

Experts to discuss national security in a changing world

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. – From undercover spies infiltrating foreign countries to the timely debate over the use of drones, the topic of national security easily piques interest, intrigue and debate. This year’s Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series will delve into the challenging world of national security with a panel including a retired four-star general, a former Florida governor and U.S. senator, a former CIA spy, an academic, and a current U.S. senator.

“National Security in a Changing World: From the perspective of an academic, a general, a spy and Florida statesmen,” will be held on October 4 at 10 a.m. in the Curtis M. Phillips, M.D. Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Florida. The event sponsored by the *Florida Law Review*, and is free and open to the public.

The confirmed panelists are drone expert Professor Kenneth Anderson of the American University Washington College of Law; U.S. Army General (Ret.) James T. Hill; former CIA operative Professor James Olson, lecturer at the Bush School of Government and Public Service; former Florida Governor and Senator Bob Graham; and Senator Bill Nelson of Florida.

“The Florida Law Review is honored to host the Allen L. Poucher Series this year and to focus on current national security issues facing our nation. From the use of drones to the current debate over the role of the United States in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, our leaders are tasked with making critical decisions affecting our national security in a constantly changing world. Our hope is that this year’s Poucher Series will provide an overview of current national security issues from numerous unique perspectives: from a four star general who served his country honorable for 37 years, an academic who understands the legal and the moral ramifications of new military technology, a former spy who experienced first-hand the importance of counterterrorism measures, a former Senator who witnessed American foreign policy shift after the September 11th attacks, and a current Senator who faces new threats to national security and is tasked with weighing domestic and foreign policy concerns while deciding the role of the United States in the future.” - Co-Symposium Editors Mike Polatsek and Samantha Sanfilippo.

The Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series was established by Betty K. Poucher in honor of her late husband, Allen L. Poucher Sr. A humanitarian who lived a life dedicated to service, Allen Poucher graduated from UF Law in 1942 and practiced law for more than 60 years. The Poucher Legal Education Series seeks to provide a venue for prominent legal, political and business leaders to discuss important issues facing our nation and world today.

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