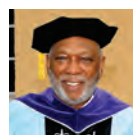


to Irish Law course, where Stetson students traveled to Ireland during spring break.

**Justice Adrian Saunders**, Caribbean Court of Justice, participated in Stetson's Winter Break Cayman Islands Course in January 2010.

The female chief justices of three state supreme courts, **Chief Justice Carol Hunstein '76** of Georgia, **Chief Justice Peggy Quince** of Florida and **Chief Justice Janice Holder** of Tennessee, presented Stetson's Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Distinguished Lecture in January 2010 as part of the annual Inns of Court banquet at Mirror Lake Lyceum.

**Justice James E.C. Perry**, Supreme Court of Florida, served as Stetson's Fall Commencement Speaker in December 2009.



**"Education is never wasted. You cannot be better prepared in this anemic job market. It is those unpredictable avenues that you take along life's journey that can offer you the greatest reward."**

— *Justice James E.C. Perry*  
*Supreme Court of Florida*

**Justice Andrew G.T. Moore**, Supreme Court of Delaware (ret.), taught a course in March 2010 as one of Stetson's Distinguished Professorial Lecturers. Justice Moore also donated his judicial papers to the Stetson University College of Law, and they are housed in the Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library.



## Justice Thomas: From Pin Point to the Highest Court

On Feb. 2., U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas visited to talk with a crowd of students gathered in the Great Hall at Stetson University College of Law.

Justice Thomas talked about the importance of the law and of the courts and then engaged in a lively topical discussion with students.

"It's a humbling job," Justice Thomas said of his role on the Supreme Court.

"Do not give up," he urged the law students gathered to hear him talk on Tuesday morning. He said of his own experience as a law student, "One day, years later, everything clicked."

Born in the tiny impoverished town of Pin Point, Ga., Justice Thomas grew up in Savannah, Ga., and ultimately graduated with a law degree from Yale.

From 1981-1982, Justice Thomas served as assistant

secretary of education for the Office of Civil Rights in the U.S. Dept. of Education and from 1982-1990, was chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

He served on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals before being nominated to fill a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"You have to be honest, conscientious and thorough," Justice Thomas said of being a good lawyer.

In 2007, Justice Thomas published *My Grandfather's Son: A Memoir*. The book spans Thomas's life from early childhood through the present, focusing on his upbringing, struggles against racism, intellectual evolution, self-reliance and conviction, and ultimate confirmation to the Supreme Court. Justice Thomas succeeds Thurgood Marshall as only the second African-American to serve on the high court. His book was number one on the *New York Times* non-fiction best-seller list.



**“Don’t let anyone define who you are or what you can or cannot do.”**

*— Chief Justice Janice Holder  
Supreme Court of Tennessee*

**“Be proud of who you are and what you do. Keep true to yourself.”**

*— Chief Justice Carol Hunstein '76  
Supreme Court of Georgia*



# Murky waters

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by Brandi Palmer

On April 20, an explosion erupted and the Deepwater Horizon drilling platform sank off the coast of Louisiana. Eleven workers were killed, and 17 sustained injuries. A damaged well on the ocean floor began gushing oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

An Aug. 23 Associated Press article reports 206 million gallons of oil leaked into the gulf. NOAA reported that hundreds of thousands of gallons of dispersants were used to break down the oil. In mid-July, a temporary cap stopped the leak.

The oil has stopped flowing into the gulf, but the lawsuits have only just begun to surface. People, animals, industries and the environment in four states along the Gulf coast all face the possibility of lasting impacts from the offshore accident.

BP has spent millions of dollars in cleanup efforts and says the company takes full responsibility and will pay all legitimate claims and the cost of the cleanup. A \$20 billion BP compensation fund has been set up to cover damage claims from gulf oil disaster victims, to be administered by 9/11 fund administrator Ken Feinberg. An investigative panel including the U.S. Coast Guard-Bureau of Energy Management is looking into what caused the explosion and how to improve regulation, safety and oversight to avoid another drilling disaster.

Four months after the oil well blowout in the gulf, we gathered a roundtable of legal experts at Stetson Law on the Gulfport campus to discuss how the law has responded to similar disasters in the past, what we can expect to see this time, and what

legal experts should be talking about now to prevent this type of disaster from happening again in the future.

Dr. Tim Kaye is originally from the U.K. and teaches torts and product liability. He addressed the first question to the faculty roundtable regarding BP's liability. "BP in principle is liable for, at the moment, an indefinite amount," said Kaye. "But however it's sliced, the law won't allow that to be an indefinite amount and won't allow an indefinite number of people to make a claim."

He explained that there are claims for myriad people: the families of people killed on the oil rig, people injured in or around the oil rigs, people whose livelihoods have been damaged, and people who have lost property value because tourists don't want to visit the Gulf Coast. Kaye said people with purely economic



losses, like loss of property value or loss of business, may be out of luck in the law of torts. According to Kaye, the fund set up to be administered by Ken Feinberg may ultimately be more generous than the law would be. “What this fund is, is simply ring-fenced money,” Kaye explained. Even if BP went bankrupt or ran out of money, the fund would be in place to pay people.

The roundtable examined another historic incident, the Exxon *Valdez* oil spill, for some parallels to the gulf spill. “It is likely that some of the money from BP will be used to perform health assessments. It is notoriously tricky, however, for someone who has gotten sick to sue or recover from a polluter, considering the multiplicity of different potential causes of illnesses. Using the experience of the 1989 Alaska oil

spill as precedent, we might see some use of money to set up local clinics, etc., that do not necessarily respond directly to the oil spill,” said Professor Paul Boudreaux. Boudreaux, who teaches environmental law, natural resources law, property and land use law, was away from campus during the roundtable, but shared some ideas during a separate interview.

Professor Ellen Podgor is a former deputy prosecutor and criminal defense attorney who teaches white collar crime, criminal law and international criminal law, and edits the White Collar Crime Blog. She dissected some of the charges resulting from Exxon *Valdez*. “The initial Exxon *Valdez* oil spill produced charges under the Clean Water Act, the Refuse Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Ports and Waterways Act, and the Dangerous Cargo

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Professor of Law

Act,” Professor Podgor said. “All of these carried criminal penalties with them. However, they pled guilty to violations of the Clean Water Act, the Refuse Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the company itself, Exxon Corporation, only pled guilty

to violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The other violations were Exxon Shipping company.” As a result of the spill, Exxon paid a \$25 million fine and Exxon Shipping paid a \$125 million fine.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has opened a criminal investigation into the gulf oil blowout, and in past spills the government has investigated and often pursued criminal charges, Podgor explained. “No one has charged BP with any criminal violations yet,” Podgor told the group. “If, in fact, there are charges that come against BP, I think that Holder’s office will probably look at some of these same statutes,” Podgor said.

“The government cannot, of course, put a corporation in jail. But it can impose very large fines on a corporation found guilty of criminal activity, beyond the amount that might be imposed for a merely ‘civil penalty,’” said Professor Boudreaux. “Criminal conviction also means, in certain cases, that the corporation is disqualified from certain government programs and benefits.”

“Many parties will sue BP and other corporations in connection with the spill, as well as suits against the government,” Professor Boudreaux said. “The Oil Pollution Act authorizes more than \$75 million in penalties if the polluter acted with ‘gross negligence’ — an issue

**“If we vilify one entity, BP, a gas and exploration company, what makes us think they won’t pick up and drill elsewhere, somewhere else in the world where they aren’t vilified? The fact is we’re dependent upon oil.”**

— Christine Cerniglia  
Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

that remains to be determined. BP has already spoken of spending \$20 billion. This would be apportioned among direct cleanup efforts and indirect lost profits for people such as fishermen, food processors and beach motel owners.”

The Ocean Pollution Act, or OPA, which was a result of the Exxon *Valdez* spill, defines the responsible party as the person who leases the well, and BP leased the well that blew in April in the gulf. Visiting professor Christine Cerniglia began her legal career in New Orleans practicing maritime law, specifically offshore drilling personal injury defense, where she became skilled in both state and federal litigation. She explained that BP does not drill for oil by itself. “It’s truly a floating city out there,” Cerniglia said. Within the city, Cerniglia explained that there is a contractual conglomerate of people. Looking beyond BP, she said that there are other parties that might be held accountable and responsible for the oil blowout in the gulf. “It’s a dissection of claims,” Cerniglia said. “Long story short, it’s going to take a while to get through all of this and try to figure out and sort through it to figure out what law applies, but right now, everyone is operating under OPA.”

After the Exxon *Valdez* spill, OPA was passed in 1990 as a legislative response in order to create a national contingency plan and disaster fund. Professor Blake Hudson has a master’s degree in environmental science in addition to a law degree, and teaches property, natural resources and environmental law. He said one of the responses from Exxon *Valdez* was to throw money at the problem. “But developing a comprehensive plan on addressing the problem itself or prevention of the problem is something that we’ve not learned, I don’t think, from past experiences with Exxon and Texas City Refinery.”

“Yes, environmental regulation will be strengthened, at least in the

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— Blake Hudson  
Assistant Professor of Law

short run,” said Professor Boudreaux. “The MMS has already been replaced by a new bureau of the U.S. Interior Department, called the Bureau of Ocean Energy. A branch of this bureau will focus specifically on safety and environmental enforcement. This bureau will receive more funding that the MMS got for overseeing offshore drilling, and there will be far greater public scrutiny of drilling activities. New regulations are likely to impose new and expensive safety measures, such as additional safeguards against oil well blowouts, as happened at the Deepwater Horizon rig. A less certain question is whether public attention and funding will last.”

Professor Podgor said that she was hopeful about positive change as a result of some careful analysis and education. She referenced major changes in the SEC after a Ponzi scheme was unearthed and studied. “I can see that happening here. I can see there being some major changes in the regulatory structure and the way it operates as a result of this.”

“I do think there is one problem that we have not already mentioned,” Dr. Kaye said. “No matter what regulations are introduced, companies will adjust their behavior accordingly.” The contractual matrix still exists, he said. “The problem with bringing in new regulations is you’ve always got to be aware that while you’ve changed the ground rules, that doesn’t stop the

## Ken Feinberg to visit Stetson Law



Ken Feinberg, administrator of the oil spill escrow fund and past administrator of compensation funds for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and Virginia Tech victim donations, has committed to speak at Stetson Law in 2011 as the Nichols Foundation Prominent Speakers Lecturer. Watch [www.law.stetson.edu](http://www.law.stetson.edu) for future details.

than 100 resulted in heavy fines for BP. Hudson worked in Houston at the Baker Botts law firm and closely studied the 2005 case. He said OSHA fined the Texas refinery for failing to fix safety hazards revealed in the 2005 explosion. “BP didn’t take any steps to fix some of the problems that existed,” Hudson said. Ongoing problems and disasters like the one at the oil refinery and in the gulf beg for change, Hudson explained. “I think that it will be an impetus for looking at how we assess process safety and health and safety standards in general for corporations that are operating within the United States.”

While differing in their approach to the tangle of legal issues surfacing in the wake of the oil blowout in the gulf, in one matter, the roundtable agreed. A proactive, educational approach, they concluded, is better than taking the traditionally reactive stance. While accidents always happen, Dr. Kaye said, “I think that trying to prevent them — regulating and educating to prevent them — is definitely the way to go, rather than saying well, it’s likely to happen and we’ll try to fire-fight it as best we can after the event because we can never do it as well.”

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“Things like Exxon *Valdez*, 9/11 and this blowout show that the traditional legal mechanisms often don’t work,” Kaye said, adding that without the fund, we might have 20 years of litigation. “We need something quite a lot more radical,” he said, pointing to some models around the globe with better safety records. “I would like to see some sort of creation of corporate manslaughter or corporate homicide statutes.”

“If we vilify one entity, BP, a gas and exploration company, what makes us think they won’t pick up and drill elsewhere, somewhere else in the world where they aren’t vilified?” Professor Cerniglia asked. “The fact is, we’re dependent upon

oil.” After a massive moratorium in the gulf subsequent to the blowout, many rigs pulled out of the gulf and moved elsewhere, impacting the local economies of Louisiana and Texas, Cerniglia said.

“States have the tools available to them to take the environment and natural resource management more seriously, but they don’t really show concern until a disaster occurs, and I would like to see more of a comprehensive focus and studies of ways in which these types of things can be avoided ahead of time instead of just suing for the money after it happens,” said Hudson.

Back in 2005, the Texas City Refinery explosion in Houston that killed 15 people and injured more



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DOLLY & HOMER HAND  
LAW LIBRARY





# Giving Hands

On a warm day last October, the College of Law celebrated 110 years of legal education by naming the library on its Gulfport campus after philanthropists Dolly '49 and Homer Hand. A crowd of alumni, students, faculty and university leadership gathered in the sunny Mediterranean-style library courtyard to honor the Hands' generosity and to witness a historic day.

"It really does seem like just a few short years ago that I was a student in the law school back when it was located in DeLand," Dolly Hand said at the naming ceremony. Truly a pioneer, Dolly was the only woman in her graduating class and the youngest student, at age 20, to ever graduate from Stetson Law.

Dolly Hand has since dedicated decades to serving Stetson University. She is a 16-year Stetson University trustee and a member of the College of Law Hall of Fame. Homer received Stetson Law's Distinguished Service Award and numerous civic awards.

"This library serves as a testament to the courage and generosity of two

**"Dolly and Homer Hand have nourished academic excellence at Stetson University for more than 50 years. Their generosity has created educational opportunities for literally thousands of students at Stetson and across Florida. We are grateful for their philanthropy."**

— *Darby Dickerson*  
*Vice President and Dean*

remarkable people, Dolly and Homer Hand," President Wendy Libby remarked at the naming ceremony. "They have unselfishly dedicated their lives to creating educational opportunities for young people. Today, as we celebrate precisely 110 years of outstanding legal education at Stetson University College of Law, it is fitting that we name this library for Dolly and Homer Hand."

The Hands are long-time supporters of education and the arts throughout the state of Florida. In 1996, they were presented with the Champion of Higher Independent Education in Florida Award.

Dean Darby Dickerson described the 110-year evolution of the law

school from a handful of students in DeLand to more than 1,000 enrolled today at two campuses in Tampa Bay. "Despite the many changes, a few things have remained constant over the past 100 years, and one of those is the law library," said Dean Dickerson. "Opened in 1998, this law library is a tribute to so much that is good and special about Stetson."

Dean Dickerson credited Dean Emeritus Elizabeth Moody and Library Director Emeritus Lamar Woodard with the vision for the new library, a hub of scholarly activity at the law school. "In short, our library represents the heart and soul of the College of Law," Dean Dickerson said.



Stetson and civic leaders spoke at the ceremony honoring the Hands upon the dedication of the library and celebrating the law school's 110th anniversary on Oct. 2. Pictured left (L to R): Gulfport Vice Mayor Michele King, SBA President Evan Raymond, Congressman Gus Bilirakis JD '89, Overseer Chair Joshua Magidson JD '80, Library Director Rebecca Trammell, Homer and Dolly (LLB '49) Hand, President Wendy Libby, Dean Darby Dickerson, and Trustee Chair Harlan "Butch" Paul BA '76.



Dolly Hand thanked her entire Stetson family, with campuses stretching from the east to the west coast of Florida. She applauded the partnership between President Wendy Libby and Dean Darby Dickerson. She credited the late Chancellor H. Douglas Lee with forging the strong bond between the historic DeLand campus and the law school in Gulfport during his 22-year tenure as university president.

Dolly tearfully gestured to the entrance to the law library at the conclusion of her speech. “The greatest honor I have received on this day is to look up on that wall and see my name next to Homer’s,” Dolly said. “For that is the way it has always been and that is the way it will always be ... Homer and Dolly, side by side.”

Dedicated in 1998 by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the 59,100-square-foot Dolly and Homer Hand Law Library has a collection of nearly 400,000 volumes. The collection includes rare materials from the Nuremberg Doctors Trials, archives from the law school’s 110-year history, and a new collection of judicial papers from a former chief justice of the Delaware Supreme Court.

The generosity of Dolly and Homer Hand is evident across Stetson University’s four campuses. The Hands endowed an annual award for excellence in faculty research, provided principal funding for the Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center, and made the lead gift for the Doug and Margaret Lee Scholarship.





# From Law to Business

Many Stetson lawyers choose to apply their education to fields outside the practice of law. Meet three alumni who are using their legal skills to successfully grow their businesses.

by Brian Vandervliet

## Controlling His Own Destiny

When Stuart Appleby sank a 10' 10" putt for a final round 59 and a dramatic one-stroke victory at the Greenbrier Classic in August, you can be certain that **Bobby Kreusler '91** was cheering him on. It's a part of his job.



Far from the courtrooms where he was once a litigator, Kreusler is now the CEO of Blue Giraffe Sports – an Atlanta-based talent management and marketing agency that promotes a stable of 20 professional golfers such as Appleby, Paul Goydos, Arjun Atwal, Mathew Goggin, and other PGA stars from around the world.

Kreusler is well at ease with

high-profile clients. Prior to creating Blue Giraffe Sports in 2004, he was co-owner and executive vice president of Wilhelmina Models where he ran the artist management division and oversaw endorsements and marketing for celebrities like Beyonce, Usher, and Jessica Simpson, and helped execute multimillion dollar contracts with L'Oreal, Covergirl, Hugo Boss, Levis, and others.

What led Kreusler into business was not the bright lights or green fairways associated with representing and marketing well-known athletes and entertainers, but the chance to be in greater control of his own destiny.

"If you want to do things a certain way, and you have a certain vision and plan you'd like to follow, then the only way you're ever going to be able to do that is by embarking on your own," said Kreusler.

Kreusler described his clients, and his company, with energetic fondness. He said that he appreciated that he could use both his creative and analytical talents to “build something up.” In addition, he also liked the certain “surreality or nervousness” that occurs as a CEO when making decisions of consequence. “I think it makes you feel more alive,” said Kreusler.

At Blue Giraffe Sports, Kreusler’s responsibilities are legion. While working to improve a client’s brand, he said that his eight-member company will advise clients, coordinate events, negotiate contracts, work with media outlets, or frequently take late-night calls from clients, whom he described as “family,” to discuss business, or even personal, matters.

Kreusler, who has also served as general counsel for other premier talent management companies, said that legal work now comprised less than 20 percent of his daily responsibilities and focus. But his legal skills, he said, factor into many aspects of his decision-making.

“Make no mistake about the fact that being a lawyer is what makes me a good businessman,” said Kreusler, 46. “It’s my legal training that allows me to be a better businessman than I would be, by far, without it.”

Kreusler, who also has an MBA from Florida State University, said that having earned a J.D. has significantly helped during business negotiations.

“It has given me confidence to know that when I am sitting at a bargaining table, negotiation table, or maybe a discussion, that the person sitting across from me, who might be a lawyer or with a lawyer, doesn’t have something over me or have an experience or knowledge base that they could use against me,” said Kreusler.



### An Orientation to Business

On his first day of orientation at Stetson Law, **Nathan DeVault '01** lined up in alphabetical order behind Megan Costa, also a first-year student. For DeVault, this fateful 1L introduction in 1999 would lead to two successful partnerships — in marriage with Megan, and in business with Linda Costa, his future mother-in-law.



Just weeks after graduating, DeVault joined Linda Costa’s public relations firm, which provides strategy development, media relations, design services, and crisis management to clients ranging from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. He has been at the Orlando firm ever since, later becoming partner and vice president of “Costa DeVault.”

“I had started to gravitate towards an interest in business, and that led me to what I was going to do best,” said DeVault, who married Megan while at Stetson. “The opportunity arose with Linda, and it was a perfect fit. The timing was perfect.”

Since joining Costa nearly 10 years ago, DeVault said that he had helped the firm double its revenue, in part by helping to enlist new business from law firms, real estate developers, transit companies and other clients with complex needs.

While in school, DeVault said he realized he did not want to practice law. Despite the change of heart, he said that his legal education had still served to prepare him for responsibilities ranging from managing staff to analyzing strategies

### Did you know?

Stetson University has the largest JD/MBA dual-degree program in the United States.

to working with clients, about 40 at any given time.

“I think having a legal background provides a good bit of comfort to the clients I work with,” said DeVault, 34. “They know that while I’m not representing them from a legal standpoint, I can recognize when there’s a potential issue and can raise a concern if I need to.”

His legal education, DeVault said, had helped open doors professionally and had served as a “jump-start” into the more difficult areas of public relations. A few of his first clients were real estate developers, and he said that his Stetson Law courses in property law had been particularly helpful.

“Having an understanding from law school of what it is they were trying to do and what the strategy was behind the real estate deals made it easier for me to make good decisions and advise them about when we should do certain things and when we shouldn’t.”

DeVault said that he had also found his prior study of mediation especially useful in the business world.

“It made a lot of sense to me to try to work with somebody to deal with a problem versus trying to fight with them,” said DeVault. “That’s what I do a lot of now is really just try to make sure everybody is on the same page, communicating as effectively as we can. It’s as fundamental a concept or practice in business as anything. That’s really what it’s about, negotiating back and forth, coming up with terms or scenarios that will be beneficial to everyone.”

DeVault appears to often use his legal knowledge. But when asked if he’d ever like to formally practice law

and leave public relations, he dryly answered “Not at all.”

“I anticipate doing this and being here until I don’t work anymore, until the day I retire,” said DeVault. “I love this. I love doing this.”

### Man on the Run

As a self-described “runner geek,” **Matt Carrillo '08** likes to stay in motion. So perhaps it’s no surprise that only months before graduating from Stetson Law, he began drafting plans with his brother to open a specialty shoe store in his hometown of Gainesville.

“I don’t really limit myself on what I want to do, and I think because of that, I was able to jump so quickly with my brother into this idea,” said Carrillo, 25. “I’ve always wanted to try new things. That’s the type of person I am.”

After passing the bar exam in July 2008, Carrillo, along with his brother Mike, launched their new business, Gainesville Running and Walking, just a month later. Impressively, Carrillo has been able to co-manage the new business while also joining his father’s legal practice as a full-time partner.

For Carrillo, it’s not easy to answer the question as to whether he is a businessman or a lawyer first. That’s because, in his estimation, the two skill sets often coincide. At his shoe store, he has often used his legal expertise to renegotiate contracts with vendors or to examine issues. And at a small family firm such as Carrillo and Carrillo P.A., his business acumen is equally essential.

Although Carrillo noted specific Stetson Law courses such as Contracts, Commercial Transactions, and Business Entities as being particularly relevant to business, he said that it has been his legal education, on the whole, that has been most beneficial.

“Even if I hadn’t taken those specific classes, I think that just the way law school teaches you how to think analytically lends itself to preparing you to take apart difficult situations and deal with them appropriately.”

Law school, Carrillo added, had taught him to adequately prepare for challenges, but also not to hesitate when immediate action is required. Using the random nature of courtroom arguments as an example,

he suggested that unforeseen events would always occur.

“You can’t be 100 percent ready and prepared for everything. If we had waited until we were absolutely sure everything would work out and be okay, then we would have never started the business. You’re not always going to be ready, but you still have to go forward.”

Carrillo said that sales revenue at Gainesville Running and Walking had grown more than 30 percent each year, despite the poor economy. He credited having discovered a marketable niche and having a knowledgeable staff that can discuss the details of running gear and biomechanics with customers.

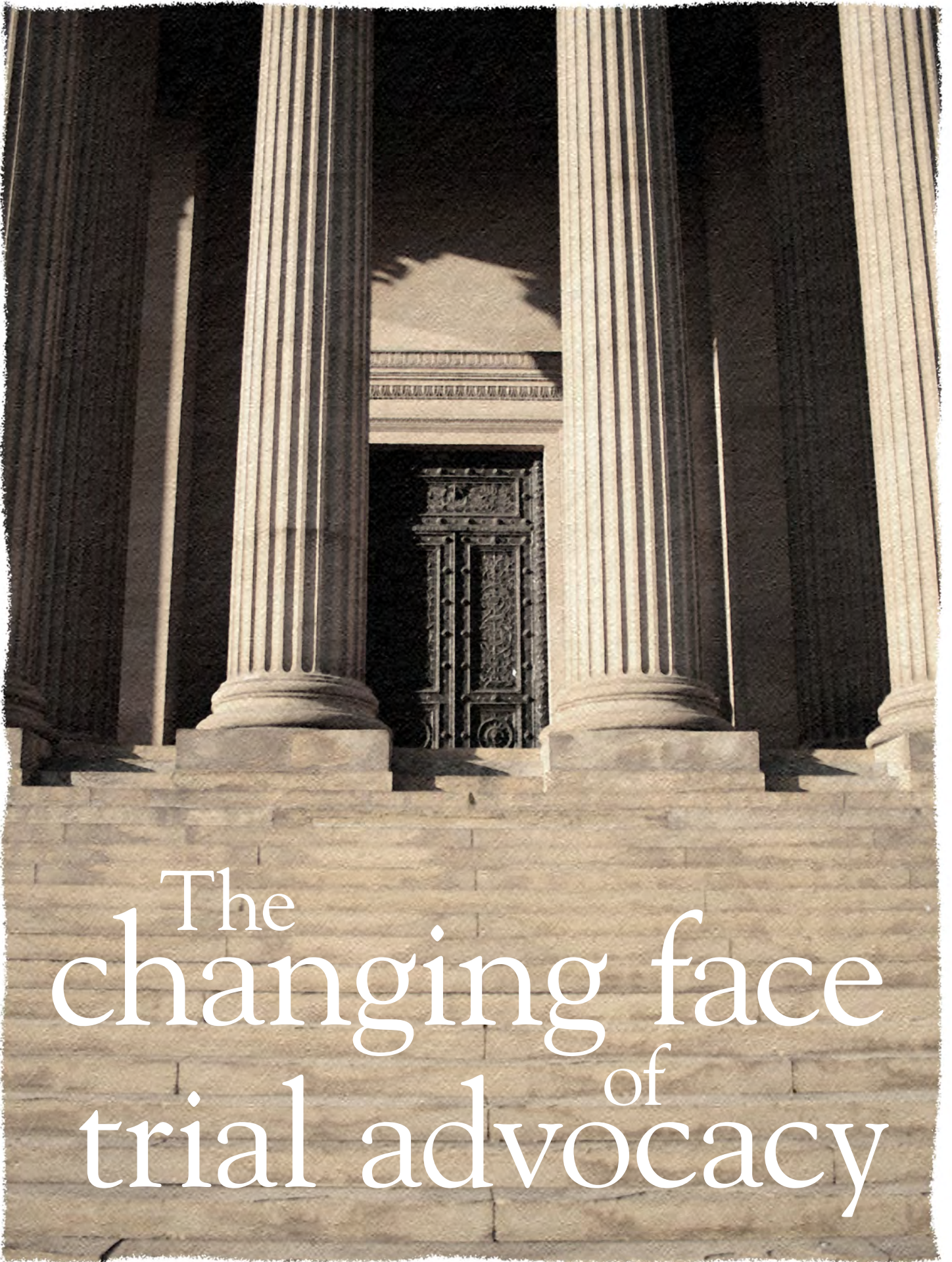
Although he described feeling a sense of accomplishment in having created a business, Carrillo added that he plans to keep moving forward. In addition to continuing his law practice, he said that perhaps one day he would open another retail store or maybe a restaurant.

“It’s been a dream to own a business, but it’s never been that I want this one business and that’ll be it for me. I don’t think this is the end by any means.”



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— *Matt Carrillo '08*  
Co-owner, Gainesville Running  
and Walking



The  
changing face  
of  
trial advocacy

# Up-and-coming attorneys share their perspectives on how shifts in technology, competition and gender are influencing the practice of trial law

by Shannon Tan JD '08

When **Todd A. Romano '99** went on family vacations in the 1980s, the only way his father — a trial attorney — could check on his cases was to call his office from a pay phone. Now, thanks to an onslaught of technology, it is virtually impossible to completely leave the office. Skype, remote access, video-conferencing, iPhones, and iPads have made younger trial lawyers more efficient and productive.

“Many of the more seasoned trial lawyers have not embraced the available technology that is out there,” said Romano, a partner at The Romano Law Group in Lake Worth. “The downside is you can never get away from work, unlike our predecessors.”

**Jodi Leisure '99**, managing partner at Carey & Leisure in Clearwater, agrees that young trial lawyers are more technologically savvy. She sees older lawyers using hardboards in the courtroom, while younger lawyers rely on PowerPoint for their presentations.

“Jurors almost expect to see the latest electronics in use,” said **Tammy J. Judge '99**, an attorney at the Yerrid Law Firm P.A in Tampa. “We recently started using a trial consultant group that has every exhibit and video deposition scanned in, and we merely make mention of what we need and it instantly appears on the screen.”

While **Gene Odom '00** of the Martinez-Odom Law Group also incorporates technology in his courtroom presentations, he warns attorneys not to use it as a “crutch” or substitute for effective advocacy.

“Trial lawyers have always used demonstrative aids, and they will always be essential to proving a case. However, I believe that too much technology can be an impediment to effective communication with the jury.”

Judge says she is excited about the new iJuror application for the iPad. The application allows attorneys to electronically track individual juror trends and patterns through icons. “Jury selection is probably the most difficult part of the trial for a plaintiff’s lawyer, who has moments to assimilate the juror data and immediately begin asking questions,” she said. “If this app does what it touts, it will be priceless in the courtroom. I immediately went to the patriarch of our firm and shared this new technology with him.”

**Chinwe O. Fossett '00**, an attorney at Cohen, Foster & Romine P.A. in Tampa, said that potential jurors will visit a law firm’s website and even search for the firm’s attorneys on Facebook. As a result, she will question potential jurors to ferret out any biases they might have against her, her firm or her client. “Jurors can read or find out things you do not want them to find out,” she said.

**Eric Romano '97**, a partner at the Romano Law Group, says that the use of technology is not the only thing that differentiates seasoned lawyers from younger attorneys.

“With increased competition for legal work, there has become a much greater need to focus on the business side of practicing law,” he said. “More experienced trial lawyers were able to spend more time practicing law and

less time worrying about running a business. These days, that is a recipe for disaster.”

Eric Romano said that law firms must now focus on marketing, cash flow, employees, case selection and firm structure in order to be successful. “Implementing efficient systems and new technologies, and keeping them current, is an essential part of managing a law firm in today’s climate,” he said.

Odom, who has seen talented lawyers suffer financially, agrees. “To have the freedom to practice and adequately represent your clients, you have to have a solid business model that allows for the uncertainties that are inherent within our practice.”

Another change that young trial lawyers have noticed is the rising number of women in the courtroom.

**Jill Thomas '97** was a JAG lawyer for nine years in the U.S. Air Force before becoming an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California. She estimates that she has handled more than 40 jury trials, including a few public corruption and drug trafficking cases.

“It seems that more female lawyers are in the profession these days when compared to when I first started in law,” she said. “Male trial lawyers likely still outnumber female trial lawyers, but the gap appears to be closing.”

Leisure says she thinks women bring something different to the courtroom. “I think women generally approach conflict resolution a little differently than men do. I notice a big difference between the way men and women litigate. Sometimes, depending on the case, it can be an advantage.”

Todd Romano sees another difference in the way younger trial lawyers approach litigation: They are more patient. “Trial dockets are more log-jammed than they used to be. There are fewer judges and court resources due to budget cuts, and it is much tougher to get hearings set. I see many of the more seasoned trial lawyers who have been around for a while get incredibly frustrated by these factors, and it causes them to completely lose focus and get wrapped around the axle.”

Even though the courtroom and trial practices are evolving, these young trial lawyers recognize that many things remain the same.

“The fundamentals of good trial practice are the same,” said **Robert J. Sniffen ’93**, the founder and managing partner of Sniffen & Spellman P.A. in Tallahassee. “A good trial lawyer is a good storyteller and someone who can take a large amount of information and synthesize it into a format that the jury can understand. I do not believe much has changed in this regard.”

Sniffen advises trial lawyers to find their own style and embrace it. “Juries can smell a phony a mile away.”

Eric Romano agrees. “If you don’t have an intense passion for each client and each case, then you cannot succeed as a trial lawyer. Judges and jurors can tell when an attorney believes in her client and in her case, and they will see right through an attorney who isn’t sincere.”

And the best way to become a successful trial lawyer is still to try as many cases as you can.

“When I got into the courtroom, I was terrified because I felt I was not as well-armed as an experienced lawyer, but it is a completely even playing field,” Leisure said. She advises lawyers to not be afraid to take on “ugly” cases. “You can learn more from your losses than your wins.”

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Fossett, a former assistant state attorney with more than 70 jury trials under her belt, says that the best way to learn trial work is to work for the State Attorney’s Office or the Public Defender’s Office.

That’s what **Rachel May Zysk ’04** did. During her internship at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Florida, Zysk became involved in a major terrorism case involving Hatem Fariz, one of Dr. Sami Al-Arian’s codefendants. After passing the bar, she was given a permanent position. The trial lasted approximately six months.

“The jury failed to return a single guilty verdict,” said Zysk, who is now a criminal litigator at Carlton Fields. “It was an incredible experience.”

Fossett and Zysk credit Stetson with giving them a headstart against other litigators. Fossett said that when she first started practicing, she was surprised to find that experienced lawyers on the opposing side would not have the same grasp of the rules of evidence as she did. “The trial team program was just amazing. I didn’t realize how amazing it was until I came into the real world.”

Zysk said she learned how to be a litigator at Stetson. “While I do not believe that anything can truly prepare you for the responsibility of another person’s life, Stetson’s emphasis on practical skills provided me with the know-how when I took on that responsibility for the first time.”

*Writer Shannon Tan ’08 is a staff attorney with Florida’s Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland.*

## Rising Stars in Trial Advocacy



**Gene Odom ’00**  
The Martinez-Odom  
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Tampa



**Todd Romano ’99**  
The Romano Law Group  
Lake Worth



**Jodi Leisure ’99**  
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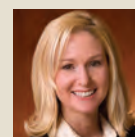
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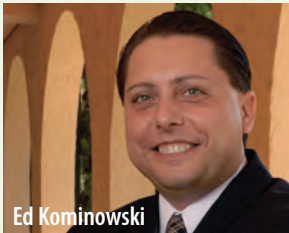
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The Yerrid Law Firm  
Tampa



# New alumni, development leaders



Ed Kominowski



Robin Hoyle '91



Casey Stoutamire '09



Michael Stewart JD '09

Several new staff have joined Stetson University College of Law to lead alumni relations and fundraising efforts.

**Ed Kominowski** joined Stetson in September as the Associate Vice President for College Relations. Kominowski most recently served as director of development and major gifts at Edison State College in Fort Myers. Before that, he served as Executive Director of Development for the University of South Florida's College of Engineering, and director of development for the University of Florida's College of Engineering. He also has 10 years' experience in various development positions at Indiana University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Kominowski specializes in strategic fundraising, planned giving and securing major gifts. He also gained insights into

the broader issues in higher education as a past assistant to the president at Indiana University.

**Robin Hoyle JD '91** joined Stetson in August as executive director of the Tampa Law Center. In addition to practicing law, Robin has an extensive background in fundraising and external relations. She has developed strategies to research, increase and solicit funds for an endowment to advance cancer research; cultivated relationships with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies; and executed securing a variety of gifts from corporations and individuals. As part of her duties at Stetson, Hoyle will support alumni and development activities.

**Casey Stoutamire JD '09** joined Stetson in July as assistant director for alumni relations. Stoutamire has been working on several projects related to

alumni events, planned giving and class-gift campaigns. As a Stetson law student, she served as an Ambassador and student leader, and after her graduation she continued to work with Stetson's Center for Excellence in Elder Law with Stetson Trustee Leo Govoni and John Staunton '97.

**Michael Stewart JD '09** is the new assistant director of alumni services. He is responsible for developing alumni chapters throughout the country, planning special alumni events, and creating and maintaining online alumni communities. He previously worked with Stetson's office of admissions and financial planning.

**Professor Stephanie Vaughan JD '91** has added the role of special assistant to the dean for alumni and development to her teaching responsibilities as professor of legal skills.

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# Honoring Lifetime

Eight new members were inducted into the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame in October 2010. Now in its seventh year, Hall of Fame inductees have had a profound impact on the legal profession and on Stetson University College of Law.

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

## Dan Warren '52

Dan Warren has served as a Daytona Beach municipal judge, justice of the peace, and city commissioner.



In the early 1960s, Florida Governor Ferris Bryant named Warren to serve as special counsel and state attorney to resolve the St. Augustine civil rights crisis. Warren's book, *If It Takes All Summer: Martin Luther King, the KKK, and State's Rights in St. Augustine, 1964*, chronicles his experience.

Warren ordered the desegregation of St. Augustine public beaches and authorized the Florida Highway Patrol to arrest anyone who attempted to infringe on the rights of others to access the beaches. He had members of the KKK arrested and prosecuted for violence. He met privately with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in an attempt to reach a peaceful settlement, and empaneled a grand jury to have a biracial committee appointed to ease the violence. Since 1968, Warren has spent the remainder of his legal career defending the constitutional rights of others, especially minorities.

## Firestone Family

Harvey Firestone III began law school in Fall 1955 at Stetson with the encouragement and support of his father, Harvey Firestone Jr., then president and CEO of the Firestone Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. The younger Firestone had cerebral palsy, and despite his physical challenges, he earned his law degree in 1959, graduating third in his class.



Since his physical condition left him unable to use his hands, Harvey Firestone III dictated his Florida bar examination answers to then-Assistant Dean Richard Dillon, who was familiar with Harvey's speech patterns and recorded Firestone's every word. He passed the bar exam, but did not live to know it. In 1960, he tragically fell from a hotel balcony and died while vacationing with friends.

Harvey Firestone Jr. was a major benefactor to Stetson Law. Prior to his son's death, Harvey Firestone Jr. gave \$42,000, which transformed the campus with a new classroom, two faculty offices, a modern courtroom and a suite for guests to the college.

Thirteen years after his son's death, Harvey Firestone Jr., gave \$150,000 to rebuild and expand the law school's recreation facilities. This included the building of new tennis courts, a basketball court and a workout area, and the swimming pool was renamed in honor of the late Firestone son.

## Professor Ruthann Robson '79

Ruthann Robson has taught at City University of New York School of Law since 1990 in the areas of constitutional law and sexuality and the law. She has made presentations throughout the United States, Australia, U.K., Africa and New Zealand.



Robson has been called a pioneering legal theorist in the field of lesbian jurisprudence, and is an award-winning novelist, accomplished poet, experimental essayist, and dedicated mentor and teacher. In 2007, she was named a distinguished professor in recognition of her significant scholarly accomplishments.

Professor Robson received her LL.M. from the University of California at Berkeley. She clerked for U.S.

# Achievement

District Judge William J. Castagna of the Middle District of Florida and U.S. Circuit Judge Peter T. Fay, of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. She then worked as an attorney with Florida Rural Legal Services.

## Kay Eddy

Kay Eddy served as assistant to the dean, registrar, and director of admissions over two decades after the College of Law's move to Gulfport.



Many students of that era confirmed Kay Eddy's capabilities. She helped lay the foundation for our present law school. She was the person anyone could go to with a problem, and she would do anything she could to be helpful. Students adored her.

Prior to her work at Stetson Law, Eddy owned and operated a business and secretarial college.

Edward D. (BA '67, JD '71) and Bonnie B. Foreman (BA '68)

Bonnie Brown and Edward Foreman experienced love at first sight at a festival on Stetson University's DeLand campus, and they married in October 1967. This incredible partnership continued through Ed's time at Stetson Law and his brilliant legal career while Bonnie guided young people as a school teacher. Four decades of community contributions continued until Ed's passing in 2004. However, Bonnie Foreman refused to let



their legacy of love be silenced. She memorialized her soul mate in May 2004 with the Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award, the most prestigious recognition given at each graduation. It honors the "best all-around student" who has demonstrated a passion for the legal profession and commitment to community service. Over the years, these graduates have become part of the Foreman family and have committed to "pay it forward." Bonnie has served on the College of Law Board of Overseers and on the University Board of Trustees. Her philanthropic work includes other academic scholarships and a new SPCA Adoption Center, which bears Ed's name and honors his love of animals and wildlife.

## Gary Trombley '73

Gary Trombley is the principal attorney of Trombley & Hanes P.A. and for the past 35 years has concentrated his practice in the areas of federal and state criminal investigations, trials and complex civil litigation. He is a highly awarded attorney who has been named among *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite and the *Best Lawyers of America*.



While attending Stetson, he was a member of the *Stetson Law Review* and Phi Delta Phi. From 1973 to 1977 he served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Middle District of Florida, where he was responsible for the prosecution of complex criminal cases and received the attorney general's "Outstanding Performance in Trial Practice Award." In 1977, he entered private practice.

Trombley is active in community

and educational organizations. He served as president of Stetson Lawyers Association and was a member of the College of Law Board of Overseers. In July 2004, Gary received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for his continued support of the College of Law. He was a major contributor to the law school's "Cornerstone Campaign," which raised more than \$30 million.

## Jim Shore BA '76, JD '80

Jim Shore was born blind in one eye and lost his vision completely in a 1970 car accident, but that didn't stop him from becoming the first attorney in the Seminole Tribe in 1981.



Upon graduation, Shore worked for the 3,000-member Seminole Tribe of Florida as deputy counsel, and a year later became general counsel, a role he has had ever since. He helped form the Seminole Police Department and effectively advocated in a number of land and water use challenges with state and federal governments. Shore's successful negotiations enabled the Seminole Tribe's 2007 gaming agreement with the State of Florida, which was approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior and allows Vegas-style gaming at each of the Tribe's seven Florida casinos. He negotiated the Tribe's acquisition of the Hard Rock hotel, restaurant and casino operations, with 168 venues in 52 countries.

When not serving as the tribe's general counsel, Shore dedicates his time to a variety of non-profit civic organizations.

## International Academy of Trial Lawyers names Searcy president

**Christian Searcy '73** has recently been inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers as president. The announcement took place at the IATL's annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers is an invitation-only organization limited to just 500 attorneys in the United States and 100 fellows from the rest of the world. Inductees must undergo a rigorous membership evaluation process that encompasses legal skills,

character, integrity and trial record.

Searcy previously served as vice president of the IATL. He is named in the *Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida Super Lawyers* and among the top lawyers in the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

"My induction into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers is quite an honor," said Searcy. "The organization exemplifies my personal philosophy of advocacy,



which is a quest for justice to protect standards of fairness on behalf of people whose rights have been violated."

Searcy is a past president of the Florida Justice Association, diplomat of the American Association for Justice, and member of the International Society of Barristers, American Board of Trial Advocates, foundation board of directors of the University of Virginia, and Florida Supreme Court Historical Society board of trustees.

## Bass receives Burton Award for Legal Writing

**Forrest Bass '09** was one of only 15 recent law graduates nationwide to receive a national Burton Award for student legal writing on June 14 at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. This is the second consecutive year a Stetson graduate was honored with a Burton Award.



Bass was honored for his article "Calming the Storm: Public Access to Florida's Beaches in the Wake of Hurricane-Related Sand Loss," which was published in the *Stetson Law Review's* spring 2009 issue. Bass also received the St. Petersburg Times Award for his writing on the *Stetson Law Review*.

On June 17, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in the case Bass analyzed in his article. Bass now practices estate planning and tax law with the Punta Gorda law firm of Farr, Farr, Emerich, Hackett & Carr P.A.

## Three alumni lead National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Three Stetson graduates were elected to leadership positions at the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys during its annual meeting in May.

**Edwin Boyer '77** became NAELA's president-elect on June 1. Also a Stetson adjunct professor, Boyer is a partner in the firm of Boyer and Jackson, which specializes in elder law with an emphasis on guardianship, estate planning and administration, advance directives, end of life issues, nursing home residents' rights, and elder exploitation.

**Catherine Seal LLM '08** and **Amos Goodall LLM '09** were sworn in as members of the NAELA board of directors. In 2008, Seal earned Stetson's first LLM degree in elder law. She is a senior partner in the Colorado firm of Kirtland & Seal, specializing in elder law, estate planning, and probate and real estate law. Seal authored *Colorado Elder Law* in the Thomson-West Colorado Practice Series. The National Elder Law Foundation certified her as an elder law attorney in 2003, and she received a graduate certificate in gerontology in 2004.

Amos Goodall is president and partner of the law firm of Goodall & Yurchak PC in State College, Penn. His practice emphasizes elder law matters, business organization, litigation and planning, as well as real estate litigation. He was certified as an elder law attorney in 2000. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. His community service awards include the Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award, Centre County Youth Service Bureau R. Paul Campbell Award, IOLTA Board Recognition Award, and the Clearwater Conservancy Award for Thompson Wood Project.





## ALUMNI & FRIENDS HONORS

The Stetson Lawyers Association honored alumni and friends in Boca Raton on June 23 during the Florida Bar annual convention.

**Fred R. Dudley '68** received the Ben C. Willard Award for humanitarian achievements of distinction. A member of the College of Law Board of Overseers, Dudley is senior counsel with Holland & Knight and is a board certified construction lawyer. He served 16 years in the Florida Legislature, retiring from the Florida Senate in 1998, where he chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Judge Simone Marsteller BBA '88, JD '96** received the Distinguished Alumna Award for extraordinary service to Stetson Law and to the legal profession. Judge Marsteller of Florida's First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee has served the state of Florida in a variety of ways. Before becoming a judge, she was the state's chief information officer and deputy attorney general, as well as executive director for the Florida Elections Commission.

**Scott J. Sternberg '98** received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service

Award for his generous contribution of time and gifts to the College of Law and alumni association. Sternberg owns a firm in Boca Raton that concentrates on workers' compensation. He supports various projects at the College of Law and is an active member of the College of Law Board of Overseers.

**Judge Gail A. Adams '80** and **Donald A. Pumphrey '96** both received Outstanding Alumni Representative Awards for dedication and service to the Stetson Lawyers Association. Judge Adams, a circuit court judge in Orange County, hosts the annual alumni gathering in her home. Pumphrey, a criminal defender and member of the Stetson Lawyers Association, also regularly hosts alumni events in his home and reaches out to alumni.

**Thomas W. Carey, Connie Pruitt, Arturo M. Rios** and **Myrna Rios** each received Distinguished Service Awards for significant, meritorious and continuing contributions benefiting the College of Law. Carey, a partner in the Carey & Leisure law firm, represents plaintiffs in personal injury and

complex tort cases. His law firm established an award for the top student in each first-year Torts class at Stetson. Pruitt, executive director of the Hillsborough Bar Association, supports Stetson Law student scholarships and many collaborations between the bar and Stetson. Arturo Rios, an immigration attorney in St. Petersburg, and his wife Myrna, manager of the Rios Law Firm, regularly host several Stetson events, including the annual moot court party, as well as alumni receptions in Puerto Rico.

**Lori Y. Baggett JD '02** received the Stetson Lawyers Association President's Award for service and dedication as immediate past-president of the SLA. Baggett, who dedicated substantial time to helping to advance the SLA as president, received the presidential gavel from incoming SLA president **Barbara Cowherd JD '00**.

The Stetson Lawyers Association is comprised of more than 8,000 graduates of Stetson University College of Law.

## Alumni honor retiring professor J.J. Brown with roast, scholarship

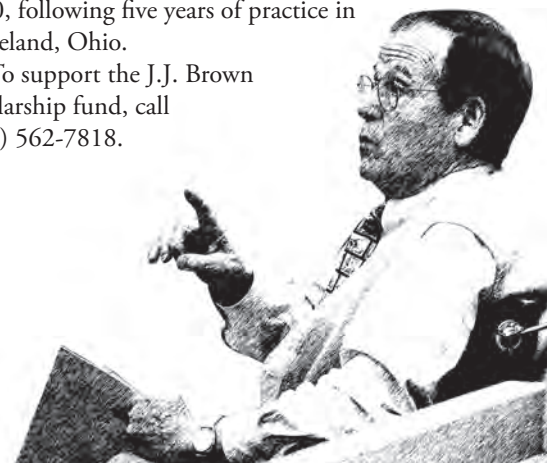
Around 200 alumni and friends gathered to celebrate Professor James Jay Brown with a roast upon his retirement from full-time teaching in spring 2010.

The event featured a video presentation, remarks and recordings from the students he mentored and colleagues he befriended over his 29 years at Stetson. Many guests, as well as alumni who could not attend, made gifts to the Professor J.J. Brown Merit Retention Scholarship Fund in his honor.

Professor Brown has authored and edited several treatises and publications on real property, environmental law and land use planning. He has served on several committees for The Florida Bar and the State of Florida and is a past president of Scribes, the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects.

Professor Brown began teaching law in 1970, following five years of practice in Cleveland, Ohio.

To support the J.J. Brown scholarship fund, call (727) 562-7818.



## Stetson lawyers rank highly on national, state lists

A total of 238 Stetson Law alumni were recognized in this year's *Florida Super Lawyers* list, and 134 alumni were listed in the 2010 "Florida Rising Stars" list. *Super Lawyers* is a list of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas, and "Rising Stars" is a list of the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state — those who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Stetson University College of Law also placed 69th out of 180 law schools in the *Super Lawyers* magazine's first-ever rankings of the nation's ABA-approved law schools in Fall 2009.

The rankings are based on the number of law school graduates who were selected for the 2009 *Super Lawyers* list. *Super Lawyers* polls practicing attorneys and conducts research to determine the top lawyers in each state. This is the first ranking system that focuses on the success of law school graduates.



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Nov. 9, 2009, Bartow

**John L. Burns Jr. '55**  
Sept. 18, 2009, Atlantis

**Maureen Sullivan Christine '83**  
April 16, 2010, St. Augustine

**Louis Cianfrogna '71**  
Oct. 17, 2009, Titusville

**Hon. Mack Cleveland BA '49 JD '51**  
Oct. 17, 2010, Longwood

**Charles Corces, Jr. '58**  
June 22, 2009, Tampa

**William F. Cowart '55**  
July 28, 2010, Tallahassee

**Michael Crotty '94**  
Oct. 7, 2010, Ormond Beach

**Charles W. Ehrlich '71**  
June 20, 2010, St. Petersburg

**Katherine Emerson '03**  
Nov. 4, 2009, Safety Harbor

**Robert M. Jockers '97**  
March 27, 2010, St. Petersburg

**Hon. Robert E. Lee Jr. '49**  
May 13, 2010, Daytona Beach

**Steven R. Loewenthal '99**  
Jan. 16, 2010, Tampa

**J. Carter Perkins Sr. '47**  
Aug. 19, 2010, Leesburg

**Hon. Melvin Orfinger '49**  
Nov. 11, 2009, Port Orange

**Hon. Robert E. Pyle '62**  
Oct. 6, 2009, Lake Alfred

**Thomas E. Reynolds '75**  
July 13, 2010, St. Petersburg

**G. Don Ritter '62**  
Nov. 19, 2010, Lakeland

**Hon. John M. Scheb LLD '83**  
Nov. 17, 2010, Sarasota

**Dean M. Sears '60**  
Nov. 27, 2008, Bloomington, Ill.

**Douglas Stenstrom '48**  
June 24, 2010, Lake Mary

**Hon. Peter J.T. Taylor '58**  
July 3, 2010, Tampa

## New awards established to recognize top students

First-year Stetson Law students Chelsea C. Harrison, Christian M. Leger, Ming J. Lin, Patrick S. McArdle and Haley R. Meher received the inaugural **Carey & Leisure Torts Book Award** on Feb. 5 in St. Petersburg.

The award was created this academic year by the Clearwater law firm of Carey & Leisure, which specializes in plaintiff's personal injury work. The five student winners, who all started law school at Stetson in Fall 2009, were selected for the award based on their outstanding final exam grades in torts, a first-semester law course.

The students also attended a dinner hosted by partners in the law firm. The Carey & Leisure law firm, now in its 25th year, has been a leader in jury verdicts, legislative efforts and charitable endeavors, particularly in the fight against drunk driving, setting the jury verdict record multiple times in Pinellas County. Partner Thomas W. Carey has served as an instructor at Stetson, and partners Jodi Leisure JD/MBA '99 and Katherine C. Neal JD '04 serve on the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council. Five of the firm's six attorneys are Stetson Law graduates.

The Akerman Senterfitt law firm has honored two Stetson Law students with the new **Corporate Law Award**.

Monique Hannah Baros and Nicholas G. Popp received their awards on April 26 in Tampa for

having the highest grades in Stetson's Delaware Influence on Corporate Law course, taught by Professor Clark Furlow and Justice Andrew G.T. Moore, a retired justice of the Delaware Supreme Court. Akerman Senterfitt created the award to recognize students who have excelled in an advanced corporate law course.

While on the bench, Justice Moore, who serves as a distinguished professorial lecturer at Stetson, authored many notable corporate law opinions, including *Unocal Corp. v. Mesa Petroleum Co.* and *Revlon Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings Inc.*, which are considered to be among the 10 most important cases in the last 100 years. He has been described as one of the most influential persons in corporate law during the 20th century.

Before joining Stetson's faculty, Furlow practiced corporate law and argued many cases in the Delaware Supreme Court and the Delaware Court of Chancery.

With more than 500 attorneys and government affairs professionals, Akerman Senterfitt is one of the largest firms in Florida and is ranked among the top 100 firms in the U.S. by *The National Law Journal* in 2009. The firm practices in the areas of antitrust, banking and finance, bankruptcy, construction, corporate, labor and employment, health care, immigration, insurance, commercial litigation, real estate, tax and transportation. It is ranked number one by Chambers USA

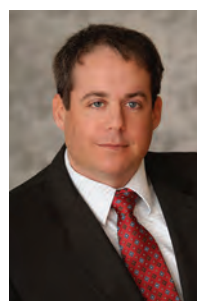
for Corporate/M&A in Florida and recognized by The Legal 500 within the National-Middle Market category.

In May, the first **Marc L. Levine Award** was presented to Jessica Lynn Crown, a Stetson Law student who has demonstrated significant professional growth and leadership during her time at Stetson.

The award was established by Marc's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul A. Levine, to honor a graduating student who, like Marc, emerged as a campus leader at Stetson.

"I am deeply honored that my parents decided to create an award in my name at Stetson Law," said Levine, the award's namesake. "However, I believe that the award is more of an acknowledgement of the amazing experience and education that Stetson Law provides its students than of my individual accomplishments while in law school."

Levine, an Orlando attorney with GrayRobinson P.A., graduated *cum laude* in 2006 from Stetson Law; he received the Walter Mann Award for professional leadership and the William F. Blews Pro Bono Award for community service. While a student, he interned for Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, and Judge Ralph C. Stoddard of Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit. Levine is a member of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council.



Left: Carey & Leisure Torts Book Award presentation; middle: Akerman Senterfitt presents its Corporate Law Award; right: Marc Levine '06.

## Alumni news available online

Looking for news updates about your favorite classmates? Visit [www.law.stetson.edu/alumni/news](http://www.law.stetson.edu/alumni/news) to find news about alumni promotions, service, awards and other achievements. Deaths, marriages and new additions are also included on the site.

The new Stetson Law alumni news site will be updated quarterly, and submissions will be posted for two years (or for as long as we know the information is accurate, whichever comes first).

To submit your news or update your contact information, e-mail [alumni@law.stetson.edu](mailto:alumni@law.stetson.edu) or send in the Alumni News Update Form on page 25 of this magazine.



Select alumni accomplishments and other Stetson news items may also be posted to the Stetson Law Twitter feed at [twitter.com/StetsonLaw](https://twitter.com/StetsonLaw).

Alumni may also visit [www.law.stetson.edu/alumni](http://www.law.stetson.edu/alumni) to join Stetson's Hatternet, a searchable online network tailored to graduates of the entire university.

# Alumni Marriages and New Additions

**Erin Barnett '02** married David Fiorenza on Oct. 9, 2009, in Harrodsburg, Ky.

**Travis Coy '02** and **Theresa Jean-Pierre '04** married on April 18, 2009. The couple resides in Tampa.

**Kimberly Matot '03** married Ty Wymore on May 17, 2009 in St. Pete Beach.

**Kathryn Block '05** and **Justin Faires '05** married in Islamorada on June 6, 2009.

**Robert Kunkel '73** married Carol Ann on June 20, 2010.

**Mary L. Wakeman '86** and partner Dixon announce the adoption of Alexandra on Nov. 24, 2009.

**James Vickaryous '93** and wife Jen announce their second child, Irelyn Gabrielle, born Aug.

**Heidi Lawson '96** and husband David Philpott announce the adoption of Elizaveta Lynn and Eliana

Diana Lawson on May 24, 2010.

**Aimee Nocero '96** and husband Rodney announce the birth of Hunter Alexander on July

**James McGee III '97** and wife Megan announce their second child, Justine Elizabeth Cassidy McGee, born Sept.

**Jennifer Schellenberg '97** and husband Drew welcomed their second child, Avery Grace, on March

**Cedric Hall '00** and wife Deadra welcomed twin daughters Camille and Cydney on Dec.

**Kevin '00** and **Jenay Iurato '00** announce the birth of Dario Giordan Iurato, born Feb.

**Shawn Brown '02** and wife Ashley announce the birth of Hunter Jack, born March

**Angel Caracciolo '03** and husband Rory announce the birth

of Zachary on May

**Michelle Pitman-Gellis '03** and husband David welcomed Rowan Olivia Gellis on Dec.

**Gayle Conner '04** and husband Nathan announce the birth of Caralee Brielle, born Feb.

**Katherine Neal '04** and husband Chris welcomed daughter Ella on June

**Rachel Zysk '04** and husband Nicholas welcomed Pela May on Dec.

**Garrett Pendleton '04** and wife Daria announce Mason Rush, born April

**Sarah Wesley '08** and husband Dan welcomed Daniel on Feb.

**Rhiannon Funke '10** and husband Michael announce the birth of daughter Maggie, born July



# Back in the game

More than a few professional football players have chosen to attend law school after their playing days were over. Playing pro ball after graduating from law school is a rarer feat.

While most of Stetson's May 2010 juris doctor graduates spent their summer studying for the bar exam, **Nick Robinson JD '10** was playing professional football in Germany for the Schwaebisch Unicorns. Days after receiving his law school diploma, Robinson was on a flight to southern Germany to play as a kicker in the German Football League.

Robinson's football career has never taken a traditional path. He only played soccer through his senior year of high school. His soccer experience earned him an invitation to walk onto Wofford College's football team as a kicker, and he won a place as a starter on

the team. His team won a conference championship and made it to the NCAA Division I-AA national semifinals, and he tied the college's record for most PATs in a single season. He was offered a football scholarship to supplement his academic one, and by the time he earned his bachelor's degree, he set a new college record for career PATs.

When Nick came to Stetson, football took a back seat to law school. He played intramurals and practiced kicking and punting on his own, and he kept in touch with his former Wofford teammate and roommate Kyle Horne. Horne, who played football in Germany, encouraged his coaches to recruit Nick as a kicker.

"This was an awesome opportunity that timed out perfectly with my graduation," said Robinson. His part-time commitment with the Unicorns afforded him



ample time to experience the local culture and travel. He and the other American players have volunteered in the coaches' grade school classes, teaching football, making appearances in uniform, and speaking with students in English classes.

In August, the Unicorns had nearly cinched a spot in the GFL playoffs and were in contention for their division championship. The season ended with the German Bowl in October, when Robinson returned to the states to prepare for the February bar exam and seek legal employment.

## Event Photos

Enjoy seeing photos of classmates and friends as they happen at our events page, [www.law.stetson.edu/alumni/events](http://www.law.stetson.edu/alumni/events), powered by Flickr.



We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their continued support of Stetson Law during the 2009-2010 academic year, running from July 1 through June 30. Your gifts make the critical difference in the life of the College of Law and our students by helping us to maintain Stetson's well-deserved reputation for superior teaching, scholarship and service to the profession.

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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- 3/10 **Daytona Beach Alumni Reception**, Chanfrau & Chanfrau
- 3/12 **Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council Spring Meeting**, Gulfport Campus
- 3/22 **Law School for Physicians Symposium**, "What to Do When the DEA Comes Knocking: Prescribing Pain Medicines Without Fear of Prosecution," Tampa Law Center
- 4/1 **Fundamentals of Special Needs Trust Administration Webinar**
- 4/9 **Admitted Students Open House**, Gulfport Campus
- 4/20 **Tampa Bay Mad Hatter Golf Classic**, 1 p.m., Emerald Greens Golf Resort and Country Club, Tampa
- 5/13 **Honors and Awards Ceremony**, 4:30 p.m., Gulfport Campus
- 5/14 **Commencement Ceremony**, 9 a.m., Gulfport Campus
- 5/20 **Stetson Law Reunion: Classes of 1986 and 1991**, Gulfport Campus
- 5/25–27 **Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills**, Gulfport Campus
- 6/22–25 **Florida Bar Annual Convention**, Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando
- 7/26–27 **Florida Bar Examination**
- 10/14–15 **National Pretrial Competition**, Gulfport Campus
- 10/19–21 **Special Needs Trusts: The National Conference**, Don CeSar Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach
- 10/28 **Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council Fall Meeting**, Gulfport Campus
- 10/29 **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, 6 p.m., Great Hall, Gulfport Campus
- 11/4 **Family and Friends Day**, Gulfport Campus
- 11/12 **Stetson Law Information Day**, Gulfport Campus
- 11/18–20 **Law School for Physicians**, Tampa Law Center
- 12/14 **Holiday Open House**, 5:30 p.m., Mann Lounge, Gulfport Campus

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