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Alumni share career experiences as counsel at major corporations

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New Orleans leaders discuss the legal aftermath at Stetson conference

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Civil rights history students follow the footsteps of the Freedom Riders

Hall of Fame
Meet the 2006 recipients of Stetson Law’s highest honor

Katrina Lindsey ’99, Walt Disney Co.
DECEMBER 2006
1  5th Annual Mad Hatter Golf Classic sponsored by Carlton Fields, Westchase Golf Course, Tampa
7-9  CLE: 31st Annual Conference on Bankruptcy Law and Practice, Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach
13  Alumni Holiday Open House, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mann Lounge, Gulfport Campus
15  Fall Honors and Awards Ceremony, Great Hall, Gulfport Campus
16  Fall Commencement Ceremony and Reception, 2 p.m., Courtyard, Gulfport Campus

JANUARY 2007
16  First Day of Classes
26-27  International Wildlife Law Conference, Gulfport Campus
26  Wm. Reece Smith Distinguished Lecture and Inns of Court Banquet with Janet Reno, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, The Lyceum, St. Petersburg

FEBRUARY 2007
2  Equal Justice Works Auction
9  Judge Stringer Youth Day, Gulfport Campus
17-21  CLE: National Conference on Law and Higher Education, Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach

MARCH 2007
3  SBA Barristers Ball
31  Admitted Law Students Day, Gulfport Campus

APRIL 2007
13-15  American Mock Trial Competition, Gulfport Campus
20  Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council Dinner, Gulfport Campus
21  Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council Meeting, Gulfport Campus

MAY 2007
5  Board of Overseers Meeting, Gulfport Campus
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Students experience law inside, outside classroom

Stetson’s primary mission is to provide its students with an outstanding educational experience. We strive to help them become professionals who will positively impact their clients, the judicial system, and the greater community. Stetson also has been a leader in providing experiential learning opportunities for students. We had moot court from the earliest days of the College of Law, and we started the first legal clinic in Florida. I am proud to say that our innovation continues.

From their very first semester, Stetson students learn in context—they participate in exercises that allow them to develop and hone skills that will be important after graduation. Students have the opportunity to interview clients, draft documents, and negotiate with each other. As they progress through the curriculum, students also have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of simulation courses. The best known is our outstanding trial advocacy course, which culminates in students trying a four-hour case before an actual judge and jurors from the community. We also offer hands-on courses in interviewing, counseling and negotiation; appellate practice; alternative dispute resolution; and pretrial practice. I’ve been fortunate to teach these last two courses. In both, students are put into real-world situations and must apply their lawyering and counseling skills. For example, in ADR, students participate in many exercises during the semester, and typically have an opportunity to participate in a mock mediation with a certified mediator. In pretrial practice, students work with mock clients and witnesses, and handle a case from the moment a client seeks representation through the final pretrial conference. Students draft pleadings, conduct discovery, write and argue motions, and much more.

In recent years, we have added simulation courses for students who desire experience in corporate and transactional practice. In Organization of Business Enterprise, for example, students develop a planning model and draft critical documents to create a corporation, S corporation, partnership, or limited liability company. Also, students who participate in the In-House Counsel Internship work closely with counsel in nonprofit and for-profit corporations. This course has provided our students with a better understanding of this exciting type of practice, which is featured in this issue of the Stetson Lawyer.

Stetson’s clinical and internship programs continue to provide capstone experiences to our students. Students can work with state and federal judges, state attorneys, state public defenders, legal services providers, and many others to learn what it means to be a legal professional.

Stetson’s summer abroad programs in Argentina, China, Germany, The Hague, and Spain also provide students with significant experiential learning opportunities. Not only do students learn about various aspects of international law, but they can explore and interact with other cultures and their legal systems.

This summer, through the vision of Professor Robert D. Bickel and USF Professor Ray Arsenault, and the generosity of key donors, Stetson offered students a life-altering experience. As you will read in this issue, 12 law students and 12 graduate history students participated in a 2,000-mile bus journey to visit individuals and sites important to the civil rights movement. They met with Freedom Riders. They visited the historic Brown Chapel. They walked across the bridge in Selma that was the site of Bloody Sunday. The students in the program learned first-hand that lawyers can and do impact justice, and that individuals can change the world.

Speaking of individuals who have had a tremendous, positive impact, I would like to say just a few words about my good friend, Dotti Bressi, who passed away in July. For almost six years, Dotti served as the College of Law’s Associate Vice President of College Relations. For the three years before her death, Dotti and I were on the road constantly, meeting with our alumni and seeking to strengthen the College’s financial base. From that time together, I had the great pleasure to learn what an extraordinary person she was. Dotti was always positive. Two of her trademark phrases, “it’s all good” and “no problem,” will forever echo in my head.

Because Dotti was the Associate Vice President of College Relations at Stetson, many might assume assume that her primary job was raising money. And of course, that was a big part of it. But her talent was in building relationships. She loved meeting and getting to know people, and people were drawn to her. She was magnetic. In the end, Dotti’s body needed a rest, but her spirit lives on. I challenge all of us to honor her spirit by adopting the positive nature she exuded, by valuing each other, and by cherishing life.

Sincerely,
Darby Dickerson
Vice President and Dean
Stetson receives ABA Gambrell Professionalism Award

The American Bar Association honored Stetson with its E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award for its Leadership Development Program at the ABA annual meeting in August.

Stetson’s Leadership Development Program offers regular workshops taught by judges, professors, attorneys and leadership training specialists that help students hone the skills that they will need to become successful community leaders.

“Stetson strives to train not only outstanding lawyers, but leaders in the Bar and greater community,” said Vice President and Dean Darby Dickerson. “Our leadership program allows students to gain valuable information and skills that enhance their classroom experience and give them a head start in the profession.”

Program topics and titles have ranged from “Professionalism in the Workplace” and “Civility In and Out of the Courtroom” to “Persuasive Oral Communication Skills” and “Suiting Up for Success.” This year’s programs have featured ABA American Jury Project chair Patricia Lee Refo, Florida 2nd District Court of Appeal Judge E.J. Salcines, U.S. District Judge James Whittemore, former Florida state senator John Grant and Stetson law professors Lee Coppock, Roberta Flowers and Charles Rose. An average of 150 students participated in each program, and 33 individuals have graduated with the Stetson Leadership Development Certificate.

The award, honoring excellence and commitment to professionalism, was presented Aug. 4 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The award came with a $3,500 cash stipend, which will be used to fund future leadership program events at Stetson.

Stetson to offer online LL.M. degree program in elder law

Stetson will offer the nation’s first online LL.M. degree in elder law beginning in fall 2007. The three-semester, 24-credit program will allow students to study online at times that are convenient for their schedules. Because this LL.M. program is online, students from around the world may participate.

The LL.M. program is directed by Professor Rebecca Morgan, who leads Stetson’s Center for Excellence in Elder Law and holds the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law, the only elder law chair in the country.

Applicants for admission to the LL.M. program must have received a law degree at an ABA-accredited law school. Foreign applicants must have received a law degree from a law school approved by the appropriate authority in their respective countries.

To apply for the LL.M. in Elder Law program at Stetson, visit www.law.stetson.edu/Excellence/elderlaw/LLM/ or contact the Office for International and Cooperative Programs at (727) 562-7849 or elderlaw@law.stetson.edu.
Stetson, NASPA announce partnership

The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the leading higher education association for student affairs administrators, and Stetson University College of Law, home of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, have announced a new cooperative agreement to jointly sponsor law and policy programs for higher education professionals. The partnership will enable NASPA and Stetson to offer a wide range of professional development opportunities that address critical issues affecting colleges and universities.


With more than 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses, representing 29 countries, NASPA is the largest professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty and graduate students.

Stetson University College of Law releases history book, cookbook


Also recently released is Judiciously Delicious, a cookbook featuring 740 recipes by more than 80 faculty, staff, students and friends of Stetson University College of Law. The cookbook includes appetizers, beverages, salads, soups, breads, entrees, side dishes, desserts and other recipes, and was published by Morris Press Cookbooks.

Additional information and an order form are included on page 35.

Overseer receives 2006 Margaret Brent Award

Justice Peggy Quince, who serves on the Stetson University College of Law Board of Overseers, was honored with a 2006 Margaret Brent Award from the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

Justice Quince was the first African-American woman to serve on the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Second District Court of Appeal.
A Stetson Law student team placed second in the world at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition on April 13 in Vienna, Austria. Last year in March, Stetson Law became the first American law school since 1996 to win the Vis Moot competition.

“This is only the second time in the history of the moot that a school has ever placed teams in the grand finals back-to-back,” said Professor Stephanie Vaughan, moot court advisor. “It is quite an achievement.”

A team from Queen Mary University in London took first place in this year’s competition. More than 1,800 spectators watched the final round of competitions.

The Stetson Law moot team of Marina Braginskaya, Kathryn Christian, Jared Dolan, Hugh Higgins, Garett Raines and Adam Williams competed with 157 teams from 50 countries around the globe to win the silver medal. Christian and Williams were each recognized with an honorable mention for best oralist and Stetson took third place for the best respondent’s memorandum.

“This is an incredible accomplishment,” said Professor Joe Morrissey, who coached the team with Professor Vaughan and student coach Ryan Jones. “Not only has our team beaten more than 150 teams from universities around the world, this also is the first time that Stetson has won a brief award in the global Vis competition.”

The moot team wrapped up months of competitions at the Vis moot in Vienna. The team took first place in the Leuven Vis pre-moot competition on April 5 at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, beating teams from New Zealand, South Africa and Europe. Ten universities competed in the pre-moot. The Stetson Vis team also won first place in the Florida State Vis Pre-Moot in March.

Stetson takes best brief at workers’ comp event

Stetson won best brief awards at the Workers’ Compensation Moot Court Competition in Orlando on Aug. 13 and 14.

The Stetson team of Sam Cooley and Todd Parrish authored the winning brief. Cooley also was a member of the team that won best memorial at the regional Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in February. Moot court alumnus Dan Green coached the team.

The second team of Andrew Hill, Emily Morgan and Jason Steams wrote the runner-up best brief. Stetson alumni Jennifer Card and Nancy Slack Meyer coached the team that advanced to the final round of competition.

“Being honored with awards for the top two briefs in this competition speaks volumes about the strength of Stetson’s legal writing program,” said Professor Stephanie Vaughan, moot court advisor and co-director of the legal research and writing program.
Judge Mary S. Scriven addressed the 181 graduates at Stetson’s spring commencement on May 13. Scriven, a magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, has practiced corporate litigation and has lectured in the areas of commercial law and trial advocacy. A former Stetson professor, Scriven chairs the board of The Spring of Tampa Bay, a shelter facility for battered women and their children, and serves on the boards of various community and professional organizations.

Among Stetson’s new graduates, seven received a Master of Laws degree in international law and 17 earned dual degrees in law and business administration.

Stetson honors Smith award recipients

Stetson honored Louie N. Adcock Jr. and Murray B. Silverstein with the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Public Service award during the spring honors and awards ceremony in the Great Hall. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to public service, the justice system and the community.

Adcock has served as president, chair or director of more than 15 community service organizations over his legal career of nearly 50 years. He serves as trustee with the All Children’s Hospital Foundation and on the boards of All Children’s Health System and Bay Area Legal Services. He has served in leadership positions in The Florida Bar and St. Petersburg Bar Association.

Silverstein is president of the Community Law Program Inc. and serves on the executive committee of the All Children’s Hospital Development Council. He has published numerous articles on local health care and consumer protection issues. Silverstein has served on the editorial board of the Florida Bar Journal and is an active leader in The Florida Bar.
Recent publications, presentations, awards and activities by Stetson law faculty

Michael Allen
Associate Professor of Law
Professor Allen published “Significant Developments in Veterans Law and What They Reveal about the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit” in the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. He was a keynote speaker at the Ninth Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, D.C., in April. In July, he spoke on a panel concerning “George Bush and the Nature of Executive Authority” at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in Palm Beach, and moderated a panel on “Remedies at the Cutting Edge.” In May, he spoke on “Separation of Powers in a Time of Terrorism” at the Sarasota County Bar Association’s Law Day. Professor Allen was re-elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of trustees of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

Linda Anderson
Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Skills
Professor Anderson published “Incorporating Adult Learning Theory into Law School Classrooms: Small Steps Leading to Large Results” in the Appalachian Journal of Law. She made a presentation on “Oh the Questions They Ask! Ethical Issues to Consider When Answering Challenging Questions” at the biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Atlanta in June.

Robert Batey
Professor of Law
Professor Batey published “What Limitations May a State Impose on the Insanity and Mental Illness Defenses?” in Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases. He moderated an NAACP panel discussion on stun gun use in Tampa in May. He was resident director for Stetson’s Summer Institute in International Law in Freiburg, Germany.

Mark D. Bauer
Assistant Professor of Law
Professor Bauer presented “Give the Lady What She Wants—As Long as it’s Macy’s” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and moderated a program titled “The Changing Paradigm of Article II.” In May, he spoke on identity theft at an Elder Consumer Fraud Forum at Stetson. Professor Bauer also participated in a letter to Congress concerning antitrust regulations at Love Field in Dallas; the letter was discussed in Texas and in national publications. In July, he was appointed the new scholar designee at the SEALS conference in Palm Beach.

Dorothea A. Beane
Professor of Law
Professor Beane represented the National Bar Association in person and by submitting a written shadow report concerning International Human Rights Law and Hurricane Katrina to the United Nations Human Rights Committee on July 17–18 in Geneva, Switzerland. Joining a coalition of non-governmental organizations including the ACLU, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, Professor Beane provided written and oral information to Human Rights Committee members during briefings before and during the United States Report Submission and Hearings to monitor its compliance with state party obligations under the United Nations Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Robert D. Bickel
Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy
Professor Bickel spoke at the annual meeting of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators on the subject of “Legal Issues Arising from the Situational Intervention of Campus Law Enforcement” in June. He also spoke at the American Association of Affirmative Action meeting on the subject of the Supreme Court and the legal history of affirmative action.

Joan Catherine Bohl
Assistant Professor of Legal Skills
Professor Bohl’s article, “Gay Marriage: A Big Issue for a Small State,” was accepted for publication as the lead article in the Roger Williams Law Review. In June, she presented “The Intersection of Privacy and Politics: Gay Marriage and Grandparent Visitation,” at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles.

Paul Boudreaux
Associate Professor of Law

Brooke J. Bowman ’02
Assistant Professor of Legal Skills and Special Assistant to the Dean
Professor Bowman co-authored the teacher’s manual for the 3rd edition of ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation.
with Dean Darby Dickerson. She co-presented “Yes, Virginia, There Are People Who Care Whether You Underline the Period in ‘Id.’” at the Legal Writing Institute’s biennial meeting in Atlanta in June with Professors Stephanie Vaughan and Rick Graves. She served on the Board of Reviewers and Contributors for the second edition of Bryan Garner’s Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style. In August, she received her master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**John F. Cooper**

*Associate Dean of International and Cooperative Programs and Professor of Law*

Professor Cooper co-authored the 4th edition of *Florida Constitutional Law* with Professor Thomas Marks.

**Darby Dickerson**

*Vice President, Dean and Professor of Law*

Dean Dickerson published “Facilitated Plagiarism: The Saga of Term-Paper Mills, and the Failure of Legislation and Litigation to Control Them” in the *Villanova Law Review*, and “Disaster Management” in *Campus Activities Programming*. She and Professor Peter Lake co-authored “Hazing in the Internet Age” for *NASPA Leadership Exchange*, and “Alcohol and Campus Risk Management” for *Campus Activities Programming*. Dean Dickerson served on the CEO search committee for the Tampa Bay chapter of the American Red Cross, and was appointed to the advisory board of *Dean and Provost* newsletter, and to the advisory board of the AALS Women Law Deans Databank. She was elected as a fellow to the American Bar Foundation and appointed chair of the Law School Administration Committee for the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar. She was re-appointed to the National Association of College and University Attorneys publications committee and the Vanderbilt Law School National Advisory Board. In June, she and Professor Lake presented a webinar on “Alcohol and Risk Management” for the National Association of Campus Activities. She also spoke at the ABA Associate Deans Conference on “Honor and Conduct Codes,” the Legal Writing Institute biennial meeting on “New Leadership Opportunities for Legal Writing Faculty,” and the Law School Admission Council Northeast Regional Academic Support Workshop on “What Every New ASP Director Should Know.”

**Stephen M. Everhart**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Everhart returned to China in July and consulted with managers of a real estate company about doing business and exchanges consistent with WTO rules and regulations in the Tampa Bay area. He went to Wuhan, where he met with government officials and pharmaceutical company officials and gave a lecture on “Comparing and Contrasting Chinese and American Economic/Contract Law.” While in China, he trained Chinese arbitrators in the Wuhan International Arbitration Association, and also presented a lecture on “Arbitration: Learning by Doing.”

**Kelly M. Feeley ’95**

*Assistant Professor of Legal Skills*

Professor Feeley served as a member of the Board of Reviewers and Contributors for the second edition of Bryan Garner’s Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style. She will serve on the ABA/LSD Negotiation Competition Subcommittee for three years.

**Michael S. Finch**

*Professor of Law and LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Chair*

Professor Finch has been appointed LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Chair for faculty research for the 2006–2008 academic years. He is studying at the University of Minnesota’s graduate school of public health, focusing on epidemiology.

**Peter L. Fitzgerald**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Fitzgerald co-authored *International Business Transactions: A Problem-Oriented Coursebook* in West’s American Casebook Series. He presented a paper on “Fundamentals of International Business Transactions” at the ABA Section of International Law Showcase Program in New York in April.

**Roberta K. Flowers**

*Wm. Reece Smith Distinguished Professor of Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy*

Professor Flowers published “To Speak or Not to Speak: Effect of Third Party Presence on Attorney/Client Privilege” in the *NAELA Journal*. In May, she spoke on “Evidentiary Issues Confronted by Judges” at Florida Advanced Judicial College in Sanibel Island, “Ethics and the Elderly” at the Florida Elder Law Section in Tampa with Professor Rebecca Morgan, “Professionalism Across the Globe” at the National Inn of Court Meeting, and ABA Access to Justice Commission Hearing in Miami to present the benefits of the Eleazer Courtroom.

**Clark W. Furlow**

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Furlow spoke to the Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce on the topic of business ethics in March.
Royal C. Gardner  
Professor of Law and Director, Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy  
Professor Gardner was a closing plenary speaker at the Wetlands 2006 international symposium in August. He was re-elected chair of the U.S. National Ramsar Committee, and appointed to the steering committee for Speciesbanking.com and the board of editors of Wetlands Ecology and Management.

Cynthia G. Hawkins-León  
Professor of Law  
Professor Hawkins-León was promoted to full professor in August, and she is on the editorial board of the Family Court Review.

Carol Henderson  
Professor of Law and Director, National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law  
Professor Henderson gave a lecture to the New Jersey State Police Forensic Lab personnel in May. She made presentations to the European Academy of Forensic Sciences in Finland in June. In July, she presented at the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association in Marco Island, the State of Arizona Bar’s “CLE by the Sea” in San Diego, the Forensic Science Educational Conference III in St. Louis, and the NU panel on “Evaluation of Forensic Methods for Ballistic Evidence” in Washington, D.C. In August, she presented at the Actual Innocence for Texas Judges, Prosecutors and Defense Lawyers program, and in September she presented at the New Jersey County Prosecutors Conference in Atlantic City. She gave several media interviews and appeared on Court TV.

Bruce R. Jacob ’59  
Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law  
Members of the newest American Inn of Court unanimously voted to name their group the Bruce R. Jacob Criminal Appellate Inn of Court. He also received the Stetson University Excellence in Teaching Award in May and became a member of the Constitution Project’s “Blue Ribbon Panel” on indigent defense in the United States.

William A. Kaplin  
Distinguished Professorial Lecturer  
Professor Kaplin co-authored the 4th edition of The Law of Higher Education. He co-presented “Special Session: Emerging Trends in Higher Education Law and Practice” at the National

**Florida Bar honors Professor J.J. Brown**

The City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar presented James J. Brown, Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund Professor of Law, with its most prestigious award, the Ralph A. Marsicano Award, in May.

“It is a singular honor that as a law professor my past services to this Bar section have been considered worthy enough to cause my name to be added to those city and county honorees who are known as Florida’s finest attorneys,” said Brown.

“It was a distinct honor to present this award on behalf of the section,” said Chip Rice, former chair of the section committee. “Professor Brown was selected from a group of superb local government lawyers by a committee composed primarily of distinguished past award-winners.”

A former recipient of the section’s Buchman Award for outstanding legal contribution to the field at the municipal level, Professor Brown served 12 years on the section’s governing body, executive council, and as coordinator and overseer of the Local Government Law Symposium published annually by the Stetson Law Review.

**Professor Morgan receives national award for elder abuse prevention**

Professor Rebecca Morgan, who holds the Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law at Stetson, has been awarded the prestigious 2006 Rosalie Wolf Memorial Elder Abuse Prevention Award by the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. Professor Morgan accepted the honor at the 11th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego on Sept. 19.

“Professor Morgan is a leader in the development of innovative programs addressing the area of elder financial exploitation. Her programs meet a critical need in today’s society,” said NCPEA President Randy Thomas. The award was established in 2002 to recognize those who have demonstrated a commitment to elder abuse awareness through research, education, policy or practice.
Association of College and University Attorneys in Chicago in June. He was appointed to the strategic planning committee of the editorial board for the Journal of College and University Law.

**Timothy S. Kaye**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Kaye was a speaker at the Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education in Montreal in April.

**Thomas C. Marks Jr. ’63**

*Professor of Law*

Professor Marks co-authored the 4th edition of *Florida Constitutional Law* with Professor John Cooper. He also co-authored a paper on the Florida Supreme Court for the Federalist Society.

**Jeffrey J. Minneti**

*Director of Academic Success*

Professor Minneti co-presented at the biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Atlanta in June with Professor Catherine Cameron. His topic was “Inappropriate Student Use of Technology: How to Deal with the Darker Side of Computer Use in the Legal Research and Writing Classroom.”

**Lizabeth A. Moody**

*Distinguished University Professor and Dean Emeritus*

Professor Moody was recently featured as a woman pioneer in teaching corporate law. She participated on a panel for “The Glass Cutter Award” honorees in Tampa in May and moderated a panel about non-profit organizations. She organized a program on charitable trusts for the ABA annual meeting in Hawaii. She also served as an arbitration judge for the VIS competition in Vienna, Austria, in April, and she is chair of committee drafting the Model of Nonprofit Corporate Law. In October, she spoke at California Western School of Law on “Sarbanes-Oxley and Your Organization.”

**Rebecca C. Morgan ’80**

*Boston Asset Management Faculty Chair in Elder Law and Director, Center for Excellence in Elder Law*

Professor Morgan wrote updates to her *Tax Estate and Financial Planning: Treatise and Forms* and *Planning for the Elderly in Florida* books. She authored “From the Elder-Friendly Law Office to the Elder-Friendly Courtroom—Providing the Same Access and Justice for All” for the *NAELA Journal*. She spoke on “Dementia and the Law” at the American Gerontological Society in Chicago in May. She co-presented at the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys on “Elder Law Ethics” in Tampa in May. In April, she spoke on “History of Patient Choice” at the End of Life Program in Sarasota; served as a panelist in “Case Studies in Corporate Law.”

**Stetson welcomes new and visiting faculty**

Ellen S. Podgor has joined Stetson’s tenured faculty as associate dean of faculty development and distance education and professor of law. A former deputy prosecutor and defense attorney, Podgor teaches in the areas of white collar crime, criminal law and international criminal law. She is the co-author of books on white collar crime, criminal law and international criminal law, and has authored numerous articles in these areas. She is a co-editor of the White Collar Crime Prof Blog.

Dean Podgor has been a visiting scholar at Yale Law School, a professor at Georgia State University College of Law, and a visiting professor at the law schools of University of Georgia, George Washington University, and the University of Alabama. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law. She also is a member of the American Law Institute and an honorary member of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. She has earned degrees at Syracuse University, University of Chicago, Indiana University at Indianapolis and Temple University.

Professor Carol Henderson, who served in a visiting capacity at Stetson for the past three years, has joined Stetson’s tenured faculty as professor of law and will continue to serve as director of the National Clearinghouse for Science Technology and the Law. She is a recognized authority in scientific evidence, ethics and criminal law, and has presented more than 200 lectures and workshops in 11 countries. Professor Henderson has written three books and more than 45 articles and book chapters on scientific evidence, law and ethics. She is an editor of the *Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine* and serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, *Journal of Clinical Forensic Medicine* and the *Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology Journal*. Professor Henderson has appeared in both the popular and professional media, including Fox News, Court TV, CBS’s “48 Hours” show, The John Walsh Show, the *American Bar Association Journal* and *Lawyers Weekly USA*. She is secretary of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, has served as a vice president, board of directors member and chair of the jurisprudence section. She is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Forensic Committee and National Institute of Justice General Forensics Technology Working Group and Court Technology Working Group.

Professor Henderson has worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division. She began her legal career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C., and has practiced corporate litigation in a national law firm. She earned her law degree from George Washington University and her bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida.

Professor Timothy S. Kaye joined Stetson’s faculty in fall 2006 after serving one year as a visiting professor. Before joining Stetson, he taught at the University of Birmingham, England, where he served as undergraduate admissions dean and taught and published in the fields of torts, jurisprudence and education law. Professor Kaye also taught at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. He co-authored *Blackstone’s Book of Moots* and he co-founded the Oxford University Press National Mooting Competition.

Kaye was the first chairman of the LNAT Consortium Ltd., a company formed by eight top British law schools to oversee the National Admissions Test for Law. Formerly a consultant with one of the largest education law
practices in the United Kingdom, he has advised numerous schools, colleges and universities. On three occasions, he was commissioned by the Estonian government to carry out evaluations of law teaching at higher education institutions in Estonia. He co-wrote the United Kingdom’s general guidance for schools on the Human Rights Act. He earned his bachelor of laws degree from University of Sheffield (U.K.) and his doctorate from the University of Warwick (U.K.).

Professor Rebecca S. Trammell joins Stetson as law library director, associate professor of law, and acting co-director of legal research and writing. She previously served at the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she served as law library director and assistant professor of law. During her four years at Kentucky, Trammell taught legal research, advanced legal research and law librarianship. She served as the associate dean for information services at Barry University and was on the law library faculty at the University of Nebraska and Northern Illinois University.

Professor Trammell chairs the American Association of Law Libraries Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institutionalized Persons and is active in the Southeastern Association of American Law Libraries. She researches in the areas of Internet legal research, classroom technology and prison and jail law libraries. Her bachelor’s degree is from Lindenwood University, her master of library science degree is from Dominican University and her law degree is from University of Denver.

Professor Marco Jimenez joins Stetson as an assistant professor of law, specializing in the areas of contracts, jurisprudence, and law and economics. He was an Olin Fellow and a member of the Yale Journal on Regulation and the Yale Journal of International Law. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable James Lawrence King on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and practiced contract, antitrust and securities law for several large law firms in Los Angeles. Professor Jimenez received two bachelor’s degrees from the University of Southern California and his law degree from Yale University.

Professor Joseph F. Morrissey joined Stetson’s tenure-track faculty as assistant professor of law this fall after serving as a visiting assistant professor since 2004. He began practicing corporate and securities law at Mayer, Brown & Platt in Chicago, and later ran Mayer, Brown’s office in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, formerly a part of Soviet Central Asia. While in Uzbekistan, Professor Morrissey was a founding member and director of the local American Chamber of Commerce, which focused on local law reform issues. Professor Morrissey was then based in Geneva and Moscow, where he co-managed a Russian asset portfolio for UniFund, a Geneva-based investment company. After returning from Europe, he practiced corporate law with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. In the summer of 2001, Professor Morrissey began his full-time academic career at Chicago-Kent College of Law as a visiting assistant professor. Professor Morrissey’s areas of academic interest include corporate, securities and international private law. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and his law degree from Columbia University.

Top row, from left: Ellen Podgor, Marco Jimenez, Timothy Kaye, Darryll Jones and Joseph Morrissey. Bottom row: Rebecca Trammell, Carol Henderson, Linda Anderson and Rebecca Huss.

Professor Rebecca Huss is serving as visiting professor of law for the fall 2006 semester from Valparaiso University. Her areas of academic interest include business associations, mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation, and animal law. Before entering academia, Professor Huss practiced corporate law in two large firms and worked in the law department of a pharmaceutical company’s animal health division. Her articles on animal law have been published in Animal Law, Torts Trial and Insurance Practice Journal, Marquette Law Review, University of Colorado Law Review and Loyola University Chicago Law Journal. She earned her bachelor’s degree from University of Northern Iowa, her law degree from the University of Richmond, and master of laws degree from University of Iowa.

Professor Darryll Jones is a visiting professor of law for Stetson during the 2006–2007 academic year from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he serves as associate dean for academic affairs. Professor Jones teaches and writes on partnership taxation and tax exempt organizations. He has published textbooks on both topics and is the author of “K-Rations,” a monthly column regarding partnership taxation published by Tax Notes magazine.

Professor Jones’ legal career began at Ft. Campbell, Ky., where he served as an Army lawyer with the 101st Airborne Division. He then served as associate general counsel at the University of Florida and general counsel at Columbia College Chicago. He is a member of the Florida and Illinois bars and past chair of the tax section of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. He earned his bachelor’s, juris doctor and master of laws degrees from the University of Florida.

Professor Linda Anderson is serving as visiting assistant professor of legal skills for the 2006–2007 academic year from Franklin Pierce Law Center, where she spent four years as a professor of legal skills and served most recently as the acting director of the legal skills program.

After several years of teaching high school, Professor Anderson attended law school, where she was a teaching assistant for legal skills and property. After practicing law for several years in northern New Hampshire, Professor Anderson returned to teaching as the director of the legal and paralegal studies program and later as academic dean at Woodbury College in Montpelier, Vermont. Her bachelor’s degree is from the College of the Holy Cross and her law degree is from Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Professor Hector MacQueen will serve as Distinguished International Fellow in spring 2007. The former dean of Edinburgh Law School, he has published a wide range of books and articles in the areas of history of law, and in various areas of private law, including intellectual property, contract, delict and unjustified enrichment. He earned his bachelor of laws and doctorate from University of Edinburgh.
Law Update” at The Florida Bar Elder Law Section in Orlando; spoke on “Consumer Scams vs. Elders” at NAELA in Washington, D.C.; co-presented on Bankruptcy and Elders at NAELA in Washington, D.C.; and spoke on “Elder Law Ethics” at the National Aging and Law Conference in Washington, D.C.

Joseph F. Morrissey
Assistant Professor of Law
Professor Morrissey co-coached the Stetson team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna in April. The team won second place overall, third place for best respondent’s brief, and two awards for best oralists. He moderated a panel at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ annual summer conference on teaching skills and doctrinal courses.

Jennifer E. Murphy ’00
Assistant Professor of Legal Skills
Professor Murphy co-coached Stetson’s tax team, which won the national moot court competition.

Luz Estella Nagle
Professor of Law
Professor Nagle authored chapters in two new law books, “Protección del medio ambiente imponiendo una responsabilidad civil,” in Responsabilidad Civil De Profesionales Y Empresarios, and “La Cenicenta del gobierno: reforma a la justicia en América Latina,” in Independencia Judicial: Diseños Institucionales y Balances Históricos. She taught regional trade regimes to the Harvard-MIT Association’s chapter in Bogotá, Colombia. She also gave interviews in the national and international print media on high-profile drug trafficking cases.

Marleen A. O’Connor-Felman
Professor of Law

Ellen S. Podgor
Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Distance Education, and Professor of Law
Professor Podgor was a panelist on the topic of blogging at the Southeast Association of Law Schools in West Palm Beach in July, and on “Federal Sentencing from a Research Perspective” for the ABA, U.S. Federal Sentencing Commission and Federal Bar Association in Miami in June. She spoke on distance learning at the CALI Conference in Fort Lauderdale in June. In April, she did a videoconference presentation for the Hofstra Law School and spoke at a Bloggership Symposium at Harvard Law School in Boston in April.

Theresa J. Pulley Radwan
Associate Dean of Academics and Associate Professor
Dean Radwan’s article “Keeping the Faith: The Rights of Parishioners in Church Reorganizations” will be published in the Washington Law Review. She co-presented on “Elderly in Bankruptcy” at the NAELA conference in April.

Charles H. Rose
Assistant Professor of Law and Associate Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy
Professor Rose published Fundamental Trial Advocacy with West Publishing and co-authored a treatise on substantive military law titled “Military Crimes and Defenses” by Lexis. He published “Should the Tail Wag the Dog: The Potential Effects of Recidivism Data on Character Evidence Rules” in the New Mexico Law Review. He also granted many interviews with local and national media outlets, including Court TV.

Bradford Stone
Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus
Professor Stone is visiting at Michigan State University in the fall.

Ruth Fleet Thurman ’63
Professor of Law
Professor Thurman represented Stetson at the Florida Supreme Court’s 2006 Family Court Conference in Orlando in August. She also spoke at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., in May on “Teaching Legal Ethics.”

Stephanie A. Vaughan ’91
Director of the Tampa Law Center and Acting Co-Director of Legal Research and Writing
Professor Vaughan co-authored an article, “The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot: Making the Most of an Extraordinary Educational Opportunity,” in the Vindobona Journal. She co-coached the Stetson team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna in April. The team won second place overall, third place for best respondent’s brief, and two honorable mention awards for best oralists. She co-presented “Yes, Virginia, There Are People Who Care Whether You Underline the Period in ‘Id.: Getting Students to Believe in the Importance of ‘Small’ Details in Style, Citation, and Oral Advocacy” with Professors Brooke Bowman and Rick Graves at the biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Atlanta in June.
It’s time to forget about Cuba and really focus on terrorism

Faculty Viewpoint
by Professor Peter Fitzgerald

Despite the emphasis on weapons of mass destruction in its post-9/11 rhetoric, and the threats posed by growing nuclear capabilities in Iran and North Korea, the government’s actual efforts to address these threats are inadequate. It takes more than words to protect the country.

The use of WMD in a future attack is perhaps the most frightening prospect of terrorism in the 21st century. More concrete action is required to limit terrorist access to WMD, as dramatically illustrated in The Last Best Chance, a film produced for HBO in 2005 by former senator Sam Nunn and Ted Turner, co-founders of the non-proliferation group Nuclear Threat Initiative.

President Bush has directed the Treasury Department to blacklist 19 foreign firms involved in weapons proliferation, most of which have Chinese, Iranian or North Korean connections or ownership. The action is in line with last year’s recommendations by the Silberman-Robb Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States, and extends some of the financial sanctions that were previously directed at global terrorists to anyone who engages in WMD proliferation. It effectively bars any U.S. parties from dealing with the listed firms and requires freezing their assets. In addition, the President’s Executive Order authorizes extending these blacklisting actions to others who might support, facilitate or “pose a risk” of materially contributing to WMD-related transactions in the future. This blacklist is only one of several such lists maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control. However, unless careful attention is given to the details of the process and the actual controls that blacklisting triggers, this effort risks simply becoming further political posturing rather than the type of concrete action the Commission, and Senator Nunn, advocate.

There are a number of problems with OFAC’s administration and enforcement of its blacklist controls.

Providing accurate information specifically identifying a sanctions target is often difficult, but crucial for an efficient screening system. Blacklists are inherently both under- and over-inclusive. For example, while “Usama Bin Ladin” was blacklisted as early as August 22, 1998, “Osama bin Laden” did not appear until after the 9/11 attacks. More common names present the opposite problem. Prominent figures such as Senator Ted Kennedy and even several infants were erroneously flagged by the “no fly” blacklist. Additionally, mistakes are inevitably made in any blacklisting process, but there is no regulatory right for an affected party to know the basis for OFAC’s blacklisting decisions or to have an independent review of the agency’s actions. A right of review is particularly important as the number of blacklisted parties grows, and the OFAC blacklists already contain thousands of names.

OFAC is a relatively small office with limited resources to devote to improving the blacklisting process. What resources it does have are often focused—perhaps largely for domestic political reasons—on the Cuban embargo, rather than on the war on terror. In the last four years, OFAC issued more than twenty regulatory amendments, rulings or interpretations regarding its Cuban sanctions. This included a divisive attempt to modify prepayment requirements for agricultural exports to Cuba, frustrating congressional attempts to remove food from politics. This constant tinkering with the Cuban sanctions compares to five OFAC announcements dealing with the substance of its anti-terrorist sanctions programs since the 2001 attacks, and a roughly equal number of modifications to those programs following the elections last January, which placed HAMAS in control of the Palestinian Authority.

Moreover, enforcement of these newer terrorism and WMD sanctions programs does not appear to be a priority. Since OFAC began posting summaries of civil enforcement actions on its Web site in April 2003, by far the largest single category, approximately 300 cases, involve the Cuban sanctions. This compares with only one case under the Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, which resulted in a $2,925 penalty, and one case involving the import prohibitions of the more limited Clinton-era WMD Trade Regulations, settled for a mere $500.

Trade in weapons of mass destruction is inextricably intertwined with the threat terrorism poses to our national security, and blacklisting can be a powerful tool to help address that threat.

Unfortunately, the government is too often satisfied with the political statement and appearance of “taking action” that comes from adding names to a blacklist rather than ensuring that its blacklists effectively curtail the activities at issue. Stronger enforcement and a realignment of the government’s sanctions priorities are required to address the new threats to our national security. Perhaps one consequence of Castro’s failing health is that real attention can now be focused on the serious threats posed by terrorism and trade in weapons of mass destruction.

The ideas presented in this Faculty Viewpoint section are the personal opinion of the author as an academic expert, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Stetson University, the College of Law or its leadership.
phyllis e. mann, louisiana defense attorney and adjunct professor

“on aug. 29, about 8,300 prisoners were not evacuated out of the jail and prisons in south louisiana. of those, [an] excess of 6,100 were in new orleans. . . . when the hurricane came and the levies broke, [the prisoners] were in bad trouble. . . . the first floors of most of those buildings were under water. people broke out; people swam out; people pulled fixtures off of walls to break holes in walls. when the department of public safety came in to aid the orleans sheriff’s department to rescue these prisoners, they were literally riding in boats up to the second floor of buildings and people were falling out from holes in walls into boats. that’s not the only way they got out. they got out every way they could because they were locked in jail without air, without water, without electricity, and they didn’t know what was happening outside of those buildings. . . .

“[the rescued prisoners] were taken into custody of the department of correction, and they were dispersed to jails and prisons all over the state of louisiana. nobody knew who they were; their paperwork didn’t go with them. in orleans, they were given wristbands that were different colors signifying whether they’re a federal detainee, whether they’re a juvenile prisoner, whether they’re a municipal prisoner. people lost bracelets, people removed bracelets, people stole each other’s bracelets. . . . it got very, very complicated. because there was no organization to the rescue, people were all messed up. they landed in over 40 facilities—over 920 of our south louisiana prisoners landed at coleman, the bureau of prisons here in florida, where they were held until mid-february of this year.

“there are still 1,510 non-doc evacuees held in jail and doc prisons. there are still 1,224 (as of april 5) unsentenced and non-doc prisoners held in the orleans parish prison. there are 654 unsentenced and non-doc people held in the jefferson parish prison. that’s 3,388 people who either evacuated during the storm, or who have been arrested since the storm, who are being held. of those, 2,184 are people who need attorneys. . . .

“The way we actually fund our indigent defense system is through traffic tickets. when you get a speeding ticket, part of what you pay—$35—goes to indigent defense. . . . when the hurricane came in new orleans, there were no traffic tickets. there was no collection of court costs. there was no money coming in . . . i was
in New Orleans on Tuesday and I made it a point to get a parking ticket while I was there so I could pay my $35 to aid the public defender system, but that’s not going to go very far. Prior to the hurricane, there were 39 felony public defenders in New Orleans. They today have six felony public defenders. . . .

“What we had before Katrina was 60 full criminal court dates every week. What we have after Katrina is eight. And let me tell you what happens when you get there . . . because Section A may be having court this morning, those people who are on the docket in Section A, they’re not all at one jail, they’re everywhere. . . . Those people aren’t turning up for court. You’ll get there and there might be one defendant in that section who’s actually present for court. Night after night, when you look at the minutes of proceedings, we will see: ‘In January, Mr. Brown was not present in court. Being held by DOC, recess for February. In February, Mr. Brown was not present in court. Being held by DOC, recess for March.’ If Mr. Brown ever gets there, then we’ll have to figure out who his lawyer is. . . . Before Katrina, public defenders had four, five hundred cases per year. Now, one public defender reported this week that he has approximately 1,000 felony cases . . . Meanwhile, we’re waiting to see what evidence is going to be available in cases in New Orleans. There is an evidence room operated by the police department, but the door is rusted shut and no one’s been in there yet. . . .

“No matter what you can conjure up, there is somebody who is in the jail from the day Katrina hit. That somebody is going to look like your brother or your next door neighbor or Aunt Sally or someone you know and love, and we are not currently being able to provide anything approaching justice to criminal defendants currently arrested in New Orleans and the other affected parishes, or to the prisoners who were in the jail at the time of the hurricane.”
Bobby Marzine Harges, Professor of Law at Loyola University, Former Civil and Construction Litigator

“After the storm, marshal law was declared. All schools were shut down. Courthouses were shut down. Law firms were shut down, and many law firms relocated. For weeks, New Orleans was closed for business because of the floods. . . .

“Some of you may have read about a story that appeared in December in the St. Petersburg Times. The paper interviewed a 33-year-old single mother who evacuated New Orleans to Tampa, Fla., where she had relatives.

. . . The ex-husband filed a motion in Louisiana, arguing that [she] had violated a custody order by moving her child to Florida. Because of the evacuation of the child, [she] was ordered to return to Louisiana and explain to a judge why it was in the best interests of the child to relocate the child to Florida. . . . Family law practitioners are saying [her] situation is not unique. . . .

“Another aspect of the hurricane is evictions. Evictions were prevented in Louisiana by a declaration of the governor until Nov. 3. . . . When evictions began, there were about a thousand evictions per day of people who were renters in the city of New Orleans. Some of these people were in other states and could not get back, so the landlord simply posted notices on their door, went to court and the people were evicted. Other people were there waiting to come back, and in many instances, the landlord would not take their rent because they wanted to renovate and increase the rent for people moving back to New Orleans. . . .

“The damage to the schools is estimated to be about $1 billion. Three hundred school buses were flooded. The public schools are strapped for cash. . . . If you want to help New Orleans, just go to eBay. The school board has even resorted to selling flooded buses on eBay as collector items as a way to raise additional revenue.”

Eddie Jordan, District Attorney, Orleans Parish and former U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana

“I had some four to five feet of flood water on the first floor of my building. That meant that furniture, computers, cabinet files, some records, were all affected by water—much of it was destroyed. We have, however, been able to retrieve the contents of our file cabinets on the first floor and send them off to the National Archives so they can be restored. But our electrical system was destroyed, our air conditioning and heating system, our elevators and escalators were all destroyed. Since Nov. 15, my office has been in a former nightclub, which is a very unusual site for a District Attorney’s office. In fact, I suspect
it is the only D.A.'s office in the country with a disco ball.

“We lost about $1.8 million in 2005 revenue, in part because the city did not make its contribution to our office. . . . What that forced us to do is lay off almost all of my non-attorney support staff—about 84 percent of the non-attorney support staff had to be laid off. . . . this included some of the workers in our economic crime division and just about all of our investigators. Today, we have prosecutors doing the work of clerical assistants and investigators. We did not lay off any prosecutors . . . We, however, lost about 26 prosecutors who were displaced by the storm. . . .

“Since Katrina, there have been about 1,800 cases—add that to the 3,500 to 4,000 cases that were pending before Katrina, and that’s a very large number of cases. It’s interesting that in the legislature, there’s a move by some legislators to reduce the number of prosecutors that I have in my office and there’s this misunderstanding, misconception, that now, with the current reduced size of New Orleans, we don’t have the same kind of pressing issues with the criminal justice system, and therefore there’s no need for a large District Attorney office like we had before Katrina, and perhaps there’s not a need for as many judges and perhaps not as many defense lawyers as well. That’s not true at all. We still have that backlog as I indicated earlier. . . .

“The witness issue is a very, very important issue for us. We have not been able to identify the whereabouts of all our witnesses. But surprisingly, we have been able to use the U.S. Mail Service to find people who have filed change of address forms. So, I really think there is a lot of hope for our system. We have made progress, we are a long way from where we were seven months ago, and we do expect to have jury trials in the very near future. . . .

“Certainly by no means are we going to capitulate to any pressure to have all of the inmates released. We have to look at each case on a case by case basis, and make a determination as to what is the possible course of action, and that is the only responsible thing to do.”

Ron Austin, criminal defense and personal injury attorney

“After Katrina hit, I was supposed to return home. I had a 60-year-old tree limb in my bedroom where I had to live with the birds and squirrels . . . I lost my entire staff. At that point, I had four lawyers and a support staff. When Katrina hit, let me tell you, no one had a plan. I literally had to lease two boarding houses to support my staff...so for the first week or so, I picked the tab up for just about my entire staff. . . .

“Well guess what? There’s no clients. There are no automobile accidents; no one being arrested. . . . All of a sudden, you’re running your practice on your reserve—September, October, November, December—there are no clients. All of a sudden, things get real, real scary for you as to whether you can survive as a business person.

“Most lawyers I know, they’re doing what I did. I was a contractor, gutting out homes, the only way you could make a living. . . . Up until a month ago, I had a call from one of my old criminal clients. I could remember the smile that came upon my face when I heard her voice. Finally, an arrest! It’s sad, but she was one of the people who could afford to bring me some money. . . .

“[Hurricane Katrina] taught me you have to have the ability to change your focus. Things won’t be back to normal for quite some time. . . . The whole scope of your practice has changed. . . . You need an emergency preparedness program. You need to know who is responsible for locating everybody, who is going to be responsible for securing your data. . . . Those are the things that you need to start honing on today.

“If I have anything to offer from the small firm point of view is to prepare yourself for the aftermath. . . . If it hits you like it hit us, your life won’t be the same.”
Stetson University College of Law honored the dedication and contributions of alumni, faculty and friends as inductees into its Hall of Fame, established in 2004 by Dean Darby Dickerson. The members were selected by a 10-member panel and inducted on September 23. The Hall of Fame now includes 32 members.

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

**Dr. Dorothy “Dotti” Bressi**

Dr. Dorothy Bressi worked almost six years at Stetson University College of Law as Associate Vice President of College Relations before she died on July 2, 2006, following complications from leukemia. During her time at Stetson, she led the successful Cornerstone Campaign, which raised more than $30 million in value over five years. She was instrumental in increasing student scholarships, awards, new faculty chairs, professorships and research programs.

**Justice Carol W. Hunstein ’76**

A justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia and 1976 graduate of Stetson Law, Carol Hunstein is a compelling role model for those attempting to overcome adversity. By the age of 11, she had battled cancer and polio, and then saw her mother die. At age 18, she was pregnant. At age 23, she was a divorced, single mother who had just lost a leg from returning cancer. In 1984, she was elected the first female Superior Court Judge in DeKalb County, Ga. In 1992, Georgia’s governor nominated her as only the second female Supreme Court Justice in the state. During her years on the bench, she has been a tireless champion of racial, ethnic and gender equality. Her work created Georgia’s state and local domestic violence task forces and countless training programs for judges, lawyers and court personnel.

**Congressman E. Clay Shaw Jr. ’66**

Congressman E. Clay Shaw Jr. has represented South Florida in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1981. Before his election to Congress, he served as mayor and vice-mayor of Fort Lauderdale, city commissioner, municipal judge, chief city prosecutor and assistant city attorney. Stetson University awarded him the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1984 and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws in 2002.
J. Ben Watkins ’49
Attorney J. Ben Watkins has actively practiced law since graduating from Stetson University College of Law in 1949. Watkins has been a lifelong supporter of Stetson, graciously donating his resources, expertise and time. He served on the law school’s board of overseers for more than two decades during times of tremendous expansion and academic growth at the Gulfport campus.

John R. Wood ’51
A Sarasota lawyer and municipal judge, John Wood practiced law for 55 years before retiring in 2006. He specialized in legal work for financial institutions and volunteered thousands of hours of pro bono service. While serving in World War II, he was in the Bataan Death March and was a prisoner of war for 42 months. After the war, Wood attended Stetson University College of Law. A fellow POW, General Jonathon Wainwright, presented Wood his law degree upon graduating from Stetson in 1951.

J. Lamar Woodard
J. Lamar Woodard, professor and law librarian emeritus, joined Stetson University College of Law in 1971. Under his guidance, the library grew from a collection of 61,000 volumes and a small staff to a new facility with over 366,000 volumes, seven full-time librarians and 10 staff members.
It has often been said that the modern Civil Rights Acts are the most important statutes in the recent history of America. Civil rights have defined the character of our democracy and the most fundamental commitment of our government.

Recognizing that the Civil Rights Acts were the product of a unique marriage of the courts and direct social action, the Civil Rights History course has covered the history of the seminal civil rights cases as well as the direct social action campaign for civil rights from 1955 to 1965. In the course, the stories of old Fifth Circuit judges, Southern jurists who implemented Brown v. Board of Education, civil rights leaders and activist foot soldiers are told through the text Unlikely Heroes by Jack Bass and the PBS documentary Eyes on the Prize. Together, these resources have allowed students to experience—at least academically—this epic era and its brilliant answer to the questions, “Why do we need civil rights laws?” and “Why do we need education?”

But as the years have passed, I realized that the judges, lawyers and social activists who forged America’s greatest statute have passed or are growing old. An idea was formed: We must take a group of students to meet their history.

The group should, of course, be both graduate students in history and law students—so as to re-live the bonds that defined the movement. Likewise, the course should be taught by both a law professor and a professor of history. And so, with the encouragement of Dean Darby Dickerson, I approached Professor Ray Arsenault of the University of South Florida, and suggested a collaborative course based on Unlikely Heroes and Professor Arsenault’s new, nationally acclaimed book, Freedom Riders. This book chronicles the remarkable story of the 1961 “Freedom Rides,” which sought to make a reality of the desegregation of interstate bus travel, and which ultimately influenced every aspect of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Because Professor Arsenault had interviewed approximately 200 of the original Freedom Riders, we envisioned a learning experience that would expose students to legal history beyond the traditional university environment through interaction with the people who lived that history. Following a one-week classroom discussion of the two books, we took these history and law students on the road, re-tracing a substantial portion of the Freedom Rides and presenting classes in the actual places where events happened, or are archived. This field experience included seminars or lectures at academic or practice settings, museum exhibits and prominent civil rights sites that are included on the National Registry of Historic Places. Our journey took us more than 2,000 miles in eight days.

We departed on Friday, June 9, 2006, at 8 a.m. with our group of 12 graduate history students from the University of South Florida and 12 Stetson law students on a
four-state, nine-city academic field experience, which included ongoing professor commentary, six documentary film presentations, and visits to 17 museums, universities and historic sites. Through panel discussions, lectures and individual stories, students heard from 24 of the original Freedom Riders, Montgomery Bus Boycott participants, attorneys who litigated early civil rights cases, Southern Poverty Law Center attorneys, and media and music scholars who are identified with this legal and social history.

June 9, 2006: Our initial route to Atlanta included a brief stop in Jasper, Fla., (home of Movement activist Lillian Smith), and a field experience at the Albany Civil Rights Museum. At the museum, James Colson re-enacted, in its entirety, Dr. King’s last speech before his death on the occasion of the Memphis Sanitation Worker’s March, and Rutha Harris, one of the original Albany Freedom Singers, taught the students movement songs and lectured on the importance of music to the movement. The presentation also included video documentary footage of the Albany protests, the jailing of activists, and the beginnings of the relationship between the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. As we prepared to leave the museum, Ms. Harris gathered the students together and we joined hands as movement folks had done 45 years ago, singing “We Shall Overcome,” many of us with tears in our eyes. To sing this song with Rutha Harris was almost like being taken back in time. Dinner was held at the Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga., and included a conversation with activist Carol Sayer, who was jailed at the age of 12 for her participation in the Albany movement. As we drove from Albany to Americus with Carol, she showed the students the stockade
where she had been jailed. Seeing it—a first vision of the history they were about to visit—many of the students were shocked by its ramshackle condition as a hidden reminder of what had happened to Carol and her companions when they challenged Jim Crow laws.

June 10, 2006 We spent the day at the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta and had lunch with six of the original Freedom Riders. The students had read their stories, but now they were meeting the people in person. To watch written history come alive as they talked with these Freedom Riders was an amazing event to see. To listen as the story was re-told by those who survived it was a deeply emotional experience on this second day of our journey.

Following lunch, a two-hour seminar was presented by Rev. C.T. Vivian, a legendary officer of the SCLC and one of Dr. King’s closest colleagues, as well as Bill Harbour and Larry Hunter. These three men were original Freedom Riders, arrested and jailed for their participation. The law students were particularly drawn into Rev. Vivian’s brilliant discussion of the concept of leadership, which they felt took their study of the concept to a higher level.

June 11, 2006 Continuing the Freedom Ride route, we stopped in Anniston, Ala., the site of the mob attack of Freedom Riders and fire-bombing of the first Freedom Ride bus. We attended services at the 17th Street Baptist Church led by Rev. N.Q. Reynolds, an original movement participant.

We then continued on to Nashville, where students participated in a seminar presentation at the Seigenthaler Center TV studio at Vanderbilt University by civil rights attorney George Barrett and
Gene Policinski, founding editor of USA Today and director of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt. Mr. Barrett’s discussion of the handling of seminal civil rights cases, and Mr. Policinski’s discussion of the role of the media in socio-legal issues emphasized how social initiatives are shaped inside and outside the courtroom.

At Fisk University, the academic home of W.E.B. DuBois, students attended presentations led by Kwame Leo Lillard and Joy Leonard, original movement activists who were arrested and jailed for participating in the Nashville Movement. Our tour of Nashville historic sites included a visit to the Civil Rights Memorial Rooms at the Nashville Public Library.

We then traveled to Birmingham for dinner and presentations by Catherine Burks Brooks, Rev. Clyde Carter (Freedom Riders who were jailed for their participation), and Chris McNair, father of Denise McNair, one of the four children killed in the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church by members of the Ku Klux Klan. The meeting with Mr. McNair was an especially moving experience; his daughter’s life is the subject of the brilliant Spike Lee documentary, Four Little Girls.

We began June 13 with an astounding tour of all of the civil rights movement sites in Birmingham conducted by Col. Stone Johnson, the now 80-plus-year-old former “de facto” bodyguard for Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. His lecture was an absolutely brilliant description of the issue of race in the South, delivered with a style and flair impossible to describe in words. You had to be there. We also took a lengthy tour of the National Civil Rights Institute and its newly opened Freedom Rider room.

We traveled next to Montgomery, where our tour of historic sites was conducted by University of Michigan Professor Mills Thornton, who is co-founder of Klanwatch. Professor Thornton’s lecture tour included the Greyhound bus station where Freedom Riders were attacked and beaten. The site will eventually be restored as a museum and historic place through Thornton’s leadership. Students then heard a presentation at Alabama State University’s Civil Rights Center and had dinner at the faculty club with four founding members of the Montgomery Improvement Association. This organization formed immediately following the 1955 arrest of Rosa Parks, and propelled Dr. King into the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement at age 26. Visiting with these women, who are now in their 90s, the students had the opportunity to re-live one of the seminal events in the Civil Rights Movement and see the meeting hall where Dr. King was first asked to assume the leadership of the MIA.

“Now, I am able to see that those who work to attack injustice through the courts are an indispensable part of social justice.”
— Stetson student Rebecca A. Nelson

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we traveled to Selma for a riveting presentation at Selma’s Slave Museum and lecture presentations and tours of the National Voting Rights Museum and Brown Chapel. The students had an absolutely remarkable opportunity to walk across the Edmond Pettis Bridge, the site of “Bloody Sunday,” the brutal attack on voting rights marchers by Sheriff Jim Clark on March 7, 1965. The site also marked one of the most famous rulings of legendary Judge Frank Johnson, which allowed a second attempted march to take place that required protection of marchers. Seeing the students walking across the Pettis Bridge was very moving. To be here, walking this bridge, at a time when the re-authorization of the Voting Rights Act still required an affirmative act of Congress, made this pilgrimage seem especially meaningful.

The students then toured Tuskegee University, founded by Booker T. Washington, and discussed the relationship between Washington, DuBois, their views of access to higher education by black Americans, and the role and mission of black higher education institutions. They also visited the George Washington Carver Center, to learn about his life as an agricultural scientist and educator.

Finally, we traveled to Troy, Ala., the home of Freedom Rider and now-Congressman John Lewis, and Quincy, Fla., for a three-hour seminar with John and Patricia Stephens Due. Mr. Due was a longtime civil rights attorney, and Mrs. Due was a longtime activist. Following this capstone discussion about the relationship between lawyers and social activists, we returned to Stetson.

All along the way, students discussed the relationship between their readings, seminars, visitations, tours and documentaries depicting the legal and social history of modern civil rights law. Throughout the trip, each student kept a journal to capture this intellectual and personal experience.

“We don’t understand the importance and impact that social activism had on society. We don’t understand how one person, like Rosa Parks, can make a difference in the world.”

— Stetson student Annette Newman
On the occasion of his arrest during the movement, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a legendary leader and close friend of Dr. King, said, “I had been taught that the law was next to God in its claim on my conscience.” Dr. Abernathy’s comment brings home the seriousness of the movement. Confronting “Jim Crow” laws that had been born in the civil rights cases and Plessy v. Ferguson, and confronting the South’s violent resistance to Brown v. Board of Education was no easy decision. The peaceful attempts to integrate interstate bus transportation, lunch counters, places of public accommodation and schools required a Gandhi–inspired effort for which movement participants risked or sacrificed their lives and endured beatings and imprisonment, as well as courageous advocacy by lawyers who truly deserve the title of hero. Indeed, the civil rights cases of the 1960s, decided in the context of the direct campaign for civil rights, may be characterized as the pinnacle of the relationship between attorneys and those for whom the legal profession exists.

Our students studied the pages of the texts of this history and visited this great subject with some of the legendary people who made the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act a reality at the places where history and law were made. Professor John Donohue suggested that law students need to understand why we need civil rights laws. Dr. King spoke often about our need for education, religion and social conviction, and he said at the same time that we need the law. The students who experienced this summer’s civil rights history course have an understanding of these words that will have a deep and lasting influence on them as they serve their profession and their communities.

We thank Wil Florin and Thomas Roebig Jr. of Florin Roebig for their generous contribution toward funding this unique academic experience.
No billable hours, no hunting for clients, sometimes even a set schedule—serving as an in-house or general counsel may seem like a lawyer’s dream. But everything takes on a rosy glow from the outside. For that perceived freedom, in-house counselors are expected to have the gifts of speed, foresight and versatility.

Attorneys who serve as in-house counsel for a company face a barrage of questions about nearly any aspect of the law, but they are also counted upon to be experts on space travel, theme parks, circuit boards or whatever widget or service in which their companies specialize.

However, specialization is becoming a foreign term for the increasing number of Stetson University College of Law alumni who take on the challenge of a corporate counsel position.

“You get to be a generalist in many, many areas, but a master of none,” said Christopher Holland ’93, associate general counsel for the United Space Alliance.

“An in-house counsel has to be able to change gears every five minutes,” Holland said. “One phone call is labor law, the next phone call is environmental law, the next phone call is contract law—you must be able to change gears constantly and know what you don’t know.”

Depending on the type of business, it can vary even more.

As senior vice president and general counsel for Publix, John Attaway ’82 deals with the legal issues tied to overseeing 125,000 employees; food processing, transport and labeling; real estate; pharmacy and more. The daily variety is his favorite aspect of the job.

“The breadth of the regulatory issues is really tremendous compared to being in private practice,” said Attaway, who had his own firm or was part of firms for about 16 years before joining Publix in 1997.

Katrina Lindsey ’99, part of Walt Disney World’s legal team, can relate. She is kept up nights thinking about the day’s mountains of decisions.

“You deal with a whole lot more than I did in outside practice,” she said.

An in-house lawyer must have an understanding of a vast number of areas of the law, but be able to apply them and deal with them in industry-specific ways.

“I get called if someone leaves their dog locked in the car in the parking lot,” Lindsey said. “I’d need to know the answer of what can you do, what can’t you do.”

Leslie Stein ’76 recently retired after a 30-year career in various in-house positions. In her opinion, one of the most difficult aspects of being in-house is evaluating situations across the spectrum of a business’ services.

“You have to have the skills to identify that you have a problem in an area in which you don’t have a lot of familiarity,” Stein said. “You’re the first line of defense in identifying problems.”

Part of a winning defense is a good offense. As in-house counsel, lawyers are able to advise business leaders and be proactive to prevent potential problems, instead of reacting to clients who come in after finding themselves in legal hot water.

“You’re sort of both the client and the attorney,” Publix’s Attaway said. “You have to find what the legal issues are and then deal with it.”

Before becoming general counsel and corporate secretary for Jabil Circuit, Robert Paver ’81 spent time as a trial attorney with the State Attorney’s Office and...
Holland & Knight. Lawyers often have to become instant experts to succeed with a case. Paver said the most important step for him to succeed with the business was to become an expert and understand his company’s services, the legal implications of those services and their potential pitfalls.

“There was no fear of the unknown. It was a matter of facing things that were previously unknown and becoming expert and applying those needs to business,” Paver said.

Although in-house counsel must know their companies completely, other employees must recognize when they need to involve the legal department. Holland trains employees and senior management in a philosophy he called “stop, drop and call” at the first sign of possible legal trouble.

“It’s always easier to prevent a legal situation,” Holland said. “No sane person wants to be a deponent or a part of a piece of litigation in the corporate world.”

Jacqueline Gayle-Kelly ’96 of Danka Office Imaging agreed, but she said it takes work to create that desired flow.

“It’s a lot of relationship building to make that work,” she said. “It’s challenging because you have to build a certain trust level so people will, first of all, be more receptive to your coaching and advice.”

In-house counsel, and general counsel especially, also must build strong relationships with outside legal firms.

Attaway built Publix’s legal department, which is now up to nine lawyers. However, for a Fortune 150 business with at least 30 new stores per year and at least 400 contracts per year, there is still a lot of work shipped outside. That means in addition to being a good lawyer, a general counsel must be a good manager, Attaway said.

“Anybody who has a knack for managing and multi-tasking would be a good general counsel,” he said.

The paths and motives behind becoming an in-house lawyer are as varied as the responsibilities.

Some love the industry, such as Holland. “Once rocket fuel gets in your blood, it never leaves.”

Some love the company, such as Lindsey. “If I ever have a meeting out in the park, it’s so cool to see kids and families enjoying the it. When you’re in a law firm, you don’t get to see the end product.”

Some love the difficulty, such as Paver. “This opportunity presented a whole new set of challenges to learn an entirely new aspect of the practice of law.”

Coming from a trial background helped Paver tackle those new challenges in innovative ways. “I wasn’t bound to follow traditional models,” he said. “There are advantages to not having any predisposed notions of the business and learning them from the inside out.”

However, most agreed that before signing on, lawyers should appreciate the product or industry.

“If you don’t enjoy the industry you work in, you’ll have a hard time learning,” Lindsey said. “You deal with that subject matter every day.”

But when a counselor meets the challenge of the variety of assignments and the speed of the work, it creates not only a stronger company, but also a stronger lawyer.

“The more resources you have to use, the more tools you have to learn to understand, the better you are as a lawyer,” Lindsey said. “I’ve probably learned a lot here that if I ever went out and practiced again, I’d be a much better lawyer.”

Four members of the legal department at the Walt Disney Co. in Orlando are Stetson graduates: Lori Sheehan ’88, Scott Pacula ’97, Scott Justice ’96 and Katrina Lindsey ’99.
Planned giving: Leaving your legacy

At Stetson University College of Law, we understand that philanthropy is a choice, and one that is based on individual situations, resources and needs. As a donor, you have a wide variety of options when making a charitable contribution. Outright gifts, deferred gifts, trust arrangements and bequests all make a direct impact on the College of Law, each in a unique way. Determining what giving plan is right for you is just as important as making the gift.

A growing number of alumni and friends incorporate planned gifts into their financial and estate planning. Often, these gifts benefit you and your family now and the College of Law later. Planned giving is a critical tool in the support of higher education because it allows a donor to direct funds in the manner of his or her choosing. These types of gifts can offer many advantages:

- Allow you to make a much larger gift than you thought possible
- Support vital programs of the College of Law, both now and in the future
- Reduce (or avoid) capital gains tax
- Reduce estate taxes
- Receive a current income tax deduction

There are a variety of creative giving strategies that you might want to consider. The best giving plan for any individual balances what you wish to achieve for yourself, your family and the charitable organization that you plan to support. The following are some planned giving options:

- **Bequests.** The most popular form of planned giving is a specific bequest made through a will or living trust. A bequest may be made to Stetson University College of Law in either a specific dollar amount, a percentage of an estate, or as a residual gift.

- **Charitable Trusts.** There are many different types of charitable trusts that can serve a variety of purposes. They may be created during a donor’s lifetime, or established through his or her will.

- **Life Insurance Policies.** Life insurance offers a wonderful way to make a charitable gift. Stetson University College of Law may be named as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy in a variety of ways.

- **Charitable Gift Annuities.** Gift annuities allow a donor to make a gift of cash or other assets and receive lifetime payments, capital gains and estate tax benefits.

- **Real Estate.** In addition to monetary gifts, a donor can contribute real estate or property to benefit Stetson University College of Law.

Remember, every gift makes a difference in your life and the life of Stetson University College of Law. If you would like more information on what planned giving option might be right for you, contact the Office of College Relations at (727) 562-7818.

Carlton Fields scholarship winners named

**BY BRANDI PALMER**

Carlton Fields, P.A. has chosen students Emy Mondesir and Patice Holland to receive this year’s Carlton Fields Diversity Fellowship. Mondesir and Holland will serve as fellows in the fall and spring semesters, respectively, and both will work approximately 200 hours each at Carlton Fields, providing pro bono counseling and assistance on various legal projects within the renowned law firm. “We are delighted that Emy and Patice will be joining Carlton Fields as the next fellows,” said Carlton Fields partner Robert Biasotti ’96. “By providing an opportunity to experience large firm practice, this fellowship is good for the students, the school, our firm, and, equally as important, our community.”

The fellowship is designed to provide students who have faced socioeconomic or cultural barriers to legal education with access to a successful, large-firm practice. As part of a competitive selection process, students were asked to demonstrate their unique struggle in an essay.
1950s

Bruce R. Jacob '59 was honored as the namesake of the newest American Inn of Court, the Bruce R. Jacob Criminal Appellate Inn of Court. The Tampa-based inn voted unanimously in recognition of Jacob’s role as an advocate in the landmark Supreme Court case of Gideon v. Wainwright.

1960s

Howard P. Ross '64, a shareholder of the law firm of Battaglia, Ross, Dicu & Wein, was recognized with a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Stetson Lawyers Association for his professional achievement, dedication to excellence and contributions to the betterment of society.

Richard A. Hirsch '66, former president of the Tampa Bar Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, was a featured attorney on Court TV network in its coverage of the civil jury trial of Manero v. City of Tampa. Hirsch is vice president of the Tampa law firm of Levine, Hirsch, Segall, Mackenzie & Friedsam P.A.

Don Caton '67 was awarded the Claude L. Mullis Lifetime Distinguished Service Award by the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association.

Edwin P.B. Sanders '68 retired from the bench on March 31, 2006, in Volusia County. He worked as a civil attorney for 15 years before he became a judge in 1983. He has been active both on the bench and in the city of DeLand, the place he has called home for 58 years.

1970s

Thomas C. Garwood '71 of Ford & Harrison LLP has been selected as a “Florida Super Lawyer” by Law & Politics magazine. He is the executive committee liaison for the firm’s four Florida offices. He is certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in labor and employment law.

Stephen M. Brown '73 is serving as presiding Chief Judge for the Washington State Court of Appeals for the term of 2006 until 2007.

Christian D. Searcy '73, president of Searcy, Denny, Scardola, Barnhart & Shipley P.A., has received the 2006 War Horse Award by the Southern Trial Lawyers Association.

Howard M. Zaritsky '73 has joined the Pitcairn Financial Group, a privately held wealth management and investment firm. He is based in the firm’s Vienna, Va., office and is responsible for consulting on estate-planning strategies.

Timothy G. Hains '74 of Quarles & Brady LLP has been selected as a “Florida Super Lawyer” by Law & Politics magazine. He practices in the area of real property, including real estate development, transactions and mortgage lending.

W. Thompson “Tommy” Thorn III ’74 has been named to lead the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP. His principal areas of practice are mergers and acquisitions, institutional and corporate finance, corporate governance, and complex business and commercial transactional matters for public and private enterprises, institutions and high net worth individuals.

Robert E. “Robin” Doyle Jr. ’75 of Doyle Conflict Resolution Inc. in Naples has been selected as a “Florida Super Lawyer” by Law & Politics magazine. He practices in the area of commercial and construction litigation.

John T. Berry ’76 has accepted a position at The Florida Bar where he will be a division director supervising the Professionalism Center and Lawyer Regulation. He is the former executive director of the Michigan State Bar Association.

William D. Keith ’76 has been named the 2006 Attorney of the Year by the Collier County Bar Association. He is a partner in the law firm of Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist P.A., and specializes in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Susan Sexton ’77 has been selected as a member of the board of directors of the Visiting International Professional Program, which is under the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Program.

Rhea Law ’79, president and chief executive officer of Fowler White Boggs & Banker in Tampa, has been honored as one of the top women business leaders in the state by Florida International University’s Center for Leadership and the Commonwealth Institute.

1980s

John N. Conrad ’80 was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the position of Hillsborough County Court Judge.

R. Bruce Anderson ’81, a partner in the law firm of Roetzel & Andress, was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to a four-year
term on the Southwest Florida Expressway Authority. Anderson is one of two Bush appointees selected to serve on the authority’s eight-member governing body.

**Luis Prats ’81** of Carlton Fields’ Tampa office received the 2006 Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award from the Stetson Lawyers Association. This award is presented annually to a graduate of Stetson University College of Law who shows continued support and commitment to the university and to the profession of law.

**Thomas S. Edwards Jr. ’83** has been elected president of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a partner at Peek, Cobb, Edwards & Ashton P.A. in Jacksonville.

**James V. Pierce ’83** was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush as a new Pinellas County Judge. He is a former assistant public defender, division director and managing attorney for the Pinellas-Pasco Public Defender’s Office, where he worked until 1996. Immediately prior to his appointment, he was corporate counsel for State Farm Insurance Company.

**Lynn Welter Sherman ’83** was named a shareholder of Hill, Ward & Henderson P.A. in Tampa. Her practice is concentrated in the areas of business bankruptcy, creditors’ rights litigation and civil commercial litigation.

**James L. Wilkes II ’83** of Wilkes & McHugh in Tampa, was inducted as a fellow into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is one of eight new inductees invited to join the group of 500 national and 100 international lawyers.

**Robert Griffin ’84** was elected as a Polk County judge.

**Michael Brundage ’86** has been named a partner at the law firm of Jennings & Bowen P.L. He also serves as chief operating officer.

**Dee Phelps ’86** has opened a real estate firm, Phelps Real Estate, in Breckenridge, Colo., where she manages several ski-in/ ski-out properties. She has retired from the practice of law.

**Joseph T. Showalter Jr. ’87** was appointed as circuit court judge for the 27th Judicial District of Virginia, which includes the Bland, Grayson and Wythe county circuit courts. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Commonwealth’s Attorney for Montgomery County since 1999.

**Amanda (Peralta) Jarret ’89** of Clark, Campbell, and Mawhinney P.A. was certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a family mediator.

**1990s**

**Robert S. Freedman ’90,** a shareholder in the Tampa office of Carlton Fields, has been appointed as co-vice chair of the Condominium and Planned Development Law Committee of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar.

**Robert J. Rossitto ’90** has retired from the practice of law and manages his sheep farm in central New York. He and his wife Marjorie have traveled the United States and abroad.

**David M. Doney ’91,** a shareholder in the corporate practice group of Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A. in Tampa, has been added to the board of directors of the Florida Venture Forum Inc.

**Jonathan Franklin ’91** acquired a part in the film *Irene in Time* through the Beverly Hills Bar Association’s Vintage Wine Bouquet charity auction held in California.

**Tracey Jaensch ’91** of Ford & Harrison LLP has been named a “Florida Super Lawyer” by *Law & Politics* magazine. In addition, she was named to the “Top 25 Female Lawyers Central, Northern & Gulf Coast Florida” and the “Top 50 Female Lawyers in Florida.” She has also been named to Florida’s “Legal Elite” by *Florida Trend*.

**Donald Workman ’91** has joined the Washington office of Baker & Hostetler LLP.
Stetson presents annual awards to alumni, friends

Stetson University College of Law honored several alumni and friends at its annual Stetson Lawyers Association meeting on June 21 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Katherine Ezell ’69 and Judge Thomas E. Penick Jr. ’72 received the Ben C. Willard Award for distinguished humanitarian achievements that have benefited Florida citizens and people throughout the world. Ezell, a 2006 winner of the Tobias Simon Award for outstanding pro bono service, is highly regarded for her outstanding community service and work with public interest law and children in the foster care system. Penick, a nine-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force who retired after 26 years on the bench in Pinellas County, has been honored with several awards for outstanding justice.

Howard Ross ’64 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Ross, who practices business law and litigation at Battaglia, Ross, Dicus & Wein, has taught at Stetson Law, worked with the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurial Academy, and served as president of St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Inc.

Joshua Magidson ’80 and Luis Prats ’81 received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for continued support of the College of Law. Magidson, a former Stetson Lawyers Association board member and Stetson College of Law overseer, is a civil litigation expert who chairs the board of Trustee Eckerd Hall and supports the Florida Orchestra and the City of Clearwater Task Force for downtown development. Prats, a Stetson University trustee and graduate of both Stetson University and Stetson College of Law, is rated as one of the best construction lawyers in the U.S. and serves on the board of directors for the Tampa Habitat for Humanity and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Melvyn Trute ’66 and Anne L. Weintraub ’03 received the Outstanding Alumni Representative Award. Trute, who practices in the areas of real estate and probate law at Trute & Robbins, was instrumental in amending probate laws in Florida. Weintraub serves on the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council, the corporate board for the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota County, and the All Faiths Bank campaign against hunger.

Tom Elligett, Bonnie Foreman, Judge James Whatley and Congressman Bill Young received Distinguished Service Awards for significant, meritorious and continuing contributions that have benefited Stetson Law. Elligett is past chair of The Florida Bar Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section, past president of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, past president and current master of the J. Clifford Cheatwood American Inn of Court, and a Stetson adjunct professor for more than 20 years. Foreman established a memorial award for Stetson Law students honoring her husband Edward D. Foreman ’71, who dedicated his life to the legal profession and to the community. Judge Whatley was appointed to the 12th Judicial Circuit in January 1989 and to Florida’s 2nd District Court of Appeal in 1995, and he has supported Stetson’s advocacy programs for nearly a decade. Congressman Young, who is an advocate for the needs of Pinellas County and Stetson Law, was recently elected to a 19th term and is the senior Republican in the House of Representatives, is a past member of the appropriations committee, House Armed Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Shirin M. Vesely ’94 received the President’s Award in recognition for serving as president of the Stetson Lawyer’s Association Advisory Council and as a member of the Stetson University College of Law Board of Overseers.
as a partner in the Business Group and head of Baker & Hostetler’s Bankruptcy & Creditors’ Rights practice office. His practice areas include business bankruptcy, creditors’ rights, debtor reorganizations, general insolvency, stockbroker liquidations and commercial litigation. He was formerly a partner with Foley & Lardner, based in their Washington, D.C., office.

Latour “L.T.” Lafferty ’92, a shareholder with Fowler White Boggs Banker, has been elected president of the Brandon 86 Rotary Club. At the installation banquet, he was presented with the Rotarian of the Year Award by outgoing president Earl Haugabook.

Kristina Y. Lunsford ’92 was elected shareholder in the Jacksonville law firm of Bray & Lunsford P.A. She practices in the areas of commercial transactions, creditors rights and bankruptcy.

Carol Ann Kalish ’93, a shareholder with Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, has been appointed vice chair of the Florida Bar Health Law Certification Committee, a nine-member panel that oversees board certification for health lawyers.

Marguerite M. Longoria ’93 has become a partner with the firm of Burr & Smith, LLP of Tampa. She specializes in representing plaintiff class and collective actions in employment law.

Peter R. Ray ’93 has been made a partner at Cohen, Norris, Scherer, Weinberger & Wolmer in North Palm Beach. He specializes in commercial transactions.

Michael Dolce ’94 has joined the firm of Cole, Scott & Kissane P.A. in its West Palm Beach office. He practices litigation primarily in the areas of professional malpractice, commercial and corporate contract and liability matters, employment law, and condominium and homeowners’ association matters.

Anthony Ritenour ’94, was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Highlands County Court. He was a partner in the law firm of Ables & Ritenour P.A., where he worked since 1998.

Rhonda E. Stringer ’94 was elected partner at Saxon, Gilmore, Carraway, Gibbons, Lash & Wilcox P.A. She practices in the commercial litigation area with a current emphasis on public housing authorities.

Rachel A. (Wells) Gorenflo ’94 of Gray & Gorenflo P.A. became certified in the area of marital and family law by The Florida Bar. Her experience includes work in all facets of family law with extensive participation in complex family law litigation as both lead and associate counsel.

Robert Crown ’95 was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Collier County Court. He previously worked as an assistant state attorney and went into private practice with the law firm of Conroy, Coleman & Hazzard.

John F. Schutz ’95 was selected as a member of Florida’s 2006 “Legal Elite” by Florida Trend. He practices in West Palm Beach and is board-certified in marital and family law.

Stefania Jancewicz ’96 was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the position of Osceola County Judge.

James E. Keim ’96 wrote the article “Law Office Disaster Preparedness—The Liability and Ethics of Attorneys,” which was published in the Florida Bar Journal in May 2006. He concentrates in the area of legal malpractice with the firm of Morris, Widman & Keim P.A.

Jason A. Lessinger ’96 was named partner at Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg P.A. of Sarasota. He is a member of the firm’s civil litigation department.

William J. Banks ’97 wrote the article “The Domestic Worker Debacle—The Need for Domestic Worker Visas in the United States,” published in the Florida Bar Journal in April 2006. He practices exclusively in the field of U.S. immigration and naturalization law from his offices in Clearwater.

ALUMNI EVENTS

TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI RECEPTION — Maggie Mood ’87 and Eric Policastro.

TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI RECEPTION — Board of Trustees Chair Jay Landers ’64, Dean Darby Dickerson and President Doug Lee.

BOCA RATON ALUMNI RECEPTION — Luis Prats ’81 and Dean Darby Dickerson.
Dondra Bass ’97 has relocated to the Tampa Bay area and opened the Law Offices of Dondra S. Bass P.A. in Tampa. The practice will be general practice with a focus in elder law.

Joan Henry ’97 has joined the firm of Lusk, Drasites and Tolisano P.A. Her primary areas of practice include commercial and residential real estate, probate, and wills and trusts.

Benjamin H. Hill IV ’97 was named a shareholder of Hill, Ward & Henderson in Tampa. His practice involves general commercial litigation and real estate litigation in both state and federal courts.

Lake H. Lytal III ’97 has become a partner with the firm of Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams LLP. He specializes in personal injury and wrongful death matters.

Joseph F. Summonte Jr. ’97 was a 2006 recipient of the President’s Pro Bono Service Award from The Florida Bar. He also received The Florida Bar’s Young Lawyer Division 2006 Pro Bono Service Award for his work on behalf of hurricane victims.

Craig W. Little ’98 has joined Carlton Fields P.A. as an associate in the firm’s real estate and mortgage financing practice group.

Vanessa N. (Ascanio) Opstal ’98 is the co-owner of the new Box Furniture Boutique in Sarasota.

Carrie Weintraub ’98 has joined the firm of Holland & Knight LLP in Tampa as director of attorney recruiting.

R. David Jackson ’99 has joined the firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker P.A. in their Bradenton office. His practice focuses on environmental and land use law. Prior to joining the firm, he worked in the Office of General Counsel for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Leslie Schultz-Kin ’99 has joined Phelps Dunbar LLP as an associate in their regional employment law practice.

2000s

Clinton Paris ’00 has opened his own law firm in Riverview.

Gregory Rix ’00 was named partner at Brigham Moore LLP in Tampa. He practices in the areas of eminent domain and property rights law.

Eric M. Thom ’00 and Marcus S. Lawrence Jr. have formed the law firm of Thorn Lawrence P.L., which specializes in civil litigation and estate planning.

Louis M. Ursini III ’00, an associate with Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell P.A. in Sarasota, has been appointed to the Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors

Weddings

Katherine Warthen Ezel ’66 to David Mark Wahlstad ’59, April 29, 2006.


Alison Clark Anderson ’01 to Tom Anderson, Jan. 7, 2006.

Christopher Allen Hicks ’01 to Angela Carole Hammack, Nov. 19, 2005, Vero Beach.

Erica Shannon Rogan ’03 to Jason Harry Chutkan, Nov. 25, 2005, Dunedin.

Evan Justine Shane ’05 to Jenny Lynn Wanuck ’06, Dec. 17, 2005, Palm Beach Gardens.

Marie Jean Romanos ’05 and Preston Alan Sizemore, June 24, 2006 in North Palm Beach.

New Additions

James G. Vickaryous ’93 and wife Jennifer announce son Evan born on May 2006.


Trevor Cofer ’99 and wife Jennifer announce daughter Maya born on April 2006.

Brittan Mitchell ’03 and Brian Mitchell ’05 announce their second child, Annastyn born on July 2005.

Benjamin Hillard ’04 and his wife announce son Malachi born on March 2006.

Alicia Hall Brannon ’04 and husband Patrick announce son Alexander, born on Feb. 2006.
for the 12th Judicial Circuit of The Florida Bar. He is an attorney in Ruden McClosky’s litigation practice group. He is president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Sarasota County Bar Association, and is co-chairman of the diversity committee of the Sarasota County Bar Association.

David I. Wynne ’00 has recently joined Bavol Judge P.A. as an associate. The firm concentrates in the areas of civil litigation in all state and federal courts, class actions, defense of product liability claims, medical malpractice claims, construction and general commercial litigation.

Andrew S. Bolin ’02, an associate with the law firm of Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen P.A., was selected by the Florida Defense Lawyers Association to co-author an amicus curiae brief with FDLA President Gail Leverett Parenti in *Florida Hospital Waterman, Inc. v. Buster,* in support of the hospital. The brief submitted to the Florida Supreme Court addresses issues involving the recently enacted Amendment 7 to the Florida Constitution (“Patient’s Right to Know”) pertaining to discovery in medical malpractice litigation.

Erika Dine ’02 has joined the firm of Boyer & Jackson P.A. in their elder law section. She works in the Sarasota office.

Karla A. (Gregor) Ravenel ’02 has joined the firm of Shawn M. Yesner P.L. in Tampa. She practices in the areas of real estate and bankruptcy law.

Jody Armstrong ’03 has been elected mayor of Redington Shores. She has been a town commissioner since 2004.

Ashley N. Calhoun ’03 of GrayRobinson P.A. has been awarded the 2006 Omicron Delta Kappa “Grads Made Good Award.”

Karen Mulcahy ’03 has joined the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Regional Counsel at Bay Pines.

Wesley E. Trombley ’03 has joined the firm of Trombley & Hanes of Tampa. Upon graduation from law school, he joined the Pinellas County State Attorney’s Office for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, where he worked as an assistant state attorney for three years.

Oolagamani Ungapen LLM ’03 has joined the Florida Association of Realtors as director of international research.

Anne L. Weintraub ’03 was named partner at Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg P.A. of Sarasota. She is a member of the real estate department.

Justin Zinzow ’03 was elected treasurer of the Greater Pinellas Young Republicans Club Inc. and also serves as its special counsel.

Alva L. Cross ’04 has joined Fisher & Phillips LLP as an associate in the firm’s employment law practice.

Benjamin Earl Hillard ’04 has opened the Hillard Law Firm, LLP in Largo.

Vincent P. Beilman ’05 has joined Phelps Dunbar LLP in the firm’s regional commercial litigation practice group in Tampa.

Tina M. Fischer ’05 has joined the firm of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadef, & Sitterson P.A. in its Tampa office. She practices in the firm’s land use department.

Cory Kravit ’05 has joined the firm of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce P.A., West Palm Beach, in the firm’s real estate department.

Sarah Lahlou-Amine ’05 has joined the firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker. She practices in the firm’s securities, financial services and white collar practices group.

David Salazar ’05 has joined the firm of Cole, Scott & Kissane in its Miami office. He practices in the areas of civil, nursing home, medical malpractice and commercial litigation.
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Paul V. Suppicich ‘05 serves as chair of the St. Petersburg Bar Association’s Stetson Liaison Committee.

Gary E. Williams ‘05 has opened his own law firm in Seminole. He is practicing in family law.

Consuela Cantillo Bova ‘06 is the chief executive officer of the newly opened business For the Fit Inc., which specializes in clothing and accessories for men 5’9” and under.

Tiffany Lynn Kelly ‘06 has been named a partner in the Kelly Law Group in Dade City, working alongside her father, James E. Kelly.

Richard C. Lawrence ‘06 joined the Sarasota law firm of Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen. He practices in the areas of real estate and land use.

Andrea Medina ‘06 has joined Citigroup Global Transaction Services as an investor restrictions specialist.
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