FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Full-Time Faculty

❖ Terri Davlantes, Vice Dean

Dean Davlantes has been invited to participate in the 2012 Leadership Jacksonville class.

❖ Professor Vicki Dearing

Professor Vicki Dearing was recently honored by the Rotary Club of Orange Park with the award for "Community Volunteer of the Quarter" for March-June of 2011. Professor Dearing is in her 4th year on the Board of Directors of Quigley House, a domestic violence shelter and sexual assault center in Clay County.

❖ Professor Cleveland Ferguson


In July, Professor Ferguson was reappointed as Vice Chair of the International Human Rights Committee where he serves as Chairman of Publications, and as Vice Chair of the Non-Profit and NGO Committee, by the by the ABA Section of International Law Chairman. He was also appointed to the Europe Committee Steering Group.

Nationally, during the Centennial celebration of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., held July 10-15, 2011, Professor Ferguson was elected to the board of directors as Grand Historian. In this position, he will serve on the editorial board of the Journal of Kappa Alpha Psi. During the meeting, he was recognized for writing grants for underserved youth by the national president.

His statewide community service includes being elected Treasurer of the board of directors of Florida Legal Services, Inc.

Locally, Professor Ferguson served on the Legal Transition team for City of Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown. He continues to serve as a Commissioner of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission.
**Professor Brian Foley**

Professor Foley co-organized the third Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, which was held at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law July 8-10. The previous conferences, which Professor Foley also co-organized and co-founded, were held in 2007 (London) and 2009 (Portland, Oregon). In Denver, he presented as part of the plenary panel that opened the conference. He also presented a paper, "Forbidden Stories," which deals with conspiracy theories and our reactions to them.

Professor Foley taught in Seoul, Republic of South Korea, as part of Coastal's LLM program. He taught Civil Procedure and Evidence to Korean LLM students.


Professor Foley completed a pre-publication editorial review of a book by another scholar at the request of Routledge Law.

Professor Foley was promoted to full Professor and awarded tenure.

**Professor Susan Harthill**

Professor Susan Harthill's most recent article on workplace bullying was published this summer - *Workplace Bullying as an Occupational Safety and Health Matter: A Comparative Analysis,* 34 *HAST. INT’L & COMP. L. REV.* 253 (2011). Professor Harthill was invited to present this article in July at Humboldt University in Berlin, at the XXXII International Congress on Law and Mental Health. Also in July, Professor Harthill contributed a book chapter on the law of workplace bullying for a new book on bullying in the workplace edited by John Lipinski and Dr. Laura Crothers.

**Professor Eric V. Hull**

Professor Hull was invited to contribute to an international collaborative book on coastal and ocean management. The book seeks to address public policy and legislative initiatives concerning the governance of coastal and ocean resources from a comparative law perspective with emphasis on the adjoining waters in the Andalusian region (Spain). Authors from Spain, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom contributed to the book. His chapter, entitled *The Management of Coastal and Ocean Resources in the United States* will appear in *The Legal*
Professor Rick Karcher

Rick Karcher spoke at the D1A Athletic Directors Association Town Hall Meeting at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Annual Convention in Orlando on the topic of schools tampering with coaches under contract at other institutions (June 17, 2011).

Professor John Knechtle

Professor Knechtle presented a paper on July 25th at SEALS on a panel titled “Constitutional Models Throughout the Caribbean Region and Self Determination Among Non-Self Governing Territories.” Professor Knechtle’s paper, Constitutional Reform in the Independent States of the Commonwealth Caribbean, traced the evolution of the independence constitutions before examining current issues energizing constitutional reform.

Professor Andrew Long

Over the summer, Professor Andrew Long entered into a publication agreement with Edward Elgar Publishing to produce a research monograph titled LINKAGE IN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE: LAW FOR BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE STABILITY, AND HUMAN WELL-BEING. This book will provide an in-depth examination of theoretical and pragmatic concerns in international environmental law, drawing upon work that Professor Long has presented in the U.S. and Europe over the past year and some of his recently published articles. One such article, Developing Linkages to Preserve Biodiversity, 21 YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ___ (forthcoming 2011), was the most downloaded recent article (as of 8/18) in SSRN’s International Environmental Law eJournal and Natural Resources Law & Policy eJournal. It was the second most downloaded recent article across all Environmental & Natural Resources Law eJournals and all International Law & Trade eJournals. Within two weeks of being posted, the article was downloaded 235 times.

Professor Jana McCreary

Professor Jana R. McCreary spoke in July as a member of the panel The Resurrection of the Second Amendment at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in
Hilton Head, South Carolina. Professor McCreary discussed the future outlook of gun control legislation given recent Supreme Court opinions, using as an example the extension of child access prevention laws to persons with intellectual disabilities.

❖ **Professor Lynn McDowell**

Professor Lynn McDowell participated as a speaker on a panel entitled “Building Bridges: Realizing our Common Goals Across Faculty Roles While Understanding Our Differences” at the SEALS 2011 Annual Conference in July. The panel explored the differences between various faculty roles and the ways faculty members in these roles can support each other and work together for the benefit of students.

❖ **Professor Karen Millard**

Professor David Simon and Professor Karen Millard have been invited to present at the Central States LRW Conference to be held at The John Marshall Law School in September 2011. They will be providing information about the benefits of teaching online and sharing their experiences co-teaching an online pre-trial litigation drafting class.

❖ **Professor Alexander Moody**

Professor Sander Moody presented this summer at the Jacksonville Bar Association's tenth annual Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar. The seminar was held in the Jacksonville Jaguars' meeting room at EverBank Stadium. Professor Moody's presentation was titled "Evidentiary Issues Related to Electronically Stored Information." The discussion included an examination of recent federal evidence law implications related to social media.

❖ **Professor David Pimentel**

Professor Pimentel presented his paper “Maximizing Traditional Justice: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law,” at a workshop for and with Afghan legal educators and Native American Tribal Court judges at the University of Washington in Seattle. The workshop, which took place June 16-17, was entitled “Learning from Tradition: Tribal Justice and the Rule of Law.”
Professor Pimentel, after presenting a paper on Constitutional Courts to the Turkish Judges’ Union in Ankara, Turkey in May, was invited to write the Foreword to the new book by Professor Mustafa Tören Yücel, *Judicial Reform and Democracy*. It will be published in Turkish and English by Çankaya University later this year.

Professor Pimentel has also been named a “Visiting Fellow” by Hong Kong University’s Centre for Comparative and Public Law. He will spend two weeks in December in Hong Kong, giving lectures and doing research on judicial reform in developing and post-conflict nations in Asia.

❖ **Professor Gregory Pingree**

Professor Greg Pingree spoke on the panel “Perspectives on the WikiLeaks Controversy” at the SEALS Conference on July 29th, 2011, at Hilton Head, South Carolina. His remarks focused on Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, a charismatic, polarizing figure whose astonishing act of making publicly available 250,000 stolen diplomatic cables has sent shock waves through the diplomatic world while also revealing some morally egregious conduct by the American military in Afghanistan. Pingree discussed the implications of the WikiLeaks phenomenon for national security, freedom of speech, and the evolving risks and possibilities of the internet.

❖ **Professor Lucille Ponte**

On July 26, 2011, Prof. Ponte presented, *Less is More: Rethinking Quality Standards and Streamlined Disclosures When Drafting Online Consumer Arbitration Clauses* in the session *Rethinking ADR in Legal Education and Professional Practice* at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting and Conference at Hilton Head, SC. She also participated in the Distance Education Expo and the Distance Education Discussion Group on July 26-27th at the conference as a member of the SEALS Distance Education Committee.

❖ **Professor Brad Shannon**

Professor Shannon attended the Idaho State Bar Annual Meeting in Sun Valley in July.

❖ **Professor Rod Sullivan**

Professor Sullivan appeared with Melissa Ross on WJCT’s FIRST COAST CONNECT to discuss religious tolerance, the wearing of the hijab by Muslim women, and Abercrombie & Fitch’s employee dress policy known as “The Look.”
Professor Sullivan spoke about Punitive Damages and the Gulf Oil Spill at the American Association for Justice’s annual convention in New York.

Professor Sullivan appeared on WTLV-12 to discuss judicial recusal and remedies for litigants concerned about apparent unequal treatment.

❖ **Professor Sarah Sullivan**

Professor Sarah Sullivan’s co-authored article, “Addressing Social Determinants of Health Through Family Drug Treatment Courts” has been accepted for publication in the January 2012 issue of Family Court Review. Co-authors include Janet York, Ph.D., Dorian A. Lamis, M.A., The Honorable Paul W. Garfinkel, Natalie P. Bluestein, J.D., Merry Boxx, M.S.W., Arthur Ellis, M.A, M.S.W., and Steve Donaldson, M.A.C, C.A.C. The article discusses issues facing drug-addicted parents in the context of dependency court involvement. It highlights the Family Recovery Court created in Charleston, South Carolina which was designed to increase rehabilitation and reunification of drug addicted parents and their children. Professor Sullivan was instrumental in the design and implementation of the Family Recovery Court while practicing in South Carolina.

On June 28, 2011, The Jacksonville News and Daily Record published an article regarding the impact of healthcare reform on children’s services authored by Professor Sullivan.

Professor Sullivan accepted an appointment as Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar Family Law Rules Committee. Over the next year, she will be spearheading a project to make family law rules “stand-alone,” while also addressing the need for rules regarding Unified Family Courts. Appointments are made by the President of the Florida Bar.

The Family Law Section of the Florida Bar appointed Sarah Sullivan as editor of all Family Law Section submissions to the Florida Bar Journal. Her responsibilities include soliciting, editing and submitting articles to the Florida Bar Journal for publication.

❖ **Professor James Woodruff**

Professor Woodruff’s article, "The Prosecution of Piracy Under the Offenses Clause," has been accepted for publication by the Cardozo Law Review, de novo.

Professor Woodruff’s article, "Where the Wild Things Are: The Polling Place, Voter Intimidation, and the First Amendment," has been accepted for publication by the University of Louisville Law Review.

In May, Professor Woodruff discussed Florida’s new election law on NPR’s First Coast Connect.
In July, Professor Woodruff was quoted in an article on voter identification posted on Politico.com.
Adjunct Faculty

Robert Morgan spoke on the new power of attorney law and its impact on estate planning and elder law attorneys at the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys Conference in August in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.