



Chad Pilon delivers the Summer 2001 Law Review Scholarship Luncheon presentation.

Stetson Law Review Update

DURING THE 2000-2001 ACADEMIC YEAR,

the *Stetson Law Review* published symposia on Stetson's Centennial Celebration, the National Conference of Law Reviews, Local Government Law, and Elder Law Across the Curriculum. In addition, the *Review*, with the Office of Continuing Legal Education, co-sponsored a symposium titled "Bridging the Gap Between Evidence and Advocacy," in which leaders in trial advocacy education addressed local judges, practitioners and students.



During the year, the *Review* also sponsored two scholarship luncheons for students and faculty, and two centennial celebration luncheons for the campus community. One centennial luncheon featured Professor and Dean Emeritus **Bruce R. Jacob '59** speaking on the life and career of former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice and Stetson Dean **Harold L. "Tom" Sebring**. The second featured Dean **Gary Vause** speaking about the history of the College of Law.

The *Stetson Law Review* also maintained its position as a national leader among law journals. At the March 2001 National Conference of Law Reviews held in Baltimore, the *Stetson Law Review* was elected to serve a third term on the National Conference of Law Reviews Executive Board. The National Conference of Law Reviews is a consortium of law journals that strives to train new law review editors to run their scholarly journals efficiently and professionally.

At the conference, Stetson was elected chair of both the membership committee and the new host transition committee. In addition, *Stetson Law Review* Editor in Chief **Catherine E. Shannon** delivered three panel presentations: two on "Transitioning Your Editorial Board" and one on "Transitioning to the ALWD CITATION MANUAL." Executive Editor **Sacha Dyson** also participated in the ALWD panel. Associate Dean **Darby Dickerson** and Professor **Kristen D.A. Carpenter** also were featured speakers at the conference.

In October, *Stetson Law Review* members were honored at an awards banquet at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club's Sunset Ballroom in St. Petersburg. Awards for Outstanding New Associates went to **Christopher Kaiser** and **Kelly Kuljol**, Outstanding Associates were **Robin Petronella** and **Chad Pilon**, and the Outstanding Editor was **Brooke Bowman**. The award for the *St. Petersburg Times* Best Law Review Competition Paper went to **Bridget Remington**. **Amy Drushal** received a special appreciation award for her five semesters' service as an editor.

Special recognition awards were presented to **Beth Curnow**, the publication's executive secretary, as well as to Stetson's reference librarians, faculty coordinators **James Jay Brown**, **Rebecca Morgan '80** and visiting professor **Edward Ohlbaum** and faculty advisors **Kristen D.A. Carpenter**, **Darby Dickerson** and **Ann Piccard '85**.

Attorney **J. Ben Watkins '49** was awarded the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award, and the Honorable **Susan C. Bucklew '77**, U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida, was awarded the 2001 J. Ben Watkins Award for Excellence in the Legal Profession. The 1999 J. Ben Watkins Award winner, the Honorable **Elizabeth A. Kovachevich '61**, Chief U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida, also attended.



J. Ben Watkins '49, recipient of the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award, visits with Professor Kristen D.A. Carpenter.



(Left-right) Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich '61, Dean Gary Vause and Judge Susan Bucklew '77.