

## Faculty Forum: Stetson professors earn widespread recognition for achievements

### Michael P. Allen, Assistant Professor of Law

This year, Professor Allen coached Stetson's teams for the National Moot Court Competition in the fall and the ABA Appellate Advocacy Competition in the spring.

Professor Allen was named the academic master of the Willson American Inn of Court in Polk County. He was also elected as the secretary of the American Association of Law School's Section on New Law Teachers. Earlier this year, he received the Golden Apple Award from Stetson's Business Law Society.

### Jennifer Anglim, Instructor of Legal Research and Writing

Professor Anglim will publish "Crossroads in the Great Race: Current Proposals Could Ameliorate or Exacerbate the International Race to Judgment in Disputes over Artwork and Other Chattel," in the January 2004 issue of the *Harvard International Law Journal*. This spring, she coached Stetson's National Environmental Law Moot Court team to the competition semifinals. This summer, she will serve as the resident director of Stetson's Scandinavian/Baltic Institute on Emerging Markets and Transitional Democracies in Tallinn, Estonia.

### Robert Batey, Professor of Law

Professor Batey published "Taking Florida Further into Apprendi-land" in the February 2003 issue of *The Florida Bar Journal*. In January, he spoke on mandatory minimum sentencing and participated in a panel discussion at the "Ladder to Success Conference," sponsored by the Broward County Human Services Department. His opinion articles have been published in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Miami Herald* and the *St. Petersburg Times*.

### Dorothea A. Beane, Professor of Law

Professor Beane's article on the election of judges to the International Criminal Court was published in the Spring 2003 issue of the *International Organizations Review*, the newsletter of the International Organizations Interest Group of the American Society of International Law. She also served as a non-governmental observer during the International Criminal Court judicial elections held at the United Nations in February.

### Robert D. Bickel, Professor of Law

Professor Bickel has continued to emphasize, in his research and writing, the relationship between law and policy governing higher education. For the 24th year, he planned and chaired the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Professor Bickel has worked with colleagues at Syracuse University and Texas A&M University, where he has spoken with graduate students, student leaders and administrators about risk management issues in student life. He has continued to speak at higher education meetings throughout the country and recently served as keynote speaker, with Professor Peter F. Lake, at the annual meetings for midwestern graduate students in higher education and student affairs and the Association for Student Judicial Affairs. Professors Bickel and Lake are writing a second book on due process in higher education.

### John F. Cooper, Professor of Law

Professor Cooper and Professor Thomas C. Marks recently published the second edition of *State Constitutional Law in a Nutshell*. Professor Cooper will teach and serve as the resident director of Stetson's summer abroad program at the University of Granada in Spain this summer.

### Darby Dickerson, Interim University Vice President and Dean, Professor of Law, and Director of Research & Writing

In January, Dean Dickerson published the second edition of the *ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation*, used by professors in more than 100 law schools. She also completed a teacher's manual to accompany the book, *Speed Cite for the ALWD Citation Manual (Second Edition)* and *Essential ALWD Material for Law Journal Editors* (CD-ROM).

In October, she spoke about legal writing at the Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys Association Annual Meeting and "The Changing Face of Legal Research" at the Association of Paralegal Educators National Conference. In November, she served as co-director, with Associate Dean Royal C. Gardner, for the Seventh Annual International Environmental Moot Court

Competition at Stetson. In January, she was elected to the board of the AALS Section on Part-time Studies. In March, she gave two presentations at the National Conference of Law Reviews in Seattle, Wash. In April, she spoke on "The Write Stuff" to the ABA Appellate Judges Conference in St. Pete Beach.

In addition, Dean Dickerson was invited to serve on the board of academic contributors for the eighth edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*, served on an ABA site inspection team, was named managing editor for three volumes of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, and was elected Vice President of the Ferguson-White Inn of Court in Tampa.

**Michael S. Finch, Professor of Law**

Professor Finch published an opinion piece on excessive punitive verdicts and appeal bonds in the April 27 edition of the *Tampa Tribune*. Three of his articles were extensively cited in the latest edition of a textbook for conflict of laws by Vernon, Weinberg, et al.

**Peter L. Fitzgerald, Professor of Law**

Professor Fitzgerald has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom during the 2003-2004 academic year. Professor Fitzgerald will develop and teach a new course in International Trade and Information Technology Law at the Arts & Humanities Research Board Centre for

Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law.

**James W. Fox Jr., Assistant Professor of Law**

Professor Fox was invited to participate in a symposium on the author of the Fourteenth Amendment, John Bingham, which was held at the University of Akron Law School in Fall 2002. Professor Fox authored an entry on the "Naturalization Acts of the 1790s" for a forthcoming reference work titled *Major Acts of Congress*. His current research explores the relationship of contract law and democratic theory.

**Royal C. Gardner, Associate Dean, Professor of Law and Director of Graduate and International Programs**

Dean Gardner updated his chapter on "Official Development Assistance" for the second edition of *Stumbling Toward Sustainability*. His recent presentations include "Global Perspectives on Wetland Restoration and Mitigation Policies" at the 17th Session of the Global Biodiversity Forum in Valencia, Spain in November. He was appointed to the U.S. delegation to the Eighth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention, also held in Valencia.

With Dean Dickerson, he served as the co-director of Stetson's Seventh Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition. Forty-two teams from six countries participated in the Indian National Rounds, the Australasian Rounds, and the finals rounds at Stetson.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Professor Mickey Smiley honored by Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers**

Stetson Professor W. McKinley "Mickey" Smiley Jr. was recognized by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (AFTL) with its Perry Nichols Award, presented annually to "individuals who have fought valiantly for justice throughout their lives." Professor Smiley is the first law professor to receive the award.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the AFTL, and is given to Floridians for a lifetime of service to advancing the cause of justice in Florida. The award is named after Perry Nichols, founder and first president of the Academy.



**Professor Mickey Smiley**

"Mickey has been a great teacher not only to those fortunate enough to be in his classes, but to all of us who have known him," said retired U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, who was Professor Smiley's roommate during their law school years at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. "I have been very proud of his trial practice, his teaching, his writing and his devotion to his family and to his students."

Professor Smiley has taught trial skills and related subjects at Stetson for 36 years. He has served on the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and is frequently asked to lecture on trial advocacy.

"Mickey Smiley helped establish a tradition of excellence at Stetson," said College of Law Dean Gary Vause. "He is a nationally recognized educator whose teachings have helped shape the careers of numerous outstanding lawyers."

Dean Gardner is vice chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee and a vice chair of the ABA's Wetlands and Water Quality Committee.

He was recently interviewed about wetland mitigation banking for the *American Environmental Review*, a feature hosted by Morley Safer that appears on public television stations nationwide.

**Richard B. Graves, Instructor of Legal Research and Writing**

Professor Graves' most recent article, "Globalization, Treaty Powers, and the Limits of the Intellectual Property Clause," will appear in the special Fiftieth Anniversary issue of the *Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.* this fall. His article was selected for publication via anonymous peer review by members of the journal's editorial board, which consists of some of the most prominent intellectual property academics and practitioners in the country.

**Bruce R. Jacob '59, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law**

Dean Jacob's article, "Memories of and Reflections About *Gideon v. Wainwright*" will be published in the Fall 2003 issue of the *Stetson Law Review*. More than 200 people attended a March event at the College of Law commemorating the 40th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, where Dean Jacob chronicled his experience in the landmark Supreme Court case and participated in a panel discussion about the right to counsel.

**Peter F. Lake, Professor of Law**

Professor Lake was the keynote speaker for conferences and workshops across the country about drug and alcohol issues in higher education. He gave the commencement address at Texas Wesleyan School of Law in December 2002.

**Janice Kay Lawrence, Assistant Professor of Law**

Professor Lawrence's article, "Pension Reform in the Aftermath of Enron: Congress' Failure to Deliver the Promise of Secure Retirement to 401(k) Plan Participants," will appear in Volume 92, Issue 1 of the *Kentucky Law Journal*. Professor Lawrence coached Stetson's 2003 National Tax Moot Court Competition team, which won the championship and best brief award, and Stetson's ABA Tax Challenge 2003 semifinalist team.

**Thomas C. Marks Jr. '63, Professor of Law**

Professor Marks and Professor Cooper recently published the second edition of *State Constitutional Law in a Nutshell*. An article entitled "Federalism and the Florida Constitution: The Self-inflicted Wounds of Thrown Away Independence From the Control of the U.S. Supreme Court" is expected to be published by the *Albany Law Review* in Spring 2003. An article entitled "Now You See It, Now You Don't: Privacy and Search and Seizure in the Florida Constitution" has been accepted for publication in *Albany Law Review* for 2004.

In November 2002, the *Tallahassee Democrat* published an opinion piece by Professor Marks about the proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. He also gave other media interviews on the same topic.

**Rebecca C. Morgan '80, Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law, Director of Center for Excellence in Elder Law**

Professor Morgan has continued giving numerous elder law presentations to groups of lawyers and judges, including the Florida Judges College, the Tampa Bay Estate Planning Council, The Florida Bar Elder Law Section, the National Judicial College, the ABA Litigation Section, and the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys. In May, Stetson awarded Professor Morgan the Wm. Reece Smith Public Service Award.

**Luz Estella Nagle, Associate Professor of Law**

Professor Nagle's latest article, "The Challenges of Fighting Global Organized Crime in Latin America" will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Fordham International Law Journal*. Professor Nagle also submitted a report on terrorism in Colombia to the International Bar Association Task Force on International Terrorism.

Professor Nagle taught international criminal dispute resolution in the Stetson summer program in Granada, Spain. In August, she lectured on the U.N. Convention on the International Sale of Goods to graduate law students at the University of the Andes Law School in Bogotá, Colombia. In November, she taught a seminar in Spanish on international business negotiations to a group of visiting Peruvian graduate business students at University of Tampa Institute of International Business.

In January, Professor Nagle attended the annual meeting of the Judicial Conference of the Committee on

International Judicial Relations in Washington, D.C., and joined that committee to explore Stetson's participation in a training and support agenda for judicial reform initiatives in Colombia, sponsored by the World Bank.

Professor Nagle was a presenter and panelist at a number of events. In September, she was a panelist discussing homeland security and civil liberties issues at the University of Tampa, "September 11 — Remembering, Reflecting, Responding." In February, she presented a lecture on "Trafficking in Human Beings" to a group of judges, law clerks and attorneys at the federal courthouse in Tampa. In March, she was a panelist on security issues in the Andean region at an international conference for Building Regional Security Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere, co-sponsored by the Strategic Studies Institute, the U.S. Army War College, U.S. Southern Command and the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center of the University of Miami. In April, she was a panelist at the Fourth Annual Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas conference, held at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Professor Nagle was elected to the Tampa Chapter of the Committee on Foreign Relations, appointed co-chair of the new ABA Task Force on

Terrorism, re-appointed to serve as Secretary of Committee Six (Criminal Law) of the International Bar Association, and appointed to the editorial board of a new U.S. Army publication, the *Journal of Iberoamerican Security*.

Professor Nagle has appeared regularly as a legal affairs commentator on BayNews 9 en Español; conducted an interview on the Millenium drug trafficking case for RCN Radio, which was broadcast throughout Colombia and over the RCN Internet network; and has been quoted in various news articles on the drug trafficking issues in Colombia.

#### **Carolyn J. Nygren, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law**

Professor Nygren received an award from the Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association for her commitment to academics at Stetson. She was elected to the board of the AALS Section on Academic Support, and will be hosting an LSAC regional academic support conference on campus this summer.

#### **Marleen A. O'Connor, Professor of Law**

Professor O'Connor was awarded a substantial research grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to study corporate social responsibility for work/family balance. The Ford Foundation also awarded Professor O'Connor a research grant on African Corporate Governance. Osgood Hall Law School in Toronto, Canada, invited Professor O'Connor to serve as a visiting summer scholar.

*The University of Cincinnati Law Review* invited her to publish an article about Enron's corporate board in its renowned annual corporate governance issue. She also gave three presentations at the AALS Annual Conference for Law Professors in Washington, D.C. in January 2003, and presented several speeches at law schools across the country.

#### **Ann M. Piccard '85, Instructor of Legal Research and Writing**

Professor Piccard coached Stetson's team for the National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition in February and served as a panel member at the *Stetson Law Review* Spring Luncheon in March. She

### **Stetson recognizes employee anniversaries**



Three faculty and staff celebrated special anniversaries of service to Stetson. From left, Professor Thomas Marks '63 has worked at the College of Law for 30 years, Dorothy Bishop for 45 years, and Professor Robert Bickel for 25 years.

published "Recent Developments in Constitutional Law" in the Spring 2003 issue of the *Stetson Law Review*.

**Lawrence D. Rosenthal**, *Associate Director of Legal Research and Writing*

In March, Professor Rosenthal coached a team to the national finals of the 27th Annual Robert F. Wagner Sr. Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition in New York City.

Professor Rosenthal's article, "Motions for Summary Judgment When Employers Offer Multiple Justifications for Adverse Employment Actions: Why the Exceptions Should Swallow the Rule," appeared in the *Utah Law Review*. In January, he attended the annual Association of American Law Schools conference in Washington, D.C.

**W. McKinley Smiley, Jr.**, *Professor of Law*

Professor Smiley represented the State of Florida at the Southern Trial Lawyers Association board of governors meeting in October 2002 and presented the W. McKinley Smiley Jr. Lighthouse Award at the organization's annual meeting. The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers honored Professor Smiley with the presentation of the 2002 Perry Nichols Award, the organization's most prestigious honor. He attended the 2003 Workhorse Seminar sponsored by the AFTL and served as moderator at the Academy's premiere seminar in February 2003 in Orlando. Professor Smiley also served as co-moderator of the annual "Tips Techniques and Trends" seminar on Feb. 27 in New Orleans, La.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Faculty Support Services Director Connie Evans receives 2002 Dean's Award**

Always one of the first administrators to arrive at work and one of the last to leave, Faculty Support Services Director Connie Evans has long been one of the most admired individuals at Stetson University College of Law.

"Connie is loved by all who work with her," said Dean Vause. "She and her staff always get the job done on time with a smile, and they are always willing to take on whatever the faculty presents to them. She is a wonderful colleague and a wonderful representative of the College."

Stetson honored Evans for "grateful recognition and sincere appreciation for extraordinary service to the College of Law" at the December 2002 Honors and Awards Ceremony, when Dean Vause presented her the Dean's Award.

When Evans started at Stetson in 1982 as a part-time clerical aide, she had no idea that she would be directing the department as an administrator two decades later. She was appointed supervisor of the office in 1987, and was promoted to director in 1997. She has served under the leadership of Deans Jacob, Moody and Vause.

"Receiving the Dean's Award will always be my most memorable experience working here, but I couldn't be where I am today without the support of my staff," said Evans. A firm believer in employee recognition, Evans takes a "work hard, play hard and praise well" approach to managing the Faculty Support Services department. Evans' spirited staff of nine has more than a century of combined years of experience at Stetson.

The Faculty Support Services department takes on the daily task of coordinating the secretarial needs of Stetson's 47 full-time faculty and 49 adjunct professors, while at the same time serving as liaisons between students and faculty. Evans compared the fast-paced office atmosphere to that of Grand

Central Station, due to the busy traffic of students picking up assignments, faculty providing projects, and staff searching for professors.

The high level of service offered by Evans and her staff has earned acclaim not only from the Stetson community, but also from visitors from other colleges. A prized plaque, given by former visiting professor Edward D. Ohlbaum, hangs in the office suite and designates the department as the "Number One Secretarial Pool in Academia," thanking the staff "for their generous spirit, efficient labors, and energetic support."

In addition to her responsibilities as an administrator, Connie has served on the College's faculty/staff fundraising committee for several years. "It is rewarding when you get close to 100 percent participation." Off the clock, Evans enjoys spending time with her family, fishing with her husband and participating in the Adventurous Women's Club of Tampa Bay.

"I am a very fortunate person to love what I do everyday," said Evans, who has no plans of retiring any time soon. "To me, every day is a challenge."



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