

Tampa Law Center & Campus commences construction, partnerships

On Jan. 10, hundreds of local judges, public officials, lawyers and business professionals celebrated the beginning of construction for the Stetson Law Center and Campus in downtown Tampa at a formal groundbreaking ceremony.

“We are going to have a Law Center second to none,” said Tampa Mayor Dick Greco. “We did need a law school in Tampa, and thank God it’s this one that’s over 100 years old with a tremendous reputation.”

Many Tampa leaders were enthusiastic about the agreement reached between Stetson and Florida’s Second District Court of Appeal to reside together on the new campus.

This partnership will be the first of its kind in Florida and the second in the nation. “Any university is proud to have a teaching hospital as part of its medical school, and I’m proud to tell you that Tampa will be the first place in Florida that is going to have a teaching court facility,” said Second District Court of Appeal Chief Judge Chris Altenbernd.

“It’s a perfect marriage for everyone involved,” said Dean Gary Vause. “It serves the court and the law school because the court will be able to use modern first class facilities, and of course, it’s a great advantage to us to have our students there to see the court in session.”



Speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony included (from left) Second District Court of Appeal Chief Judge **Chris Altenbernd**, U.S. Rep. **Jim Davis**, Tampa Mayor **Dick Greco**, Dean **Gary Vause**, President **Doug Lee**, Stetson Lawyers Association President **Carolyn DuPree Hill '92**, Tampa Heights Civic Association President **Ralph Schuler**, Professor **Thomas Marks '63** and Associate Dean **Jan Majewski**.

U.S. Congressman Jim Davis praised the new campus as an example of community growth between Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. “More and more people are crossing these bridges everyday for work, for family and for fun, and this campus represents how we are growing closer together as a community.”

Several Stetson trustees, overseers, administrators, alumni and faculty also attended the Friday morning event. Attendees were presented with yellow hard hats to commemorate the occasion.

Stetson University President Doug Lee said the event represented a landmark date in Stetson’s history. “As an institution, we have always prided ourselves on being entrepreneurial and in being first. We are Florida’s first private university, we have the first college of law, and now we have the first and only college of law in Tampa.”

The Florida Second District Court of Appeal signed the historic agreement on Feb. 3 to house its Tampa



Hundreds of officials, judges and alumni attended the January ceremony.



The groundbreaking ceremony received extensive media coverage.

branch at the Stetson Law Center and Campus. The Court will move to the new site when construction is completed in December 2003.

The District Court of Appeal will house its Tampa offices and judges chambers on the third floor of Stetson's first major building at the Law Center and Campus. As part of the agreement, the Court will have access to Stetson's state-of-the-art courtroom and law library.

The dedication ceremony for the Law Center and Campus is scheduled for Feb. 21, 2004. Details will be announced in the fall.

U.S. News again ranks Stetson University College of Law Number One in the nation for trial advocacy

U.S. News & World Report has again ranked Stetson University College of Law number one in the nation in trial advocacy training. Stetson has consistently ranked among the top law schools for trial advocacy since these rankings began in 1995, earning a first place ranking for six of those years. *U.S. News* ranks law school specialties based on nominations by legal educators at peer institutions.

"We are proud that Stetson has once again been recognized as the national leader in trial advocacy," said Dean Gary Vause. "Working together, Stetson's strong faculty, outstanding students and supportive alumni have inspired and motivated us to higher levels of academic excellence."

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy emphasizes Stetson's commitment to advocacy training. "We have a long standing tradition of training students to be ethical, professional and successful advocates," said Professor and Center Director Roberta Flowers. "The Advocacy Center offers classes, internships and clinics that prepare students to negotiate all the intricacies of the advocate's world."

Stetson students lead ABA Law Student Division

Stetson students have taken a lead role in representing the interests of law students across the nation as board members of the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. Three students serve on the Division's board of governors as national officer, division delegate and circuit governor.



Stetson has played a premiere role in the leadership of the ABA Law Student Division, holding several board positions over the past three years. From left, Erica Kramer '03, Kelly McCabe '03, ABA President-Elect Dennis Archer, Lauren Hosie and Justin Hosie '03 at the 2003 Inns of Court Banquet in January.

"Most schools do not have any representation on the Law Student Division's 22-member governing council, so it is unprecedented for Stetson to have three students nationally elected," said ABA/LSD Vice Chair of Student Bar Associations Justin Hosie '03, whose wife Lauren also sits on the board as a division delegate. Justin Hosie is the second Stetson student to be elected to his position, preceded by Laguerra Champagne '01.

Stetson students have also represented law schools across the southeast United States in the role of Fifth Circuit Governor for three consecutive years. Lisa Wilcox '02, LL.M. '03 and Kelly McCabe '03 have served as circuit governor, and Edwin Valen was recently elected to the position. Aleksandra Jagiella and Marisa Davies were elected to other national positions. Stetson students hold 13 circuit lieutenant governor positions.

College of Law offers first summer course at Stetson University Center at Celebration

The College of Law recently began offering its first summer course at the Stetson University Center at Celebration, located near Orlando.

"We are excited about having a presence in the Orlando area, where so many of our students live and work," said Interim Dean Darby Dickerson.

"This will give them an opportunity to take a Stetson class during the summer while living at home or working with the firm or agency of their choice."

The first Celebration course, Land Use Planning taught by adjunct professor Vivien Monaco '97, was targeted toward Stetson students who would be working in summer positions near Orlando, as well as students from other law schools.

The Stetson University Center at Celebration offers a range of professional development and graduate programs in educational leadership, business and counseling.

President Bush nominates professor Robert Davis for federal judiciary

President George W. Bush announced on March 25 the nomination of professor Robert N. Davis to be a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.



Robert Davis

"I am extremely honored by President Bush's nomination of me to serve in his administration," said Professor Davis. "As a veteran, I look forward to tirelessly working to fairly resolve issues on behalf of the men and women of all of the branches of the United States armed services who have business before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims."

Professor Davis joined Stetson University College of Law in 2001. He serves in the U.S. Navy Reserve Intelligence Program at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, and frequently provides legal analysis to news media about international security and counterterrorism. He teaches constitutional law, national security law, administrative law and international sports law.

Professor Davis previously served on the law faculties of the University of Mississippi and Georgetown University, and he founded and served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of National Security Law*. Earlier in his career, he worked as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and as General Attorney for the U.S. Department of Education. Professor Davis is a graduate of the University of Hartford and earned his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Professor Peter Fitzgerald named Fulbright Scholar

Peter L. Fitzgerald, professor of law, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland during the 2003-2004 academic year.



Peter Fitzgerald

Professor Fitzgerald will develop and teach a new course in International Trade and Information Technology Law at Edinburgh's Arts & Humanities Research Board, Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law.

"I'm honored to be able to participate in the Fulbright program and represent Stetson University College of Law and my country," said Professor Fitzgerald. "As one who studies the process of globalization through advances in trade and technology, it's clear that the exchange of views and the lasting ties that the Fulbright program promotes are vitally important in today's increasingly complex and fractious world."

Fitzgerald is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries for the 2003-2004 academic year as Fulbright Scholars.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange activity, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

Professor Fitzgerald writes and speaks frequently on international trade and technology matters. A member of the NAFTA Bi-National Dispute Panel Roster, he served as an international arbitrator reviewing Canadian anti-dumping orders affecting U.S. exports; participated in the Swedish government's Ad Hoc Working Group on Targeted Financial Sanctions; testified before the congressionally created Judicial Review Commission on Foreign Assets Control; and has appeared before numerous international professional organizations.

Renovations create new space for bookstore, offices

An ambitious campus renovation project has created new quarters for the College of Law bookstore, admissions, and registrar's offices.

The bookstore tripled its space by moving into the former fitness center, allowing for a greater variety of reference materials, study aids and merchandise. The store also features a coffee station, sitting area with television, and network connections for laptop computers.

"Our relocation was very important for students, because we were not able to carry a lot of the things that they were asking for due to space constraints,"

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The College of Law Bookstore has relocated to more spacious quarters in the renovated building that formerly housed the recreation center. The new facility allows the bookstore to keep additional study aids and merchandise in stock for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

ADVOCACY BOARD NEWS

Stetson wins National Tax Moot Court Competition

Stetson University College of Law won the National Tax Moot Court Competition in St. Pete Beach in February, taking the championship for the overall competition and the award for top brief. Stetson's team consisted of students Beth Linea Carlson, Brittan Mitchell and Paige Ward '03, and was coached by Professor Janice Lawrence and Adjunct Professor Joe Rugg.

"This is a special achievement," said Interim Dean Darby Dickerson. "Winning both awards means that we were best in oral arguments and best in writing — a very rare achievement."

Stetson defeated Ohio Northern University in the final round and the University of Alabama in the semifinals. Sixteen law schools across the United States participated in the contest. U.S. Tax Court judges Renato Beghe and Peter J. Panuthos presided over the final round.

The National Tax Moot Court Competition, sponsored by The Florida Bar, was founded in 1985 by Stetson Professor John Cooper and former Stetson Professor Richard Gershon. This is the fourth time in the competition's history that Stetson won the championship.



From left, Judge Peter J. Panuthos, Brittan Mitchell, Paige Ward '03, Beth Carlson, and Judge Renato Beghe. The judges, both from the U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C., presided over the final round of the competition.

Advocacy teams excel in national, regional contests

Trial Team:

- Second Place, 2002 Lone Star Classic
- Second Place, 2003 Florida Bar Chester Bedell Memorial Trial Competition
- Second Place and Semifinalist (two teams), 2003 ATLA Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- Semifinalist, 2002 NITA Tournament of Champions
- Semifinalist, 2002 AFTL Trial Competition
- Semifinalists (two teams), 2003 National Trial Competition
- Fifth Place, 2003 ABA Criminal Justice Mock Trial Competition

Moot Court Board:

- Champion and Best Brief, 2003 National Tax Moot Court Competition
- Finalist and Best Oralist, 2003 Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition
- Semifinalist and Best Oralist, 2003 Pace National Environmental Moot Court Competition
- Semifinalist, 2003 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- Semifinalist, 2003 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition
- Honorable Mention Best Oralist, 2003 Willem C. Vis International Moot Arbitration Competition
- Best Oralist, 2002 National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition

Client Skills Board:

- Finalist and Semifinalist (two teams), 2003 Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Environmental Negotiation Competition
- Finalist, 2003 ABA Client Counseling Regional Competition
- Semifinalist, 2003 ABA Section of Taxation Law Student Tax Challenge

said Bookstore Manager Becky Evans. "The new store is a place where students, staff and faculty can relax, browse, plug in their laptop, or just get away from it all."

The admissions and registrar's offices have moved into new spaces on the southwest side of campus. Both feature improved entry areas for prospective and current students, and additional room for new support staff.

College of Law launches new Web site design

On Feb. 1, the Communications Office launched a new enhanced Web site for Stetson University College of Law.

The new site was designed to accurately represent

the qualities, educational programs, students, faculty and alumni of the College of Law while creating a look that reflects the style of Stetson's DeLand campus Web site.

The new design includes features to make navigating the site easier, such as drop-down menus that are targeted for each College audience, and a side menu that links visitors to many of their favorite pages.

The design and programming of the site was developed by Webmaster Dawn Kennedy, who joined the College of Law in March 2002. "The site is a dynamic, database-driven Web site, with an administration area where many departments can easily update their content," said Kennedy.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russian delegation, Stetson students participate in mock trial at federal courthouse

Stetson's trial team demonstrated a mock trial in November 2002 for a special jury: a Russian delegation of judges and lawyers visiting Tampa to observe the American legal system.

The Russian judges acted as jurors during a mock trial at the Sam M. Gibbons Federal Courthouse in Tampa. Stetson University College of Law students conducted a criminal trial and examined witnesses across the country using "smart board" technology and videoconferencing. Russia will introduce jury trials throughout the country next year.

The Federal Bar Association in Tampa hosted the mock trial as part of a week-long cultural exchange program sponsored by the Library of Congress Open World Program. The Russian delegation also visited Stetson's Gulfport campus for an overview of legal education and advocacy training in the U.S. and to meet with students and faculty. The Library of Congress Open World Program invites emerging Russian political leaders to the United States to assist in building a democracy and market economy in the former Soviet Union.

Australian team wins International Environmental Moot Court Competition at Stetson

An Australian team of law students from Queensland University of Technology won the Seventh Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition held Nov. 1-2 at Stetson University College of Law.

"This competition drew some of the world's best student advocates who have a particular focus on environmental issues," said Associate Dean Royal Gardner. "Stetson is proud to sponsor the only moot court competition that addresses international environmental issues."

Twenty-four teams from five countries and 10 U.S. states reached this

competition. The students argued environmental and national security issues related to the international transport and reprocessing of highly enriched uranium.

The other finalist in the competition was the University of Hawaii. Semifinalists included teams from Delhi University in India and the University of San Diego in California.

Associate Dean Gardner and Interim Dean Darby Dickerson created the competition seven years ago to increase awareness about international environmental challenges. The event has grown to include the Indian National Rounds and the Australasian Rounds, where foreign teams compete for the right to advance to the finals held on the campus of Stetson University College of Law.

Croatian, Swiss and Stetson teams prepare for Vis



Teams from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, and University of Basel, Switzerland, visited in March to practice with Stetson's team for the Vis Moot Arbitration Competition. In April 2003, Stetson's team of **Victoria Cruz-Garcia '03, Kristy Harrington '03, Christine Jalbert and Stephanie Zimmerman '03** traveled to Vienna, Austria to compete against 120 teams from 40 countries. Harrington (seated, right) was named Honorable Mention Best Oralist, placing her in the top 25 out of 500 students in the competition.

Thousands of pages reside on the law school's Web site, ranging from admissions material for prospective students to legal resources for alumni and practicing lawyers. Students are frequently required to visit the site to obtain course information and assignments, and faculty and staff can find policy and calendar information online.

Visitors can watch the Tampa campus construction progress and click on interactive floor plans of the first major building. Alumni may also sign up to receive Stetson University College of Law news releases via e-mail.



International law speakers address students

Several high-profile speakers visited Stetson to discuss international law issues with large groups of students during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Two of Florida's top officials with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services discussed immigration and alien rights on March 12. **Jack Bulger**, acting director of Florida BCIS in Miami, and **Kristen Holland**, acting officer in charge of the Tampa District, reviewed administrative changes that began when the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service transitioned into the Department of Homeland Security as the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

R. James Woolsey, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, discussed the war on terrorism with students during a guest appearance in January in Stetson's Great Hall.

During the 12 years he served in the U.S. Government, Mr. Woolsey held presidential appointments in two Democratic and two Republican administrations. He was Director of Central Intelligence from 1993 to 1995. He also served as ambassador to the Negotiation on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, under secretary of the Navy, and general counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services. He is currently with the firm of Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va., and serves as a vice president of the firm's Global Strategic Security practice.

Dr. Frank Emmert, professor and former dean of the law school at Concordia International University in Tallinn, Estonia, delivered a lecture about the United States' absence in the International Criminal Court. The presentation was given as part of the Nichols Foundation Prominent Speaker Series at a luncheon in the Great Hall in November 2002.

Emmert is managing editor of the *European Journal of Law Reform* and has published widely on topics of European Union and public international law. He received his legal education at the University of Munich in Germany, earned an LL.M. from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands. Dur-

ing the last 12 years, Dr. Emmert has taught at many universities in Europe and the United States, including Stetson's Estonia program, and has advised numerous governments and companies on European and international law.

International news correspondent **David Adams** spoke to Professor Luz Nagle's international criminal law class in February about his experiences covering the United States "War on Drugs" in Colombia. Adams, a British journalist who reports for the *St. Petersburg Times* and has worked for *The Times of London* and the British Broadcasting Corporation, won the 2002 Cabot Prize for Reporting on Latin America from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York.

Adams discussed the impact of U.S. policy on drug trafficking in Colombia, including the legal maneuvers surrounding Plan Colombia and the Millennium drug bust in 1999. Adams frequently contacts Professor Nagle as a source for his coverage of the Colombian drug trade.

"Luz is an expert in Colombian law, international criminal law, and her work is well recognized and published," said Adams of Professor Nagle. "Many journalists interview the same Ivy League professors who don't have a tenth of her experience and knowledge. She combines knowledge of U.S. policy with an international perspective."

"Organized crime flourishes where the press is very weak, where reporters are threatened or killed," said Nagle. "We take for granted the crucial role that the press plays in helping us know the truth. The press constantly reports about misbehavior, which is important to lawyers and CEOs."

Other speakers included **Dr. Leszek Leszcynski**, dean of the faculty of law at Maria Curie-Sklodowska University and justice for the Supreme Administrative Court of Poland; **Dr. George Zalidis**, a professor at Aristotle University in Greece; and **Dr. Thomas Crisman**, a professor at the University of Florida's Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences and a wetlands consultant.