April 2011
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Full-Time Faculty

❖ Professor Elizabeth DeCoux

Professor Elizabeth DeCoux was interviewed on Jacksonville's Fox and CBS newscasts to discuss Florida Senate Bill 1246, which would outlaw taking photographs or video on a farm without the owner's consent. She has also accepted an invitation to serve on the Rescue & Reintroduction Committee for CJ Acres Animal Rescue Farm.

❖ Professor Brian Foley

Professor Foley accepted an offer of publication with the New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement for his article, "An “Instrument of Cruelty ... [in] the Hands of Power”: Reframing the Debate Over Excessive Sentences to Move Beyond the Eighth Amendment."

❖ Professor Caroline Herman

On April 27, 2011 in Miami Beach, Professor Carolyn Herman spoke at the 2d Annual International Symposium on the World of Music, Film, Television and Sports sponsored by the American Bar Association Forum on the Entertainment and Sport Industries. Her topic was Internet Music Madness: Guerilla Marketing and Monetization in a Digital World where she discussed the new income streams created by intellectual property ownership in the digital age along with the legal issues surrounding their use and acquisition. Professor Herman also provided a short paper as part of the course materials which summarized her findings. The three-day event also provided an opportunity for Professor Herman to meet Mike “the Situation” Sorrentino (one of the stars of “The Jersey Shore” for those of you who are MTV challenged) and learn how he has become an expert at “guerrilla marketing.”

❖ Professor Sonya Hoener

Professor Hoener’s article Extending Wrongful Death Damages to Kinship-Care Relationships has been accepted for publication in the University of Toledo Law Review.
❖ **Professor Thomas Hornsby**

Professor Tom Hornsby was the plenary session speaker and panelist at the "Best Practices in Child Custody" session on 4/3/2011 at a conference at Florida State University sponsored by "The National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS)" and "Men Advocating Responsible Conduct (MARC)". Co-sponsors for the conference were "Sexual Violence Task Force of Tampa Bay", "Feminist Women's Health Center", "SATF (Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force", "Equality Florida", "Equal Rights Alliance", "VCS Community Change Project", "Florida Coalition Against Sexual Violence" and Florida State University. The topic presented was "Domestic Violence Issues and Solutions".

❖ **Professor Rick Karcher**


❖ **Professor Jana McCreary**

Professor Jana R. McCreary’s most recent article, *Preventing the Crime before Doing the Time: The Gun Control Chasm that Lies Beneath the Atkins–Heller Bridge* will be published in the Fall 2011 issue of the Chapman Law Review. In this piece, Professor McCreary addresses the failure of the Federal Gun Control Act to adequately prevent persons with intellectual disabilities from accessing firearms, and she advocates for extending child-access prevention laws involving firearms to persons with intellectual disabilities.

Additionally, Professor McCreary’s last article, *Tell Me No Secrets: Sharing, Discipline, and the Clash of Ecclesiastical Abstention and Psychotherapeutic Confidentiality*, has been published and appears in the Quinnipiac Law Review’s most recent edition at 29 QUINNIPIAC L. REV. 77.

❖ **Professor Alexander Moody**

In April Professor Sander Moody presented on criminal appellate practice at the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Tampa. In May Professor Moody will present on recent developments in the law of evidence at the Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar hosted by the Jacksonville Bar Association.
**Professor David Pimentel**

Professor David Pimentel’s article on judicial discipline in the federal courts—*The Reluctant Tattle-tale: Closing the Gap in Federal Judicial Discipline, 76 TENN. L. REV. 909 (2009)—is prompting the United States Judicial Conference Committee with responsibility for judicial misconduct to re-examine its procedures. Former Chief Judge John M. Walker, Jr. (2nd Cir.), who chairs the committee, wrote to Prof. Pimentel to advise him that he had circulated the article to his committee members and placed it on the agenda for consideration at their next meeting.


**Professor Lucille Ponte**

Prof. Ponte presented *Digital Natives in Business Law Courses: How to Incorporate Distance Education Techniques into Traditional Face-to-Face Classes* at the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association (NARBLA) Annual Conference at Bentley University on April 1-2. She also reviewed scholarly papers as a member of NARBLA’s editorial board for the *BUSINESS LAW REVIEW* (peer-review journal). She also participated in the Executive Board meeting at Boston College to set policies for the upcoming year.

Prof. Ponte also gave an educational talk on *The ABCs of Copyright* to members of the First Coast Christian Writers, a local chapter of the Florida Writers Association, at the Wesconnett Library on April 7.
❖ **Professor David Simon**

Professor David Simon was an invited guest at the LexisNexis Legal Research and Writing Summit in Phoenix, Arizona. The Summit included sessions on improving legal research skills, critical components of legal writing skills, web-based legal research, the future of legal research and writing, and the role of legal research and writing faculty in the new outcomes-based ABA requirements.

❖ **Professor Rod Sullivan**

At the request of, Patrick W. Krechowski, General Counsel for the City of Neptune Beach, Professor Sullivan made a presentation to the Neptune Beach City Council, city employees and about fifty interested residents of Neptune Beach concerning Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Records Act, and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

❖ **Professor James Woodruff**

Prof. James J. Woodruff II was invited to participate in the Jacksonville Regional Political Leadership Institute.

Prof. Woodruff received an appointment to the rank of First Lieutenant, Judge Advocate, in the Air Force Reserve.
Adjunct Barry Newman

Adjunct Professor Barry Newman has applied for an open seat in the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. If passed by the committee and appointed by the Governor, he would be the first Florida Coastal graduate to become a Circuit Judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.