Moran Voted Chair Of Coastal Law Board Of Advisors

Salzbacher Center President/CEO Audrey McKibbin Moran lead Coastal Law Board through 2010.

Florida Coastal School of Law’s Board of Advisors has elected Audrey McKibbin Moran to serve as its chair. Moran, President and CEO of the Salzbacher Center, will serve in that capacity until 2011.

“Serving as chair of the school’s Board of Advisors is an incredible honor,” Moran said. “I look forward to contributing to a law school that not only steadily grows in quality, but continues to support the Jacksonville community, as well as legal communities nationwide.”

The Coastal Law Board of Advisors collectively and individually support the strategic goals and mission of the school through all decisions pertaining to strategic initiatives and long and short term planning. Additionally, the Coastal Law Board has elected Barbara “Babs” Suddath Strickland of The Suddath Companies to serve another term as its treasurer.

Moran and Strickland join these other members of the Board of Advisors: Robert M. Rhodes, Foley & Lardner LLP; Paul Vance, Senior Vice President of Football Operations and General Counsel, Jacksonville Jaguars; Paul I. Perez, Executive Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, Fidelity National Title Group, Inc.; and Kenneth L. Shropshire, David W. Hauck Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Moran received her undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Syracuse University. She is a graduate of Duke University’s School of Law where she served as student body president and at graduation received the Outstanding Oral Advocate award. She has served as Chief of Staff for Mayor John Delaney and as Director of Legislative Affairs for Mayor Ed Austin. She has also served as Managing Director and Special Counsel for the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission. From 2004 to 2007 she was President of Moran Mediation Group.

In 2008, Jacksonville’s Mayor John Peyton charged Moran with the task of leading the Positive Youth Development Subcommittee of The Jacksonville Journey: A Comprehensive Community-Wide Anti-Crime Initiative. Moran is also Vice Chairman of the Jessie Bull duPont Fund, a $325 million charitable grant-making organization.

Debate To Be Held On Coastal Law’s Non-Discrimination Policy And Recruiting On Campus

NEAL BUCHANAN CONTRIBUTOR

The Federalist Society and Lambda Legal Society will host a debate regarding the recent buzz around campus about whether the United States Military should be allowed on campus to recruit students. The debate will also address how the Military’s presence on campus may restrict the enforcement of Coastal Law’s non-discrimination policy. The debate sparked much talk recently when branches of the Armed Forces were on campus recruiting students in September. Many faculty and students believe the Military’s presence on campus is in direct conflict with Coastal Law’s non-discrimination policy as the Military does not allow employment of gays, lesbians and bisexuals through the law known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” However, the Solomon Act requires Coastal Law give equal access to recruiters of the Armed Forces as well as non-military employment recruiters despite the military’s non-compliance with our non-discrimination policy.

The debate will be on Tuesday, November 11th, in Room 550, from 11:30 to 1:15. Food will be served. There will also be an overflow room available, so come early to reserve your seat.

Professor Roederer will be representing the perspective of the faculty members who were signatories to the protest email/poster. This perspective includes the right of schools to enforce their non-discrimination policy regarding who Coastal Law may allow on campus and also the rights of students to be protected from discrimination.

Gerald Walpin, Esquire is flying in from Washington D.C. to represent the perspective of the government and students. This perspective will include the interest of national security, the Military’s right to recruit on campuses, and students’ rights to unfettered access to information, ideas, and employment opportunities. Additional aspects and rights will be discussed.

The debate will also address the best permissible method of Coastal Law’s role in accommodating the rights of all parties involved. Below are some of the questions that have been proposed by both sides, some or all of which will be included. The debate will not be based around the Solomon Act itself, or the constitutionality of the government discriminating as it does, but rather on the various rights that are allowed or abridged and the implications that follow. Do law schools in general -- and AALS member and fee paying members in particular -- have a duty to challenge any recruiter who discriminates on the grounds of the Military’s discriminatory policies and conduct (particularly the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy)? Does the Military have a “right” to recruit on private and public law schools’ campuses even if the school has a policy of non-discrimination that requires denying access to all other recruiters who discriminate? Would the answer change if the discrimination were based on gender, race, or religion? Should the federal government be able to deny students access to federal loans if their school chooses to deny them access? Is the government forcing the law schools to accept a message that discrimination is okay in the Military under threat of an unconstitutional condition? Is the government undermining a law school’s freedom to associate and disassociate itself with and from those who share its values and those who do not? Does academic freedom include the right of students to receive information and ideas? How do we balance the college administration’s rights to free speech and free association with students’ rights to academic freedom, and both with Article I and II of the Constitution relating to support of Military and interest in public security?
I am very pleased and proud to announce that the NAACP honored Florida Coastal School of Law last evening with its President’s Award during the 43rd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet.

Our James Weldon Johnson Chapter of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) has worked with the NAACP and the Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office in restoring the civil rights of over 11,000 ex-offenders who have paid their debt to society, 8,000 of whom had their rights restored immediately upon application.

Tiny Williams, the President of BLSA, and Professor Cleveland Ferguson accepted the award on Florida Coastal’s behalf.

More than 500 persons attended the banquet, including a number of which were judges, lawyers, and law firm partners. Congratulations to all BLSA members, past and present, and all others involved in this project.

A Message From Dean Peter Goplerud: NAACP Honors Coastal Law For BLSA’s Efforts

Coastal Law is committed to supporting diversity programming to encourage appreciation for multiculturalism through its Office of Multicultural Affairs, Dean of Multicultural Affairs (Dean Jones), Multicultural Roundtable Committee, and multicultural student organizations. BLSA exemplified Coastal Law’s mission through its first annual “World Fair Event.” Approximately 75 students, faculty and staff attended the event and BLSA is hopeful that participation in the Event will continue to grow in years to come!

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosts “BLSA Week” annually during the fall semester. BLSA Week 2008 was held October 20-24th and included various activities each day of the week. The overall theme was “Embracing our Differences to Make a Greater Difference.” This was the first year that BLSA included their “World Fair Event.” It was held on Friday, October 24th from 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m. in the Atrium. The theme of the Event was “Progression Over the Years.” 2L, Michelle Joyner chaired BLSA’s social committee that was responsible for coordinating the event. Joyner explained that the committee chose the theme because of a desire, “to showcase the progress and different contributions that our cultures have made to American society today.”

BLSA invited Coastal’s multicultural student organizations to participate in the Event. The Caribbean Law Students Association (CLSA), International Law Society (ILS), Italian American Law Students Association (IALSA), and BLSA, all contributed by providing a sampling of their group’s culture through a variety of displays, ethnic attire, music, food, and conversation.

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Several Coastal Law students, organizations, and professors have joined forces to create a unified Adopt A School Initiative. Students are volunteering to mentor students at Saint Clair Evans Academy. During this past summer, 3L, Paulette Lawrence, Executive Director and Founder of a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, CHEETAH (Connect to Higher Education Electronic Tools, Application and Help), solicited help from the FCSL community. Lawrence with the aid of an Advisory Team (other FCSL students) sought guidance and support from Pro Bono Director, Karen Millard, and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Thomas Taggart. Both Millard and Taggart were eager to help. Professor Millard believes, “Florida Coastal students would be a valuable resource to assist the CHEETAH organization in its mission of educating and mentoring students.” Coastal Law and CHEETAH also teamed up with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of North East Jacksonville (BBBS). BBBS was instrumental in training and screening mentors to work in the Duval school system. Several organizations and professors took an active role towards this initiative. For instance, the Black Law School Association (BLSA) sponsored CHEETAH and was instrumental in the organization’s on-campus Dollar War Fundraiser. Several professors (Moody, Groves, McDowell, Daicoff, Smith, and Shorstein) showed their support by agreeing to donate money on their behalf, based on the students’ preference. Additionally, the Italian American Law Student Associates (IALSA) has undertaken several fundraisers on behalf of CHEETAH. Consequently, proceeds from IALSA’s two most profitable events—a Bi-Annual Italian lunch and upcoming Wine Tasting Event—will benefit CHEETAH. One hundred percent of all proceeds will ensure that students at Saint Clair Evans Academy receive a CHEETAH Treasure Trove™—a cheetah plush bag with music that holds a book, Cheetahs Go To College, an audio CD of the book, and the CHEETAH Challenge (puzzles). These motivational tools were created by Lawrence to implement the organization’s mission. To date, fifteen (15) Coastal Law students have been trained by BBBS and five have received clearance to begin mentoring. Mentoring will also include age appropriate law educated materials from the ABA Public Section and Florida Law Related Education Association. According to Assistant Dean Taggart, “It is good to see that Coastal students are getting involved in supporting worthy community volunteer efforts such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northeast Florida. I applaud the CHEETAH organization for working hard to make this happen and to carry out its mission of mentoring young people in our community.”

Dear Students,

It’s that time of year again! Florida Coastal will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 25th, 2008 from 4 to 6 pm in the Atrium.

If you are not traveling for the holiday, please join us! We will be having a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixins and plenty of homemade desserts courtesy of the Faculty and Staff.
**Women In The Ratline: VMI In Practice**

HALA EZELDIN
CANDACE WEEKS
CONTRIBUTORS

“Rat” is a term used to represent the new cadets at the Virginia Military Institute ("VMI") and the Ratline describes the rigorous 6-month initiation process that new cadets endure to gain the respect of the upperclassmen and continue to the next level. In 1997 women were allowed, for the first time, admittance into VMI in which they were expected to observe VMI traditions alongside their male counterparts. Tom Danielson, a graduate of VMI, was invited by Professor Gleason to her Educational Law class as an October talk to discuss his experiences at the military college and express his opinions regarding the admittance of females into the once exclusively male college. Most law students have studied the case U.S. v. Virginia in Constitutional Law class and some have come across it in their Educational Law class as well. The case presented issues with Fourteenth Amendment violations of equal protection between men and women when the publicly funded military institute only considered males for admittance into their program.

Danielson said he “knew that there would be a challenge soon in 1993 because of all of the female interest received” in the Supreme Court rendered its decision because it was in 1996, the year of his graduation. Essentially the Court held that the Virginia Commonwealth remedial plan, which was to create a separate military program only for women at another college called Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership (“VWIL”), did not survive an equal protection analysis. The Court ultimately based its decision on the notion that “a separate program for women did not afford both genders benefits comparable in substance.” This is in part because VMI was founded in 1839 and its history and reputation has created a name and status of which a new women’s institute could not be compared.

When VWIL was first started, Danielson said that the male students at VMI helped initiate VWIL program and it is still very successful today. However, per the Court’s decision, female students were ultimately admitted into VMI. Danielson said that he doesn’t believe “the VMI experience has changed much” since the admittance of females.

They still have the same mentally and physically rigorous program, however, academic standards have been raised and admittance is more difficult. At the same time, the college did not ignore the new coed status and hired Josiah Bunting to head up and implement the new coed program. The biggest issues the coed program has faced are with privacy. Initially doors were not locked and curtains were not put up, however, the students had trust issues and as a result locks were installed and privacy was taken into consideration.

Danielson indicates that some changes would have occurred with or without the admittance of female students and most changes are for the better. Danielson believes that they are, “Not lowering their standard to bring in females. They are raising their standards because the caliber of students is higher.”

**What You May Not Have Known About The Public Defender’s Office**

MORGAN MONTANO
CONTRIBUTOR

On October 23, the Criminal Law Society hosted Public Defender Bill White. He talked to students about the positives and negatives associated with this aspect of the legal profession, and discussed Virginia’s public defender system.

Despite the low income and criticism it receives, White highly recommended public defender work because of the satisfaction that comes from within yourself and the fact that there is always something new and interesting to do each day at work. Although White considers this work to be one of the most professionally rewarding in the field, a problem with this position is the inability to hire worthy applicants because of the budget cuts in the past two years. White then explained the origin of one’s right to counsel using the Gideon decision. This landmark case established the right to counsel for poor people who could not afford to acquire it by their own means. Prior to the Gideon decision, the right to counsel existed only for capital cases; now the State has a provide effective counsel to any person who seeks it at any level.

Gideon’s broken promise is that many states cannot afford this counsel due to inadequate funding. Florida, however, has one of the most effective systems in the country. Partial credit to the success of this system can be attributed to Florida’s due process fund that allows the state to hire experts for trial. Florida still has room for improvement though. A motion was made in Miami, which has now reached the Third Circuit, to reduce the amount of cases taken on by the public defender each year.

Currently, the court is forced to appoint private counsel for over twenty thousand cases. Limiting the number of cases each public defender can handle in one year, allowing attorneys to reject cases, and raising the standard even higher to provide more funding for more attorneys will have a tremendous positive impact on Florida’s system.

White reassured students that although the public defender’s office is not currently hiring due to budget cuts, they curb some of costs with law school volunteers. Florida Coastal also gives pro-bono hours to students by interviewing defendants. He candidly encouraged students to work for the public defender’s office and said, “We haven’t had a pay raise in the Public Defender’s Office in 18 months and will not have one for the rest of this year. Come work for us!”

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**Get Involved With Jacksonville Bar Association’s Holiday Project**

PROFESSOR KIRSTEN CLEMENT

Although it may seem early, the holidays will shortly be upon us. If you are looking for a meaningful and rewarding way to give back during this holiday season, please read on! Each year the Jacksonville Bar Association (JBA) works with Meals on Wheels to sponsor senior citizens over the holidays. Last year, the JBA sponsored close to 600 seniors, and this year, it would like to increase that number. The seniors are all Meals on Wheels participants, many of whom are home-bound.

The Holiday Project matches up sponsors with seniors. Sponsors send their senior a form “wish list” of reasonably inexpensive items (e.g. bathrobe, slippers, blanket), and the senior then selects a desired item. The sponsor then purchases, wraps, and delivers to the senior that item*. Sponsors may make deliveries in groups. In fact, previous sponsors have made group deliveries and reported that the activity was not only great fun, but also extremely rewarding for the seniors and the sponsors.

Last year Coastal students sponsored approximately 50 seniors. Our goal is to increase involvement this year, so if you would like to sponsor a senior, please email Professor Clement at k Clement@fcsl.edu. The Holiday Project Chairperson, Michael McCoy, Esq. of Marks Gray, P.A., will then promptly send you an information packet about the project including the name of your senior citizen, where to deliver the gift, and the deadline for delivery.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you in advance for your participation! If you would like to sponsor a senior but do not wish to personally deliver your gift, you have the option of dropping off your gift to Professor Clement (room 524) or her assistant (room 537) by Thursday, December 11th; the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office will then deliver the gift for you. That being said, sponsors are strongly encouraged to take the extra time to personally deliver their gift, as the personal contact will mean a great deal to your senior citizen!

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New Science Brings About New Law Suits

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WRITER

On September 10, 2008, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) went on line, for the first time in history! Like most areas of research physicists are on a quest, to understand the laws that govern everything in our Universe. This has been the main goal of the LHC since its inception. However, there are four fundamental forces that affect our daily lives Electro Strong, Electromagnetic, Electro Weak, and Gravitational Forces. Scientists are seeking to understand exactly how all the forces relate to each other. The scientists also are attempting to fully comprehend how each force is inter-connected. As of yet there has been no way to study this conceptual equations. So the scientists built the LHC. The primary focus of the LHC is to discover how gravity, which is the weakest of the fundamental forces, relates to the rest of the forces. Ok so before you stick pencils in your eyes, because we are not scientist we are future lawyers, I would like to explain how the LHC relates to the law.

This new scientific study has brought about contemporary International law suits. According to MSNBC’s Cosmic Blog, there is a “legal action pending at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.” The court agreed to “review doomsday claims from a group of professors and students, primarily from Germany and Austria.”

Okay bear with me, in order to explain how the law is about to change I have to go into more gory scientific details. In an effort to explain the gravitational forces, scientist start with a minuscule micro particle called the Higgs Particle. This particle has been theoretically calculated but never observed. The Higgs Particle would in essence give mass to protons and electrons, but not to things like light. Since this Higgs Particle is so infinitesimal and difficult to locate, physicists resolve this by smashing protons together, thus we have the Large Hadron Collider. Think about it, if you had to find out what your car was made of but did not have the tools or strength to take it apart what you could do is smash it into another car and look at all the pieces that fell out. This is exactly what the LHC does, only on a grander scale.

Particle colliders have been around for many years, however, the LHC provides scientist with a greater ability to generate a more massive collisions of more particles than any of their predecessors. When protons collide at high level energy, they fly apart revealing their internal makeup. Just like in the car scenario. The scientists anticipate the discovery of the Higgs Particle that would confirm a higher level of physics and radically augment their understanding of gravity. Ok so you may be thinking, why is this important to me? The LHC is very powerful force as the presupposed hypothetical Big Bang. With this magnitude of intense collision, comes the possibility of producing microscopic black holes. The holes are called Strangelet Particles. Now to be clear scientist tell us that the possibility of any of these Strangelet Particles actually forming are as likely as everybody winning the lottery and getting struck by lighting at the same time. It could happen! The point is there is still a chance however minute.

Now that the science lesson is finally over, ask yourself if you want a three-year-old-child playing with matches in your house? Most likely nothing will happen, they will be unable to hold the matches, let alone actually start a fire. However leave that same three year old alone in a room with the matches and an unlimited amount of time, and they will almost certainly start the fire. The fire will burn down the house. Scientists have as much experience with the LHC and black holes, as the three-year-old-child has with matches. It only takes one black hole to engulf the entire Universe within seconds. According to Richard Gray, Science Correspondent with the Telegraph.co.uk, scientist have “dismissed the fears as ‘absurd’ and have taken safety precautions.”

This begs the question, how do you safely prepare for a black hole that will destroy the Universe in seconds? Nevertheless, a suit has been brought before the European Convention of Human Rights by Professor Rössler, a German scientist and other concerned world citizens. A second law suit has also been filed by “environmentalists in Hawaii who are seeking a court order that would force the US government to intervene” (Gray)

So for now, until the court rules; the LHC goes on smashing and concerned people all over the world go on filing suits. While we all hold our breath and hope today is not the day a BLACK HOLE is born on earth.

Coastal Law’s Mock Trial Team Prepares For Three Upcoming Competitions

CANDACE WEEKS
WRITER

The Coastal Law Mock Trial Team has organized three teams to compete throughout the East Coast this month. All three teams are excited and working diligently to carry on Mock Trial’s legacy.

Federal Prosecutor, Dineen Baker, coaches the William Daniel Team. The team members are Daniella Diaz, Jeremiah Monaha, Julienne Ferris, and Clifford Klein.

State Attorney, London Hairston, coaches the Buffalo Team. The team members are Bolanle Akinrimisi, Adriana Pampanas, Stephani Khakpour, and Matthew Myers.

Federal Prosecutor, Kathleen O’Malley, coaches the Georgetown Team. The team members are Jamie Wershbale, Molly Tandy, Alison Goldberg, and Heath Vickers. This year is the first time Mock Trial has competed in this competition. Coastal Law’s Mock Trial team is one of only sixteen teams chosen to compete this year. Good luck to all three teams!
The Six Best Reasons To Date An Environmentally Friendly Chick

Brian Winn Writer

While having a girlfriend can be very rewarding, it can also be very demanding on a man. Listed below are some of the best reasons to date an environmentally friendly chick (EFC).

1. No reason to clean up. Usually, once a fellow has gone out with a chick a few times, she expects to go over to his place for a visit. This cramps our style because we feel obligated to clean up the mess that our living space is. However, when dating an EFC, a little forethought can reduce your hours of toil to mere minutes. In the kitchen, there is no need to place the 27 empty beer bottles and cans in the trash—you are saving them for recycling. Same goes for the piles of magazines, newspapers, and other assorted junk mail and credit card bills you have laying around your place—all of it is sorting for recycling.

Cooking Corner

Ranch Chicken A’la Kyle

Kyle Sill Writer

As law school students, we all need cheap, quick, fast, and easy food choices. While this may seem an unlikely feat, have no fear. Ranch Chicken a’la Kyle meets all the requirements for a law school student on a budget and, most importantly, tastes great!

Ingredients:
1 defrosted chicken breast (per person)
Garlic powder
Pepper
Salt
Ranch dressing
Olive Oil
Shredded cheddar cheese (optional)
Vigo bread crumbs (optional)

Sprinkle the salt, pepper, and garlic powder on one side of the chicken breast first. Then, generously cover and spread the breast with Ranch dressing. You can use any style of Ranch dressing you prefer. Flip the breast over and repeat. Refrigerate the breast, letting it marinate, at least over night. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and use a little olive oil to grease the bottom of a glass baking pan. Before cooking the breast, you can cover it with bread crumbs for added texture and taste. No need for an egg wash, the Ranch will hold the bread crumbs to the chicken. Cook the breast for about 30 minutes (or until there is no pink left in the chicken), flipping after about 15 minutes. Just before taking the breast out, you can add a handful of shredded cheese to the top. Put the breast back in the oven just until the cheese melts.

Combine with mashed potatoes, rice, and/or a vegetable or fruit of your choosing as a side dish. It’s quick, it’s easy, it’s cheap, and it is sure to satisfy.

Movie Review:

Saw V: The End

Kyle Sill Writer

“We won... we won.” If you can say this after playing one of Jigsaw’s games it means two things: (1) Your alive and (2) it’s Halloween season and time for another installment of Saw. The previews touted the newest edition, Saw V, as being the latest, greatest, and end of Jigsaw’s reign of terror. The previous four have become cult classics, drawing fans to the theaters each of the past four years. With that background, Saw V certainly did not disappoint. For all you horror flick fanatics, Saw V is definitely a must see. However, what was touted as being the last installment may not be so. I will leave it to you to watch and find out why. However, suffice it to say that whether this is the last installment or not, it certainly did not disappoint. This fan was skeptical of yet another installment (as the longer these movies tend to go on, the worse they tend to get). In hoping for an excellent end to a remarkable series of movies (though I must admit the last two were not quite the greatest), Saw V delivered a non-stop, crazy experience whether it is truly the last or not. Traps, twists, turns, blood, gore, and horror... it just would not be Halloween without Saw.

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**UFC Faces Prime Time Competition**

KYLE SILL

“‘It’s time!” Until recently, this well-known catch phrase, used by veteran UFC announcer Bruce Buffer, was the only voice in the mixed martial arts (MMA) world. The UFC had a firm stranglehold on everything mixed martial arts. After acquiring the only other large league out there, PRIDE, the UFC put itself firmly atop the MMA world. Names like Matt Hughes and Randy Couture rolled off the tongue and the UFC was enjoying success in the form of multi-million dollar profits. Recently, however, there has been an insurgence of new hats into the ring. Even Donald Trump has created his own league, Affliction, and signed some big name fighters. He signed the legendary Fedor Emelianenko to his Affliction league, almost single handedly causing the retirement of Randy Couture, CBS has also bought into the craze and now airs its Elite XC fights on local television. They signed Kimbo Slice, the former Miami bouncer and street fightermade famous through his YouTube videos. And, the WEC is the only league to hold Bantam (125 lbs.-135 lbs.) and Flyweight (135 lbs.-145lbs.) fights, offering those of us smaller in stature the opportunity offering those of us smaller lbs.-135 lbs.) and Flyweight league to hold Bantam (125 lbs.) fights.

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The UFC faces the competition of a new league. Created by the former Miami bouncer and street fighter, Kimbo Slice, the WEC has managed to capture the attention of the MMA world. A few things have happened since the WEC debuted:

- The WEC has signed the legendary Fedor Emelianenko to its league, almost single handedly causing the retirement of Randy Couture.
- CBS has bought into the craze and now airs Elite XC fights on local television.
- Kimbo Slice, the former Miami bouncer and street fighter, has been signed to the WEC.

Despite the competition, the UFC has managed to stay on top. It has increased its ratings on SPIKE and the UFC is constantly adding new talent to its lineup. Competition definitely has bolstered the UFC’s claim to have the most talented fighters in mixed martial arts.

While the UFC shows no signs of falling behind, competition definitely means good things for us, as law school students and as a viewing public. Rather than just one chance a month to kick back with friends, relax, and enjoy some downtime, there will now be numerous opportunities to sit down at a local sports bar or in the comfort of your home and enjoy the presentation of such disciplined skill, dedication, and athleticism shown by these fighters.

**AAJ Joins The Pumpkin Run**

ASHLEY DUBOSE

On October 26th, Coastal Law’s American Association for Justice members gathered with the Jacksonville community to run in this year’s Pumpkin Run in Evergreen Cemetery to benefit the Jacksonville Historical Society. The race took place at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Runners congregated at the cemetery early to pick up their timing chips and listen to energetic music to get ready to run. The runners circled Evergreen Cemetery, passing ancient mausoleums and grave stones on paths marked with cheery pumpkins. Runners could choose between a five kilometer race, which is about three and a half miles, and a ten mile race. AAJ members could be found in both races. After the race, sponsors were on hand to give the runners food, beverages, and leg massages. Most of the runners who finished early waited to cheer on the later runners. As president of AAJ, Kristin Rhodus, encouraged both AAJ members and the student body to run to “encourage students to see the historical benefits of Jacksonville in keeping with the Halloween spirit.” AAJ is also planning to run in the Annual Mandarin Run on Saturday, November 15. The ten kilometer Mandarin Run starts at 8:00 am. and loops Mandarin Park. There will also be a One Mile Fun Run that starts at 9:30 a.m. The cost for the 10k is $25 until the day of the race, when it will be $30. The cost for the mile race is $10 and will increase to $12 on the day of the race. For more information, contact AAJ President Christian Lukjan at clukjan@fsc.edu or visit www.1stplaceports.com/man.htm.

**Coastal Law’s Blue Team Wins Intramural Softball Championship Game**

KRISTIN RHODUS

The softball intramurals were a great success this year thanks to the hard work of Amanda Rowland and her committee members from the SBA. There were a total of 12 teams and two leagues. After several weeks of playing, the top two teams from each league were scheduled to play each other in the play-offs last weekend.

The Brown team was to play the Red team. During regular season play, the Brown team pulled off an exciting win against the Red team, but this time Red made sure it didn’t happen again. Red won 10 to 3.

In the other league, the Blue team, undefeated in the regular season, was due to play the Green team. In the regular season, the Blue team stumped the Green team with a score of 15 to 2, but Green was determined to show their real talent in the playoffs. Unfortunately, Green could not overcome the Red team. In their defense, they were match against a team filled with the plays who participate in the annual UVA Law School tournament team the previous year. The Championship game was heated. The Red team also had player who participated on the Coastal’s traveling team so this was a game that both team had been looking forward to. In the first inning, the Red team took the lead with the help of Mike Dear, who went 3 for 3 in the championship team. The Blue team quickly caught up with an impressive display of hitting by Carson Bassett, who also went 3 for 3 in the championship game.

The game stayed tied for the next three innings. During the sixth inning, the Blue team branched together some hits and the score was 7 to 3. After a lead off single and a few singles, Jessica Akers, Red team MVP, came to the plate with a player on second and third. After a clutch hit, the tying run was on second, but that would be as close as it would get. The Blue team stuck it out and brought home the championship. Special mentions to Taylor Davis, Blue team MVP, pitched one heck of a game-- thanks to the extra flare.

Before the play-off games were to begin, Brian Leeds and others organized a homerun derby. Approximately twenty players participated in the derby.
IALSA Proudly Presents The Bi-Annual Italian Wine Tasting Event And Mixer

SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, November 13th, starting at 7:00pm @ Bella’s Bistro & Martini Bar. The Wine Tasting is IALSA’s signature event and offers wine educated serving professionals providing samples of Italian wines. The event is open to the entire Jacksonville Legal Community and is a great networking opportunity!

Admission is $10.00/person & FREE admission for people who took advantage of the special offer at the Italian Lunch! Entrees are available at discounted rates & FREE Admission for Designated Drivers! Contact Anna Balu at avbalu@fcsle.edu for more information.

A PRESTO!

Solution to Last Issue’s Crossword

Across
1. Pre-nuptial agreements require this kind of disclosure
8. Acts that granted and expanded wife’s property rights
10. Old rule of what husband must provide
11. Legal decree stating that a marriage was never valid
12. Man and woman become one legal entity
14. Termination of a valid marriage
15. Constructive marriage without formalities

Down
2. Doctrine that allowed the court to refuse involvement in internal marital issues
3. Doctrine to cure defects in the marriage to make it a legal marriage
4. The formal declaration by the couple
5. Access to one’s own children without having custody
6. Legally binding agreement signed before the marriage
7. Treating unmarried persons as though they were married
9. The decision regarding placement and care for the children
10. Divorce without state a cause for the failure of the marriage

Across
5. FL’s District Court of Appeals
8. Court with jurisdiction over wills
12. Federal court not bound by Article III of Constitution
13. The fact-finders in a trial
14. Court that handles only commercial litigation
15. Court’s power to hear the matter first

Down
1. Court’s ability to hear a matter
2. Government branch of law and justice
3. List of matters scheduled for hearing before a court
4. Ask a higher court for review
6. A sham legal proceeding
7. Highest court in U.S.
9. Intermediate appellate court
10. One who prepares a transcript of court proceedings
11. Court with jurisdiction over minors

Courts Crossword Puzzle

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