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NSU Law Center Hosts A Conversation with Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, *United States Supreme Court*

The students, faculty members, and administration were honored to host U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens on Wednesday, February 1. This memorable visit was orchestrated by John Anderson, a distinguished visiting professor since 1987 whose prominent career in law and politics includes 10 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and a bid for the presidency in 1980.

Stevens held a question and answer session with law students and then joined faculty members for lunch. He answered questions, ranging from "How should the Supreme Court approach questions of executive power and what limit, if any, should there be on the President's power to interfere with the rights of the nation's citizens in wartime?" to "If you had the opportunity to change any part of the United States Constitution, what would it be and how should it be changed?" The latter question was asked by a student from the University of Barcelona enrolled in NSU Law Center's dual-degree program. In addition, Matthew Fiorello, a 1L student, sought the Justice's best advice on how a law student can get the most out of the law school experience and incorporate that experience into a future career.

Stevens was the first sitting member of the Supreme Court to visit the Law Center in its 32-year history (in the School's ear-

lier years, former Justices Tom C. Clark and Arthur Goldberg visited NSU after they retired from the Court). Most law students never have an opportunity for a face to face encounter with a Supreme Court Justice, and all felt privileged to make his acquaintance.

Born in Chicago in 1920, Stevens married Maryan Mulholland Simon, and has four children: John Joseph (deceased), Kathryn, Elizabeth Jane, and Susan Roberts. He holds an A.B. from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945 and was a law clerk to Justice Wiley Rutledge of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1947 term. He was admitted to law practice in Illinois in 1949. He was Associate Counsel to the Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1951 to 1952, and a member of the Attorney General's National Committee to Study Antitrust Law, 1953 to 1955. He was second vice president of the Chicago Bar Association in 1970. From 1970 to 1975, he served as a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. President Gerald Ford nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat on December 19, 1975. ■

NSU Tops Law Schools Granting Most Degrees to Hispanics

The NSU Law Center heads the list of law schools with the most Hispanic degree-earners in the country and ranks number four among law schools enrolling Hispanics (19 percent), according to the December 5 issue of *Hispanic Outlook*.

In ranking number one, NSU awarded a total of 82 law degrees to Hispanics, the University of Miami ranked second with 63 degrees awarded, followed by St. Mary's University (Texas) with

58 and the University of Florida with 51 degrees conferred. The University of Texas at Austin rounded out the top five with 48 degrees awarded to Hispanics. The data, which comes from the U.S. Department of Education, was collected through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and is based on enrollment and degrees conferred between July 1, 2003 and July 30, 2004. ■

Online Master of Science in Education Law

The Law Center is pleased to announce an online master of science in education law program specifically designed to teach nonlawyer educators and administrators to better identify, understand, and respond to complex legal issues facing today's educators.

The M.S. in education law program is scheduled to begin in January 2007 with an institute on the main campus. Students attend an orientation session and begin coursework in two core courses: (1) Foundations of Law in Education and (2) Administrative Law and Education. After completing

the institute and initial course requirements, students can either earn the basic master of science degree in education law or specialize in one of two tracks: higher education or special education. Each student must complete three 20-week terms of coursework, attend three institutes, and complete an individual research program. Thirty credits are required for graduation. This new two-year program evolved from the cooperative efforts of the Law Center, the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies. ■

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NSU Law Signs Preliminary Memorandum of Understanding with the Charles University Law School in Prague

Dean Joseph Harbaugh and Associate Dean Bill Adams have agreed to a preliminary memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Charles University Law School in Prague, the Czech Republic. The oldest university in Central Europe, Charles University was founded in 1348 by Charles I, the King of Bohemia (later known as Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor). The MOU followed overwhelmingly positive meetings with members of the CU Faculty of Law, Czech government officials, and members of one of the leading law firms in Prague. The agreement calls for the NSU Law Center and the CU Law School to initiate an "experimental" semester exchange of up to five students from each school, supported by an exchange of faculty to teach three-week intensive "screening" courses similar to those we have employed with the University of Barcelona.

The MOU also contains a provision that CU will initiate good faith efforts in the coming academic year to create an LL.M. that would be the necessary basis for a dual-degree program between our two law schools. The CU Law School vice dean gave assurances that the degree would be approved in the next two years.

The preliminary and expected final agreement with CU Law School differs in one significant aspect from our dual-degree programs with the University of Barcelona (UB) and the University of Venice Ca' Foscari (UV). The UB and UV Law programs require that NSU Law Center students be sufficiently fluent in Spanish or Italian to successfully study law. While this requirement is not an impediment to the students who are bilingual in those languages, it is a virtually insurmountable barrier to the more than 80 percent of our students who speak only English and are eager to earn a civil law degree that qualifies them to practice law in a jurisdiction beyond the United States.

The Law Center compared several European universities that offered law courses in English and selected Charles University. Charles University is an outstanding university with a long history and strong academic reputation, and the Law School is of equal rank. For some time, CU Law School has been offering an organized legal studies program, taught in English for non-Czech students (primarily for European students in the Erasmus program but occasionally including students from Japan, Australia, and the Middle East). The program, "The Czech Legal System in the European Context," is an 18-course package of courses that includes the study of Czech, EU, and International Law. An additional benefit of Charles University is its location in Prague, one of the most attractive cities in Europe. ■

Critical Skills Program Update

LINDA F. HARRISON, ASSOCIATE DEAN

The Critical Skills Program was created at NSU Law Center to provide students with additional practice in important skills for law school, the bar exam, and future lawyering. The skills vary depending on where a student is in his or her law school career, but all students have the opportunity to improve their critical reading and legal analysis skills.

There are eight full-time Critical Skills Program instructors devoted to designing curriculum, teaching courses, and meeting with students individually. All instructors were previously practicing lawyers with teaching experience and/or an interest in helping students learn. Courses exist for first- and second-year day and evening students, third-year day students, and fourth-year evening students.

The Legal Study Skills (LSS) program is required for all students in their first year of law school, starting with orientation and continuing throughout the year. LSS helps students make the transition to law school from either undergraduate school or the work environment. LSS students also take an Interim Exam in both the fall and winter semesters. This gives them an early opportunity to experience a law school exam and a chance to assess where they are before it is too late in the semester to make positive changes.

The Elements of Legal Analysis (ELA) course is offered to second-year day and evening students. ELA focuses on the skills of critical reading, issue spotting, and legal analysis utilizing the substantive material from the required second-year courses. ELA provides students with extended writing opportunities and frequent feedback.

The Advanced Legal Analysis (ALA) program, for the third-year day students and fourth-year evening students, is intended to give students a preview of bar review material. ALA provides an introduction to the bar exam and helps students identify individual weaknesses so they are fully prepared to begin the bar preparation period upon law school graduation.

A strength of all the CSP programs is the individual attention offered to the students. CSP instructors meet with students one-on-one throughout the semester and offer special attention to students experiencing difficulty. CSP offers personalized support and resources so every student can achieve his or her personal best while at the Law Center. ■

NSU Law Center Welcomes the New 1L Class

The incoming class of 1Ls was welcomed with a five-day orientation program covering the nuts and bolts of law school with special sessions on topics including computer training, testing, time and debt management, briefing, and note taking. On the last day of the program, students were introduced to NSU Law's Public Interest Law Center and were awarded pro bono hours as participants in a beach clean-up at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park. Joseph Harbaugh, Law Center dean, welcomed the new students by hosting dinner at his home for six enjoyable "dine with the dean" evenings. Each class section was given an opportunity to enjoy some fine fare while socializing informally with classmates, law faculty members, and senior administration.



INTERNATIONAL, ONLINE, and GRADUATE PROGRAMS FIRST DUAL-DEGREE GRADUATES



A native of Colombia, **Diana Abril** immigrated to the United States when she was 10 years old. Abril received her B.A. in political science and her certification in international relations with a minor in criminology from the University of Florida. She came to NSU on a full-tuition scholarship and was drawn to the dual-degree program between NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center and the University of Barcelona.

As a law student, she was an active member of the International Law Students Association (ILSA), the *ILSA Journal*, and the *International Citor*. Abril worked as an NSU law research assistant, then interned with Garrigues Abogados in Barcelona. Abril joined Carlton Fields in Miami as an associate in the firm's corporate securities, taxation, and asset-based financing practice group.

Manuel Perez-Leiva was born in Cuba and immigrated to the United States immediately after Fidel Castro took control of the island. At the NSU Law Center, he served as founding editor and team leader for the *International Citor* and research project, president of the Human Rights Law Association, and a finalist on the Jessup International Moot Court Team. Prior to attending NSU, Perez-Leiva earned a B.A. in sociology from Yale Uni-



versity. He also has more than 15 years of experience as a business development and sales executive. Perez-Leiva has held internship positions with the Mager Law Group, P.A., the Inter-American Center for Human Rights, and the law offices of Arvo and Associates in Costa Rica.

Marta Plana Dropez, a native of Barcelona, Spain, has studied in Spain, the United Kingdom, Belgium, and France. She was drawn to the prestigious dual-degree program between NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center and the University of Barcelona. Dropez fluently speaks Spanish, English, and her native language of Catalan. She also has a working knowledge of French. She has worked as an attorney with Baker and McKenzie in Barcelona, at the European Parliament in Brussels, and as an intern with UNESCO in Paris. Dropez was a founding member of the National Scientific Committee for the Observatory of the Penal System and Human Rights of the University of Barcelona and is a member of the Barcelona Bar Association. She joined Microsoft in the Legal and Corporate Affairs Department in Fort Lauderdale. ■

THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH LAW RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTE JULY 15-17

The Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) held its fourth Master of Science in Health Law (M.H.L.) degree residential institute July 15 to 17. Twenty-six students celebrated their completion of the rigorous, online, two-year program designed to educate nonlawyer health care professionals about health-related legal issues. The program is taught almost entirely over the Internet with the exception of three short residential sessions. Designed for working professionals, the M.H.L. program is designed

for full-time practitioners, administrators, military personnel, nurses, and leaders in the health care industry. ■

THE LAW CENTER'S DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA WAS FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2005 MIAMI HERALD.

Law graduates today need to be prepared to follow their clients. They have to be ready to practice law in different countries, cultures, and languages. Through our dual-degree programs, we prepare graduates to serve the legal needs of people around the world. For more information on our dual-degree programs, please contact the Law Center at (954) 262-6161. ■



Diverse Online Ranks the Law Center in Its Top Tier

The 2004 data recently released by *Diverse Online* (formerly *Black Issues in Higher Education*) once again ranks NSU Law Center in its first tier of law schools in regard to providing opportunities to enter the legal profession for members of racial and ethnic minorities. For information on the top 100 institutions in all academic categories, please visit www.diverseeducation.com/Top1009.asp#. ■



Class Chats with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr.

A pilgrimage to the U.S. Supreme Court has been a regular feature of NSU Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law Tim O'Brien's course in Constitutional Decisionmaking. O'Brien encourages all the students in his class to participate, but realizes that some students can't make the trip for a variety of reasons, and attendance is purely voluntary. Most students do make the trip, however; this year, six out of seven had the opportunity to attend a session of the Supreme Court on Monday, March 27. One brought his wife; two other NSU students not in the seminar were also allowed to join the group.

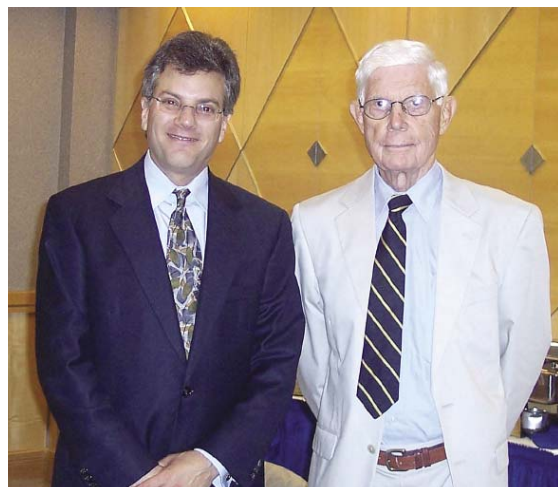
During their visit, the students heard the interesting case, *Beard v. Banks*. The issue in this case is whether prison officials may deny troublesome prison inmates access to newspapers and magazines. The lower court said that such a denial violates the inmates' First Amendment rights, rejecting the state's (Pennsylvania) contention that the restrictions had the beneficial effect of deterring prison misconduct and also served the state's legitimate interest in prison security.

O'Brien, former chief *ABC News* correspondent at the U.S. Supreme Court, arranged the visit with Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr. O'Brien commented, "We had a wide ranging discussion of ideas and Supreme Court advocacy. He was most cordial, answered all questions, and even gave up part of his lunch hour with the other Justices to be with us." O'Brien added, "...our students were spectacular. I wouldn't say they had the CJ on the ropes, but I was proud of them. It's a good class!"

In his course, O'Brien takes up the leading cases presently before the U.S. Supreme Court. Last term, for example, the class concentrated on the case of *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* in which the court is poised to decide whether George W. Bush has the authority, as commander-in-chief, to unilaterally create military tribunals to hear the cases of suspected enemy combatants. ■

2005 John B. Anderson/Goodwin Chair in Law

NSU Law welcomes visiting professor Richard H. Pildes as part of the John B. Anderson/Goodwin Chair in Law for 2005—Constitutionalization of American Politics



Richard H. Pildes, one of the nation's leading scholars of public law and a specialist in legal issues affecting democracy, visited the Law Center in October as part of the John B. Anderson/Goodwin Chair in Law for 2005—Constitutionalization of American Politics. Pildes is an engaging public intellectual and an active public-law litigator. He is widely considered one of the nation's leading experts on such topics as the Voting Rights Act, alternative voting systems, the history of disfranchisement in the U.S., and the general relationship between constitutional law and democratic politics in the design of democratic institutions. Respect for his expertise in these areas is reflected in frequent citations of his work in U.S. Supreme Court opinions, the publication of his work in several languages, and his frequent public lectures and appearances, including an Emmy nomination for his legal analysis during the 2000 presidential election litigation.

Pildes presented a round of interesting lectures to both faculty members and students during Anderson's Constitutional Decisionmaking Class, a faculty luncheon, and an early morning session with students dealing with the history of constitutional law and its impact on modern-day democracy. ■

NSU Law Center welcomed visiting professor Marc Rotenberg as part of the John B. Anderson/Goodwin Chair in Law for 2005

Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) in Washington, D.C., visited the Law Center on November 18 as part of the John B. Anderson/Goodwin Chair in Law for 2005. Rotenberg teaches information privacy law at Georgetown University Law Center and has testified before Congress on many issues, including access to information, encryption policy, computer security, and communications privacy. He has served on several national and international advisory panels, including the expert panels on Cryptography Policy and Computer Security for the OECD and the Legal Experts on Cyberspace Law for UNESCO. He is editor of *The Privacy Law Sourcebook* and coeditor (with Phil Agre) of *Technology and Privacy: The New Landscape*. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford Law School. He is the winner of the 2000 Norbert Wiener Award for Professional and Social Responsibility, the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology Distinguished Service Award, and a finalist for the World Technology Award in Law. ■



Student Bar Initiative Hosted Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court

The Student Bar Initiative (SBI) hosted the Honorable Barbara J. Pariente, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, on September 15. Pariente presented "Loving the Law: The Emotional Rewards of Lawyering." SBI, a new student organization formed for the purpose of raising the Law Center's bar exam passage rate, asked the Chief Justice to help initiate a new wave of motivation among NSU law students. ■



Farewell to Patricia Jason

Patricia Jason, associate dean of alumni relations, bid a fond farewell to her colleagues on May 24. After serving for more than 10 years at the Law Center in the Office of Career Development,

Office of Student Affairs, and the Office of Alumni and Development, Jason decided to take a "permanent vacation" and retire early to have more time to enjoy her family and many friends. Her alumni achievements were acknowledged with a brief ceremony at the Tower Club on May 22, and she was selected as Administrator of the Year at the 2006 NSU Student Life Achievement Awards, known by locals as the STUEYS. ■

Marilyn Eisler-Friedman named as Director of Alumni Affairs

Joseph Harbaugh, Law Center dean, is pleased to announce that Marilyn Eisler-Friedman is the new director of alumni affairs. Eisler-Friedman is a native New Yorker and grew up in the Catskills. After graduating high school in Port Jervis, New York, she attended SUNY Buffalo on a Regents scholarship,



earning a bachelor of arts, magna cum laude, in English and becoming a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She also holds a registry in Nuclear Medicine Technology from Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. Eisler-Friedman graduated from the NSU Law Center in 1986 and was admitted to The Florida Bar, the U.S. Southern District Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. After practicing in the tricounty legal community for many years, Eisler-Friedman returned to the NSU Law Center as a program coordinator/career counselor in the Career Development Office in 2002. She is a member of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL), and the Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade Bar Associations. She thoroughly enjoyed working with the law students and now looks forward to developing and organizing events and participating, along with her fellow alumni, in the Law Center's Alumni Affairs programs. ■

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Law Students prepare Compendium for The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Judicial Independence

Brooke Guenot '08, Tiffany Kolb '08, Robert Sheres '08, Michelle Jaffe '07, and Nicholas Lake '07, under the direction of Debra Moss Curtis, Law Center professor, prepared an update to the 2005 compendium covering current legislation, speeches, and articles about judicial independence. The information was presented to the Standing Committee as well as the outgoing and incoming Florida Bar presidents.

In addition, these students, along with Lundi McCarthy '07 and Abigail Marion '06, assisted in compiling a report on behalf of the education subcommittee surveying nationwide programs seeking to educate students, lawyers, and the public on the problem of the independent judiciary. This report was also distributed to the Standing Committee. ■

Message from the Dean



TURNAROUND: BAR PASSAGE PROGRESS

Many of you know that 75 percent of NSU Law Center graduates who took the Florida bar exam for the first time in July 2006 were successful—giving our institution a passage rate equaling the statewide average. This is a commendable turnaround from our previous bar exam results. Acknowledging our students' accomplishment, I want to share with you the story of what has caused the strengthened performance at the NSU Law Center.

Bar passage rates across the United States have dropped significantly in the past decade, from 74 percent (nationally) in 1994 to 64 percent in 2004. In the same period, the decline in first-time success in Florida exceeded the slide on the national level, from an 89 percent passage in July 1994 to 70 percent in 2004. NSU Law Center's July passing percentage dropped even more precipitously, from 88 percent in 1994 to 62 percent in 2004.

To address this issue, the NSU Law Center faculty responded decisively in two concrete ways and spearheaded the effort in another more subtle manner. First, the faculty raised the academic standards applied to students who entered the Law Center in 2004. The new rules require 1Ls to attain a minimum 1.70 GPA at the end of the first term and at least a 1.90 for the first year. Thereafter, students must maintain an overall 2.00 GPA and earn a minimum 2.00 for every semester. As a result of these more challenging standards, more than 40 1L students were academically dismissed in 2005 and 2006. An examination of the admission predictors of the dismissed students revealed that, as a group, their average LSAT scores and UGPAs mirrored the entering class.

The Law Center also created the Critical Skills Program (CSP), legal education's most intensive and extensive program of its kind. Taught by eight talented full-time critical skills instructors (CSIs) and led by Associate Dean Linda Harrison, CSP is designed to assist students in honing the essential legal skills of critical reading, thinking, and writing. In mandatory and optional non-credit classes throughout every year of law school, CSP reinforces skills through various hands-on activities including individual and small group sessions, interim exams, skills workshops, and writing labs. The highly qualified CSIs teach students how to study more effectively—guiding, stimulating, and monitoring students toward mastering skills central to success in law school and for passing the bar and practicing law. To better understand NSU's cutting-edge Critical Skills Program, visit www.nsulaw.nova.edu/csp.

These faculty efforts were based on a longitudinal bar passage study of the classes that entered the Law Center from 1993 through 2002. The research linked bar passage with a dozen variables including LSAT scores, UGPAs, 1L grades, graduation GPAs, age, gender, race, and academic division. Two powerful conclusions from the study dictated the faculty's actions: Students' final GPAs and their 1L GPAs were the most significant indicators of their bar passage rates, and three-quarters of NSU Law Center grads who failed the bar exam on the first effort had a 1L GPA below 2.60.

Less visible was the collective effort of the faculty to change the student perception of the bar exam. While it was not uncommon, Law Center administrators and professors found it surprising that many students admitted they planned to take the bar exam the first time "for practice." Through communication both in and outside of class, faculty members reinforced the CSP message that passing the exam the first time is an important academic, professional, and personal achievement.

While the new academic standards and the CSP haven't yet had the time to guide the Law Center toward reaching all of its goals, we have already seen positive changes. In July 2005, Florida's first-time passage rate dropped to 70 percent, yet NSU's success rose to 65 percent, reducing the gap from 13 points to only 5. This year, as Florida's rate bounced back five points to 75 percent, NSU's bar passage doubled Florida's gain, as we matched the statewide average.

The entire Law Center community is looking forward to increased success on the Florida bar exam. Almost every student in the class of 2007 who will sit for the exam next July will have been held to NSU Law Center's tougher academic standards and will have benefited from the full CSP program. Those who graduate in 2008 will leave having experienced the culmination of our efforts to better equip them to succeed in law school, on the bar exam, and in professional practice.

The faculty and administration of the NSU Law Center are determined to prepare our graduates to pass the Florida bar exam at or above the statewide average on a consistent basis. We owe it to our students and to you, NSU Law Center alumni. We intend to fulfill our obligations and would appreciate your thoughts and suggestions as we make strides toward better serving our students and the community at large.

Joe Harbaugh
Dean and Professor of Law



The Afghanistan Rule of Law Project Visit

The Law Center had the exceptional opportunity to host the Afghan Legal Educators Study Tour Program from February 4 through February 11, 2006. The program was sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Afghanistan Rule of Law Project. NSU was the first of three American law schools to host the 12 member delegation from Kabul. The other host schools include the Phoenix International School of Law and the University of Washington Law School. The NSU program was designed to help Afghan legal educators strengthen the system of legal education in their country. Participants discussed the current status of legal education and jurisprudence in Afghanistan and learned about the American model of legal education, including a law school's mission, curriculum and syllabus design; law school libraries; and participatory teaching methodologies. The program includes a variety of pedagogical tools, such as translated materials, a mock trial, roundtable discussions, and law library assignments.

The delegation included several deans and law professors from five Afghan universities. The delegation spoke Dari and was accompanied by three interpreters and a legal education expert from the Afghanistan Rule of Law Project. The members of the group were very impressed by the NSU campus and the people they met. Professor Steve Friedland chaired the event. Law Library Director Lisa Smith-Butler demonstrated the "smart" classroom, Dean Joseph Harbaugh presented information on clinical legal education, Associate Dean Patricia Jason explained the role of an associate dean, Professor Catherine Arcabascio discussed the Innocence Project, Professor Brion Blackwelder provided a tour of NSU Law's Clinic, and Professor Charlene Smith explained her position as an American law professor. Students Sabarish Neelakantaswamy, Jason Haber, Monica Pigna, Brian Miles, and Elisabeth Bird coordinated the mock trial in which both the Afghans and high school students from the at-risk students program at the Florida Ocean Sciences Institute participated (a most unusual trial!).

For more information about the Afghan Rule of Law Project, please visit the USAID Web site at www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/afghanistan/. ■

LIBRARY NEWS

LLTC Receives Excellence in Marketing Award from AALL

The Law Library and Technology Center received the Excellence in Marketing Award for Best Public Relations Toolkit from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The award was presented in San Antonio on July 17 during the AALL Awards Ceremony. ■

NSU Law Center Web site included in the Library of Congress Minerva Project

The United States Library of Congress has selected the NSU Law Center Web site for inclusion in the historic collection of Internet materials related to the Supreme Court. The Library of Congress preserves the nation's cultural artifacts and provides enduring access to them. The library's traditional functions—acquiring, cataloging, preserving, and serving collection materials of historical importance to the Congress and the American people to foster education and scholarship—extend to digital materials, including Web sites. The URL specifically selected is www.nsulaw.nova.edu/library. The Library of Congress will engage in the collection of content from the Web site at regular intervals. The Library will make this collection available to researchers on-site at library facilities. The library also wishes to make the collection available to off-site researchers by hosting the collection on the library's public access Web site. NSU Law Center and the University of Michigan Law School were the only law schools chosen for this project. Special congratulations go to Lisa Smith-Butler, assistant dean for the Law Library and Technology Center; Jason Rosenberg, Web developer; and LLTC professional staff members for their contributions to the content of this site. ■



CALI EVENT

From June 15 to 17, the Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Library and Technology Center hosted the 16th Annual CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) Conference. The theme, "Rip, Mix, and Learn," provided the opportunity for law professors, law librarians, and legal information technology staff to mix and mingle, sharing ideas for using new technologies effectively in the classroom as well as using technology to maintain current awareness and effectively and efficiently conduct research. Podcasting was a very popular topic, discussed in at least five of the sessions. Several NSU Law Center faculty members and librarians presented. Ron Brown, Michael Richmond, and Lisa Smith-Butler participated in a panel discussion about laptops in the classroom, while Joseph Grohman and Ron Brown presented a session on the use of gaming techniques to command the attention of GenX/Y law students. Robert Hudson, reference and instructional services librarian, discussed ways in which law students are using blogs to comment on the effectiveness of their law schools and their law libraries. CALI is a nonprofit consortium of law schools that researches and develops computer-mediated legal instruction and supports institutions and individuals using technology and distance learning in legal education. CALI was incorporated in 1982 and welcomes membership from law schools, paralegal programs, law firms, and individuals wishing to learn more about the law. Information about CALI, as well as links to the podcasts, video, and PowerPoints used in the presentations, can be found at www.cali.org/. ■





Minority Law Day

The Law Center was pleased to present Minority Law Day, sponsored by the Law School Admission Council as part of National Minority Law School Recruitment Month, on February 25, 2006. The day's activities began at 9:00 a.m. with a panel addressing the State of Black Families in South Florida, followed by a lunch sponsored by Access Group. The afternoon session was devoted to giving high school students, undergraduates, and other prospective law students the steps needed to attend law school. The entire day was free of charge, and more than 100 people attended. ■

Law Center Welcomed Carol Aina, Distinguished Visiting Caribbean Law Program Scholar

Carol Aina of the Norman Manley Law School was admitted to practice in England in 1988 and to the Jamaican Bar in 1995. Her primary area of practice is commercial litigation. Aina also has a specialty practice in family law. ■



Pro Bono Honor Program Provides More Than 11,600 Hours to the Community

The Law Center recently honored the class of 2006 for their outstanding participation in the Pro Bono Honor Program. In the class of 2006, 11 graduates completed more than 300 hours of service, 28 graduates completed 125 to 299 hours of service, and 39 graduates completed from 50 to 124 hours of service providing, in total, more than 11,600 hours of pro bono service to the community. The goals of the Pro Bono Honor Program are to educate students in the role of public service attorneys, make students aware of critically unmet needs in their communities, assist agencies in trying to meet these needs, and build a tradition of pro bono work that will accompany students into their professional careers. ■

Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Raised \$11,300 at the Annual Auction

The Public Interest Law Society hosted the 13th Annual Public Interest Law Society Auction on February 10. Because of the generosity of faculty members, students, alumni, and friends, this year's proceeds exceeded the money raised in former years. PILS generated more than \$11,300 to support student fellowships for Public Interest work in the community during the summer. ■

Public Interest Law Day

The Law Center hosted the 14th annual Public Interest Law Day on February 16 to give students an opportunity to meet those who work in the public sector. More than 30 organizations were represented. We are especially grateful to the following alumni representing the employers who joined us for this event: Heather Baxter '00—Judicial Staff Attorney, 17th Circuit; Mertella Burriss '99—Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Homeless Legal Rights Project; Wayne Clark '04—Judicial Staff Attorney, 17th Circuit; Susan Porter '81—Public Defender's Office, 17th Circuit; Maria Harris '95—Domestic Violence Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, 11th Circuit; Robert Hartsell '03—Everglades Law Center; Barbara Mitchell '78—State Attorney's Office, 17th Circuit; Charmaine Santiago '04—Guardian Ad Litem, 17th Circuit; and Robert Scott Walker '84—Fort Lauderdale City Prosecutor. ■

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

SIGN UP TO BE A MENTOR

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NSU Law Center was featured in the publication *Law Office Computing*, June/July 2006, in its article "Plugged In—Magazine Names Most Wired U.S. Law Schools." The article highlights our Enterasys wireless network, off-site access, and courses focused on the use of technology in the practice of law.



Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Winner

David W. Singer received the distinguished alumni achievement award at this year's Celebration of Excellence. A native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, Singer is admitted to practice in Florida, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and the Federal Trial Bar of the District. He and his firm have successfully represented thousands of accident victims over the years. He has appeared on local and national public service talk shows and radio programs, and participated in the public television show *The Jury Box*. When not practicing law, Singer works for important community charities. He has been a longtime chairman of the American Cancer Society's "Jail and Bail," and has served as president of the South Broward Unit. He is a founding board member of the professional Lions Club of Hollywood, and a board member of the Jewish Federation of Broward and the Jewish National Fund. He is active in the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Singer is married to Sharon J. Glazer, a health care attorney, and has two children. ■



Tim Arcaro



Debra Curtis



Judith Karp

Dean Harbaugh is pleased to announce the following law faculty member promotions, effective July 2006: Tim Arcaro to full professor, Debra Curtis to associate professor, and Judith Karp to full professor.

Professor Stephanie Aleong appeared on ABC's *World News Tonight* for a discussion on counterfeit drugs. Professor Aleong's opinion editorial, "Honor System for Drugs Doesn't Work," was published in the Fort Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel*. Professor Aleong testified before the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee opposing SB 926, which would weaken the requirements of pharmaceutical wholesalers to document from whom they buy their medicine and to whom they distribute their medicine. She participated on a panel at the *Sun-Sentinel* addressing the need to maintain the 2003 amendments to Chapter 499 of Florida's Statutes, the Florida Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. On May 6, Professor Aleong presented "The Politics of Safe Medicine" at the 17th Annual Contemporary Pharmacy Issues Conference, held at the NSU College of Pharmacy. She was quoted in the *Miami Herald*, *Sun-Sentinel*, *St. Petersburg Times*, and the *Monterrey Herald*.

Professor Tim Arcaro presented "Discovery from Third Parties" at the Basic Discovery CLE presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Young Lawyers Division in May. Professor Arcaro testified in support of a bill that would enhance the opportunities for children in foster care to find permanency through adoption by gay foster parents. He delivered an eight-hour presentation on "International Child Custody/Access and Abduction Cases under the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction." Professor Arcaro authored the chapter titled "Adoption" in the *Adoption, Paternity, and Other Florida Family Practice* CLE publication from The Florida Bar.

Adjunct Professor Roshawn Banks is serving as an officer in the T. J. Reddick Bar Association.

Professor Cynthia Bulan's article, "A Small Question in the Big Statute: Does Section 402 of Sarbanes-Oxley Prohibit Defense Advancements?" has been published in the *Creighton Law Review*, vol. 39, no. 2.

Professor Kathy Cerminara moderated a panel discussion titled "The Schiavo Case: Interdisciplinary Perspectives" in February.

Professor Anthony Chase presented his research on communications theory and American law in the Great Hall of the Royal Tropical Institute, the University of Amsterdam, in November 2005. His essay on Ramsey Clark, a prominent defense attorney in the trial of Saddam Hussein, will appear in a new encyclopedia of civil liberties. His article, "The Real French Constitution," will be published in the *Nova Law Review*. He presented "The Restoration of Capitalism and the Rule of Law in China" at the International Conference on Industrial Organization, Law, and Economics held in Athens, Greece, in June. Professor Chase has been invited to contribute an essay to a forthcoming volume on Marxism and International Law to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2007. Professor Chase has accepted an invitation from David Weisstub, Professor of Law and Psychiatry at the University of Montreal, and President of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, to

chair a panel at the 30th International Conference on Law and Mental Health at the University of Padua in Padua, Italy, in June 2007.

Professor Jane E. Cross helped to coordinate Minority Law Day at NSU Law Center on February 25, 2006. The topic for this event was the "State of the Black Family in South Florida." This year, Professor Cross drafted the Interview Problem for the Caribbean Regional Interview Competition held in March 2006 for the three Council of Legal Education (CLE) Caribbean law schools. In addition, she coordinated a conference entitled Trade and Legal Aid: Tools for Economic Development and Independence. This conference took place in Nassau, Bahamas, July 6-8, 2006. Professor Cross served as moderator for a Young Scholars' Workshop at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting on July 18, 2006. Finally, Professor Cross has finalized and submitted for consideration by the CLE law schools a draft proposal for a Dual Education Program with the CLE Law Schools in the Caribbean and NSU Law Center.

Professor Debra Curtis's essay, "Domestic Violence and the Lawyers as Good Samaritans: What Responsibility to Become Involved?" was accepted for publication by the *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy* for fall publication. Professor Curtis was appointed as vice-chair of The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Judicial Independence for the upcoming bar year. Her article, co-authored by Professor Judith Karp and published in 2005, on critical reading was cited at 39 *Akron L. Rev.* 151 and 5 *App. L. Rev.* 127. In March, Professor Curtis presented "Everything I Needed to Know about Separation of Powers I (Should Have) Learned in Third Grade: A Threat to the Independent Judiciary" to 100 lawyers, law students, and future law students at Tufts University Law Day in Boston. She was awarded the second annual Tufts Lawyers Association Service Award for having created extensive educational programming for both prelaw students and alumni at the university. She conducted National Law Day activities at Water's Edge Elementary School in Boca Raton in May. June 2-3, Professor Curtis presented "The Ethics of Teaching" at the conference on Inspiring Students and Facilitating Learning hosted at Chicago-Kent Law School in Chicago. The article on which the presentation is based will appear in the upcoming issue (May 2006, past due) of the *Brigham Young Law and Education Journal*. On June 17, she co-presented, with Adjunct Professor, the Honorable Jane Fishman, the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator at the annual retreat of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners in Ponte Vedra, Florida. The presentation included administering the MBTI to the board, explaining its history and structure, and applying it to learning styles and team building for their own use. At The Florida Bar Annual Meeting, she presented two projects to the Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, of which she was appointed vice-chair. The first was a 2006 update to the judicial compendium project completed June 2005 for the bar, which includes legislation, speeches and other media materials, and articles relating to judicial independence. The second project was the education subcommittee report on resources available

and projects completed for the education of students, the public, and lawyers about judicial independence.

Professor Michael Dale taught in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Program in May and the NITA Hofstra Law School Child Advocacy Program in June. He was the lead instructor at another NITA Representing Children program at the University of Houston Law School. Professor Dale and Professor Michael Flynn chaired two NITA training programs at the NSU Law Center—Domestic Violence (January 3-5) and Representing Children (January 5-7). In January, he also attended a by invitation only conference entitled "Representing Children in Families: Children's Advocacy and Justice Ten Years After Fordham" at the University of Nevada Law School. He updated his chapter on "Representing Parties in Dependency Proceedings" in The Florida Bar CLE publication, *Juvenile Court Practice*. A section of Chapter 7 on Competency of the Child Witness from his two volume Matthew Bender text, *Representing the Child Client*, was published as the lead article in the *Minnesota Family Law Journal*.

Professor Mark Dobson was quoted in the *ABA Journal and eReport*.

Professor Michael Flynn was selected to give the faculty address at the Commencement Ceremony by the class of 2006. He and Professor Michael Dale chaired two NITA training programs at the NSU Law Center—Domestic Violence (January 3-5) and Representing Children (January 5-7).

Professor Richard Grosso, director, Everglades Law Center, Inc., was recognized as one of the Year 2005's Most Effective Lawyers by the *South Florida Daily Business Review* in the environmental category.

Scholar-in-Residence Gwen Handelman authored the *Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) 2005 Annual Report*.

Dean Joseph Harbaugh was quoted in the *Sun-Sentinel*. Dean Harbaugh was quoted and pictured in the January 30 issue of *The National Law Journal*.

Adjunct Professor, the Honorable Cynthia G. Imperato of the 17th Judicial Circuit participated in a training session for the chairpersons of the Judicial Nominating Commissions statewide. Judge Imperato was honored by the United Jewish Community of Broward County.

Professor Bob Jarvis was quoted in the *Miami Herald*, *Of Counsel*, *Daily Business Review*, *the Associated Press*, *Orange County Register*, *Sun-Sentinel*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *the Palm Beach Post*, *The Gazette (CO)*, *Daily Breeze (CA)*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *DFW.com (TX)*, *Times Free Press (TN)*, *News OK*, *Independent (OH)*, *Canton Repository (OH)*, *Times Reporter (OH)*, *Columbia Missourian (MO)*, *SeMissourian.com*, *Star Exponent (VA)*, *Summerville Journal Scene*, *Alton Telegraph (IL)*, *Providence Journal (RI)*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Times Dispatch (VA)*, *Stafford County Sun (VA)*, *Springfield Journal-Record (IL)*, *Portales News Times (NM)*, *Opelika Auburn News (AL)*, *News Virginian*, *News Advance (VA)*, *Clovis News (NM)*, *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, *Morning News (SC)*, *Daily Progress (VA)*, and *the Register Bee (VA)*. His case note on *Northern Insurance Company of New York v. Chatham County, GA* has been published. The cite is: "Not an Arm, But Maybe a Leg: Residual Sovereign Immunity in Maritime Cases," 5 *Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases* 232 (February 21, 2006). His article on Rule B maritime attachments is cited in a new case: *Erne Shipping, Inc. v. HBC Hamburg Bulk Carriers GmbH & Co. KG*, 409 F. Supp. 2d 427 (S.D.N.Y. 2006). He was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Gaming Law Review*, the leading law review on gaming and gambling law. A favorable review of his admiralty casebook by New York maritime attorney Michel Marks Cohen can be found at 36 *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce* 563 (2005).

Adjunct Professor Barbara Landau presented “Current Issues in Drafting Charitable Trusts” at the “How to Draft Trusts in 2005: Yes, You Still Have a Job” CLE presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section.



Adjunct Professor Diana Santa Maria was elected as an officer for the Broward County Bar Association 2006.

Professor Jani Maurer presented “Probate Code Overview” at the 2006 Wills, Trusts, and Estates Certification Review Course CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section in April.

Emeritus Professor Howard Messing was awarded the prestigious Ernest J. Olgati Award by the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA). This lifetime achievement award in the field of pretrial services was presented at the NAPSA conference in Houston, Texas.

Professor Joel Mintz’s law review article “Some Thoughts on the Interdisciplinary Aspects of Environmental Enforcement” was accepted to be the lead article in the July 2006 issue of the *Environmental Law Reporter*. At the invitation of the Board of the Center for Progressive Reform (CPR), an organization based in Washington, D.C., he co-authored with Professor Clifford Rechtschaffen of Golden Gate University Law School, a “perspective piece” that sets forth the policy preference of the CPR regarding issues of environmental enforcement. He also wrote a critique of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the CPR, which was published on their Web site mid-summer at www.progressivereform.com. Professor Mintz accepted an invitation to write a law review article on interdisciplinary aspects of environmental enforcement for the 25th anniversary issue of the *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*. His article, “Treading Water: A Preliminary Assessment of EPA Enforcement During the Bush II Administration,” 34 *Env’tl. L. Rptr.* 10912 (October 2004) was cited repeatedly in Robert H. Cutting, Lawrence B. Cahoon, and Ryan B. Leggette, “Enforcement Data: A Tool for Environmental Management,” 35 *Env’tl. L. Rptr.* 10060 (January 2006). He accepted an offer from the Center for Progressive Reform’s board to chair the Center’s Scholars Group on Corporate Accountability. He was quoted in the *Miami Herald*.

Associate Dean Gail Richmond is the Supervising Editor for the ABA Tax Section *NewsQuarterly*. At the ABA Associate Deans’ Conference in Ingle-

wood, Colorado, in June, Dean Richmond was a facilitator for a session of “Day in the Life of an Associate Dean.”

Professor Michael Richmond is a diversity trainer for The Florida Bar’s Professionalism Center.

Professor Eloisa Rodriguez-Dod was asked by Wachovia Bank to review, edit, and update an incomplete initial draft of the Florida supplement for their new *Wills & Trusts Manual*. The vice president of estate planning/document review, Wachovia Trust Company, contacted her after reading her article, “Estates & Trusts: 2001 Survey of Florida Law,” 26 *Nova. L. Rev.* 37 (2001), while researching Florida law. Her article, “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds’—Airline Liability for Checked-In Jewelry,” was abstracted in *Gems & Gemology*, the quarterly journal of the Gemological Institute of America. Professor Rodriguez-Dod’s article “RESPA—Questioning its Effectiveness” was cited in Christopher L. Peterson’s “Federalism and Predatory Lending: Unmasking the Deregulatory Agency,” 37 *Temple L. Rev.* 1 (2005) and in Cris de la Torre and Christine A. McClatchey’s “Psst—Hey Buddy, Want to Buy a Mortgage?; A Primer for Financial Planners.”

Professor Bruce Rogow participated in panels on “Oral Argument” and “Briefs in Support and in Opposition to Requests for Discretionary Review” at the “Practicing Before the Supreme Court” CLE presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Government Lawyer Section in June. He presented “Loving the Law and Loving God Under the 1st Amendment” at the “For Your Eyes Only: Public Access v. Private Rights” seminar sponsored by The Collier County Bar Association in Naples, Florida. He facilitated “Discussion with Arguing Attorneys” and moderated the “Panel on Oral Argument” at the “Practicing Before the Florida Supreme Court” CLE presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Government Lawyer Section.

Professor Marc Rohr was quoted in the *Sun-Sentinel*.

Adjunct Professor Jon Rosenthal, of Malman, Malman & Rosenthal in Hollywood, was appointed by Queen Margrethe II as Consul of Denmark.



Professor John Sanchez’s 2005 update of his book, *State and Local Government Employment Liability* was recently published by West.

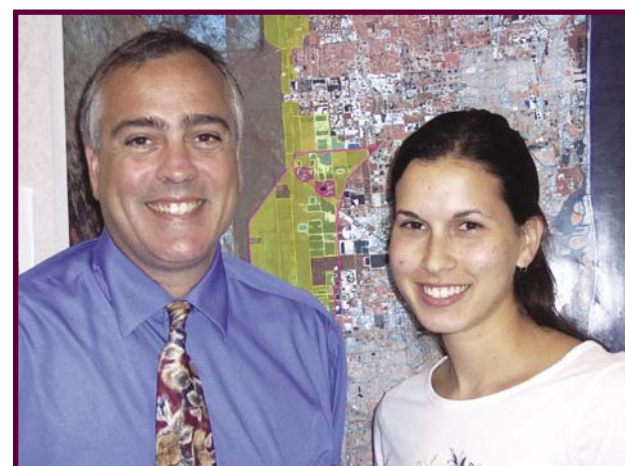
Professor Florence Shu-Acquaye was one of 15 law professors officially recognized by the Catalan Government as a member of the Research Group on Corporate Governance, an international and multidisciplinary research group acknowledged and financed by the University Department of the Government of

Catalonia, headed by Daniel Vazquez Albert, professor of commercial law of the University of Barcelona. An abstract of her article, *Smith v. Van Gorkem Revisited: Lessons Learned in Light of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*, was posted in *Bowne Digest for Corporate & Securities Lawyers*, (November 2005). This article was also cited by *BNA Corporate Practice Series No. 1-4, Biography* (2005).

Lisa Smith-Butler participated in a panel discussion on technology, trends, and ethics in the legal profession at the American Association of Law Libraries Conference.



Professor Jim Wilets and his testimony on behalf of asylum applicants were featured in the *Miami Herald* in January.



Everglades Law Center, Inc.

“First, the nonprofit law firm that I direct and which operates in our in-house clinic has changed its name to the Everglades Law Center, Inc., a change we believe will reflect the nature of our substantive mission—protecting and restoring the ecological future of the Florida Everglades and Keys—while increasing our name recognition and profile nationally—and indeed—worldwide. We think it will help attract law students from across the country who desire to work on the important, high profile issues with which we are involved.

“Next, the Everglades Law Center has begun a fellowship program and has appointed, as our inaugural fellow, 2006 NSU Law Center graduate Jennifer Tuby, who I expect many of you will remember fondly. She will be working directly with me in my office and will help run the clinic and expand and execute our overall program.”

Richard Grosso, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Everglades Law Center, Inc.

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NSU Law Center Honors Judges and Magistrates of Broward County

Judges and magistrates of Broward County were honored by NSU Law Center alumni at the Tower Club on May 22, 2006. Special thanks go to sponsor Greenspoon Marder for their generous donation. ■



NSU Law Center Honors John Mitchell Stewart '97

Dean Joseph D. Harbaugh and the faculty of the Shepard Broad Law Center hosted the annual Alumni and Friends Reception, honoring John Mitchell Stewart '97, incoming president of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. The event was held June 22 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club and was enjoyed by all. ■



Alumni Network at The Park Sports Club

Alumni celebrated at The Park Sports Club located at the new Seminole Paradise Center at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on March 2, 2006. This event was made possible through the generous donations of Mellon United Bank. ■



Palm Beach Alumni Chapter Holiday Party

The Palm Beach Alumni Chapter enjoyed good fellowship with chapter members on December 13 at Mellon United Bank. In the spirit of holiday giving, books were collected for children and teens. The celebration was a collaborative effort with the Palm Beach County Bar Association Literacy Committee for the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition to promote and support literacy education. ■



Tampa Bay Reception

The class of 2006 and Tampa area alumni joined Joseph Harbaugh at a casual gathering on July 26. It turned out to be a great destresser for recent graduates after the rigorous two-day bar exam. To participate in the Tampa alumni chapter, contact Dawn Meyers at myers_d@sao13th.com. ■



Palm Beach Honors NSU Members of the Judiciary

At a dinner on April 25, the Palm Beach County Law Alumni Chapter honored members of the judiciary and magistrates in Palm Beach County who are NSU graduates. Seated from the left are Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge Melanie May '81; Magistrate Shelley M. Punancy '86; Circuit Judge Lucy Brown '82; Magistrate Diane Kirigin '84; Circuit Judge Karen Miller '87; and Magistrate Mary D'Ambrosio '89. Standing from the left are NSU Law School Dean Joseph Harbaugh; Chief Administrative Hearing Officer Howard Milchman '85; Retired Circuit Judge Howard Berman '77; Circuit Judge Charles Burton '84; Circuit Judge Jeff Colbath '82; County Judge Mark Eissey '88; Eurnice Tall Baros '80, NSU Alumni Palm Beach Chapter President; and Johanna Rivers '00, secretary. Not pictured are Circuit Judge Amy S. Smith '87; County Judge Jim Marty '95; and Magistrate Judette Fanelli '85. ■

1977



Michael H. Olenick, Carlton Fields Tallahassee Shareholder, is the recipient of The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Advocate of the Year Award. For several years, he has worked closely with The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) on clemency cases to obtain justice for battered women behind bars. Olenick is a

certified mediator who practices in the firm's Government Consulting, and Land Use and Environmental Law Practice groups.

1978

James A. Herb presented the "Introduction" and "Joint Tenancies, Tenancies by the Entireties, and Totten Trusts" as program chair of the 2006 Wills, Trusts, and Estates Certification Review Course CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section in April.

1979

Karen Amlong participated on a panel discussing "What Does the Future Hold for Labor and Employment Law Practice?" at the Advanced Labor Topics CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Labor and Employment Law Section.

Rafael E. Suarez-Rivas of Miami presented the "What You Need to Know about Public Records and Open Meeting Laws" at a legal seminar in Miami.

1980

John Banister joined Rutherford Mulhall in Palm Beach Gardens. Banister concentrates in the areas of residential and commercial real estate transactions, civil and probate litigation, estate administration, and corporate law.

Michele Kane Cummings was reappointed to a second three-year term as a Florida Supreme Court designated director of The Florida Bar Foundation's board of directors. In addition to her J.D. degree, she holds a master's degree in counseling from Barry University. She is a member of The Florida Bar, American Bar Association, Broward County Bar, South Palm Beach County Bar, Broward County Trial Lawyers, and Broward County Women Lawyers. She serves on the Foundation's Executive, Budget and Finance, and Grant Program committees, and chairs the Administration of Justice Grant Committee.

Ronald P. Glantz of Glantz & Glantz of Plantation spoke about Financial and Practice Management Issues for Legal Plan Providers at the American Prepaid Legal Services Institute 2006 Annual Conference on Prepaid Legal Services in Chicago.

Leslie Langbein co-chaired "Introductory Remarks" at the Employment/Discrimination Law Litigation Strategies CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Labor and Employment Law Section.

Michael Olexa co-authored the article "Rethinking the Application of Contingency Risk Multipliers in Fee Awards Should Florida Courts Recede from Quansstrom?" that appeared in the October issue of *The Florida Bar Journal*.

1981

Amanda Nye has joined Greenberg Traurig's intellectual property practice as counsel in the Los Angeles office. Nye was previously with the Atlanta office of King & Spalding.

1983

Ted Galatis, Jr., is a director of the Broward County Bar Association.

1984

Honorable Charles (Chuck) Burton has been elevated to the circuit court by Governor Bush and was featured in the *West Palm Beach Post*.

Anthony Carriuolo of Berger Singerman spoke at a Florida Eminent Domain Practice and Current Issues seminar. Carriuolo discussed current law and interpretation of Florida eminent domain.

Honorable Robert F. Diaz attended a seminar on judicial reasoning at the American Academy of Judicial Education. Judge Diaz's attendance was supported by a scholarship awarded by the State Justice Institute.

Honorable Renee Goldenberg has written a two-volume book, *Florida Family Law and Practice*, published by James Publishing, Inc.

Randee Golder served on the editorial advisory board for *Federal Criminal Practice* published by James Publishing.

Diane Kirigin presented "The Future of Alimony and Child Support" at the Child Support and Alimony: Investigating the Numbers CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Family Law Section.

Marie Lefere of Holland & Knight's Fort Lauderdale office was the recipient of its Tillie Kidd Fowler Leadership Award, which honors an individual who demonstrates high standards and commitment to excellence.

Bernard T. Moyle is COO/CFO of Vantage Hospitality Group, Inc. Vantage manages resources in hotel ownership, management, marketing, national brand affiliation, and real estate and was recently recognized by *Inc 500* magazine as one of America's Fastest Growing Private Companies.

Christopher M. Neilson is secretary/treasurer of the Broward County Bar Association.

Valerie Shea of Gordon, Hargrove was named Southeast regional director of DRI—The Voice of the Defense Bar, in Chicago.

Barbara Sunshine of Plantation has been installed as chair of the Legal Aid Society of South Florida, and is president-elect of the Broward County Bar Association. Sunshine is a sole practitioner specializing in real property, probate, guardianship, and estate planning.

1985

Thomas J. Baird, North Palm Beach, was appointed to the board of directors of Third Federal Savings and Loan.

Melinda Gentile was recognized on the list of "Newly Board Certified Florida Lawyers—Construction Law," published in the September 2005 issue of *The Florida Bar News*.

Janet T. Munn joined the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen as a partner in the firm's litigation department.

1986

Michael Celeste presented "Doing Discovery in the Context of Fraud—What is a Misrepresentation? A Practical and Ethical Application" at The Florida Bar CLE "Workers' Compensation: Unconventional Options Under the New Law and Alternative Causes of Action" on May 13, in Orlando.

Ira Coleman was part of a panel discussing boutique medicine at the fourth annual conference entitled "A Glimpse of the Future of Health Care in America," sponsored by NSU Health Professions Division. Coleman also presented "Physician Hospital Joint Ventures" for the 2005 Health Law Certification Review Course.

Jeffrey Jacobs of Miami presented the "Introductory Remarks" at The Florida Workers' Compensation Forum CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Workers' Compensation Section. Jacobs also conducted a seminar and participated in a panel discussion, "A Debate: What Does Major Contributing Cause Mean Under the New Statute?" addressing changes to the Workers Compensation Statute, held in Orlando.

Mary S. Lingerfeldt joined GrayRobinson in Fort Lauderdale as a shareholder. Lingerfeldt is a civil trial lawyer and concentrates her practice in medical malpractice defense litigation and health care law.

Bradley W. Rossway, a founding member of the law firm of Rossway Morre & Taylor, PLC, in Vero Beach, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Indian River Memorial Hospital.

Honorable Leslie Rothenberg, Third District Court of Appeal, served as a program faculty member for "Successful Appellate Advocacy," presented July 20–22 in Tampa. Rothenberg serves as a member of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar.

Leslie Schreiber is an Appellate Practitioner in Coral Gables.

Joel M. Silvershein authored the chapter titled "Delinquency Proceedings From Petition to Adjudicatory Hearing" in the *Florida Juvenile Law and Practice* CLE Publication of The Florida Bar.

Lee Alan Weintraub, Fort Lauderdale, was recognized on the list of "Newly Board Certified Florida Lawyers—Construction Law," in the September 2005 issue of *The Florida Bar News*.

1987

Lorna E. Brown-Burton served on the committee for the Fourth Annual for the Public Good Event, sponsored by the Legal Aid Service of Broward County. The proceeds of the benefit were donated to Legal Aid's Children Advocacy Project.

Dale A. Bruschi was named partner in the law firm of Ruden McClosky.



Yeuh-Mei Kim Nutter has been certified by the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of The Florida Bar as a specialist in marital and family law. She is a partner in the Florida office of Hudgson Russ, LLP, and leads the firm's Florida Marital and Family Law Practice Group.

Honorable Amy L. Smith, Florida Bar Board of Governors member, was recently elected to the circuit bench in the 15th Circuit.

1989

General Magistrate Brenda Diloia is a member of the board of directors of the Broward County Bar Association.

Georgette Sosa Douglass was recently appointed to the Broward Community College District Board of Trustees by Governor Jeb Bush. A native of Panama, she is in solo practice.

Joseph M. Goldstein was appointed by the city of Plantation to its Planning and Zoning Board. Goldstein, a resident of Plantation and a partner in Shutts & Bowen, LLP, Fort Lauderdale, practices in the area of business law litigation with an emphasis on government contracts. Goldstein has been a part-time hearing officer for Broward County, presiding over bid protests and debarment hearings under the Broward County Procurement Code, and is the Florida state co-chair for the American Bar Association's Section of Public Contract Law, State and Local Contracting Division. He is Florida Bar Board Certified in business litigation. In addition to his J.D., he holds an LL.M. in tax law from Georgetown University.



G. Mark Shalloway of Shalloway & Shalloway has been appointed vice president of the board of directors of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

1990

David Barclay is senior vice president and general counsel of Republic Services, Inc.

Carlos A. Lacasa of Ruden McClosky in Miami was appointed to a four-year term on the Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority by Governor Jeb Bush.



Daniel Santaniello was recognized on the list of "Newly Board Certified Florida Lawyers—Civil Trial Practice," in the September issue of *The Florida Bar News*. Santaniello is the founding/managing partner and CEO of Luks, Santaniello, Perez, Petrillo & Gold, with 25 attorneys and offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Tampa, Orlando, and Jacksonville.

Luks, Santaniello employs 14 NSU Law graduates and practices in corporate and insurance defense. NSU graduates also manage the firm's five Florida Offices. Santaniello has received Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards. Visit www.ls-law.com.

Robert Sturgess authored the article titled "The 'Loss of Chance' Doctrine of Damages for Breach of Contract" that appeared in the October issue of *The Florida Bar Journal*.

1991

Margaret Heseford specializes in commercial litigation, federal court litigation, and general tort litigation with The Florida Mediation Group.

Arlene Lakin presented "Update on Medicaid for the Developmentally Disabled," at the 10th Annual Public Benefits CLE presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Elder Law Section, in April.

Robin Sobo Moselle served on the committee for the Fourth Annual for the Public Good Event sponsored by the Legal Aid Service of Broward County. The proceeds of the benefit were donated to Legal Aid's Children Advocacy Project.

Beverly Pohl is partner and chair of the Appellate Practice Group of Broad and Cassel. She is a board certified appellate attorney listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. She was formerly associated with appellate attorney and Law Center professor Bruce Rogow. She presented "Perfecting an Appeal" at the Basic Appellate Practice CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Young Lawyers Division.

Debra Johnes Riva has worked in the State Attorney's office for 15 years. She was profiled in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* on December 1, 2005, in the story "Prosecutor Brings Personal Quest for Justice to Death Penalty Cases."

Claudia J. Willis authored the "Overview" chapter in the *Drafting Marriage Contracts in Florida* CLE publication of The Florida Bar.

1992

Gregory Chaires served on the nominating committee of the Health Law Section of The Florida Bar.

Sherril Colombo joined Cozen O'Connor's Miami office and practices commercial litigation and labor and employment law. She also co-chaired "Introductory Remarks" at the Employment/Discrimination Law Litigation Strategies CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Labor and Employment Law Section.

1993

Timothy Dunbrack presented "Attorney Fees and Costs from a Claimant and Defense Perspective" at the Workers' Compensation: Unconventional Options Under the New Law and Alternative Causes of Action CLE sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Workers' Compensation Section.



Juliette E. Lippman, a partner with Brinkley, McNeerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum, LLP, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Unicorn Children's Foundation. Lippman concentrates her practice in the areas of marital and family law and civil rights for people with disabilities. She is a member of the Executive Council of the Broward County

Family Law Section of The Florida Bar and is Chairman of the Broward County Bar Association Grievance Committee "J." She is also a member of the American Bar Association and Broward County Women Lawyers' Association. Lippman serves as a board member for the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center and is a member of the Stephen R. Booher American Inns of Court.

David J. Valdini was recognized on the list of "Newly Board Certified Florida Lawyers—Construction Law," in the September issue of *The Florida Bar News*. He presented "Oversight and Document Review" and participated in "Ethics Skit—Contract Negotiation" at the 2006 Construction Law Certification Review Course sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section.

1994

Joseph Emas authored "Adjudicatory Hearing in Dependency Cases" in the *Florida Juvenile Law and Practice* CLE publication of The Florida Bar.

Samantha Jean Fitzgerald was named a shareholder of Fowler White Burnett in Miami.

Edwina V. Kessler is an officer of the Broward County Bar Association.

Scott M. Solkoff, an elder law attorney with Florida offices in Boynton Beach, Miami, and Aventura, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate



Legal Education Committee and the Elder Law Section in April. Solkoff co-authored the chapter "Public and Private Assistance" in *The Florida Bar Florida Guardianship Practice* (5th ed. 2005) CLE publication.

1995

Andrew Alitowski became a partner at Wedderburn, Jacobs & Alitowski. The new firm concentrates on personal injury, criminal, commercial, employment matters, and real estate litigation.

Karen Doering received the Allan H. Terl Award for Excellence in Advocacy on Behalf of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. The award is given by the Public Interest Law Section of The Florida Bar.

Adam S. Goldberg, a partner in the Weston law firm Krause & Goldberg, has been named to the national board of directors of the American Lung Association. Goldberg has served on the local south area board since 1998, currently holding the office of president, and has served three years as a member of the American Lung Association of Florida. He is also an adjunct professor at NSU Law Center.

H. Jacey Kaps of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell was in the 120th anniversary commemorative court session for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Adam Charles Linkhorst, Palm Beach Gardens, was recognized on the list of "Newly Board Certified Florida Lawyers—Construction Law" in the September 2005 issue of *The Florida Bar News*.

Helen L. Miranda is a managing member of Josephs Jack Trial & Appellate Lawyers in Miami.

Ari A. Porth served on the committee for the Fourth Annual for the Public Good Event sponsored by the Legal Aid Service of Broward County. The proceeds of the benefit were donated to Legal Aid's Children Advocacy Project.

1996

Warren B. Kwavnick has become a partner with the firm Cooney, Mattson, Lance, Blackburn, Richards & O'Connor, P.A., and will be practicing in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office.

Ann Burke Spalding has become a shareholder in Gunster Yoakley. She practices in the litigation department at the Fort Lauderdale office.

Honorable Catalina Zuluaga-Avalos was appointed to the position of Broward County judge by Governor Jeb Bush. Colombia native Zuluaga-Avalos, a Pembroke Pines resident, has long been a vocal advocate of placing Hispanics in prominent government positions. She is an adjunct professor at Broward Community College and past president of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association.

Alexis M. Yarbrough of Tripp Scott was selected to participate in the Tillie Fowler Excellence in Public Service Series.

1997

Tim Benter is vice president and associate general counsel with Republic Services, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale.

Nancy Ciampa was promoted to shareholder of Carlton Fields.

Bonnie A. Navin joined Stearns Weaver Miller in Fort Lauderdale as an associate in its litigation department.



Rjon Robins has started a new newsletter titled *How to Make it Rain this Week—Helping Small Law Firms Make a Lot More Money*. You can subscribe to this free email newsletter at www.howtomakeitrain.com.

Kristin A. West has relocated her practice in Fort Lauderdale. The firm concentrates on marital and family law.

1998

Honorable Anne Castro was elected mayor of Dania Beach.

Steve Dedmon is an assistant professor at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, teaching law-related courses.

Troy A. Kishbaugh, a shareholder with GrayRobinson, P.A., Health Care Law Department, was a faculty participant for the American Bar Association CLE Teleconference "The End of the HIPAA Contingency Plan: What it Means for the Health Care Industry" on September 28, 2005. He will serve as secretary for the 2006–2007 term of The Florida Bar's Health Law Section.

Patrick Krechowski has joined Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. where he focuses his practice on environmental and land use law, coastal construction law, and counseling clients in all aspects of environmental resource and consumptive use permitting, water use, and compliance issues. Krechowski was formerly with the St. John's River Water Management District, where he held the position of assistant general counsel. He is a member of The Florida Bar, Environmental and Land Use Law Section and the Administrative Law Section, the Jacksonville Bar Association, the First Coast Manufacturers Association, and the St. Augustine Historical Society. He resides in St. Augustine.

Vanessa Reynolds has joined Broad and Cassel. She currently is a member of the Broward County Bar Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. She has authored numerous health law articles and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Denise Ventimiglia was married in March. The ceremony was officiated by Professor Michael Richmond.

1999

Fred Cohen was designated as chair of the Animal Law Committee for The Florida Bar.

Lu-Ann M. Dominguez was promoted to shareholder in Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart.

Samantha Jean Fitzgerald was named shareholder of Fowler White Burnett in Miami.

James S. Helf joined Ruden McClosky in Fort Lauderdale as an associate in the litigation practice group. Helf focuses on construction law and commercial litigation.

Robert Raynes was promoted to shareholder in Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart.

Francesca Russo-Di Staulo co-authored "Does a Florida Minority Shareholder in a Closely Held Corporation Owe a Fiduciary Duty to Fellow Shareholders?" appearing in the October 2005 issue of *The Florida Bar Journal*.

Cynthia Spall, Palm Beach County Bar's Lawyers for Literacy Committee Chair, was quoted in *The Florida Bar News*. Spall, chair of Palm Beach County Bar Association's Lawyers for Literacy Committee, joined members from around the world to participate in International Literacy Day on September 8, 2005.

Mindy Stein joined Berger Singerman in Boca Raton.

Lawrence Steinberg joined Berger Singerman in Boca Raton.

2000

Anne D. Ogden is an officer of the Broward County Bar Association.



Armando F. Paz has formed the firm Alvarez, Paz & Barbara, LLP in Miami and can be contacted at www.apblaw.com. Primarily a litigation firm, the firm also provides consulting and legal services for a wide range of disputes and other matters for individuals and businesses alike.

Neil Rambana and **Elizabeth Ricci** '01 of Rambana & Ricci, P.A., Immigration Attorneys in Tallahassee, were awarded a resolution by the Leon County Commission for their contributions to the community in celebration of World Heritage Day. Rambana, managing partner of Rambana & Ricci, Tallahassee, was recognized by Tallahassee Community College as one of the community's African American achievers. Rambana's career and personal profile appears in the 2006 African American History Calendar. It is his hope that the achievements of local African American leaders will serve to inspire young people to pursue their dreams of achievement, excellence, and service to the community. Rambana and Ricci recently made a scholarship



pledge for \$20,000 to the College of Education at Florida State University to support students who are preparing to be teachers of children with visual impairments. The scholarship is in honor of their eight-month-old daughter, Paloma, who was born with Peter's Anomaly, a rare visual impairment, its cause unknown. Paloma sees better than doctors originally predicted because of the learning activities and intervention administered by those within the College of Education.

2001

Addie Albareda, Carol Maluje, Timothy C. Nies, and **Scott M. Rosso** have formed Albareda, Rosso, Maluje, and Nies with offices in downtown Fort Lauderdale and Miami. The firm concentrates in insurance defense, immigration, criminal defense, real estate litigation, title insurance, commercial litigation, business law, and family law. Timothy C. Nies, a former Army Ranger, was appointed by The Florida Bar to serve a three-year term on The Florida Bar's Military Affairs Committee.

Scott P. Chitoff serves on the 17th Circuit Board of Governors, Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar. Chitoff is an associate with the Fort Lauderdale law firm of Brinkley, McNeerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum, LLP. He focuses his practice in the area of commercial litigation, including business torts, contract, corporate, insurance, and real estate related litigation. He is admitted to practice before all Florida state courts, the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

Kristen Lynch presented "Bankruptcy Code Reform" as a panel member for The Florida Bar 2005 Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section Convention and Seminars. Lynch presented "IRAs and Employee Benefits after BAPCPA" at the "Estate Planners Beware: New Laws, Rules, and Regulations" CLE presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section. She presented "Pre- and Post-mortem Planning for Retirement Assets and Income in Respect of a Decedent" at The Florida Bar CLE "Planning for the Almost Dead and the Newly Dead: Immediate Pre- and Post- Mortem Estate Planning" in Kissimmee. Lynch co-authored "How Protected Are Your Clients' Retirement Accounts After the 2005 Bankruptcy Act?" which appeared in *The Florida Bar Journal* November 2005 issue, and she co-authored "When Good IRAs Go Bad: Common Pre- and Post-mortem IRA Problems with Uncommonly Bad Results," published in the December 2005 issue.

Christina McKinnon was elected as the vice president of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., Bar Association in Miami. She was honored as a "Woman Who Makes a Difference" by the Junior League of Miami, Inc.



Elizabeth Ricci of Rambana & Ricci, P.A. in Tallahassee was re-elected as a regional vice chair for the American Immigration Lawyers Association Central Florida Chapter. Duties include combating the unlicensed practice of law in the area of immigration and acting as a liaison with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

Services. Ricci authored "Citizenship" published in the *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court* by Facts on File.

Abdul Jabbar Shariff started a company called Legal Leads LLC, in Broward County, which provides data management and marketing services to attorneys.

2002



Thais M. Alvarez has developed an English legal writing program and is the first "foreign lecturer" hired by Koc Universitesi in Istanbul, Turkey. She previously worked for Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., Packman, Neuhwal & Rosenberg, P.A., and Aballi, Milne, Kalil & Escagedo, P.A.

Patrizia Salvaggio-Delgado is an associate in the Securities, Financial Services, and White Collar Practice Group of Fowler White Boggs Banker Attorneys at Law in Tampa. Prior to joining this firm, she was an associate with Stein,

Rosenberg & Stein, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale. She was also a staff attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit of Palm Beach County. Salvaggio-Delgado is a member of The Florida Bar and the United States District Court, Southern and Middle District of Florida.

Bart A. Ostrzenski is an officer of the Broward County Bar Association.

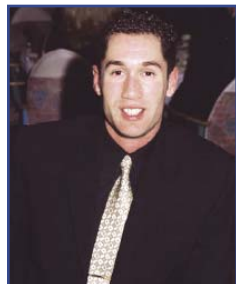
John K. Overchuck, and the law firm of Overchuck, DeMarco, Byron & Overchuck, recently received a jury verdict involving the electrocution of a 56-year-old data cable installer and father of four adult children. After seven days of trial, the jury awarded \$2,875,000 to the family for their loss.

Sorraya M. Solages authored "Cross-appeals in Civil Cases" published in *The Florida Bar Journal* June 2006 issue.

2003

Florida State Representative Elyn Bogdanoff, Republican—Fort Lauderdale, represents District 91 in the Florida House of Representatives. She is alternating chair of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee; vice chair of the State Administration Council; and member of the Commerce Council, Ethics, and Elections Committee and the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee. Bogdanoff was featured in *The Florida Bar News* on March 15. She was honored for her commitment to children's legislation, particularly her work for children growing up in the foster care system.

Jill Marie Copeland accepted the position of general counsel and corporate secretary for Cross Lander USA. She is responsible for the company's transactional legal affairs. Prior to serving at Cross Lander, Copeland worked with Baxter Healthcare. She is an active member of The Florida Bar and holds a Maryland CPA license.



Conrad Sturm completed his LL.M. at the University of Sydney, Australia, in July 2004. He returned to Canada and accepted a position with the University of Alberta Faculty of Law as a full-time law lecturer. He is teaching Legal Research, Writing, and Oral Advocacy. Visit www.conradsturm.com.

2004

Diana Abril joined Carlton Fields in Miami as an associate in the firm's corporate securities, taxation, and asset based financing practice group. Abril holds a dual degree from the NSU Law Center and the University of Barcelona.

Stephen A. Berkovits wrote an article entitled "Gambling on Las Vegas: Bringing Professional Sports to Sin City" that was published in the June 2005 issue of the *Gaming Law Review*. Berkovits originally wrote this article for Professor Jarvis's Fall 2003 Current Constitutional Problems Seminar.

Brent Buckman appeared on *The Apprentice*.

Andrew Norden joined Cooney, Mattson, Lance, Blackburn, Richards & O'Connor, P.A., and practices in the Fort Lauderdale office.

S. Jordan Rappaport joined Hodgson Russ's Boca Raton office as an associate in its business litigation practice group.

2005

Jonathan Benitah has accepted an offer of publication for the paper he wrote in Professor Coleman's Fall 2004 Sports Law Seminar. His article, "Anti Scalping Laws: Should They be Forgotten?" will be published in the *Texas Review of Entertainment and Sports Law*.

Jennifer Bokankowitz has joined Behar, Gutt & Glazer as an associate in the Trusts and Estates Department.

Debra Jacoby was selected as an Equal Justice Works Fellow by The Florida Bar Foundation for the term 2005-07. The highly competitive fellowship is sponsored by The Florida Bar Foundation and Equal Justice Works, a national program for public-interest law. "The Transitions Project" is Jacoby's brainchild. Her project is serving the educational needs of dependent children in Palm Beach County with specific attention given to adolescents in the foster care system. Her host legal aid organization is the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. Before starting law school, Jacoby served as a teacher for the children of carnival workers.



Ralph Martin, with Duane Morris, LLP, was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Governor's Ex-offender Task Force.

Captain Howard J. Perl has been on active duty since June 1, 2005, serving as an Officer Training Team Leader at Camp Taji, Iraq. He can be contacted at www.hperl.com.

Sarah Wallerstein was selected as an Equal Justice Works Fellow by The Florida Bar Foundation for the term 2005-07. The highly competitive fellowship is sponsored by The Florida Bar Foundation and Equal Justice Works, a national program for public-interest law. Wallerstein works with the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association in Orlando on her project of providing legal advocacy and support information to improve the educational services for children adjudicated dependent.

2006

Webster B. Baker was awarded the 2006 American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence for his outstanding performance in bankruptcy coursework. He also received a complimentary one year membership in the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI).

Casey Boscoe is on the Board of Advisers of the NSU Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. She was profiled in *Inside Farquhar*.

Mary K. Collins's seminar paper, "Conscience Clauses and Oral Contraceptives: Conscientious Objection or Calculated Obstruction" was published in the Loyola University *Annals of Health Law*.

Erica Galpern placed third in the nationwide 2006 American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) Bioethics Writing Competition. Her paper, "The Right to Die...Who Should Decide? The battle between the state and federal government in *Gonzales v. Oregon*" earned her a cash prize and recognition on the ACLM's Web site.

Bram Maravent's paper "Is the Rooney Rule Affirmative Action? Analyzing the National Football League's Mandate to its Clubs Regarding Coaching and Front Office Hires" was published in the March edition of the *Sports Lawyers Journal*.

Sabrina Tirabassi, former executive editor of *Nova Law Review*, is a judicial clerk at the 4th DCA.

In Memoriam

Patricia Woods Marin '80, North Palm Beach, passed away on January 27, 2006.

Wendy Ann Micale '04, Pompano Beach passed away on February 26, 2006.

Rebecca Knox '04, Fort Lauderdale, passed away suddenly on August 20, 2006. The PILS Summer Fellowship is being named in her memory. This fund supports summer fellowships at Legal Aid. For more information or to donate, please contact Sharon Booth, director of Public Interest Programs and Disability Services, at (954) 262-6126 or boothsh@nsu.law.nova.edu.

NSU Law Board of Governors member **Mortyn K. Zietz** passed away on June 4, 2006. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the American Heart Association.

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- the event at the Tower Club honoring Broward County's Judiciary (sponsored by Greenspoon Marder)
- the NSU Law Center Alumni and Friends Reception at the annual meeting of The Florida Bar (held at the Boca Raton Resort and Hotel).

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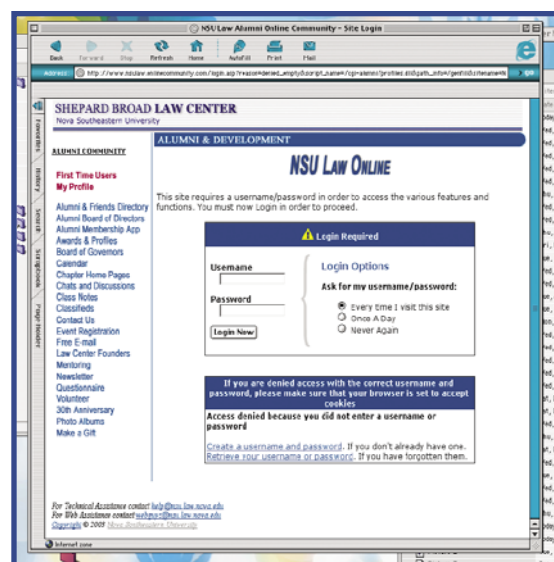
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