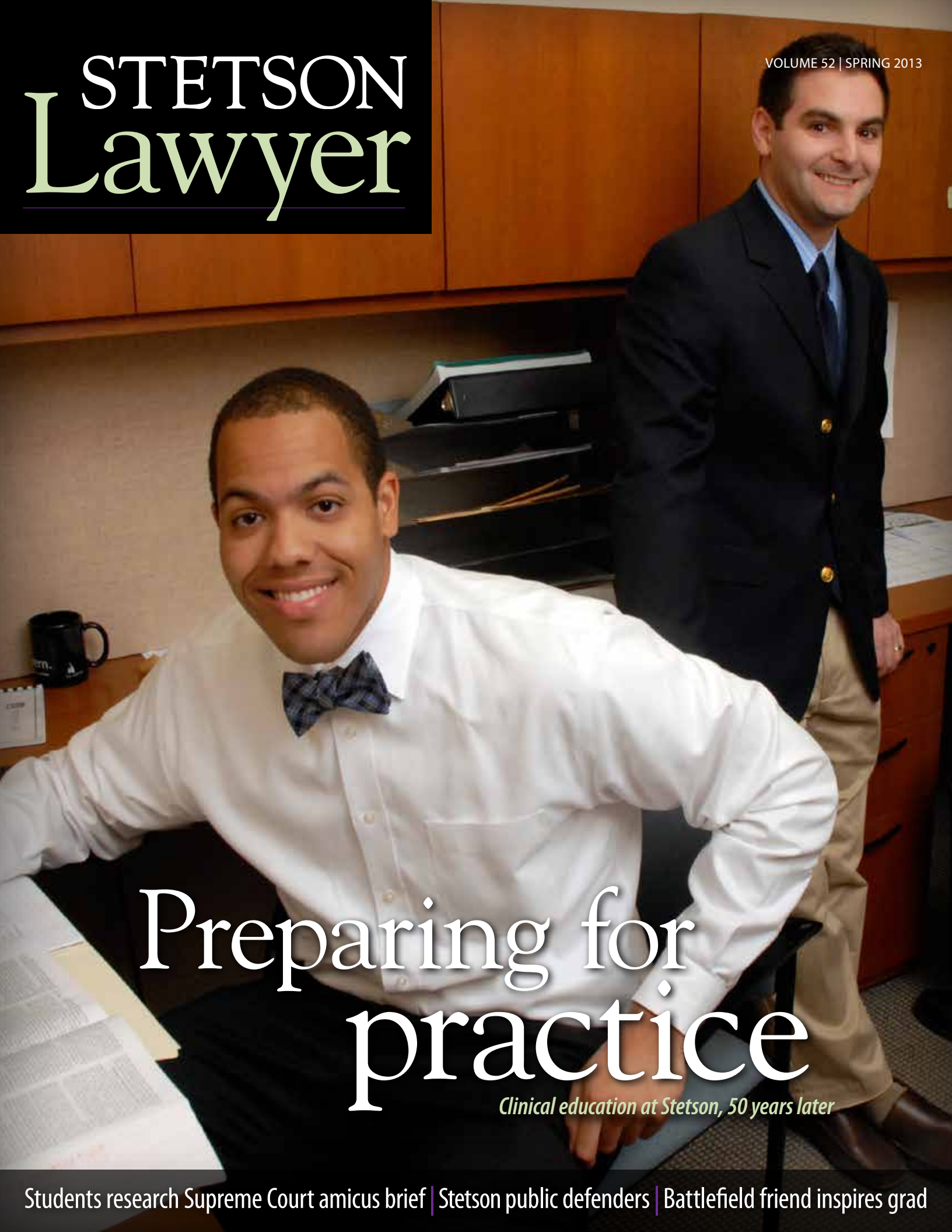


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FROM THE DEAN

"At the core, one ought to have a spirit of public service that is fulfilled only by the able and honest representation of clients — including those who cannot pay."

— *Wm. Reece Smith Jr.*

This spring, our profession lost two great members of the Stetson community, **Wm. Reece Smith Jr.** and **Hon. Frederick B. Karl '49**. Smith spent more than 50 years teaching legal ethics and professionalism at Stetson, founded Florida Legal Services, and championed voluntary pro bono legal services for the poor at the federal, state and local levels. Karl was a former Florida Supreme Court Justice who held a number of elected and appointed positions in state and local government, established a legacy of public accountability that influenced Florida politics for generations. Through their commitment to service and professionalism, these legal giants demonstrated how the ethical practice of law can make the world a better place.

I take great pride in our Stetson Law students, who volunteer approximately 25,000 hours of pro bono service every year. Throughout this issue of the *Stetson Lawyer*, you will find stories of alumni, students and faculty who are working passionately to provide access to justice for all.

In "*Gideon*, 50 years later," our very own **Professor and Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob '59** shares his perspective of the landmark case of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, a case that he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court that changed the face of the nation's criminal justice system.

Meet some of the Stetson alumni who have dedicated their careers to representing indigent criminal defendants in "Providing Justice for All." We are proud that 20 percent of elected public defenders in Florida are Stetson alumni.

You'll read the story of recent graduate **Javier Centonzo '12**, who went from being a soldier to a lawyer working to help improve the quality of the lives of veterans. You can also learn about how Stetson is expanding its experiential education programs to serve soldiers past and present through the new Veterans Law Institute and Stetson's in-house Veterans Advocacy Clinic.

This past fall, we inducted six new members into the Stetson University College of Law Hall of Fame. Without exception, each inductee has contributed to our profession and to humanity. Among the inductees, you will read about your classmates **Denis deVlaming '72** and **Judge James D. Whittemore '77**, who with little fanfare have been devoted servants of this institution and the legal profession.

Of course, Stetson is continuing the tradition of not only serving the cause of justice, but serving it well. Inside you will read about the accomplishments of our Stetson teams who are winning national, regional and state competitions, as well as the start of an LL.M. degree program in advocacy and a new online advocacy journal, the *Stetson Journal of Advocacy and the Law*.

As I have had the chance to begin meeting many of you at alumni events around the country, I am continually impressed by the many examples of professional excellence in service to others. I look forward to meeting more of you in the future. I invite each of you to visit campus and actively participate in our law school, because together, We Are Stetson.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris".

Chris

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NEW ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

New LL.M. program, online advocacy journal announced

Stetson has announced the start of three new advocacy programs: a Master of Laws degree in advocacy, the *Stetson Journal for Advocacy and the Law*, and a certificate of concentration in social justice advocacy.

The **online LL.M. degree in advocacy** allows practicing attorneys to advance their legal education at times and locations that are convenient for their schedules without relocating or interrupting their professional careers. Students may concentrate their coursework through tracks in criminal law, civil law or advocacy education. This two-year program requires occasional campus visits.

“Our goal is to take the best of traditional skills education, combine it with cutting edge technological resources, then sift it through the years of experience of our local faculty and friends worldwide,” said Charles Rose, professor of excellence

in trial advocacy and director of Stetson’s Center for Excellence in Advocacy. “We are very excited about this latest step in Stetson’s continuing commitment to the value of experiential legal education.”

The *Stetson Journal of Advocacy and the Law* is a new student-produced legal journal dedicated exclusively to discussing, exploring and influencing contemporary issues related to advocacy. The online journal encompasses all facets of advocacy, including alternative dispute resolution, trial advocacy and appellate advocacy.

The journal will include articles written by preeminent practitioners, law professors and judges on topics related to techniques, trends and developments that manifest excellence in advocacy. The editors and associates will solicit creative works on advocacy from the legal community, then edit, compile

and publish those articles in the semiannual publication.

Stetson also now offers a **certificate of concentration program in social justice advocacy** for students interested in significant social justice issues in civil or criminal law.

The certificate program is selective, admitting a limited number of students based upon their academic and experiential background, interviews with program faculty, and commitment to a career dedicated to advocacy that serves the cause of social justice. Professors Robert Bickel and Judith Scully oversee the concentration program.

Concentration students will complete at least 21 hours of courses related to social justice advocacy law, as well as an experiential learning opportunity, an independent study component, and mentoring and service requirements.

Florida bar exam passage rate climbing for Stetson law alumni

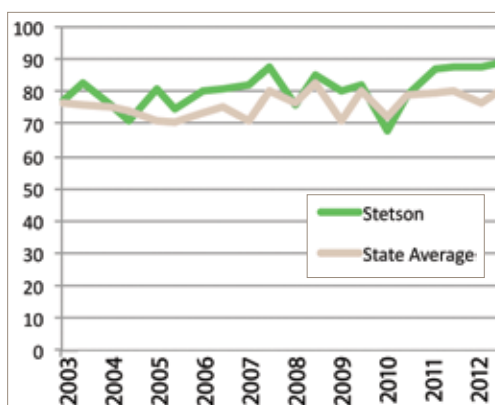
Stetson University College of Law placed third among Florida law schools for the percent of graduates passing the July 2012 Florida bar examination on their first try, according to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Stetson's pass rate for first-time takers was 88.9 percent, well above the statewide average of 80 percent, with 232 out of 261 Stetson graduates passing the examination.

"Stetson's bar passage rate for first-time takers has steadily increased over the last decade, due in part to our expanded bar preparation services, our fantastic faculty and our dedicated students,"

said Dean Christopher M. Pietruszkiewicz. "Stetson's holistic approach to blending legal theory and practice prepares our graduates not only for passing the bar exam, but also for a successful career over the long term."

Stetson's bar preparation program is staffed by a full-time faculty member and two staff attorneys who provide individual counseling, group guidance and personalized study plans. Students may have their sample answers graded by a former bar exam grader,



and Stetson alumni also provide coaching support to recent graduates.

To learn more, contact Stetson Bar Preparation Services at barprep@law.stetson.edu.

Stetson teams win national, regional and state competitions

Stetson has continued its winning tradition in national, regional and state advocacy competitions this spring, and the season isn't over yet.

It was a clean sweep in March at the **National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition** in Indianapolis, where Stetson won every award. In a Stetson-Stetson final round, the team of Erin Okuno, Kevin Crews and Morgan Vasigh won the championship and Michelle Reilly, Adriana

Corso and Erin Dolan took the runner-up title. The former team won the best respondent's brief award and the latter won best petitioner's brief. Erin Okuno received best oralist awards for both the preliminary and final rounds.

Erica Emas, William Gower III, Andona Zacks-Jordan and Charles Strauss won the **AAJ Regional Mock Trial Championship** in Miami.

Paul Crochet, Meagan Foley, Michael Rothfeldt, Lisa Tanaka and Alex Zesch won the **Florida Bar's Willem C. Vis International Commercial**

Arbitration Pre-Moot in Miami. Foley was named the best oralist of the competition for the second year.

In March, Sharon Galantino, Caitlein Jammo, Bradley Muhs and Carly Ross finished second with the runner-up memorial at the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Super-Regionals** in New Orleans, La.

In January, Andrew Harris, Julia McGrath and Victoria San Pedro won the **New York City Bar's 63rd Annual National Moot Court Competition**, one of the nation's most prestigious competitions involving more than 150 law schools and 15 regional rounds.

Also in January, Stetson won the **Chester Bedell Mock Trial Competition** in Orlando for the 20th time in 30 years against all Florida law schools. Stetson's two squads (*pictured left*) faced each other in the final round of the competition. Brandon Blake, Claudette Goyanes, Diego Novaes and Adriane Ovcharenko won the competition, and William Gower III was named best advocate. Gower, Erica Emas, Erica Farawell and Austin Miniard placed second in the competition.



Professor, students draft *amicus* brief for U.S. Supreme Court, resolution for global conference

Two Stetson students and Professor Royal Gardner worked with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to prepare an *amicus* brief in a wetlands case that was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in January.

Second-year student Marc Shumaker and third-year student Erin Okuno helped prepare the brief with Gardner and NWF attorney Jan Goldman-Carter. Shumaker and Gardner observed oral arguments at the Court on Jan. 15.

The case of *Koontz v. St. Johns River Water Management District* has been in litigation for a number of years and could impact wetlands across the country. The St. Johns River Water Management District is responsible for managing Florida's vital water resources in 18 counties throughout the northeast and east-central part of the state.

"Assisting with the *amicus* brief was an exciting and unique experience," said Okuno. "It was incredible to work on a brief that was actually sent to the U.S. Supreme Court."

The *amicus* brief, filed by Gardner and Goldman-Carter on behalf of 12 distinguished wetland scientists, academics and professionals, is a science-based brief. It describes the critical ecosystem services that wetlands provide to people, businesses and communities; the importance of "no net loss" of wetland functions; and the need for accountability in the loss and gain of wetland functions.

"There is no excuse to continue to allow wetland losses, now that we know how effective wetlands are in providing clean water and other essential services," said Joy B. Zedler,

past chair of the National Research Council Committee on Mitigating Wetland Losses Committee, and one of the *amicus* parties. Gardner and several students also played a significant role in the adoption of a resolution on wetland conservation at a global conference in Bucharest, Romania, in July. The Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands adopted the resolution by consensus. More than 160 countries are parties to this international treaty, which is devoted to the wise use of wetlands.

Gardner introduced the resolution, which provides a framework to avoid, mitigate and compensate for wetland impacts around the world.

Erin Okuno, along with Marcela Bonells JD '12 and Juan Zarama LL.M. '12, conducted research to support the resolution. The students and Gardner published a Briefing Note that reviewed wetland laws and policies throughout the world. Stetson students, including exchange students from the University of Toulouse, translated the Briefing



Above, Professor Royal Gardner, Bill Mitch, Jan Goldman-Carter and Marc Shumaker traveled to the Supreme Court on Jan. 15 to hear oral arguments in an important wetlands case.

Note into Spanish and French, the other official languages of the convention.

Gardner was recently appointed chair of the Ramsar's Scientific and Technical Review Panel, a subsidiary body of the convention that provides guidance on wetland conservation. Stetson is the only law school in the world that has a memorandum of cooperation with the Ramsar Secretariat.

The draft resolution was produced in part at a Ramsar workshop that Stetson hosted at its Tampa Law Center in October 2010, and in part at a Ramsar workshop hosted by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in the United Kingdom in July 2011. The final resolution expresses appreciation to both Stetson and the U.K. government.



Juan M. Zarama LL.M. '12 (left), who was among the students who worked on the Ramsar draft resolution, was selected for the International Bar Association Legal Internship Programme in Human Rights last fall. Zarama has worked as a research assistant for Professor Luz Nagle on human trafficking issues, studied law at the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia, interned at the Human Rights Clinic, and worked as a junior consultant at the International Organization for Migration conducting legal research on the transitional justice process in Colombia.



Perry



Lewis



Pariente



Quince



Polston

Five Florida Supreme Court justices visit campus

In 2012, five of Florida's seven state supreme court justices visited Stetson for various events.

On Feb. 25, the Black Law Students Association held a gala in honor of Black History Month that featured **Justice James E.C. Perry** as the keynote speaker. More than 80 students, attorneys and judges attended the gala.

Perry, who served in the U.S. Army before obtaining his law degree from Columbia University in 1972, spoke about the progression of African Americans in the legal profession.

"My goal in going to law school was to kick doors down," Perry said. "There were moments when I didn't want to move forward, but I would stop to think about others besides myself. I thought, it's not about me, it's about future generations."

Justices Fred Lewis, Barbara J. Pariente and Peggy A. Quince spoke with students on March 26 about the role of the judicial system and Florida's merit retention system. Associate Dean Theresa Radwan moderated a panel discussion with the three justices.

"If we want to keep a fair judicial system, it's up to us," Justice Quince told the students. "I think we have a good system where people have to be vetted to get on the court, and every six years we decide if these judges are doing their jobs."

Quince said that the judicial system is intended to be a fair and impartial part of a functioning democracy.

"The essential role of any judge is to uphold the constitution and interpret the constitution," Justice Pariente said, adding that judges cannot allow opinions to be

influenced by the politics of the day.

Justice Lewis, a veteran of the U.S. Army, said that he believes firmly in the judicial branch's ability to resolve human disputes through fairness. "By offering to participate, you will make the system better."

Florida Supreme Court **Chief Justice Ricky Polston** received the J. Ben Watkins Award for Excellence in the Legal Profession during the annual *Stetson Law Review* Banquet on Nov. 16.

Polston was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in October 2008. He previously served with the First District Court of Appeal for more than seven years.

The annual award is presented in honor of J. Ben Watkins, who helped found the *Stetson Law Review* and is an honorary member of the Stetson Law Board of Overseers.

Meet the 2012 entering JD class

In 2012, 296 new students started the Juris Doctor program. Here are the statistics:

- 231 full-time students
- 65 part-time students
- 25% minority students
- 47% female
- 21 states represented, plus Canada and Puerto Rico
- 103 colleges/universities represented in five countries
- 39 advanced degrees
- 50th percentile LSAT (FT/PT combined): 155
- 50th percentile UGPA (FT/PT combined): 3.28

"This was a strong, well-prepared class with a wide variety of experiences," said Laura Zuppo, assistant dean of admissions and student financial planning. "Of these students, many had already earned graduate or professional degrees, while others had careers in the fields of aviation, business, medicine and education."

** LSAT/UGPA percentiles calculated by the Law School Admission Council based on matriculant lists provided by Stetson University College of Law to the ABA.*

New exchange program in Melbourne, Australia

Stetson students may now spend a semester studying at Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia. The home of 3.5 million residents from more than 140 nations, this major port city is the state capital of Victoria and is considered the sporting capital of Australia.

This program joins Stetson's foreign exchange programs at the University of Granada, Spain, and the University of Toulouse, Capitoile 1, France.

For more information, contact the International Programs office at 727-562-7849.



Stetson University named most engaged campus of 2012 by Florida Campus Compact

Florida Campus Compact honored Stetson University with its Overall Award for the Most Engaged Campus in Florida at its 2012 awards banquet in November. At the event, Professor of Political Science William J. Ball also received the Graham Frey Award for outstanding contributions to sustaining America's participatory democracy.

Within the past academic year, Stetson University students volunteered more than 90,000 hours (including 25,000 hours by law students) to a variety of curricular and co-curricular community service projects including mentoring and tutoring economically disadvantaged or at-risk youth, providing legal pro bono service, removing invasive plant species from the local national and state parks, teaching English to migrant farm workers, advocating for social justice and human rights, and more. Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, students provided tax return

assistance to 98 mid- to low-income individuals and families. The Stetson community also has embraced the New Horizons Service Dogs Program, in which 50 Stetson students, faculty, staff and alumni have helped raise service puppies until they are fully trained to partner with an individual that is disabled.

Professor William Ball was recognized with the Graham Frey Award, named for U.S. Senator Bob Graham and Congressman Lou Frey, for his work mentoring students to become leaders in their community. Ball and his students have worked together to conduct research and action projects designed to increase public participation in local policy decisions, particularly in the areas of long-range planning



and sustainability development. Ball is the director of Community-Based Research at Stetson, where he recruits and supports other faculty to collaborate with their students and community partners to raise the civic capacity of the region.

Stetson was also recognized as a finalist for the Florida Campus Compact's Campus-Community Partnership Award due to its long history of partnering with the United Way of Volusia-Flagler counties on its service projects, fundraising efforts and allocations panels.

New appointments: Jacob Visiting Professors, Borchard Distinguished Professorial Lecturer

Rachel VanLandingham joined Stetson in Fall 2012 as a Bruce R. Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor of Law. As an active duty Air Force Judge Advocate, Professor VanLandingham served at U.S. Central Command as the chief of international law and liaison to the international committee of the Red Cross. She also argued in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces while assigned to the Air Force Appellate Defense Division. Most recently, she taught international law at the U.S. Air Force Academy and led its Department of Law as Deputy Director. Her scholarly interests include national security law, international law and professional responsibility. VanLandingham earned her bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a master's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, her law degree from the University of Texas, and a master of laws degree from the Judge Advocate General's School

Center and School. **Ramsi Woodcock** also joined Stetson in Fall 2012 as a Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor. During his career in private practice, he worked on antitrust cases in Washington, at the Howrey and WilmerHale law firms. His cases included work on the Intel FTC action, Apple Samsung FRAND litigation, and advice on generic pharmaceuticals. Woodcock previously clerked for Judge Thomas Ambro of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In addition to antitrust law, his academic interests include other areas of public law market regulation, including intellectual property law. Woodcock earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University, his law degree from Harvard University, and a master's degree from the London School of Economics.



VanLandingham



Woodcock



Boyer

Edwin Boyer '78, a longtime adjunct professor, was named the first Borchard Distinguished Professorial Lecturer in Elder Law at Stetson. Boyer is the immediate past-president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and is a partner in the Sarasota elder law firm of Boyer & Jackson P.A.

The Borchard Foundation, through its Center on Law and Aging, works through education, research and service to help improve the quality of life for elderly people, including those who are impoverished or isolated by lack of education, language, culture, disability or other barriers.

Bauer inducted Canadian fellow, attends White House symposium with Morgan

Professor **Mark Bauer** was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Centre for Elder Law in November. Professor Bauer accepted the new fellowship during the Canadian Conference on Elder Law in Vancouver on Nov. 16.

Professor Bauer frequently addresses law schools, conferences and advocacy groups around the world on elder law, consumer protection and real property issues. He also researches, writes and speaks on antitrust and higher education law. At the conference, Bauer discussed the issues of 55-plus age-restricted housing, cross-border scams targeted at elders, and consumer protection reforms of banking law.

Distinguished fellows of the Canadian Centre for Elder Law must be internationally known leaders in their field, have made significant contributions to the field of elder law, and provide original



Professors Mark Bauer and Rebecca Morgan attended the White House symposium with Judith Kowalski and Hubert "Skip" Humphrey III.

and substantive academic contributions in their area of expertise.

Three Stetson faculty members are now distinguished fellows of the Canadian Centre for Elder Law: Bauer,

Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law **Rebecca Morgan** and **Edwin Boyer**, the Borchard Distinguished Professorial Lecturer in Elder Law.

Bauer and Morgan were invited to the White House for a symposium on June 14 recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Professors Mark Bauer and Rebecca Morgan attended the White House symposium with Hubert "Skip" Humphrey III, former attorney general of Minnesota.

The professors attended the day-long symposium that discussed the problem of elder abuse, exploitation and neglect.

Students, attorneys connect at second Stetson/NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College

Eleven Stetson Law students learned the nuts and bolts of a white collar case from leading experts during the Stetson/NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College in January.

The NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College at Stetson, now in its second year, is a unique program for seasoned legal practitioners as well as those new to white collar criminal defense. A national faculty leads sessions covering everything from white collar criminal law and procedure to practical hands-on training on handling a white collar case.

Speakers in the program included Rusty Hardin and Michael Attanasio, the attorneys who represented retired baseball pitcher Roger Clemens. Notable litigator Abbe David Lowell, whose high-profile clients include former U.S. presidential candidate Senator John Edwards, intelligence analyst Stephen Jin-Woo Kim and Tampa socialite Jill Kelley, received the White Collar Criminal Defense Award during this year's program.

"We built a class around the program," said Ellen S. Podgor, who holds the Gary R. Trombley Family White Collar Crime Research Professorship. "Students get to sit in on the conference and interact with top attorneys from across the United States. They learn the practical side of white collar criminal law by working through a case from start to finish."

Prior to the start of the NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College at Stetson, students taking White Collar Advocacy completed two days of training to get familiar with the trial advocacy problem. During the conference, students networked with attorneys and speakers and played the witness roles

from the problem. After the program concluded, the students applied their new knowledge to writing an indictment based on new information and doing a closing argument based on a character from the trial problem.

"This class was such a unique experience," said student Laura Zegzdryn, who participated in the class and program. "You didn't just have one professor or experienced practitioner to learn from. You had dozens. This class gave practical tips from all perspectives."

"Guest speakers and panelists discussed the hurdles and issues attorneys should consider, from the initial phone call from a white collar crime defendant to post-trial actions," said student Keeley Smith.

"The biggest take-away I had from the NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College at Stetson was witnessing accomplished attorneys from around the country



Abbe David Lowell, center, received the 2013 White Collar Criminal Defense Award at the January event.

learn from each other in an academic environment," said student Greg Lercher, who shared that he was particularly impressed with the presentation on using compelling visuals in jury trials.

"It made me really appreciate and be grateful that a legal education doesn't conclude at the bar. In fact, what seems to set exceptional lawyers apart is their willingness to seek out and learn from opportunities that will allow them to better serve their clients, the community and the profession," Lercher said.

White Collar Crime Blog ranks among top 35 for law professors



The White Collar Crime Prof Blog, edited by Ellen S. Podgor, the Gary R. Trombley Family White Collar Crime Research Professor at Stetson University College of Law, has again ranked in the top 35 blogs of all law professor edited blogs in the country, including both page views and visits.

Since its inception, the blog focusing on important white collar crime cases has had 2,331,854 visits. White Collar Crime Prof Blog entries have been quoted in numerous media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal*.

ABA, *National Jurist* honors Moody for leadership

Distinguished University Professor Elizabeth Moody was selected in the fall for the American Bar Association Women Trailblazers Law Project. An oral history of Moody's legal career will be housed at the Library of Congress, the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard University, and on the ABA website.

In January, *National Jurist* magazine listed Moody among their "25 Most Influential People in Legal Education."

Moody was Stetson's vice president and dean of the College of Law from 1994-1999, opening the state-of-

the-art Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library and laying the foundation for the college's part-time law and international programs. She was honored by the Estonian Higher Education Accreditation Centre in March 2000 for her efforts in legal higher education.

Moody was one of only seven women in her class of 160 Yale Law graduates, and before entering the teaching profession, she opened doors for women in the legal profession.

Moody was one of the first women lawyers rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell and was the first woman to be elected president of the Cleveland



Bar Association. In spite of the era's notorious "glass ceiling" for female lawyers, Moody made partner decades ago at the prominent Cleveland law firm of Metzenbaum, Gaines & Stern. While teaching at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1972, Moody and Professor Jane Picker created the Women's Law Fund Inc., the first law firm in the nation to specialize in sex-discrimination cases.

Stetson mourns deaths of Reece Smith, Fred Karl '49

Wm. Reece Smith Jr., who served for decades as a distinguished professorial lecturer, died on Jan. 11 at 87.



A member of the Carlton Fields law firm since 1953, Smith joined Stetson's faculty in 1954, and in 1991 was named a distinguished professorial lecturer.

"This is a huge loss, not only for Stetson University, but for the state of Florida," said President Wendy B. Libby. "Reece Smith was a giant in the legal world and will be sorely missed by the Stetson community. In short order, he became a good friend to my husband, Richard, and me. He welcomed us with open arms, and I appreciated his wise counsel."

Smith dedicated more than 60 years of service to the legal profession, working to increase the legal services available to people who could not afford them. Smith founded Florida Legal Services and served as its first president. He served as city attorney of Tampa, interim president of the

University of South Florida, and as board member of many religious, charitable, civic, educational and professional organizations.

Smith was president of the Hillsborough, Florida, American and international bar associations. He engaged in trial and appellate practice, arguing cases at every level of the state and federal systems, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Smith was a member of the Law Board of Overseers, University Board of Trustees and Law Hall of Fame. Stetson's main Tampa courtroom is named in Smith's honor. Stetson established the Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Award in 1990 to honor outstanding contributions to public service, the justice system and the community.

Frederick B. Karl '49, former Florida Supreme Court justice and Stetson Law overseer, died March 7 at 88.



Throughout his long career, Karl made countless contributions to Florida residents. He was a leader of many

public institutions, serving as a state representative, state senator, counsel, county administrator, county attorney, city attorney and hospital CEO.

Karl served as a tank platoon leader during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, leading 25 men and five combat tanks into battle, earning prestigious Silver and Bronze Stars as well as a Purple Heart medal.

After the war, Karl earned his undergraduate and law degrees at Stetson. Over his career, he was counsel to the House Select Committee on Judicial Impeachment, chair of the Florida Supreme Court's Committee on Attorney Discipline, and the Florida Senate's special master on executive suspensions. Karl established the rules for suspension and removal of Florida public officials from office.

Hillsborough County named its 28-story county center for Karl. He served Stetson as an overseer, guest lecturer, alumni award winner, commencement speaker, honorary degree recipient and member of the College of Law Hall of Fame.

Providing justice

by Brandi Palmer

Stetson University College of Law alumni hold 20 percent of the elected public defender positions in Florida. But despite the fact that two Stetson Law graduates retired from long-held careers as public defenders on Jan. 7, that percentage grew as three Stetson graduates were sworn in as newly elected public defenders.

“I took the public defender clinic in my last semester of law school,” said Bob Dillinger ’76, who was first elected public defender of the Sixth judicial circuit in 1996. “That got me hooked on public defender work.” Dillinger began his legal career as an assistant public defender after graduating from Stetson Law.

Dillinger recently gathered with five other Stetson Law alumni working as public defenders: Howard “Skip” Babb ’73 (recently retired, Fifth Circuit), Blair Payne ’81 (newly elected, Third Circuit) Blaise Trettis ’87 (newly elected, 18th Circuit), Marion Moorman ’71 (recently retired, 10th Circuit), and Mike Graves ’82 (newly elected, Fifth Circuit).

“The Public Defender’s office is the best place to experience the pure practice of law,” said Babb, who has been a public defender since 1982. “Our attorneys don’t have to worry about billable hours, overhead, bringing in clients. The attorneys only have to focus on the actual practice

of law. They have the opportunity to experiment with different legal theories and defenses without the pressure of having to pay the light bill, the secretaries and the insurance policies. Because there is no race to become partner, there is also a sense of camaraderie that’s developed between the other lawyers in the office, which creates bonding in the truest sense of the word.”

Stetson’s public defender clinic, among the first of its kind in the nation, was spearheaded by criminal law professor Paul Barnard in the early 1960s. At the time, Stetson was among only a handful of law schools in the country offering more than a yearlong course in criminal law, and Barnard wanted to find a way to give law students an opportunity to hone their skills in the courtroom before they passed the bar.

While teaching law at Stetson, Barnard served as a special assistant public defender. Stetson’s public defender clinic provided students with an opportunity to practice criminal law under the supervision of an experienced lawyer.

Students were assigned to interview clients, conduct legal research and make recommendations to their supervising attorney. They prepared trial memoranda, sat at the counsel table, and participated in nonjury proceedings. However, in the early years of the clinic, students could not represent clients. Clinical education was greatly expanded when

the Florida Supreme Court authorized select Florida law students to represent indigent defendants facing felony charges under the supervision of a public defender.

Bruce Jacob ’59, professor and former dean, was among the first private attorneys to sign on as a public defender with the state of Florida in the 1960s. Jacob was an attorney with a private law firm at the time and had worked as assistant attorney general in Tallahassee early in his career.

“Nothing is better preparation than working as a prosecutor if you want to do defense work,” Jacob said.

The position as public defender was unpaid, but it meant much to Jacob, who had previously argued for the respondent in the landmark case of *Gideon v. Wainwright* in 1963 before the U.S. Supreme Court, leading to the establishment of the public defender law now in existence in Florida.

“Public defender offices existed in Florida before *Gideon*. There were all-volunteer systems in place in major centers throughout the state,” said Jacob. “But there were not enough lawyers to go around in smaller towns. The judge did not appoint a lawyer for *Gideon*.”

“Florida is one of the few statewide offices with elected public defenders,” Dillinger said. “*Gideon* led to a better practice of indigent defense, but has never been adequately funded.”

One of the consequences of

for ALL

Gideon, Jacob said, is that public defenders were exclusively assigned by judges to handle the mounting caseload of indigent defense.

“Before *Gideon*, every lawyer handled a case or two,” Jacob explained. After *Gideon*, the work of representing indigent clients became the domain of public defenders.

In October 1963, the National Defender Project, sponsored by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and the Ford Foundation, awarded a grant to properly fund Stetson’s public defender clinic. Students gained experience with pretrial and trial work, practical procedures, courtroom arguments, evidence, and rules

of ethics. In 1965, Stetson’s clinic expanded into a full-year course. Students learned how to defend a criminal case through hands-on experience.

The first woman to join the public defender clinic at Stetson, 2005 Hall of Fame inductee Susan F. Schaeffer ’76, graduated at the top of her law school class and became the first woman chief assistant public defender in Florida, and later, chief judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Babb retired in January from the Fifth Judicial Circuit. He was president of the Florida Public Defender Association for seven years and served as chair of the training

committee for almost 30 years. In 1997, Babb and Dillinger co-founded the Florida Public Defender College, a three-day trial advocacy program designed to provide new assistant public defenders with practical hands-on training. Dillinger directs an Advanced Defender College to continue skills-building for seasoned lawyers. Babb said that the Public Defender College was designed for lawyers who were not involved in a clinic while in law school.

Clinical education at Stetson today encompasses 36 clinic and internship programs. Hundreds of students work in state and federal courts, government agencies, corporations, law firms, and legal aid organizations through clinics, where they are exposed to the issues confronting attorneys every day.

“Clinical or experiential legal education provides students with a bridge between the study of law and the practice of law,” said Professor Cynthia Batt, director of clinical education at Stetson. “Given the opportunity to apply the theory and skills they learned in the classroom to serve the needs of actual clients with very real problems, students are transformed into professionals who practice law.”

Babb said that anyone considering law school or public defender work should develop good organizational skills.

“All of our attorneys, both young and old, have tremendous caseloads.



Six Stetson Law alumni serve as elected public defenders — Blair Payne '81 (Third Circuit); Blaise Trettis '87 (incoming, 18th Circuit); Bob Dillinger '76 (6th Circuit); Marion Moorman '71 (recently retired, 10th Circuit); Howard “Skip” Babb '73 (recently retired, Fifth Circuit); Mike Graves '82 (5th Circuit)

Providing justice for ALL

That is the nature of the beast of public defending in government services. They have to have the ability and skill of getting the most out of their time during the day and being able to distinguish priorities of doing things now and what can be left until later.”

Dillinger stressed the importance of training public defenders to be good communicators.

“An assistant public defender must learn to communicate with clients who may be scared, uneducated, addicted, mentally ill or hostile, while also being able to communicate with the judges, the state attorneys, witnesses and jurors,” said Dillinger. “It takes quite a skill set to do that.”

“The most important skill that a new young lawyer in public service needs to develop is being able to communicate effectively orally and in writing,” said Babb. “A new assistant’s work life consists of explaining the nuances of a case to his or her client, explaining the clients’ position and their theory of the case to the prosecutor, then to the judge and eventually to the jury selected to hear the case. All of these skills are critical to furthering the client’s interest, and often mean the difference between freedom and incarceration — or even life and death.”

Looking back at a career of 30 years as a public defender, Babb said, “This is an exciting time in government service, whether in public defending or in the state attorney’s office. Both these entry-level jobs teach you the art of being a litigator, and you can parlay that into a career in the field or as a stepping stone to private lawyering and litigating in other areas or becoming a judge.”

Babb initially began his legal career in real estate law, then worked as an assistant state attorney. He said he jumped at the chance to run for public defender.

“Helping people turned out to be the cornerstone of my career,” said Babb. “Not only was I able to help countless clients who had lost their way but I was able to help many young lawyers in the early parts of their careers.”

Babb said, “I can’t tell you how many of the young lawyers that have come through our office on the way to other things have lamented about this being the best place they have ever worked. And it was. They just didn’t realize it at the time.”

Trina Sams ’12, now a public defender in Pinellas County, was an award-winning member of Stetson’s Trial Team. Her mentor, Bruce Jacob, said that Trina confided in him that it was always her dream to work as a public defender.

“You have to be willing to fight for the underdog,” said Jacob, who still advises prison inmates without legal counsel (including a case pending before the Florida Supreme Court). Jacob went on to start the Legal Assistance for Inmates Program at the Atlanta Penitentiary, the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, and the Community Legal Assistance Office in Cambridge, Mass.

Jacob participated in the April 2009 Report of the National Right to Counsel Committee, “Justice Denied: America’s Continuing Neglect of Our Constitutional Right to Counsel,” which explored how public defense can be improved. He presented on the aftermath of the historic Supreme Court decision in *Gideon* at the conference “Trial with Style” to a group of public defenders gathering in Tampa in late November.

Asked what it means to be a public defender, Dillinger said, “We get to defend the Constitution on a daily basis.”



Gideon, 50 years later

by Christopher M. Pietruszkiewicz
Dean and Professor of Law

March 18, 2013, marks the 50th anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, a case that forever changed the U.S. criminal justice system. This landmark Supreme Court case established the automatic rule that any indigent defendant facing felony charges has the right to legal counsel. The Supreme Court unanimously determined in *Gideon* that “lawyers in criminal court are necessities, not luxuries.”

The 50th anniversary of this milestone case is being celebrated nationally by numerous organizations, including the American Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Constitution Project and countless others. At Stetson, we are recognizing the *Gideon* anniversary for a very special reason: our very own Bruce Jacob ‘59 represented the State of Florida in *Gideon* during the early days of his extraordinary career.

The *Gideon* case came out of Bay County Circuit Court in Panama City in August 1961, when Clarence Gideon was charged with the burglary of a pool hall. When Gideon appeared at court for his trial, he said that could not afford a lawyer and wanted the court to appoint him one. The court declined his request, saying that only those charged with capital offenses are provided free legal counsel in Florida. The trial began, and Gideon acted as his own attorney. The jury returned a guilty verdict and Gideon was sentenced to serve the maximum penalty at the time—five years in state prison.

Gideon took his case to higher courts

to review his denial of a court-appointed attorney at his trial. On Jan. 8, 1962, the clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court received a handwritten petition from Clarence Gideon asking the Court to overturn his conviction. The case was accepted by the Court, and future Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas was appointed Gideon’s principal attorney. Clarence Gideon also was assisted in this case by the American Civil Liberties Union and the attorneys general of 22 states, who filed amicus briefs on his behalf. A 26-year-old assistant attorney general just three years out of Stetson University College of Law, Bruce Jacob was assigned the case by the Florida Attorney General’s Criminal Appeals Division with the responsibility of preparing the state’s response.

In September 1962, Jacob moved to the firm of Holland, Bevis & Smith, but Attorney General Richard Ervin and Bruce’s new boss, Chesterfield Smith, allowed him to finish working on *Gideon*. On Jan. 15, 1963, Bruce argued as the respondent for the State of Florida before the U.S. Supreme Court.

I knew Bruce Jacob’s reputation as a brilliant attorney, scholar and nationally recognized legal educator long before I was appointed the dean of Stetson University College of Law. Jacob served as dean of Stetson Law for 13 years before returning to teaching full time. Prior to his deanship at Stetson, he served as dean of Mercer University School of Law and taught law at Emory and Ohio State.

In a recent interview, Jacob was asked how he viewed his role in the landmark case. “In *Gideon*, my job was to try to provide the Court with what it needed, in the way of information and argument, to enable it to make the best decision

for our legal system. I was not just a pure advocate trying to win a case.” Professor Jacob has also said that his work on *Gideon* nurtured his interest in teaching law, particularly in the fields of criminal law, criminal procedure and post-conviction remedies, including criminal defense work and prison reform efforts.

After the *Gideon* decision, the Florida Legislature enacted a statewide public defender law that, among other things, allowed a private lawyer to sign up with the trial court to become an unpaid volunteer public defender. Jacob signed up the day the law took effect. Over the next two years, the courts appointed him to several cases. In 1965-68, while teaching at Emory Law School, Jacob started the Legal Assistance for Inmates Program for inmates of the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta. While a graduate law student at Harvard, Bruce created the Prison Legal Assistance Project, which still operates today. Jacob continues to handle pro bono criminal cases of all kinds, often with the assistance of his students.

During the same interview, Bruce was asked if we are close to fulfilling the promise of *Gideon*. “The answer is a definite ‘no.’ Read the Constitution Project’s 2009 Justice Denied report. Public defenders often have caseloads so large that it is impossible for them to provide effective representation. In some ways, the present situation is worse than it was around the time of *Gideon*.”

For a greater understanding of this landmark case, I invite you to read Bruce Jacob’s insightful 2003 *Stetson Law Review* article “Memories of and Reflections About *Gideon v. Wainwright*” at www.stetsonlawreview.com.



Preparing for

photos by Brian Vandervliet

Stetson Law offers students more than 450 clinic, internship and externship opportunities annually through its 37 clinic and internship programs at more than 60 hosting organizations.

These organizations include state and federal courts, government agencies, corporations, law firms, and legal aid organizations.

In many cases, Stetson Law students work with or directly for Stetson Law graduates. These photos spotlight just a few of the participating students and, in some cases, their alumni supervisors or co-workers.

Stetson's clinic and internship programs include:

- Bankruptcy Judicial Internship
- Child Advocacy Clinic
- Civil Elder Law Clinic
- Civil Legal Services Clinic
- Elder and Disability Law Internship
- Elder Consumer Protection Internship
- Environmental Law Internship
- Equal Employment Opportunity Law Internship
- Family Law Internship
- Federal Judicial Internship
- Federal Litigation Internship
- Federal Public Defender Clinic
- Florida Circuit Court (Appellate) Internship
- Florida Circuit Court (Trial) Internship
- Florida Department of State General Counsel Internship
- Florida District Court of Appeal Internship
- Homeless Advocacy Internship
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Individual Externship
- In-House Counsel Internship
- Innocence Initiative Clinic
- Intellectual Property Internship
- Labor Law Internship
- Local Government Clinic
- Low Income Taxpayers Clinic
- Military Justice Internship
- Municipal and Administrative Law Internship
- Private Practice Internship
- Prosecution Clinic
- Public Defender Clinic
- State Litigation Internship
- State Supreme Court Internship
- Summer Law and Policy Internship in Washington
- Tampa Prosecution Clinic
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Internship
- Veterans Advocacy Clinic



**Tampa Prosecution Clinic,
◀ 13th Judicial Circuit**

Jessica Hanson, Stetson Law student (center, with assistant state attorneys Greg Henderson '08 and Ashley Radko '11)

"The Tampa Prosecution Clinic was the single, best preparation for the real-life practice of law that I had during my career as a law student. Learning the law in the classroom through memorizing, reading cases and listening to lectures is 100 percent different than being able to apply the concepts to real people, in real time, and in real situations."

practice

**▶ Local Government Clinic,
City of St. Petersburg**

Lakeisha Simms, Stetson Law student

"A typical day included meeting with different assistant city attorneys to determine what issues the attorneys needed help with. I would then research the issues and write memoranda or charts to help the attorney convey the answer to the various city departments needing help. The clinic program is the ideal way to practice the skills you learn in the classroom and get feedback from practicing attorneys. It is also a great way to test whether you will enjoy a particular practice area."



Prosecution Clinic, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Charles Near, Stetson Law student (left)

"The clinic program prepares you in ways that other experiences cannot. It allows for students to receive actual courtroom experience by arguing in front of judges and juries. I feel at home in a courtroom and comfortable working with witnesses. I would not feel this way if Stetson had not given me opportunities to work in these venues."

Jared Williams, Stetson Law student (right)

"The clinic program allows us to learn from practical experience, and provides an avenue for us to showcase our skills to potential employers and other members of the bar. The greatest aspect of the clinic is the hands-on approach it uses to transform students into lawyers. An hour of practical experience is worth 10 in a classroom."



Public Defender Clinic, Sixth Judicial Circuit

**Greg Barton '12 (left, with Public Defender
Bob Dillinger '76)**

"Participating in the clinic has allowed me to actually practice law. There isn't a substitute for that. It's an invaluable learning experience in that it allows you to get a trial run on your future profession, and it opens your eyes to what you like, questions you might have, and things you never thought of before."

Child Advocacy Clinic, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Victoria Chiamonte '12 (right)

"The most beneficial aspect of the clinic was having attorneys in the office who were patient and willing to teach me, and having a supervising attorney who was there to correct me, encourage me and show me how to be a better advocate."

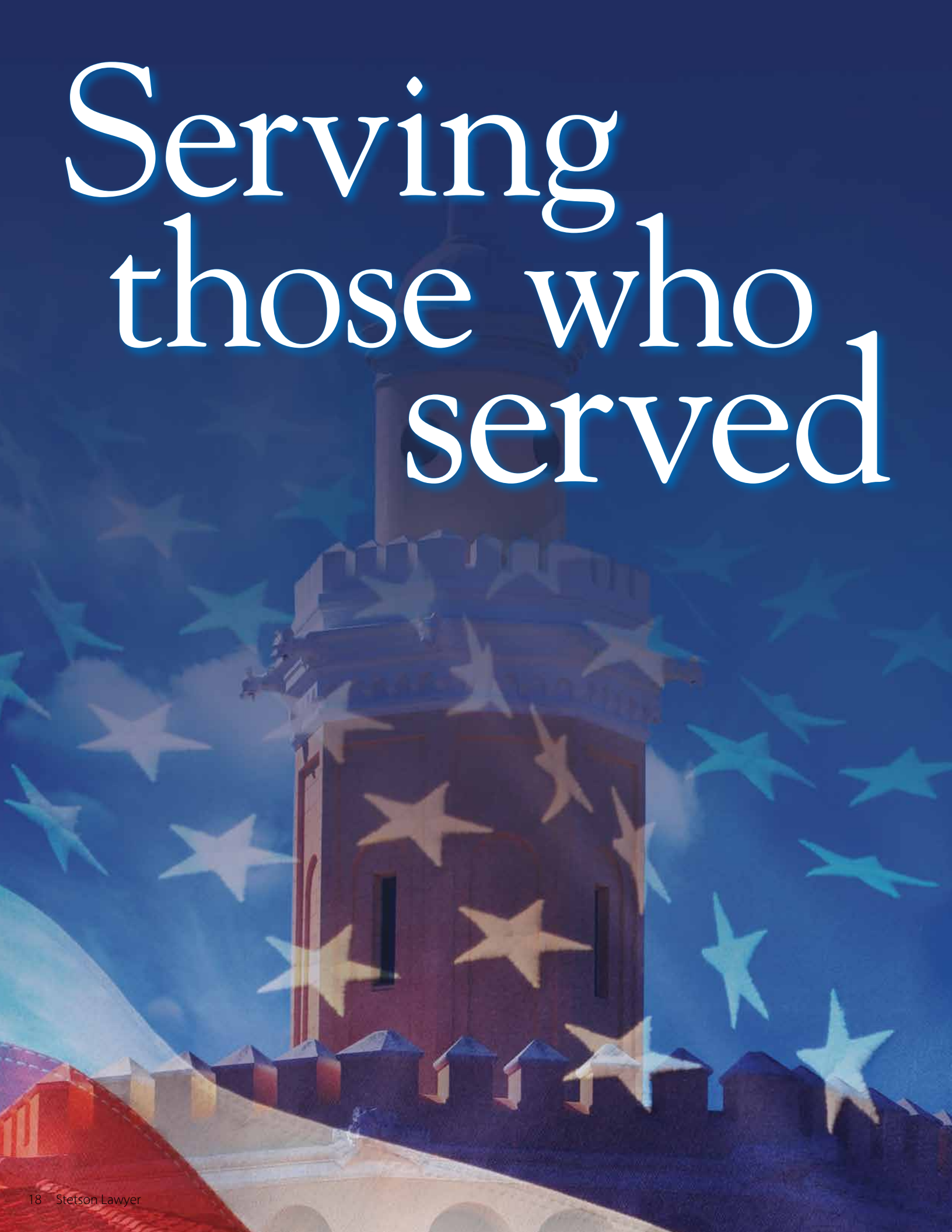
Laura Snell '04, clinic supervisor (left)

"I feel strongly that it is part of my professional responsibility as a lawyer to mentor the Stetson 3Ls because they are the future of our profession."

Chiamonte and Snell are pictured in one of the "Hope Chest" clothes closets, which serve abused, neglected and abandoned teens who are a part of the Public Defender's Crossover Program or being served by the Guardian ad Litem's office.



Serving those who served



The Stetson University Veterans Law Institute

Stetson dedicated its new Veterans Law Institute at a ceremony on May 31 in Gulfport.

More than 100 faculty, students and veterans gathered for the dedication, which included remarks by Judge Bruce E. Kasold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and a flag presentation by Congressman Bill Young's office.

The institute serves as a center for veteran and military scholarship, is the site of Stetson's Veterans Advocacy Clinic, and provides continuing legal education for attorneys representing veterans. It also serves as a focal point for student veterans and their pro bono-related activities.

The Veterans Law Institute works to provide new opportunities for veterans who wish to study at Stetson Law, which has increased its Yellow Ribbon scholarships from three to 10.

The institute's Veterans Advocacy Clinic provides representation to veterans seeking government benefits, as well as those appealing decisions denying benefits.

Stetson also coordinates internship opportunities for students at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, the National Guard and MacDill Air Force Base.



From left, Judge Raphael Steinhardt, Institute Director Michael Allen, and Professor Royal Gardner cut the ribbon at Stetson's new Veterans Law Institute in Gulfport.

The institute supports pro bono and other service for active duty troops, veterans and their families. Stetson Law students have long provided service to veterans and veterans organizations, either through student organizations or on an individual basis.

The institute also develops and sponsors programs, including continuing legal education programs for attorneys representing veterans, seminars for veterans and members of the military, and academic conferences focused on veterans and military issues.

Several Stetson faculty write about veterans, military law and national security issues. Veterans Law Institute Director Michael Allen's scholarship led him to testify before the committees on Veterans Affairs of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. The institute will serve as a focal point for encouraging and promoting this work.

The facility that houses the institute was named the Judge Raphael Steinhardt Building in honor of the contributions of the judge who also endowed a scholarship for student veterans.



From left: Institute Director Michael Allen, Professor Royal Gardner, Hon. Raphael Steinhardt, Hon. Fred Karl, Hon. Bruce Kasold, Student Veterans Organization President Jeff Harvey, Professor Charles Rose, Javier Centonzo '12, and Marianna Russo.

To support the new Fred B. Karl Veterans Scholarship, please contact Stetson at (727) 562-7818.

From Soldier to Lawyer

Battlefield experience motivates Javier Centonzo '12 to serve veterans

Protective Service Detail Member-Infantryman Javier Centonzo's journey to Iraq began in November 2005 with a layover in Ireland, an impromptu meet-and-greet with former President Bill Clinton, a 17-hour flight in civilian attire, and a steak-and-shrimp dinner at the Basra Palace Compound in Iraq, which housed British and U.S. troops.

But the niceties ended when mortars and rockets shot over the compound's walls — a nighttime threat so routine that soldiers often slept through the explosions, inside their one-man trailers, so they could be rested for their daytime missions.

It was a calculated risk.

"It got so bad for a while that one of our civilian friends slept in the U.S. State Department building inside the compound. But it was hard to sleep. We were at lunch one day and he went to his trailer to rest. Days were relatively safe. However, there was an explosion. His trailer was hit by a rocket, and he died."

Centonzo first enlisted in the Marines as an infantryman in 1999 when he was 18 years old, incited by a desire to experience new things mixed with grief from a couple of gun- and drug-related tragedies within his community in Kansas City. Outwardly handsome and tough, his mother instilled in him sensitivity and a love of serving others at a young age.

He joined the Job Corps in Clearfield, Utah, and got his GED before serving in the Marines. He then briefly worked as a locomotive engineer with the railroad, but soon missed serving in uniform. So he joined an infantry unit with the Kansas Army National Guard in 2004.

It wasn't long before rumors began

to swirl of a deployment to Iraq. During a family event one weekend, the announcement came.

"It doesn't hit you until you're about to head into Iraq. You get to Kuwait and think 'I'm safe.' Then you get to your staging area and think 'Everything's all right.' Trucks show up, and you're like 'Okay, it's going to get real.' You have time before you reach the border when you ask 'Am I going to see my friends again?' And then you hit the border and — boom — it's go time. You're looking at overpasses, the side of the road, the guy holding a cell phone. The whole time you're there, your mind is in that mode."

Before his deployment, Centonzo trained with Sgt. Jessie Davila who was also a Marine before joining the Guard. Centonzo first shared with his friend his unlikely dream of becoming a lawyer, going into politics and focusing on veteran-related policy. After a roadside bomb killed Jessie in Iraq in February 2006, Centonzo's determination grew. He came home in 2007, got his bachelor's degree in 2½ years, got a scholarship to attend law school, got his law degree last spring, and is now a judicial law clerk in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington.

And he's not done yet. Centonzo is working on an LL.M. degree in elder law, and he recently established the Sgt. Jessie Davila Memorial Veterans Scholarship at the law school so that



"I use my pain as fuel. ... It's in our grasp to transform every experience into something positive and to heal a little every day."

— Javier Centonzo '12
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

other veterans might follow in his footsteps.

"He sought out mentors, learned from others, and kept his eye firmly on the prize throughout the process," said Professor Charles H. Rose III, Director of Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy, about his former student.

Still, the memories linger. Centonzo has post-traumatic stress disorder and copes with depression and anxiety every day. "It's hard to come to terms with what you see over there. I understand why veterans turn to drugs and alcohol to cope. However, I use my pain as fuel. You're not defined by what happens to you — or where you come from. It's in our grasp to transform every experience into something positive and to heal a little every day."



2012 Hall of Fame

Stetson University College of Law inducted six members into its Hall of Fame on Oct. 27 in Gulfport.

Professor Suzanne R. Armstrong

Professor Suzanne R. Armstrong was an influential member of the Legal Research and Writing faculty, playing an instrumental role in bringing computer technology to the law school. Professor Armstrong died in 1990 after a long battle with cancer. After her death, Stetson established an annual writing award in her name.



John A. Guyton Jr. '59

John A. Guyton Jr. had a positive impact on Stetson University as a long-serving member of the law school's Board of Overseers. His fundraising support helped create many student scholarships and increased the law school's financial security. Guyton was a member of the Florida Bar for more than 50 years.



Mada Fraser McLendon '32

In 1938, Mada Fraser McLendon became Florida's third female judge. After 10 years on the bench, she stepped down to resume her law practice until 1979. In 1989, she was awarded the Stetson Lawyers Association Ben C. Willard Memorial Award for her outstanding service to the legal profession. She was very active in her Lake Wales community, winning numerous civic awards.



Denis M. deVlaming '72

Denis M. deVlaming served as president of several legal organizations including the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Pinellas County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association and the Clearwater Bar Association. He teaches Advanced Criminal Trial Advocacy as an adjunct professor at Stetson and is a past recipient of Stetson's William Reece Smith Jr. Award for Professionalism. DeVlaming also has been an adjunct professor at the University of South Florida and a guest lecturer at St. Petersburg College.



Dean Thomas F. Lambert Jr.

In 1941 at the age of 26, former Stetson University College of Law Dean Thomas F. Lambert Jr. was the youngest law school dean in the United States — and he was among the best educated, with degrees from Yale, Oxford and UCLA. At the height of World War II, Lambert enrolled in the military and went on to become a prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. After the Nuremberg trials, Lambert taught law at Suffolk University and Boston University. Lambert served for 40 years as the editor-in-chief of the *NACCA Law Journal*, which later became the *Journal of the American Trial Lawyers Association*.



James D. Whittemore '77

U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore was nominated by former President Clinton in 1999, unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and has served in the Tampa Division of the Middle District of Florida since May 2000. While in private practice in 1985, Whittemore successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court that a defendant's silence following a Miranda warning could not be used at trial to discredit an insanity defense.



John Knowles selected to lead development and alumni relations

John Knowles is the new Executive Director for Development and Alumni Relations at Stetson University College of Law.

“I am honored to serve the Stetson community in this important capacity,” Knowles said. “Stetson is a great American institution with a deep, rich heritage and a very exciting future. We will create and deploy a strategy in the coming months that will secure the resources needed to ensure Stetson Law’s second century is even greater than its first.”

Knowles worked previously as Director of Development and External Affairs at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples. Before that, he worked in senior level positions in

state government in Michigan, including service as chief-of-staff to a member of the Michigan House of Representatives and Director of External Affairs for the Michigan attorney general.

Knowles earned his bachelor’s degree at Western Michigan University and his law degree at Michigan State University College of Law. He also holds a fellowship certificate from Michigan State University for completing a specialized, highly selective curriculum teaching fundraising and



strategic communications practices.

Knowles is an authority on alumni affairs for higher educational institutions and has served on the board of the Western Michigan University Alumni Association for seven years. He contributed to the national alumni relations strategy for a major research university ranked highly among four-year institutions by the *U.S. News & World Report*.

In early 2011, *Gulfshore Life* magazine recognized Knowles in their prestigious annual “40 Under 40” issue, recognizing the top up-and-coming business leaders in southwest Florida.

Knowles and his wife, Jennifer, live in Gulfport, Fla.

Special Moment: 1955 Graduate Discovers a Familiar Photo

While visiting campus on Sept. 20, **Lewis Haines II** ’55 examined a framed poster outside the Dean’s Office of the formal dedication of Stetson Law’s Gulfport campus on Sept. 19, 1954. “That’s me,” he said, recognizing the photo of the courtyard procession taken by the *St. Petersburg Times*. Since that historic day more than 58 years ago, Haines (pictured with his fiancée Christine Benbow) has retired from a legal career that included service as a city judge and attorney for Oakland Park, Fla., and as a sole practitioner. Prior to his recent visit, Haines said that he had not been back to campus since before President Kennedy was elected.



2012 Honors for Alumni and Friends



John Cooper

The Stetson Lawyers Association presented awards to alumni and friends on June 21, 2012.

Professor John Cooper, who led Stetson Law's international and cooperative programs from 2004 through 2012, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for significant, meritorious and continuing contributions to the College of Law. Cooper, who joined the Stetson faculty in 1985, established study abroad programs for students in Asia, South America and Europe.



Fred Karl '49

Frederick B. Karl '49 received a Distinguished Alumni Award for exemplifying service to Stetson Law and the legal profession. Karl, who died in March, was a veteran of the U.S. Army and recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He dedicated his entire adult life to public service, serving in roles including state senator and representative, Florida's first public counsel, and Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.



Rebecca Morgan '80

Another Distinguished Alumni Award was given to **Professor Rebecca Morgan '80**, who holds the Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law and directs Stetson's Center for Excellence in Elder Law and LL.M. in Elder Law. Morgan serves as a special adviser to the American Bar Association



William Weller '04



Amy Rigdon BA '05, JD '08

Commission on Law and Aging, and has been recognized with numerous awards, including the 2003 Faculty Award on Professionalism from the Florida Supreme Court.

Board of Overseers member **William Weller '04** received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for his continued support of the law school. Weller served as Stetson's Executive Director of Operations, revising the campus master plan and overseeing design and construction.

Amy Rigdon BA '05, JD '08 received the Outstanding Alumni Representative Award for her dedication and service to the Stetson Lawyers Association. Rigdon is a member of Holland & Knight's Orlando Diversity Committee, Orange County Bar Association, ABA Young Lawyers Division, and the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She is the Ninth Circuit representative to the Florida Bar's Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors and is a member of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council.

Judge Anthony Johnson '80 received the Ben C. Willard Award for his humanitarian achievements. Judge Johnson served as an Orange County judge for three decades and was a U.S. Navy officer. He founded the Legal Assistance for Warriors project to provide free legal services to active-duty military personnel deployed to hostile-fire zones.

Then-Interim Dean Royal Gardner and Stetson Lawyers Association outgoing president **Clinton Paris '00** presented the awards to alumni and friends. Paris also introduced incoming Stetson Lawyers Association President **Jenay Iurato JD '00, MBA '00**.



Anthony Johnson '80

1960s

Homer H. Humphries Jr. '61 was honored by The Florida Bar in recognition of his 50 years of dedication to the practice of law.

Glenn Woodworth '62 was recognized by The Florida Bar for his 50 years practicing law. Woodworth specializes in constitutional law and civil rights.

Joseph D'Alessandro '64 has been appointed as vice chairman of the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers.

Richard Jacobs '67 has been named to the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Jacobs, a senior member with Trenam Kemker in St. Petersburg, was recognized for his practice in the area of health care law.

Frank Rouse '67 was honored with the annual Spirit of Bartow Award presented by the Chamber of Commerce. Rouse was recognized for his community spirit and positive impact on the City of Bartow.

Judge W. Douglas Baird '68 retired from the bench in Pinellas County.

1970s

Joseph Landers Jr. BA '64, JD '70 will serve on a newly formed Tallahassee ethics advisory panel.

Marion Moorman BA '65, JD '71 retired as a public defender and received the Clayton Nance award.

Jack Brennan '71 has joined Gray-Robinson P.A.

Judge David A. Demers BA '68, JD '72 retired from the Sixth Circuit bench in December.

Rick Georges '72 was featured in an *ABA Journal* article in November about the pet-friendly offices of some solo practitioners.

Peter N. Meros '72 has been appointed to the Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission by Governor Rick Scott.

Howard "Skip" Babb Jr. '73 retired as a public defender and was honored with the L. Clayton Nance Award.

IN MEMORIAM

Finley M. Hamilton LLB '49
Sept. 1, 2012, Carmel, Calif.

Frederick B. Karl LLB '49 (Overseer)
March 7, 2013, Tampa

Harmon E. Crossley LLB '49
Jan. 7, 2013, Orlando

Robert G. Bamond '52
Jan. 24, 2013, Naples

James Leo DeMouly '57
Dec. 31, 2012, Palm Harbor

Raquel Little '58
Jan. 23, 2013, Tampa

Prof. J. Tim Reilly '58
Dec. 5, 2012, St. Petersburg

William J. Roberts BA '58 MA '57 LLB '58
June 15, 2012, Tallahassee

B. Kenneth Gatlin '59
June 28, 2011, Tallahassee

John Guyton Jr. '59
Sept. 18, 2012, Tampa

Alfred E. Underberg '59
Jan. 30, 2013, St. Petersburg

Homer H. Humphries Jr. '61
March 1, 2012, Ponte Vedra Beach

Randolph "Cal" Smith Jr. '61
April 15, 2012, Fort Lauderdale

James F. Littman '64
March 22, 2012, Stuart

Ronald Ingham '67
May 6, 2012, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Patrick Scanlon '68
April 4, 2012, Arlington, Va.

Peter Keating '73
Sept. 12, 2012, Ormond Beach

Nancy Jean Aliff '76
Jan. 28, 2012, Tallahassee

Hon. William James Green '77
Nov. 27, 2012, Washington

Norman W. Allen BS '71, JD '79
Jan. 26, 2013, New Port Richey

Deborah K. Brueckheimer '79
Oct. 31, 2012, Valrico

Michael T. Lops '83
Feb. 14, 2013, Bluffton, S.C.

Frank E. DiGioia '84
May 5, 2012, St. Petersburg

Jack D. Hendren '89
Jan. 12, 2012, Rockledge

Katherine Jean Looney '89
Sept. 23, 2010, New Port Richey

Patricia R. Fay '91
Jan. 7, 2013, St. Petersburg

Kimberly Cannon Servis '94
April 17, 2012, Jacksonville

Hon. Benjamin F. Overton (Overseer)
Dec. 29, 2012, Gainesville

Hon. Alexander Paskay (Overseer)
April 27, 2012, Tampa

Prof. Wm. Reece Smith Jr. (Overseer)
Jan. 11, 2013, Tampa

Wallace McCall '73 released his second collection of poetry, *Pomeranian Pandemonium and Other Poems*. McCall is a board-certified trial lawyer with Leopold Law P.A.

Judge Henry Andringa '74 retired from the Sixth Circuit bench in December.

Bernard "Barry" Kanner '74 has received the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-

Hubbell. Kanner is an associate with the St. Petersburg firm of Englander Fischer.

Edwin D. Peck '74 recently retired as town attorney for North Redington Beach.

Judge Robert P. Cole '75 retired from the Sixth Circuit bench in December.

William A. Grimm '75 was named to the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Justice Carol W. Hunstein '76 was named 2012 "Georgian of the Year" by *James* magazine. She was a special guest speaker at the Conasauga Drug Court 10-year anniversary.

J. Brent Walker '76 of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty received the Baylor University Alumni Association's *Abner v. McCall* Religious Liberty Award and was inducted into the association's hall of fame.

Barry J. Goodman '77, co-founder and senior partner of the Southfield-based personal injury firm Goodman Acker P.C., was recently elected by the Democratic State Central Committee to a seat on the Democratic National Committee.

Robert Hackney '77 is the executive director of the Alternative Energy Association Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation that promotes the energy industry.

Stephen Page '77 was recognized in the 2013 *Best Lawyers in America* list in the categories of commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, real estate litigation, and trusts and estates litigation.

Harley K. Look Jr. '78 has earned the Client Distinction Award from Martindale-Hubbell.

Mark Luttier '79 was named president of the Boy Scouts of America's Gulf Stream Council.

Carl Nelson '79 has been named Tampa's Admiralty and Maritime Law Lawyer of the Year.

1980s

Michael S. Mullin '80 was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission.

Blair Payne '81 has been sworn in as public defender for the Third Judicial Court.

William A. Lewis '81 of Panama City has been appointed to the 14th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission by Governor Rick Scott.

Mary Quinlan '81 has been named to the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Quinlan, a senior member with Trenam Kemker in Tampa, focuses her practice in the area of real estate law.

Robert Riegel '81 of Fowler White Boggs was named Jacksonville's Labor and Employment Lawyer of the Year.

Brian A. Bolves '82 has been named shareholder at Manson Law Group in Tampa.

Michael Graves '82 was elected public defender for Florida's Fifth

Judicial Circuit that includes five counties.

Dana Carlson Gentry '82 of Blalock Walters P.A. in Bradenton earned the AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Judge Catherine Peek McEwen '82 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, was elected to membership in the American Law Institute. The ALI is the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize and otherwise improve the law. Judge McEwen also was appointed chair of the 13th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee for a two-year term.

W. Lawrence Smith '82 was named to the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers* and the 2012 *Super Lawyers Business Edition*.

Alton C. Ward '82 was named to the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers* and the 2012 *Super Lawyers Business Edition*.

Laura Marie Watson BA '82 JD '84 was elected to the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in Broward County.

Lynn Welter Sherman '83 joined the Tampa office of Adams and Reese LLP as a partner. Sherman is a frequent speaker and author on matters

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involving creditors' rights, secured transactions and bankruptcy law.

Judge Robert K. Groeb '84 has been named to the bench of the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Robert E.V. Kelley Jr. '84 was named to the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Richard McKay '84, president and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons, spoke at North Georgia College & State University as part of its Cottrell Speaker Series in November about the economic and competitive structures of the National Football League.

Henry Paul '84 has been appointed to the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism for a four-year term. Paul also will serve three years on The Florida Bar Board of Governor's Standing Committee on Professionalism.

G. Donald Thomson '84 received the 2012 Love of Bonita Award for helping to build a stronger community. Thomson has been a Bonita Springs resident since 1972 and is a stockholder with the Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt law firm.

Joseph Tschida '84 was named vice president and state counsel for the Florida office of WFG National Title Insurance Company. Tschida will provide underwriting support, guidance and education for WFG National Title's Florida agent base.

John B. Grandoff III '85 was named to the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers* list.

Morris Jenkins '85, professor and chair of the University of Toledo's Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work, has been named dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Southeast Missouri State University.

Michael P. Brundage '86 has been named partner at Phelps Dunbar LLP and practices in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights, as well as commercial litigation. He also was named to the Florida Holocaust Museum's board of directors for a

three-year term. He was listed in the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers* and the 2012 *Super Lawyers* Business Edition.

Michael Geldart '86 was appointed senior vice president of corporate strategy and business development for CardioNet Inc., a wireless medical technology company.

Richard Harrison BA '83, JD '86 announced the formation of his law firm Richard A. Harrison P.A. in Tampa.

Robert Landt '86 was elected to the bench for Marion County.

Judge Thomas G. Portuallo '86 was reappointed as a judge of compensation claims by Governor Rick Scott.

Marilyn Polson '87 has been elected to the board of Lighthouse Pinellas.

Deborah Crumbley Brown '87 has joined Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez & Hearing P.A. in Tampa as of counsel.

The Honorable Edward Nicholas '87 received the President's Award of Distinction from the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota. Nicholas, a circuit court judge, was

recognized for his commitment to the community and support of the college and its mission.

William Sterling '87 released his first book, *Terror Before Dawn: A Child at War*, describing his mother's childhood in Norway during World War II.

R. Blaise Trettis '87 was elected public defender for Brevard County.

Michelle Baker '88 was elected to the bench in Brevard County.

John LeRoux '88 has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. LeRoux practices exclusively in eminent domain and inverse condemnation cases.

Wendy S. Loquasto '88, managing partner in the Tallahassee office of Fox & Loquasto P.A., was presented with The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Second Judicial Circuit at a ceremony at the Florida Supreme Court in January 2012. She presented on workers compensation appeals as a panelist at a CLE on Practicing Before the First District Court of Appeal, and in April 2012



Stetson Lawyers Association annual meeting in June: Above: Deborah Blews '96 with George Hunter '99 and Dean Pietruszkiewicz. Above right: Jacqueline Buyze '99 signs copies of her children's book, *A Story of Lawyers*. Right: Brian Tannebaum '94 with Professor Royal Gardner.



she presented “The Art of Persuasion Through Legal Citation” at a Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers CLE. Loquasto is board-certified in appellate practice by The Florida Bar and has been listed among the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers* in the area of appellate practice.

Chad D. Roberts '88 was recently named the leading corporate law expert in the Bahamas by Global Law Experts.

Scott Selis '88 received the Charlotte Brayer Public Service Award from the Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar in recognition of his service to the elderly.

Marie Tomassi '88 has been named to the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. A shareholder with Trenam Kemker in St. Petersburg, Tomassi leads the firm's appellate practice.

Gregory Coleman BBA '85, JD '89 received the Florida Bar President's Award of Merit for his dedication and leadership as a member of its board of governors. Coleman has been recognized with this award three times in the last four years and is the first attorney in Florida Bar history to receive the President's Award of Merit three times. He will be sworn in as president-elect of the Florida Bar at its annual convention this June.

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis '89 was elected to his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

1990s

Pam Bondi '90 spoke about economic issues and health care policy at the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa in August.

Brian M. Bursa '90, partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Tampa, presented on the latest social media issues facing the health-care industry at Leading Age Florida's annual conference in Orlando.

Kent L. Hipp '90 was listed in 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Damian Mallard '90 has earned an AV rating in Martindale-Hubbell.

Marriages and New Additions

Lisa Thompson '93 married Trevon Barnes in Vero Beach.

Julia M. Smith '09 married Gregory A. Kummerlen in West Palm Beach.

Adrian Carr '10 married Toney Burden.

Alex Hansen '11 married Kristen Mace.
Joseph Caimano Jr. MBA '00, JD '00 and wife Lisa welcomed a daughter, Mia Mae.

Kevin '00 and Jenay Iurato MBA '00, JD '00 welcomed a daughter, Milana Dawn, in Feb. 2012.

Lisa R. Carrasco '03 welcomed twin daughters, Ariana and Sabrina, in Nov. 2011.

Gayle Gonzalez Conner '04 and husband Nathan welcomed a son, Collin Brandon.

Shana Hoyle-Paula BA '07, JD '10 and husband Raphael welcomed a daughter, Olivia Faye, in March 2012.

Christopher Billings MBA '10, JD '10 and wife Jessica welcomed a daughter, Ainsley Piper, in March 2011.

Burks Smith BA '02, MBA '05, JD '05 and wife Michelle welcomed a son, Burks Collins, in June 2012.

Chris '05 and Katherine (Hurst) Miller '06 welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth, in Oct. 2012.

Nicolette Corso Vilmos BA '98 JD '00 and husband Peter welcomed a son, Grant Alexander, in Aug. 2011.

Ann Willard Fiddler '07 and husband Scott welcomed a son, John Willard Fiddler, on Dec. 12, 2012.

Marie D. Miller '90 has been named the new academic officer for Dominion Academy, a private Christian K-8 school in Leesburg, Va. Miller will be responsible for leading professional development of the teaching staff, revising school curriculum and implementing extracurricular activities.

Renee Monfort '90 has become partner at Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen P.C. in its Urbana, Ill., office.

Charles G. Moore '90 was appointed state chair for the middle and northern districts of Florida by the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys.

Geri Waksler '90 joined the McCrory Law Firm in Englewood.

Kirsten K. Ullman '90, managing partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP's Tampa office, presented “Appeals, Civil Monetary Penalties, and IDR” at the American Conference Institute's Long Term Care Regulatory Boot Camp in Chicago. She also presented “The Tried and True Plaintiff's Case,” which featured mock

opening statements and effective trial tactics, at DRI's Nursing Home/ALF Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

Andrea Bradley '90 was named president and CEO of the Palm Beach Healthcare Foundation.

John Herin '91 has joined the Fort Lauderdale office of GrayRobinson P.A. as a shareholder in the firm's Land Use, Environment and Government Affairs Department.

Tracey Jaensch '91 served a moderator for the inaugural Florida Healthcare Diversity Summit in Tampa. Jaensch is managing partner of Ford & Harrison's Tampa office and chair of the Florida Diversity Council.

Kelly S. Jablonski BA '88, JD '91 was appointed to the Historical Museum Advisory Board in Fort Myers. She also was named a stockholder in the Henderson Franklin law firm.

Debra Boje '92 recently joined the Tampa office of the Gunster law firm as a shareholder. Boje focuses her practice on health care law and private wealth services.

Brian D. Guralnick '92 has been appointed by the president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association to the Professional Committee and the Law Related Education Committee.

Linda D. Hartley '92 was listed in the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*. She recently joined the board of trustees for the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

Latour Lafferty '92 of Fowler White Boggs in Tampa won the Boy Scout Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth.

Nicola Melby '92 has rejoined the law firm of McCarthy, Summers, Bobko, Wood, Norman, Bass & Taylor P.A. as a shareholder. Melby concentrates her practice in the areas of elder law, Medicaid planning, long-term care planning, special needs trusts, wills and trusts, probate and guardianships.

Diana Myers '92 is general counsel for the Women's Tennis Association. More than 2,500 players representing 92 nations compete for more than \$100 million annually at the association's 54 events and four Grand Slam competitions.

Cheryl Payne '92 joined the Naples office of Quarles & Brady LLP in the Trusts and Estates Practice Group. Payne worked as a registered nurse before becoming a lawyer.

Brenda Fulmer '93, a shareholder at the law firm Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart Shipley in West Palm Beach, has partnered with Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton Romano in the litigation of drug and pharmaceutical mass tort cases.

Sheila Griffin '93, the first African-American woman to have a private law firm in downtown St. Petersburg, launched a new business, Monarch Business Builders, located at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg.

Mary E. King '93 authored a chapter on hiring a tax attorney in the new book *Protect and Defend: Proven Strategies from America's Leading Attorneys to Help you Protect and Defend*

Your Business, Family and Wealth. The book will feature strategies from some of America's leading legal minds to help businesses and families navigate the often cumbersome nature of today's legal system.

Bruce Denson '94, a criminal defense attorney, started PaddleAddict.org, an organization that coordinates a paddleboard race across Tampa Bay to raise funds to promote positive aspects of paddleboarding. A Pinellas County judge began offering Denson's paddleboarding program as an official challenge program for credit against probation as an aid in recovery from substance abuse and other self-destructive behaviors.

Joanne Kenna '94 of The Health Law Firm in Altamonte Springs spoke about protecting nursing licenses at the Infusion Nurses Society's Central Florida Chapter Annual Seminar.

Elise Minkoff '94 was recognized by the Queens Court in Pinellas County as the 2012 Queen of Hearts for her volunteer service as president of the Margaret Acheson Stuart Society, which benefits the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg.

Alain Rivas '94 is helping expand the firm of Skubiak & Rivas P.A. to Kissimmee.

Denise Wheeler '94 has been selected as one of Florida's "Top 50 Women Super Lawyers" for 2012. Wheeler is a partner with the law firm of Roetzel & Andress in Fort Myers and is board certified in labor and employment law.

John Schutz '95 was listed in the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*. Schutz was also selected among Florida's Legal Elite 2012.



Women Lawyers High Tea and Networking Event in Sarasota: Several alumni and friends gathered at the Sarasota Ritz-Carlton in September to raise funds for scholarships. Left: Sheryl A. Edwards '95 and Anne Weintraub '03, overseer and event sponsor.

Russell Young '95 has earned board certification in Workers' Compensation by The Florida Bar. For more than five years, Young has been an AV-rated attorney and has received the highest rating in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards from Martindale-Hubbell.

Steven Conway '96 was elected as an at-large director for a two-year term by the board of directors of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Conway is a partner with the Wisconsin law firm of DeWitt Ross and Stevens S.C. and is the national spokesperson for the American Chiropractic Association.

Donall O'Carroll '96 was named partner at Webster Szanyi LLP in Buffalo, N.Y.

David Thorpe '96 received the Pro Bono Service Award from the 13th Judicial Circuit in recognition of his pro bono service through the "HAVE a Heart" pro bono project and the Bay Area Legal Services Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Samuel Bookhardt III '97 has been elected as a new board director for The Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, a nonprofit

organization that works to increase awareness of child abuse and neglect. Bookhardt is a partner with Vance, Lotane and Bookhardt P.A. in Cocoa.

Edward Carlstedt '97 has joined Ford Harrison LLP as a partner in the firm's Tampa office. Carlstedt's practice focuses on trade secret, non-compete and restrictive covenant disputes, as well as defending employers against claims of harassment, discrimination and retaliation.

Lori Guevara '97 has joined Graham Allen & Brown. Guevara will focus on tribal litigation, immigration, Social Security disability and bankruptcy.

Jeffery Higgins '97 has returned to Stetson University as assistant athletic director for external operations.

Benjamin H. Hill IV '97 was listed in the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Cathy McKyton '97 was elected to the bench in Pinellas County.

Mitchell C. Robiner '97 joined the Tampa office of the Gunster law firm as an of counsel attorney. Robiner focuses his practice on business litigation and real estate law.

Marcus Rosin MBA '97, JD '97

received an AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Rosin focuses his practice in real estate and bankruptcy law.

Judith Wethall '97 has joined the law firm of Littler Mendelson P.C.

Michael J. Colitz '98 was listed in the 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers*.

Michael S. Errera '98 was elected partner at Foran Glennon Palandech Ponzi & Rudloff P.C. in Chicago, Ill. He has also been awarded an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell indicating the highest ranking in legal ability and ethical standards and named an Illinois 2013 Rising Star.

Nirupa Netram BA '95 JD '98 has joined the volunteer board of directors for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida Inc.

Kimberly Rodgers '98 was named the 2011-2012 "Boss of the Year" by the St. Petersburg Association of Legal Support Specialists.

Michael L. Smith '98 of The Health Law Firm in Altamonte Springs was recertified by the Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization and Education in health law.

Jacqueline Buyze '99 launched her book *A Story of Lawyers*, a children's

book written as a tribute to attorneys and a fun introduction to the legal profession.

Matthew Westerman '99 has earned board certification in labor and employment law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. Westerman is the only board-certified labor and employment attorney based in Manatee County.

2000s

Danielle Bonnett '00 was a 2012 NJBIZ General Counsel of the Year finalist in the Private Company: Corporate Compliance Professional category.

Victoria L. Bloomer '00 joined Gallagher & Associates Law Firm P.A. in St. Petersburg.

The Honorable Kim Campbell MBA '00, JD '00 was elected as a judge for Florida's Sixth Judicial Circuit.

The Honorable Catherine Lee Combee '00 was elected as a judge for Florida's 10th Judicial Circuit.

Barbara Cowherd '00 recently opened her firm, Cowherd Law Firm P.L., in Apollo Beach. Her practice includes probate and estate planning, as well as contract work for other law firms in the litigation arena, where she provides coverage services for hearings, research and writing.

John Paul "J.P." Getting MBA '00, JD '00 joined Jennis & Bowen P.L. in Tampa as an associate.

Jennifer Griffin '00 joined Quarles & Brady in Tampa as a partner in its trusts and estates practice.

Kevin M. Iurato '00 has joined the Iurato Law Firm P.L. as managing member. He will focus his practice on business transactions, contracts and corporate law, marketing and advertising law, and employment matters.

Robert Craig Mayfield MBA '00, JD '00 was listed among the 2012 Florida Rising Stars. He is a shareholder in the litigation group at Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa.

William Robinson '00 has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to



Orlando Alumni

Reception in September:

Above, Daniel Whitehouse '11, Amy Rigdon BA '05 JD '08, Victoria Newman '08 and Rusty Newman '08.

Above right: Lora Johnston '10, Brian Palumbo '12 and Elizabeth Pangborn '12.

Right: Whitney Calvert '01, Vivien Monaco MBA '97 JD '97 and Roberta Alfonso '97.



the 12th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. Robinson is a real estate and land use attorney at Blalock Walters P.A., based in Bradenton.

James D. Thaler Jr. MBA '00, JD '00 was appointed by the Gulfport City Council as special master of Gulfport. As special master, Thaler will hear cases and assess fines as an alternative to the county court system.

Nicolette Corso Vilmos BA '98, JD '00, a partner with Broad and Cassel, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, a non-profit organization that supports the collegial and professional practice of bankruptcy law in the Orlando division of the Middle District of Florida. Vilmos has been a member of CFBLA since 2005.

Blair Chan III '01 joined the Givens Law Group in Tampa as principal. Chan has practiced exclusively in the area of marital and family law since his graduation from law school.

Judge Kimberly Campbell '01 was elected to the bench for Florida's Sixth Circuit Court.

Amy Drushal '01 was presented the Young Lawyers Division Star of the Year award for 2011-2012 by the American Bar Association for her service to the ABA over the past several years. Drushal is a shareholder in the Tampa office of Trenam Kemker.

Sacha Dyson '01 was promoted to partner at Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez and Hearing P.A. in Tampa.

Joel J. Ewusiak '01 opened Ewusiak & Roberts Litigators in Safety Harbor and was named a 2012 Rising Star by SuperLawyers.com.

Mac R. McCoy BA '98, JD '01 has been named chair of the Young Lawyer Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section. McCoy is a shareholder at Carlton Fields in Tampa.

Mark Barber '02 was named a partner with Broad and Cassel in its Tampa office. He serves as a member of the firm's commercial litigation, labor and employment, and bankruptcy

and creditors' rights practice groups. Barber was also named one of "12 to Watch in 2012" by *Attorney at Law Magazine of Greater Tampa Bay*.

Craig Burgess '02 has been named a partner at the firm of Feldman, Kleidman & Coffey in Fishkill, N.Y.

Jose Estigarribia '02 has joined Porges, Hamlin, Knowles & Hawk in Bradenton. He focuses in the areas of family law, personal injury, criminal law, immigration and naturalization law, and litigation.

Robert "Bob" Gualtieri '02 was elected to his first full term as Pinellas County sheriff.

Michele Leo Hintson '02 was selected for Leadership Pasco Class of 2013. Hintson is a partner in the Tampa office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP.

Patricia Kent '02 joined the law firm of Gould & Lamb as staff counsel. Kent will be responsible for assisting clients with Medicare compliance, with a specific concentration in liability insurance issues.

Jason Hamilton Mikes MBA '02, JD '02 started a new law firm in Naples. The firm provides personalized service and counsel in matters of business and real estate law.

Kamilah L. Perry MBA '02, JD '02 was appointed by Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn to serve on the Mayor's African American Advisory Council. She will serve as chair of the Community Improvement Committee, which submits recommendations to the city

concerning city development, city services and revitalization.

Theresa Domenico '03 joined the Tampa office of McCumber Daniels as an associate.

Tiffany DiIorio '03 joined the Tampa office of Adams and Reese LLP as special counsel. DiIorio's practice will focus on bankruptcy, creditors rights, trustee representation, business bankruptcy, creditors' rights litigation and commercial litigation.

Scott Donaldson '03 was promoted to senior associate at the law firm of Gordon & Doner. Donaldson's practice areas include general personal injury, wrongful death, and patient dumping claims against hospital emergency rooms.

Victoria Cruz-Garcia '03 joined the Cooley Law School full-time faculty to teach Professional Responsibility. She is a partner at Cruz-Garcia Law P.A., where her primary areas of practice include family law and commercial litigation.

Anne Weintraub '03 was honored by the Sarasota-Manatee Section of the National Council of Jewish Women at its Women in Power Luncheon for her work in the community.

Slade Dukes '04 has been named to the Florida Consumer Advisory Council, which advises and assists the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Joshua Ferraro '04 was named president of the board of directors for



Tallahassee Alumni Holiday Reception: Donald A. Pumphrey Jr. '96 hosted a reception at the Governors Club in December. Left, Nicholas Bader MBA '08 JD '08, Christa Queen Sutherland '10 and Corey Henson '10. Right: Blanca Bayó, Edwin Bayó '81, H. Richard Bisbee BA '78 JD '81 and Susan Bisbee '81.



Jacksonville Alumni Reception in

October: Alumni gathered for a “N Dean” event at Biscotti’s in Jacksonville. Left: Katherine Naugle MBA ’01, JD and Cameron Naugle. Left: Christina Erlinger MBA ’02, JD and Jennifer Erlinger MBA ’02, JD.

Tykes and Teens, a non-profit agency based in Palm City providing services for children and families.

Jason Hawkins ’04 joined the Jacksonville law firm of Mathis & Murphy P.A.

Sara Koch ’04 was promoted to partner at the law firm of Shutts & Bowen LLP. Koch practices in the firm’s construction practice group.

Anthony D. Martino ’04 was named partner at Clark & Martino P.A. in Tampa. Martino has been with the firm since 2006 and his practice focuses on personal injury cases.

Eric E. Page ’04 was named to the 2012 Florida Rising Stars.

Christine E. Pejot ’04 was appointed human resources director for the Pasco County School District.

Amanda Powers Sellers ’04 opened the Law Offices of Powers Sellers & Finkelstein in Largo.

S. Nicole Smith MBA ’04, JD ’04 joined Fisher and Phillips LLP.

Katherine Turner ’04 announced her partnership and new law firm of Turner & Sutton-Lewis P.A. in Fort Myers. The firm offers legal counsel in criminal, civil, juvenile delinquency, family law, and criminal and civil appeals.

Russell Vanstory ’04 of Memphis, Tenn., was promoted to captain on the B-777 at FedEx.

Jo Ann Palchak ’05 of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP in Tampa was recognized by the criminal law section of the Hillsborough County Bar Association with its Marcelino “Bubba” Huerta III Award at its February luncheon. The award honors pro bono service in pursuit of equal justice.

Fred N. Roberts Jr. ’05 was appointed to the governing board of the St. John’s River Water Management District by Governor Rick Scott to represent the Ocklawaha River Basin. Roberts is an attorney with the law firm of Klein and Klein in Ocala.

Sherilee J. (Williams) Samuel ’05 was listed among the 2012 *Florida Rising Stars*.

J. Scott Slater ’05 was listed among the 2012 *Florida Rising Stars*.

Benjamin R. Stechschulte ’05 has opened his own law firm in Tampa. His practice focuses on state and federal criminal defense, DUI defense and personal injury.

Eric J. Weber MBA ’05, JD ’05 has been elected partner at the law firm of Baker & McKenzie in New York.

Suzanne Boy ’06 has been appointed to serve on the board of directors for the Human Resources Management Association of Southwest Florida. Boy concentrates her practice in employment law and is the lead writer and editor of the Southwest Florida Employment Law Blog published by the Henderson Franklin law firm. Boy was also named to the 2012 Florida Rising Stars and to *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite in its “Up and Comers” list.

Holly Ghelfi ’06 has been named an associate with Englander Fischer in St. Petersburg.

Marc Levine ’06 has been appointed to the board of directors for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando, which offers free legal assistance and helps build and support the Orlando community. He was elected

vice president and president-elect of the Stetson Lawyers Association Advisory Council for a one-year term.

Erin Whittemore Lohmiller ’06 has joined Whittemore Law Group in St. Petersburg as an associate.

Katherine Hurst Miller ’06 was appointed to the Seventh Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission by Governor Rick Scott.

Paula Bentley ’07 joined the Tampa office of the Gunster law firm as an associate. Bentley focuses her practice on healthcare law.

Jason Ellison BA ’04, JD ’07 was named partner at Englander Fischer in St. Petersburg.

Courtney Fish ’07 was named partner at Englander Fischer in St. Petersburg.

Susan Gregory ’07 opened an elder law practice in Venice named Legacy Lawyer.

Phillip Harris ’07 has joined the Tampa office of Adams and Reese as a litigation associate.

Ashley Hodson ’07 has joined the Naples law firm of Grant Fridkin Pearson P.A. She practices in the areas of tax planning, estate planning and estate administration.

Megan (Lattz) Malec ’07 chaired a one-year makeover project at Harbor House of Central Florida, a comprehensive domestic violence services agency. Malec also serves as chair on “Changing the Family Landscape,” a two-part service project benefitting SafeHouse of Seminole County that includes a landscape beautification project and workshop for domestic violence survivors.

Traci McKee '07 was elected to the board of directors of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association as its Young Lawyers representative. McKee, a litigation attorney in the Fort Myers office of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Hold P.A., is chair of the editorial board for *Trial Advocate Quarterly*, the flagship publication of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association. She has been listed in *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine as a Rising Star in the field of civil litigation defense since 2009.

Cynthia Riddell '07 has joined the Sarasota law firm of Syprett Meshad as a partner. Riddell will lead the bankruptcy division, representing consumers and creditors.

Brian E. Smith '07, a shareholder with the Orlando office of GrayRobinson P.A., recently graduated from Class 83 of Leadership Orlando. He also was listed among the 2012 *Florida Rising Stars*.

Patrick Songy '07 has joined the litigation division of the Luhrsens Law Group in Sarasota.

David S. Delrahim '08 has joined the board of trustees of Menorah Manor in St. Petersburg.

Matthew A. Foreman BA '05 JD '08 was elected to the school board of Hernando County for District 2.

John M. Miller III '08 received the James A. Dixon Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the Florida Defense Lawyers Association. Miller is an associate in the Tort & Insurance Litigation division of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt P.A. in Fort Myers. Also, he has been elected Lee County Bar Association president.

Victoria Heather Newman '08 was selected as the ABA Young Lawyers Division District 11 representative. She has been selected to serve a two-year term, starting August 2012.

Brian K. Wright '08 recently joined the Gunster law firm in Tampa as an associate, focusing on health care law.

Amy R. Rigdon BA '05, JD '08 has been appointed to the Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

Ahmad Yakzan BA '03, MBA '05, JD '08, LLM '09 has joined Tucker & Ludin in Tampa Bay, where he specializes in immigration law.

Jim M. Bell '09 was listed among the 2012 *Florida Rising Stars*.

Kelly Downer MBA '09, JD '09 joined the Bittinger Law Firm in Jacksonville.

2010s

Yova A. Borovska '10 has been named an associate in the immigration practice group at Fowler White Boggs, Tampa.

Wesley Jones '10 has joined Bush Ross P.A. as an associate. Jones' practice concentrates primarily on civil litigation involving community association law, foreclosure and real estate litigation, real estate closings and construction defects.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Meeker '10 is a member of the newly formed Koontz & Associates.

Jamie M. Marcario '10 has been named an associate at Bush Ross P.A. in Tampa. Marcario joins the firm's health care and casualty practice groups.

Linsey Sims-Bohnenstiehl '10 was selected as one of the *ABA Journal's* "Tehchiest Lawyers."

Rickisha Singletary '10 announced the opening of the Law Office of R.H. Singletary P.A. in Tampa. Her primary areas of practice include family law, foreclosure defense, bankruptcy and civil litigation. The office also provides legal outsourcing for document drafting and review, hearings and mediation coverage, and legal research.

David Veenstra '10 joined the Thorne Law Firm P.A. in Tampa as an associate practicing in the area of family law. Veenstra recently received the Pro Bono Service Award from the 13th Judicial Circuit in recognition of his work through the "HAVE a Heart" project and the Bay Area Legal Services Volunteer Lawyers Program.

W. Jay Hornbeck III '11 has been named an associate at Gallagher & Associates Law Firm P.A. in St. Petersburg.

Carol Anne Johnson '11 has opened her own practice handling real estate, wills, trusts and probates, with a focus on special needs trusts for disabled children and adults.

Elena Kohn '11 has joined the law firm of Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP in Tampa as an associate.

Steven Lacks '11 is the director of customer education and outreach at SonicPrint.com.

Jeri Ostuw '11 has joined Snell Legal in Daytona Beach as an associate.

Peter C. Bradshaw III '12 has joined Dolman Law Group in Clearwater.

Javier Centonzio '12 is a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington.

Christian Leger '12 joined the Tampa office of GrayRobinson P.A. as an associate.

Daniel Strader '12 has joined the Sarasota office of Shumaker Loop and Kendrick LLP as an associate in the employment and labor law department.

Elizabeth A. Stringer BM '07, MBA '08, JD '12 joined the Tampa law firm of Thompson, Sizemore, Gonzalez and Hearing P.A. as an associate.

Stetson's Black Law Students Association chapter honored at national convention

Stetson University College of Law's Black Law Students Association was honored with the National Most Improved Chapter Award during the 45th annual National Black Law Students Convention in Atlanta, Ga., March 6-10.

Stetson BLSA member Andrenette Sullivan was installed as Advocacy Specialist for the BLSA Southern Region Executive Board. Sullivan attended the convention along with Stetson BLSA member Pavielle Bookman, and BLSA chapter delegates Charis Campbell, Brannon Gary, Angelica Jones, Valeria Obi, and BLSA president Lakeisha Simms.

"Our accomplishments over this past year make me extremely optimistic about the future of Stetson's BLSA," said Simms.

In February, Stetson's BLSA was named Chapter of the Year for the Southern Region for outstanding community activism from a pool of 43 law school chapters in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

BLSA students at Stetson regularly participate in community events to advance social justice, including

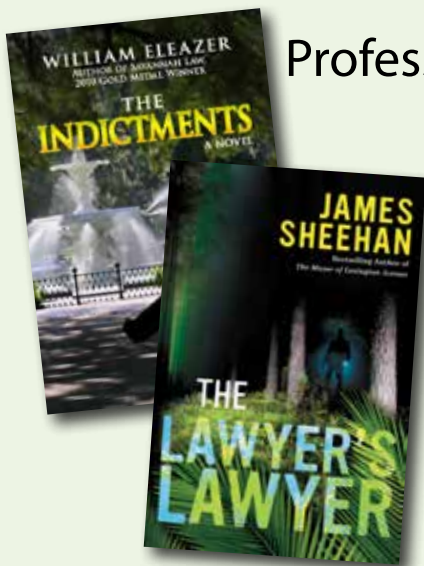


Stetson's BLSA Executive Board L-R: Angelica Jones, Keyara Franklin, Brannon Gary, Lakeisha Simms, Valeria Obi, Cindy Cumberbatch and Charis Campbell.

mentoring Boca Ciega High School students through the BLSA Drive to Strive Program and volunteer-assisting people seeking petitions to restore their voting rights. The students participate in St. Petersburg's Community Law Fest and play an integral role in educating community members about accessible legal resources.

"BLSA pays it forward through ongoing neighborhood assistance

programs," said Professor Darryl C. Wilson, BLSA faculty advisor. "The group provides a comfortable atmosphere and leadership opportunities for students. This victory acknowledges the Stetson chapter of BLSA as a model for other institutions seeking the optimal blend of legal and social interaction between their students and the citizens where those schools are located."



Professors publish courtroom thriller sequels

Two faculty have recently published sequels in their series of courtroom thrillers.

Professor James Sheehan '77, who also directs the Tampa Law Center, released *The Lawyer's Lawyer*, his third book about Miami attorney Jack Tobin. His first two books in the series, *The Mayor of Lexington Avenue* and *The Law of Second Chances*, received rave reviews from *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Booklist*, *BestsellersWorld.com* and other publications. On his latest book: "Sheehan brings the three-way jousting of a criminal trial...to blazing life," said *Washington Post* book critic Dennis Drabelle.

Professor Emeritus William Eleazer published *The Indictments*, the sequel to his first novel *Savannah Law*, which won the 2010 Gold Medal for Adult Fiction from the Florida Publishers Association. The series brings back the young assistant district attorney Scott Marino and veteran defense attorney Max Gordon against the backrock of a Chatham County courtroom in beautiful Savannah, Ga.

"Eleazer really brings his characters and Savannah to life," said Amazon Vine Voice reviewer Sam Hendricks of Eleazer's most recent novel.

Recent faculty activities

Michael Allen

Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Faculty Development and Professor of Law



Associate Dean Michael Allen was a speaker at a day long symposium sponsored by the Bar Association of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, in June 2012. He also published veterans law articles in the *University of Cincinnati Law Review* and the *Veterans Law Review*. Dean Allen was an invited speaker on the Supreme Court's recently completed terms at chapters of the Federal Bar Association in both Jacksonville and Palm Beach. Dean Allen was invited to prepare an article on "Remedies as a Capstone Experience" for a symposium on "Teaching Remedies" to appear in the *Saint Louis University Law Review*.

Robert D. Batey

Professor of Law



Beginning a yearlong sabbatical, Professor Robert Batey spoke at the academic symposium of the 50th Anniversary of the Middle District of Florida; a short piece on the uses and potential abuses of federalism resulted from this presentation. He also worked on an article on search and seizure law in Florida and a commentary on the Florida Supreme Court's decision upholding Florida's drug possession statute.

Mark D. Bauer

Professor of Law



Professor Mark Bauer completed his term as Senior International Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the University of Melbourne. His article

"Freedom of Association for College Fraternities after *Christian Legal Society* and *Citizens United*" will be published in the peer-reviewed *Notre Dame Journal of College and University Law*, and "Peter Pan as Public Policy: Should 55-Plus Age Restricted Communities Continue to be Exempted from Civil Rights Laws and Substantive Federal Regulation" will be published in the *University of Illinois Elder Law Journal*. Professor Bauer spoke on current issues in consumer protection and scams for the 2012 Southern States Crime Prevention Conference, and he was named Distinguished International Fellow to the Canadian Centre on Elder Law. He also gave three presentations at the 2012 Canadian Elder Law Conference: "Financial Abuse, Regulation, and Borders," "Peter Pan as Public Policy: The Challenges of Age-Restricted Housing," and co-presented with Canada's Banking Ombudsman "Banking on It: The Things You Don't Know Will Hurt You."

Robert D. Bickel

Professor of Law



Professor Robert Bickel continues work on his Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Movement video history project, having produced two more segments of his interviews with veterans of the 1963 Montgomery and Albany Movements, including an interview with Arlam Carr, the original plaintiff in the seminal case before Judge Frank Johnson Jr. in which Judge Johnson ordered the desegregation of the Montgomery School District. He was honored by Odessa Woolfolk, co-founder of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, for his teaching of law and the Civil Rights Movement, and particularly

his summer travel course with Stetson law students. Professor Bickel presented a commentary on the history of the concept of diversity to the Tampa Bay Area affiliate of the Florida Diversity Council, and took part in a discussion group on the subject of teaching approaches to the concept of diversity at the 2012 meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

Kirsten K. Davis

Professor of Law and Director of Legal Research and Writing



Professor Kirsten K. Davis received her Ph.D. in Human Communication in May. She authored and released the first-of-its-kind legal writing mobile application, *My Legal Writing Coach™*: Memos for iPad, iPhone, and Android devices. The application is designed to guide students, newer lawyers and anyone interested in improving the quality and efficiency of legal writing through the process of writing a legal memorandum.

Peter Fitzgerald

Professor of Law



In fall 2012, Professor Fitzgerald served as a visiting academic with the Law Commission of England and Wales, assisting with their wildlife law reform project for Parliament. He also delivered a lecture at the British Society of Legal Scholars annual meeting and became a fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce. He was part of the team organized by the Buglife Invertebrate Trust that sought to establish a new record for the largest "beetle drive" in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Buglife is the only organization in Europe devoted to the conservation of all invertebrates. Professor Fitzgerald also published a new book, *International Issues in Animal Law: The Impact of International Environmental and Economic Law upon Animal Interests and Advocacy*, along with four new editions of the books he co-authored in the *International Business Transactions* series.

Roberta K. Flowers

Professor of Law



Professor Flowers co-presented with Professor Morgan two sessions on ethical issues in an elder law practice at the Colorado Elder Law Section's annual retreat, and three sessions on the subject at the Maine State Bar Elder Law conference. Professors Flowers and Morgan also finished their book for the ABA, *Introduction to Ethics in an Elder Law Practice*.

Jeffrey J. Minneti

Professor of Legal Skills and Director of Academic Success



Professor Minneti presented "Who Are Our Students? Students on Academic Probation" and co-presented "Integrating Academic Assistance into the Casebook Classroom" with Courtney G. Lee from Pacific McGeorge School of Law at the Law School Admission Counsel's Academic Assistance Training Workshop in June 2012 at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law. Professor Minneti also served on the planning committee for the workshop.

Rebecca C. Morgan

Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law and Director of the Center for Excellence in Elder Law

Professor Rebecca Morgan co-moderated a discussion at SEALS



on ethical issues in an elder law practice, and served on a panel at the annual meeting for the NAELA Council of Advanced Practitioners, for which she was named chair for a two-year term. She presented on the future of elder law for the Colorado Elder Law Section's annual retreat. She and Professor Flowers coauthored the ABA book *An Introduction to Ethics in an Elder Law Practice*, and they co-presented two sessions on the topic at the CELS retreat as well as three sessions at the Maine State Bar Elder Law conference. She co-presented at the NAELA Arizona chapter's annual meeting. Professor Morgan presented on the future of guardianship practice, co-presented another session for the Tennessee State Guardianship Association conference, and served on a panel about recommendations from the Third National Conference on Guardianships. She hosted Stetson's 14th annual Special Needs Trusts conference and volunteered to serve on the Certified Financial Planner Board disciplinary hearings. She spoke on two panels for the NAELA National Aging and Law Institute, co-moderated the World Study Group as part of the Canadian Conference on Elder Law, and co-presented two sessions for the Canadian Conference. She also co-presented a session at the Missouri NAELA annual conference. She submitted a chapter on ethical issues in dealing with clients with diminished capacity for a book on international guardianship law.

Joseph F. Morrissey

Professor of Law



Professor Joseph Morrissey spent part of the summer teaching International Commercial Arbitration in Stetson's summer program in Tianjin, China. His article "A Contractarian

Critique of *Citizens United*" was selected for publication by the University of Pennsylvania's *Journal of Constitutional Law*. He also debated related issues on a panel sponsored by the Constitutional Law Society at Florida International University earlier this fall.

Luz Estella Nagle

Professor of Law



Professor Luz Nagle presented a U.S. State Department webcast throughout Latin America on using social media to combat corruption, at the IBA Human Rights Institute Task Force Latin America and the IBA's 15th Transnational Crime Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and was a panelist on The Rule of Law in a Diverse World symposium at the Texas State Bar. She also lectured at the Inter-agency Rule of Law Training course at the University of South Carolina's Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, the Istituto Superiore Internazionale di Scienze Criminali in Sicily, and presented lectures to foreign policymakers under the U.S. State Department's Distinguished International Visitors program. Nagle was recently appointed an El Centro Fellow of the Small Wars Foundation as an editor of the *Small Wars Journal*. Her recent publications include "Better a Jail Cell in the United States: Using Extradition to Avoid Criminal Accountability in Colombia" in the *International Enforcement Law Reporter*, "Giving Shelter from the Storm: Colombians Fleeing Persecution Based on Sexual Orientation" in the *Tulsa Law Review*, and "Doing What Any Multinational Corporation Would Do—Diversify" in the *International Enforcement Law Reporter*. Nagle also received Stetson's Homer and Dolly Hand Award for faculty research and scholarship for the second time.

Jason Palmer

Associate Professor of Legal Skills



Professor Jason Palmer has been named to the 2013 planning committee for the AALS Workshops for New Law School Teachers, Beginning Legal Writing Teachers, and Pretenured People of Color Law School Teachers. He plans the workshops, locates speakers and coordinates the panels. He also will present on a panel for the 2013 AALS Workshop for New Law Teachers. Professor Palmer's article "The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Will Ratification Lead to a Holistic Approach to Post-Secondary Education for Persons with Disabilities" is forthcoming in the Spring 2013 issue of the *Seton Hall Law Review*.

Ellen S. Podgor

Gary Trombley Family White Collar Crime Research Professor



Professor Ellen Podgor published a book chapter, "Prosecution Guidelines in the United States," in the Oxford University Press book *The Prosecutor in Transnational Perspective*. She also wrote the introduction for two different law review symposia: "Overcriminalization: New Approaches to a Growing Problem" in the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, and "Examining White Collar Crime With Trifocals" in the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. She authored an article on "Gideon: Looking Back to the 40th Anniversary" in the *NACDL Champion Magazine*, and also wrote her 100th and final "Reviews in Review" column for the *Champion* magazine. Podgor moderated a panel on "Corporate Sentencing and Plea Negotiations" at the Annual National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines,

spoke on jurisdiction issues at an ABA Criminal Justice Conference, served on the organizing committee and chaired a panel at the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, and moderated a discussion group on criminal law pedagogy at the Southeast Association of American Law Schools conference. She continues to serve as a member of the board of trustees of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

Charles H. Rose III

Professor of Excellence in Trial Advocacy and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy



Professor Charles Rose published the book *Everyday Evidence: A Practical Approach* and was appointed to the board of directors for "Dog Tag Heroes," a nonprofit organization that supports veteran issues. He also delivered the annual Terry McCarthy Look Good Advocacy Lecture to the Federal Bar in Chicago.

Susan D. Rozelle

Professor of Law



Professor Susan D. Rozelle presented her chapter "The Story of Berry: When Hot Blood Cools" as part of a panel on the Oxford University Press book *Criminal Law Stories* at the June annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, where she also served on a panel on Criminal Law Theory. In August, she presented her forthcoming *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law* article "Teaching Rape Under Cover" as part of a panel on criminal law pedagogy.

James Sheehan

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Director, Tampa Law Center



Professor James Sheehan published his third book, *The Lawyer's Lawyer*. This book begins as a story about a serial killer and the madness and mayhem he brings to a small community in rural Florida. Eventually, however, it evolves into a search for love, friendship and truth, with a criminal trial as the background.

Rebecca S. Trammell

Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library Director, Professor of Law, and Director of Electronic Education



Professor Rebecca Trammell was recently invited to present on integrating technology and legal education at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law via Skype.

Rachel E. VanLandingham

Bruce R. Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor of Law



Professor Rachel VanLandingham provided expert commentary on WMNF regarding the controversial book *No Easy Day* by a former Navy Seal, which detailed the military's raid to kill or capture Osama Bin Laden. In October, Professor VanLandingham served as a panel member for a two-hour continuing legal education event for the St. Petersburg Bar Association on "Ethics and Professionalism, Practicing Within the Letter and the Spirit of the Law" at Stetson. In November, Professor VanLandingham presented on "Heller and Originalism" with CATO Institute Chairman Robert Levy at a Federalist Society event at Stetson.

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