1940s

Frederick B. Karl ‘49 has been recently appointed to serve as Tampa City Attorney. During his career he has served as a Florida state representative, Florida state senator, Florida public counsel, special counsel to the House of Representatives Impeachment Committee, Hillsborough County attorney, Hillsborough County administrator, Chief Executive Officer of Tampa General Hospital, city attorney of Daytona Beach and Florida Supreme Court justice.

1950s

James E. Tribble ’57 is pleased to announce the opening of his law office in Tallahassee to pursue his specialty as a sole practitioner. He concentrates his practice in appellate matters in civil cases.

1960s

Richard C. McFarlain ’64 has resigned as general counsel for Florida State University after two and one-half years and has returned to his law firm, McFarlain and Cassidy P.A. He currently serves as chair of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission.

J. Bert Grandoff ’65 has recently been elected to serve as the president-elect of the American College of Construction Lawyers. He is a shareholder with the Tampa law firm of Allen, Dell, Frank & Trinkle P.A. Grandoff concentrates his civil litigation practice in the areas of construction and design law.

Marshall Nance III ’66 recently retired as a professor at Broward Community College. Over the last 36 years, he estimates that he has taught about 25,000 students. He plans to begin his retirement by working on his house in Ft. Lauderdale and visiting friends.

Michael W. Fisher ’67 is the founding member of Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball, an estate planning law firm in north Florida. He is Florida Bar Board Certified in Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning and Tax. Fisher publishes articles on tax and estate planning and serves as a speaker for The Florida Bar on tax and estate planning topics.

John A. Grant ’68 left the Florida Senate and public service in 2000 due to term limits and has become general counsel and executive vice president at the Tampa-based Liquidmetal Technologies Inc., a development-stage company. He was recently reappointed to serve on the state’s commission on ethics. His term began on Aug. 26, 2002, and will end in 2005.

Jack P. Brandon ’69 has been reappointed to a second three-year term as an At-Large Director of The Florida Bar Foundation’s board of directors. He is a past member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors and received The Florida Bar President’s Award of Merit in 2000. He concentrates his practice in environmental and land use law. He is a shareholder and vice president of the Lakeland law firm Peterson & Myers P.A.

Katherine W. Ezell ’69 was recently presented with a John Edward Smith Child Advocacy Award at the Fourth Annual Awards Luncheon of Lawyers for Children America in recognition of her efforts with needy children in Miami-Dade County. She is with the law firm of Podhurst Orseck P.A.

SLA Advisory Council holds first meeting

At the September 2002 meeting of the Stetson Lawyers Association, several changes to the bylaws were unanimously approved. These changes came after an in-depth review of the existing leadership structure and study of the trends of alumni involvement in law schools across the country. The result is the newly created Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council.

This Council is designed to enhance the advancement of the College of Law and to serve the dean in an advisory capacity. The Council is comprised of 30 members and is representative of Stetson’s diverse alumni population. Terms of service are staggered from one to three years. Members are asked to visit, advise and consult with the dean about all relevant issues pertaining to the law school in an effort to improve the overall effectiveness of the College of Law. Meetings are held twice a year. The fall meeting allows members to obtain information about the law school’s programs and offer feedback about future improvements. The spring meeting focuses on providing input to help the College of Law better prepare its students to acquire the skills necessary to practice law in today’s legal environment.

If you would like more information about how you can be involved with the Advisory Council, contact Darlene Kelly, director of development and alumni relations, at (727) 562-7818 or kelly@law.stetson.edu.

SLA Advisory Council Members 2003-2004

Lori Y. Baggett ’02, Tampa
Vincent A. Branton ’99, West Richland, Wash.
Stacy D. Strolla Brookman ’94, West Palm Beach
Deborah C. Brown ’87, Tampa
Keith M. Carter ’85, Tampa
Aubrey D. Dicus Jr. ’74, St. Petersburg
Andrew J. Doyle ’96, Washington, D.C.
Robert E. Doyle Jr. ’75, Naples
Fred R. Dudley ’68, Tallahassee
Carolyn DuPree Hill ’92, Clearwater
Hon. Karl B. Grube ’70, St. Petersburg
Judy S. Hoyer ’76, Tampa
Joshua Magidson ’80, Clearwater
Anne S. Mason ’84, Clearwater
Karen M. Morinelli ’89, Sarasota
Louis Ossinsky Jr. ’57, Daytona Beach
Hon. Frank Quesada ’74, Clearwater
Robert J. Sniffen ’93, president, Tallahassee
Nisreen Snobor ’95, Pearland, Texas
Wilton L. Strickland ’69, Ft. Lauderdale
Hon. Lynn Tepper ’77, Dade City
Paul A. Turk Jr. ’73, vice president, West Palm Beach
Kenneth G. Turkel ’90, president-elect, Tampa
Shirin M. Vesely ’94, St. Petersburg
Dr. A.S. Weekley Jr. ’89, Tampa
Theodore W. Weeks IV ’99, Clermont
Roberto R. Zavaleta ’03, Kissimmee

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John Lenderman '69 recently spoke at a British symposium in England on the fate of children in broken marriages. This is the second time he has spoken at a British symposium.

1970s

Wallace B. McCall '73 has recently written and published the book Armadillo Armageddon and Other Collected Poems. He has announced that he will donate the proceeds from the sale of this book to the Brain Injury Association of Florida. BIAF is a non-profit organization working to help people cope with the long-term effects of brain injury.

Stewart Andrew Marshall III '73, a shareholder with the Orlando office of Akerman Senterfitt, was selected by the Florida Bankers Association Trust Division as the 2003 recipient of its Friend of Industry Award. He was selected in recognition of his many years of commitment and his tireless efforts on their behalf. Marshall is a Fellow with the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He concentrates his practice in the areas of trusts, estates, related tax law, guardianships, personal and family wealth planning, and charitable and tax-exempt organizations.

Marlene Alva '77 has recently been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a circuit judge in Seminole County. She was formerly a county judge in Seminole County.

Craig C. Villanti '77 has recently been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the 2nd District Court of Appeal. He previously served as a circuit judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit in Pasco County.

1980s

Beth A. Houghton '80, chair of the board of directors for Signature Bank in St. Petersburg, has been appointed to serve as interim president and chief operating officer of Cryo-Cell International Inc.

The Florida Bar recognizes 50-year members

Each year, The Florida Bar recognizes those lawyers who have marked their 50th year as a member. Stetson is proud to acknowledge its alumni on this momentous accomplishment. Among these respected members of the legal profession are judges, community leaders and veterans. We salute you!


In Memoriam

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

John R. Donahue Jr. '77
April 23, 2003, Sarasota

Doyle Elam Carlton LL.D. '85
May 10, 2003, Wauchula

Burton C. Easton '66
June 23, 2003, Dunedin

Ervin E. Haygood '57
June 25, 2003, Atlanta, Ga.

William Morris Hereford '59
July 19, 2003, Sarasota

James M. Cole '52
July 29, 2003, Melbourne Beach
Daniel P. Mitchell ’80, a shareholder in the Tampa office of GrayHarris, recently spoke on defending causation cases with orthopedic damages at a statewide specialty claims conference for Progressive Insurance Company. He also spoke to a group of SunTrust Bank commercial lenders on the state’s revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. He concentrates his practice in the area of civil trial law, including banking, commercial, insurance, general and products liability, and professional medical and legal malpractice.

Rebecca C. Morgan ’80 received the Faculty Professionalism Award from the Florida Supreme Court’s Commission on Professionalism during The Florida Bar Annual Meeting. She is a professor at Stetson University College of Law, holds the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law, and directs the Center for Excellence in Elder Law at Stetson.

Edwin A. Bayo ’81, formerly with the Office of the Attorney General, has joined the Tallahassee office of the law firm of GrayHarris. He concentrates his practice in the areas of administrative and regulatory law, health care, and state and local government.

William M. Corley ’81 has been named to the Products Liability Advisory Council, an international organization dedicated to providing quality products liability defense since 1983. He is a shareholder with the law firm Marks, Gray P.A., in Jacksonville. He concentrates his practice in the areas of medical device and drug litigation.

John V. Quinlan ’81 has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Manatee County Bar Association for his outstanding commitment to community service. He earned the recognition for his volunteer roles and commitment to youth and a variety of local charitable organizations, including the Manatee County Girls’ Club, the Manatee County Nursery School, Junior Achievement and recreational coaching.

Murray Silverstein ’82 has become a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors for the 6th Judicial Circuit.

Shawn Crane ’83 was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Pinellas County Library Board of Trustees. He is a Pinellas County Judge in the 6th Judicial Circuit.

Dennis M. Stotts ’83 recently became a partner with the law firm Katz, Baron, Squitero, Faust & Boyd P.A. in Miami. He concentrates his practice in the areas of environmental law and land use.

Jeffrey M. Adams ’84 has been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida Sports Foundation, Inc. He is a partner with the Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP law firm. Adams is Florida Bar Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and a National Board of Trial Advocacy Board Certified civil trial specialist. He recently spoke on direct examination, comprehensive cross-examination, and putting together a powerful closing argument during the National Business Institute’s Advanced Trial Advocacy in Florida Seminar.

John F. Bradley ’88 of the law firm John Bradley and Associates P.A. in Ft. Lauderdale, has been elected treasurer of the Entertainment and Sports Law Section of The Florida Bar. For the past three years, he served as a member of the section’s executive counsel.

Steven G. Burton ’88 serves as a member of the University of South Florida board of trustees. He is the managing partner in the Tampa office of the Broad and Cassel law firm. Burton serves as chairman of the firm’s Internet litigation practice group and is a member of the firm’s commercial litigation practice group.

Alison M. Yurko ’88 of the law firm Thomas P. Callan P.A. in Orlando, was featured at the National Business Institute’s seminar in Orlando, titled “Florida Land Use: Current Issues in Subdivision Annexation and Zoning Law.”

Lori A. Brown ’89 has been named managing shareholder of the Miami office of...
the law firm Littler Mendelson. The firm concentrates in labor and employment law.

Pamela A.M. Campbell ‘89 recently received the third annual professionalism award from the St. Petersburg Bar Association and the Tampa Bay Review.

Joseph G. Jarret ’89 was recently selected by the Polk County Commission to serve as the Polk County Attorney. Jarrett has also published “Making the Grade in School Risk Management” in Public Risk Journal, and “Code Enforcement Officer Liability” in Public Perspective Magazine.

1990s

John Carassas ’90 recently resigned as a Florida legislator to become the deputy attorney general for Central Florida under Attorney General Charlie Crist. He, his wife Cathy and three-year-old daughter Christina are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter and sister Sophia.

Marie (DeMarco) Miller ’90 is a partner in the law firm of Overchuck Denault & DeMarco in Orlando. She concentrates her practice in the area of plaintiff products liability.

Nancy S. Paikoff ’90, of MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Clearwater, recently spoke at a seminar held by the firm’s labor and employment law department titled “How to Champion Your Labor Law Issues,” during the 1990s.

Equal Justice at Work: Alumna takes passion for public interest law to the U.S. Senate

As a Stetson law student, Michelle Johnson-Weider ’03 won numerous moot court awards, led the honor court as chief justice, earned a place on the “Who’s Who” of university students, and knew she wanted a public service career in law.

On November 14, Johnson-Weider was administered the oath of admission before a panel of judges of the D.C. Court of Appeals. This ambitious alumna now works for the U.S. Senate Office of the Legislative Counsel in Washington, D.C. Michelle credits her recent success to her involvement in Stetson’s Equal Justice Works (formerly known as the Stetson Association for Public Interest Law). The organization works to recognize and resolve inequities in our legal system.

“Because I was focused from the very start on public interest law, I got involved in Equal Justice Works after starting my first semester at Stetson,” Johnson-Weider said. At that time, Stetson’s EJW organization had only three members. Undaunted, she served as an officer and attended the organization’s annual national conference. “The conference was a wonderful time, meeting other law students dedicated to public interest law and learning about the myriad of opportunities in the field. There can be a lot of pressure in law school to embrace a corporate or law firm career. Knowing that other law students were accomplishing amazing things in the public interest kept me strong.”

Every fall, Stetson’s chapter of Equal Justice Works raises funds to help pay for interested students to attend the national conference. Through the conference, Johnson-Weider secured the summer internship that became her permanent position.

Michelle’s job is an advisory position. The Senate Office of the Legislative Counsel is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical office that drafts legislation for Senate committees and individual senators. “I love being on Capitol Hill at the center of the federal government without being directly involved in partisan politics.”

“My only career plan for the future is to learn and grow as a legislative drafter. The feeling that I will eventually be capable of bringing precision and clarity to the law is the realization of my desire for public service.”

Stetson Law Christmas Ornament

The new Stetson University College of Law Christmas ornament is now available for $15. Designed by artist Patsy Gullett, the ornament features drawings of campus landmarks. To order, contact the Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818 or alumni@law.stetson.edu.

Dean Darby Dickerson and Stetson Lawyers Association past president Carolyn DuFree Hill ’82, right, presented Rich McKay ’84 with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Professor Rebecca Morgan ’80 and Michelle Smith ’80 greet each other at the June alumni reception during The Florida Bar annual meeting.
Dear Fellow Alumni:

It is with excitement that I assume the office of President of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council for the 2003-2004 year. Since taking office in June, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you to discuss the exciting opportunities which lie ahead for the College of Law. This is truly an exciting time in the history of our alma mater. Building upon the foundation put in place by the late Dean W. Gary Vause, the work of our Board of Overseers, the faculty and our students, Stetson is primed for continued success in many different areas.

The Advisory Council kicked off the year with its first meeting at the Gulfport Campus on August 15 and 16. At this meeting, the Advisory Council heard from administrators and faculty regarding the exciting work that is being done in the areas of teaching, research and service. We were also able to strategize about what the Advisory Council can do to help further the mission of the College of Law. I believe that our meetings were extremely fruitful and that the energy generated from our discussions will prove invaluable during the course of the year.

I encourage each of you to become involved in the affairs of the SLA and the Advisory Council and look forward to working with you over the next year.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Sniffen '93

Stetson Lawyers Association recognizes outstanding alumni; elects 2003-2004 officers

The Stetson Lawyers Association recognized five alumni with service awards and named new officers at its annual meeting on June 26 in Orlando, Fla.

Dean Emeritus and Professor Bruce R. Jacob '59 received the Ben C. Willard Award for humanitarian achievements that benefit citizens of Florida. This year, Jacob celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of Gideon v. Wainwright, where he represented the State of Florida as the respondent.

Richard J. “Rich” McKay '84 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding service to the legal profession and humanity. An active member of Stetson’s Tampa Bay alumni organization, McKay is the general manager of the world champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Bernard J. “Bernie” McCabe '72 received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for continuous support of time and gifts to the College of Law. McCabe is the elected State Attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit, a role he has held since 1992. He has worked with the College of Law as an adjunct professor, clinic supervisor and member of the Board of Overseers.

Deborah C. Brown '87 received the Outstanding Alumni Representative Award for encouraging alumni involvement in local district activities. A partner with Thompson, Sizemore & Gonzalez in Tampa, Brown frequently returns to Stetson as a speaker and to assist with campus projects. She is a member of the new SLA Advisory Council.

Carolyn DuPree Hill '92 was recognized with the President’s Award for her year-long service as SLA president and assisting with the formation of the SLA Advisory Council. Hill is a partner with DuPree Hill & Hill in Clearwater and a member of the Board of Overseers.

The association elected its 2003-2004 officers, which included:

President: Robert J. Sniffen '93, Tallahassee
President-elect: Kenneth G. Turkel '90, Tampa
1st Vice President: Paul A. Turk '79, West Palm Beach

The Stetson Lawyers Association serves as the alumni association for the more than 7,000 graduates of Stetson University College of Law. Stetson Law alumni live in 47 states and 17 foreign countries.

Stetson Lawyers Association kicks off 2003-2004 academic year with inaugural advisory board meeting

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Robert J. Sniffen '93
which she presented “Hip HIPAA Ray — What Does HIPAA Mean to Employers.”

David G. Henry ’91 has joined the Tampa office of Morgan Colling & Gilbert P.A. He concentrates his practice in the area of medical malpractice and related issues.

Julie (Hions) O’Kane ’91 has been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush as a judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit Court, which serves Orange and Osceola counties. She is currently the president of the Orange County Bar Foundation and a member of the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

Monica (Matthews) Santana ’91 and her husband, Jose, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Matthew, on Nov. 25, 2002. She is a solo practitioner in Key West and concentrates her practice in the areas of family law and probate.

Christopher Shulman ’91 was recently appointed as a Hillsborough County Child Care Licensing Board hearing officer. In addition, he recently spoke at the Mid-Florida Society at the Human Resource Managers membership meeting on the topic “Alternative Dispute Resolution for Human Resource Professionals.” He was recruited to serve as a mediator for the American Arbitration Association’s Panel of Neutrals.

James F. Haggerty ’92 has recently written and published the book In the Court of Public Opinion — Winning Your Case with Public Relations. He is president and CEO of a New York City-based PR consulting group.

Robert Southey ’92 has recently joined the Tampa office of Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O’Neill & Mullis in its tax department. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as general counsel and secretary for Bankers Insurance Group.

Heather (Doudna) North ’93 and Tim North were married last year and they are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sienna.

David A. Holmes ’93, his wife, Kristy, and their four-year-old son, Robert, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Madison, on Jan. 23, 2003. He is a partner with the Punta Gorda firm of Farr, Farr, Emerich, Sifrit, Hackett & Carr P.A. and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and construction litigation and asset protection for physicians and business owners. Holmes serves as president of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce.

Karl Koch ’93 has been appointed as the chief of staff for U.S. Representative Jim Davis. Koch served former Governor Lawton Chiles as chief of staff.

Cynthia Mikos ’93 was appointed to the board of directors of The American Association of Nurse Attorneys at the 8th annual Absolute Litigators Conference in Las Vegas.

Brian A. Wolf ’93 has recently become a partner with the law firm Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP in Ft. Lauderdale. He concentrates his practice in the areas of construction law, government contracts and litigation.

Bernard A. Lebedeker ’94 has joined the West Palm Beach law firm of Burman, Critton, Luttier & Coleman as an associate. He concentrates his practice in labor and employment law and personal injury.

Kimberly Montanari ’94 is licensed to practice in Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina and has practiced in all three states. She and her husband, Dr. Antonio Montanari, have been married for 19 years and they have three children, seven-year-old Dante Antonio, four-year-old Sophia Amelia and two-year-old Nicholas Aldo. Montanari currently practices in Simpsonville, S.C. and concentrates her practice in the areas of family law and real estate.

Stephen K. Tilbrook ’94 has become a partner with the law firm Shutts & Bowen LLP in Ft. Lauderdale. He concentrates his practice in the areas of land use, zoning, environmental law and administrative law. Tilbrook has recently been elected to a second term as president of the board of directors of the Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale
Trust. The trust promotes economic development and the creation of an Arts and Entertainment district in downtown Ft. Lauderdale.

Denise L. Wheeler ’94, of MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa, recently spoke at a seminar held by the firm’s labor and employment law department. Her presentation was “Look Out for FMLA/ADA Issues.”

Karen A. Williams ’94, of counsel with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed P.A., presented a seminar titled “Recent Developments in Employment Law,” geared for human resources professionals. She also presented a teleseminar for the Association of Legal Administrators on “Employment Law Update” and was a February faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s Florida regional program at Nova Southeastern University.

Jill H. Bowman ’95 was named a shareholder in the law firm of Carlton Fields P.A. She is a member of the firm’s litigation and dispute resolution group in St. Petersburg.

James Byrne ’95 has become an Assistant General Counsel, Compliance and Ethics Officer for the American Red Cross. He was formerly with the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. Byrne received the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Administrator’s Award for Exceptional Service for his efforts investigating and indicting the leadership of the Colombian paramilitaries for drug trafficking activities.

Susan Graham Cranfield ’95 and Allen Davis Jr. ’97 were married on April 20, 2003.

David Sampedro ’95 has been elected to serve as president of the Dade County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section. He continues to practice personal injury law with an emphasis on nursing home neglect, medical malpractice, mass tort, and general negligence with the law firm of Panter, Panter & Sampedro P.A.

John F. Schutz ’95 has become Florida Bar Board Certified in the area of Marital and Family Law. He is with the law firm of Manoff & Schutz P.A. and concentrates his practice in the area of family law.

Rhonda Storms ’95 was re-elected as a District 4 Hillsborough County Commissioner. This is the first time that District 4 has re-elected a female commissioner.

Elizabeth A. Walch ’95 has joined the Parker Law Group in Sarasota. She previously was with the law firm Montgomery and Walch.

Andrew J. Doyle ’96 was awarded a bronze medal for commendable service by the Environmental Protection Agency’s regional office in Seattle, Wash. He is with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

John E. Duryea ’96 has been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as a county judge for Lee County. He was formerly the chief assistant statewide prosecutor for the Fort Myers area.

Christy Goddeau ’96 has become legal counsel to the Palm Beach County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Wilken. She was formerly a civilian attorney in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Office in Los Angeles.

Robert Magielnicki ’96 has joined the firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton in Washington, D.C., as an associate in the corporate practice.

Simone Marstiller ’96 has become the deputy chief of staff for Governor Jeb Bush. This is one of the governor’s top positions. She was formerly general counsel to the State Department of Management Services.

Alvin K. Brown ’97 recently gave a presentation on negligent security to the Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security. He is with Brown Security and Law Group P.A.
Keith A. Carsten ’97 has relocated the offices of Carsten & Ladan P.A. in Altamonte Springs. The firm concentrates in the areas of criminal defense, civil litigation, contracts and entertainment law.

William Chanfrau Jr. ’97 has become the president of the Volusia County Bar Association. He plans to start a mentoring program within the bar association to help new lawyers and to develop a bar committee to educate state legislators regarding local needs. Chanfrau serves on The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division board of governors and is chair of the Young Lawyers Division Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee for the 19th Judicial Circuit.

Allen Davis ’97 and Susan Graham Cranfield ’95 were married on April 20, 2003.

LeAnne Letize ’97 and Benjamin McGee were married on Jan. 4, 2003, at the John Wilson Park Gazebo in Safety Harbor. She is an attorney for the law firm of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns P.A.

Luis Martinez-Monfort ’97 has joined the Tampa law firm of Mills Paskert Divers P.A. He represents secured and unsecured creditors as well as debtors in bankruptcy court.

Douglas Swalina ’97 has joined the Miami office of the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department. He is admitted to practice in Florida and Washington, D.C., and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.

Karen Vaughan ’97 has recently joined the legal department of FedEx Corporation at its world headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., as an employment litigator. She was formerly with the Atlanta, Ga., law firm of Pursley Lowery Meeks LLP and concentrated her practice in the area of employment law.

Laura (Bowers) Coln ’98 is a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead. She and her husband Richard announce the birth of their son, Alexander James on June 30, 2003. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Henry Cooper ’98 of the Boca Raton law firm of Fogel & Cohen, has published an article on employee monitoring in the workplace in the *South Florida Business Journal*.

Carla A. (DeLoach) Bryant ’98 received an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida in May 2003. Her Winter Park firm, the Law Offices of Carla DeLoach Bryant P.A., specializes in estate planning.

Anthony Diaz ’98 has recently become associated with the law firm of Adams, Coogler, Watson, Merkel, Barry & Kellner P.A. in West Palm Beach. He practices in the firm’s medical malpractice defense group representing medical practitioners, hospitals and their insurance carriers.

Marie E. DiBlasio ’98 has joined the law firm of Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap LLP in Orlando.

Andrew C. Eckhoff ’98 and Tara Marie Blivas were married on June 28, 2003 at Longboat Key Club in Sarasota. He is with the law firm of Terrana Sarasota.

Christina Hall ’98 has recently joined the Tampa office of the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Cladwell P.A. as an associate practicing in the area of civil trial defense. She is a member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association and the Hillsborough County Women Lawyers Association.


Brendan M. Lee ’98 recently spoke at a seminar on the topic of “Using Independent Contractors to Field Your Team.” He is with the law firm of MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa.
Alumni News/Information Update

Any news? What’s going on in your life? A career change? Opened your own firm? Recently married? New additions to your family? Took a trip around the world? Keep your classmates posted! We want to hear from you! Just fill out this form and send us your news clippings, photos, news releases, etc.

Current Last Name_________________________ Graduation Month/Year_____________________

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Any other information you would like to share with us would be appreciated. Return this to: Alumni Office, Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707. Fax (727) 347-4183. You may also e-mail this information to alumni@law.stetson.edu, or visit the alumni page of Stetson’s Web site at www.law.stetson.edu.

Todd Aidman ’99 is a labor and employment attorney with Ford and Harrison in Tampa. He was misidentified in the Spring 2003 Stetson Lawyer.

J. Rhett Bullard ’99 has been elected to serve as the president of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Bar Association.

LisaMarie Freitas ’99 has become a special agent with the FBI in New Orleans, La.

Fernando Giachino ’99 has become an associate with the law firm of Thurlow & Thurlow P.A. in Stuart. He concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning, probate administration and taxation.


Rebecca O’Dell Townsend ’99 has been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council. Her term runs through August 2007. She is with the law firm of Haas, Dutton, Blackburn, Lewis, Longley and concentrates her practice in the area of entertainment law.

Jacquelyn Susan Stewart ’99 recently passed the Virginia bar.

Terri Lynn Thomas ’99 is currently employed as general counsel and vice president of Latin American Anti-Money Laundering Investigations for Citigroup in Tampa. She was formerly with the law firm of Allen, Norton & Blue, practicing in labor and employment law.

Sean Kelly Xenakis ’99 and Christina M. Battaglia ’00 were married on October 26, 2002, at St. Jude Cathedral in St. Petersburg. He is with the law firm of Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein P.A.

2000s

Daniel W. Anderson ’00 has become an associate with the law firm of Forizs & Dogali P.L. in Tampa.
Christina M. Battaglia ’00 and Sean Kelly Xenakis ’99 were married on Oct. 26, 2002 at St. Jude Cathedral in St. Petersburg. She is an assistant general counsel and human resources manager for Modern Business Associates.

Justin Brass ’00 is a clerk for the Hon. Robert D. Drain in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. He was formerly with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig in Miami.

Thomas Brink ’00 has become a member of the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A. in Tampa. He concentrates his practice in the area of insurance defense litigation.

Nicole Forbes ’00 and Shane R. Stowell were married on May 3, 2003, at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace in St. Petersburg. She is with the law firm of D’Vito and Higham P.A.

Charles R. Gallagher III ’00 is an associate with the law firm of Casagrande & Associates P.A. in St. Petersburg. He concentrates his practice in insurance coverage, property insurance and litigation.

Kevin Iurato ’00 and Jenay Martinez ’00 were married on Aug. 30, 2003 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Jennifer J. Card ’01 has become an associate with the law firm of Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster LLP, St. Petersburg, in the appellate department. She was formerly a clerk for the 2nd District Court of Appeal.

Amy Casanova-Ward ’01 and Fred R. Ward were married on Sept. 21, 2002, at Incarnation Catholic Church in Tampa. She is an assistant state attorney with the Pinellas County State Attorney’s Office in Clearwater.

Russell Joseph Ferraro III ’01 and Nina L. Mings ’01 were married on May 23, 2003 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart. He is a partner with the law firm of Ferraro & Ferraro P.A. Ferraro concentrates his practice in the areas of criminal defense and family law.

Jason A. Goldstein ’01 and Jennifer Christine Wimmers were married on Nov. 10, 2002, at the Tradewinds Sirata Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach.

Troy J. McRitchie ’01 has joined the St. Petersburg office of the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A. He is a member of the firm’s general trial practice group. McRitchie was formerly with the St. Petersburg law firm of Ciarcia & Coyle P.A.

Nina L. Mings ’01 and Russell Joseph Ferraro III ’01 were married on May 23, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart. She is an assistant state attorney with the 19th Judicial Circuit State Attorney’s Office in Fort Pierce.

Sabrina C. Beavens ’02 has become an associate with the law firm of Forizs & Dogali P.L. in Tampa.

Amanda K. Bennett ’02 has joined the law firm of Bush Ross Gardner Warren & Rudy P.A. in Tampa.

Deborah A. Carroll ’02 has become an assistant public defender with the 10th Judicial Circuit Public Defender’s office.

Travis J. Coy ’02 has joined the Tampa law firm of de La Parte & Gilbert P.A. He concentrates his practice in the areas of health care and litigation.

Nicholas J. Fiorentino ’02 is pleased to announce the opening of his office in St. Petersburg. He will concentrate his practice in the areas of family law, civil litigation, criminal law and post-judgment matters.

Debra Gell ’02 has become a partner with the law firm of Ciarcia & Coyle & Gell P.A. in St. Petersburg.

Ruth Lafferty ’02 and Dustin Blake Hooper were married on March 29, 2003.

Merriann Metz ’02 has joined the law offices of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed P.A. in Orlando. She concentrates her practice in real estate transactions, development and finance.

Sarah Stith ’02 has become an associate with the Tampa law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A. She concentrates her practice in insurance coverage, insurance litigation and first party litigation, including property, auto, arson, theft, fraud and bad faith litigation.

Patricia Zagami ’02 has joined the Tampa law firm of de La Parte & Gilbert P.A. She concentrates her practice in corporate and health care law.

Wynne Casteel ’58, Sandy Casteel and Judge Jeffrey Streitfeld ’73 at the Broward/Fl. Lauderdale alumni reception.

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FALL 2003 ORIENTATION PROFESSIONALISM LUNCHEON — Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy A. Quince, center, addressed the new fall 2003 entering class at the professionalism luncheon in August, held in the Great Hall. Above, Justice Quince poses with Ambassador Chiefs Jim Headley (left) and Ruben Socarras (right), who helped coordinate the orientation program.

PART-TIME STUDENT ORIENTATION — Professor Robert Bickel, left, speaks with a part-time student and her family at the part-time family and friends reception on Sept. 10. Part-time students were invited to bring their families to watch a mock law class and participate in a question-and-answer session on living with a part-time law student.

ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION WORKDAY — Stetson’s chapter of the ABA Law Student Division coordinated three Habitat for Humanity workdays in October. Students helped lay the concrete foundation for one house and nailed the plywood roof for another, pictured above.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY — Professor Kristen Adams led a question-and-answer session on law school life during the Family and Friends Day held October 3. The session included a panel of parents and spouses of current students. Hon. Frank Quesada ’74 and his wife Suzann chaired the event.

STETSON 5K LAW RUN — Professor Jeff Minneti, in white, and his wife and sons raced in the Stetson 5K Law Run on Oct. 4. More than 100 people from Stetson and the surrounding community participated in the event.

HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC — Stetson’s Hispanic Bar Association hosted its seventh annual picnic on Oct. 4 in the College of Law Courtyard. The event featured Hispanic food, music and salsa lessons.
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19 Fall 2003 Honors and Awards Ceremony, 4:30 p.m., Great Hall, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
20 Fall 2003 Commencement, 1 p.m., College of Law Courtyard, Gulfport

JANUARY 2004
23 Practice Before the 1st District Court of Appeal CLE, Jacksonville
29 Inns of Court Banquet, Lawrence Fox, featured speaker

FEBRUARY 2004
14 Symposium Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach
15-17 25th Annual Conference on Law and Higher Education, Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach
18 Law and Higher Education Post-Conference Workshop, Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach
21 Dedication Ceremony, Tampa Law Center and Campus
24 Alumni Reception, Ocala
28 BLSA Alumni Breakfast

MARCH 2004
5-7 American Mock Trial Association Competition, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
5 SBA Barrister's Ball, Mirror Lake Lyceum, St. Petersburg
10 Stetson Day, Tallahassee
12-13 ABA National Client Counseling Competition, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
16 Alumni Reception, Jacksonville
17 St. Petersburg Bar Association/Stetson Mixer, Student Center, College of Law Campus, Gulfport

APRIL 2004
1 Equal Justice Works Auction, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
2 Basics of Social Security and Disability Law, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
16 Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Board Dinner
17 Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Board Meeting, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
30 Building an Ethical Elder Law Practice, Tampa Law Center and Campus

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13 Spring 2004 Honors and Awards Ceremony, College of Law Campus, Gulfport
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